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## **Justin Yancy Named 2021 “Citizen of Excellence” by NAF**

DALLAS – Justin Yancy, President of the Texas Business Leadership Council in Austin, has been named NAF’s 2021 Citizen of Excellence. The award will be presented at “NAF Next 2021” in July.

“NAF is pleased to recognize Justin Yancy of the Texas Business Leadership Council (TBLC) as the 2021 Citizen of Excellence,” said Tiffany Barfield, Senior Director, Policy and Advocacy. “We appreciate the TBLC’s focus on critical talent development issues and continuing support to advance high-quality work-based learning that will result in a strong and diverse pipeline of future leaders.”

NAF is a national network of education, business, and community leaders who work together to ensure that high school students are college, career, and future ready. NAF works to transform the high school experience that includes industry-specific curricula, work-based learning experiences, and relationships with business professionals, culminating in a paid internship.

“On behalf of the TBLC, I am honored to accept this recognition from NAF, said Justin Yancy. It is vital that the business community partner with thought leaders and top-notch providers, such as NAF, to advance our shared goal of a workforce fully prepared to compete on a global scale.”

During the 2020-21 school year, over 117,000 students attended 619 NAF academies across 34 states, with 10,000 young Texans attending more than 50 NAF academies.

“While not every issue made it across the finish line,” said Texas Senator Beverly Powell, “I am proud of the progress we made during the 87th Legislature to increase workforce readiness by enhancing work-based learning opportunities for Texas students. I appreciate the support that the Texas Leadership Business Council provided and congratulate Justin Yancy on this recognition from NAF.”

*The Texas Business Leadership Council is a network of Texas based CEOs and senior business executives who advance a long-term vision of a prosperous Texas in a globally competitive business environment.*

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