

## TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF PRESS RELEASE

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## TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF LAUNCHES SUSTAINABLE ENERGY STUDENT CLUB

### TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF TO SHOWCASE GRAND PRIZE SOLAR-CONVERTED VAN

**Austin, Texas – December 11, 2013** Students at the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) see Taylor High School's (THS) grand prize winning solar converted van and meet the team responsible from THS's BLADE (Beginners Learning Alternative Designs for Energy) Club today at 3:45 p.m.

After winning first place in the 2012 [Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers \(IEEE\) High School Photovoltaic Design Competition](#), Taylor High School has since installed a solar and wind-powered renewable energy system that was unveiled last month to help power its campus.

With assistance from the [Renewable Energy Student Association \(RESA\) at Austin Community College](#), and thanks to a push from Mr. Jason Shaw - who is the founder and president of [Blue Paw Energy](#), and the first deaf gentleman in the U.S. to be certified as a solar PV installer by the [NABCEP](#) - TSD students are interested in forming their own sustainable energy club and are looking to the Taylor BLADE members for guidance to get things rolling.

WHAT: Taylor High School students bring award winning solar van to visit Texas School for the Deaf, sharing renewable energy ideas and tips for launching TSD's first sustainable energy student club

WHEN: Wednesday, December 11  
3:45-4:45 p.m.

WHERE: Texas School for the Deaf (TSD)  
Deaf Smith Center  
1102 South Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78704

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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/>.

