To say The University of Texas at Dallas has experienced tremendous growth over the past several years is an understatement. Since 2006, our enrollment has increased 46 percent to more than 21,000 students, and we are anticipating 27,000 by 2018. Our faculty and staff population has grown to more than 3,000 members, and we are continuing to hire (Page 18).

It takes a strong infrastructure of buildings, systems, resources and people to make it all work, and we are intensely focused on scaling our operations and infrastructure to meet the demands of our growing campus community.

Since 2007, we have added almost 2.5 million square feet to the campus. For individuals who have not visited campus in a few years, the changes have made us almost unrecognizable. Most campuses would be happy to break ground on one building every two years; we had the privilege of breaking ground on two buildings in an hour and a half.

We have several projects in the planning stages and are currently constructing a Bioengineering and Sciences Building (Page 3) that will open in 2015, and a new parking garage, residence hall, dining facility, activity center, and an addition to the Naveen Jindal School of Management that will all open in Fall 2014 (Page 5). In addition, we are continuing our sustainability efforts (Page 14) and are working to renovate the north mall as part of our Landscape Enhancement Project with world-renowned landscape architect Peter Walker (Page 2).

As we proceed on our path to becoming a Tier One university, we are very cognizant that we are creating a 21st century campus – one that is flexible, focused on S.T.E.M. programing and research, and that is welcoming and accessible (Page 20) to all communities, whether they are global or local (Page 11).

We understand that part of attracting and retaining the best and brightest students and employees comes from helping to create strong infrastructure, a culture of service and an environment of energy. We are committed to providing leadership in these and other initiatives to help see the campus transformation through to fruition. This continues to be an exciting time to be a part of the UT Dallas community.

Dr. Calvin D. Jamison, Vice President for Administration
Campus Development

North Mall Enhancement in Progress

Renovation of the north end of campus began during winter break as part of the University’s Campus Landscape Enhancement Project by landscape architect Peter Walker. The project extends north from the Trellis to the Administration Building and will bring a more park-like environment to the north mall to complement the transformation of the south end of campus, which was completed in 2010. Proposed changes to the less formal north end of the campus will include “cutting the pavement by half” and incorporating more green spaces, such as lawn terraces and elm groves.

The green area on the map (left) will remain closed to pedestrians throughout the duration of the project, which is expected to take at least a year. Pedestrians are able to use skywalks and perimeter entrances to access the affected buildings during the renovation, which include the Administration Building, Erik Jonsson Academic Center, University Theatre, Founders North Building, Founders Building, Cecil and Ida Green Center, and Cecil H. Green Hall. Temporary pathways will be created for scheduled events or performances at the University Theatre and patrons will be provided with parking and entrance details prior to events.

Access to the Eugene McDermott Library, Student Union and the south part of the mall will remain unaffected. The Spirit Rocks have been temporarily relocated west of Jonsson. Bike racks have also been relocated to the perimeter sides of the affected buildings to accommodate cyclists.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors should expect increased noise levels and parking and entrance details prior to events.

Did You Know?

The Dining Hall bakes an average of 720 2-inch cookies a day – that’s more than 260,088 cookies per year! Stacked end-to-end, they’d be taller than two Big Tex statues at the Texas State Fair!

New Department Brings Enhanced Services to Campus

Auxiliary Services is a new department formed within the Office of Administration that encompasses such operations as the University’s bookstore and technology store; parking and transportation services; dining, catering and vending services; print and copy services; inventory and surplus control; and central receiving and mail services.

Bob Fishbein joined UT Dallas in October 2013 as assistant vice president for Auxiliary Services to lead the new division. With more than 20 years of management experience in both the public and private sectors, Fishbein served as assistant vice president of business and auxiliary operations for Berkeley College where he successfully directed all auxiliary business operations across 10 campuses throughout New York and New Jersey. Prior to Berkeley, Fishbein was executive director of operations for Columbia University and assistant vice president of regional operations for BJ’s Wholesale Clubs.

As a parent of college students, a recent student himself and a manager with corporate experience, Fishbein is able to see his role from multiple viewpoints and aims to enhance the UT Dallas experience for students, faculty and staff by providing services that offer value to the end users.

“A lot of our success is based on having strong relationships with vendors. Everyone knows we seek fair pricing, but we also look for partnerships – cross promotional opportunities – in an effort to brand the UT Dallas experience,” Fishbein said.

To stay ahead of trends and continue to enhance campus services, Fishbein studies industry best practices, travels to other campuses and conferences, and consults on-campus advisory groups.

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Departmental Updates

New Employees

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Lynette Ritter

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Bob Fishbein
Jan Gebhard
Shawn Roberts

Environmental Health and Safety
Mariah Armitage

Facilities Management
Brett Alexander
James Coyne
Hugo Nieto
John Perkins
Jesus Sanchez
Marietta Schell
Melody Sun

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Dean Chen
Garmin Esposito
Diann Etheridge
Somer Rae Fernandez
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Mary Murdock
James Dit
Cynthia Percival
Tom Percival
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Rano Uzakova
Marisa Wood
Departamental Updates

Say “Hello” to Our Newest Staff Members

Mariah Armitage, CEM, TEM

Mariah Armitage joined The University of Texas at Dallas in March 2014 as director of emergency management and continuity planning. As a skilled emergency management professional with more than 12 years of experience in the government, non-profit and private sectors, she will support the Environmental Health and Safety department and the University by overseeing the planning, training and response procedures for emergency events. She is also responsible for leading the University-wide approach to business continuity.

Prior to joining UT Dallas, Armitage served as a senior emergency management specialist for the City of Plano and has held emergency management planning roles with Dallas County and the City of Arlington. She also worked as an emergency management analyst for Titan Corporation and a disaster relief human services representative for Federal Emergency Management Agency NPSC.

