



# Student Organization Grants

## Awarded Events & Activities 2015-2016

### *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Sugar Free Bowl* – **Delta Epsilon Psi**

Sugar Free Bowl is a statewide premier flag football tournament held to raise awareness for Juvenile Diabetes. The tournament hosts 45-50 teams, resulting in about 500 participants, making it the largest tournament held by a UT organization. The teams are primarily made up of University of Texas students, but teams from all over Texas and even the Southwest region of the United States compete, making it a signature annual event on-campus.

### *17<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Come Together* – **Delta Epsilon Psi**

Project Come Together (PCT) was first designed in the spring of 1999 as an open forum inviting all organizations on campus to come together for the largest single day of service on the UT Campus. Today, PCT provides over 3,700 students who have demonstrated exceptional aptitude, near-perfect attendance, and creativity with a fun-filled day that stresses the importance of a college education.

### *2016 Frisbee Fling* – **Texas Blazers**

Frisbee Fling is Texas Blazers' annual frisbee golf tournament for students and members of the Austin community. It is designed to raise money for its Endowment that funds scholarships for East Austin high school graduates to attend the University of Texas at Austin.

### *2016 University of Texas Africa Conference* – **Graduate Africanists' Organization**

The University of Texas Africa Conference is the largest gathering of scholars and students in African Studies in the world, consisting of discussion panels on a variety of topics concerning Africa and the African diaspora as well as luncheons and a final banquet which allow scholars and students to network and share ideas. The event, which has been held on campus for more than 15 years, is student organized and student driven, so students, as well as scholars from around the world, have the opportunity to present their research and receive scholarly feedback.

### *Bagels and Lox with Students and Docs* – **Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)**

The Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) serves as the liaison between University Health Services (UHS) and UT students. Therefore, this event serves as an informal way for students to make connections with UHS healthcare professionals and other students. This serves as a great way for students interested in healthcare to enhance networking skills while meeting professionals in their potential field of work.

### *Basant* – **Texas Pakistani Students' Association**

Basant is the annual South Asian festival celebrating the arrival of the spring season. The coming of spring is celebrated with traditional dances, musical performances, kite-flying and copious amounts of delicious, multicultural food from across the subcontinent.

### *Campus Fusion* – **Students for Equity and Diversity**

The mission of Campus Fusion is to deepen the understanding and appreciation of cultures and backgrounds that walk the Forty Acres. This week of events, held in late spring, will include workshops, movie screenings and lectures that address different social issues affecting the university's student body.

### *Capture the 40 Acres* – **Orange Jackets**

Every fall, Orange Jackets hosts Capture the 40 Acres, a university-wide benefit and capture-the-flag tournament. All proceeds go to The Settlement for Children, an Austin help facility for children and teens.

### *City Wide Hold Up* – **Texas Wranglers**

The City Wide Hold Up is put on annually to raise money for Easter Seals Central Texas, a non-profit that enables children and adults with disabilities to lead a more normal life. Hundreds of volunteers take to the street corners of Austin with signs and cans to "hold up" passing motorists for donations on the day of the event.

### *Dia de los Muertos* – **Sigma Lambda Beta**

Dia de los Muertos, hosted by the brothers of Sigma Lambda Beta, is a campus-wide event dedicated to enriching cultural awareness by educating students of a holiday celebrated throughout Latin America and providing a safe space where everyone can commemorate their deceased loved ones.

### *Diwali* – **Hindu Students Association**

The goal of Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, is to bring awareness to a celebration of good over evil. This is accomplished by incorporating a fireworks show, sparklers, and tea lights to bring an image of light in the darkness. Classical musical performances, interactive booths, a fire ritual, and food demonstrate a grand Hindu celebration to the UT and Austin communities are also included.

### *Feast on This* – **Native American and Indigenous Collective**

The "Feast on This" concert, talk and dinner is a two-day event held during Native American Heritage month. Activities include a public showcase of local, out-of-state, and international native and indigenous musicians and a dinner and talk with a panel of local activists that will speak on issues of representation and misrepresentation of Native people. There is a focus on the context of Thanksgiving, a holiday whose brutal historical context is unknown to many Americans.

### *Fest Africa 2015* – **African Students Organization**

Fest Africa is a signature event that focuses on showcasing Africa and African cultures rather than typical societal stereotypes. The event gives the campus and local communities the opportunity to see Africa for what it really is; a land of tremendous beauty and many varied distinct cultures.

### *Forty Acres Fest* – **Campus Events and Entertainments Texas Traditions**

Forty Acres Fest has been a university wide spring tradition serving UT students for more than 20 years. Approximately 100 student organizations and 20 live acts come together on the South and Main Malls to showcase their talents and passions for their fellow Longhorns by creating a diverse and engaging festival environment.

