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# LEADERSHIP IN LIFE INSTITUTE

## 2023 LILI Commencement Ceremony

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Austin  
303 West 15th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

# ***Ithaca***

*Written by: Constantine P. Cavafy*

When you set out on your journey to Ithaca,  
pray that the road is long,  
full of adventure, full of knowledge.  
The Lestrygonians and the Cyclops,  
the angry Poseidon - do not fear them:  
You will never find such as these on your path,  
if your thoughts remain lofty, if a fine  
emotion touches your spirit and your body.  
The Lestrygonians and the Cyclops,  
the fierce Poseidon you will never encounter,  
if you do not carry them within your soul,  
if your soul does not set them up before you.

Pray that the road is long.  
That the summer mornings are many, when,  
with such pleasure, with such joy  
you will enter ports seen for the first time;  
stop at Phoenician markets,  
and purchase fine merchandise,  
mother-of-pearl and coral, amber and ebony,  
and sensual perfumes of all kinds,  
as many sensual perfumes as you can;  
visit many Egyptian cities,  
to learn and learn from scholars.

Always keep Ithaca in your mind.  
To arrive there is your ultimate goal.  
But do not hurry the voyage at all.  
It is better to let it last for many years;  
and to anchor at the island when you are old,  
rich with all you have gained on the way,  
not expecting that Ithaca will offer you riches.

Ithaca has given you the beautiful voyage.  
Without her you would have never set out on the road.  
She has nothing more to give you.

And if you find her poor, Ithaca has not deceived you.  
Wise as you have become, with so much experience,  
you must already have understood what Ithaca means.

## **Schedule of Events**

### **OPENING REMARKS/WELCOME**

Jason Talley, 2023 Texas LILI Chair &  
2022-2023 LILI Moderator

### **REFLECTING ON MY LILI EXPERIENCE**

Bryon Holz, NAIFA National President

### **INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES**

Davin Bell, 2023 National LILI Subcommittee Chair &  
2022-2023 LILI Moderator  
Bailey Baker, 2022-2023 LILI Moderator Apprentice

### **GRADUATE REMARKS, "WHAT LILI MEANS TO ME"**

Michael Ferrara, CFP, LUTCF  
Julian Garza  
Dominique Miles  
Roel Rodriguez

### **PRESENTATION OF LILI CERTIFICATES TO THE 2022-2023 LILI GRADUATES**

Bryon Holz, NAIFA National President

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Jason Talley, 2023 Texas LILI Chair &  
2022-2023 LILI Moderator

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## **2022-2023 Texas LILI Graduates**

**MICHAEL FERRARA, CFP, LUTCF - New Braunfels, TX**

**JULIAN GARZA - Weslaco, TX**

**DOMINIQUE MILES - San Antonio, TX**

**ROEL RODRIGUEZ - Harlingen, TX**