

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF PRESS RELEASE

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TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT 2013 ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM

Austin, Texas – December 14, 2012 The Texas School for the Deaf's (TSD) 2013 Academic Bowl Team holds a Soup Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser today, starting at 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., in the school's cafeteria at 1102 South Congress Avenue.

Enjoy all-you-can-eat soup, bread, crackers and dessert – with soup choices including vegetarian and gluten free options – along with a silent auction with items from Half-Price Books, Teacher Heaven, Round Rock Express, Ashley Furniture, Costco, and delicious local eats like, Hey Cupcake, Casa Garcia, Doc's, Hoover's and much, much more.

Popular among high schools and colleges throughout the country, the Academic Bowl is an annual series of quiz tournaments where student teams compete in local, regional, and national events. The top three teams from each of five regions across the nation will meet in March for the 17th anniversary of the national competition, at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C.

Participating since 2005 and placing regionally, TSD placed third in regionals in 2007, fourth place in 2008 and 2009, and finished among the top 16 teams out of 80 teams nationally the last two years, in 2011 and 2012.

The TSD team's funds raised tonight will help pay for the team's uniforms and transportation as they prepare for the Southwest/At-Large Regional Competition, January 24-27, in Utah.

The TSD team is anxious to go all the way to nationals this year, but first must face brand new competitors in a newly formed region.

TSD's team coach and high school science teacher, Michelle Halvorsen thinks TSD can do it.

"We have a fabulous team this year who is ready to go to nationals, says Halvorsen. We believe we they have an excellent shot at placing in the top three, and earning a spot to compete in the national tournament. The team has worked really hard. So I hope you'll come out tonight to show your support for our students' academic pursuits and help us make it all the way!"

WHAT: The Texas School for the Deaf's (TSD) Academic Bowl Team Fundraiser – an all-you-can-eat soup dinner and silent auction

WHEN: Friday, December 14, 2012
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Texas School for the Deaf Cafeteria
1102 South Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78704

TICKETS: At the door

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\$10 – Adults
\$5 – Students and Children

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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 ACADEMIC BOWL

The Academic Bowl for deaf and hard of hearing high school students is a question and answer game of general knowledge and quick recall on subject categories such as Social Studies, Language and Literature, Science and Technology, Mathematics, The Arts, Deaf Studies, Current Events, Pop Culture, Leisure, and Sports. Established by Gallaudet University in 1997, the Academic Bowl promotes academic competition among school teams and fosters academic excellence and achievement among deaf and hard of hearing students across the country. To learn more, visit http://www.gallaudet.edu/Academic_Bowl.html.

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