Armitage earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice administration from Mountain State University. She is a member of the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association, the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Naomi Emmett

Naomi Emmett has been with UT Dallas since October 2009. In the fall of 2011, she had the honor of delivering the commencement day address to the Naveen Jindal School of Management graduating class when she received her bachelor’s degree in business administration. Today, as financial services manager for the Office of Administration, she oversees the accounting needs and financial reporting for the office and its respective departments. During her tenure at UT Dallas, Emmett has worked in Financial Aid as a scholarship coordinator, in the Budget Office as a budget analyst, and in Audit as a staff auditor. Emmett is the mother of three teenagers, loves quilting and is active in her church and community.

Brent Tourangeau

Brent Tourangeau joined The University of Texas at Dallas in February 2014 as assistant chief of police. With more than 28 years of experience in law enforcement, Tourangeau supports the development, administration, coordination and implementation of the UT Dallas Police Department’s policies, procedures and activities. Prior to joining the University, Tourangeau worked for the Richardson Police Department, where he started as a patrol officer and was promoted through the ranks to captain. During his career with the city, Tourangeau served in many capacities, from leading a SWAT unit to supervising the investigations, patrol and services divisions. He received numerous commendations, including a Meritorious Conduct Award and a Life Saving Award.

Tourangeau earned a Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership with a focus in criminal justice administration from Mountain State University. He is a member of the National Tactical Police Officers Association, the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

University Breaks Ground on New Research Facility

UT Dallas faculty, staff and students gathered together with architects, contractors and representatives from the City of Richardson on January 23 to celebrate the groundbreaking of the future Bioengineering and Sciences Building.

Slated for completion in fall 2015, the 220,000-square-foot building will connect to the Natural Science and Engineering Research Laboratory and will provide research space for 70 neuroscience and bioengineering faculty members, their staff and graduate students, as well as undergraduate teaching laboratories. The facility will also offer additional research space for related programs, allowing for greater collaboration and cross-discipline study.

“Our programs in neuroscience are among the fastest growing in the University,” said Dr. Bert Moore, dean of the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. “The new facility will allow us to bring all of our faculty together in one place to work in an interdisciplinary environment with bioengineers, biologists and chemists to advance knowledge regarding the brain and develop new technologies to treat diseases of the brain and nervous system. It provides an exciting opportunity to work with other schools in the University to develop problem-based initiatives by building on overlapping strengths.”

“This new research complex represents our future, and is a key element in the growth of Natural Sciences on the UTD campus,” said Dr. Bruce Novak, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Comet Cruisers Expand Service Route

UT Dallas Comet Cruiser Route 883 was expanded in December to include Collin Creek Mall, giving riders access to more than 140 Plano stores and restaurants.

“As the University continues to grow, we want to offer added convenience to our riders and help further connect our campus to area amenities,” said Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for administration. “By providing this expanded pilot service, we can increase the University’s reach into the local community.”

This expanded service does not change ride times or wait times between buses. For more information, please see: utdallas.edu/services/transit

Campus Development

From left: Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for administration; Dean Bert Moore, School of Behavioral & Brain Sciences; Laura Mazzka, City of Richardson mayor; Dr. David Daniel, president; Charlie Hamnegan, Student Government vice president; Dean Mark Spong, Erik Jonsson School of Engineering & Computer Science; Dr. Bruce Gnade, vice president for research; Dean Bruce Novak, School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics; Dr. Hobson Wildenthal, executive vice president and provost.
Police Officers Recognized for Service to Community

UT Dallas Police Officers Trey Kiser and Gordon Firth were recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their leadership and service to the community at its Take the Wheel Dallas County Law Enforcement Appreciation Awards Luncheon on May 2.

Officer Kiser was presented with the Commitment Hero Award for exemplifying a strong overall commitment to DWI enforcement in 2013. Officer Firth, who was also recently featured as the UT System Police Officer of the Month, received the Enforcement Hero Award for the most Dallas County DWI arrests in 2013.

In addition to enforcement, the UT Dallas Police Department works closely with the University Wellness Center and resident advisors to conduct drug and alcohol education and awareness programs for students.

PeopleSoft Academy Set to Expand

The PeopleSoft Academy was formed in 2011 by the Office of Human Resources with the goal of developing students to become PeopleSoft staff for the University. The first PeopleSoft Academy was launched in 2012 with 18 student interns. From 58 applications in 2012 to nearly 200 applications in 2013, this program has experienced a great deal of success and growth in its short existence and has provided the foundation for a new PeopleSoft Academy for staff in order to enhance career development opportunities.

New Amenities Open on Campus

UT Dallas opened its first covered parking garage on August 26, 2013 with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Located just northeast of the Naveen Jindal School of Management, the five-story, $11.4-million structure provides 750 parking spaces and features a digital car counting system, LED lights and solar panels.

That same morning, the University also unveiled 10 new tennis courts. The men and women’s tennis teams helped celebrate the opening.
Outstanding Employees

Outstanding Employees, 2013-2014 Academic Year

Second Quarter 2014 – Naomi Emmett, Financial Services Manager. Naomi’s financial and audit acumen has been an asset for all departments across the Office of Administration. She demonstrates consistent dedication and attention to detail with all of her financial assignments, and is always willing and available to help other team members, even when the help needed is not within her direct responsibility. Her positive attitude and energy are contagious and appreciated by all who work with her.

First Quarter 2014 – Jerry Porter, Distribution Manager. Having served 35 years with the University, Jerry is dedicated to the principles of customer service and professionalism. He continually provides outstanding leadership to the 10 staff members assigned to his functional areas of responsibility and is committed to providing outstanding service to the more than 200 customers he serves throughout the University. Through effective management and attention to detail, Jerry keeps the surplus, inventory and mail services on campus running smoothly.

