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The University of Texas at Austin and Dallas Urban Debate partner to bring scholarship opportunities to Dallas ISD students

The University of Texas at Austin and the Dallas Urban Debate Alliance (DUDA) are collaborating on a program that will provide a pipeline to college for students in the Dallas Independent School District.

UT Outreach - Dallas will be working with students that are members of DUDA to prepare them for a successful transition into higher education. For DUDA students that choose to attend UT Austin, they will be eligible to compete for scholarships through UT Outreach's Longhorn Pre College Academy.

"The financial element is such a critical component for so many of our students", said Adam Powell, Executive Director of the Dallas Urban Debate Alliance. "Many of our debaters have the requisite skills to be successful in college, but lack the resources to make their dream a reality. This innovative partnership ensures those students will now have a chance."

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be active members of DUDA and UT Outreach, maintain a good GPA, and graduate with the recommended or distinguished high school diploma. For eligible students, UT Outreach will offer academic enrichment activities and programs, as well as continued support throughout their matriculation at UT Austin.

"By partnering with DUDA, we will have a chance to add another engagement component for students who are already making steps to positively influence their own academic trajectories", said Brian English, Director of UT Outreach – Dallas. "We recognize these students already have personal drives to achieve success and we want to help them capitalize on their own efforts by guiding them toward the best post-secondary decisions."

About Dallas Urban Debate Alliance

Dallas Urban Debate is committed to providing every Dallas ISD student the opportunity to participate in rigorous academic policy debate. Every student deserves the chance to become an articulate and informed leader in his or her school and community.

About UT Outreach

UT Outreach includes five centers across the state of Texas and is part of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at The University of Texas at Austin. UT Outreach targets and serves underrepresented students by providing college readiness enrichment designed to assist them in graduating from high school and matriculating to institutions of higher education, including The University of Texas at Austin.

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