I can hardly believe we’re in October. As some of you know, this is one of my favorite months. We were off to a great start with the Harvest Moon on the fifth.

This is the time of year when healthy habits take over my calendar. I am sure to book important tasks like my mammogram screening and my flu shot. As I do for my other family, I urge you all to get your flu shot this month. We’re fortunate to have our flu shot clinic later this month, October 24-26. We also have a fitness challenge called Health Trails, encouraging us to take more steps, sleep more hours, and drink more water. Check out the wellness articles on page 10.

Are you into fall festivals with rides, food and music? Check out Homecoming and Best Fest activities for students and our entire Roadrunner community. It is a good time to ditch your diet for a day or two and eat just about anything you can think of, courtesy of our student organizations. Please come out and support their efforts.

Speaking of community, UTSA PD led our annual National Night Out event on October 3. Threats of rain moved the event indoors and watered down the newly added relay event, hosted by the Honors College. It was still a success in providing information about safety resources. Photos from the event are on page 12.

I am proud we could assist students who were struck by Harvey with their studies and projects this past month. Our Surplus team managed a special surplus property project with the help of OIT. They collected and shipped laptops to the University of Houston Downtown. See the article about this partnership on page 4.

Speaking soon is one of my favorite reasons to celebrate October. I dug out all my Halloween decorations and am putting the finishing touches on my costume for the big day. Yes it is finalized, but don’t ask me what it is. I usually don’t disclose my costume…I like it to be a surprise. Be on the lookout for me later this month, in a meeting or on UTSA VPBA social media. If you miss me, I’m sure there will be pictures in Business Horizons next month for you to chuckle at. I do enjoy bringing a smile to the office when I wear something out of the ordinary. It’s a fun way to push the stress out and bring in positive energy.

Speaking of good vibes and a cheery spirit, we are sad to have our super charged Senior Administrative Assistant Chris Laux departing this month. She’ll head north with her husband of many years for his new job in Illinois. We’ll truly miss her warmth and efficiency, and we wish her all the best in this next adventure.

Enjoy the start of the fall season, and Go Runners!
Let’s pay it forward, Business Affairs!

The giving season can come early this year with your participation in the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC), running from October 1 to November 3.

Since its creation in 1993, SECC has accumulated more than $90 million from State of Texas employees for charitable organizations. This year we hope to raise $190,000 at UTSA and have at least 50% employee participation. VPBA Kathryn Funk-Baxter hopes we will all give something to help those less fortunate and has set a stretch goal of 100% participation from Business Affairs this year.

This campaign provides an easy and effective way to contribute to your favorite charities. Many support local and nationwide communities, and others reach communities around the world.

To get started, fill out a pledge form offered by your department’s SECC representative. You can go online and click “Make Your Gift” or “Give Online,” key in your ABC123 and passphrase, then follow the directions. Choose the charities you like and add the percentage you want to give each. You may choose to make a one-time deposit of at least $3 cash/check or request any amount to be deducted monthly via payroll.

You can request a speaker to present to your group by calling David Schrantz at 210-885-1154.

SECC’s UTSA volunteers will once again host an online auction running through November. Faculty, staff, students and community members are welcome to donate an auction item and to bid on items.

Participating in the campaign is an effortless act of good will, and your gift is tax deductible as well!

For more information, please visit utsa.edu/secc.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, dial 2-1-1—24x7, 365 days/year—and United Way will provide at least three agencies who can help with your needs.
Welcome!

Financial Services

Aimee Rodriguez
Fiscal Accounts Specialist I

Bradley Jones
Financial Affairs Training Coordinator

Yolanda Arreola
Disbursements & Travel Specialist II

Campus Services

Daniel Barrientes
Parking Services Assistant II

Welcome!

The HOLIDAY SEASON is around the corner. Get out your calendars!

HR recommends that all managers have their employees submit their vacation requests starting now. This helps departments establish coverage for the Thanksgiving and Winter holidays, including the skeleton crew days in December. Please refer to the UTSA Holiday Schedule.

As always, all employee requests for leave during the holidays are subject to business needs and management approval. Taking action early can help departments provide needed coverage, minimize disruption and provide employees the opportunity to plan ahead.

Daylight Saving Time is Ending!

At 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2017, clocks will be set back by one hour in observance of the end of Daylight Saving Time (DST). Employees working during the change to standard time will receive credit for nine (9) hours worked for that completed shift. This should be reflected on the employee time record. Work adjustments within the seven-day work week may be made by departmental supervisors to prevent the accrual of overtime or state comp time hours.

