



# Student Organization Grants

## Awarded Events & Activities 2016-2017

### *Bagels and Lox* - **Student Health Advisory Committee**

Student Health Advisory Committee represents the student body in relaying student health concerns to UHS, helps to promote UHS services and initiatives, and participates actively in UHS-sponsored events. Bagels and Lox is an annual event where students get to interact with doctors and other medical professionals in an informal setting, and University Health Services (UHS) has the opportunity to raise awareness for the services it offers students. Additionally, attendees complete a survey whose findings will be used to inform UHS about meeting the needs of students. The students who complete a survey are rewarded with free food, specifically bagels and lox.

### *Best Buddies Carnival* - **Best Buddies**

Best Buddies matches UT students with adults in the Austin community with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. This event will provide a fun place for all of our Best Buddy pairs and members to convene and have fun in an outdoor setting. Best Buddies will offer carnival games, activities, and themed decorations for our event.

### *Black Lives Matter Vigil* - **Students for Equity and Diversity**

Students for Equity and Diversity designs and implements diversity education programs for all students. The Black Lives Matter Vigil will begin at the Martin Luther King Jr. statue with a vigil and open discussion about the people murdered by police violence in the past year. It will continue in the Student Activity Center where dinner will be served and the audience will engage in a conversation with guidance from Counseling and Mental Health Center staff about how to heal as a community. This event is to acknowledge the occurrences around us and to give people a space to express their feelings.

### *College 101* - **Hispanic Business Student Association**

Hispanic Business Student Association (HBSA) is dedicated to promoting professionalism, integrity, academic excellence, and charity. The event, College 101, is a day-long event dedicated to underprivileged and minority high school students. HBSA members educate high school students on the importance of pursuing higher education through presentations, workshops, and a student panel comprised of HBSA and other campus leaders.

### *Dia de los Muertos* - **Sigma Lambda Beta - Eta Alpha Chapter**

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. is based on cultural understanding and wisdom. Dia de los Muertos is a holiday originating in Mexico but now celebrated in much of Latin America. This holiday is celebrated every year with music, food, performances, and alters in which participants remember their loved ones.

### *Diwali 2016* - **Hindu Students Association**

The Hindu Students Association aims to cultivate and foster cross-cultural dialogue and interaction on issues that pertain to Hindus. Diwali is one of the biggest and brightest Hindu festivals and one of the jewels of Indian culture. The celebration will be held at Main Mall and will include an authentic Hindu puja (a common ritual), educational and artistic booth activities, and fireworks. This is an opportunity to spread awareness of and foster appreciation for this Hindu tradition.

### *Election Night Watch Party: For the Students and By the Students* - **UT Votes**

UT Votes is a nonpartisan political student organization dedicated to creating more voters and better citizens. The Election Night Watch Party will be an opportunity for all UT students to gather to watch the local and national results of the 2016 election. This will be a space where all students, no matter who they support politically, to gather in the welcoming space of the Main Mall.

### *Entrepreneurship & Leadership Symposium* - **Student Veterans Association**

The Student Veterans Association hosts professional development and networking events to help our members get internships and be better prepared for their careers, and aims to have social and community service events to promote personal growth of student veterans. The Entrepreneurship & Leadership Symposium aims to connect UT students with local business and community leaders to complement classroom experiences and promote professional development. Last year's symposium received such positive feedback, that this year the event will be open to all UT students and faculty.

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

Native American and Indigenous Collective is a student led organization with the principles of native empowerment, research, transnational and intertribal unity, scholarship and community. Feast on This brings the attention to the false representation of Native Americans and their contact with colonizers on "thanksgiving." Scholars will speak about the history of Native Americans on this land and will discuss the current struggle the Standing Rock Sioux is facing in protecting their main source of water.

### *Festival of Play* - **SHOUT - Shakespeare Outreach**

Festival of Play is SHOUT's annual celebration of the spirit of Shakespeare at the Shakespeare at Winedale Theater Barn in Round Top, TX. SHOUT teachers coordinate and host this annual celebration of Shakespeare, leading Austin-area 3rd-6th grade students in final performances of scenes they have been preparing in our Saturday workshops or classroom residencies all year. The Festival includes AISD student performances, traditional Elizabethan-era games, Shakespeare-themed prizes, refreshments, and a maypole dance

### *Forty Acres Fest* - **Campus E+E Texas Traditions**

Forty Acres Fest, a campus-wide festival featuring unique booths and amazing entertainment by over a hundred on-campus student organizations, is a completely free event that has been a university wide tradition for over 20 years and serves all UT students. The festival creates a diverse and engaging festival environment in South and Main Malls that encourages student organizations to showcase their talents and passions for their fellow Longhorns. At the end of the day, a high-profile artist is brought in, and Main Mall is transformed from a daytime festival to a high-energy concert stage.

