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## CARE AWARDS

*(Mary Jo Venetis)*

Six staff members were honored at a ceremony held on March 11, 2011, when they received the fall 2010 CARE Awards as a tribute to their outstanding performance and service. These staff members joined a long list of CARE Award recipients dating back to the fall of 1999.

If you know someone who deserves to be honored, you have a chance for them to be recognized! The spring 2011 CARE award nomination deadline has been extended to April 30, 2011. Go to the website, <http://www.utdallas.edu/staffcouncil/resources/care.html>, to download the nomination form.

The recipients are listed below. The Staff Council takes this opportunity to congratulate each recipient for their well-deserved award!

**Lynn Butler**

Administrative Services Officer II  
Office of Student Success and Assessment  
Academic Affairs and Provost

**Caroline Crossley**

Media Technology Supervisor  
Office of Educational Enhancement  
Academic Affairs and Provost

**Jody Everson**

Associate Director (Employer Relations)  
Career Center

**Colter Fleming**

Program Coordinator  
The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program  
Academic Affairs and Provost

**Tara Lewis**

Assistant Director of Undergraduate Education for Arts and Technology and Emerging Media and Communications  
Arts & Humanities / Undergraduate Education Advising

**Pat McEachern**

Administrative Assistant II  
Technology Customer Service



Pictured (left to right): Tara Lewis, Jody Everson, Colter Fleming, Dr. Wildenthal, Pat McEachern, Caroline Crossley, and Lynn Butler.

# WELCOME NEW UT DALLAS EMPLOYEES!

(Lydia Blackwell)

<b>January 2011</b>	
D'Ann Armstrong	University Police
Heather Atkison	Student Counseling
Yen-Ching Chao	Electrical Engineering
Casey Coton	Center for Brain Health
Christina Cowart	Center for Brain Health
Misty D Izaguirre	University Police
Wenjin Deng	Chemistry
Floyd Dorsey	Science/Math Education
Matthew Daniel	Finance
Marianne de Chastelaine	Center for Vital Longevity
Rachael Elward	Center for Vital Longevity
Patrick Evans	Center for Vital Longevity
Vicki Germer	Center for Brain Health
Alfred Guttierrez	University Police
Kelley Henderson	Career Center
Cary Jim	Science/Math Education
Richard Jordan	Human Resources
Hailey King	Science/Math Education
Ji Seok Kim	Materials Science and Engineering
Changning Liu	Molecular and Cell Biology
Yu Liu	Molecular and Cell Biology
Ryan Magnuson	Procurement Management
Marlin Milner	Center for Vital Longevity
William (Zach) Morgan	Space Sciences
Carolyn Neisius	Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Lynda Oldow	Science/Math Education
Chalita Radavatawanate	Chemistry
Nithya Ramachandra	Materials Science and Engineering
Keyur Rao	Finance
Erick Rodriguez-Seda	Engineering and Computer Science
Harriet Rose	University Library
Oscar Sanchez	Police Department
Amanda Siegfried	Communications
Sarah Sprinkle	Center for Brain Health
Coral Vazquez	Callier Center
Kim Warren	Research
Kyung Soo Yi	Materials Science and Engineering
Yu Xue	Texas Schools Project

<b>February 2011</b>	
Rangon Bhattarai	Procurement Management
Ingrid Blake Johnson	Callier Center
Malissa Cloer	School of Management
Carlee Culver	Center for Brain Health
Anthony Galvan	Economic, Political and Policy Sciences
Corinne Griffin	IR-EAS
Yue Gu	Procurement Management
Sun Woo Lee	Materials Science and Engineering
Joseph Lepera	Facilities Management
Nabin Malakar	Space Sciences
Kasey McKay-Erwin	School of Management
Dongseok Suh	Nanotech Institute
Willie Taylor	Facilities Management
Bobby Trimble	IR-AIS
Monica Yagle	Center for Brain Health

<b>March 2011</b>	
Patrick Evans	Center for Vital Longevity
Jong-Wook Lee	Engineering and Computer Science
Marjorie Wu	School of Management
Bethell-Anne Osborne	School of Management
Laura Gonzalez	Career Center
David Potts	Facilities Management
Amanda Morris	Residential Life
Lawrence Dillon	Facilities Management
Sarah Daemi	Enrollment Services
Gary Hardee	Arts and Technology

## Welcome New Employees!

Take a look at the special [Welcome to UT Dallas](#) video for all new hires from our President, Dr. David E. Daniel.

## FALL 2010 STAFF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(Michelle Sancen)

On March 9, 2011, Staff Council President, Rochelle Pena, presented awardees with a certificate and \$250.00 check. Pictures were taken of those present at the time. Listed below are the names of the winners.



Pictured: Kali Cagnolatti, Aaron Simpson, Rochelle Pena, Kimberly Kentfield, Colter Fleming and Nora Hernandez.

