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CORPORATE CHALLENGE OPENS AUGUST 25

Athletes needed for UTD teams

The 2005 Opening Ceremony with the Parade of Teams will be held on Thursday August 25th at the Richardson High School football stadium. 1250 W. Beltline Rd. Richardson, TX. Tailgating starts at 5:30 pm. Contact Trisha Losavio at X2096 or tlosavio@utdallas.edu to sign-up for one of UTD's many teams or to volunteer to help. UTD is a co-sponsor of this city wide annual event that raises funds for Special Olympics. For the schedule of events go to the City of Richardson webpage: www.cor.net/cc



Parachute jumper from the 2004 Opening Ceremony

NO HMO BLUE

We have been advised by UT System Administration that 2005-2006 *may* be the last year an HMO (HMO Blue in North Texas) is an option. Each year as health care costs increase and the legislative mandates for HMOs increase, it has become more difficult to find an HMO to provide the services the UT System requires for its employees and retirees at an affordable cost. If the health care market makes it cost prohibitive to offer an HMO option in the UT plan in 2006-2007, or at any time in the future, the System is committed to working with current HMO members to ease their transition into the UT Select plan. If you have questions about this issue, contact Claire Occhipinti at claireo@utdallas.edu. Claire is our representative on the System Wide Insurance Advisory Committee.

SPRING CARE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Spring 2005 CARE Award recipients were honored in May. Each recipient received an engraved clock and a certificate to commemorate their service and contribution to The University of Texas at Dallas. The CARE Awards program spotlights staff deserving special recognition for outstanding customer service or acts which have enhanced the image of the university.

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DONATIONS FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL CALLIER PRE-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE ARE DUE BEFORE AUGUST 31ST

GO TO THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.utdallas.edu/utgeneral/staffcouncil



l. to r.: Judith Kimbriel, Barbara Thompson, Cynthia Durbin, Lisa Johnson, Gwen Bowen, Emebet Sahle

Gwen Bowen - Network and UNIX Services

Gwen IS our department's operation. Gwen's adaptability, her longevity at UTD, and her solid work ethic make her a great asset to both Technology Customer Services and Communications and Technical Services. She takes a genuine interest in making sure the two departments have everything they need to be as productive as they can be. None of us could imagine these departments sailing as smoothly without her keeping them afloat.

Cynthia Durbin - School of General Studies

Cynthia is responsible for the science tutoring of the Academic Bridge Program, and her work load has increased as the program has grown from 30 to 120 students. Throughout this growth, she has remained dedicated to each individual to ensure their success, accommodating the students' schedules and extending her own books and resource materials to complement their studies. Her commitment to community is exhaustive, from serving on the Texas Space Shuttle Columbia debris recovery team, to driving voters to the polls. Cynthia never misses an opportunity to tell people of UTD's history, legacy, programs and promise of excellence.

Lisa Johnson - School of Management

Lisa serves as a "one stop shop" for staff, faculty, and students in the School of Management Advising Office. She makes work fun! Her organizational skills and eager personality ensure that the office runs efficiently and that all visitors are greeted professionally and with a smile. Lisa makes everyone in the office feel special and is like the "den mother" of the group. Outside of work, Lisa is active in the Boy Scouts, her church, the PTA, and the Race for the Cure.

Judith Kimbriel - School of Arts and Humanities

Judith is a mentor to the staff, faculty, and students in the Visual Arts program and is "a ray of fiscally sound sunshine" wherever she goes. Judith has been invaluable in coordinating all the activities of the office. Her smile and laughter are infectious, and she acts as surrogate mother to many of the students. She is a loving, caring woman who makes the effort every day to help people around her. Judith is the glue that holds this office together.

Emebet Sahle - School of Engineering and Computer Science

Emebet is an extremely caring individual and tries to solve any problem that comes her way. She has a heart for people, and has opened her home to allow families resettling in this country to live with her family. She has a good relationship with people in many departments all over campus. She works to be sure problems are resolved and that all parties are informed effectively and in a timely manner. Emebet has served on Staff Council and you will often find her selling balloons and poinsettias to help with fund raising.

Barbara Thompson - Student Life

Barbara is the "go to" person for all of Student Life. One co-worker called her "one of the most helpful people I have ever known." She has worked in Student Life for 10 years and her knowledge is expansive. She is always pleasant and courteous, even when faced with a difficult customer situation. She is able to handle all situations with great customer service while maintaining her cool and has earned a high level of respect from her co-workers. Barbara has been active in Staff Council and Corporate Challenge.

Care Awards are given twice a year to up to six staff members each time. Please remember to participate by nominating staff members you know and believe are doing a great job. The deadline for Fall nominations is October 31, 2005. For more information visit the Staff Council web page at <http://www.utdallas.edu/utgeneral/staffcouncil/>

The Staff Council would like to congratulate all our Care Award winners. Keep up the good work!

Recycling At UTD:

In response to a suggestion that UTD start a plastic bottle recycling program, Physical Plant Director, Del Overstreet, provided the Staff Council with the following information.

Currently, we recycle paper and aluminum cans. The recycling program began in January 1993. Presently, UTD has spent approximately \$540,000.00 in labor, materials, and equipment. The income produced from the program is roughly \$30,500.00. The money is being put into a scholarship fund.

A major problem with recycling plastic bottles is the high volume and low density of the bottles, which makes the logistics of collection, stock-piling, and disposal very difficult and expensive. Therefore it is not feasible to integrate plastic bottle recycling with our paper and aluminum can program."