### *Free STI Testing Day* - **American Medical Student Association**

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) is committed to the improvement of health care and health care-delivery to all people. This activity is to bring free sexually transmitted infection testing events biannually (once a semester) for up to 100 UT students each day. University Health Services and Student Health Advisory Committee will help AMSA with this event to allow students the opportunity to get tested. The goal of the events is to decrease the negative stigma among students about getting tested for a STI, which can have a direct impact on a student's health and academics.

### *Frisbee Fling* - **Texas Blazers**

The Texas Blazers is an honorary service organization at The University of Texas at Austin. Frisbee Fling is Texas Blazers' annual 18-hole disc golf tournament though the UT campus that raises money for its Endowment that funds scholarships for Eastside Memorial High School graduates to attend UT. Students and community members can participate in the event. Texas Blazers members will volunteer as caddies, coordinate the all event logistics, and educate participants on their cause.

### *Gift of Health Benefit Dinner* - **Humanity First - Texas Chapter**

Humanity First - Texas Chapter serves to provide non-discriminatory humanitarian relief and service to mankind, both in the local community as well as abroad. As part of the Gift of Health campaign, Humanity First-Texas will be putting on a Gift of Health Benefit Dinner which will be centered around women's/pediatric health in Latino communities in hopes of raising awareness about the issues that these communities face not only within Austin but abroad as well. HFTX seeks to promote medical relief and community building projects abroad as well as empower and connect women and Latino populations within the community resources in a night filled with food, guest speakers, and live entertainment.

### *Health Professions Networking Event* - **Plan II Pre-Medical Society**

The purpose of Plan II Pre-Medical Society is to inform, organize and prepare premedical students in the Plan II Honors community for medical school and the medical school admission process. The Health Professions Networking Event will be organized into two parts: a keynote speaker followed by small group networking. The speaker this year will be Dr. Reginald Baptiste, MD from the Dell Medical School.

### *Holi 2017* - **Hindu Students Association**

The Hindu Students Association aims to cultivate and foster cross-cultural dialogue and interaction on issues that pertain to Hindus. Holi aims to provide the UT community the opportunity to celebrate both the unique defining qualities and the universal humanity in each of us. Colored powder is exchanged between attendees, covering the attendees' face and attire to serve as a colorful reminder that we are all of different shades yet still human and equal underneath.

### *Hungry For Hope* - **Women In Medicine**

Women in Medicine supports the professional interests of female UT students pursuing careers in health-related fields. Hungry For Hope is a charity event Women In Medicine sponsors to support Marbridge, a home for adults with special needs. At the event, Women In Medicine and other organizations bake desserts for the participants who will judge which dessert is best. It is therefore a fun and tasty way to meet students and raise money for an incredible cause.

### *Kids Who Code* - **Natural Sciences Council**

Natural Sciences Council helps direct feedback of programs in the College of Natural Sciences, as well as to resolve the problems students face in their daily interactions within the college. Kids Who Code is a weekly outreach program created and run by the Natural Sciences Council that works with elementary and junior high students to introduce them to the exciting world of computer science. Their mission is to provide fun, hands-on activities that give our students a solid foundation for understanding basic computer science concepts and inspire a passion for it or another related STEM field. The lessons we create are tailored to the age group and provide innovative, relatable ways of learning that empower students to feel confident in areas like basic coding, Boolean logic, robotics, and technology in general.

### *Kicks 4 Kids* - **Texas Taekwondo**

At UT Elementary, nearly every Friday, volunteers of Texas Taekwondo teach kids from pre-k to 5th grade Taekwondo. Kicks 4 Kids not only keeps our students active but also teaches discipline, mental focus, team work, and self-confidence.

### *Latino Leadership Summit* - **Latino Community Affairs**

Latino Leadership Summit aims to expose students to social issues that directly impact their lives. By raising an awareness of such issues, Latino Community Affairs members explore proactive solutions to empower the individual, encourage students to seek out their unique purpose, and leave a legacy. This summit is designed for students across UT to build upon their unique life experiences and education in order to impact the world surrounding them.

### *Mass CPR* - **American Red Cross Club at UT Austin**

Mass CPR is one of Red Cross Club's main program every year, where our club continually draws participants to become certified in CPR, First Aid, and AED. This program gives the opportunity for members of the community to learn valued essential skills to respond quickly in cases of emergencies when family, friends, or total strangers are in crisis.

