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ALUMNI OFFER AHMED MOHAMED FULL PROGRAM CHARGE SCHOLARSHIP TO TEXAS ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

DALLAS, TX, September 17, 2015— Ahmed Mohamed, an Irving student, was recently arrested after bringing an innovative homemade alarm clock to his school. Ahmed announced that he wishes to attend TAMS, the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, which is a statewide, magnet school for math and science students. On behalf of TAMS alumni, we want Ahmed to know that he would be very welcome at the TAMS community.

We, the alumni, are delighted to offer Ahmed a scholarship to cover the full TAMS program charge (approximately \$1,300) for his first year of TAMS. Should he be admitted, we hope to welcome Ahmed and bright young math and science students of all religions and backgrounds into the TAMS community. We commend his curiosity and hope that one day he can, if he wishes, move from timed clocks on to tesla coils.

Background: The Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science

The Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science is located at the University of North Texas and hosts approximately 200 Texas students per year. TAMS provides a two-year residential math and science collegiate program tuition-free. Students pay both room and board, as well as a program charge, and the alumni are proud to offer Ahmed a scholarship for the program charge (approximately \$1,300) should he be admitted to TAMS. Ahmed, of course, must still apply and be accepted to TAMS, and our offer is contingent upon his success in admission and his matriculation at TAMS. We wish him the best in that endeavor.

We, the alumni, make no statement as to whether Ahmed may be admitted or whether TAMS should admit him, and we trust the judgment of TAMS in its highly selective admissions process. The Alumni Association is independent from TAMS and its admissions process. The alumni, however, want Ahmed to know that TAMS is particularly welcoming to bright, innovative, young individuals like him, and we want him to know we, as alumni, and as a community, would gladly welcome him and any such bright young student.

About Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science Alumni Association: We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. More information may be found (and donations for talented mathematics and science students like Ahmed may be made) at <u>tamsalumni.org</u> ("Nerds. Forever."). More information about TAMS and UNT may be found at <u>tams.unt.edu</u>.

This message is from the TAMS Alumni Association. We do not speak on behalf of either TAMS or the University of North Texas, although we are proud of both organizations for the way in which they welcome bright young individuals with passion for math and science.