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BULLDOG NEEDS:

Sewing Machines and Mannequins for Fashion Design Class

Jackets/sweaters/belts/lanyards / potted plants for the Senior Area. Contact Sherrie Cleaver (972) 925-1514 or scleaver@dallasisd.org

NDBSL UPDATE

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Can you Spare an Hour to Change a Life?

Do you have just a bit of extra time in your schedule that you could invest in changing a North Dallas Bulldog's life? Then, consider partnering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and make a difference!

Mentors are not substitute parents, but rather serve as another caring adult presence in your child's life. Most of all, mentors provide students with a listening ear, and a unique perspective on the world.

Students in the Instructional Technology freshman class will be matched with volunteer adult mentors of the same gender, based on career, academic and/or personal interests. Students have structured time each week in one of their classes to communicate with their mentors via email, through a secured platform. Students and mentors discuss various

topics in their weekly emails, including college preparation, career goals, and community awareness. They also work together on special projects to develop the students' critical skills and abilities. These projects may include:

- Creating and updating their resume
- Community issues
- Researching college options and the college admission process
- Discussing career options and what it takes to work in students' dream careers

Students must meet with their mentor at least once every six weeks during the school year at supervised group events hosted by the mentoring program. All mentoring events are FREE for all students. These events may take place on week-nights (Monday-Thursday, 6-8pm) and/or on Saturday



afternoons (1-4pm) and include:

- Special celebrations at North Dallas or after school program
- Trips to baseball games, community service events, etc.
- Visits to museums and other cultural/educational institutions.

Are you interested or want to find out more information? Then email Sherrie Cleaver, Community Outreach Advisor for North Dallas High School, at scleaver@dallasisd.org or call her at (972) 925-1514. Change a life – be a mentor!

North Dallas Cheerleaders are planning a rummage sale. (Date to be announced). They will be looking for donations for the sale.

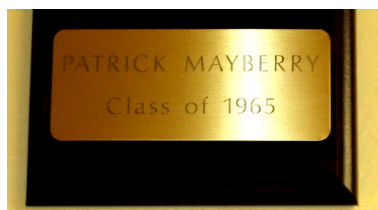
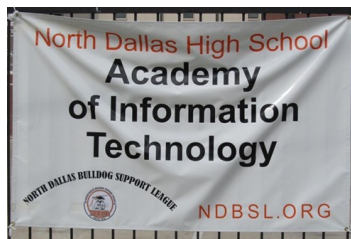
2012 Successes

The mission of NDBSL is to support academics at North Dallas High School, and we have quite a list of accomplishments so far for 2012. Using proceeds for two fundraisers—Casino Night in August 2011 and the Valentine Gala in February 2012—along with individual contributions and memberships, NDBSL has either funded entirely or helped to fund:

- Bus transportation for students to take SAT tests - \$400 – January, 2012
- Graduation pledge banners and student incentives for attendance, good grades, passing TAKS, etc. – throughout the school year; \$500 so far
- Contribution to NDHS Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - \$1000 – May, 2012
- Outside banners for the three academies – STEM, Information Technology and Finance – May, 2012 - \$250
- Gift cards to first, second, third place student postcard designers - \$150 – April, 2012
- Postcard printing for all Rusk and Spence 8th graders for recruitment purposes – May, 2012 - \$618
- Fresh Start Summer Academy – for incoming freshmen - \$2,500 to fund hands on materials for science, math, fine arts – August, 2012
- Gift bags for all new teachers and cookie trays for all staff – August, 2012 - \$500
- Purchased Rosetta Stone apps

for 3 class sets of ESL iPads and teacher editions - \$1800 – August, 2012

Our newest fundraising effort, *Own a Piece of NDHS*, was launched in June of 2012. Some of the funds for the summer programs listed above came from this new effort. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed so far.



Own a Piece of North Dallas

NDBSL's latest fundraiser gives you an opportunity to "buy" a piece of North Dallas. They owned you for three years; now it's your turn! Here's how it works: just fill out an order form that you download from our website.

You choose where in the school you would like to have your name (or the name of a friend or loved one), send us a donation at the appropriate level, and we will install a plate with your name and year of graduation. You can "purchase" a library shelf, a chair in the auditorium, even a classroom or the principal's office. If you have a special place, you can designate it on the order form. To see the donation levels and amounts, check out our website: <http://www.ndbsl.org>

Funds raised through this effort will allow us to continue to support the students and teachers of North Dallas High School. Although we just kicked off this fundraiser in June, we have already raised more than \$3,000 for academic needs at North Dallas, and we are optimistic that, with continuing contributions, we can make a real difference in the lives of the students at NDHS.

To see photos of other plates that have already been installed, go to our website: www.ndbsl.org and click on Own a Piece of ND in the left-hand navigation bar.



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