



The ICE Chest

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EXPRESS YOURSELF...

Director's Message

Webster's dictionary defines commitment as an agreement or pledge to do something in the future; especially an engagement to assume a financial obligation at a future date; something pledged; or the state or an instance of being obligated or emotionally impelled. It defines responsibility as the quality or state of being responsible: as a moral, legal, or mental accountability; reliability; trustworthiness.

We all have opinions about things that should be done or how things should be done, but when it comes down to doing the work many times we wait for someone else to do it. We serve on committees and in organizations, but, many times do not follow through with commitments we make or leave the work and/or responsibility to others. We all have done it once or twice. "I don't have the time" or "it's not my job" or other phrases may cross our minds or our lips. But, when a collective of people come together, the ultimate goal is everybody's responsibility. We have to be aware of what is happening and what is not happening in a project to be able to address it in whatever way necessary to accomplish the goal.

In this world of busy schedules and long to-do lists, it is easy to let things slip and try to cover up for it later. We are all human and things happen. But, when we make commitments and accept responsibilities, we need to see those through to completion. If we don't, the goal may not get accomplished. If it does get accomplished, by some miracle, the end result rarely has the impact you wanted it to have.

The bottom line – follow through with your commitments and responsibilities. It creates positive change and outstanding results.

Ann Margaret Trujillo
Associate Director

Student Organization Spotlight:

Women of Honor was founded in 2006 by Carla Payton, Jane Greene, Lauren Allen, and Sarah Green, along with Men of Honor founder Mazarati White, in order to provide the University of Texas at San Antonio campus with a positive organization of like-minded students to join and become part of the San Antonio community. Women of Honor seek women who wish to grow personally as a member of their organization, as well as, continue their commitment to the community after their induction.



Their philanthropy focuses on community service and outreach to the San Antonio community. Their efforts also concentrate on positively shaping women's attitudes about themselves. In the past, Women of Honor has donated their time to feeding the homeless, Habitat for Humanity, dance marathons to benefit breast cancer awareness, and the Annual San Antonio Rock & Roll Marathon.

Women of Honor is always welcoming new members! There is an interview process for all students wishing to join. The organizations website is www.facebook.com/womenofhonor#!/group.php?gid=2256519322. For more information, you may contact Kennedy Williams at kennedi.williams0124@gmail.com.



Student Spotlight: Steven Ordaz

Steven Ordaz is a Junior Information Systems and Infrastructure Assurance major from Brownsville. He is the VOICES Webmaster, and is an Alternative Spring Break trip leader for the second year in a row. Last year, he led the first annual ASB San Antonio which took a group of 9 students to a different project each day throughout the week.



This year Steven is the co-trip leader for ASB 2011: Operation Dallas.

In addition to his leadership in VOICES and Alternative Spring Break, Steven is a member of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund student organization, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, and is currently serving on the Roadrunner Creed Committee. Steven also works in Student Computing Services as a computer assistant. Steven plans to pursue a Master's and PhD in Information Technology after completing his undergraduate degree.

When asked about his favorite VOICES Project Steven said, "ASB San Antonio, the Boystown project in particular." The group did an outdoor cleaning project followed by lunch with the kids at Boystown. Steven said his favorite UTSA Tradition is Homecoming, especially the Golf Cart Decorating/Parade and the Game. To learn more about UTSA VOICES, visit www.utsavoices.org.

Spring Break!

Whatever you choose to do—Alternative Spring Break, take a trip, or just hang out—be safe and have fun responsibly. We want to see you back here happy, healthy and ready to finish out the semester.



2011 UNITED TO SERVE

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2011

WHERE: LOCATIONS AROUND SAN ANTONIO

A UTSA TRADITION AND UT SYSTEM-WIDE SERVICE DAY

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF PROJECTS AVAILABLE FOR GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

FREE T-SHIRTS WILL BE HANDED OUT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

REGISTRATION STARTS MARCH 8 ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.UTSA.EDU/ICE/VS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
458-4770 OR ENGAGED@UTSA.EDU

Women's History Month

With films, lectures, performances, and festivals, you are sure to find something that will pique your interest.

Coordinated by a committee chaired by members of the Women's Studies Institute, the calendar is packed and well rounded.

For information about the events, please visit the website www.utsa.edu/wsi, or stop by the ICE Center to pick up a copy of the brochure.



2011 UTSA Student Volunteer of the Year

The UTSA Student Volunteer of the Year Award was created to honor an outstanding student for their time, effort and personal commitment to volunteerism and enhancing civic life in their community. Applicants should also embody the true spirit of civic engagement and volunteerism.

The \$500 Sandra Cisneros Scholarship award is presented to the winner at the University Life Awards on March 31, 2011*

All applications must be submitted by March 11, 2011 to UC 2.01.04

*For more information on eligibility and to apply please visit: www.utsa.edu/ice/vs

For more information contact: Jennifer Rames at 458-4770 or engaged@utsa.edu



First Friday

Come and celebrate First Friday with the ICE Center on Friday, March 4 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the UC Paseo. There will be a free giveaway for UTSA students, while supplies last.



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