ALL ADVISOR APPRECIATION

The AAC had a presence at the All Advisor Appreciation Ceremony. Jessica Priddy, the AAC Chair, helped welcome attendees and talk about the Service Project with San Antonio Food Bank. Highlights of the event included remarks from the colleges’ Associate Deans, recognition of the 6th Annual UTSA Advising Conference Chair & Committee members, Advisor Years of Service recognition on behalf of the AAC, and remarks by Dr. Lawrence Williams. Presentation of Most Valuable Advisor Award (MVA), Best Program Award and Newcomer Advisor Award was especially exciting, as all nominees received the 2nd edition Academic Advising A Comprehensive Handbook; the MVA received $250 and a $250 certificate toward NACADA materials, the Newcomer Advisor Award received $100 and a $150 certificate toward NACADA materials and Best Program Award received $250 to be used toward a team activity and a $250 certificate toward NACADA materials. In addition, award recipients received a $50 gift certificate to Z–Tejas on behalf of the AAC.

ADVISING CENTER UPDATES

Colleges’ Freshman Advising Center

CFAC was recognized with the Staff Council Appreciation Award this fall. Valerie Acosta and Marshall Uhlig are the newest advisors to join the CFAC team. Amanda Garcia has been working on implementing a text notification system for the center where students will be able to give their phone number to the front desk when lines are extremely long. Students may leave the center and receive a text when they are next in line to be seen by an advisor. Lastly, Sharis Slocum has left the office to stay home with her new baby, Beckett. CFAC is sad to lose her, but very happy for her as well!!!

HONORS

HONORS College is proud to have Mickie Tencza as new academic advisor who started on February 22nd 2012, coming from COLFA. She attended the NACADA conference in Nashville, where she focused on issues pertaining to High Achieving Students and joined the High Achieving Students Commission group. She plans to go to Savannah, GA, in February to attend the NACADA Assessment Institute. Diana is very involved in developing the GRIP and has worked closely with Monica Glover on this project. Additionally, she currently holds the position of Secretary on the Texaan executive board.

Ricardo is member of the Academic Advising Council, Veterans Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) and TSI. He was chosen as the Region 7 Advisor of the year and received the 2012 Outstanding Academic Advisor Award at the 19th Annual TEXAAN Conference, February 22–24, 2012, Nacogdoches, Texas. The Award was accompanied with a check for the amount of $500.00 (five hundred dollars).

Mickie recently took on advising duties for the College of Architecture students. The Honors advising team were excited to meet the 166 new Honors students that attended summer orientation. To help students who are struggling to meet the 3.25 minimum GPA required by the Honors College, the advising team re-established a midterm ALERT program requiring a self-reflection exercise, study habit reflection exercise, and a meeting with the advisor.
Honors College offers an MCAT prep course every spring for students who are ready to take the MCAT exam. The course reviews all tested subject materials, and includes study materials, lecture notes and 3 diagnostic practice exams. Interested students can inquire and sign up through the Honors College main office.

**College of Engineering**

NO MORE FACULTY ADVISING! That’s right, COE has removed all of this Faculty Advising holds for Sophomores and above. However, Freshmen will still have Engineering holds and must see an Advisor in either CFAC or Honors.

We also have some happy news to share. Diane Crosby, COE Administrative Associate, wed Ricky Gutierrez on Monday, December 10th. If you get a chance, please send Mrs. Gutierrez your well wishes. We’re all so excited for this new chapter.

**College of Science**

The center recently hired Adrianna Solis as our newest advisor I and Kim Rolf will be presenting at NACADA Region 7 Conference here in San Antonio.

**Downtown Undergraduate Advising Center**

Two DT advisors, Roxanna Nelson and Jennifer Uranga, were co-chairs of the 2012 UTSA Academic Advising Conference. With 210 total attendees, this was the largest UTSA Conference to date.

The co-chairs would like to thank their awesome committee for helping make the day a success. Several staff members are pursuing higher education.

Michelle Baland is pursuing her second Master’s degree, an M.A. in History, which she plans on completing in Spring 2013. Roxanna Nelson is pursuing her doctorate in Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching, and will be attending a study abroad opportunity in Peru in Summer 2013. Jennifer Coker, our Administrative Associate II, is pursuing her second Master’s degree in Instructional Technology. In addition, DTUAC is pleased to welcome two new additions to our advising team in the past year: Lauren West and Susie Sacedo.

**MDST**

Office of Undergraduate Studies – Multidisciplinary Studies, recently hired Jessica Friddy as an academic advisor and is already at over 350 students and growing!

**Tómas Rivera Center**

2012 was definitely a year where the TRC advisors keep their composure on many occasions and work hard to bring about the success that we accomplished as a team and are also very much looking forward to expanding on their accomplishments in the coming year. These are a few updates:

- TRC is currently looking to fill a few positions, 1 full-time and 2 part-time.
- TRC birthdays coming up too:
  - Venesa Matthews (December 25)
  - Phillip Casarez (December 30)
  - Melanie Bentley (January 7)

**University Health Professions Office**

With the support of a fully staffed office the UHPO team had a busy Summer and Fall semesters. Rowdy MD made its debut this summer during Roadrunner Days. The event focused on welcoming incoming freshman and sharing information about services offered by the UHPO. Representatives from the UTHSCSA School of Health Professions and School of Nursing participated in the event alongside UTSA health professions student organizations. Also, the UHPO continued to collaborate with the COEHD and COS advising centers for MOC presentations over the summer. This Fall, the UHPO traveled to the DT campus to meet with students during peak registration times and added Saturday advising. Finally, the UHPO team and several UTSA perspective nursing, dental and medical school students attended the Texas Diversity Council Healthcare Summit hosted by the UTHSCSA School of Nursing in November.

**College of Business**

College of Business would like to introduce our newest Advisors, Morissa Brewer and Jo Anna Caballero. Morissa joined our team in October and recently moved here from Louisiana where she worked with at-risk students at LSU while earning her Master’s in Counseling. Jo Anna has been with the COB for the past two years and was promoted to Advisor I in September of last year. She is a proud UTSA graduate and is currently pursuing a Master’s in Counseling. We are excited to have them as new additions to our team!
ACC EVENTS

The AAC celebrated its first Advisor NetWorking Lunch this fall. Advisors gathered to discuss different topics relevant to the advising community. The next event will take place Wednesday, February 27th in the Harris room for a Student Veteran’s Needs Panel Discussion.

Hope to see you there!

KUDOS AND THANKS

Kudos to LeAnn Thomas (graphics) and Bradley Chandler (slogan) for creating the logo for the Advising Networking Lunch.

To the UTSA advising community for their support with the San Antonio Food Bank drive for the holidays! Over 500 lbs. of food were collected.

The UTSA AAC is dedicated to providing support and professional growth opportunities for advisors. It is a forum for discussion, debate, and the exchange of ideas regarding academic advising on the UTSA campus.

We are on the WEB

http://utsa.edu.aac

Tony Daniels, was both informative and entertaining. The speakers throughout the day spoke about professional development, community interaction and academic advising strategies. They each provided insight that can help us to help students in more innovative ways. Next year’s Co-Chairs, Kathlynn Wray and Jeff Ragsdale, will be taking the reins soon. We look forward to another successful conference in 2013!

2012-2013 AAC Executive Committee

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