



# SPIRIT

## OF LASCOLINAS

INSIDE: Ebby Halliday's Real Estate business still thriving.



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## IRVING ISD: INTENTIONAL, DIVERSE, CUSTOMIZED EDUCATION

It is easy to classify education with statistics however, there is much more to the experience of young scholars. Access to non-traditional career options, a stringent dual language program, meeting scholastic and social needs individually, positively mold the student from kindergarten to senior year.

At Farine Elementary, Travis Junior High and MacArthur High school, education is individual and tailored to each student's needs. Standardized testing may be required by the State of Texas but Irving ISD recognizes that education goes beyond doing well on a test. Students are encouraged to succeed in the full spectrum of academic subjects.

Representative of a school district that serves the most diverse zip code in the United States (75038), there are over 56 languages spoken in the Irving School District. Irving ISD schools teach different languages as early as elementary



MacArthur Highschool is located at 3700 North MacArthur Blvd., Irving, Texas 75062.

school and this continues to graduation. It pays to be bilingual and the alumni of Irving schools can expect, on average to "earn between 5 and 20% more per hour" at their future jobs, according to Salary.com.

Farine Elementary School Principal Joe Estrada passionately says, "we don't teach to a test". The educational focus is needs based

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**IRVING**  
*Independent School District*

*The educational options for young Las Colinians are diverse, with three school districts serving the community aside from various private, charter and religious schools. In order to shine a spotlight on the character building institutions, this first of two-part series will highlight the districts of Carrollton-Farmers Branch and Irving. It is important to know that while Coppell was contacted via email and phone, we never received a response. We would love to feature Coppell ISD in an upcoming newsletter.*



## Property of the Month

1018 Camino Lago  
Anil & Sunil Puri



## FEBRUARY & MARCH AREA EVENTS

The [Irving Arts Center Market](#) occurs every Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm at 3333 North MacArthur Blvd. Call 972-884-0680 for more information or check out <http://fourseasonsmarkets.com>.

The [Irving Heritage Crossing Farmers Market](#) which was held every Sunday from 10am-2pm at the 200 block of North Main Street at Rock Island Road is now closed permanently.

Enjoy [ABBA Mania](#) at the Pavilion at Toyota Music Factory of Irving on February 16 at 8 pm. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.thepavilionmf.com/events/>.

Sports Radio 1310 will host [Ticketstock 2018](#) at the Irving Convention Center February 16, 2018 - February 17, 2018. This is a free event and will feature Celebrity Guests, a Craft Beer Garden and Free Play Arcade Games.

Down the street from Ticketstock 2018 on February 16th, [G-Eazy – The Beautiful & Damned Tour with Tripple Redd, Phora & Anthony Russo](#) will be rocking out the Toyota Music Factory. Get your tickets at <http://www.thepavilionmf.com/events/>.

A famous pork culinary competition, [Cochon555](#), is coming to the Four Seasons Resort in Las Colinas on Sunday, February 11 at 5 PM - 8 PM. Imagine a room filled with prominent chefs, farmers, sommeliers, distillers, brewers, and barkeeps, all working together to create the most luxurious dining experience! Proceeds go to Missouri startup, Piggy Bank, which supports new family farms and farms that have experienced a natural disaster. Tickets can be purchased at <http://cochon555.com/us-tour/2018-dallas/>.

Learn about Viticulture and Enology while networking and sampling wine. [The Texas Wine and Grape Growers Conference \(TWGGA\)](#) will take place every day from February 22, 2018 - February 24, 2018 at the Irving Convention Center.

[AWOL Nation – Here Come the Runts Tour \(with Nothing But Thieves & Iron Tom\)](#) are performing at the Toyota Music Factory of Irving on Saturday, March 3rd at 8:00 pm. Get your tickets at <http://www.thepavilionmf.com/events/>.

March 8th through March 10th, the [National Money Show](#) will take place at the Irving Convention Center. View rare coins and find out how much your own coins are worth.

## CONSTRUCTION

[Grimaldi's](#), [Boi Na Braza](#), and [Yard House](#), are all anticipated to open at the new Toyota Music Factory by the end of March 2018.

[Big Beat Dallas](#), which will feature an open-air market, taco bar, coffee bar, live music, spirits and Texas Barbeque is expected to open this Spring 2018!

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which is determined by the individual student's academic history.

"Everything is intentional", Estrada says because the school consistently tracks the student's strengths and weaknesses per subject.

While classrooms are outfitted with many of the newest technologies including chrome books and ipads, the school still believes in good old fashioned handwriting. Therefore, print and cursive writing are both taught to the students. Community support plays a huge role for the elementary and in fact, school board member Nell Anne Hunt stops by weekly.