If you have any questions, please contact Payroll Services at 210-458-4280. Read more: http://www.utsa.edu/hr/FallBack.html

In autumn the clock jumps backward from the last instant of 01:59 DST to 01:00 standard time, repeating that hour. That day has 25 hours.

UTSA to host Downtown Campus 20th Anniversary celebration Nov 13

HR's Employee Assistance Program Offers Employees Onsite Counseling Services

As a reminder, EAP onsite counseling services are available at the 1604 Campus and the Downtown Campus. To schedule an onsite counseling appointment, please contact Deer Oaks at 1-866-EAP-2400.

An Employee Assistance Program is a confidential benefit that includes short-term assessments, counseling, prevention/education, crisis intervention, and referrals. Most employees experience periods in their lives they find stressful or overwhelming. If you experience depression or anxiety stemming from work, family, legal, financial, or health-related problems, Deer Oaks EAP Services is available for you.

For additional information, please visit the Employee Relations website.

Display name for SharePoint notification emails has changed in MS Outlook

Business Information Services recently announced that email notifications for several SharePoint forms now reflects an updated display name for the no-reply@sharepointonline.com email address in Microsoft Outlook. The new display name relates to the department’s recent name change. Learn more.
Financial Affairs

Purchasing Simplifies Copying and Printing

In the past year, the Purchasing Department, with support of the senior leadership team, began efforts to consolidate the number of multifunctional device (MFDs, i.e., copier/scanner/printer/fax) vendors on campus. The program streamlined approved makes and models, providing the university with a stronger negotiating position to enhance quality and service and to minimize costs and maximize benefits.

After a thorough analysis, the department selected two vendors that are active on campus and have demonstrated full cooperation with UTSA’s strategic objectives. In January 2017, Purchasing announced the two preferred MFD vendors, DOCUmation and Ricoh, and encouraged all UTSA departments to use them.

Phase II: Facilitating Data Security on MFDs

The Purchasing and OIT Security departments recently collaborated with DOCUmation and Ricoh to ensure that UTSA data is destroyed before retired MFDs leave campus. Purchasing entered into contracts with DOCUmation and Ricoh to ensure data is removed from their MFD machines at the end of the leasing period. Ricoh machines will have a technical control that overwrites data on hard drives after each print, scan or fax job. This renders the image unreadable.

DOCUmation adds the step of leaving their machines’ hard drives with UTSA at the end of the leasing period. The Purchasing Department is developing and will soon announce the procedures for destroying the hard drives.

With these contracts, the OIT Security Department has certified DOCUmation and Ricoh as the “only vendors who meet or surpass UTSA security policies.” New cost-saving programs are in development with DOCUmation and Ricoh. An announcement with more information will be made in the months ahead.

UTSA Sends Electronics to University of Houston Downtown After Harvey

Although it has been more than a month since Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Houston, residents are still recovering from massive flooding and a shortage of resources. Thankfully, many Americans have pitched in to provide support. Among those impacted were college students, some of whom lost basic learning tools.

President Eighmy reached out to his former Texas Tech colleague Juan Sánchez Muñoz, now president of the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD), to offer assistance after the hurricane. That conversation resulted in an opportunity for UTSA to put aside our I-10 rivalry and lend a helping hand. Eighmy agreed to help UHD with a program they implemented to assist individuals whose laptops were taken by Harvey.

UTSA’s Surplus Property Department, which gathers and provides gently used equipment for the university, collected and inventoried surplus computers. After UTSA offered more than 50 items, Said Fattouh, UHD’s Director of User Support Services and Information Technology, requested the newer items on the list: 13 laptops and 2 iPads. Then OIT stepped in and cleared off the hard drives, after which they loaded Microsoft Office on to each machine. The electronics were shipped east Friday, Sept 29 and arrived at UHD the following Monday. They are being prepared for distribution to students. UTSA plans to donate more electronic equipment as it becomes available. UHD is hoping to gather about 150 laptops for its storm-impacted students.

“The items received will be a tremendous benefit to our students who were affected by Hurricane Harvey,” said Fattouh, who thanked the UTSA Surplus Department.

Kudos and GPCCs from Cynthia Schweers, Director of Accounting and Financial Reporting

To Bianca Granado, Accounting

Bianca was the primary contact for changing the COA course to Online with HR T&D. The project took many hours and a lot of back and forth over several months.

