



The ICE Chest

The Monthly Newsletter of the Inclusion and Community Engagement Center
September 2010

EXPRESS YOURSELF...

Director's Message

Welcome Back Roadrunners! It's exciting to see so many new faces on campus. By all accounts, our freshman class will be the largest in UTSA history. It's also exciting to see many familiar faces returning to campus. The beginning of the Fall semester for many of us is like New Year's Day. We are excited about the possibilities of a new academic year and more importantly many of us who work on campus during the summer are eager to reengage with students and create great opportunities on campus.

The staff in the Inclusion and Community Engagement Center has spent the last three months retuning our perspective and preparing for the next phase of our development as a resource for the campus community. We look forward to working with everyone on campus to increase awareness of the rich cultural tapestry that is UTSA, and continuing to help our students give back to the community through volunteer programs. As the year progresses we hope to have conversations with many of you on how we can better serve you and help in your development. I encourage you to stop by our office, say hello, and inquire about our programs and services.

Some of you may have noticed our new tag line, "**Express Yourself...**" in the header of the newsletter. We have decided that this better defines our goal in the ICE Center. We want everyone on our campus to be free to express who they truly are no matter the situation. Personal expression can be manifested in a number of ways, it does not always have to be a verbal declaration. In fact, we believe that the simplest way to express yourself is by being true to yourself. So we challenge each of you to express yourself in all you do!

Marlon

Student Organization Spotlight:

VOICES and the 17th Annual Babcock Road Cleanup

VOICES is the Sponsored Student Organization for Service at UTSA. Established in 1993, VOICES is one of the largest organizations at UTSA with over 100 active members. VOICES members participate in service projects all over the San Antonio community and on campus each week during the fall and spring semesters. Participants who complete a minimum of 25 hours are invited to the induction banquets each semester, and incentives based on hours are earned by students at the 50, 75, and 125 hour level.

VOICES meets Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the UC Harris Room. Please come to a meeting, visit with us in our office UC 1.216, or check us out online at www.utsavoices.org. If you want to have fun while making a difference in the community, VOICES is the organization for you!

Please join VOICES for the 17th Annual Babcock Road Clean-up which will take place Friday September 24th from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to be part of this tradition! Shuttles will provide participants transportation from the Convocation Center and will pick up at stops along the route on Babcock between 1604 and UTSA Blvd., and on UTSA Blvd. from Babcock to I-10. Prizes will be given to participants completing at least one hour of service (while supplies last). Please come dressed appropriately for picking up trash wearing closed toed shoes (pants are also recommended due to high grass). Gloves will be provided. For more information, visit www.utsavoices.org or come by UC 1.216.

Effective September 7, 2010

New ICE Center Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:00am-7:00pm

Friday

8:00am-5:00pm

UC 2.01.04



Cultural Connections Receptions

The 2010 Cultural Connection Receptions were a great success! We held four Receptions over the course of two days during Roadrunner Days. While open to all members of the UTSA community, the four Receptions were targeted to each of the following groups: Asian and Pacific Islander Students, Latina and Latino Students, Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender-Questioning (GLBTQ) Students, and African American and Black Students.

The receptions are designed to provide an opportunity for new students to meet returning students, student organizations, faculty, and staff who make up our diverse community. Each Reception consists of a welcome address from our Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Gage E. Paine, a welcome message from a Faculty member, a brief explanation of the Inclusion and Community Engagement Center and time to mingle and browse information tables presented by student organizations and departments.



Each of the Faculty speakers delivered a message that was very motivating and perfectly appropriate for the occasion. Dr. Nishimoto spoke about the value of each person's experiences and using those experiences to develop your skill set. Dr. Laura Rendón talked about each member of the community being present to support each other and provide much needed motivation – "You can make it!" Dr. Joycelyn Moody delivered a message promoting self-love and self-respect. And, Dr. Kinitra Brooks emphasized the importance of knowing your resources on campus and getting to know your community. She also talked about being involved and engaged in your individual academic experience.

Each Reception had an average of approximately 112 students, faculty and staff in attendance and a good time was had by all!



2010 Volunteer Opportunities Fairs

The Fall 2010 Volunteer Opportunities Fairs are a great time to find ways to get involved with community service and volunteerism on and off campus. This year's events are:

Downtown Campus: Wednesday September 8th – 11:00am – 1:00pm, Frio St. Commons

Main Campus: Wednesday September 15th – 9:30am – 1:00pm, University Center 1st Floor Corridor

Opportunities working with children, elderly, the environment, homeless, and many other social issues are available! Big Brothers Big Sisters, Camp CAMP, San Antonio Youth Centers, and UTSA VOICES will be there with dozens of other agencies and organizations. Door prizes will be given out throughout the events. Whether you are looking for a one-time event, an ongoing opportunity, or projects for large groups, there will be something for you at the Volunteer Opportunities Fairs!

For more information, please contact Jennifer Rames at Jennifer.Rames@utsa.edu or 210-458-4770, or stop by the ICE Center.

First Friday

SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

UC PASEO
11 A.M. — 1 P.M.

LIVE MUSIC BY
ATLANTIS

FREE PALETAS
AND
WATER BOTTLES

WITH A VALID STUDENT ID WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Student Spotlight



Samira Lopez is a Senior at UTSA. She is majoring in Mexican American Studies with a concentration in Cultural and Literary Studies and a minor in Bicultural Bilingual Studies. Samira is a member of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. currently serving as the Vice President of the Chi Chapter at UTSA. She has also served the Chapter as the Service Officer and as Academic Chair. Samira was also a Resident Assistant for two years, and a Senior Resident Assistant for one year.

In addition, Samira has also been an Orientation Leader, a Student Coordinator and currently a Student Assistant in Orientation and Family Programs.

Upon graduation Samira plans to be involved with City Year in Los Angeles and then apply for graduate school to obtain a Master's degree in either Student Affairs Administration or Cultural Studies.

Samira is first generation Mexican American and she and her siblings are the first in their family to attend college. Samira has a deep devotion, consideration and compassion for the Mexican American community. She wants Latina and Latino students to know their history and be aware of current issues involving and impacting the Mexican American and Chicano/a community.

In her little bit of spare time, she enjoys hanging out with her Kappa Delta Chi sisters and her family. Samira also loves to explore San Antonio and other cities. She also loves to hang out with her boyfriend Raul.

Samira would also like to give a "shout out:" "I would like to thank Maritza Villegas for always helping me here at UTSA... And we had FUN in Spain."

Samira's favorite quote = "I change myself - I change the world." Gloria Anzaldúa

Her favorite movie = *Selena*



Babcock Road Clean-Up 2010



**Friday,
September 24th**

10:00 am-3:00 pm

UTSA Convocation

**Individuals & Groups
Welcome!**

Volunteers will help to beautify UTSA Blvd & Babcock Road by picking up trash!

All supplies will be Provided — Come by anytime!

Please wear appropriate clothing & closed-toed shoes!

Prizes will be given out to volunteers who serve a minimum of one hour (while supplies last)!



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