



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Faculty,  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
c/o J. Michael Coleman,  
Dean of Undergraduate Education

Dear Faculty:

As you know, U T Dallas students vie for admission to some of the nation's most competitive graduate and professional schools. Last year our graduates were accepted to each of the top 10 law schools in this country and medical schools including Case, Western, Mayo, Yale, and UT Southwestern. An important part of our success is based on the fact that our students do well within a rigorous curriculum and receive strong letters of recommendation from highly respected faculty. I am writing to remind you of another way in which faculty can facilitate the futures of our best graduates.

Though the University's 13-point grading scale currently awards 4 quality points to both grades of 'A' and 'A+', national medical and law school application centers recalibrate undergraduate grades and compute new GPAs with 4.33 points awarded to an 'A+'. It is therefore advantageous for students to receive an 'A+' when they perform exceptionally well in a course. While the difference between an 'A' and 'A+' has no bearing on students' scholastic standing here at the University, it can play an important role in their academic future.

I hope you will be cognizant of this when configuring your own grade distributions and consider allowing students the opportunity to receive an 'A+' in your courses when appropriate and deserved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Steven Rosson'.

Steven Rosson, President  
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The University of Texas at Dallas

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