

Orientation and Transition Services

Student Leadership Team

Assisting the professional staff in the implementation of all orientation programming are paraprofessional student staff members:

Student Coordinators—Student Coordinators fulfill an integral role within Orientation and Transition Services by working to assist in the development and facilitation of all department services and programs including but not limited to: new student orientation, orientation student staffing, Roadrunner Camp, Family Weekend, Family Day, etc. This position is a one year student staff appointment extending from September through August. Student Coordinators consistently demonstrate strong leadership; serve as peer supervisors and are required to maintain good academic and non-academic standing with the university.

Team Leaders—The position of Team Leaders is multifaceted. It requires the student staff member to demonstrate general leadership skills, serve as an indirect peer supervisor to the Orientation Leaders and be responsible for facilitating new student and family orientation programs. A Team Leader works both independently and as a part of the Orientation Leadership team. This position is a student staff appointment extending from January through August. Team Leaders are required to maintain good academic and non-academic standing with the university.

Orientation Leaders/ Returners—The OLs must be creative and “think on their feet” as they will encounter a variety of situations. Through this work, the OLs interact with many UTSA constituencies—including student coordinators, team leaders, campus department and advising center staff members, directors, and faculty members.

Special thanks to the....

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Leadership Team

Lisa Alonzo, Director

Re’Shanda Grace-Bridges, Associate Director

Paul Ayala, Assistant Director

Julio “Joey” Ramos, Assistant Director

Fernando Estrada, Information Technology Associate I

Christina Maldonado, Senior Administrative Associate



ORIENTATION
LEADER
GRADUATION
MAY 30, 2008

Orientation Leader Graduation Ceremony

10:20-10:30 am *Welcome Slide Show*

10:30-10:40am *Welcome & Acknowledgements*

10:40-10:50am *Orientation Leader Alumni Speaker*

Melissa Valdez-served as an Orientation Leader and Student

Coordinator from 2003 & 2006. Melissa works for Alliance Bernstein and Investment Company as an Advisor Relationship Representative.

Melissa was best known for her strong work behind the scenes that made the orientation program and her orientation staff shine.

10:50-11:05am *Diploma Ceremony*

11:05-11:20am *OL Presentations*

Featured Orientation Leader-Kyle Olson

“Be a UTSA Live Oak Program”

“Approximately 9.3% of the students within the UTSA community began their higher learning academic careers elsewhere and transferred in. Many come from community colleges either here or elsewhere while some hail from 4 year institutions similar to our own. “

Featured Orientation Leader-Tracy Akinade

“Non-Traditional Students in Orientation”

“In higher education, non-traditional students are sometimes married, have children, served in the military, went through a previous schooling program, or are possibly above the age of 24.”

11:20-11:50am *Orientation Socio-drama Premier*

11:50am-12:00pm *Closing Remarks*

Please join our Graduates for a reception in the Denman

Room, University Center immediately following this ceremony.

2008 Graduates

Orientation Leaders

Tracy Akinade

Cortney Blumberg

Jaimie Carrington

Gretchen Doenges

Jennifer Duenas

Jessica Garza

Joseph Granado

Forrest Gray

Frank Huerta IV

Dominique Jefferson

Samira Lopez

Jaimie Martinez

Minerva Morales

Edgar Napoles

Kyle Olson

Doris Perry

Anakaren Sanchez

Maria Silver

Willie Thomas

Alexis Watson

2008 Graduates Continued

Returns

Ashley Spain

Justin Ward

Team Leaders

Elaine Bouyer (serving in a dual role as TL and SC)

Christopher Boldon

Tommy “Bryant” Morgan

Jennifer Preza

Student Coordinators

Elaine Bouyer (serving in a dual role as TL and SC)

Megan Cassels

Stephanie Dobson

Debbie Zambrano

Laura Zamzow

National Orientation Directors Association Interns

Anne Bratkowski-BS, Purdue University; MA in progress, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Lizette Dorantes –BA, Illinois State University; MCSPA in progress, Illinois State University

Andrea Krekel-BA, University of Northern Iowa; MEd in progress, Iowa State University

Fernando Rodriguez -BA, University of Texas at Austin; MA in progress, New York University