

2025 Region II-4A



Spring Meet Handbook

East Texas A&M University



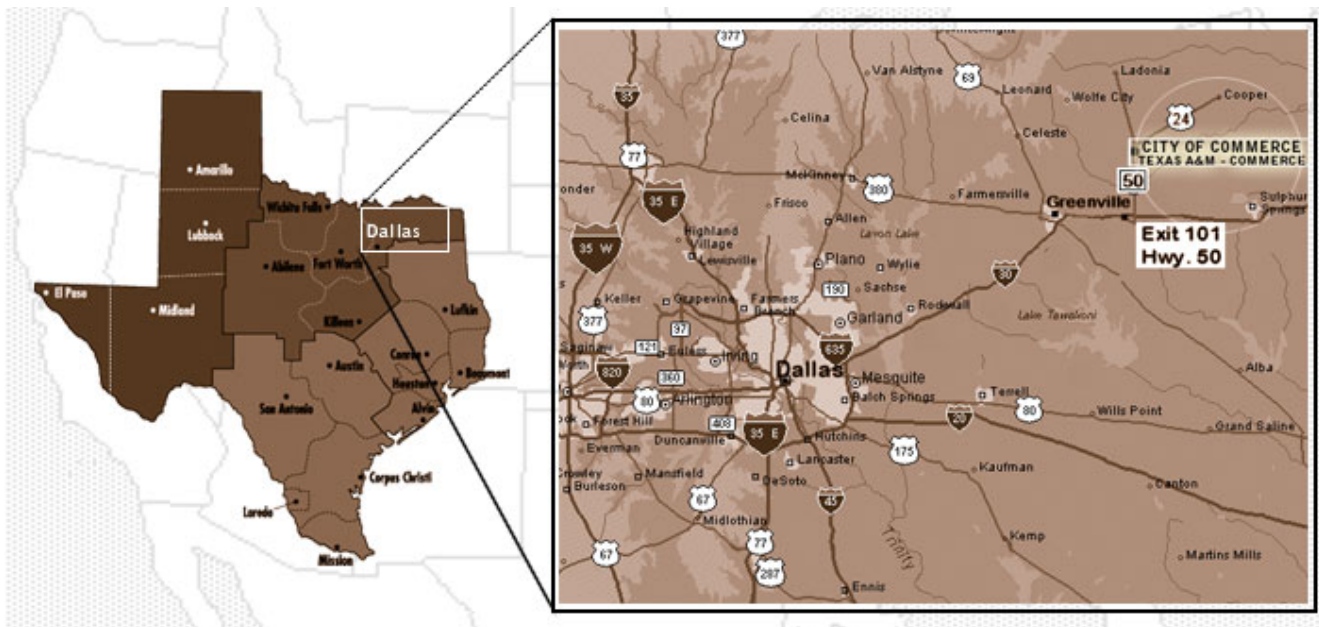
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Since 1889 East Texas A&M has been educating the people of Texas, and beyond. A member of the prestigious Texas A&M University System and located in Commerce, the university has campuses in Dallas, Mesquite, Navarro College and Midlothian, and conducts classes in McKinney, the Collin County Community College District, and at Northeast Texas Community College. Founder William Leonidas Mayo gave his name to Lion athletics and his creed of "ceaseless industry, fearless investigation, unfettered thought, and unselfish service to others" continues to this day.



The university began as East Texas Normal College in Cooper, but when the campus was destroyed by fire in 1894 the university moved to its present location. When the State of Texas purchased the campus in 1917, our name was changed to East Texas State Normal College. In 1923, the school was renamed East Texas State Teachers College. The graduate program was added in 1935, and in 1957 the Legislature, recognizing we had broadened from teacher education, changed our name to East Texas State College. Following the inauguration of the first doctoral program in 1962, the name was changed to East Texas State University, in 1996 became A&M-Commerce, and in 2024 was renamed at East Texas A&M University.





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Academic Entries

(Should be certified through the UIL online System)

FEES (Instructions can be found on page 15.)

