

## TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF PRESS RELEASE

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### **Texas School for the Deaf Hosts Gallaudet University's 2014 Southwest Regional Academic Bowl for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Students**

**February 27 – March 1, 2014**

**Austin, Texas – February 27, 2014** Academic teams from 12 southwestern U.S. states arrive at the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) today for a weekend of intense competition among high school students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

**WHAT:** The Academic Bowl was established in 1997 at Gallaudet University – the world's only liberal arts university in which all programs and services are designed to accommodate students who are deaf and hard of hearing - in Washington D.C.

Academic Bowl competitions consist of a series of quiz-show style question and answer games of general knowledge and quick recall. High school teams and individual students compete to be the first to correctly answer questions drawn from the following categories: history and government; language and literature; science and technology; geography; mathematics; the arts; deaf studies; current events; and pop culture, leisure, and sports.

The Southwest Regional Competition at TSD features 12 deaf and hard of hearing high school teams from Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona and Texas – including local-area teams from McNeil High School, San Marcos High School, and of course, Texas School for the Deaf.

**WHEN:** Thursday February 27, 2014 – Saturday, March 1, 2014

Teams arrive Thursday evening for opening ceremonies at 6:30 p.m.

Preliminary matches are held on Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Third Place Match is Saturday at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Championship Match at 7:00 p.m. and Awards Ceremony at 8:00 p.m.

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

**MORE:** For the full schedule of events, and to learn more, please visit:  
[www.tsd.state.tx.us/2014southwestregionacademicbowl](http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/2014southwestregionacademicbowl)

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#### **ABOUT GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY and ACADEMIC BOWL COMPETITIONS FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

Established in 1864, Gallaudet University is the world's only liberal arts university where all programs and services are designed to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students. Academic Bowl Regional Competitions are also held in the Northeast, Midwest, West, and Southeast. The top four teams from each region are automatically invited to the National Competition held at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., April 5-8, 2014. To learn more about the Academic Bowl, go to: [http://www.gallaudet.edu/academic\\_bowl.html](http://www.gallaudet.edu/academic_bowl.html)

#### **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/>.

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