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## Thank a Staff Member

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On Feb. 14, Staff Council held an event called "Thank a Staff Member" in the lower level of the Student Union.

Thank you cards and pens were provided and the campus community was encouraged to write a card to a staff member for their service to the individual or to the University.

The cards were displayed in the Student Union, then delivered to the staff members via campus mail.

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## Summer Staff Appreciation - July 16

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All staff are invited to [Summer Staff Appreciation](#) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 16 in the Student Union Galaxy Rooms (SU 2.602). There will be free Ben and Jerry's ice cream, a photo booth, massages and more.

UTD STAFF COUNCIL PRESENTS

# SUMMER STAFF APPRECIATION

FREE  
ICE CREAM

PHOTO  
BOOTH

MASSAGES

AND  
MORE!

TUESDAY

JULY  
16

ALL STAFF

11:00 AM-2:00 PM

LOCATION: GALAXY ROOMS

\*PLEASE BRING UTD ID



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## Paint Night Fundraiser

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*Article by Dennis Guten, District 3 representative*

On Feb. 12, Staff Council held an event called "UTD Paint Night" in the Blackstone LaunchPad facility on campus.

It was open to staff, faculty and retirees and their friends and families. The event featured step-by-step painting instruction in a casual environment. Participants went home with a one-of-a-kind painting. All the proceeds directly support staff scholarships.

Below are a few photos from the event.





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## Staffing Updates

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*Article by Matt Brown, District 2 representative*

Many staffing updates have occurred recently at The University of Texas at Dallas. Most notable is the recent announcement that Rafael Martín has accepted a new role as **vice president and chief of Staff** for the University. In his 16 years at UT Dallas, Martín has served as manager of the Office of Technology Transfer, associate vice president for research and interim vice president for research. He has overseen tremendous growth in UTD's research endeavors, and he worked to expand the University's administration infrastructure to accommodate for it. He will start his new role on Monday, July 1.

Executive Vice President Hobson Wildenthal previously carried out the chief of staff duties. President Richard Benson has appointed Wildenthal to Distinguished Scholar in Residence, with the request to assist UTD in advancing the performing and visual arts. Wildenthal, who served as president *ad interim* from 2015 to 2016, also is transitioning to the position of physics professor.

Other notable staffing updates include Marco Mendoza becoming the new **senior director of institutional equity and Title IX & initiatives**; Norma Allen joining Human

Resources as director of employment and compensation; and Erica Velasquez being hired on as an employment immigration & visitors specialist II.

Also in Human Resources, Marita Yancey was promoted to senior director of employee benefits; Nancy Joseph was promoted to employment and compensation manager; Pearl Gutierrez was promoted as benefits manager, Celeste Burnett was promoted to leave manager; and Ellen Ammons was promoted to employee relations lead manager.

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## Green Zone Training

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*Article by Shelly Turner, District 4 representative*

I recently had the pleasure of attending my second **Green Zone training**. Over the past few years, it has developed into an engaging program with ample opportunities to learn and connect. The Military and Veteran Center (MVC) hosts Green Zone training to help staff and faculty better serve veteran and military-affiliated students. The goal is establishing a University-wide network of staff and faculty who shape a military-friendly campus culture. The program educates participants about the different branches of the military, their ranking systems and terminology, as well as compare this environment to a civilian or student's life. Participants gain a greater understanding of service members' experiences and the challenges they face as they transition out of the military.

Lisa Adams, director of the MVC and an Air Force veteran, is earning her doctorate in higher education. Adams advocates for veterans and military-affiliated students, offering insight into their experiences. She is devoted to making a difference in the lives of these Comets, ensuring they have the necessary resources to succeed at UTD and in their careers.

Compared to traditional students, veterans and military-affiliated students often are more mature and focused to do well in school, thanks to their various life experiences. In addition to learning how to navigate UTD after many years away from school, many of them also have complex family and financial responsibilities, and have emotional or physical challenges that are not always visible.

During Green Zone training, faculty and staff discuss and learn ways to address veterans and military-affiliated students' needs to help them achieve their mission of

graduating. We were presented with helpful suggestions in addressing students directly. And while it's natural to be curious about their military experiences, it is not appropriate to ask about their service unless they choose to engage in that discussion. They have more than one aspect of their identity and many interests outside of military. Many are proud of their service, but they are also trying to move on to the next chapter of their lives.

Peer Advisors for Veteran Education (PAVE) is a peer support program which pairs new student veterans with peer advisors. PAVE students discussed how they are trying to support students within their degrees to find and use the tools they need to be successful.

The training ended with attendees eating military field rations, known as MRE or meals ready to eat, for lunch and a question-and-answer panel with students. The group seemed to enjoy learning how to heat up the meals. The students were engaging and very open about answering questions.

I definitely encourage every staff and faculty member to attend Green Zone. It gives a lot of insight into the population that we serve and provides the tools to help succeed. You learn a lot and feel connected to an important group of students.

At this time, the Military and Veteran Center is limiting Green Zone training to staff and faculty. Upon completion, participants are given a certificate and a Green Zone decal for their office.

The training includes lunch. Please [register or get on the waiting list](#) for the next Green Zone training, which should be in October.

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## **Crow Museum of Asian Art Security Awareness Training**

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*Article by Renee Stone, District 2 representative*

Federal and state laws, as well as UT System policies, are intended to help protect data. Risk mitigation is achieved through awareness training, technology solutions and required compliance.

The University of Texas at Dallas recently **received the donation** of the entire collection of the Trammell and Margaret Crow Museum of Asian Art in downtown Dallas.

In support of UT Dallas' mission, the Information Security Office Awareness & Outreach team recently traveled to the museum twice to provide state mandated information security awareness training to 20 employees who are still transitioning to the UT System.

To learn more about recognizing phishing emails, scams, or your role in protecting University data and devices, please contact the ISO at [infosecurity@utdallas.edu](mailto:infosecurity@utdallas.edu).

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**Welcome New UT Dallas Employees**

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## In Memoriam

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**Delvora King**

Delvora King, Student Union assistant director, passed away on Feb. 12. Delvora joined UT Dallas on Nov. 18, 2002. She served in the Navy from 1985 to 1989 in Cuba, California and Hawaii, requiring a high-level security clearance. She will be remembered as someone who embraced different cultures. Her inurnment was at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

### **Josaih Summerville**

Josiah Summerville, accountant II in the Honors College, passed away on April 22.

### **Sharon Royall-Murphy**

Sharon Royall-Murphy, data warehouse systems analyst in Strategic Planning & Analysis, passed away on Jan. 16.

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## **UT Dallas Staff Council**

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### **Mission Statement:**

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 UT Dallas.

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 all UT Dallas employees.

The Staff Council is constituted to address matters of general concern to the University community and, in particular, to members of the staff and is not intended to supplant existing procedures for addressing individual grievances.

Staff Council meets at 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.



The next Staff Council meeting will be 9 a.m. July. 10, 2019 in JSOM 1.517

