UTD <u>THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS</u> **The Galerstein Women's Center** <u>Programs</u>

The Women's Center offers monthly programs and events on topics of interest to women such as health and wellness, prominent women in the community, networking opportunities, support for the non- traditional aged student returning to school, financial planning, dating etiquette, global issues, gay and lesbian issues, date rape and abusive relationships, female authors, mammograms, etc. Community members are welcome to join us for any of our programs, and most are free of charge!

Access our web- based <u>calendar</u> for a complete listing of programs. If you wish to receive a monthly, faxed press release of events, please call (972) 883-6555.

Awards Programs

The Women's Center believes in the spirit of women, and therefore believes in rewarding women for excellence and their contribution to the success of women on campus. Therefore, the Galerstein Women's Center sponsors an awards ceremony to recognize those female faculty, staff, and students on the UTD campus that have shown excellence in their field, and also in their dedication to the success of women on campus. The Women's Center will host a luncheon annually in April to award these women.

The awards will be in several categories:

Unsung Shero of the Year (2 awards) - Awarded to one faculty member and one staff member that has shown a dedication to issues affecting women in our campus community

Torch Bearer of the Year - Awarded to a female athlete that has exhibited excellence in her sport, academics, and in team leadership and motivation

Feminist Ally of the Year - Awarded to a student that promotes the advancement of women in our campus community, exhibiting leadership in activism and feminist ideals. **Trail Blazer** - Awarded to a student who academically excels in a unique field of study for women, demonstrating leadership in their field.

We will definitely need your help in recognizing these outstanding ladies. You as coaches, faculty, and staff work closely with these excellent students, and we can not recognize them if we are unaware of their accomplishments, so we will look to you to help us find and award these members of UTD. We will issue nomination forms for these awards in February of each year. Please help us to recognize the women who continually strive to make a difference.

The Nomination form below can be submitted to the Women's Center (MC 1.204) during the month of February: <u>Spirt of Women Awards Nomination Form.</u>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lauren De Cillis at extension 6557 or <u>laurend@utdallas.edu</u>.

Scholarship Program

The Women's Center Annual Scholarship (\$1,000) is open to degree- seeking students who:

• Plan to enroll or are enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student at The



Women's Rights Activist



"Do whatever comes your way to do as well as you can. Think as much as possible about other people." University of Texas at Dallas

- Have satisfactorily completed at least 30 semester hours of undergraduate or 18 semester hours of graduate work of which a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours or 9 graduate hours must have been satisfactorily completed at UTD
- Have an overall and major grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0
- Establish financial need
- Are U.S. citizens, permanent non-residents, or on a student visa
- Are not currently receiving another scholarship from The University of Texas at Dallas
- Are not currently in default on a federal education loan or any UTD loans.
- Students must submit a 200 word essay personally describing why they are seeking to be awarded the scholarship. Emphasis on women's issues and/or community involvement benefiting women is desirable, but not necessary.

Eligible applicants will be screened through the UTD scholarship committee. Scholarships are awarded during the spring semester. Applications can be downloaded at <u>http://financial-aid.utdallas.edu/Programs/scholarships.htm</u>, or picked up through the Financial Aid Office only during the month of November. Completed applications can be sent to the Women's Center, MC14 (by campus mail), or mailed to P.O. Box 830688, MC14, Richardson, Texas 75083- 0688, or drop by our office in McDermott Library 1.214.

N.E.W. (Newly Empowered Women) Support

Support, guidance and mentoring during the campus experience for non- traditional aged women returning to school. Planned social events, support groups on common issues, daytime and evening counseling available. The Women's Center is a welcoming, supportive and relaxing place, open to all students, staff and faculty, both women and men. We are in the process of developing support group and social events, please let us know your needs!

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