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The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government.

SAM HOUSTON

Cultivated mind is the guardian genius of Democracy, and while guided and controlled by virtue, the noblest attribute of man. It is the only dictator that freemen acknowledge, and is the only security which freemen desire.

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR

School and community opinion should be so conditioned that every interschool contest dramatizes not only the reign of law but the reign of a higher law giving the Spirit of the rules precedence over the Letter, thus establishing a jurisdiction in which Conscience is the court of final appeal, empowered to confer the ultimate and most highly valued awards.

Educational Competition
The Story of the University Interscholastic League
by ROY BEDICHEK
UIL Director, 1921-1948
MESSAGE FROM THE
CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Dear Students, Coaches, Administrators and Parents,

It is truly an honor to serve as the Chair of the University Interscholastic Legislative Council. The UIL is one of the finest organizations in this Great State of Texas and throughout our Great Nation! The responsibility of the Legislative Council is to establish rules and policies for programs such as academics, athletics, and fine arts so they are fair and equitable for our students and our school districts no matter where they are located in Texas.

The life experiences one receives while participating in any of the UIL activities is the true reward for all the programs. Where else can one have so many opportunities to learn traits such as leadership, teamwork, communication, competition, winning, losing, hard work, confidence, grit and social-emotional balance. These experiences help mold our students into young adults ready for their lifetime of challenges and successes. The UIL activities complement the classroom academia and in some cases are the primary reason students maintain hope to learn, grow and improve everyday getting ready for tomorrow!

None of this is possible without the leadership and guidance of the amazing staff of the UIL under the direction of Dr. Charles Breithaupt. The UIL staff truly makes the system what it is today! The UIL embraces the historical perspective of where we have come from to meet the current day needs. They also have the forethought for future needs and then match the competitive system with the ever changing expectations of the public school systems and the students they serve. The UIL is passionate in their endeavor to be the best they can be so our students and our school districts in Texas can do the same.

I Thank You for your commitment to the UIL as we all work together to make a positive difference and be an enabler of ALL students. I hope this year is best one yet in your road to success especially during this COVID-19 pandemic.

#BeUncommon,

Curtis Rhodes
Superintendent of Schools
Needville ISD
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Gregory L. Fenves, President
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Dear UIL Participants:

While the most important work you do as a student is in the classroom, there is much more to learn and experience beyond your classroom studies. That is why I am so pleased you have chosen to participate in one or more UIL-sponsored activities this year. Through extra-curricular competition—whether academic, artistic, or athletic—you immerse yourself in experiences that instill the principles of teamwork and fair play, you develop respect for both yourself and your opponent, and you earn the satisfaction of setting goals for yourself and working hard toward achieving them. Winning can be deeply satisfying—though it is certainly not the sole measure of your success.

The relationship between the UIL and The University of Texas at Austin is historic and unique. The UIL was founded on UT’s “Forty Acres” in 1910 and has been going strong ever since. I am exceptionally proud of this history and the important role that the UIL has played in the lives of students in Texas for more than a century. UT and the UIL are a perfect fit, because both place high value on excellence, integrity, and fairness. If a UIL competition brings you to Austin, I invite you to explore our campus and discover what UT Austin has to offer. I am confident that you will be inspired by the teaching, research, preservation, and artistic expression that takes place here every day.

You have my best wishes for a great year, both in the classroom and in your UIL competitions. Many wonderful adventures lie before you in life. You will experience them with your family and friends, during your working career, through your hobbies and avocations, and in the recreations and moments of solitude that you set aside for yourself. My advice is to enjoy and experience each to its fullest—including the wonderful moments and memories your UIL competitions will provide.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gregory L. Fenves
President
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The University Interscholastic League believes

that most students enjoy the pursuit of excellence and seek opportunities to test themselves against their own accomplishments and those of their peers,

that such opportunities are best provided through properly conducted and equitably administered competitive activities,

that the classroom is enriched by the flow of student energy into the more intensified arena of competition and back into the classroom.

Therefore, we reaffirm that students are the focus of our endeavor and deserve an opportunity to:

refine physical and mental aptitudes,
nurture self-realization and build self-confidence,
feel a sense of pride and dignity,
experience teamwork and develop a sense of fair play,
develop the ability to lead and the willingness to follow,
foster self-discipline and perseverance,
appreciate that rules, consistently applied, create order and discipline,
learn to accept graciously the decisions of judges and officials,
affirm self-worth in times of disappointment as well as adulation,
cultivate lifetime skills,
complement their class work with practice and performance,
have fun,
experience the joy of achieving their potential in a wholesome environment and, discover that ultimately the true meaning of winning is doing one's best.
Legislative Council Officers

Chair: Curtis Rhodes  
First Vice-Chair: Jo Ann Bludau  
Second Vice-Chair: Robin Ryan

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