Name	Department	Major
<b>Courtney Brecheen</b>	Academic Affairs/Provost	PhD, Public Affairs
<b>Kali Cagnolatti</b>	NS&M Advising	MA, Professional Development
<b>Travis Carruthers</b>	Athletics	MA, Interdisciplinary Studies
<b>Meagan Dahl</b>	Student Counseling Center	Arts and Technology
<b>Colter Fleming</b>	Academic Affairs/Provost	MPA, Public Affairs
<b>Blair Flicker</b>	Center for Vital Longevity	Masters of Business Administration
<b>Nora Hernandez</b>	EPPS Advising	MPA, Public Affairs
<b>Kimberly Kentfield</b>	Academic Affairs/Provost	Masters of Business Administration
<b>Lindsay Martin</b>	ECS Advising	Non-Degree Seeking: Teacher Certification
<b>Jennifer Mizutowicz</b>	Callier Center	MA, Emerging Media and Communications
<b>Matthew Ray</b>	Enrollment Management	MA, Interdisciplinary Studies
<b>Holga Reyes</b>	Diversity/Comm. Engagement	PhD, Criminology
<b>Aaron Simpson</b>	Information Resources	MS, Management and Administrative Sciences

## STAFF COUNCIL FUNDRAISING HITS A HIGH!

(Lisa Garza)

The Staff Council Fundraising Committee has been hard at work this year! Including events such as Jail N' Bail, Poinsettia Sales, and Valentine Chocolate and Balloon Sales, as well as the Ink Cartridge Recycling Program, approximately \$5775 has been raised in this fiscal year!

**Approximately \$5775 raised  
for staff scholarships  
since August!**



Mary Vice and Lisha Willeng helping out during the Valentine Chocolate/Balloon Sales in SOM. (Photo by Bahadir Koseli, SOM student.)

Don't forget about the newest way for you to support staff scholarships—**Rockfish Mondays!** On the first Monday of each month, 10% of all proceeds at Rockfish will go to the Staff Council scholarship fund. UT Dallas employees and students also save 10% on meals everyday at Rockfish, located on Coit/Campbell.

## PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

(Mary Jo Venetis)

Did you know that there is a President's Volunteer Service Award for citizens who provide valuable service and civic engagement to their communities? And did you know that UT Dallas staff could participate in this program? No?

Read on! Many of us already serve as volunteers in our communities, or work with charities and other civic and service organizations, for example the food bank, PTA, etc. We provide valuable hours because we believe in paying forward.

UT Dallas through the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement, as part of the UT Systems partnership with the United States President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, (see <http://www.utdallas.edu/community/presidential-service-awards.html>) recognized staff, faculty and students who volunteered 11,111 hours of service. A total of 29 students, employees (both staff and faculty) and alumni worked "an equivalent of 463 days of service."

The 29 students, employees, and alumni received an award certificate of achievement, a President's Volunteer Service Award label pin, a note of congratulations from the United States President, along with a letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. They were honored at a reception hosted by the office of Diversity recently in February 2011. For additional information, check out the news article [http://www.utdallas.edu/news/2011/3/4-9241\\_article.html](http://www.utdallas.edu/news/2011/3/4-9241_article.html)

## COFFEE WITH DR. DANIEL—2/22/11

(Lydia Blackwell)

Dr. Daniel warmly welcomed us in to the President's Coffee on February 22, 2011. He started the gathering by sharing with us his thoughts on the state's financial matters. He discussed spending a great deal of time in Austin and noted that there are some decisions that the legislators still need make, including whether or not they will release some of the monies from the state's "rainy day" fund. He added that our enrollment growth will determine how UT Dallas will be affected. And, while there could possibly be some issues with the state financial aid for the next couple of years, he believes we are in a better position than other public universities within the state of Texas.

Dr. Daniel opened up the meeting by asking if there was anything anyone wanted to comment on or ask. He was asked about the growth of UTD and the future. He mentioned that our enrollment exceeded expectations last fall. Parking continues to be a strong topic. Two remarks were made by Dr. Daniel. First, that work on improving the parking in some areas of campus is under consideration and, secondly, he refuted the notion that UTD is charging visitors to park. He was also asked if the University could have a staff development program which would enable individuals to advance in their careers.

Dr. Daniel was asked about the progress of the creation of the video geared towards welcoming incoming staff and faculty to the University. He told the group that he taped the video and that it was in the post-production stage\*. Dr. Daniel closed the coffee and inquired about how Staff Council was adapting to communication capabilities and was pleased to learn of the Staff Council's new Facebook page.

\*Note: To watch the completed "UT Dallas New Hire Welcome Video" go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCuiG7bih2w>



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

**The next meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2011.**

**JOIN US!**

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

Lydia Blackwell, Lisa Garza, Wendy Newton,  
Michelle Sancen, Morgan Shockey, Mary Jo  
Venetis, and Misty Williams

### 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.