### *Health Symposium* – **Black Health Professions Organization**

This Health Symposium, targeting students from all backgrounds who are interested in any health-related career, features guest speakers, students, and administrators from professional schools across Texas. It also includes a financial workshop, student panels, mock interviews, and admission reps / administrators Q&A sessions. The purpose of this program is to educate students on what they need to do to accomplish their goal of getting into professional school by hearing from students and faculty of Texas professional schools.

### *High School Engineering Camp* – **Society of Women Engineers**

The High School Engineering Camp intends to go beyond just introducing engineering to females. This program strives to give them a REAL and in-depth picture of who an engineer is and what an engineer does by eliciting the help of engineers in the field to come speak about their jobs. By increasing students' awareness, the High School Engineering Camp hopes to foster genuine interest in an engineering career pathway.

### *Holi* – **Hindu Students Association**

Holi is the festival of colors that also celebrates the arrival of spring. The holiday embodies the ideals of equality and non-discrimination, as people from all different backgrounds come together to celebrate. During the event, participants throw colored powder on each other and will also enjoy cultural performances.

### *Hungry for Hope* – **Women in Medicine**

Hungry for Hope's purpose is to raise awareness about adults with mental health disabilities through friendly competition. UT organizations will compete in a bake off judged by Marbridge residents. Proceeds will be donated to Marbridge, a mental health support facility in Austin.

### *The Incredible Race* – **Honors Business Association**

The Incredible Race is a charity event open to all UT students. Teams of two engage in various activities throughout campus in an "Amazing Race" style competition, with the first two to three teams to finish all activities winning small prizes. All proceeds (entry fees, donations, funding, etc.) will be given to a local Austin-area charity.

### *Jhalak 2015* – **Indian Cultural Association**

Jhalak features the top Bollywood fusion dance teams from all over the United States as part of the 2015 Bollywood America dance circuit, facing off in the largest Bollywood fusion dance competition in the South. Showcasing the talents of both the teams competing on the national Bollywood dance circuit and a wide variety of UT dance teams representing the various forms of traditional Indian dance, Jhalak 2015 will be a night to remember.

### *Latino Leadership Summit* – **Latino Community Affairs**

The Latino Leadership Summit is a premiere event that brings together rising Latino leaders from across the nation to teach, empower and inspire young students.

### *Mass CPR Certification* – **American Red Cross Club at the University of Texas at Austin**

The Mass CPR Event is a day that consists of First-aid and CPR certification courses offered to UT students and the local community at a significantly discounted price. Instructors from the American Red Cross will teach life saving skills that become important in many critical situations.

### *MISSION: ENGINEER THE WORLD – Society of Women Engineers*

MISSION: ENGINEER THE WORLD aims to excite middle school girls about engineering and build essential engineering skills such as creativity, curiosity, collaboration, and independent thinking. Participants will use the engineering design process throughout a series of engaging, hands-on, open-ended activities founded on real-world challenges such as those outlined in the UN Millennium Development Goals, and environmental concerns such as air pollution and urban overcrowding. Student teams have the opportunity to present their work to their peers and their families in the concluding ENGINEER THE WORLD Showcase that aims to serve as the beginning for the students' engineering impact on their communities and the world.

### *Non-Greek Step Show – Alpha Phi Alpha*

The Non-Greek Step Show is a showcase in which team members' friends and family, UT students, staff and faculty are invited to come out and enjoy the high energy and intense movements of stepping.

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

Pancakes for Parkinson's was founded with the idea that the Round Table organizations could bridge their efforts to support Dr. James Vick and fight for a Parkinson's cure. Hundreds of members of Round Table organizations and student athletes come together and volunteer to flip pancakes for their fellow Longhorns. All students are invited to enjoy pancakes, share their own experiences with Parkinson's, and donate to Parkinson's research.

### *Project 2016 – The Project*

Project 2016 will host over 2000+ UT volunteers in the Rundberg community. The volunteers will participate in multiple projects at over 30 site locations. For example, at Dobie middle school, students will help lay asphalt, repaint the insides of the school, and help create a garden. Students will work together to complete the needed tasks of painting, building, cleaning, and gardening at various sites throughout the neighborhood.

### *Project MALES Bean2.0fication! – Project MALES Student Organization*

Project MALES is a community service event in which the organization's mentors, mentees, and members come together to beautify one of their respective high school mentoring sites. These mentoring sites are low-income schools that lack resources and are in need of assistance to embellish their schools. This project allows the organization to give the schools assistance by cleaning, painting, and planting throughout the campus.

### *Queen 'Be' Project – Women of Excellence*

A collaborative effort among Women of Excellence and participating student organizations on campus that provides a variety of discussion-based academic and leadership workshops focused upon themes of empowerment, integrity, and equality. The event reaches out to girls at underserved high schools across the Austin area.

