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Texas Bar Foundation Awards Grant to Dallas Urban Debate Alliance

The Texas Bar Foundation grant award supports new debate programming to train Dallas ISD students in community advocacy.

DALLAS, TEXAS (11/30/22) –

The Dallas Urban Debate Alliance (DUDA) was recently awarded a \$6000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation. The funds will be used to teach community advocacy skills through academic debate to students from over 70 partner campuses in the upcoming school year.

The Dallas Urban Debate Alliance has partnered with Dallas ISD since 2008. It currently works with over 70 campuses in providing debate programming for students and professional development for educators. DUDA provides competitive debate activities, high-quality educational resources, comprehensive training, scholarship opportunities, and advanced recognition to nearly 1000 students and coaches every year. For 15 years, the Dallas Urban Debate Alliance has enabled more than 10,000 students to become stronger students, more engaged citizens, skilled professionals, and honorable leaders in our society.

With a strong foundation established, DUDA is innovating its approach to best meet the current needs its students and teachers. The new community-advocacy based model of instruction will facilitate student use of real-life debate skills in improving their communities.

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$24 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably funded bar foundation.

Quote: "The Texas Bar Foundation's generous inaugural grant was pivotal in the formation of the Dallas Urban Debate Alliance fifteen years ago; this recent grant shows ongoing support of our mission to serve the students and teachers of Dallas ISD, enhancing students' educational experience, and equipping them for community service and leadership," said Cindi Timmons, Executive Director of DUDA.

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About the Dallas Urban Debate Alliance:

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