In order to expedite the payment process for the Region II-4A 2025 Spring Meet, the Regional Director has authorized the following flat rate fee schedule:

Academic entry fee per district	\$ 3,000.00
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Payment Requirements

The District Spring Meet Chair for each district represented in Region II-4A will collect and submit the fees for that district. **Payments are due by April 3, 2025.** Please include all schools in your district when making the payment online. District Academic Payment Instructions located on page 15 of this handbook.

A list of absent contestants will be reported to the state UIL office from each academic event. It is extremely important that you notify the regional director in advance if a contestant will be unable to attend the regional competition.

All academic questions should be directed to Katy King, katykinguil@gmail.com

Contact information

Katy King
UIL Academic Director
(903) 366-3569
katykinguil@gmail.com



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General Information

Academic UIL Headquarters

The Academic UIL Headquarters will be located in The Rayburn Student Center Spirit Room # 110 (E3 located on the campus map on page 5)

Participant Requirements

We have a few requirements that we ask our participants to follow:

- * The designated administrator of each school who has a qualified representative is responsible for knowing the dates for the meet and the scheduled time for each contest or event. All events will start at exactly the time posted. A roll call will be taken for each contest or event. Participants will NOT be allowed to enter the contest after the contest has begun.
- * Each school must follow the Spring Meet Code as outlined in this handbook and the Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League which encourages all participants to compete in all contest in the spirit of fairness, good sportsmanship and high ethics.
- * Participants should accept decision of officials or judges, treat officials with respect, treat opponents as guests and should put sportsmanship above victory. Violation of the code may result in probation, disqualification, or suspension of participants and/or schools.

Coach and participant Registration

All coaches, school officials and participants are asked to register upon arrival at UIL Headquarters located in The Rayburn Student Center Spirit Room # 110 (E3 located on the campus map on page 5).





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MAIN CAMPUS

Driving
The Welcome Center ★
2104 University Dr.
Commerce, TX 75428

Mailing Envelopes
P.O. Box 3011
Commerce, Texas 75429

Shipping Packages
2600 South Neal St.
Commerce, TX 75428

Undergraduate Admissions
903.884.5000

Graduate Admissions
903.884.5163



Explore campus through our interactive map at tamuc.edu/map.



BUILDINGS

- D3 Agriculture, Engineering & Technology, Austin (AG/ET)
- D5 Alumni Center
- D2 Art (ART)
- B3 Art Sculpture Lab (ASL)
- C7 Binnion Hall (BIN)
- B5 Education North, Young
- C4 Education South, Sowers
- F3 Employee Services
- C5 Ferguson Auditorium and Social Sciences (SS)

- A3 Field House (FH)
- A2 Football Locker Room
- B4 Halladay Student Services
- B6 Health Services
- B6 Henderson Hall (HEN)
- D6 Heritage House/Lyday Gardens
- D7 Journalism (JOUR)
- C1 Lakeside Pavilion
- C3 Library, Velma K. Waters
- C2 McDowell Administration (BA)
- A1 Memorial Stadium

- F1 Morris Recreation Center (MRC)
- B2 Music (MUS)
- F2 New Pride Apartments
- E1 Nursing and Health Sciences
- D1 Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- H2 Phase II Residence Hall
- G1 Phase III Residence Hall
- E2 Planetarium
- B6 Police
- B3 Postal Services
- A5 Prairie Crossing Residence Hall

- H1 Pride Rock Residence Hall
- E3 Rayburn Student Center (RSC)
- E2 Science, McFarland (STC)
- C6 Sororities & Women's Halls
- D8 Talbot Hall of Languages (DTH)
- D4 Wathena Temple Fine Arts (WTFA)
- B1 Welcome Center ★
- A4 Whitley Gymnasium
- H3 Whitley Residence Hall



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Awards Information

Contest Results and Medals

The results/verification of the academic contests on Saturday, April 26 will be posted in UIL Headquarters located in The Rayburn Student Center Spirit Room # 110 (E3 located on the campus map on page 5).

Speech event results/verification/medals will be held in the Speech contest building (Nursing & Health Sciences – E1 located on the campus map on page 5).

