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OLYMPIC SWIMMER VISITS STUDENTS AT THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FOR SWIM CLINIC May 30

Austin, Texas – May 30, 2013 Today, United States Olympic swimmer, Garrett Weber-Gale - who won two gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics – visits students at the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) to talk sports, training and competition.

Weber-Gale, the second leg on the 2008 U.S. 4x100 freestyle relay team in Beijing, along with Michael Phelps, Cullen Jones and Jason Lezak, upset the favored French competitors for the gold medal in the final, winning by only .08 of a second – a race that has come to be known as one of the best relays in the history of swimming.

Weber-Gale, today along with University of Texas teammate - Jaclyn Faulkner, will offer a technical swim clinic for TSD swimmers, as well as local summer league swimmers, from 5:30-7:30 p.m..

Joining Weber-Gale and Faulkner to assist with the clinic, is 2013 Deaflympic swim team member, Alix Gavin, McNeil High School freshman. Gavin will represent the U.S. team in the 22nd Summer Deaflympics in Sofia, Bulgaria this summer, July 26 to August 4, 2013.

- WHAT:** Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) student swim clinic, hosted by U.S. Olympic gold medalist - Garrett Weber-Gale, and UT swimmer - Jaclyn Faulkner, with assistance from McNeil high school's 2013 Deaflympic qualifier - Alix Gavin.
- WHEN:** Thursday, May 30, 2013
5:30-7:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Texas School for the Deaf
Leroy Columbo Swim Center
1102 South Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78704
- MORE:** On display through December 19, 2013, TSD is showcasing a very special Deaflympics exhibit in the school's Heritage Center Museum featuring TSD Deaflympians from 1957-2009, uniforms, medals, memorabilia and more. Museum hours are 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or by appointment. Please contact: heritage.center@tsd.state.tx.us for scheduling.

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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. TSD is an environment where students learn, grow, and belong. For more information about the Texas School for the Deaf, visit <http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/>.

ABOUT THE DEAFLYMPICS

For more about the 2013 International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and the 22nd Summer Deaflympics to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, please visit: <http://www.deaflympics.com/>.