To Ashley Zaldivar, Accounting

Ashley created a detailed spreadsheet format for office to use to track metric-related items.

To Becky Sanchez, Accounting

Becky found a mistake in AFR review, well after capitalization was finished. The item should have capitalized and was not. She did not wait and told us immediately so that we could still fix it.

To Priscilla Ybarra, Accounting

Priscilla proactively helped Phil Pringle complete his reconciliation more efficiently and understand it better. She forwarded information that will help him on an ongoing basis.
Kudos to Runners Involved in Voter Registration

I wanted to thank you for all of the hard work and effort you put into making NVRD at UTSA a huge success. Despite the rain, we were able to accomplish so much yesterday! We had five stations at Main Campus, where UTSA student organizations worked tirelessly to register folks to vote.

At the Downtown Campus, we had an awesome time. Since we only had two scheduled class presentations, the student leaders took the initiative to visit professors and ask if they could visit their classes.

It’s amazing to see our UTSA students and youth care about being civically involved and taking a pledge to vote and or becoming a new registered voter. At UTSA Downtown, we ran out of pledge cards like by mid day.

This is what we achieved:

UTSA Main Campus: 591 new registered voters
UTSA Downtown Campus: 101 new registered voters
Grand total: 692!!!

And MOVE SA’s city-wide goal was accomplished by having a total of 1,508 newly registered voters!

We were a huge part of this effort, so give yourselves a pat on the back. Can’t wait for our next collaboration and the great things we will continue to accomplish.

Carolina Canizales
UTSA Center for Civic Engagement

Kudos to Cindy Orth

I just wanted to take the time to thank you all for your assistance with this matter. The information that you all provided assisted me in being able to solve the mystery of the negative $2,655 posting to our Federal Workstudy in August 2017.

I now have everything that I need to complete this reconciliation.

Aracelie (RC) Alamo Velez
Financial Aid & Scholarships Accounting Specialist

Business Information Services’ GPCC recipients: “We Partner to Deliver Excellent Service”

Dennis Layman developed UTShare report queries that return the chartfield strings associated with each line on a travel authorization and expense document. These queries reduce the level of effort the approvers were previously doing by eliminating timely steps to verify the cost centers being charged.

John McDowell provided the expertise in support of the Time and Labor Stabilization project. His knowledge of the module as well as his problem solving skills have positioned UTSA as the leader in the effort to identify and resolve the many issues with the module.

Ruben Ortiz has, with great enthusiasm, positivity, and willingness, assisted Financial Affairs in developing the Mandatory Fee Form as well as past support during our Web Developer vacancy.

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Araceli Pacheco brought her enthusiasm and knowledge for Rowdy Exchange, which helped transition those responsible for creating requisitions in the new system. She provided the overview of information needed by individuals to maneuver and create documents in Rowdy Exchange.

Ruben Ortiz provided excellent technical knowledge and skill to develop the new websites for Business Information Services and Rowdy Exchange and technical preparation for the transition of the Kayako ticketing system to the cloud.
Construction Begins on Large-Scale Structural Testing Facility

Construction of the Large-Scale Structural Testing Facility (LSS) began on September 11. This $9.9 million building is the largest institutional project managed solely by Facilities. It’s expected to be completed by March 2019.

The LSS will provide researchers the ability to test real-size structural systems and components. The LSS will be located on West Campus, at the far-north portion of Barshop Blvd., adjacent to Barshop Blvd. Lot 2.

Read more about the LSS.

Facilities Spearheads Renovation of 5 Lecture Halls

Facilities’ Engineering and Project Management skillfully managed the renovation of five lecture halls during the summer break, three in the FLN and one each in the EB and MH.

These renovation projects transformed these educational spaces by installing new HVAC systems with digital controls and LED lighting for improved lighting levels. New carpeting was added along with seating that includes electrical outlets with USB connections so students can charge their cellphones, laptops, or tablets.

This massive undertaking was the largest number of UTSA lecture hall renovations completed at one time. It greatly enhances the classroom experience for thousands of UTSA students.

New Carpet Installed in Parts of McKinney Building

Facilities recently completed a project to replace carpet and wall base at the McKinney Humanities Building. Phase one of this work was completed at the end of June and included installation of new, modern carpet tiles in four classrooms; 2.02.04, 2.02.10, 2.02.16 and 2.02.20. The final phase was finished at the end of September and consisted of installing similar carpet tiles and wall base throughout the corridors of the fourth floor. These new individual carpet tiles will be easier for staff to maintain and replace when necessary, allowing for a longer lasting floor finish.

