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Department of Education awards Texas Wesleyan University \$1.1 million for Upward Bound Math and Science Program

FORT WORTH, Oct. 28 – The U.S. Department of Education has approved a five-year grant for \$1.1 million to fund a new Upward Bound Math and Science Program at Texas Wesleyan University.

As the recipient of this federal grant, Texas Wesleyan University will establish a program designed to strengthen the math and science skills of participating high school students. The goal of the program is to help first-generation, low-income high school students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and encourage them to pursue post-secondary degrees in these fields.

Established nationally in 1990, the Upward Bound Math and Science Program currently has 123 projects in operation throughout the United States. Beginning this fall, Texas Wesleyan's new Upward Bound Math and Science Program will recruit and select 50 students attending Fort Worth high schools to receive the following services on-site: summer programs of intensive math and science training; year-round counseling and advisement; exposure to university faculty who conduct

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research in math and science; computer training; and participant-conducted scientific research under the guidance of a faculty member or graduate student serving as the participant's mentor.

“We are excited about this opportunity to make a tremendous impact in the lives of the Upward Bound Math and Science Project participants. This program will motivate and encourage students to continue their education. It will introduce them to careers in engineering, math, sciences, and technology, and it will provide them with academic skills to complete high school, graduate from college and have successful careers in these areas,” said Dr. Jane Moore, project director of the Upward Bound Math and Science Program and professor of mathematics at Texas Wesleyan University.

For more information about the Upward Bound Math and Science Program of Texas Wesleyan University, contact Dr. Jane Moore at 817-531-4883.

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