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**President Jeffcoat to welcome
100 middle school students to Texas Wesleyan**

FORT WORTH, March 28 – Texas Wesleyan University President Harold Jeffcoat will welcome two visiting groups of 50 seventh and eighth-grade students from Daggett Middle School in Fort Worth on Friday, April 4, and Friday, April 14. The students are part of the academic program called Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) that attempts to prepare its participants for college at an early age. While at the University, the students will attend a luncheon in the campus cafeteria, take a tour and attend an actual college class session.

AVID equips average students with the tools necessary to excel in honors classes. As part of the program, students receive tutoring, go on field trips and listen to guest speakers. To stay active in the program, students must maintain an 85 or above in every class. The Daggett Middle School AVID program is only two years old but is already ranked among the top AVID schools in Texas due to its retention of students, TAAS scores and high numbers of enrollment. For more information about AVID, contact Daggett Middle School at 817-871-2455.

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