New Ximenes Avenue Entrance to be Completed Soon

The new campus entrance at Ximenes Avenue and UTSA Boulevard is set to be completed by October 15. Facilities began the project in May 2017 to coincide with the Texas Department of Transportation and City of San Antonio’s UTSA Boulevard modification project, which ended over the summer. The entrance reconfiguration project includes two exit lanes, a new irrigation system, security cameras, landscaping, and infrastructure support for a new campus monument sign to be installed on the island located at the intersection.

Roadrunner Memorial Garden Groundbreaking

Construction of the Roadrunner Memorial Garden began on September 25, 2017 to create a designated place on campus where students, faculty and staff can visit to remember those who have passed away.

It will be located on the UTSA Main Campus at the northern edge of the UTSA Oval and south of Peace Circle. The project, championed by the Student Government Association with support from Business Affairs and Facilities, is expected to be completed by early January 2018. For more information about the Roadrunner Memorial Garden, click here.

New carpeting in 4th floor corridor of MH
UTSA 2017 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is now available

The University of Texas at San Antonio is committed to assisting all members of the UTSA community in providing for their own safety and security. The 2017 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report has been completed in compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act, generally referred to as the Clery Act.

The Annual Security Report, coordinated by the Clery Compliance Coordinator, includes information about crime reporting, campus security, law enforcement policy, security awareness programs, crime prevention programs, drugs and alcohol policy, sex offender registration policy and weapons-on-campus policy. This report also includes statistics for years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for crimes that occurred at the UTSA's Main Campus, Downtown Campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from each campus.

Additionally, federal law requires colleges and universities that maintain on-campus housing to compile fire data, report the data to the federal government and publish an annual fire safety report that gives students, parents and the public, current information about fires in on-campus housing. This information, coordinated by the Risk and Life Safety Manager, is included in the Annual Security and Safety Fire Report. The 2017 report incorporates details on fire safety policies, fire safety systems, fire evacuation procedures, and fire statistics for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

For safety tips and information, visit the UTSA Police Department website at www.utsa.edu/utsapd. For a free printed copy of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, contact the UTSA Police Department, Clery Coordinator, at 210-458-4417 or by e-mail at Clery@utsa.edu.

Kudos to Jesse Pacheco and Joseph Richardson for Assisting a Motorist

Ms. Linda Gianotti recognized the efforts of two of our officers who assisted her when her vehicle broke down on a very rainy Saturday night. Ms. Gianotti said that while traveling westbound on the 1604 access road approaching the La Cantera traffic light, her vehicle died and would not start. She said that it was a very unsafe situation as other vehicles would pull in behind her at the light and when the traffic light turned green they would honk their horn at her until they realized that she had broken down and then they would drive around her and leave. She believes that none of them stopped to assist her because of the heavy rain. That is until two very friendly and concerned UTSA police officers showed up on the scene.

She said that Officers Pacheco and Richardson both got out in the heavy rain to assist her and then even pushed her vehicle out of the traffic lane out of harm’s way. She said that she never believed a police officer would do that nor did she expect such service. I guess she doesn’t know us very well! She made it a point to say she was sorry for not reporting your good deed sooner and that she wanted to make sure we recognized our officers for going above the call of duty.

I thanked Ms. Gianotti for taking the time to recognize both of you so on her behalf please accept this recognition for a job well done. Both of you serve as Ambassadors for the police department and the entire university. The service you performed that rainy Saturday night reflects favorably for UTSA and especially the UTSA police department. Ms. Gianotti mentioned that if she ever broke down in the future that she hopes its close to UTSA. Thank you for a job well done!

Dan Kiley
Interim Assistant Chief of Police

Keep on Biking: UTSA’s New Bike Plans

Watch the most recent of the Paisano’s bicycle videos featuring UTSPAD’s Sam Kulbeth and others.
Customer Service Week

At the beginning of October, Campus Services hosted Customer Service Week to say thank you to customers and show how much we appreciate them. Events incorporated all of Campus Services’ service areas and partners, offering a range of giveaways, games, tabling events, and more.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a success!

Peanut Butter Parking Campaign

Campus Services’ third annual Peanut Butter Parking Campaign was a huge success. Campus Services collected a record-breaking 924 pounds of peanut butter and saved students more than $9900 in citation fees.