Participants, coaches and other school officials are urged to attend all verification periods. Please ask judges to remain in the room during verification periods. The regional meet directors not responsible for contacting participants who fail to pick up their medals/awards. After the final results are posted, the participant or a school representative may pick up the awards at the awards pick up station at The Rayburn Student Center Spirit Room # 110 (E3 located on the campus map on page 5).

Individual winner medals, **except for Speech Events**, will be awarded following **EACH** event at the UIL Headquarters once the scores have been verified and declared official. Headquarters will be located at The Rayburn Student Center Spirit Room # 110 (E3 located on the campus map on page 5)

UIL State Meet Information

Austin, Texas

Information regarding the 2025 UIL Academic State Meet is posted on the UIL web site, www.uiltexas.org. Except for Lincoln-Douglas Debate coaches' packets for advancing Lincoln-Douglas Debaters, information packets will not be mailed to schools or handed out during the regional meet verification meetings or awards ceremonies. LD winning coaches should make certain they pick up LD information packets. Note: Each contest package does include information cards for each student winner.

Coaches and participants must go to the UIL web site for tentative schedules, University of Texas campus map and parking information.



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Area Restaurants (Commerce, Texas 75428)

Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy
1589 Hwy. 50
(903) 886-6242

Chicken Express
2200 Live Oak
(903) 886-8200

Domino's Pizza
2200 Live Oak
(903) 886-2116

Lone Star Eatery
Hwy. 50 (near Wal-Mart)
(903) 886-2163

Los Mochis Mexican
Lee Street
(903) 886-8200

Luigi's Italian Café
1615 State Highway 50
(903) 886-2000

LuLu's Burgers
803 Culver Street
(903) 886-3888

McDonald's
2102 Live Oak
(903) 886-7771

Maria's Kitchen
1940 Live Oak St
(903) 246-3677

Pizza Hut
1920 Live Oak
(903) 886-9600

Rayburn Student Center
Food Court (details below)
TAMU-C

Sonic Drive-In
Hwy. 50
(903) 886-7166

Subway
1940 Live Oak
(903) 886-7827

Sweeties Donut Shop
1903 Live Oak
(903) 886-6111

Taco Bell
1613 Hwy 50
(903) 886-1640

Dos Laredos
1229 Washington St (Downtown)
(903) 886-1234

Rayburn Student Center (#33 on Campus Map)

The East Texas A&M University cafeteria is a great place to eat and socialize with your teammates. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, meals are carefully planned by Sodexo and served to you buffet all you can eat style. We will also have Chick Fil A open in the Rayburn Student Center for lunch.

Area Lodging

Magnuson Hotel Commerce
2207 Culver Street
Commerce, Texas 75428
(903) 886-4777
hicommerce@gmail.com

Hampton Inn & Suites Greenville
3001 Kari Lane
Greenville, Texas 75402
(903) 457-9200
www.hamptoninn.com

Holiday Inn Express Greenville
2901 Mustang Crossing
Greenville, Texas 75402
(903) 454-8680
www.hiexpress.com



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Academic Event Schedule

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Roll Call	7:30 am	Nursing/Health Sciences
Round #1	8:00 am	Nursing/Health Sciences
Round #2	9:00 am	Nursing/Health Sciences
Round #3	10:00 am	Nursing/Health Sciences
Quarter Finals	2:00 pm	Nursing/Health Sciences
Semi-finals	3:00 pm	Nursing/Health Sciences
Finals	4:00 pm	Nursing/Health Sciences

Academic events

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Accounting

Contest	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	McDowell Admin (BA)	109
Grading		McDowell Admin (BA)	258

Calculator Applications

Contest	9:00 am – 10:00 am	AG/ET	253
Grading		AG/ET	233

Computer Science Written

Contest	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	McDowell Admin (BA)	109
Grading		McDowell Admin (BA)	109

Computer Science Hands-on Programming Component

Set up	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	McDowell Admin (BA)	109
Dry Run	4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	McDowell Admin (BA)	109
Contest	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	McDowell Admin (BA)	109

