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**LHS SENIOR ACCEPTS PRESTIGIOUS CAPP FELLOWSHIP TO BAYLOR
UNIVERSITY**

Lindale High School Senior, Jonas Thrasher-Evers, was recently awarded a prestigious Capp Fellowship to attend Baylor University, and to debate for the nationally-renowned Glenn R. Capp Debate Forum at Baylor. The debate program at Baylor is the oldest extra-curricular activity on campus, dating back to its inception in 1845, and is named for legendary debate coach Glenn R. Capp.

The Capp Fellowship is a four-year, full-tuition scholarship reserved for outstanding high school debaters who also meet the high academic and ethical standards set forth by both the Capp Forum, and Baylor University. This year, the debate coaches at Baylor selected Jonas Thrasher-Evers to receive this award.

Jonas is a three-time Texas UIL state champion in Policy debate, and also won numerous national-level debate tournaments and individual speaker awards during his Senior year with the LHS Speech and Debate Program.

“Jonas will be a great fit in the Baylor debate program, both because he is an intellectually fierce debater, but also because he is a good citizen, and we like to foster a family environment around our program,” said Dr. Matthew Gerber, the Capp Chair of Forensics and Director of Debate at Baylor.

Baylor’s debate team travels nationwide during the college season, which stretches from September until early April. As a freshman, Jonas will likely get to attend tournaments at UMKC, UNLV, Wake Forest, Berkeley, and Northwestern, and will have a chance to qualify for

the NDT (National Debate Tournament), which is an exclusive national championship reserved for the top 78 individual debate teams in the nation.

“For four years Jonas has focused on being a champion in policy debate and Baylor saw in him someone who can help their program achieve greatness and compete for national championships,” said LHS Speech and Debate Coach Rory McKenzie. “Jonas’s next chapter at Baylor will provide him with some unique opportunities to hone his skills even more. It is very exciting to have two former students competing for this great college!”

