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MEDIA ALERT: Uplift Education Science Fair on Saturday, January 28, 2023

Local and State Representatives to Serve as Judges

WHO: Scholars across the Uplift Education network in primary, middle, and high school compete for a chance to win prizes and most importantly, the chance to move on to the regional and state Science Fair competitions. The Uplift Science Fair fosters, recognizes, and celebrates STEM interests and future STEM endeavors for Uplift scholars. Winners from the Uplift Science Fair will move on to the Dallas or Ft. Worth Regional Science Fair.

WHAT: The Uplift Science Fair is an annual event that is traditionally held at the UT Southwestern T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Center. This year the theme of the Uplift Science Fair is *A Moment of Science*. Over 1,000 science enthusiasts from across the Uplift network come together to showcase their STEM talents, improve their public speaking skills, and practice the scientific method. The collaboration between Uplift and the UT Southwestern STARS program helps produce a planned scholar-STEM focused event filled with learning opportunities.



The Science Teacher Access to Resources at Southwestern or STARS program was created in 1991 to improve the quality of science education in North Central Texas. The goal of this program is to provide awareness around various fields in science and broadening the knowledge base of teachers. All STARS resources are available to teachers in the state of Texas at no cost.

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2022

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: UT Southwestern T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building
6001 Forest Park Rd, Dallas, Texas 75235

SPECIAL NOTES: Honored to be serving as TIER 1 judges on site at UT Southwestern are:

- Councilman Paul Ridley – Dallas City Council District 14
- Councilwoman Paula Blackmon – Dallas City Council District 9
- State Representative Venton Jones- House District 100



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- UT Southwestern medical students, graduate students, professors, and staff.

Notable UTSW staff will also participating as judges and awarding select scholars the UT Southwestern STARS Award .

“The Uplift science fair is an event we look forward to every year. We get to see our scholars in action sharing their research to judges all while they get to practice their public speaking and presentation skills.” Yasmin Bhatia, CEO Uplift Education.

ABOUT UPLIFT EDUCATION:

Uplift Education is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to changing the lives of teachers, families, and, most importantly, students. With a network of 45 college-preparatory, public charter schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Uplift offers students of any background the powerful chance to study within a multidisciplinary curriculum and prepare for the college career they deserve. Uplift is one of the largest International Baccalaureate district in Texas and the #2 IB district in the nation because of the number of holistic extracurricular and educational programs. The incredible educators in the Uplift network guide and teach over 23,000 students in Pre-K- 12th grades, with the majority being low-income and minority students who will be the first in their family to attend college. For more information Uplift’s mission and their blind lottery selection system, visit uplifteducation.org or facebook.com/uplifteducation.