

TAF VARSITY LUNCHEON

# TABLE CAPTAIN: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## HOW MUCH IS A TICKET TO THE VARSITY LUNCHEON?

Tickets to Varsity Luncheon are free of charge, and your guests can register here. However, we do ask for a *minimum suggested donation of \$150 or more from each guest.*

## IS THERE A MINIMUM SUGGESTED DONATION?

**Yes, \$150 or more.** This gift can be made all at once or in more manageable donations over the course of a year as part of our Catalyst Program.

## WHAT IS THE CATALYST PROGRAM?

TAF's Catalyst Program is an opportunity for our donors to give on a monthly basis. Your guests should know that they do not have to give the suggested donation of \$150 or more all at once. They can spread it out into more manageable gifts over the entire year.

## WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY GUESTS ABOUT TAF?

Speak from your heart. How did you get connected with TAF? How does our mission resonate with you? Why do you support us? Here are a few more talking points you can use if you're not quite sure where to start:

### I. TAF@SAGHALIE

- TAF has partnered with the Federal Way School district to co-manage a school of 700 students. This type of partnership between a nonprofit and a school district has never been done in Washington State.
- TAF@Saghalie won the School of Distinction award 7 years in a row, that is more than any other school in the Pacific Northwest.
- TAF boasts a 98% graduation rate and a 100% college acceptance rate.

## II. STEM REGION TRANSFORMATION

- TAF has partnered with Boze Elementary in Tacoma to successfully implement the STEMbyTAF model into their school, proving successful after 4 years.
- TAF is set to transform around 60 public schools by 2036, adding three new schools to its portfolio in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, targeting area feeder schools to create STEM Regions across Washington State.

## III. MARTINEZ FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

- In addition to our commitment to traditionally underserved students, TAF manages the Martinez Fellowship Program to improve the recruitment and retention of Washington State educators of color.
- The Martinez Fellowship Program offers professional development opportunities to teachers of color as well as support in job placement.
- This year TAF launched the Educators Network Program which provides mentorship opportunities for educators of color who are interested in pursuing leadership pathways.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "PURCHASE A TABLE"?

It depends on how you would like to participate at our Varsity Luncheon. Please contact us at [luncheon@techaccess.org](mailto:luncheon@techaccess.org) and we'll help you find your best fit.

### WHAT IF MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE SIGN UP TO BE MY TABLE GUEST?

That's fantastic! TAF staff will work to seat your extra guests at a table close by. If you have enough guests for multiple tables, those tables will be placed next to each other if possible. TAF will work with you to determine who will sit at each of your tables and who will welcome your guests and collect donations at your extra tables.

### WHAT IF I INVITE SOMEONE WHO CANT ATTEND BUT STILL WANTSTO GIVE A GIFT?

You can encourage your guests to join you in supporting TAF by donating at [www.techaccess.org/donate](http://www.techaccess.org/donate)

### HOW DO I THANK MY GUESTS FOR COMING?

It's important to thank your guests for taking the time to come to our luncheon, sit at your table and make a meaningful donation. TAF will thank all of our luncheon guests for attending and or donating, in addition, you can send a personal thank you card, thoughtful email or call them to say thank you personally.

### HOW DO "MATCHING GIFTS" WORK?

You and your guests can make your gifts to TAF even more impactful by submitting them to your company for a match. If your guests work for a company that matches charitable donations, ask them to indicate that on their donation envelope so that we can follow up with instructions on how to submit the gift for a match. Corporate matching is a great way to amplify your match but TAF cannot request matching funds from an employer. This can only be done by the employee.

## CAN MY COMPANY SPONSOR THE LUNCHEON?

TAF uses corporate sponsorship funds to offset the cost of our event so that every dollar raised at the Luncheon can go directly into our programs. If you work for or know of a company that might be interested in sponsoring our luncheon please contact Tyrone Cunningham at [tyronec@techaccess.org](mailto:tyronec@techaccess.org) or call 206.725.9095 ext.122.

## ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT TAF?

Of course! We are always seeking volunteers to assist with our programs. Some opportunities include:

- Judging our upcoming STEM Expo
- Mentoring students in our Teacher Scientist Program (TSP)
- Consider becoming a board member
- Volunteering at TAF's headquarters, Bethaday Community Learning Space

Contact Sade Britt for more opportunities to get involved at: [sadeb@techaccess.org](mailto:sadeb@techaccess.org)

## HOW WILL YOU KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ME ABOUT MY ROLE AS A TABLE CAPTAIN?

Our Development Associate, Sade Britt, will be contacting you regularly to help you manage your table(s) and guests.

If you have any questions related to your role as a Table Captain, please do not hesitate to contact her at [sadeb@techaccess.org](mailto:sadeb@techaccess.org) or call 206.725.9095 ext. 105.

### MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact us at [luncheon@techaccess.org](mailto:luncheon@techaccess.org) or 206.725.9095, ext. 105

### WANT TO SPONSOR?

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