Students' academic histories follow them to junior high. Individual kid's subject grades are tracked throughout the year so that both teacher and student know the student's academic standing. This allows for individualized tutoring, aid and other assistance if needed. The tracking system acts as a preventive measure to keep students out of the red and in the green. With a gifted and talented population of approximately 15%, it is no wonder that by 8th grade, many of these students may and will earn up to 16 college credits via their Advanced Placement test scores. Aside from academics, teachers strive to get them involved in different organizations in hopes that they will continue to stay involved in high school.

Traditionally, four-year universities and community colleges have been the paths that High Schools have encouraged students to take. MacArthur High School does encourage the student who aspires to go to college and does foot the bill for college entrance exams like SAT and Act. However, the high school also supports less traditional, highly successful alternatives to college with their vocational programs in construction, architecture, and engineering. The high school sets up certified OSHA fellowships, summer internships and is currently working to bring in business leaders from the community to share their own experiences, from the successful entrepreneur to C-level executives. At the same time that the construction students are meticulously planning, drafting and building structures, media class students are creating, filming, editing, publishing and producing their own weekly news show.

Hands-on experience will give MacArthur High School graduates the upper hand when they enter



The Cardinal is MacArthur's mascot.



At Travis Middle School, teachers strive to get students involved in different organizations in hopes that they will continue to stay involved in high school.

the workforce. The high school emphasizes college prep and vocational programs but also offer a strong JROTC program that is almost evenly split between the genders. Several Apple computer labs help keep students in the loop on technology and most software at the high school is updated every 3 years.

The many paths, groups, and approaches to success guided by Irving ISD schools would be difficult to cover. However, by tracking the individual student's progress, placing importance on all academic subjects and allowing for different options post high school, Irving ISD is the progressive version of public schools. Irving ISD schools are creating bilingual adults, fostering entrepreneurialism, and helping students with resume boosters that will not only hit the ground running post-graduation but will also thrive in the workforce.



## FEATURED BUSINESS Ebby Halliday

Ebby Halliday Irving/Las Colinas Coppell at 7520 North MacArthur pride themselves on being a one stop shop, offering personalized first-class brokerage services. Ebby Halliday offers services ranging from assistance with buying/selling to leasing, apartment leasing, property management and relocation assistance. They even have their own mortgage, title, and insurance companies.

Recognized as having the no. 1 volume market share of all brokers by North Texas Real Estate Information Systems, Ebby Halliday's success is in part due to the tenants that its founder, Ebby Halliday, set forth decades ago.

Ebby Halliday's progressive approach to technology and all things home-buying make them a great advocate for the buyer or seller. They recently modernized their offices with state-of-the-art technology, software and new data tools.

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-Kim Nwachukwu, Sales Manager of Irving/Las Colinas Coppell Ebby Halliday Office

Ebby Halliday Irving/Las Colinas Coppell office, says Halliday's "favorite saying was 'Do something for someone every day'...a selfless act every day. Real estate is a relationship business, it's not just a numbers business."

Las Colinas is a "great location, its equally distant from both airports, its right in the hub of all of these major fortune 500 companies, great number of offices, lots of job opportunities and it's beautiful! You really have to give a lot of credit

to the Las Colinas Association master plan. For decades and decades, they've stuck to what they've believed in from the beginning, it hasn't gone through a lot of massive changes over and beyond what Ben Carpenter wanted as his vision. It's really special. I feel like it's a gem in the middle of the metroplex."



Ebby Halliday (Date Unknown)



Ebby Halliday (2000s)

where they don't feel like they have to go downtown, or to North Dallas, or to somewhere to entertain themselves, have a good time, try something new." Purchasing a home is more than an investment. "That's

where they hang their hat, it's not like purchasing an office building or purchasing a new car that you can trade in. It really is an honor to help people purchase their homes." Nwachukwu says, "it's where they raise their children, where they entertain their friends, where they become a part of a community." With our diverse restaurant offerings, new entertainment venues and projects, Las Colinas is the community that people want to be part of.

With Water Street and Music Factory in particular, Nwachukwu believes, "its just a facet that we never had before...all the residents in the area have just been waiting for this for such a very long time. I think we had a lot of dollars leaving the area to do those similar types of activities and it will be great for the City to be able to recapture those dollars and recapture the hearts and the minds of the community





## THE TASTE

By Amanda Star Cline



**Thirsty Lion Gastropub** is new to Las Colinas and opened last October. Halloween day to be exact! I ordered the Beer Cheese Soup and the Baja Fish tacos. I love cheese and would even call myself a cheese snob. I love cheese so much, that when I was an undergraduate, I used to host an annual wine and cheese party at my house. Attendees (family and friends) would be barred if they showed up with Velveeta or Kraft cheese, but I digress.

I ordered the beer cheese soup which comes garnished with buttery croutons and finely chopped Italian flat leaf parsley. There are two sizes but the cup, the smaller one, was perfect for me. How can I describe the taste? Well, imagine that Melting Pot Classic Cheese Fondue and a special beer broth got together and made a baby. The result? A smooth beer cheese soup that tastes a little sharp, buttery, rustic with a kick of heat. Truly liquid gold and especially fitting for our cool weather.

