The G-Force Program is one of the various projects of the Center for Bilingual and ESL Education.

The program is under the direction of Dr. Amaro-Jiménez, one of our faculty members. The goal for this program is two-fold. On the one hand, we aim to reduce the dropout rate among minority/underserved high school students and to prepare these first-generation students for post-secondary education. On the other hand, the program seeks to develop a college-going culture at high school campuses by working closely with all students and their parents.

Our program has been funded by the Work-Study Mentorship Program, the P-16 Regional Councils Program and AmeriCorps*State Program from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The funds from these three programs have allowed us to create and mann the GO Centers at eight high schools which are located in three school districts in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. In the 2011-2012 year, we are working with students at Lamar High School, Juan Seguin High School, South Grand Prairie High School, Dubiski High School, Summit High School, Timberview High School, Martin High School, Alternative Education Center and Frontier/Ben Barber High Schools.

The GO Centers and our G-Force mentors are an integral part of the grants! The GO Centers are dedicated spaces at the high schools where the high school students and the G-Force mentors work collaboratively throughout the year. Each GO Center we are manning has at least 10 computers, several desks and tons of materials. Our G-Force mentors, on the other hand, are all UT Arlington students. These students undergo continuous training to work with the students we are serving at the high schools. Some of the activities these G-Force mentors do at the high school schools include providing students with information regarding career

options available to them, helping them fill out financial aid applications, and searching for scholarship opportunities, among others. These G-Force mentors are truly committed to helping us achieve our goals and the goals of the College for All Texans Campaign and the Closing the Gaps by 2015 initiative
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To learn more about the program and to listen some of the mentors' experiences in the program go here.