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NDHS Debate Team Goes to State

It's been many years since North Dallas High School had a debate team, but all that changed last summer when Principal Dinnah Escanilla found a little money to send two students to a summer debate camp. Those two, along with tireless sponsor Jo Roade, trained their classmates and a debate team was born. Currently NDHS has a junior varsity team and four novice teams; not only do they practice but they are dedicated to their craft! At the UIL district competition, the North Dallas team took first place and is moving on to the UIL State Competition in March 2013.

NDBSL is asking all members and interested Bulldog supporters to help send ten students to one week of debate camp this summer. Cost is approximately \$500 per student for a total of \$5000. Several members have already stepped up to donate. If you would like to support these dedicated students, send a check to NDBSL, P.O. Box 600996, Dallas, TX 75360 and write "Debate" in the memo line. Ten talented students will be given a wonderful opportunity to hone an important skill, make North Dallas proud and have fun at the same time.

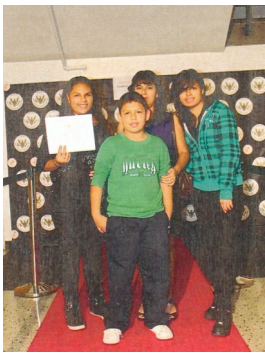


NDHS Debate Team gets ready for district competition



Letter from Principal Dinnah Escanilla

Great news! Do you know that 40% of our Bulldogs made it to the A/B honor list in the fall semester? That's right. 575 students at North Dallas made it in the academic honor list in the last six weeks. The standards are higher, the lessons and assignments are getting rigorous yet our students rise up to the expectations. Students will only rise up to the expectations adults set up for them. This is a huge success to celebrate!



Students enjoying their success on the red carpet

Students celebrated their success with a walk down the red carpet in front of family and friends on February 4. Each received a certificate of Academic Excellence signed by President Barack Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

Ms. Sherri Cleaver, our social services advisor, borrowed a red carpet from Neiman Marcus to make our students and parents feel very, very special. Thank you PTSA and NDBSL for sponsoring the light dinner and snacks for parents.

I am very proud of the academic achievements of our students. I am crossing my fingers and hope that this is a foreshadowing of what's next to come in May. It is only through your support, mentoring, tutoring, financial assistance and community partnership that our most needy students were able to reach their goals. I really value all of you as part of North Dallas community. Thanks as always for your support to our students.

UPDATE ON HOMELESS STUDENTS

Many of you expressed an interest in the homeless students at North Dallas HS, as reported in the Dallas Morning News article. Good people have sprung into action and big plans are in the works. Thank you to Church of the Incarnation for providing a Friday morning Drop-in Center – food, clothing, showers and tutoring help the now 97 homeless students every week.

In addition, Morton H. Meyerson himself appeared on campus to offer assistance. He and his foundation are working with Ms. Escanilla to meet on-going needs of these students through sponsorships, field trips and other opportunities.

There is still a need for uniforms for these students at a cost of \$15. If you would like to donate money for this endeavor, contact Sherri Cleaver, NDHS Community Outreach Advisor, at (972) 925-1514 or at SCleaver@dallasisd.org.

Upcoming Bulldog Dates:

February 21 – PTSA – 5:00

February 21 – PREP University Family Workshop – “Learning at Home” (Strategies to Support My Child– 6:30)

March 2 – NDBSL Board Meeting – NDHS Library – 10:00

March 4-7 – TAKS/STAAR Testing

March 11-17 – Spring Break

March 21 – PTSA – 5:00

March 21 – PREP University Family Workshop – “Raising My Teenager” 6:30

April 5 – Early Release

May 6 – Report Card Night

May 16 – PREP University Family Workshop – “Summer Opportunities for the Family – 6:30



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