Current Issues and Events

Contest	8:30 am – 10:00 am	McDowell Admin (BA)	244
Grading		McDowell Admin (BA)	258



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Journalism

Copy Editing	11:00 am-11:30am	Journalism	129
News Writing	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Journalism	129
Feature Writing	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Journalism	129
Editorial Writing	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Journalism	129
Headline Writing	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Journalism	129
Grading		Journalism	110

Literary Criticism

Contest	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	AG/ET	238
Grading		AG/ET	233

Mathematics

Contest	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	McDowell Admin (BA)	244
Grading		McDowell Admin (BA)	244

Number Sense

Contest	8:00 am – 8:30 am	McDowell Admin (BA)	109
Grading		McDowell Admin (BA)	109

Ready Writing

Set Up	8:00 am – 8:30 am	AG/ET	238
Contest	8:30 am – 11:00 am	AG/ET	238
Grading		AG/ET	238

Science

Contest	11:30 am – 2:00 pm	McDowell Admin (BA)	244
Grading		McDowell Admin (BA)	346

Social Studies

Contest	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	AG/ET	255
Grading		AG/ET	255

Spelling and Vocabulary

Contest	11:30 am – 2:00 pm	AG/ET	253
Grading		AG/ET	253



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Informative Speaking

Roll Call/Draw 11:30 am
Preliminaries 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Draw 4:00 pm
Finals 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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Persuasive Speaking

Roll Call/Draw 11:30 am
Preliminaries 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Draw 4:00 pm
Finals 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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Poetry Interpretation

Documentation 7:30 am – 8:00 am
Preliminaries 8:00 am – 11:30 am
Finals 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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Prose Interpretation

Documentation 7:30 am – 8:00 am
Preliminaries 8:00 am – 11:30 am
Finals 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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Speech Events General Instructions and Information

Lincoln-Douglas MUST check in at the Lincoln Douglas contest area in the Nursing & Health Sciences (EI located on the campus map on page 5).

Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive MUST check in at the Speech contest area in Nursing & Health Sciences (EI located on the campus map on page 5).

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. All judges for Lincoln Douglas will be provided by East Texas A&M University. Coaches may be asked to serve as timekeepers.

Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive: **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. All judges for Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive will be provided by East Texas A&M University. Coaches may be asked to serve as timekeepers.

All judges are required to stay until all ranks have been verified.

Members of the RAC will conduct prose/poetry documentation check online prior to the contest. If you do not provide documentation and get cleared prior to the Saturday of competition, you must provide the documentation to a member of the RAC in the prose/poetry assembly room and be cleared by 7:30 AM. Please have the documentation forms from the UIL website completed when you arrive. Failure to have proper documentation Saturday morning will lead to disqualification.

The speech event finals may be moved up, pending cross entries.



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2024-2025 Academic Conflict Pattern

		SET 1	SET 2	SET 3	SET 4
		3 HOURS	2.5 HOURS	2 HOURS	2.5 HOURS
ACADEMICS	Accounting				
	Current I & E				
	Literary Criticism				
	Ready Writing				
	Social Studies				
	Spelling				
STEM	Calculator App				
	Computer Sci				
	Mathematics				
	Number Sense				
	Science				
JOURNALISM	Copy Editing				
	Editorial				
	Feature				
	Headline				
	News				
SPEECH & DEBATE	Informative				
	Lincoln Douglas				
	Persuasive				
	Poetry				
	Prose				

Prep & Contest

Prelims

Finals

The conflict pattern is not mandated at district, but it will be honored at all regional and state meets.
Regional and state schedules will not be modified to allow participation in conflicting events.



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University Information

President Rudin

Dr. Mark J. Rudin became the 13th President of East Texas A&M University August 16, 2018, and immediately began work on the following strategic initiatives: student success, welfare of faculty and staff, expanding research, economic development, achieving distinction/branding, innovative and civil campus culture, and fiscal responsibility and sustainability.



