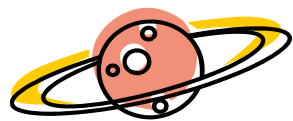


UTSA STAFF COUNCIL BLAST



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Due to the winter break, the next Staff Council Blast will be the January/February issue released at the end of February 2010.
Happy New Year!

FUSE—Fundraising, University Awards Program, Scholarships, and Elections

By Cindy Orth

As promised, the Staff Council Blast is bringing you information about another one of the committees that make up UTSA's Staff Council. This month's newsletter will spotlight FUSE (Fundraising, University Awards Program, Scholarships, and Elections).

The goal of FUSE is to determine effective ways of fundraising throughout the year in order for scholarship money to be available for UTSA staff members. Money raised through these fundraising efforts go directly to the UTSA Staff Scholarship fund established 4 years ago to provide annual scholarships for UTSA staff. In addition to fundraising, the committee is involved in the annual University Awards Program where staff are recognized for their years of service to UTSA and outstanding achievements by selected categories. Staff Council provides service and set up the day of the awards.

The FUSE committee also works diligently throughout the year for the elections process that takes place each year. Members of UTSA Staff Council serve a 2 year term and have alternate year endings, so each year members from UTSA staff are invited for nomination and a voting process to fill the

vacant positions. Members elected during the process will begin their term from September 1 of that year and serve through August 31 two years later.

This committee is vital for raising funds for the UTSA Staff Scholarships, providing support for the University Awards Program, and the elections process each year to continue the membership of those dedicated to serve the UTSA staff committee. The FUSE Committee is grateful for all who serve and provide their time and dedication to these worthy causes.

FUSE Committee Members:

Cindy Orth - Chair
Clay Haverland - Bus. Auxiliary Services
Ruth Coates - Office of the Assoc. Dean of Students
Ruby Rodriguez - College of Public Policy
Alegra Lozano - College of Public Policy
Amy Ramirez - College of Business
Rene Lopez - Facilities Operations and Maintenance
Cheryl Nunn - Human Resources
Suzette Vallejo - Office of SAVPRA

Issues Committee Contact Form:

<http://www.utsa.edu/sc/forms/contact.cfm>

“Shots Fired: A Community Response to Active Shooter”

By: Mark Munguia

Staff within the Division of Student Affairs have been taking full advantage of the opportunity to receive critical life safety training hosted by the UTSA Police Department called “Shots Fired: A community response to Active Shooter.” This presentation has allowed participants the opportunity to identify what an active shooter situation is; identify the elements of survival mindset to include awareness, preparation and rehearsal; effectively apply the safety measures of the OOTS Technique; define responses and notification systems of the UTSA Police Department to an active shooter situation.

As the literature reports, unfortunately, violent events that occur on college campus often have catastrophic results. We at UTSA must be ready to respond. This training is designed to empower UTSA community members with the knowledge and strategies for surviving an active shooter situation.

Here are a few comments from staff about the presentation:

“From a facility manager perspective, the Active Shooter presentation provided me with very important information on how to respond if such a situation were to happen at the UTSA Campus Recreation Center. My student staff agreed and thought the presentation was very informative and beneficial as they were actively engaged from start to finish!” Tony Daniels

“The training got us talking about what we would specifically do, in our three-person office, if confronted with an active shooter situation.” Pat Marcus - Registrar's Office

“After the presentation, I had a clear understanding of what would be expected of me during a shooter situation and what to expect from campus police as well.” Bryan Dempsey - Registrar's Office

Spotlight on UTSA



By Cié Gee

In our tour of your Staff Council representatives we are rounding out the officers by introducing you to Gregory L. Frieden. Gregory serves as the Parliamentarian of Staff Council for the 2009-2010 year. Gregory's day job is the Administrative Associate II in the Inclusion and Community Engagement Office in the area of Student Affairs.



What made you want to serve on Staff Council?

“I wanted the opportunity to become more involved with the University, while giving myself the chance to gain professional development that comes with being involved in an organization like the UTSA Staff Council.”

What do you hope to gain/accomplish by serving on the UTSA Staff Council?

I hope to understand the University better and what makes it work. I love UTSA and I am very loyal to the University. I started as a work study in the Office of Student Activities during my last semester of undergraduate studies. Two days after commencement I started my current position and I am also a graduate student in the Department of Communication. I hope to continue to serve on the Council because I am gaining experience in networking, creativity by sitting on the Council's Communication Committee, and further leadership skills. I want other staff members to know that if there is a specific story you want to see in the UTSA Staff Council Blast to feel free to contact myself or any other member of the Communication Committee.

Staff Council Scholarships are available for degree seeking, benefits-eligible employees. Additional criteria for Staff Council Scholarship candidates are available on the Staff Council Scholarship page.

<http://www.utsa.edu/scholarships/pdf/Scholarship%20Application1011.pdf>

Deadline for 2010 - 2011

February 15, 2010

For further information on this training, contact Sergeant Geoffrey Merritt at

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The full video of “Shots fired on Campus” can be found at the UTSA Police Department's website

www.utsa.edu/utsapd

must be a registered member of the UTSA community to view

