NLP: Changing Lives One Kid at a Time

Improving overall grade performance and increasing student retention rates for economically disadvantaged students in Austin schools is at the heart of the Neighborhood Longhorns Program (NLP) in the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at The University of Texas at Austin.

Started in 1991 by the UT Athletics Department as a way to introduce children to the college environment, NLP inspires AISD students to do their best and offers them opportunities to experience the university firsthand. It remains the official service arm of UT Athletics, serving approximately 5,500 elementary and middle school students each year and encouraging them to put their lives on an educational track through tutoring, incentives, scholarships and campus visits.

On average, NLP annually provides students with 66 opportunities to visit The University of Texas at Austin campus with such events as Spring Jam, an all-day event that attracts approximately 2,675 students, and monthly lunches with athletic coaches. One-on-one tutoring provided by UT students and student athletes is also key to helping the younger students succeed.

UT Austin students provided mentoring and tutoring at 34 schools, learning valuable lessons alongside the younger students. Whether they are helping with homework or helping to build self-esteem, these UT role models learn firsthand how a little time and a few kind words can change a child’s life.

"We work with principals and teachers at each school to understand their specific educational goals and how NLP can help. We don’t tell schools what to do or dictate standards. We’re there to help, not reinvent the wheel.”

— Patrick Patterson
Assistant Vice President for School Partnerships

RESULTS MATTER

89% of NLP students increased their overall grade average.
91% of NLP students received awards for academic achievement.
87% of NLP students had excellent attendance, defined as no more than six absences.
90% of students tutored through NLP increased their grade average in mathematics.
89% of students tutored through NLP increased their grade average in language arts and reading.

616 UT Austin students contributed 1,500 volunteer hours.

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The Neighborhood Longhorns Program inspires and incentivizes youngsters to establish the work ethic and discipline necessary to make the dream of a college education a reality.”

Christine Plonsky, Director of Women’s Athletics

How can you help?

Help economically disadvantaged students in Austin realize a college education is within their reach! By supporting Neighborhood Longhorns you make a real difference in a child’s life by helping to provide them with tutoring, scholarship opportunities and incentives such as visits to the university campus. NLP’s wide reach is dependent on the generosity of our supporters. Help us by:

• Sponsoring a team at the NLP Annual Celebrity Bowling Challenge
• Becoming a sponsor of the annual Celebrity Golf Challenge
• Joining the Bevo Fan Club at: http://ddce.utexas.edu/bevo/
• Donating online at: http://ddce.utexas.edu/neighborhoodlonghorns/donate/

FUNDING SOURCE 69% PHILANTHROPIC GIFTS 31% UT AUSTIN

PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS

75% Hispanic/Latino/a
15% Black/African American
6% Caucasian
3% Asian American/Pacific Islander
1% Other

33 PARTICIPATING SITES

Allison Elementary
Andrews Elementary
Austin Achieve Academy
Barbara Jordan Elementary
Barrington Elementary
Blackshear Elementary
Dawson Elementary
Galindo Elementary
Garcia Middle School
Govealle Elementary
Kealing Middle School
Langford Elementary
Linder Elementary
Menchaca Elementary
Metz Elementary
Oak Springs Elementary
Ortega Elementary
Overton Elementary
Paredes Middle School
Pecan Springs Elementary
Pickle Elementary
Rodriguez Elementary
Sanchez Elementary
Sims Elementary
St. Elmo Elementary
T.A. Brown Elementary
Webb Middle School
Williams Elementary
Winn Elementary
Wooldridge Elementary
Wooten Elementary
Zavala Elementary
UT Elementary School

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