The Baja Fish Tacos come three to a plate.



Plenty for me! Two corn tortillas generously hold chunks of sautéed cod, drizzled with chipotle aioli and topped with cilantro lime slaw. The Santa Fe bacon black beans were a little bit Smokey but not

overly seasoned or salted like you might find at other places. I am not ashamed to admit that I finished the whole serving of beans but took the tacos home.

Thirsty Lion Gastropub has two entrances which make it easy to get in and get out. I like to visit places during rush times to see how well restaurants handle the local crowds. Staff were quick and attentive and

there is plenty of seating. On this particular day, I noticed a few couples and some suits but I bet this would be a nice place for an evening date. They had an extensive drink menu that I will have to come back to sample for a Friday Happy Hour.

**The Taste is a section highlighting local restaurants I've sampled to help you discover great experiences and great food!**

## AFTER 5 IN LC

Directly across from the Grand Treviso on Las Colinas Boulevard is an eclectic shop with seating for wine, beer, and cider drinkers. **Hops and Vines** boast over 400 beers (many of which are from Texas), 190 wines, and 19 ciders (including cinnamon mango, berry, vanilla salted caramel and more). This happy hour hotspot allows you to try before you buy. Feel like having happy hour at home in your sweatpants with your mixed-breed pug rescue dog, Gandolf? Fill up a growler to-go from one of the 31 special craft beers on tap. They also sell wine and beer by the glass for sipping in store.

The modern interior features one TV screen, dim lighting, and various glazed wooden tables with metal seats. The first thing you will notice upon entering is that the left wall is lined with several hundred beers and ciders in full-size coolers ready for purchase. The back wall featuring 31 tap beers is also impressive. Food offerings include cheese plates, sandwiches, and other snacks.

**What you should order:** Their best seller is a 2014 Zin called Resolution from Sonoma Valley. This robust zin is easy to sip and finishes with a hint of dark



cherries. Deliciousness!

Also, try Ty Canton's EnTycement, another California blend with 37% Zinfandel, 15% Petite Sirah, 14% Syrah, 14% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Petit Verdot.

**Contact Info:** Grab a growler or a glass at 356 E. Las Colinas Blvd #313, Irving, TX 75039. Happy hour here is never ending with hours of 11:30am-10:00pm, Monday through Saturday and noon to 6:00 pm on Sundays.

After 5 in LC seeks to inform local business professionals, visitors and residents on happy hour hotspots in Las Colinas. Where do you and your friends go to unwind? Please email Amanda S. Cline at [acline@lascolinas.org](mailto:acline@lascolinas.org).



### JOIN US!

Be part of our newsletter and submit your story, photo or nomination via our Facebook page, Las Colinas Tex, or by emailing [acline@lascolinas.org](mailto:acline@lascolinas.org) before the 10th of the following month in order to be considered for publication. Thank you for helping us make Spirit of Las Colinas representative of our community.

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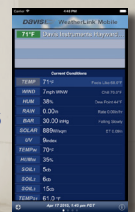
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## NEW MEMBER PROFILE

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#### Where did you move from?

We moved from Fountain Valley, California in 1999. I fell in love with the Las Colinas area because it reminds us of the Irvine Spectrum area in Orange County where I previously worked. When we first moved to DFW, we built our first house in Arlington; however, we always kept our eyes open for an opportunity to move to Las Colinas for two reasons. First, I work for Aetna, Health Axis (was Insurdata) at Williams Square and Arthur Anderson on Royal Lane. Second, we planned for my daughter to attend the University of Dallas after graduating high school in Arlington.

#### Do you have a favorite food?

We love Japanese, French and Mediterranean food. We used to go to Tei-An in downtown Dallas, they have the best Sashimi Hamachi. Since Little Katana opened we go there once in a



while. We also visit Mr. Max weekly for the Japanese grill dishes that offers authentic food with Japanese-friendly atmosphere. Besides Japanese, we love the French food at La Madeleine; Andalous and Terra are also favorite foods.

#### Do you have any hobbies or are you involved in any groups?

We support many Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in the US who provide aid to unfortunate asylum seekers and human trafficking people in South

East Asia.

#### What restaurants, activities, stores, events and food would you like to see?

The Toyota Music Factory will be fully open soon, we are excited and cannot wait to attend our first concert on January 18th. I'm sure the Las Colinas Association and the IMF management have already planned some wonderful activities for the LC residents and those in the vicinity come to LC to enjoy. We would like to see Las Colinas Riverwalk with side walk French, Latin cafeteria, Cajun seafood and La Duni style restaurant.

#### Why Las Colinas?

Las Colinas (The Hills) is a convenient place for many different things. We like that LC is a business center and home of Fortune 500 and 1000 companies. It also offers residents a quiet place in the evening after work to walk along Lake Carolyn.