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!!!NORTH DALLAS WINS BIG!!!

ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM WINS BIG —FIRST TIME OUT!



A few weeks ago, North Dallas' AC DEC team scored high enough at the local level to qualify them for the next meet, which was last weekend. This is an outstanding

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DEBATE TEAM WINS TOP HONORS



The North Dallas Debate Team brought home big honors at this year's District UIL Debate contest on Saturday, February 1. When interviewed last week

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The North Dallas boys wrestling team took first place with three individual champs and five second-place finishers at the District 7-4A meet on Jan. 25. The girls team finished in seventh place.

NORTH DALLAS WRESTLING TEAM WINS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

The district 7-4A Wrestling Championship, January 24 and 25th, found the North Dallas team winning top honors, beating the other 16 teams by a large margin. In addition, every weight class for the boys, except the heaviest, for which they don't have a competitor, found a North Dallas wrestler taking first, second, or third place. Fourteen students continued on to Regional Championship competition at

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ACADEMIC DECATHLON (Cont'd from p.1)

feat because the team is new. Normally, students begin working in April, the year before their competition. But these students weren't able to start until September because they didn't have a sponsor. Rebecca Frazier, in her second year at the school, her eleventh in education, took on the job. At this Meet, the nine-person team, competing against 15 experienced teams, won the Super Quiz Gold Medal. And not only did they win in their own district, 4A, they also beat out all other districts competing in the Super Quiz, most from much larger schools.

Each AC DEC team consists of three A students, three B students, and three C students, plus alternates. The theme this year was World War I. Students answered questions about the era in literature, economics, math, music, art, and social science. They must also complete an essay and give a prepared interview as well as an extemporaneous one. The Super Quiz covered all of the above areas.

In addition to the Super Quiz, individual members were the highest scorers in music, and math. Although their overall scores were not high enough to place in this competition, Frazier is confident about next year because all nine members of this year team will return and they will begin studying in April, when next year's theme is released.



WRESTLING TEAM (Cont'd. from p.1)

Frisco's Heritage High School, January 30 and February 1.

Although the team didn't fare as well, coach CJ, Charles Johnson, is already looking forward to next year. Only three of the team members are graduating which means that next year's team will have the experience needed to take them to State. Congratulations Coach CJ and the North Dallas Wrestling team on bringing home the gold for the school!

(NDBSL bought head gear for the wrestlers which, no doubt, contributed to the win!)

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about her expectations for the event, Mrs. Rohde, the sponsor, replied, "We plan to sweep competition!" But, even she was surprised when they did exactly that, winning first, second, and alternate spots to go on to State. Last summer, NDBSL paid for two students to go to the two-week Debate Camp at Baylor University, one of the premier camps in the nation. Mrs. Rohde wrote, "We owe you all so much. We have grown as a team this year in both numbers and awards and that is due, in part, to you all. Thank you, thank you, thank you." Thank you, Mrs. Rohde for leading this stellar team to victory! On to State!



Debate Team winners, Raviola Wenno and Jose Ramirez, pose with Emmitt Smith and their debate coach, Jo Rohde.

DEBATE TEAM PROMOTES

DALLAS READS!

Two members of the North Dallas debate team, along with their sponsor, Jo Rohde, did a Public Service Announcement for DallasReads! where leaders, along with other Dallas citizens, spend a few minutes at "Read Across Dallas Day" on February 28. Dallas Reads! promotes reading for adults and children, increases college readiness, improves literacy outcomes for all Dallas children, and increases the number of children who experience the joy of reading. To make a difference, call your local school to volunteer, along with Dallas Cowboy Emmitt Smith, pictured above with Mrs. Rohde and the two debaters.

Buy a Chance to See the World!



Dreaming of a sandy beach in Honolulu or sipping a glass of wine in Tuscany? It doesn't have to be a dream, Bulldogs! **NDBSL is offering a chance to get a \$5,000 travel voucher for \$50, tax-deductible.** We are selling only 200 tickets and have already sold half. Once the 200th ticket is purchased, the winner will be drawn. Help support academics at North Dallas High School by purchasing a ticket today. Contact a Board member or find information on our website (www.ndbsl.org "Vacation Opportunity"). All profits go toward supporting our alma mater's academic needs.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



