



# A Hollywhoosh Premiere!

UTD Staff were treated like celebrities as they walked down the red carpet to A Hollywhoosh Premiere, the spring Staff Appreciation Open House held on Wednesday, April 4th in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room.

A Hollywhoosh Premiere was sponsored by the UTD Staff Council and the Office of Administration. Staff were greeted by adoring fans and photographed by paparazzi as they entered the room. Movie-style snacks



such as fresh popped popcorn, candy, and soda were available to staff as they mingled and enjoyed each other's company.

Attendees were also treated to a video of movie stars and CARE Award Winners. A good time was had by all!

The next Staff Appreciation event will be July 18th from 2-4pm in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room. Stay tuned for more information!



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# EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURE

Actions you should take in emergency situations

## EVACUATE

When building alarms sound

### LEAVE THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY

- DON'T use elevators
- ASSIST the disabled
- TAKE valuables and cell phone with you

## SEEK SHELTER

When outdoor warning sounds

### FIND A SAFE PLACE IN A BUILDING

- USE interior rooms away from doors/windows
- LISTEN for instruction from the indoor warning system or KEEP TUNED to media, if possible
- WAIT for "all clear" from campus officials

## LOCKDOWN

When given the order to lockdown

### STAY IN YOUR ROOM OR BUILDING

- LOCK or barricade doors, close blinds, turn out light, seek secure location
- STAY AWAY from windows
- LISTEN for instruction from the indoor warning system or KEEP TUNED to media, if possible
- WARN others, to provide critical or emergency information call 972-883-2222 or 911, if possible

## EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: Police/Fire/Ambulance: **911**

UT DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT: **972-883-2222**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: **972-883-2420**

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY: **972-883-4111**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: **972-883-2141**

ENERGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES: **972-883-2147**

TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C-CERT) OR SAFE LEADER CALL: **972-883-2420**

## C-CERT AND SAFE LEADER

NAME OFFICE # PHONE

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Go to [utdallas.edu/textme](http://utdallas.edu/textme)

Provide your cell phone number so that UT Dallas can send you text alerts in the event of an emergency or disruption to normal University operations.



# Spring 2012 CARE Awards

On April 24, President David Daniel presented the Spring 2012 CARE Awards to six outstanding UT Dallas staff members. The CARE Award (Celebrate Achievement – Reward Excellence) was created by the Staff Council in 1999 to honor staff deserving of special recognition for superior performance, outstanding customer service, and enhancing the image of the University. Here is the list of the Spring 2012 Award Recipients and some of the things said in their nominations.

## **Kimberly Kentfield Flicker** *McDermott Scholars Program*

Kim is always willing to share an idea or a plan that will improve the Program and its events. Streamlining and simplicity are her objectives. Kim is friendly, good-humored and respectful, and at the same time she maintains a professional and business-like demeanor. She always has a smile on her face and is willing to help.

## **Kathy Gribble** *Electrical Engineering*

Kathy's knowledge has been invaluable to faculty who rely on her to ensure that the various issues with respect to graduate studies are carried out meticulously. She is the consummate professional. Kathy is a pleasure to work with. For 30 years, Kathy has been a great example of hard work, devotion,

admiration, thoughtfulness, and service to the youth here at UTD and in the community.

## **Linda Heard** *Chemistry*

Linda is the most reliable source of information in the Chemistry Department. She knows exactly how to solve nearly all problems. Linda is very approachable, and she has a pleasant personality. She handles her work in a professional manner, which is a great example to others. She always goes above and beyond to help the faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Chemistry.

maintaining an enhanced appearance in the buildings and on the grounds at UT Dallas. Those who have contacted Jay to help with design and installation of special signage feel comfortable, knowing they have someone they can count on and trust.

## **Paul Smith** *Parking and Transportation*

Paul has gone above and beyond his job duties as Parking Supervisor. He has worked tirelessly to provide seamless parking and transportation services for the campus. He is a model employee for our campus. Even though Paul is constantly

bombarded with tough customers and issues, his behavior has always been respectful and understanding.

## **Rhonda Walls** *Cyber Security Research and Education Center*

Rhonda possesses a very strong "can-do" spirit and she never shies away from opportunities to help staff, faculty, and students. She is extremely dependable and eager to accept new assignments.

Because Rhonda is adept at handling so many of the administrative activities, her faculty members are able to focus more on the technical aspects of their work than was possible in the past. Rhonda is very professional and tactful in her dealings with others. Her actions demonstrate that she is dedicated to excellence in customer service.



*Spring 2012 CARE Awardees (left to right):  
Linda Heard, Kimberly Kentfield Flicker, Paul Smith, UT Dallas President  
David Daniel, Jay Silber, Kathy Gribble, Rhonda Walls)*

## **Jay Silber** *Facilities Management*

Jay is an extremely motivated employee who recognized that the signage was inadequate, so he implemented a program to systematically update existing signage, and to add new and missing signage. He is the single point of contact for all signage, which has helped immensely in

## Corporate Challenge 2012

It's almost time for Corporate Challenge 2012! We need you to make our 2012 challenge a success. The opening ceremony is August 17th and the closing ceremony is October 19th. And in between the opening and closing ceremonies there is an activity or event for everyone!

Need a reason to participate? We have 5 for you!

1. WELLNESS BENEFITS With both athletic and non-athletic events available - there are physical and mental wellness benefits to be gained.
2. UTD COMET CAMARADERIE Foster camaraderie outside of the

workplace and build team spirit...all through healthy competition. Show your COMET pride!

3. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT Support the city of Richardson through this one of a kind event in Texas.
4. SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS Special Olympics Texas is the official beneficiary of Corporate Challenge and, over the last 14 years, participating companies have raised and donated more than \$1 million to the organization.
5. GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FUN!



GAME ON!

For more information contact Tracy Dorsey at 972-883-2219 or visit [www.utdallas.edu/wellness/corporate-challenge.html](http://www.utdallas.edu/wellness/corporate-challenge.html).

## Welcome to our New Employees!!

### March 2012

Erica Brown  
Guadalupe Camarillo  
Karen DeOlizares  
Theresa Diaz  
Ashley Ellard  
Erica Garza  
Demetrius Hicks III  
Nicholas Hinojosa  
Anne Isaac  
Asafur Khan

Duk-Jin Kim  
Jeffrey Lanford  
Shivani Narain  
David Nguyen  
Raffinee Wilson  
Yennam Ramachandra Reddy  
Kristi Shewmaker

Jeff Mirro  
Lonnie Nealy  
Kathryn Owens  
Kristen Palmiere  
Dayna Robbins  
Alexander Rodriguez  
Andrea Selmon  
Hanish Sharma  
Amriteshwar Singh  
Jeanne Spreirer  
Julietta Terry  
Latia Whitley  
Francesca Worsham  
Alyssa Oneida Zapata

### April 2012

April Bareis  
Lisa Barr  
Neena Bhattatiry  
Charles W. Brown  
Natalie Cummings  
Jennifer DuGan  
Tanisha Edwards  
Linda Elgin  
Robert Elia  
Joe Ferrara  
Kerry Freeman  
Orhan Gencaga  
Cathy Hill  
Seth Hayes  
Jennifer Lind Heiser  
Anoja Jeyakumar  
Diana Jones  
Christopher Mace  
Ryan Meyers

### May 1, 2012

Sanjeev Chitkara  
Cynthia Kelly  
Sheretha Measells  
Laura Moguel  
Marlene Nguyen  
Robin Russell  
Brian Scott  
Hanish Sharma  
Aparna Ashish Shrivastava  
Nancy Spencer  
Neha Verma  
Janice Wald



## Staff Diversity Award

The Office of Diversity and Community Engagement's Staff Diversity Award recognizes the special efforts of staff members who strive to fulfill the UT Dallas commitment to embrace, enhance, and celebrate diversity at all levels of the University and our community. The recipient is someone who has distinguished himself or herself through activities or actions that have contributed to diversity and inclusiveness at the University and/or in the broader community, state or world.



*Photo (left to right): Dr. Magaly Spector, VP for Diversity and Community Engagement; Paula Austell, Staff Council VP; Sharon Edwards; Dr. David Daniel, UTD President*

This year's Diversity Award recipient is Sharon Edwards, an Administrative Assistant for the Center for Lithospheric Studies and a current District 2 representative on the Staff Council. The Office of Diversity and Community Engagement and Staff Council VP Paula Austell presented the award to Sharon at the Diversity Awards Gala on March 31. Sharon was one of four outstanding nominees, including Monalisa Amidar (Office of Student Volunteerism), Soli Ghirmai (Academic Bridge Program), and Katie Simpson (Procurement Management).

Sharon has served as mentor for faculty, staff, students and various visitors nationally and internationally in the field of Geophysics. She has been instrumental in helping to form the George McMechan Student Scholarship Fund to assist with a diverse number of under privileged future students in the Geoscience program. Sharon served on various committees such as the Diversity Gala, Corporate Challenge, State Employee Charitable Campaign and the annual UTD Round Table. She has been elected to two terms on the Staff Council, working on both the Fundraising and Communication committees.

Congratulations to Sharon and her fellow nominees!

## Staff Council Meetings

Staff Council meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the TI Auditorium (ECSS 2.102).

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 13th.

# JOIN US!

## Have you Noticed...



...All these beautiful pictures of various landscapes about campus? Let's give a big round of applause to the Grounds Team for keeping our campus so gorgeous!

## SPRING ORCHID SALE

The Staff Council just completed it's first ever Spring Orchid fundraiser. As you can see, the orchids were large and beautiful. The Staff Council looks forward to selling these, or perhaps another flower, next year.

Thank you to everyone who has shown their support by purchasing one of these orchids. The proceeds go to funding Staff Scholarships. Future Fundraisers in the works include a *Reserved Parking Raffle* and the annual *Jail & Bail*. Stay tuned for more information!



## [ Wondering How to Recycle? ]



Recycling at work is an important part of our waste minimization plan. Knowing what materials can be recycled at UT Dallas and how to get recycling bins in your office or building can significantly improve our recycling participation.

UT Dallas has traditional recycling which includes all types of paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans. If your office or operation generates ANY of these wastes, let's make sure that we are collecting and storing the recyclable material properly. Anyone can request recycling bins from Facilities Management at no charge. Submit an email to [fmworkrequest@utdallas.edu](mailto:fmworkrequest@utdallas.edu) and ask for the number of bins and the location you want them delivered. We offer desk side bins as well as "community" sized bins for paper or bottle/can recycling. Need a bottle/can recycling bin for your breakroom? We've got you covered!



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### About the UT Dallas Staff Council

The Staff Council is an advisory body through which eligible staff members can convey information and make recommendations to the President regarding interests and concerns of the staff of the University. The Staff Council is constituted by the President under the discretion and authority invested in the President by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, with the goal of continually improving University operations and the well-being of UTD's employees. The Staff Council is constituted to address matters of general concern to the UTD community and, in particular, to members of the UTD staff and is not intended to supplant existing procedures for addressing individual grievances.