



THE FIRST 75 DAYS

The initial record of what the Foundation has built since inception on April 23, 2026.

The Foundation is **on track to begin with an inaugural student cohort in the Fall**. The eight headline numbers below tell the story so far; page 2 covers the focus for the next 30 days.

PREPARED FOR SUPPORTERS, DONORS, AND COMMUNITY

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BY THE NUMBERS

AS OF JULY 2026

400+

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

\$193K

COMMITTED
FUNDING · 12 DONORS

\$30K

GRANT FUNDING
SUBMITTED

45

COMMUNITY LEADERS
ENGAGED

\$29.5K

POTENTIAL FUNDING
IDENTIFIED · 7 DONORS

9

STUDENT
APPLICATIONS

6

POTENTIAL STUDENT
SPONSORS

3

APPRENTICE
ADVOCATES

SINCE INCEPTION · APRIL 23, 2026

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SIX CATEGORIES · CONTINUED PAGE 2

01

FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

- Formed a **three-person board** and organized bylaws on April 23. Filed as a Texas domestic non-profit company; established a Federal EIN.
- Opened an operating bank account, seeded with \$1,000.
- **IRS 501(c)(3) status approved in two weeks** on an 86-page Form 1023. (Average IRS review: **191 days**.)

02

TECHNOLOGY & BRAND

- Secured the domain, backend, email, DNS, and web hosting on Tach-Tech3.org. Designed and launched the website with Student Application, Donor, and Supporter pages.
- Designed, coded, and launched **TachView**, the Foundation's administrative console: contacts, students, donors, hour tracking, certifications, sponsors, accounting, grants, and correspondence.
- Finalized the logo in vector format, printed business cards, and established a comprehensive brand guide.
- Established Google Nonprofit and Walmart Spark Good accounts (low-cost email, higher-tier AI, and grant eligibility).

03

PROGRAM DESIGN

- Designed a preliminary **20-module pre-apprenticeship program** aligned to Department of Labor guidelines: Related Instruction (RTI), Integrated Instruction (INT), and hands-on Work (WPS).
- Developed the Operational Excellence program to roll out an accident- and injury-free environment.

04 COMMUNITY & OUTREACH

- Launched Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok platforms and developed the social media strategy.
- Produced three 40-second videos: overall purpose, student recruitment, and vehicle donation.
- Delivered informational presentations to the **Lions Club**, **Rotary Club**, **Methodist Men**, and the **Fayetteville Coffee** group.
- An unsolicited newspaper article from the Rotary presentation resulted in a **\$10,000 donation**.
- Met individually with **45 community leaders, influencers, and supporters**.

05 FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

- **12 committed donors** totaling just over **\$193,000**, plus **\$11,500+ in valuable in-kind donations**: a CNC mill, a 9,000-lb two-post lift, a Miller MIG welder, a 305 V8 small block, and a set of impact sockets.
- Drafted and submitted two grant applications totaling **\$30,000**, currently under review.
- Secured **3 apprenticeship advocates**: Oviedo GMC/Chevrolet, McCourt Equipment, and Berger's Collision Repair. Three restoration shops are in active discussion.
- Established initial relations with the **RPM Foundation**, the **Piston Foundation**, and **McPherson College**.
- Met with and secured **six potential student sponsors**.

06 LOCATION, STUDENTS & LEADERSHIP

- Pursued four different lease locations; none proved viable. Shifted to a **land acquisition and build-to-suit strategy**, with two possible locations under consideration.
- Received **9 student applications by word of mouth alone**. Met with and approved two students: **Jaxon Ford** and **Abram Bernsen**.
- Identified **6 potential student sponsors**.
- Received and interviewed **two candidates** for the Executive Director position.

FOCUS · THE NEXT 30 DAYS

ON TRACK FOR A FALL LAUNCH.

- Continue efforts to **secure a location** (land + build-to-suit).
- Close out **the Foundation's funding objectives**.
- Continue to **accept qualified students** into the program.
- **Identify and secure a project vehicle** for the inaugural cohort.
- **Launch** the social media strategy.



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