Fourth Quarter 2013 – Ricky Robinson, Maintenance Supervisor, has been a member of the UT Dallas staff for more than 15 years. As the supervisor of a small but highly skilled maintenance crew at Callier Center Dallas and the Center for BrainHealth, Ricky has done an outstanding job of maintaining a dynamic set of mission critical buildings. Ricky is often called upon to handle complex issues with very limited resources and on very short notice. He does so professionally and maintains a high standard of customer service.

Third Quarter 2013 – Carrie Chutes, Assistant Director, Food and Retail Services, started her career with UT Dallas Food Service when there were no residence halls, no meal plans, and no dining halls. She has been responsible for the day-to-day activities related to food service, vending operations and the University book and technology stores, and has helped these areas scale to meet the demand associated with a rapidly growing campus. Her ability to juggle all of these duties and to continue to exhibit her excellent customer service skills has been invaluable.

STAR Awards Winners

3rd Quarter 2013
Vanessa Balderrama
Leonard Griffin
David Spigelmyer
Juan Viesca
Jackie Womble

3rd Quarter 2013
Jose Alvarez
Nick Argueta
Robert Atkins
Espiritu Benitez
Antonio Velasquez

1st Quarter 2014
David Cady
John Castles
Angela Dees
Trey Kiser
David Miller

2nd Quarter 2014
Federico Nava
Kendra Penny
Stuart Smith
Craig Tharp
Maria Valencia

Campus Development

Building Design Recognized for Excellence

The American Association of College Unions International (ACUI) awarded the UT Dallas Student Services Building the 2014 Facilities Design of Excellence Award. Dr. Calvin Jamison and Rick Dempsey accepted the award on behalf of the University at the annual ACUI conference in April. The Student Services Building has received several awards for its green design elements and was the first UT System academic structure to receive the LEED Platinum designation from the United States Green Building Council. Plans for a building expansion are currently underway.

Coming Fall 2014

Watch for more housing, parking, dining, and a JSOM addition!

Parking Structure 3 will encompass 320,682 GSF, 750 parking spaces, retail and office space.

The Student Services Building has received several awards for its green design elements.

The addition to the Naveen Jindal School of Management will add 188,000 square feet of interior classrooms, meeting room space and a Jason’s Deli.
Community News

Corporate Challenge Results

With music, fun, food and awards, UT Dallas employees celebrated the closing ceremony of Corporate Challenge 2013, which raised $173,695 for the Dallas chapter of Special Olympics Texas.

After 10 weeks and more than 20 events, UT Dallas finished sixth overall in its division, earning eight gold medals, three silver medals and three bronze medals in competitions ranging from tennis to darts. The University also won first place in its division for the first time ever in the cake competition.

UT Dallas’ cake, baked by Kim Warren, patent administrator with the Office of Technology Commercialization, won for its artistry as much as for its taste. “It was so much fun to create, bake and put together,” Warren said of her pinball machine cake. “It’s thrilling to win against such tough competition.”

Patricia Roffe, technical trainer for Information Resources, decorated the cake, adding lights and other details, including the colorful flickering backboard.

“I was very happy with the final result,” Roffe said.

This was the second consecutive year the pair worked together on UT Dallas’ entries for the cake competition.

By selling raffle tickets and hosting fundraisers, such as Nickels and Dimes and Ice Cream Sundaes, UT Dallas raised and contributed almost $1,500 to the effort.

Landscaping Efforts Recognized

UT Dallas’ landscaping efforts have been recognized by the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS).

The University earned an Honor Award for for its attention to seasonal plantings, composting and organic fertilizing, and its efforts to work around construction projects. Jay Jascott, landscaping supervisor for UT Dallas, accepted the award on behalf of the University at the 2013 Green Star Awards banquet in Louisville, Ky.

The PGMS is the oldest individual membership organization for grounds professionals. Established in 1911, the society works for the professional advancement of institutional grounds managers.

Zipcar Success Drives Program Expansion

UT Dallas is adding more vehicles to its fleet of Zipcars. The car-sharing program, which allows individuals to rent cars on an hourly or daily rate based on their needs and return them to central location, has grown in popularity since it launched on campus in 2011.

Maruthy Jakkam, a graduate student from India currently pursuing his master’s in IT management, said he has benefited from having the Zipcar program on campus. “Most international students can’t bring their cars with them,” Jakkam said. “Zipcar is pretty economical, and you don’t have to pay for gas.” Jakkam said he likes the convenience of being able to book online and has used Zipcars for a variety of needs, from taking friends to the airport to taking a road trip to Oklahoma over a three-day weekend.

Zipcars aren’t just for students though. Employees and departments can create their own member accounts for business use, and community members may create their own personal accounts. Once you are a member, you can take advantage of any Zipcar location in the country, including six cities in Texas. To learn more or sign up, visit www.zipcar.com/utdallas.

Energy-Efficient Initiatives Earn Rewards

For the second consecutive year, Oncor celebrated UT Dallas’ efforts toward a more energy-efficient campus. The company recently presented UT Dallas with a $302,093.58 check for the University’s participation in their Educational Facilities Program to make several campus energy enhancements, including projects to retrofit to energy-efficient lighting, improve water monitoring, and incorporate energy-efficient design elements into new construction. The rebates will be added to an energy efficiency revolving fund to help further campus sustainability projects. The projects initiated through this program have helped UT Dallas significantly reduce its energy and water consumption, and will continue to lessen the University’s footprint on the environment.

Green Scene

Student worker Richard Arduengo and staff member Vanessa Balderama slice the UT Dallas cake for the judges’ taste test.