### *Queer Texas Conference – Student Government: Queer Students' Alliance (QSA)*

The Queer Texas Conference is an all-day event that includes various presentations and a keynote speaker around the topics of education and advocacy.

### *Rejected Princesses Halloween Showcase* – **Students for Wema**

Rejected Princesses Halloween Showcase is an event catered to disadvantaged Elementary school children as an opportunity to empower women. Rejected Princesses is a popular website featuring strong, powerful, confident, independent, and amazing women throughout the ages- both in myth and in reality - who have made an impact in history. The showcase will feature actors portraying these women in historical and mythical costumes, while the children attending will "travel" through time, "waking-up" the Rejected Princesses from their slumber to share their stories - and receive candy and an inspiring learning experience in return.

### *Relay for Life* – **Colleges Against Cancer**

Relay For Life is an overnight fundraising walk event for the American Cancer Society. Teams of organizations and other individuals fundraise and gather together on the night of the event to celebrate those who have won the fight, remember those who have lost their battle, and Fight Back against cancer.

### *Rez Week* – **Campus Renewal Ministries**

Rez Week is a weeklong event that takes place on the Gregory Gym Plaza. The week's activities include a 24-hour free coffee house, a live music/performance tent, a prayer tent, discussion boards, and mural painting. In the evenings, there are live band performances and speakers. The point of Rez week is to get students talking, discussing, and thinking about different beliefs and big life questions.

### *Settlement Home and Helping Hand Home Canoeing* – **Longhorn Stream Team**

The Longhorn Stream Team takes children from either the Settlement Home or the Helping Hand Home for Children (both organizations that provide housing and help to battered and abused children), canoeing on Lady Bird Lake. This event gives UT student volunteers a powerful experience working to help children who have suffered, and more importantly, gives these children the opportunity to participate in something they would otherwise never get to do.

### *Spirit of Shakespeare on the Road* – **Spirit of Shakespeare**

Spirit of Shakespeare is an organization through which UT students learn about the works of Shakespeare through performance. The organization strives to expand their performances to a wide group of audiences including elementary schools and nursing homes. The goal is to spread happiness and the cultural enrichment of Shakespeare far and wide.

### *Staff Appreciation Week* – **Women of Excellence**

Women of Excellence's Staff Appreciation Week honors university staff members who make up the backbone campus life, providing thanks for their work and acknowledging their contributions. The weeklong event culminates in the Staff Appreciation Banquet to recognize those who serve the Forty Acres.

### *Student Emergency Fund* – **Student Emergency Services**

In 2014-2015, the Student Emergency Fund provided approximately \$27,000 in emergency funds to over 130 currently enrolled UT students in crisis; for issues such as apartment fire, natural disaster, domestic violence, or any other crisis that may arise. The emergency funds are available to all currently enrolled students, and the previous Texas Parents Student Organization Grant was used to purchase HEB and Walmart gift cards to assist students with immediate basic needs, including food and groceries, water, clothing, medications, hygiene products, and school supplies.

### *Texas Revue* – **Campus Events and Entertainment**

Texas Revue is a highly valued tradition at the University of Texas re-established in 1995. It initially started in the 1950s as “Varsity Revue,” but was lost in the 1960s. Texas Revue showcases the diverse student talent that is found across the forty acres in the biggest university-wide talent show production put on by students.

### *Texas THON “Day Of”* – **Texas THON**

On this day, hundreds of UT students will stand 12 hours straight to dance in celebration and support of the kids of Dell Children’s Medical Center, their families, and the efforts of Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. During Texas THON’s 2016 Day Of event, teams will participate in activities, make new friends, connect with Miracle Families, and indulge in delicious food—but most importantly stand in solidarity for a cause that has touched so many lives.

### *UT Habitat Funded Home Repairs* – **Habitat for Humanity (Campus Chapter)**

UT Habitat Home Repairs provides volunteers and other members of the community the opportunity of assisting in the repairs of a home that is substandard to living conditions. This involves painting, building and engaging with the homeowner.

### *UT Real Beauty Campaign* – **Texas Spirits**

The Real Beauty Campaign aims to help women of the UT campus and greater Austin community break the barriers that restrict their self-confidence through redefining the idea of beauty and to create a community of women who embrace their imperfections and evaluate their worth based on their heart, soul and mind. There is a month of events at which individuals can explore the concept of Real Beauty.

### *Week of Women/Texas Tea* – **Orange Jackets**

Orange Jackets annually hosts the Week of Women/Texas Tea event each spring semester. This week of events is dedicated to honoring 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. The purpose is to educate the university community on issues that affect women and to honor the great women in our society.