Destination: Graduation

Dallas City Council
Quality of Life Committee
9-27-05
Costs of Not Graduating

To Individual & Family
• Better job, higher earning power
• Better housing, health care, safety, etc.
• Higher quality of life

To the Community
• Higher unemployment rate
• Higher incarceration rate
• Higher need for support programs

Opportunity Costs
• Contribution to tax base
• Contribution to community life
• Quality of life of the community
Destination: Graduation

**Partnership**
- United Way
- DISD
- Corporate/Individual Donors

**Goals**
- Keep youth in high school
- Get youth into higher education

**Process**
- Programs provided by non-profit agencies
- Both UW and Non-UW agencies
- Grant process based on UW model
Customize by High School

**Process**
- Involve high school staff
- Customize mix of 3 strategies
- Customize targets

**Measurements**
- Attendance
- Grades
- Movement to next grade with their class
- Taking AP classes
- Taking PSAT/SAT, Score
- Plans for education beyond high school
Samuell High School
Review Committee

• Asst. Principal, Samuell
• Lead Counselor, Samuell
• DISD Staff, Student Services
• 2 DISD Staff, Dropout Prevention
• 2 TI, Community Relations
• 3 UW, Community Investment
Samuell High School
TI (100K): Pleasant Grove

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Partners / Policy Committee

**Chambers of Commerce**
- Greater Dallas
- Black
- Hispanic

**Higher Ed**
- Dallas County Community College District
- University of Texas at Dallas

**Corporate Funder**
- Texas Instruments
Future Plans

• $200,000 per School
• 3 Schools in 2006-7
• Distributed throughout the city