The Goolsby Leadership Academy began in 2003 with a $2 million gift from an anonymous donor to the College of Business to honor John and Judy Goolsby. The College of Business was challenged to raise an additional $3 million to establish critical academy professorships and to boost scholarship levels. By 2010, the College exceeded the $3 million fundraising challenge through generous funding support from over 30 corporations and individuals alike.

The Goolsby Leadership Academy has admitted more than 400 students, partnered with more than 30 executives, provided more than $500,000 in scholarships, and graduated more than 350 Scholars. Graduates are employed at companies such as Cisco, BNSF, Lockheed Martin, Frost Bank, and ALCON, with more than 25 percent continuing their education at graduate or law schools.

See where Cohort 14 is working: [http://www.uta.edu/goolsby/cohorts/index.php](http://www.uta.edu/goolsby/cohorts/index.php)

**THANK YOU**
For the Vision and Opportunity to Change a Scholar’s Life!
**Tarrant Area Food Bank**

The Goolsby scholars have partnered with the Tarrant Area Food Bank to assist in the fight against food insecurity. Their efforts are focused on building awareness of food insecurity in young adults, especially college students. While most college students don’t see this issue as a significant problem, the truth is many students rely on food pantries to feed themselves. Supplying food for students in need helps them perform better in academics while also giving a chance for volunteers to give back to their communities.

Initially, scheduled projects included awareness events and volunteering groups. Although these have been canceled, the scholars are continuing to support the Tarrant Area Food Bank through content creation and internship opportunities. The new efforts will help with engaging young adults and connecting them to the Food Bank.

~ West, Delilah, and Monserrat (Cohort 15)

[https://www.linkedin.com/company/tarrant-area-food-bank/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/tarrant-area-food-bank/)

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**Goolsby Scholar Spotlight**

**Thao Ho - Cohort 16**

Finance/Accounting (May 2021)

Thao is a motivated and gifted Scholar and transfer student from West Texas A&M University. She consistently seeks opportunities to positively impact her fellow students and to give back to the community in her positions of responsibility. She has worked as a Peer Leader, Peer Financial Coach, and MavElite Tour Guide for new students/families.

Thao is a leader with a bright future! She has received an internship from TD Ameritrade with Investor Services for the Summer, 2020.

After graduation in May, 2021, she plans to become a Senior Associate in Financial Management and stay in the DFW area.