



Student Organization Grants

Awarded Events & Activities 2018-2019

2018 Annual Robert McCurdy Memorial Golf Tournament – Tejas Club

We hold this tournament each year to carry out the legacy of Bobby McCurdy, a member of the Tejas Club, Texas Blazers, and ROTC who tragically passed away from suicide in 2010, in order spread awareness across campus about the importance of mental health. To join in the fight against mental illness, and to ensure that every student at UT receives the resources and help they need to lead happy and fulfilling lives, 100% of tournament proceeds will be donated to the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center's Be That One suicide prevention program.

A Walk for Education – The National Society of Black Engineers

A Walk for Education is a community service event in which members of UT Austin and The National Society of Black Engineers go out into lower income or predominantly minority communities and help spread the word about higher education and how to be successful in applying to college. We will visit people at their doors and let everyone in these communities know that higher education is possible for everyone, and that engineering especially, is very possible to do no matter where you come from. We will then end the event by having an afternoon celebration at a local community school where all the parents, and children of that community are invited to learn more about higher education, and the children can play games and win prizes by attending. Children and parents from the entire Austin community are invited to attend but we will only be able to physically visit a couple neighborhoods.

Apple Polishing – Texas Spirits

Decades ago, Texas Spirits began the tradition of hosting an event each fall to honor the incredible faculty and staff members at our own UT who have had a meaningful impact on the lives of students. Recently re-vamped, once again Spirits are excited to celebrate professors and other faculty from across campus and to create a unique networking opportunity for students at our "Apple Polishing" tea. At the event, students are invited to give speeches in honor of the teachers who have had the biggest impact on their lives, hear stories from professors themselves, and present one professor the Golden Apple award for going above and beyond in their impact on students.

BHPO Annual Health Symposium – Black Health Professions Organization

The Health Symposium is an annual event hosted by the Black Health Professions Organization to provide a direct pipeline of resources to pre-health professional students here at the university. Here, advisors and representatives from different health professional schools across the state of Texas are in attendance to provide advice and direction to students seeking careers in the health professions. Students are able to take advantage of mock interview sessions, panels of students and officials from health professional schools, and personal statement workshops.

BSA Annual Onyx Awards – Black Student Alliance

The Annual Onyx Awards serves to recognize those people in the UT community that have upheld BSA's mission of uplifting and empowering the community. The program will include entertainment and the presentation of various awards to faculty, staff, and students. The upcoming executive board will also be honored at the event and there will be a recap of the year and things the organization was able to accomplish.

Capitol of Texas Undergraduate Research Conference – **The Undergraduate Research Journal**

The Capitol of Texas Undergraduate Research Conference is a student-run and organized event hosted at the University of Texas at Austin. CTURC is an opportunity for talented young researchers to present their independent research projects in a collaborative interdisciplinary environment that celebrated the importance of undergraduate research across Texas.

Conference – **Feminist Action Project**

The vision of this conference is to create a space in which our generation of queer and trans-positive feminists can meet, network, and workshop our ideas for feminist activism. There will be lectures and panels about different kinds of activism, workshops to help attendees plan sustainable activist projects, networking sessions, and an opportunity to interact with community members. This will primarily be an educational event that serves to show a broad range of feminist and LGBTQ+ concepts, theories, and activism. Additionally, there will be networking and community-building time during the lunch break, as well as a reception time where student-led organizations will be able to share the work they have done to impact UT.

Day of 2019 – **Texas THON**

The “Day of” is a 12-hour Dance Marathon where students assemble to celebrate the children survivors and families of our Miracle Children from Dell Children’s Medical Center. Throughout the twelve hours, we provide food, games, prizes, entertainment from various UT performance organizations, music, and testimonials from the Miracle Children we support. It is the summit of our year of hard work where we celebrate our six-figure fundraising, dance for twelve hours, and stand For the Kids who are not well enough to stand themselves.

Día De Los Muertos – **Sigma Lambda Beta – Eta Alpha Chapter**

Día De Los Muertos has been an annual event that our brotherhood has hosted for many years. Día De Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a holiday celebrated in Latin American culture in which the purpose is that we remember our loved ones that have passed away. The event includes performances, food, music, and altars in which we have pictures of our loved ones. The goal of this event is to display this beautiful aspect of Latino culture to the UT community.