According to Principal Dinnah Escanilla, several new corporations have signed on as partners in North Dallas' academies including AT&T, Hewlett Packard, and Metro Realtors. Partners help with mentoring students, providing internships, and giving students practice interviewing, to name just a few ways that they contribute. "That kind of encouragement is something that is priceless to students. You can't take it away. And, you may change the life of a child. Actually, it is a two-way street because it is also a way for the public sector to learn more about our students. The more invested the public is in our schools, the better our schools. No matter what we do inside our schools, without our neighborhood, our community, we can work 24/7 and see no results. But with the cooperation of businesses, the churches, parents and alumni, that is when you see our schools grow." Escanilla says it is easy to blame a school's problems on parents. If they can't come to meetings after school it is because they are working to put food on the table. "Their job is to make sure that the kids are in school every day, not on drugs or in gangs. Neighbors and businesses have a greater impact than anyone can imagine." Escanilla says that they are always looking for new partners, hoping to expand the opportunities for all students. (See the John Cornyn article for how individuals can help, too.)

North Dallas "Action Team "



A dedicated group of students meet every Monday afternoon in Room 216 throughout the school year to plan how they will spend their time helping others in need. Sponsored by Charles "CJ"

Johnson, the student group works with Volunteers of America to identify needs. Most of their work is done on Saturdays or school holidays.

Projects have included helping the cafeteria workers distribute lunches during summer school, preparing food and serving the homeless at the Salvation Army and a nearby church, going to a nearby nursing home to play games with the residents, planning and carrying out field days at an orphanage, helping at carnivals at Medrano and Ben Milam, volunteering at Scottish Rite, conducting a winter food drive for North Dallas families, and conducting a drive for clothes. This past summer almost every teacher moved his or her classroom and Action Team members helped with the task. Many of the teachers made a small donation to the group. The goal is to make \$5,000 to help fund some of their projects. Almost every week finds Action Team members serving their community. Last year, to celebrate their achievements, members attended a Ranger game together.

In addition to the above, Action Team members, with the North Dallas Ambassadors, are serving as mentors for students new to the school. Members are teamed up with students and meet them at lunch for the first few days, describing opportunities to them to get involved in a club, an event, or a sports activity and answering any questions or concerns.

Come to 216 on any Monday and find great kids planning great things for others!

Senator John Cornyn visits ND

In honor of National Mentoring Month, U.S. Senator John Cornyn visited North Dallas High School recently to highlight a new e-mentoring program coordinated by Big Brothers Big Sisters, which is connecting students with mentors through technology. Sen. Cornyn met with Dallas ISD officials and faculty, as well as leaders and volunteer mentors from Big Brothers Big Sisters to hear about the new program, mentor 2.0. Interested in learning more about how you can be a mentor in this program? For more information, visit www.BBBSMENTOR2.ORG.



Booster Club Golf Tournament

The North Dallas High School Booster Club is seeking sponsors for the 10th Annual John Chavez Memorial / North Dallas High School Fundraiser Golf Tournament April 5, at Twin Wells Golf Course in Irving, Texas. The four-person scramble includes prizes for top three places, longest drive, closest to the pin, and a putting contest.

The Booster Club is looking for Bulldogs and/or places of business to be tournament hole sponsors or prize sponsors for \$75 or to sponsor a team for \$280. Early registration continues through March 16, and after \$340 per team.

This golf tournament is the Booster Club's biggest fundraiser of the year. Funds raised from the golf tournament helps the Booster Club purchase equipment, uniforms,

and other necessities not funded by the district. The Booster Club's Mission is to support the coaches as they guide the student-athletes in extracurricular athletic activities, teach community involvement, and support academic achievement.

At North Dallas High, we don't measure success in wins and losses, but in team effort and heart. These young men and women need our support. The Booster Club needs your support.

For contributions please make check out to:

NDHS Booster Club, P.O. Box 830616, Richardson, TX 75083-0616

For more information, contact David Vivero, Class of '73, at dlvivero@hotmail.com or at (214) 686- 1715.

ND Sports Teams' Schedules

Check the following website, sponsored by the North Dallas Booster Club, to find schedules for baseball, tennis, soccer, basketball, swimming and girls' softball.

http://www.ihigh.com/ndhsboosterclub/schedule_201404.html

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SHOW YOUR SPIRIT—SUPPORT BOOSTER CLUB ATHLETIC PROJECTS



Most Fridays will find Jesus Cantu, class of 1974, full-time Dallas fire fighter, at the Booster Club Merchandise Store during lunch, 11:15 to 12:45. Want to show Bulldog spirit with a t-shirt, cap, pull-over or zip-up sweatshirt? Buy yours at the store. Proceeds benefit the Booster Club's athletic projects. Don't be fooled by commercial emails from so-called

"North Dallas Reunion" sites. They don't support anything but their own pockets. Buy local. The store is located on the first floor next to the cafeteria, Cole side.