



Student Organization Grants

Awarded Events & Activities 2014-2015

2nd Annual Best Buddies Film Festival – **Best Buddies**

A film festival that strives to empower people with disabilities through films produced by or featuring individuals with various disabilities. The films provide members of the Austin and UT communities an opportunity to see and hear about the experiences of friends with disabilities on topics such as inclusion, unalienable rights, and life in general.

10th Annual Christmas Kindness Dinner – **Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc.**

A Christmas-style dinner for families and invited guests, where gifts are given for children and families in need. Educational guest speakers highlight the possibilities that a first rate institution such as The University of Texas at Austin can provide the children and their families in the future.

12th Annual Sugar Free Bowl – **Delta Epsilon Psi**

A statewide premier flag football tournament held to raise awareness for Juvenile Diabetes. All proceeds from the event are donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Relief Fund.

17th Annual City Wide Hold Up – **Texas Wranglers**

An annual service event in which hundreds of students from across the UT campus spend a Saturday “holding up” a large portion of the Austin population for cash money in support of Easter Seals of Central Texas.

2014 UT Annual Africa Conference – **Graduate Africanist Organization**

The largest academic conference in the world on Africa, that attracts nearly three hundred scholars for a three-day series of panels. Conference participants travel from all over Europe, North America, Africa, and registered academics from Japan, South Korea, Brazil, and India.

Band Jam – **Texas Spirits**

A benefit concert that donates all proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Saint Louise House, a local women and children's shelter. Band Jam is held in downtown Austin with a lineup of 3-5 popular local bands.

Breaking the Silence – **Voices Against Violence**

An event to spread awareness and to educate on the issue of relationship abuse. Speakers are brought in to give testimonies so others will learn how to recognize the signs of abuse and how to get help.

Capture the 40 Acres – **Orange Jackets**

A university-wide benefit and capture-the-flag tournament held in the fall of each year. All proceeds go to The Settlement for Children, an Austin help facility for children and teens.

Diwali – **Hindu Students Association**

Also known as "the Festival of Lights", Diwali celebrates the triumph of light over dark, goodness over evil. The event is celebrated with performances, interactive booths, food, and is concluded with a spectacular fireworks show off of the Tower.

Eastside Leadership Summit – **Texas Blazers**

An annual event hosted in the spring with the goal of bringing 30-40 high school juniors and seniors from underserved East Austin high schools to UT Austin. The event provides them with a fun, educational, and professional series of workshops.

Feminist Action Project Conference – **Feminist Action Project**

A women's rights conference where attendees have the opportunity to learn and listen as guest speakers and community members lead discussions and give speeches about women's rights and freedoms.

Food Week 2014 – **Campus Environmental Center**

A series of events held in partnership with Engineers for a Sustainable World, Food Studies Project, and Students Against Cruelty to Animals to promote both National Campus Sustainability Day (10/22) and Food Day (10/24) and emphasize that the two are interrelated.

Forty Acres Fest – **Campus Events + Entertainment (Texas Traditions)**

This all-day event is a 21-year UT tradition that features a main stage in front of the Tower for local bands and student performers. Over 150 student organizations, booths and attractions fill the malls around the Tower showcasing and celebrating our campus' diversity.

Frisbee Fling – **Texas Blazers**

An annual disc golf tournament held across campus to raise funds for Austin underprivileged students to attend college.

Holi 2015 – **Hindu Students Association**

Holi or "Festival of Colors" is an Indian celebration of spring's arrival. The throwing of colored powder and water, playing of games and other merriment educate festival-goers on South Asian culture and tradition.

Jhalak 2014 – **Indian Cultural Association**

An event that features the top Bollywood fusion dance teams from all over the United States as part of the 2014 Bollywood America dance circuit, facing off in the largest Bollywood fusion dance competition in the South. Jhalak showcases the talents of both the teams competing on the national Bollywood dance circuit and a wide variety of UT dance teams.

Kicks 4 Kids – **Texas Taekwondo**

A weekly after-school Taekwondo program provided to the students of UT Elementary by members of Texas Taekwondo. Every Friday, Texas Taekwondo members coach students in Taekwondo techniques and sparring, as well as help the students develop discipline, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyles.