Dinner in the Dark – **Disability Advocacy Student Coalition**

Dinner in the Dark, hosted by the Disability Advocacy Student Coalition in partnership with our sponsor Services for Students with Disabilities (hence our University EIN), offers a unique experience into the lives of students living with various levels of visual disability by inviting all students to join us for dinner hosted in complete darkness featuring a panel of UT students with visual disabilities sharing their life experiences and answering any and all questions. Growing from a small affair of 20 attendees in its inaugural year to over 150 people last spring, Dinner in the Dark serves as a safe, fun and interactive space to learn about disability, successfully bridging the gap between the small minority of students with disabilities and the much larger able-bodied community at UT.

Diwali 2018 – **Hindu Students Association**

On Wednesday, November 7th, Hindu Students Association (HSA) is hosting Diwali, the “Festival of Lights” at the University of Texas. Diwali is one of the most culturally significant festivals for Hindus, commemorating the triumph of good over evil, homecoming, and the Ramayana (a literary epic). Celebrators light diyas (clay lamps) and fireworks in recognition of the symbolic victory of light over darkness. HSA’s Diwali is celebrated each year on Main Mall, providing a grand, festive atmosphere for roughly 3,000 attendees, comprising of students, faculty, and community members. The event itself includes several activities and rituals that provide a glimpse into the richness of Hindu culture. We plan to expose unique aspects of Hindu culture to the UT campus and Austin community through our theme for this year: Coming Home. The theme is intended to explore questions regarding the journey of seeking sanctuary, finding and understanding various communities, and ultimately creating and finding homes of our own through the lens of the Ramayana and Hinduism.

Fall Concert Series – **Engineering Chamber Orchestra**

The Engineering Chamber Orchestra Concert Series gives the orchestra and the ensembles the opportunity to perform pieces they have worked hard on during the semester as a group. Members are able to share their passion for music as well as network with those who have a common interest. The concerts are free to the public, and all students are highly encouraged to attend one or more of the concerts.

Festival of Play – **Shakespeare Outreach (SHOUT)**

Festival of Play is an annual celebration of the spirit of Shakespeare at Winedale during which bright schoolchildren from across the state gather to perform scenes from Shakespeare's plays. The event is packed with fun games and activities such as an egg toss, a cake-walk, a Shakespearean costume relay race, and a dance around the Winedale maypole. Festival of Play has expanded from one to two subsequent weekends.

Forty Acres Fest – **Campus E+E Texas Traditions**

Forty Acres Fest is a day-long immersive festival put on by students for students. Throughout the day we bring in over 100 student organizations to set up booths as well as different food vendors and activities. After the day portion, a high-profile artist is brought in and this fair-like atmosphere turns into a concert.

Frisbee Fling – **Texas Blazers**

Frisbee Fling is our annual disc golf tournament that is set up across campus, attracting everyone from casual flingers to hardcore disc golf enthusiasts. The proceeds from this project go to our endowment, which funds scholarships for high school graduates from underprivileged high schools in East Austin to attend the University of Texas at Austin. As in previous years, UT students and members of the surrounding community will participate in the event while members of Texas Blazers will volunteer as caddies as well as help with the coordination of the event.

HCMP Health Summit – **Health Careers Mentorship Program**

We will be inviting local high school and UT students interested in a career in healthcare to come out and participate in activities designed to stimulate that interest. We will be hosting a panel of healthcare professionals from the Dell Medical school to talk about their experiences as inspiration and give the students a chance to ask questions. We will also have different stations set up with different activities associated with the health sciences that will include an organ dissecting station, a surgical techniques station, and a CPR/BLS station all of which are meant to foster interest in the health sciences while also highlighting important aspects of the experience.

High School Career Fair – **Women in Foreign Affairs**

Our organization is hosting a high school career fair event in conjunction with GirlForward for young women in Austin to help them build a resume, learn how to network, and apply for colleges. We will be hosting workshops on creating a LinkedIn profile, a resume, dinner etiquette at networking events, and more to help students receive key takeaways on career building as well as physical takeaways with resumes and a personal padfolio to use for the future. We are also tailoring our event to our audience of underprivileged women by providing them with information on scholarships, grants, and their potential opportunities.

