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# Staff Council SUN

A PERIODIC NEWSLETTER FROM THE UTD STAFF COUNCIL

# Fall Forum and President's Town Hall Meeting

Join President Daniel and Staff Council to celebrate staff contributions to UTD

Don't miss this year's Staff Council Fall Forum/President's Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Center.

President Daniel will report on the current state of affairs at UTD and will also take your questions.

Staff Council will report on their activities during the last year and will recognize CARE awardees and the



latest recipients of the Staff Council Scholarship.

You can also meet your Staff Council

representatives for your district.

Don't miss your opportunity to hear about Staff Council's accomplishments this year and Dr. Daniel's positive comments on what fantastic staff work at UTD.

## **UTD Takes the Gold in Corporate Challenge**

Corporate Challenge is an Olympic-style competition sponsored by the City of Richardson. The challenge consists of 22 events, including some non-traditional events (like horseshoes), that runs from late August to mid-October.

This year is a first for UTD since we won our first ever overall Gold Medal in Corporate Challenge history. At the final tally, UTD earned 171 points, four more points than our longtime rival, TriQuint.

The UTD teams earned overall medals in 14 of the 22 individual events: four Gold, six Silver, and four Bronze.

We proudly claimed the Gold Medal at the Corporate Challenge Closing Ceremony held at the Richardson Civic Center on Tuesday, October 17.

We really are a campus filled with winners! Odds are the person you pass on campus or talk with on the phone could be a famous medalist in the 2006 Corporate Challenge!

#### Gold 5K Run Golf Soccer Tennis

#### Silver

Badminton Basketball Billiards

Mini-Golf Punt, Pass & Kick Volleyball

## Bronze

Bowling Flag Football Horseshoes Table Tennis

## Staff Council Votes to Endow Scholarship Fund

President Daniel contributes \$12,000, making a \$20,000 scholarship fund

The Staff Council voted in August to use \$8,000 of the money in the scholarship account toward endowing the Staff Council Scholarship. Endowment of the Staff Council Scholarship will require putting a significant amount of money into an interest bearing account and holding it there. This will, in turn, allow future Staff Council Scholarships for staff members attending UTD to be funded from the interest earned from the endowment. Scholarships for staff members attending institutions other than UTD will continue to be funded by the Staff Council fund raising efforts.

The initial \$8,000 being used for the endowment is from past fund raising efforts of the Staff Council, spearheaded by the Fund Raising Committee. \$10,000 is required to have an endowed scholarship, and the Staff Council agreed to build the scholarship to the \$10,000 required within 2-3 years. Upon hearing of this agreement, Dr. Daniel met with Sandee Goertzen, the Staff Council Chair at the time, and offered to contribute \$12,000 from his Chair funds to bring the endowment to \$20,000.

The Staff Council is most grateful for this donation and, at their meeting in September, voted unanimously to accept his contribution. Thank you Dr. Daniel for supporting the Staff Council Scholarship!

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## Retirees

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## Where'd They Go?

Below are offices that recently moved and their new locations.

#### **Graduate Studies**

Founders Annex 3.104

#### Health, Undergraduate, and NS&M Advising

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#### **Human Resources Management**

Multipurpose Building 2.208

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#### **Master of Public Affairs**

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#### **Payroll**

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#### **SACS**

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#### **Strategic Planning**

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#### **Teacher Development**

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#### **Telecommunications**

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#### **Web Services**

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## **Coffee with the President**

In the August coffee, President Daniel gave an update on current projects underway on campus, and listened attentively to questions and comments from the attendees.

#### **DART**

In response to a question about DART, Dr. Daniel said he was aware that many students, staff and faculty were in favor of some type of DART transportation on and off campus. The possibility of a shuttle-run several times a day between the university and the DART train station at Arapaho and Central is being investigated. Subsidizing the cost of DART rail passes for employees and students is also being explored.

#### Roads

Re-naming the roads on campus was mentioned. Some suggestions were mentioned, but everyone seemed to be in agreement that the current names did not fit in with the image of a growing, top-tier aspiring university.

#### **Parking**

Dr. Daniel emphasized that parking is one of his top priorities. Remodeling and construction as been put on hold to allow the landscape architecture company, Peter Walker Partners, to meet with the Campus Enhancement Committee. PWP and the committee will gather ideas from the campus before making recommendations. Dr. Daniel insisted on keeping as much of the area as green as possible. He hopes the mall will be one of the first spots to be remodeled, and added that it may look quite different than at present. The architect is also designing signage for the campus.

Dates for the next "coffees" will be annouced to all staff. Seats are limited, so reply quickly when you see the notice for your district.

## Two Administrators Win Award for Logistical Tracking System

Recently, Esequiel "Zeke" Barrera, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, and Dr. Nicholas Valcik, Assistant Director of Strategic Planning and Analysis, were presented with an award from the Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Association for their creation of the Logistical Tracking System.

The Logistical Tracking System is a web-based application that utilizes Microsoft SQL Server and ESRI's ArcGIS. They started the project in 2001, with the HAZMAT module's completion in 2005. The Logistical Tracking System was originally designed to track facility information for state and federal reports, but was expanded to track hazardous material as well as other material throughout the university.

The advantages of LTS are that it is able to keep inventories of hazardous materials as well as safety and security infrastructures. It is able to do this because the building floor plans are in GIS (Graphic Information System).

It also helps first responders such as the fire and police departments know where hazardous materials are located in case of an emergency so that they can respond accordingly. Another advantage is its flexibility. Since each department that uses the system has different needs, the part of the system a

department uses is custom designed to meet those particular needs.

Congratulations Nicholas (pictured left below) and Zeke (middle)!



#### Brought to you by the **Staff Council Communications Committee**

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