

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF PRESS RELEASE

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TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF HOSTS DEAF WRESTLING TOURNAMENT January 25-26, 2013

Austin, Texas – January 25 2013 Bringing the excitement to Austin, the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) takes its turn as host, welcoming athletes today for the 9th annual Willigan Wrestling Tournament – a national competition among Deaf highschool students, formerly named the National Deaf Prep Wrestling Tournament.

Just renamed in 2012 to honor the great Marty Willigan - who had a had a long, successful career in wrestling - the 2013 tournament features two days of competition in Austin for athletes from six schools for the Deaf in California - from both Riverside and Fremont campuses, Indiana, Maryland, the Model Secondary School in Washington, D.C., and Texas.

Willigan made the NCAA finals in 1968. And, undefeated in 1969, he placed second with his only loss in the final match against the legendary, Dan Gable. Willigan was also selected for the USA Wrestling Team, winning gold at the World Games for the Deaf in 1969, and again in 1973.

Willigan later coached at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C., where he produced four NCAA All-American wrestling athletes, and took 11th place at the Division III championships in 1990. Willigan led American wrestling teams at the World Games for the Deaf in 1977, '81, '85 and '93, and he coached the Canadian national team in 1989.

TSD's Athletic Director, Chris Hamilton, says "it is definitely an exciting moment for TSD wrestlers to have the opportunity to compete against others who are deaf and hard of hearing once a year."

Competing in Texas' TAPPS II division, TSD's competitors are usually among hearing students from central Texas' private and parochial schools.

WHAT: 2013 Willigan Wrestling Tournament

WHEN: Friday January 25, 2013

9:00 a.m. – noon

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dual matches

Dual Quarter finals/Semi-finals

Dual Finals/Championship

Saturday January 26, 2013

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Individuals' Round Robin - Rounds 1-3

Individuals' Round Robin – Round 4-5

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Closing/Awards Presentations

WHERE: Texas School for the Deaf
1102 South Congress Avenue
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MORE: Volunteer openings are posted at: <http://vois.pt/W8Spn8>
Admission fees:
Adults -- \$6/Single Day; \$8/Combo
Students/Sr. Citizens -- \$4/Single Day; \$6/Combo
Children 5 and under -- FREE

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ABOUT THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (TSD)

The Texas School for the Deaf is the oldest continuously operating public school in Texas. Educating Deaf and Hard of Hearing students of Texas since 1856, the campus also provides outreach and educational resources for students, their families, and professionals in the field throughout the state of Texas. With educational excellence and a strong belief in a culture and community at TSD, students form a unique identity based on their individual strengths and talents, is an environment where they learn, grow, and belong. For more information about the Texas School for the Deaf, visit <http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>.

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