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Employees Increase Support for Annual Giving Campaign

Each year UT Dallas joins forces with other institutions for the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) to raise funds for a number of local, national and international nonprofit organizations. During the recent 2013 campaign, University faculty and staff again opened their hearts, contributing more than $120,000 to the cause.

“One of the most gratifying statistics each year is the total number of organizations receiving support from the UT Dallas family,” said Dwight Clasby, assistant vice president for development and campaign coordinator. “This year more than 220 agencies, large and small, throughout North Texas and beyond will receive funds as a result of the campaign.”

Seventy-two leadership gifts – contributions of $1,000 or more – totaling nearly $90,000 helped propel the campaign to the $122,502.08 total, up from $121,964.16 in 2012. Additionally, the average gift increased by $12.

Historically, two University programs are popular recipients for UT Dallas donors. This year 127 individuals contributed more than $21,000 to the Callier Center for Communication Disorders and $19,000 to the Academic Bridge Program.

Gifts made to each of these programs count toward the Realize the Vision: The Campaign for Tier One & Beyond, a $200 million, five-year effort to support UT Dallas’ quest to become a nationally competitive research institution.

Throughout the SECC’s 20-year history, employees of Texas state agencies and higher education institutions have contributed more than $11 million to the effort.

Top 10 Charity Agencies Supported by Faculty and Staff in 2013
1. Callier Center for Communication Disorders - UTD
2. Academic Bridge Program - UTD
3. North Texas Food Bank
4. Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas
5. United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
6. Catholic Charities of Dallas
7. Catholic Relief Services - USCCB
8. SPCA of Texas
9. Meals on Wheels
10. American Red Cross North Texas Region

Events Encourage Campus Wellness

From flu shot clinics to lunch-and-learn sessions, the UT Dallas Wellness Committee has been hard at work keeping students, faculty and staff healthy.

For information on UTD wellness programs, see: utdallas.edu/wellness

The Wellness Committee kicked off the annual 10-Week Wellness Challenge with an indoor walk and lunch-and-learn session on the importance of physical activity.

Dr. Joshua Burack, a cardiologist with Methodist Health System in Richardson, spoke to students, faculty and staff about hypertension and heart health at a Valentine’s Day lunch-and-learn.

UT Dallas faculty and staff joined the Wellness Committee to kick off the 2014 UT System Physical Activity Challenge with a 10-minute walk and balloon release. The competition ran from May 1 - June 12.
University Honors ATEC Building Teams

The Office of Administration hosted a special luncheon to thank those who played a role in the planning and building of the Edith O’Donnell Arts and Technology Building (ATEC) which opened for the fall 2013 semester.

Representatives from the University’s leadership team, Facilities Management department, and the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction were in attendance, as well as members of the project teams from Hunt Construction Group, VAI architects, and STUDIOS Architecture.

During the event, attendees shared some of their favorite memories of the project.

“I remember going up to a conference room on the third floor. It was a clear day and you could look out and see the skyline of the city of Dallas perfectly out the window,” recalled Rick Dempsey, associate vice president for facilities management. “It made me realize the level of attention to detail that was put into the building. It was phenomenal.”

Planned as a showcase to the visual arts and a highly adaptable technology hub for the ATEC program, the $60 million building is at the heart of campus, adjacent to the Eugene McDermott Library and facing the mall and reflecting pools designed by Peter Walker of PWP Landscape Architecture.

“The site of the building is perfect. It is at the center of campus and represents the University well,” said Abby Kratz, associate provost and director for the Ackerman Center.

The 155,000-square-foot facility boasts a 1,200-seat lecture hall and houses programs in arts and technology, visual arts, emerging media and communications, as well as shared lab space for faculty and students from the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the School of Arts and Humanities to encourage collaboration among the arts, engineering, computing and design fields.

Classroom space was specially planned for game design, sound design, visual arts, a motion capture lab, conference rooms, 2-D drawing and painting art studios, 3-D art studios, soundproof chambers, recording studio, and photography labs. The ATEC building is made of 20 percent recycled content, is seeking a LEED Silver level certification, and has a green-powered electricity contract.

Holiday Cheer Shines Bright

As part of their annual holiday celebrations, employees from the Office of Administration donated, assembled and delivered 220 toys to Scottish Rite Hospital, 60 cards and stocking to Juliette Fowler Nursing Home residents, and six bikes and 561 personal hygiene items to the Recovery Inn.

Dr. David Daniel, UT Dallas president, expressed his gratitude to attendees for their dedication and hard work on the ATEC building project.

Attendees shared their favorite memories of the project with the group.
Special Events

Scholarship Golf Tournament Celebrates Record-Breaking Year

The 21st Annual UT Dallas Scholarship Golf Tournament boasted the largest turnout in the event’s history, expanding to two golf courses to make room for a record number of players. The annual event was held on April 24 at Sherrill Park Golf Course in Richardson.

In the past two years, the tournament has raised more than $100,000 for student scholarships, including the Betty and Gifford Johnson Graduate, Patti Henry Pinch Undergraduate, and Academic Bridge Scholarship Endowments. These scholarships provide supplemental financial support to assist undergraduates with research and travel expenses, allow graduate students to attend and make presentations at national conferences, and help ease the transition from high school to college by providing on-campus housing, advising, mentoring and tutoring to first-generation college students.

“I wouldn’t be at UT Dallas if it was not for the Academic Bridge Program,” said Darrel Dunn, a senior Arts and Technology student from Dallas who graduated this spring and was the speaker for his commencement ceremony. “Having the credits coming into college, as well as having the financial help, mentoring and counseling that they provide to you in the program has really helped me grow as a person.”

