

1035-T1-1206 **Jacqueline A Jensen*** (jensen@shsu.edu), Dept. of Math & Stat, Box 2206, Huntsville, TX
77340. *The Benefit of Locally Hosted Undergraduate Conferences and Speaker Series.*

Through grants from the Tensor Foundation and the RUMC program, Sam Houston State University has begun the Piney Woods Lecture Series and the Texas Undergraduate Mathematics Conference (TUMC). Both of these events allow students access to speakers from the larger mathematical community, and give them experiences outside of the classroom. Additionally, the TUMC allows students an opportunity to present research in a local venue where the focus is undergraduate research. We will discuss both of these programs, giving suggestions of how they can be implemented on a small scale in many colleges and universities. (Received September 19, 2007)