Project GRAD Description
• Project GRAD is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure a quality public education for students in economically disadvantaged communities, so that high school and college graduation rates increase.

• In Houston, Project GRAD serves the following high schools: Davis; Reagan; Sam Houston Math, Science, and Technology; Ninth Grade College Preparatory; Wheatley; and Yates.

Project GRAD Advanced Mathematics Institute
• The Project GRAD Advanced Mathematics Institute has been held at Rice University since 2001.

• The three-week Institute builds on RUSMP’s twenty-five years of experience in providing high-quality professional development and support in mathematics for schools and school districts.

• The Institute is offered through funding provided by the Shell Oil Company.

• Students from Project GRAD high schools participate in one of four classes: Foundations for Geometry, Foundations for Algebra II, Foundations for Pre-Calculus, or Foundations for Calculus.

• The Institute includes a College/Career Day to help students prepare for life after high school.

Project GRAD Successes
• Students’ mathematics content knowledge increased as a result of their participation in the Project GRAD.

• Many students have been able to share the benefits of the Project GRAD experience with peers through academics successes as well as graduation.

• Student success on standardized assessments has increased.