Thanks to the generosity of businesses, institutions and individuals from across the DFW Metroplex, the tournament has generated more than $250,000 in scholarship funds over the past four years.

“Leading up to the event, The Practice Tee hosted UT Dallas Day where students, faculty and staff and their families were able to enjoy free pizza, drinks and the use of the facility’s putting green, par-three course and driving range. They also sponsor the McDermott Scholars Golf Program to give students the opportunity to learn golf rules and etiquette. Darrel Dunn, a senior Arts and Technology student from Dallas who graduated this spring, is a student who was supported by funds raised through the golf tournament. Dunn spoke at the closing awards ceremony and dinner the night of the tournament to thank the golfers for their support.”

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The national organization reported that this year’s event had 37.8 million participants in more than 16,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

Homecoming Court Rocks the Runway

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Scholarship Golf Tournament Celebrates Record-Breaking Year

The 21st Annual UT Dallas Scholarship Golf Tournament boasted the largest turnout in the event’s history, expanding to two golf courses to make room for a record number of players. The annual event was held on April 24 at Sherrill Park Golf Course in Richardson.

In the past two years, the tournament has raised more than $100,000 for student scholarships, including the Betty and Gifford Johnson Graduate, Patti Henry Pinch Undergraduate, and Academic Bridge Scholarship Endowments. These scholarships provide supplemental financial support to assist undergraduates with research and travel expenses, allow graduate students to attend and make presentations at national conferences, and help ease the transition from high school to college by providing on-campus housing, advising, mentoring and tutoring to first-generation college students.

“I wouldn’t be at UT Dallas if it was not for the Academic Bridge Program,” said Darrel Dunn, a senior Arts and Technology student from Dallas who graduated this spring and was the speaker for his commencement ceremony. “Having the credits coming into college, as well as having the financial help, mentoring and counseling that they provide to you in the program has really helped me grow as a person.”

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Special Events

Leading up to the event, The Practice Tee hosted UT Dallas Day where students, faculty and staff and their families were able to enjoy free pizza, drinks and the use of the facility’s putting green, par-three course and driving range. They also sponsor the McDermott Scholars Golf Program to give students the opportunity to learn golf rules and etiquette.

Darrel Dunn, a senior Arts and Technology student from Dallas who graduated this spring, is a student who was supported by funds raised through the golf tournament. Dunn spoke at the closing awards ceremony and dinner the night of the tournament to thank the golfers for their support.

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University Honors ATEC Building Teams

The Office of Administration hosted a special luncheon to thank those who played a role in the planning and building of the Edith O’Donnell Arts and Technology Building (ATEC) which opened for the fall 2013 semester.

Representatives from the University’s leadership team, Facilities Management department, and the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction were in attendance, as well as members of the project teams from Hunt Construction Group, VAI architects, and STUDIOS Architecture.

During the event, attendees shared some of their favorite memories of the project.

“T’ll remember going up to a conference room on the third floor. It was a clear day and you could look out and see the skyline of the city of Dallas perfectly out the window,” recalled Rick Dempsey, associate vice president for facilities management. “It made me realize the level of attention to detail that was put into the building. It was phenomenal.”

Planned as a showcase to the visual arts and a highly adaptable technology hub for the ATEC program, the $60 million building is at the heart of campus, adjacent to the Eugene McDermott Library and facing the mall and reflecting pools designed by Peter Walker of PWP Landscape Architecture.

“The site of the building is perfect. It is at the center of campus and represents the University well,” said Abby Kratz, associate provost and director for the Ackerman Center.

The 155,000-square-foot facility boasts a 1,200-seat lecture hall and houses programs in arts and technology, visual arts, emerging media and communications, as well as shared lab space for faculty and students from the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the School of Arts and Humanities to encourage collaboration among the arts, engineering, computing and design fields.

Classroom space was specially planned for game design, sound design, visual arts, a motion capture lab, conference rooms, 2-D drawing and painting art studios, 3-D art studios, soundproof chambers, recording studio, and photography labs. The ATEC building is made of 20 percent recycled content, is seeking a LEED Silver level certification, and has a green-powered electricity contract.

Holiday Cheer Shines Bright

As part of their annual holiday celebrations, employees from the Office of Administration donated, assembled and delivered 220 toys to Scottish Rite Hospital, 60 cards and stocking to Juliette Fowler Nursing Home residents, and six bikes and 561 personal hygiene items to the Recovery Inn.
Community News

Employees Increase Support for Annual Giving Campaign

Each year UT Dallas joins forces with other institutions for the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) to raise funds for a number of local, national and international nonprofit organizations. During the recent 2013 campaign, University faculty and staff again opened their hearts, contributing more than $120,000 to the cause.

“One of the most gratifying statistics each year is the total number of organizations receiving support from the UT Dallas family,” said Dwight Clasby, assistant vice president for development and campaign coordinator. “This year more than 220 agencies, large and small, throughout North Texas and beyond will receive funds as a result of the campaign.”

Seventy-two leadership gifts – contributions of $1,000 or more – totaling nearly $90,000 helped propel the campaign to the $122,502.08 total, up from $121,964.16 in 2012. Additionally, the average gift increased by $12.

Historically, two University programs are popular recipients for UT Dallas donors. This year 127 individuals contributed more than $21,000 to the Callier Center for Communication Disorders and $19,000 to the Academic Bridge Program. Gifts made to each of these programs count toward the Realize the Vision: The Campaign for Tier One & Beyond, a $200 million, five-year effort to support UT Dallas’ quest to become a nationally competitive research institution.

Throughout the SECC’s 20-year history, employees of Texas state agencies and higher education institutions have contributed more than $11 million to the effort.