### *McCombs Executive Summit* - **The Undergraduate Business Council**

The McCombs Executive Summit is an annual academic conference completely organized and executed by students that brings together top-level executives, expert faculty, and student attendees from all corners of campus to discuss a relevant topic of the year. This year, the summit theme will be "Our Generation," exploring how Millennials are changing traditional practices in the working world. During this year's MES, students, faculty, and visiting executives will dive into the exciting future of the Millennial generation through a moderated debate, series of break-out discussion sessions, and a keynote speaker over lunch.

### *National Service Week* - **Omega Phi Alpha**

Omega Phi Alpha provides opportunities for leadership and friendship through training and participation in service activities. Their national service week is the biggest philanthropy oriented even the organization hosts each semester. Omega Phi Alpha members choose a cause to dedicate their efforts towards. This year Omega Phi Alpha will be supporting Toys for Tots and raising money to contribute to the cause. The student organization will also be creating awareness around campus and encouraging UT students to give back to the community and know that they can do so with even small amounts or small actions.

### *Nutritional Meal Planning Workshops* - **FullfillTexas**

FullfillTexas aims to mitigate food insecurity in the UT community and greater Austin area through repurposing and redistributing food wastes from commercial kitchens at the University of Texas. FullfillTexas will hold workshops for individuals in the UT and Austin communities who are food insecure. The purpose of these workshops is to teach a college student or a nuclear family how to create a healthy and nutritious meal for under \$10. These workshops will be held at a variety of locations, including community centers, food banks, and some locations near campus.

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

The purpose of Texas Round Table is to unite the student leaders of the University of Texas in the effort to advance the community, improve risk management, and develop leadership potential. Pancakes for Parkinson's was founded with the idea that the Texas Round Table organizations could bridge their efforts to support Dr. James Vick and fight for a Parkinson's cure. Hundreds of members of Texas Round Table organizations and student athletes come together and volunteer to flip pancakes for their fellow longhorns in the central hub of UT, Gregory Plaza. All students are invited to enjoy pancakes, help raise awareness of the disease, and donate to Parkinson's research.

### *Project MALES Signature Event* - **Project MALES Student Organization**

The mission of Project MALES Student Organization is to bring awareness to the gender gap that exists in regards to the educational attainment of the minority population, specifically Latino males. Each year Project MALES Student Organization holds a beautification project at one of our respective mentoring sites. The goal of this event is to form a closer bond with the schools that members mentor at and leave a lasting impact. This event enables members to interact with their mentees in an outside setting and they are able to stress to them how important it is to give back.

### *Publishing a zine* - **Feminist Action Project Conference**

Feminist Action Project Conference values include the intentional intersectional gender justice framework that strives to combat oppression and promote equity with awareness. The Feminist Action Project publishes a zine (mini magazine) once (or twice) a year, where they receive submissions (essays, poems, drawings, writings, photography, etc.), review them as a group, publish their works, and distribute copies of the zine to UT students, faculty, and staff. Their works have been on display in the UT library system since 2013, which are available to all with access to the system. Each zine has a different theme, but every zine serves a purpose of inviting every reader to discussions of feminism, displaying different pieces of artwork, and unpacking every oppression that women and femme-identified individuals feel on a daily basis.

### *Read for Kids* - **Dream Corps at UT**

Dream Corps at UT works to raise awareness for children in rural China. This semester Dream Corps at UT is initiating a new program called "Read for Kids" to enrich the UT and surrounding communities. Dream Corps at UT will look for student volunteers on campus and go to several elementary schools around UT to read books for the kids in English and Chinese.

### *RezWeek* - **Campus Renewal Ministries**

In 1997, RezWeek started as an Easter celebration for the whole campus, and has continued to be the "best week of the year" for many students -- both Christian and not. Each night, students from many organizations gather for worship, prayer, fellowship, and spiritual growth. A major component of RezWeek is creating an open dialogue about faith and spirituality with the whole campus.

### *Robert McCurdy Memorial Golf Tournament* - **Texas Blazers**

The Texas Blazers is an honorary service organization at The University of Texas at Austin. Robert McCurdy was a deeply cherished member of both the Tejas Club and Texas Blazers who was heavily involved in all campus activities. Unfortunately, Robert McCurdy took his life, and a memorial golf tournament co-hosted by Tejas and Texas Blazers has been happening since. The tournament will include golf, food, and a suicide prevention presentation with 100% of proceeds going to UT's Counseling and Mental Health Center suicide prevention programs.