This campaign allows Campus Services to engage with and educate the campus community about parking permits, common parking citations, and best practices for parking at UTSA. Thank you to everyone who helped our students save money while benefiting the San Antonio Food Bank, and thus the greater San Antonio community.

For those who don’t know, peanut butter is one of the San Antonio Food Bank’s most requested items, due to its high nutritional content and long shelf life. Donations help fight hunger in Southwest Texas.

Workplace Wellness Challenge

Campus Services staff came together to create the Workplace Wellness Challenge (WWC), a departmental fitness and wellness contest. The WWC promoted team building while encouraging healthier life choices. The six-week program challenged participants to earn as many points as possible through various activities, with each week becoming progressively more challenging.

Of the nearly 20 people who signed up, six were winners in four different categories. The winners are: Adrian Villanova, Hilda Moran, John Stratton, Lee Myers, Mylene Berardino, and Susan Moore (our Spotlight employee).

Remember, you don’t have to be great to start—but you have to start to be great.
Kudos to Downtown Facilities

We held the American Business Women’s Conference at the UTSA center on 9-22-17. This email is to thank the staff under your direction for the set up and takedown and also for the clean up afterwards. We wouldn’t feel confident in portraying ourselves to the public if we didn’t have your great team in the background making us look good. Please let them know that their hard work is appreciated. We look forward to working with your team again.

Thank you again,
Lisha A. García, MFA, MIM, CGBP
Co-chair of the American Business Women’s Conference.
Senior Certified Business Advisor IV
Small Business Development Center
South-West Texas Border SBDC Network
Institute for Economic Development

Kudos to Kathryn Pearson and Tyler Boehme, Facilities

I would like to express my gratitude for the excellent work and professionalism of your team, in particular Kathryn Pearson and Tyler.

Andrew Goodenough and team

I wanted to remark about our experience with the renovations to the TEAM Center (DB 0.220B) over the past few months. Andrew Goodenough and his team have been wonderful about keeping us informed about the span of the project. He has clearly communicated with us about details regarding the onset of the renovations, duration of the project, and now wrapping up the finishing touches. In short, things on our end have been relatively painless and we hope to have the opportunity to work with you all again in the future!

Lee Mason, PhD, BCBA-D
Associate Professor of Special Education
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David Toscano

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Before you were in charge of the project I was advised to proceed another way (back in April/May) and now with you heading this project you have had the ability to bring everyone together to be on the same page, this is great! On Monday I will send a work order to Justin with the items we discussed and I can then have faculty start working on having someone set up that expensive laser.

It is important to acknowledge people when they handle something in a timely fashion and get the job done instead of just saying we don’t do that and waiting weeks/months to reply.

Christella Robledo
Administrative Service Officer II
UTSA Physics & Astronomy

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Leonard Amaro
Campus Services

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Kudos to Kathryn Pearson and Tyler Boehme. They are well-organized, thorough, and their leadership has been invaluable to High Bay project.

Your group is a credit to UTSA.

Adolfo B. Matamoros, PhD, PE, FACI
Peter T. Flawn Professor
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

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**Fall Into Health**

**Take Your Best Shot**

UT Select members can get a free Quadrivalent flu shot October 24 and 25 at Main Campus and October 26 at Downtown Campus. Non-UT Select members can get a flu shot for $20. Everyone should bring his/her insurance card and driver’s license.

**Flu Shot Clinic locations:**

- **Tuesday, Oct 24** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
  Texas Room (RWC 2.214)
- **Wednesday, Oct 25**  2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.  
  Texas Room (RWC 2.214)
- **Thursday, Oct 26**  10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
  Downtown in the Assembly Room (BVB 1.338)

Learn more. [Make an appointment.](#)

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**Fall “Health Trails” Challenge**

**Three goals:**

- Physical Activity: 10,000 steps per day
- Daily Water Consumption: 8-10 glasses
- Sleep: 7-9 hours per night

**Prizes** awarded for winners & finishers

**Registration period:** NOW—Oct 16.

**Challenge:** Oct 9—Nov 5.

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**Well, Well, Well**

On November 8, Rowdy New U will conduct two classes for staff and faculty as part of the Rowdy Wellness Health Fair, held on the Sombrilla.

