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**Life School Valedictorians Awarded 2016 Dr. Tom Wilson Scholarship**

*\$1,000 scholarship will go toward college expenses for each graduating valedictorian from Life High School Waxahachie and Life School Oak Cliff Secondary*

**(Red Oak, TX)** – Life School, a leading North Texas charter school serving more than 5,300 students with campuses in Oak Cliff, Mountain Creek, Cedar Hill, Lancaster, Red Oak and Waxahachie today announced that graduating seniors Ruben Luna and Joseph Lacross are the 2016 recipients of the Dr. Tom Wilson Scholarship, which awards each of student \$1,000 for their college expenses.

The scholarships are awarded annually in honor of Life School Founder Dr. Thomas E. Wilson. The awards recognize the graduating senior or seniors who have attained the highest academic average and have shown outstanding leadership skills. Each recipient receives a contribution for his or her college expenses.

“Ruben and Joseph are exemplary Life School students. Each embodies the academic and character traits that Life School stands for and we could not be more proud of their accomplishments,” said Life School Superintendent Brent Wilson. “We wish them continued success as they move forward through college and beyond. We cannot wait to see what they will accomplish.”

Ruben Luna is a graduate of Life School Oak Cliff Secondary. Ruben graduated with a 4.12 GPA and took 30 college hours offered through the dual credit program offered by Life School. In addition to his academic accomplishments, Ruben participated in band, soccer, cross country, and UIL Math. Ruben also volunteers in the community and has received numerous honors and awards for academics and good sportsmanship. In the fall, Ruben plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering. He plans on researching cancer to find a permanent cure.

Joseph Lacross graduated from Life High School Waxahachie with a 4.457 GPA. While at Life School he was active in the Spanish National Honor Society, Varsity Football and Varsity Basketball. This year, he earned “Academic First Team All State” for both football and basketball. Joseph serves his community through his work in Boy Scouts as a leader, and he helps with Eagle Scouts projects as well. His goal is to earn a degree in

engineering from Texas A&M University at Galveston and begin a career in marine engineering or naval architecture.

Through Dr. Wilson's vision and pioneering spirit in serving the community, Life School was established in 1998 as a tuition-free school. Since its inception, the mission of Life School has been to train leaders with life skills for the 21st century by establishing strong academics, character training and a parenting program.

Dr. Wilson believed in the pursuit of excellence in all areas, especially academics. His commitment to create a tuition-free school has become a reality and Life School strives to continue the legacy of excellence that he established. Dr. Wilson's remarkable vision, coupled with the dedication and professionalism of Life School faculty and staff, are impacting a new generation of successful leaders.

The Dr. Wilson Scholarship is funded solely by private donations. If you would like to lend your support in assisting deserving students in achieving their dream of attending college, please visit [lifeschools.net](http://lifeschools.net), click "Donate," then "Scholarship Fund."

### **About Life School**

Life School opened as a public charter school in 1998 and has campuses in Oak Cliff, Mountain Creek, Cedar Hill, Lancaster, Red Oak and Waxahachie. The Texas Education Agency in 2013 awarded Life School its highest rating of Superior Achievement. Life School's mission is to train leaders with life skills for the 21st century by establishing strong academics, character training and a parenting program. To learn more about Life School, visit [www.lifeschools.net](http://www.lifeschools.net).