Top 10 Charity Agencies Supported by Faculty and Staff in 2013

1. Callier Center for Communication Disorders - UTD
2. Academic Bridge Program - UTD
3. North Texas Food Bank
4. Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas
5. United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
6. Catholic Charities of Dallas
7. Catholic Relief Services - USCCB
8. SPCA of Texas
9. Meals on Wheels
10. American Red Cross North Texas Region

Events Encourage Campus Wellness

From flu shot clinics to lunch-and-learn sessions, the UT Dallas Wellness Committee has been hard at work keeping students, faculty and staff healthy.

For information on UTD wellness programs, see: utdallas.edu / wellness

The Wellness Committee kicked off the annual 10-Week Wellness Challenge with an indoor walk and lunch-and-learn session on the importance of physical activity.

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The American Association of College Unions International (ACUI) awarded the UT Dallas Student Services Building the 2014 Facilities Design of Excellence Award. Dr. Calvin Jamison and Rick Dempsey accepted the award on behalf of the University at the annual ACUI conference in April. The Student Services Building has received several awards for its green design elements and was the first UT System academic structure to receive the LEED Platinum designation from the United States Green Building Council. Plans for a building expansion are currently underway.

Coming Fall 2014

Watch for more housing, parking, dining, and a JSOM addition!

Outstanding Employees

Outstanding Employees, 2013-2014 Academic Year

Second Quarter 2014 – Naomi Emmett, Financial Services Manager. Naomi’s financial and audit acumen has been an asset for all departments across the Office of Administration. She demonstrates consistent dedication and attention to detail with all of her financial assignments, and is always willing and available to help other team members, even when the help needed is not within her direct responsibility. Her positive attitude and energy are contagious and appreciated by all who work with her.

First Quarter 2014 – Jerry Porter, Distribution Manager. Having served 35 years with the University, Jerry is dedicated to the principles of customer service and professionalism. He continually provides outstanding leadership to the 10 staff members assigned to his functional areas of responsibility and is committed to providing outstanding service to the more than 200 customers he serves throughout the University. Through effective management and attention to detail, Jerry keeps the surplus, inventory and mail services on campus running smoothly.

Fourth Quarter 2013 – Ricky Robinson, Maintenance Supervisor, has been a member of the UT Dallas staff for more than 15 years. As the supervisor of a small but highly skilled maintenance crew at Callier Center Dallas and the Center for BrainHealth, Ricky has done an outstanding job of maintaining a dynamic set of mission critical buildings. Ricky is often called upon to handle complex issues with very limited resources and on very short notice. He does so professionally and maintains a high standard of customer service.

Third Quarter 2013 – Carrie Chutes, Assistant Director, Food and Retail Services, started her career with UT Dallas Food Service when there were no residence halls, no meal plans, and no dining halls. She has been responsible for the day-to-day activities related to food service, vending operations and the University book and technology stores, and has helped these areas scale to meet the demand associated with a rapidly growing campus. Her ability to juggle all of these duties and to continue to exhibit her excellent customer service skills has been invaluable.

STAR Awards Winners

3rd Quarter 2013

Vanessa Balderrama
Leonard Griffin
David Spigelmyer
Juan Viesca
Jackie Womble

4th Quarter 2013

Jose Alvarez
Nick Argueta
Robert Atkins
Esperitu Benitez
Antonio Velasquez

1st Quarter 2014

David Cady
John Castles
Angela Dees
Trey Kiser
David Miller

2nd Quarter 2014

Federico Nava
Kendra Penny
Stuart Smith
Craig Thorp
Maria Valencia

Building Design Recognized for Excellence

The Student Services Building has received several awards for its green design elements.

Student Housing Living Learning Center – Phase IV will house 600 students, add a second activity center and provide an 800-seat dining hall with a full kitchen and serving area, as well as classrooms, gathering spaces and offices.

The addition to the Naveen Jindal School of Management will add 189,000 square feet of interior classrooms, meeting room space and a Jason’s Deli.

Parking Structure 3 will encompass 320,682 GSF, 750 parking spaces, retail and office space.
**Campus Development**

New Amenities Open on Campus

UT Dallas opened its first covered parking garage on August 26, 2013 with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Located just northeast of the Naveen Jindal School of Management, the five-story, $11.4-million structure provides 750 parking spaces and features a digital car counting system, LED lights and solar panels.

That same morning, the University also unveiled 10 new tennis courts. The men and women’s tennis teams helped celebrate the opening.

***Police Officers Recognized for Service to Community***

UT Dallas Police Officers Trey Kiser and Gordon Firth were recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their leadership and service to the community at its Take the Wheel Dallas County Law Enforcement Appreciation Awards Luncheon on May 2.

Officer Kiser was presented with the Commitment Hero Award for exemplifying a strong overall commitment to DWI enforcement in 2013. Officer Firth, who was also recently featured as the UT System Police Officer of the Month, received the Enforcement Hero Award for the most Dallas County DWI arrests in 2013.

In addition to enforcement, the UT Dallas Police Department works closely with the University Wellness Center and resident advisors to conduct drug and alcohol education and awareness programs for students.

***PeopleSoft Academy Set to Expand***

The PeopleSoft Academy was formed in 2011 by the Office of Human Resources with the goal of developing students to become PeopleSoft staff for the University. The first PeopleSoft Academy was launched in 2012 with 18 student interns. From 58 applications in 2012 to nearly 200 applications in 2013, this program has experienced a great deal of success and growth in its short existence and has provided the foundation for a new PeopleSoft Academy for staff in order to enhance career development opportunities.
Maryam Armitage, CEM, TEM

Maryam Armitage joined The University of Texas at Dallas in March 2014 as director of emergency management and continuity planning. As a skilled emergency management professional with more than 12 years of experience in the government, non-profit and private sectors, she will support the Environmental Health and Safety department and University by overseeing the planning, training and response procedures for emergency events. She is also responsible for leading the University-wide approach to business continuity.