The Staff Council collects used computer ink cartridges for recycling. Approximatly \$2,000.00 has been raised for the staff scholarship fund

Golf Tournament

The 5th Annual Comet Golf Classic will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at Canyon Creek Country Club. There will be a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start and the format is 4-person Florida Scramble. Lunch and dinner will be served. There will be a silent auction and all of the proceeds will benefit student athletics. If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile event, contact Albert Buckles, Assistant Athletic Director at X6166.

ELECTION RESULTS:

DISTRICT 1

Sarah Hernandez / Financial Aid
Rochelle A. Pena / Engineering and
Computer Science

DISTRICT 2

Pat McEachern / TCS
J. Douglas Vass / Deans Office NS & M

DISTRICT 3

Sue McNis / McDermott Library
Jach Ross / McDermott Library

DISTRICT 4

Marilyn Bechtol / School of Management
Jessica Brown / School of Management
Beverly Young / School of Management

DISTRICT 5

Karla Perez / Police Department
Lynn Hovatter / Physical Plant
Richard C. McMillan / Police Department

DISTRICT 6

Rene Herrera / Internal Affairs
Carol Lanham / Administration
and Compliance
Trudy Muller / Procurement

DISTRICT 7

Irene Marroquin / General Studies
Kent Mecklenburg / Behavioral and
Brain Sciences

** Half of the council seats are up for election each year. For a complete listing of all the District Representatives visit the Staff Council website: www.utdallas.edu/utgeneral/staffcouncil/*

JAVA CITY HOURS

There was a suggestion to the Staff Council asking for the summer hours to be extended at Java City in the School of Management. Mr. Pete Bond, who is over Auxiliary Services, came back with a trial period of extended hours from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. These trial hours started on Monday, June 20th and continued for several weeks. As a result new summer hours of 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. were established.

Running UTD

- * Flowers grown at UTD and planted per year: 60,000
- * Other perennials planted per year: 1000
- * Trees and shrubs planted per year: 1000
- * Electricity per year: 48.5 million kWh
- * Water per year: 1006 million gallons
- * One year of natural gas for science labs: 134.85 thousand cubic feet

Safe -Walk Campus Escorts

Facing a walk to your car, office or classroom after hours and feeling unsafe? Did you know that the Police Department here at UTD offers a Safe-Walk Campus Escort program 24 hours a day, 365 days a year? It doesn't have to be after hours or dark for you to take advantage of this service. Just call extension X2331 and give your name and the nearest exit door to your location or the parking lot you are parked in and a Police Officer, Guard, or Explorer will meet you at your location and walk with you to any area on campus. Don't walk alone in fear; take advantage of this free campus service brought to you by our very own Police Department.

NEW EMPLOYEES

[Name - Department]

April

Gabriela Carrera - Provost
Sheri Conley - Admissions
Paul Dobson - Controller
Laurie Gentry - Undergraduate Dean
Margaret Gibson - Engineering and Computer Science
Sridhar Hanumanthaiah - Safety
Nora Hernandez - Social Sciences
Gertrude McKay - Admissions
Brenda McCoy - Social Sciences
Meg Morgan - Student Life
Jose' Philip - Technical Customer Service
Gordon Pollack - Engineering and Computer Science
Jennifer Rossbert - Internal Audit
Linda Wilson - Engineering and Computer Science
Xu Zhao - Strategic Planning and Analysis

May

Deran Abernathy - Enrollment Services
Katrina Adams - Management
John Brown - University Police
Corey Butler - Arts and Humanities
Michael Garza - Undergraduate Dean
Jeffrey Green - Arts and Humanities
Larry Hoke - Procurement
Van Chan Huynh - Physical Plant
Candan Kalkanli - Management
Quang Vinh Nguyen - Engineering and Computer Science
Donna Spencer - Engineering and Computer Science
Monica Vielma - Natural Science and Mathematics
Kent Wade - Engineering and Computer Science
Youfu Zhou - Natural Science and Mathematics

June

Carole Abbott - Payroll
April Barclay - Social Sciences
Teresa Capitan - Engineering and Computer Science
Joanna Clark - Health Services
Mareze Crone - Records and Registration
Arnold Duenes - Engineering and Computer Science
Stephen Edwards - Technical Customer Service
Juan Flores - Social Science
Jesus Gonzalez - Admissions
Robert Graham - Information Security
Daphne Liebert - Enrollment Services
Karla Lopez - General Studies
Cristen McClure - General Studies
Lisa Morris - Engineering and Computer Science
Stacey Morrison - Engineering and Computer Science
Allison Rackler - Admissions
Mahmouh Riahi - Natural Science and Mathematics
Raul Sergio Rodriguez - University Police
Mathew Sanchez - Enrollment Services
Kristi Taraba - Admissions
Megan Thomas - Student Life
Travis Tyler - Internal Audit
Julie Welch - Natural Science and Mathematics
MaryAnn Young - Arts and Humanities
Jin Zhao - Engineering and Computer Science

Retirees

Ramona Briscoe - Natural Science and Mathematics
Susan Vail - Engineering and Computer Science

Deaths

Catherine Hill - Engineering and Computer Science
Ronald Crane - Natural Science and Mathematics

Employee Assistance Program

As a part of our employee benefits package, you have access to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provided by the UT Southwestern EAP. The program is designed to assist employees and their families who may be dealing with personal problems that affect their relationships at home and at work. The EAP makes available a limited number of private and confidential counseling sessions. Employees and their family members are eligible. There are no fees, unless referred outside the EAP. Daytime and evening appointments with a professional staff (Master's and above) are available. To make an appointment with an experienced counselor, to ask questions about how the assessment and referral program works, or about the benefits available, call: 214-648-5330 or 1-800-386-9156. E-mail is also available at eap@utsouthwestern.edu.