Holi – **Hindu Students Association**

Holi, the “Festival of Colors”, aims to provide the UT community with the opportunity to celebrate both the unique defining qualities and the universal humanity within each of us. With a focus on this year’s theme “Breaking Barriers Through Color”, we hope to strengthen and forge new bonds within the myriad of cultures across the UT campus. Colored powder (rang) is exchanged between attendees, covering the attendees’ faces and clothes to serve as a colorful reminder that we are all of different shades yet still human and equal underneath, thus breaking the cultural barriers and coming together as one.

Hungry for Hope – **Women in Medicine**

Hungry for Hope is a charity event that supports Marbridge, a home in Austin for adults with special needs. At our event, Women in Medicine members and other organizations bake desserts for the participants (also UT students), who judge which dessert is best. It is a fun way for students to meet each other and raise money for an incredible cause, all while enjoying homemade treats!

Juvenile justice/ Criminal justice panel – **UT NAACP**

The activity will be a panel with the commanding officer of the Austin police department, an ex-offender, a criminal justice lawyer, and other people involved in the justice department. The panel will give students the opportunity to gain knowledge on different perspectives of the United States’ justice department. The panel will also be an interactive session therefore promoting students to engage with the panelists.

Longhorn Health Screening – **The American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (UT-APhA-ASP)**

The University of Texas College of Pharmacy American Pharmacists Association student chapter (UT-APhA-ASP) wishes to host a walk-in health screening on campus every semester to promote the well-being and health awareness of our student body. Through these health screenings, trained student pharmacists of the College of Pharmacy test patients for a number of health values, including blood pressure, body fat percentage, body mass index (BMI), waist circumference, blood glucose, blood cholesterol, vision, hearing, and diabetic foot screenings. If any of the health values are outside of the normal range, we refer them to one of our pharmacist preceptors who remains on site during the screening for a brief consultation on how to manage their health and potentially follow up with a physician.

Mind Your Health – **Black Health Professions Organization**

Mind Your Health is an annual workshop seminar that is aimed at promoting the importance of mental health awareness among the student body. The goal of this event is to combat the stigmas associated with mental health in the community, especially among marginalized, minority communities with limited access to resources. Here, students are able to learn more about what mental health is, how to care for it, and learn about different resources that are available to students both on and off campus.

Mr. Burns Lobby Art Installation – **Performance as Public Practice Graduate Student Alliance**

The Mr. Burns Lobby Art Installation is a Community Engagement and Outreach effort in connection with the theatrical production of Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play, which will be performed at the Oscar Brockett Theater on campus in December 2018. We have partnered with Calder Kamin, an award-winning Austin-based visual artist, to design this interactive art installation made out of recycled and repurposed materials, which will encourage audience members to imagine an environmentally sustainable future. This installation will be housed in the lobby of the Oscar Brockett Theater during the run of the show and will be open to the UT campus community and to the public.

Navigating Intersectionality: An Exploration of the Queer and Trans People of Color Narrative – **Afrikan American Affairs**

This event will be a panel and a discussion open to UT students and members of the community that focus on queer and trans students of color, navigating predominantly white and straight environments. We will be bringing in a total of four panelists provided by Austin Black Pride, Center for Health Empowerment, and we will be asking a TA and a professor to participate as well. Attendees will get first-hand knowledge from professionals on their experiences navigating differing professional environments as a queer person of color.

Pancakes for Parkinson's – **Texas Roundtable**

The activity we are conducting is called Pancakes for Parkinson's. It is a charitable sale of pancakes to benefit survivors of Parkinson's disease.

Peer Education Training and Programming – **Not on My Campus UT**

We train students from organizations around campus to be resources for members in their specific orgs, in order to provide information and education on sexual assault awareness. We have one big training and numerous follow-up meetings with our "peer educators" with sexual assault organizations from around Austin, like Title IX, SAFE place, and legislators or activists that speak on the issues of sexual assault on the UT campus. Our peer educators learn about community resources that survivors of sexual assault can utilize and implement practices within their organizations to create a safer environment at UT.

Project Downtown – **United Muslim Relief**

Project Downtown is a monthly event in which the members come together to make packages for the homeless. They then go downtown to a homeless shelter to distribute the supplies.