### *Scoring Careers* - **Hispanic Business Student Association**

Hispanic Business Student Association (HBSA) is dedicated to promoting professionalism, integrity, academic excellence, and charity. Scoring Careers is one of the largest student run career fairs where HBSA bring students and recruiters together in a more relaxed and casual environment. There are games and performances prior to the career fair to break the initial barrier between both parties; allowing for deeper conversation once the event commences. Scoring Careers is open to all majors allowing the larger UT student body the chance to come and talk to recruiters while seeking career opportunities.

### *STAAR Carnival* - **Kappa Alpha Psi**

The purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi is to inspire service in the public interest, to assist in the aims and purposes of colleges and universities, to promote the spiritual, moral and intellectual welfare of members. The STAAR Carnival is an amazing philanthropic opportunity for every student organization to get involved with. The fundamental purpose of this event is to reward the young kids who passed their STAAR exams, after months of preparation, but most importantly, to promote higher education.

### *Steps for Survivors Walk* - **Steps for Survivors**

Steps for Survivors hosts a yearly walk to raise awareness for the pressing issue of sexual assault, educate the UT community about resources and prevention methods, and fundraise for Voices Against Violence's Student Survivor Emergency Fund. The walk includes guest speakers, food, music, art, giveaways, and tabling and skits from all sexual assault organizations on UT's campus. The organization plans to hold the event before Round Up weekend to increase awareness and create conversation about the issue in order to increase safety and bystander prevention methods for the following weekend and throughout students' college experiences.

### *Student Emergency Fund* - **Student Emergency Services**

In 2015-2016, the Student Emergency Fund provided approximately \$26,000 in emergency funds to over 187 UT students in crisis; for issues such as apartment fire, natural disaster, domestic violence, or other unexpected financial hardships. The emergency funds are available to all currently enrolled students. Student Emergency Services in the Office of the Dean of Students uses the emergency funds to provide gift cards to students in need of food, groceries, or personal hygiene products. Student Emergency Services has also been able to provide funds to purchase school supplies, cover for rent or utility bills and pay unexpected medical bills.

### *Sugar Free Bowl* - **Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity, Inc.**

The purpose of Delta Epsilon Psi is to instill brotherhood, discipline, and commitment within its members through various social and service driven endeavors. Sugar-Free Bowl is an annual flag football tournament held to raise awareness for juvenile diabetes, which affects over 150 million people worldwide. All proceeds from the event benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which is striving to find a cure through innovative and targeted research.

### *Texas Revue* - **Campus E+E Texas Traditions**

Texas Revue, a highly valued tradition at the University of Texas, initially started in the 1950s as "Varsity Revue," but was lost in the 1960s; however, it was re-established in 1995. It is the largest and most diverse student-run talent show held on campus. This annual show is an avenue through which talented and engaging performers across the forty acres can perform together to produce the most entertaining show possible.

*Texas THON Day Of* - **Texas THON**

Texas THON is a student-run philanthropy at The University of Texas that raises awareness and funds for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas. The "Day Of" is a 12-hour Dance Marathon where students assemble to celebrate the children survivors and support the families of their Miracle Children from Dell Children's Medical Center. It is the summit of Texas THON's year of hard work where they celebrate their six-figure fundraising, dance for twelve hours, and meet many of the kids that they dedicate their time to serve.

*Thankful for Nurses Day* - **The University of Texas Nursing Students' Association**

The "Thankful for Nurses Day," is a new event hosted by the University of Texas Nursing Students' Association (UTNSA), African American Nursing Students Association (AANSA), Association of Nurses in Graduate School (ANGS), Student Community of Asian Nurses (SCAN), and the Hispanic Nursing Students' Association (HNSA). Organizers will spend about two months creating joint and independent events to prepare decorations, a giveaway, brunch for the nurses, a thank you video, and thank you cards. The goal of the event is to collaborate with all the other nursing organizations to encourage students to explore the many different types of nursing and thank the nurses that change not only the lives of their patients, but also their students!

*Week of Women & Texas Tea* - **Orange Jackets**

Orange Jackets is one of the oldest student organizations on campus, founded as a women's honorary organization whose members serve as an official hosts of the University. Week of Women is a series of events that seeks to empower women. Orange Jackets invite the entire community to engage in honoring the ever-evolving definitions of womanhood. This year, Orange Jackets are combining Week of Women with their annual Texas Tea event. Texas Tea celebrates women's leadership through a female speaker series that is inclusive to all University of Texas students.