**Class Information:**

- **UC-2.01.40** (Chicano Room) 10 – 11 a.m. ● “Smart Foods for Brain Health” presented by the UTSA Kinesiology, Health and Nutrition
- **UC-2.01.40** (Chicano Room) 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. ● “We’ve got your back” presented by Airrosti

Stop by the Sombrilla from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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**Financial Affairs Accepts the Living Well Challenge**

Financial Affairs staff gathered on October 2 to kick off the fall 2017 Health Trails Living Well Activity Challenge. The Wellness Committee brought in staff from Campus Recreation to demonstrate exercises that can be done while sitting at a desk and to lead participants in stretching moves.

The challenge starts on October 9, and while the official program runs four weeks, Financial Affairs is extending it to six weeks, preparing everybody for the holidays. Health Trails Living Well Activity Challenge is a UT System challenge that draws on the excitement of seeing and learning about new places and people by tracing trails to all UT System institutions.

As with previous challenges, Financial Affairs has fun activities planned to get participants moving on a daily basis. Kristee Phelps, Occupational Health and Wellness Manager, is leading two Escape to Yoga classes in October. HUB Program Manager Bruce Williams encourages employees to join him for an Aqua Zumba class. Associate Director of Accounting Rosa Varela will lead weekly walks after work and Accountant II Maria Zayas will lead walks during lunch.

The Wellness Committee also secured Sarah Remmert, Compliance Manager Analyst II, to lead a CIZE class, and it engaged Kinesiology faculty to lead Lunch-and-Learn sessions. Trainers from Move.Fit.Live.—a nearby fitness gym that has assisted in previous wellness events—will lead exercisers in a high energy and fun workout. Participants are looking forward to tracking their miles and getting the water and sleep they need to live well.
Equinox Festival Energizes Sustainability Efforts

The fall equinox, Business Affairs, TSERI, UTSA Sustainability, and many other student and community organizations teamed up for the 2nd annual Equinox Festival on Friday, September 22.

An equinox is the time when the sun is nearest or spends the same amount of time at the horizon or the equatorial plane giving equal lengths to day and night while a solstice is the time when the sun is farthest from the equatorial plane causing longer nights and days.

This year’s turnout reflected the public’s increasing interest in advocating for more environmentally friendly practices across San Antonio.

The festival showcased research by UTSA students and San Antonio leaders, proposing sustainable solutions that could improve the quality of life for present and future generations.

Featured were 10 panels of experts speaking throughout the day in the UC, with special guests including San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and UTSA’s President Taylor Eighmy. Some highlights included CPS Energy awarding UTSA researchers a check for more than $1.4 million, tours of the solar panels on the UC roof, a look at VIA’s new CNG bus and a showcase of research posters.

Kudos and GPCCs from Sheri Hardison, Assistant VP, Financial Affairs and University Controller

To Linda Martinez, FA ASO II

Linda worked with each DTS staff to set up laptop access and handled office paperwork for all re-distributed laptops used for Hurricane Harvey work from home.

To Diana Ollervidez, Asst Controller

Diana helped with the emergency response team. She set up fast credit cards and TAC cards for emergency use. She proactively extended a credit line for increased volume.

More FA Kudos:

To Diane Gomez, FA Comms Mgr

For creative and comprehensive report for VPBA and president.

To Elisabeth Cuadros, DTS

Elisabeth went to CAR offices for 3 hours to help administrative support compile their travel expense information for outstanding travel advances.

Running on Empty

The Roadrunner Pantry and UTSA students need our help! Popular items are pasta (no ramen), pasta sauce, crackers, cereal, rice, pancake mix, peanut butter, canned meat, oatmeal, healthy snacks, and baby food. Drop off items at the donation station in the UC (across from the Rowdy Campus Store). Or donate online.

Fighting Back on Crime

Rain didn’t stop the UTSA PD’s 7th annual National Night Out event, October 3. Held in the UC Ballroom this year, the UTSA community came together with UTSA PD to strengthen relationships with one another and to learn how to make our campuses and neighborhoods safer. Assistant Chief of Police Daniel J. Kiley kicked off the event with opening remarks.

The event included booths from student, community and campus organizations, including EHSRM and Campus Services. Target joined in, showing their support by volunteering and handing out goodies.

Among the highlights were the U in The Driver Seat driving simulator and carnival games involving drunk goggles, where students experienced the effects of impairment by drugs and alcohol. Several attendees also rode the mechanical bull. The UTSA Honors College sponsored the first ever 210 NNO Relay Race, which continued the party into the night until 10:30 p.m. with a DJ and food truck. See photos on p12.