Prior to assuming the presidency at East Texas A&M, Dr. Rudin served as the Vice President for Research and Economic Development at Boise State University. Over the course of 11 years there, he played a central role in expanding the research activity at the university. Before Boise State, Dr. Rudin served at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) as the Associate Vice President and then as the Senior Vice President for Research prior to becoming the Interim Vice President for Research and Graduate Dean. Other previous positions include Technical/Administrative Assistant with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), senior Program Specialist/Project Engineer with EG&G Idaho, Inc., and instructor in the Department of Health Physics at Idaho State University.

He holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Purdue University, with a concentration in Health Physics.

Dr. Rudin's wife, Elizabeth "Libby" (Schreiber) Rudin, is a fellow Purdue University graduate and chemist. They are the proud parents of Noah, Mia and Izzy, and reside on campus in Heritage House, the historic home of East Texas State University and East Texas A&M presidents.

Rayburn Student Center

(#33 on Campus Map)

Opened in 2009, our state of the art student center has many built in features such as the lighting systems, water free urinals, materials used in furniture and a state of the art lighting control system that is based on an astronomical clock set for our latitude and longitude. Safety systems are being put into place and a major convenience factor – lockers with electrical outlets so you can recharge your electronics while dining, meeting or attending a function.



Sam Rayburn, who graduated in 1903 from what was then East Texas Normal College, fondly remembered his alma mater as a place that gave even the poorest students a chance to succeed. Rayburn himself swept floors at the college to earn the education that later enabled him to serve as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives longer than anyone else.



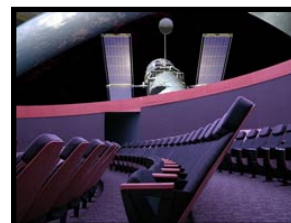
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University Information

Planetarium

(#34 on Campus Map)

East Texas A&M University is proud to announce the opening of its state-of-the-art planetarium. The planetarium has a 40-foot dome and a Digistar 5 high resolution digital projection system which fills the dome with sights and sounds beyond imagination. The planetarium's 87 reclined seats immerse the audience in a space environment filling their vision and appearing to take them beyond the confines of the Earth.



The planetarium is open to the public on Friday at 7 & 8 PM; please call (903) 468-8652 for a recording specifying specific dates and information. Each show lasts about 45 minutes and contains a view of the current night sky where constellations, stars and planets are shown. For more information, please visit www.tamuc.edu/communityOutreach/planetarium/.

Morris Recreation Center

(#21 on Campus Map)



The Morris Recreation Center is the focal point of the East Texas A&M campus and serves as the "heartbeat" of student life.

The \$12 million dollar state-of-the-art Morris Recreation Center, opened in June 2003. The Morris Recreation Center includes: 45-foot climbing rock, 3-lane jogging track, 4 racquetball courts, 2 basketball courts, large fitness room with cardiovascular and weight equipment, aerobics room, classroom, snack area, and locker rooms. The outdoor area includes: heated leisure pool (beach-type entry, fountains, water tunnel, current channel, bubble jet benches, 3-lap lanes), 2-tier hot tub with water fall, 2 sand volleyball courts, 2 basketball courts, picnic tables, BBQ pits, and a sunbathing area.

Alumni Center

(#1 on Campus Map)

The Alumni Center is a focal point of activity to strengthen the bond among the University's 60,000 alumni and to make a visible statement of the importance that the alumni play in the life of the University. The Alumni Center serves as the base for the alumni staff and their efforts will ultimately serve to strengthen relationships with current students, alumni, faculty and staff as well as visitors to the campus.





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District Payment Instructions

All Payments are due by April 3, 2025.

Academic District Fee: \$ 3,000.00

Please make payments online to:

https://secure.touchnet.com/C20206_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=142

1. Click the UIL icon under products.
2. Enter the amount due (\$3000) and click “add to cart”
3. Enter all schools in your district, email and phone for your contact, and proceed.
4. Click Checkout if the screen is correct, and then enter your payment method.

★ Questions or concerns? Please contact Katy King, katykinguil@gmail.com