Lavender Graduation – **Queer Student Alliance**

A ceremony to honor all the graduating LGBTQ and ally students at the UT. This year, the Gender and Sexuality Center's ten-year anniversary will be celebrated at the event with a keynote speaker.

Mentor Field Trip – **GirlAdvocates!**

A field trip to bring fifty GirlAdvocates! mentees from Webb Middle School to campus to provide them with an opportunity to experience the college atmosphere and opportunities.

Pancakes for Parkinson's – **Texas Round Table**

A campus-wide event combining service, food and fun to honor Dr. Jim Vick and to bring Parkinson's Disease awareness and education to the Forty Acres. Held at Gregory Gym Plaza, students flip pancakes on hot griddles to raise money for the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Project 2015 – **The Project**

A service project that helps community members in the Holly neighborhood in East Austin conserve homes by providing 2,000+ helping hands. By beautifying their community, the organization hopes to give this neighborhood some relief and empower them to hold on to their community.

Public Health Week – **Texas Public Health**

A weeklong event Texas Public Health hosts annually in order to promote public health around the UT campus. From educating students about various health organizations around campus to informing them about global health, the event strives to increase awareness around the UT campus.

Relay For Life – **Colleges Against Cancer**

An event founded by the American Cancer Society with the three main purposes of Celebrating, Remembering and Fighting Back against cancer. Students "relay" for 12 hours from dawn 'til dusk, symbolizing the major struggles in a cancer patient's battle.

SAFE Week – **Sigma Phi Omega**

An event created to help those who may be going through relationship abuse or support survivors of relationship abuse. Speakers are brought in to give their testimonies on relationship abuse in order to educate others.

Shack-a-thon – **Habitat for Humanity (Campus Chapter)**

A fundraising event that raises awareness about poverty housing among the students on the UT campus and in the Austin community. Student organizations build shacks to be put on display. The student body gets to donate money (as a vote) to the shack they think is the best.

Spitshine Open Mic – **Featuring Sam Sax & Outspoken Bean - Spitshine Poetry**

An open mic finale event of the fall semester where students are allowed to sign up and spit poetry, sing, or perform any other talent. This year, the event will feature two spoken word artists, Sam Sax & Outspoken Bean.

Student Emergency Fund – **Student Emergency Services**

The Student Emergency Fund is available to all currently enrolled UT students and provides immediate and impactful financial assistance to students in crisis by aiding in the maintenance of basic personal needs, such as shelter, clothing, food, water, and medicine.

Stuff the Bus – **Real Role Models**

An event in which Real Role Models collects toys, clothes, and food to give to foster homes and charitable organizations.

TEDxSpeedwayPlaza – **Texas Ahmadiyya Muslim Students Organization**

One of, if not the first, TEDx event to be held on UT campus. The event will feature a wide array of speakers, with topics ranging from social justice, to medical ethics, to education, to charity.

Texas Revue – **Campus Events + Entertainment (Texas Traditions)**

An annual student-run talent show that brings out the creativity and individuality of a diverse campus for all to enjoy. This long time tradition showcases student organizations and individuals who entertain and perform a variety of acts including dancing, music and skits.

Texas Tea Party – **Orange Jackets**

An annual event dedicated to recognizing female leadership and their contributions to the community. During the day, Orange Jackets serve refreshments and snacks at Littlefield Fountain and share tradition with the UT Campus. The event is concluded with a special guest speaker.

Texas THON 2015 – **Texas THON**

A nation wide movement involving college students at over 150 schools across the country to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospital in their community. For 12 hours, participants stand through dancing, games, and entertainment in celebration of the total fundraising amount raised over the year.

Voices Against Violence Fundraising Dinner – **Texas Muslim Student Association**

A dinner to raise the Muslim voice on the issue of domestic violence. Texas Muslim Student Association aims to fund the Be an Anchor program, through Voices Against Violence, that gives money to the survivor fund to help victims of domestic violence on the UT campus.

Week of Women – **Orange Jackets**

A week of events to honor women centered on the theme of "Inform, Empower, and Celebrate." Issues concerning body image, workplace inequality, political empowerment of women, sex and sexual assault, women in popular culture, and feminism are all discussed during the week.