

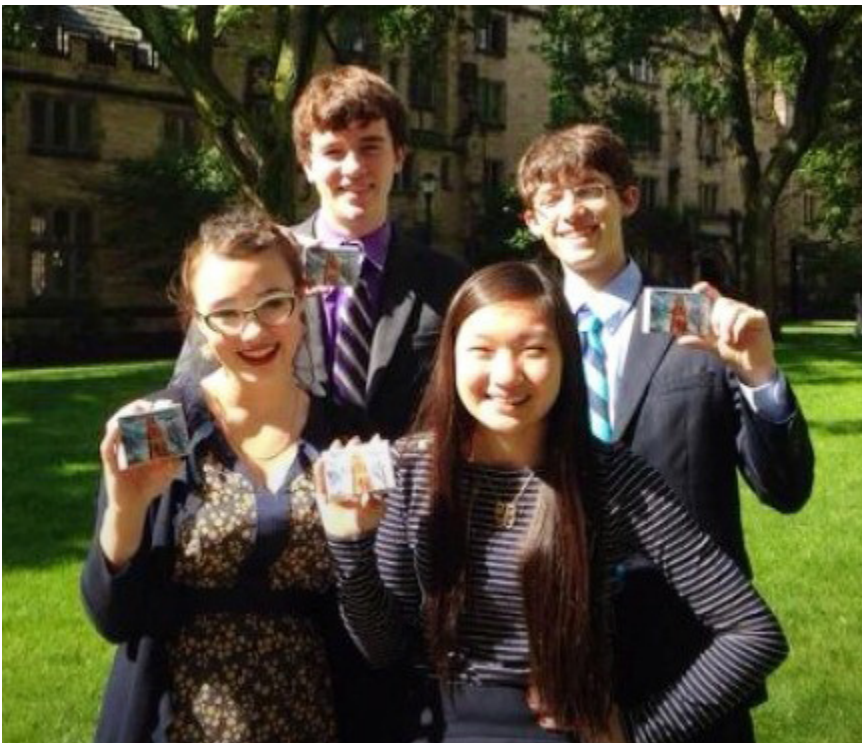
# KHS students advance to State UIL Debate Meet

Kingwood High School has qualified four students for the 2013-14 University Interscholastic League Cross-Examination Debate Meet to be held March 10-15 at the University of Texas at Austin.

The students qualified for the state meet by placing first or second at the UIL Cross-Examination District Meet held at Klein High School on Jan. 21. Ben Allison and Nicholas Daily won 1st place, and Kaede Polkinghorne and Jessica Males won second place.

“UIL debate competition motivates students and provides them with practical application for the skills they are developing,” said Jana Riggins, UIL State Debate Director. “This year’s debate topic allowed students the opportunity to research and form their own thoughts and opinions on the real-world problem of the United States’ economic engagement with Cuba, Mexico and Venezuela.”

Through participation at the UIL Academic State Meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1959, the TILF has provided more than \$27 million to more than 18,000 students. This year TILF expects to award an estimated 600 new and renewed grants, valued at more than \$1 million. Grants and donations from foundations and individuals have funded these academic scholarships. One hundred percent of each dollar TILF receives goes directly for scholarships, with no administrative or other expenses being deducted.



*KHS students who qualified for the UIL Cross-Examination Debate Meet at the University of Texas-Austin in May include, from front left, Kaede Polkinghorne, and Jessica Males, and from back left, Ben Allison, and Nicholas Daily.*