We celebrated ISSA Education Foundation’s 10th Anniversary
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In marking its 10th Anniversary this year, the ISSA Education Foundation (ISSAEF) is pleased to accept the generous donation of $10,000 from ISSA to expand the funding of its scholarship programs. A presentation of the contribution was made during the ISSA member reception program at RSA in San Francisco, CA, on February 26. “As a member of the ISSA International Board that formed the foundation and now ten years later serving as its president, I am very grateful for the ISSA donation,” stated Steve Haydostian, foundation president and ISSA Fellow. “All ISSA members should be proud as their contributions and participation in ISSA and ISSAEF continue to make a profound difference in securing information throughout the world.”

The Foundation was established in the US in 2003 as a 501(c)3, not-for-profit charitable organization. Sandra Lambert, foundation chair, founder of ISSA International, Distinguished Fellow, and ISSA Hall of Fame recipient, reflected that “the ISSAEF was born from the dreams and visions of the ISSA Board, many of whom are now members of the Foundation Board. We have gone through our first decade with some growing pains and many successes. Now, with this wonderful gift from ISSA, added to the generosity of individual information security professionals and other organizations, we enter into our second decade, helping provide education necessary for the cybersecurity workforce of the future to fulfill their professional goals.”

The mission of the Foundation is the establishment of grant and scholarship programs to assist individuals and organizations in attaining their educational goals within the information security field. After a period of organization and fund raising, the foundation began offering scholarships in 2007. ISSAEF established a general scholarship fund and also has funded for the next five years the E. Eugene Schultz, Jr., PhD Memorial Scholarship, dedicated to the late professor, scholar, and honored ISSA member.

Dr. Dan Manson, ISSAEF Board member and director of the Scholarship Committee, stated, “ISSA scholarships provide multiple benefits. For those receiving them: educational support, resume building, and a pathway into the ISSA community. For those providing scholarships, benefits include identification and nurturing of future information security professionals and outreach from chapters into the academic community.” The committee is actively soliciting undergraduate and graduate applicants for this year’s scholarships to be awarded for the fall semester. If you know of students in need of financial aid, please encourage them to apply! Information is available on the ISSAEF website: www.ISSAEF.org.