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**Dallas Urban Debate Students find national success  
at Urban Debate National Championship**

Los Angeles, CA – April 12, 2015 - At the Urban Debate National Championship in Los Angeles California, two Dallas Urban Debate teams found themselves debating well into the weekend. The Sunset dynamic duo of Victor Martinez and Luis Avila finished the preliminary rounds at 4-2, before advancing to the octofinal round. In addition to their competitive success, these two have also found success outside of the debate room as well. Both students have been admitted to the University of North Texas and will be attending in the Fall of 2015. Victor's success also landed him a position as a finalist for the National Debater of the Year.

Not to be outdone by their counterparts from Sunset, the Woodrow Wilson team finished 5-1 in the preliminary rounds of the Urban Debate National Championships. Hungry for more, the team of Mac Murchison and Gabriel Jankovsky advanced to the semifinal round, being eliminated just one round shy of the Urban Debate National Championship. Having advanced significantly further than any Dallas team before them, the Woodrow team has become trailblazers of Dallas Urban Debate. They, much like the team from Sunset, have used the skills attained from policy debate to find success outside the realm of competition. Mac Murchison, a senior, will be attending Baylor in the Fall of 2015. His partner, Gabe Jankovsky, is just a junior and is committed to bringing the National Championship home to Dallas in 2016.

**About Dallas Urban Debate Alliance:** Dallas Urban Debate Alliance, a non-profit organization, launched in 2007, works to expand the access of competitive academic debate to high schools throughout the Dallas area. Dallas Urban Debate Alliance operates in 50 DISD high schools and middle schools and serves about 1,000 Dallas students. In 2014, Dallas Urban Debate won the Jack Lowe Sr. Award for Community Leadership and in 2012, the National Urban Debate League gave the Dallas Urban Debate Alliance the National League of the Year award. To learn more about the organization, visit [www.dallasurbandebate.org](http://www.dallasurbandebate.org).