Have a safe Spring Break!

Bowling for Scholarships Night a huge success!

University Bowl at IH-10 and DeZavala was the scene for a very successful “ Strikes for Scholarships” Staff Council scholarship fundraiser on January 24.

There were 190 bowlers and all 32 lanes were utilized for an evening of fun and competition between teams of UTSA staff and their families.

The silent auction was small but very lucrative, yielding the scholarship fund $1,228.

Minus our expenses, the event yielded a total of $2,713 that will go directly to the UTSA Staff Council scholarship fund.

Remember, the UTSA Staff Council scholarship fund rewards two $500 undergraduate and two $500 graduate scholarships each year. Take a look at the Staff Council website for more information on deadlines and qualifications.

Thank you to everyone who either donated money, donated an auction item or came out to bowl. We had a great time.

We have already had inquiries about an annual event. We will get back with you when that information becomes available!

We hope you “like” us UTSA Staff Council now on Facebook

Check us out! We’re networking. Interact with other staff members from across our campuses. Share inspiring stories about your department or fellow colleagues. Learn about staff scholarships and events and join in on great discussions. We hope to see you on our “wall” soon. To find us, conduct a search for UTSA Staff Council; it’s that simple.

Introducing Carey Eagan, ITC Representative

We are pleased to introduce Carey Anne Eagan, new to UTSA Council this 2010/2011 year. Carey joined the Institute of Texan Cultures team in April/May of 2009 when she was hired as a contractor to work on an educator’s guide for a military aviation exhibit. In September 2009, she was hired full-time as an Educational Specialist III. In January 2010, Carey was honored by the ITC as “Employee of the Month,” and this past year, she was honored once again when her coworkers nominated her to be a Staff Council representative.

“I invite all staff members who have not visited ITC before or recently to stop by for a tour. Bring your department on a little field trip to see UTSA’s third campus. Come to Asian Festival or Folklife Festival and volunteer. Speaking of Texan Cultures, my background is truly what I call an American Mutt…Italian, Czech, English, Scottish-Irish and Dutch. I think I got them all…,” Carey said.

Carey brought a wealth of experience with her when she hired on at ITC. She received a Journalism degree from Texas A&M in 1996 and went on to earn her M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Houston Baptist University in 2003. In addition to working as a dog trainer and Customer Service Manager at PetSmart and as a veterinary assistant, Carey made use of her journalism and education degrees when she taught high school journalism for about five years, and then again as a junior high reading and yearbook teacher.

Carey is a San Antonio native who enjoys traveling and crafting and cuddling with her spaniels: Sir Tucker Cody and Miss Thang Abby Girl!

We enjoy having Carey as a part of Staff Council and are especially thankful that she joined the Staff Council Communications Committee.

What is Staff Council?

Staff Council is an advisory body through which eligible staff members may convey information and make recommendations to the President regarding interests, suggestions and concerns. Staff Council serves as the voice of the UTSA staff.

Did you know that Staff Council is 10 years old? Created in 2001, Staff Council is charged by the President and by the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System with the goal of continuously improving university operations and the well being of UTSA’s staff.

Every staff area of UTSA has a representative on Staff Council. Members are nominated and elected by their fellow employees to serve two-year terms. The members of Staff Council then serve on internal committees which strive to provide service, support and a voice for you, the UTSA staff member. Let’s make this a great year together!

What is Staff Council?

Created in 2000, Staff Council is a group of eligible staff members who serve as an advisory body to the President of UTSA.

Save the Date!

Join us for the Safe Spring Break Health and Wellness Expo on March 9th from 9:30am until 1:30 pm! There will be community and UTSA resources, health screenings, and fitness activities in the Sombrilla. Presentations on wellness will be held in the Chicano Cultural Room (UC 2.01.40) at the top of each hour. Come by and let’s get healthy together!

UTSA begins construction of East Garage

On Tuesday, March 1, UTSA broke ground on a new six-level, $30 million parking garage to accommodate the growing influx of students, faculty and staff traveling to and from the Main Campus.

Once completed, the garage will be the largest building on the Main Campus, boasting 475,000-square-feet and nearly 1,180 parking spaces.

The East Garage will be located adjacent to and connected to the Main Building, serving as an entry point on the east side of the Main Campus. It will offer both permit and hourly parking, providing easy access to the Main Building, John Peace Library and Business Building.

The energy-efficient structure will include LED light fixtures, motion activated lighting and set-ups for electric vehicle charging stations.

In addition, the garage will house a parking office, coffee kiosk and spirit shop. The Main Campus Visitors Center will also relocate to the garage’s ground floor.

The East Garage is expected to open in Fall 2012. To learn more, visit www.utsa.edu/eastgarage.