Prior to joining UT Dallas, Armitage served as a senior emergency management specialist for the City of Plano and has held emergency management planning roles with Dallas County and the City of Arlington. She also worked as an emergency management analyst for Titan Corporation and a disaster relief human services representative for Federal Emergency Management Agency NPSC.

Armitage earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice administration from Mountain State University. She is a member of the National Tactical Police Officers Association, the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Naomi Emmett

Naomi Emmett has been with UT Dallas since October 2009. In the fall of 2011, she had the honor of delivering the commencement day address to the Naveen Jindal School of Management graduating class when she received her bachelor’s degree in business administration. Today, as financial services manager for the Office of Administration, she oversees the accounting needs and financial reporting for the office and its respective departments. During her tenure at UT Dallas, Emmett has worked in Financial Aid as a scholarship coordinator, in the Budget Office as a budget analyst, and in Audit as a staff auditor. Emmett is the mother of three teenagers, loves quilting and is active in her church and community.

Brent Tourangeau

Brent Tourangeau joined The University of Texas at Dallas in February 2014 as assistant chief of police. With more than 28 years of experience in law enforcement, Tourangeau supports the development, administration, coordination and implementation of the UT Dallas Police Department’s policies, procedures and activities.

Prior to joining the University, Tourangeau worked for the Richardson Police Department, where he started as a patrol officer and was promoted through the ranks to captain. During his career with the city, Tourangeau served in many capacities, from leading a SWAT unit to supervising the investigations, patrol and services divisions. He received numerous commendations, including a Meritorious Conduct Award and a Life Saving Award.

Tourangeau earned a Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership with a focus in criminal justice administration from Mountain State University. He is a member of the National Tactical Police Officers Association, the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

University Breaks Ground on New Research Facility

UT Dallas faculty, staff and students gathered together with architects, contractors and representatives from the City of Richardson on January 23 to celebrate the groundbreaking of the future Bioengineering and Sciences Building.

Slated for completion in fall 2015, the 220,000-square-foot building will connect to the Natural Science and Engineering Research Laboratory and will provide research space for 70 neuroscience and bioengineering faculty members, their staff and graduate students, as well as undergraduate teaching laboratories. The facility will also offer additional research space for related programs, allowing for greater collaboration and cross-discipline study.

“Our programs in neuroscience are among the fastest growing in the University,” said Dr. Bert Moore, dean of the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. “The new facility will allow us to bring all of our faculty together in one place to work in an interdisciplinary environment with bioengineers, biologists and chemists to advance knowledge regarding the brain and develop new technologies to treat diseases of the brain and nervous system. It provides an exciting opportunity to work with other schools in the University to develop problem-based initiatives by building on overlapping strengths.”

“This new research complex represents our future, and is a key element in the growth of Natural Sciences on the UTD campus,” said Dr. Bruce Novak, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Comet Cruisers Expand Service Route

UT Dallas Comet Cruiser Route 883 was expanded in December to include Collin Creek Mall, giving riders access to more than 140 Plano stores and restaurants.

“As the University continues to grow, we want to offer added convenience to our riders and help further connect our campus to area amenities,” said Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for administration. “By providing this expanded pilot service, we can increase the University’s reach into the local community.”

This expanded service does not change ride times or wait times between buses. For more information, please see: utdallas.edu/services/transit
Campus Development

North Mall Enhancement in Progress

Renovation of the north end of campus began during winter break as part of the University’s Campus Landscape Enhancement Project by landscape architect Peter Walker. The project extends north from the Tretliss to the Administration Building and will bring a more park-like environment to the north mall to complement the transformation of the south end of campus, which was completed in 2010. Proposed changes to the less formal north end of the campus will include “cutting the pavement by half” and incorporating more green spaces, such as lawn terraces and elm groves.

The green area on the map (left) will remain closed to pedestrians throughout the duration of the project, which is expected to take at least a year. Pedestrians are able to use skywalks and perimeter entrances to access the affected buildings during the renovation, which include the Administration Building, Erik Jonsson Academic Center, University Theatre, Founders North Building, Founders Building, Cecil and Ida Green Center, and Cecil H. Green Hall. Temporary pathways will be created for scheduled events or performances at the University Theatre and patrons will be provided with parking and entrance details prior to events.

Access to the Eugene McDermott Library, Student Union and the south part of the mall will remain unaffected. The Spirit Rocks have been temporarily relocated west of Jonsson. Bike racks have also been relocated to the perimeter sides of the affected buildings to accommodate cyclists.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors should expect increased noise levels and construction traffic as the project continues, and are encouraged to allow additional travel time to reach their destinations. For the most up to date information, please check —

Twitter: @UTDConstruction  |  Web: utdallas.edu / PardonOurProgress

New Department Brings Enhanced Services to Campus

Auxiliary Services is a new department formed within the Office of Administration that encompasses such operations as the University’s bookstore and technology store; parking and transportation services; dining, catering and vending services; print and copy services; inventory and surplus control; and central receiving and mail services.

Bob Fishbein joined UT Dallas in October 2013 as assistant vice president for Auxiliary Services to lead the new division. With more than 20 years of management experience in both the public and private sectors, Fishbein served as assistant vice president of business and auxiliary operations for Berkeley College where he successfully directed all auxiliary business operations across 10 campuses throughout New York and New Jersey. Prior to Berkeley, Fishbein was executive director of operations for Columbia University and assistant vice president of regional operations for BJ’s Wholesale Clubs.