Project Linking the Arts – **Steel Dance Company**

Project Linking the Arts (PLA) is a performance meant to celebrate and promote UT performing arts student organizations. Steel Dance Company hosts the show, performs five dance pieces, and invites various arts student organizations to perform as well. In the past we've featured cultural dance groups, acapella groups and stand-up comedy groups in the show.

Public Health Week – **Texas Public Health**

Public Health Week is a week-long event which involves almost everyone in the Public Health major at UT, including advisors, professors, and students. Each day holds a different event, such as Global Health Night, where we host culturally-focused performances from around the world (such as salsa, African dance, etc.) Carnival (games and information booths relating to Public Health), and Networking Fair (where we call in numerous companies and organizations to have a chance to network with our students). This week is generally also co-hosted with other organizations, for ex., last year we collaborated with the College of Pharmacy.

SELL Your Story – **Social Entrepreneurship Learning Lab**

SELL Your Story is a large-scale introduction to social entrepreneurship for the UT student body and an end of the year pitch event for the fellows of the Social Entrepreneurship Learning Lab (SELL) Fellowship. During this event the general UT student body will have the opportunity to interact with and learn from social innovators in and around Austin who will share their stories of entrepreneurship. Finally, the event will culminate with stellar presentations on the ventures that the SELL Fellows themselves have been developing in their time during the fellowship. This event will share stories of social innovation, from the students who have just started to the veterans who have done this all their lives.

Sober VDay Dance – **Students for Recovery**

Students for Recovery's Sober VDay Dance in February 2019 is intended to empower student community building and fellowship, and to raise awareness campus-wide that recovery works and can be part of a genuine college experience. All students are welcome to attend this fun, inclusive, social event filled with music, food, and prizes.

Study Abroad Financial Aid Fair – **Liberal Arts Council**

A fair for students to get information on the various scholarships available to them to help finance their study abroad experience. We will work with the study abroad office and other aid sources to help students plan find funding for their trip.

TEDxUTAustin – **TEDxUTAustin**

A conference showcasing multiple speakers who give talks centered around Technology, Entertainment, and Design. The event is an independently organized satellite event of the main TED conference and the videos are posted online through the TED channels.

Texas Revue – **Campus E+E Texas Traditions**

This is the university's largest student-run talent show as well as one of the oldest events. It is hosted in Hogg auditorium each Spring and attracts a diverse crowd of students. The event showcases UT talent in an inclusive and fun environment.

Trash to Treasure Sale – **Trash to Treasure**

A pop-up thrift store for students, staff, and faculty, where every item is priced at \$1. The goal is to divert used items from students moving out of their dorms each spring from ending up in a landfill. Profits from the sale fund other Campus Environmental Center projects.

University Health Services Week – **Student Health Advisory Council**

As part of the Student Health Advisory Council, we serve as the liaison between the study body and University Health Services on campus. The goal of this week-long event is to educate students about the various healthcare services offered by University Health Services. Each day of the week will be highlighting a different department of University Health Services which students can use for their own benefit. Each day will have interactive games and prizes students can win by participating in the events we have planned. Many students on campus are unaware of what extent healthcare services are offered, and this gives students an opportunity to interact with providers on campus in a very open, relaxed environment where they can learn about the various services offered and get to know their providers/staff on a more personal level, making it more comfortable for students to make an appointment at University Health Services to seek treatment.

UT Real Beauty Campaign – **Texas Spirits**

The UT Real Beauty Campaign is the largest outreach beauty campaign at The University of Texas at Austin and was first started by Texas Spirits. Our goal is to redefine common beauty standards in society and encourage students to embrace all aspects of themselves. At its core, the UT Real Beauty Campaign delivers the message that real beauty is something that comes from within rather than the exterior appearance.

Week of Women – **Texas Orange Jackets**

Week of Women, presented by The Texas Orange Jackets, is a series of events that seeks to empower women. We invite the entire community to engage in honoring the ever-evolving definitions of womanhood. This year, we are combining Week of Women with our annual Texas Tea event. Texas Tea celebrates women's leadership through a female speaker series that is inclusive to all University of Texas Students. We are partnering with Campus Entertainment and Events this year.