

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Disability services

Presentations regarding disability services and accommodations were made at local high schools and various organizations.

Financial Aid

The financial aid office is involved with the local high schools. On several occasions our office has been invited by local high schools to come out and do a presentation about financial aid to high school students and their parents. Our office also hosts on a yearly basis a Region X High School Counselor's Workshop. This in turn provides financial aid training to high school counselors in our region.

Greek Life

The fraternities and sororities are historically and traditionally committed to service and philanthropy. The university's chapters have worked on projects and raised funds for such organizations as: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, CASA, and the Children's Medical Network. Students who are Greek are consistently represented in all areas of the student leadership. Some examples are: winners of the annual Homecoming parade float; winners of the intramural sports competition; working as Peer Advisers, Orientation Team Mentors, senators, and heavily represented on university committees.

Intercollegiate Athletics

The UTD Athletic Department was involved in various activities with the public during the 2005-06 school year. These activities included public service projects with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, an on-campus Campus CleanUp event, group activity coaching opportunities with elementary school children, as well as the annual Comet Sports Camps, which brought over 600 school-aged children to the UTD campus over the summer. In addition, several outside performing groups from area schools and organizations were guests of the Department at home athletic events, bringing hundreds of community members to the campus.

International Student Services

ISSO Director serves on the NAFSA Association of International Educators Regional Team as Treasurer.

Multicultural Center

The Multicultural Center Staff works with our students and student organizations to provide opportunities for public/community service. The MC currently is working jointly with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the College for Texan Campaign. The MC is working with a diverse group of students called the G-Force to provide college prep and readiness information to the community. Also, the MC staff serve on various committees in the community as well as present workshops and provide people power.

Recreational Sports

Recreational sports takes an active role with the Corporate Challenge games that are hosted by the city of Richardson. Our department is the liaison for the University and is in charge of advertising, recruiting teams, individual players and overall UTD spirit

Residential Life

Our programming this year included Lend Your Lids program where collecting yogurt lids was used to raise money for breast cancer research, Embrace The Community clothing drive for the salvation army, canned food drive collected food to be donated to help the needs in Dallas, Angel Tree Project involved collecting Christmas presents for children listed on the national Angel Tree program list, and Relay For Life which students and Peer Advisers formed teams that raced in a fundraising marathon for cancer research.

Service Learning

Our events included International Rescue Committee school supply drive, Shoes For Orphan Souls collection drive, toy drive for Bolivian orphans, APO Trick or Treating for North Texas Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity events, AIDS Memorial Quilt, CSJ Ministries, World Hunger Relief, sorted and boxed food items at North Texas Food Bank, Dallas Children's Museum, helped with Basically Beethoven event, Education is Freedom, and provided resources and opportunities available for students to utilize on their own time.

VP Student Affairs Operations

The Assistant VP for Student Affairs served as the university's representative on the policy board of the Destination Graduation program, a joint program between the Dallas Independent School District and the United Way of Dallas.

Counseling Center

The Counseling Center participates in a wide variety of collaborative programs on campus. These programs vary in nature from

- information tables (for example during Alcohol Awareness week)
- interactive booths (for example as a part of Quickie Break)
- brief presentations during orientations.
- Counseling Center staff participated as a part of a panel of speakers in the new Parent Transition seminars which were added to Orientation.
- The staff also participated in the "Take Back the Night" rally.

-Thirty-six awareness and information programs were made to 1720 individuals.

Student Development

The Student Organizations participated in the Annual Sounds of Class, a carnival and concert at which the entire Richardson community is invited to attend. This outreach connects the community with our students in a form that cannot be measured. The community truly appreciates the University for hosting the event each year and the organizations gain a sense of civic responsibility, which is part of a wholistic learning experience.

Student Government

Sponsored the UT Serve by participating in the Plano Book Festival.

Student Health Center

The Director of the Student Health Center, a member of the Pandemic Influenza Core Committee, contacted the Dallas County Health Department and arranged for them to present

a one day workshop about Pandemic Influenza/Avian Flu at UT Dallas. This program was attended by staff (medical, nursing, police, safety and others) invited from other universities and colleges in Texas. The UTD Emergency Management Department also participated in this presentation.

Women's Center

We represented the Center, its history and events to local women's organizations, as a tool for recruiting community members to our programs, and to impact enrollment and retention rates. We have achieved more success in attracting community attendees due to our expanded media press release list, which cover many Dallas area newspapers, magazines and organizations. Most events offered through the Center are attended by community members. We also promote N.E.W.(Newly Empowered Women) to community women's organizations, which includes programs and gatherings for non-traditional aged women who are looking for ways to connect with other women who have returned to school after a break or attending school for the first time.