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# **UT Dallas Community News**

## Reaching Out in 2007! UT Dallas Service & Civic Participation

Since January 2007, the Office of Public Affairs has been promoting a new initiative entitled UT Dallas Service & Civic Participation. All UT Dallas students, staff and faculty are encouraged to visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/s/ut/ to create a login and begin tracking volunteer service hours in the community. Individuals who contribute outstanding levels of service will be eligible to receive awards at the end of the year.

To date at UT Dallas, nearly 200 individuals have registered and over 10,000 hours have been logged. It is important that the University foster a spirit of community service. The UT Dallas Service & Civic Participation initiative is a great way for the University to showcase its volunteer spirit and to reward remarkable contributions.

In April 2006, UT System Chancellor Mark Yudof was appointed to serve on the President's Council on Service & Civic Participation. The purpose of the Council is to recognize the important contributions Americans are making through service and civic engagement. Since joining the Council, Chancellor Yudof has encouraged all UT institutions to participate and promote the Council's simple web-based method for individuals to record and measure ongoing volunteer efforts.

Toward the end of the year, awards will be given to individuals at UT Dallas who have contributed significant hours in the community. Award packages contain a personalized certificate, a lapel pin, a Presidential letter and a letter from the President's Council on Service & Civic Participation.

For more information, please visit the website for the Office of Public Affairs at <a href="www.utdallas.edu/publicaffairs/">www.utdallas.edu/publicaffairs/</a>. Questions can be directed to 972-883-2262 or publicaffairs@utdallas.edu.

### Search Underway for Vice President for Business Affairs

Dr. Daniel, Dr. Wildenthal, and the Search Committee have begun a national search for the Vice President for Business Affairs in





Presidential letter and a letter from the President's Council on Service & Civic Participation.

cooperation with search firm Witt-Kieffer. Consultant Alice Miller spearheads the national effort and has not only placed advertisements but has also begun contacting highly successful business leaders both in academe and in the private sector. Witt-Kieffer will present a slate of potential candidates in early May, with airport interviews to follow in mid-May. Perhaps as many as three finalists will visit campus in the first week of June for meetings with the campus leadership and representatives from across Business Affairs.

The Search Committee membership includes:
Andrew Blanchard, Senior Associate Dean, ECS
Peter Bond, Assistant Vice President, Procurement
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Christopher Dickson, Chair, Staff Council
James Gary, Vice President & CIO, Information Resources
Marilyn Kaplan, Senior Lecturer II, Management
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Felicity Lenes, Vice President, Student Government
Chuck Eisemann, Executive Director, Bank of Texas

#### **Tornado Facts**

Tornado season will be upon us. Do you know the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning? Do you know how to keep safe?

The National Weather Service issues a tornado watch when tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. This is the time to remind family members where the safest places within your home are located, and listen to the radio or television for further developments.

A tornado warning is issued, by NWS, when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. If a tornado warning is issued for your area and the sky becomes threatening, move to your pre-designated place of safety. Turn on a battery-operated or self-powered radio and wait for further instructions. Look here for further information concerning tornadoes in the weeks to come.



Tornado Fact Sheet here.



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