As a parent of college students, a recent student himself and a manager with corporate experience, Fishbein is able to see his role from multiple viewpoints and aims to enhance the UT Dallas experience for students, faculty and staff by providing services that offer value to the end users.

“A lot of our success is based on having strong relationships with vendors. Everyone knows we seek fair pricing, but we also look for partnerships – cross promotional opportunities – in an effort to brand the UT Dallas experience,” Fishbein said.

To stay ahead of trends and continue to enhance campus services, Fishbein studies industry best practices, travels to other campuses and conferences, and consults on-campus advisory groups.

“Getting involved with student activities and belonging to several student viewpoints and aims to enhance the UT Dallas experience for students, faculty and staff by providing services that offer value to the end users,” Fishbein said.

“Getting involved with student activities and belonging to several student committees keeps the flow of communication constant and helps me to be proactive rather than reactive,” he said.

Departmental Updates

New Employees

Office of Administration
Naomi Emmett  Lynette Ritter

Auxiliary Services
Bob Fishbein  Jan Gebhard  Shawn Roberts

Environmental Health and Safety
Marietta Schell  Melody Sun

Facilities Management
Brett Alexander  James Coyne  Hugo Nieto  John Perkins  Jesus Sanchez  Marietta Schell  Melody Sun

University Police
Dean Chen  Carmine Esposito  Diann Etheridge  Somer Rae Fernandez  Zachary Haney  Lauren Kinney  Mary Murdock  James Olt  Cynthia Percival  Tom Percival  Stephen Rooney  Susan Stone  Randy Steen  Brent Tourangeau  Rano Uzakova  Marisa Wood
**ADA Resources Available Online**

UT Dallas has launched a new ADA Disability Resources website to help ensure seamless access to University programs, services, activities and facilities for individuals with disabilities. The website serves as a central information source on how individuals can request accommodations or report barriers whether they are a student, employee, job applicant or visitor. To learn more —

web: [www.utdallas.edu / ADA](http://www.utdallas.edu / ADA)

email: [ADACoordinator @ utdallas.edu](mailto:ADACoordinator @ utdallas.edu)

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**Procedure Updates**

**ADA Resources Available Online**

**Mark Your Calendars**

- August 15-17 2014 Richardson Corporate Challenge
- August 25 First Day of Fall 2014 Semester
- September 1 Labor Day University closed
- September 16 Campus Prepare Fair
- October 7 National Night Out
- November 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday University closed
- December 19-20 Fall Commencement Ceremonies
- December 22 - January 2 Winter Break University closed

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**Audit & Compliance Corner**

**What Can Audit and Compliance Do for You?**

The overall mission of Audit and Compliance at UT Dallas is to provide objective and independent assurance services over financial, operational, information technology and compliance systems as a service to all members of the University community.

The department also provides valuable resources and counsel to UT Dallas faculty, staff and managers in the following areas:

**Internal Controls**

Contact Internal Audit for advice on internal controls issues. This would include: how to separate duties, how to evaluate your operations for effectiveness and efficiency, how to properly safeguard your assets (property and information); how to assess your departmental risks, how to set up departmental controls to minimize risks of errors or fraud, and what to do if you suspect fraud.

**Policies and Procedures**

Contact Compliance for guidance on compliance issues, such as interpreting federal, state, UT System and UT Dallas policies and procedures.

**Compliance Training**

Training information is available online at:

[www.utdallas.edu / audit-compliance / training](http://www.utdallas.edu / audit-compliance / training).

If you want to review training that you’ve previously taken, this site provides access to the training reference library.

**Report Ethics, Suspected Fraud or Noncompliance Issues**

Call the Ethics and Compliance Hotline (1.888.228.7707) when you want to remain anonymous or conventional channels of reporting are unknown or unacceptable. More information is available at: [www.utdallas.edu / hotline](http://www.utdallas.edu / hotline).

Please always feel free to contact any staff member of the Office of Audit and Compliance when you have a question: [www.utdallas.edu / audit-compliance / contact_us](http://www.utdallas.edu / audit-compliance / contact_us).

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**Scaling for Success**

To say The University of Texas at Dallas has experienced tremendous growth over the past several years is an understatement. Since 2006, our enrollment has increased 46 percent to more than 21,000 students, and we are anticipating 27,000 by 2018. Our faculty and staff population has grown to more than 3,000 members, and we are continuing to hire (Page 18).

It takes a strong infrastructure of buildings, systems, resources and people to make it all work, and we are intensely focused on scaling our operations and infrastructure to meet the demands of our growing campus community.

Since 2007, we have added almost 2.5 million square feet to the campus. For individuals who have not visited campus in a few years, the changes have made us almost unrecognizable. Most campuses would be happy to break ground on one building every two years; we had the privilege of breaking ground on two buildings in an hour and a half.

We have several projects in the planning stages and are currently constructing a Bioengineering and Sciences Building (Page 3) that will open in 2015, and a new parking garage, residence hall, dining facility, activity center, and an addition to the Naveen Jindal School of Management that will all open in fall 2014 (Page 5). In addition, we are continuing our sustainability efforts (Page 14) and are working to renovate the north mall as part of our Landscape Enhancement Project with world-renowned landscape architect Peter Walker (Page 2).

As we proceed on our path to becoming a Tier One university, we are very cognizant that we are creating a 21st century campus – one that is flexible, focused on S.T.E.M. programming and research, and that is welcoming and accessible (Page 20) to all communities, whether they are global or local (Page 11).

We understand that part of attracting and retaining the best and brightest students and employees comes from helping to create strong infrastructure, a culture of service and an environment of energy. We are committed to providing leadership in these and other initiatives to help see the campus transformation through to fruition. This continues to be an exciting time to be a part of the UT Dallas community.

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