

SCHOLARS' DAY UT DALLAS



The University of Texas at Dallas'
premier open house for prospective students and family.

Saturday, March 3, 2012



Opening Session: Welcome to UT Dallas!

7:30- 8 a.m. -- **Registration/Continental Breakfast** (Visitor Center Atrium)

8- 8:45 a.m. -- **Opening Session** (Activity Center Gymnasium)

Music performed by the UT Dallas Pep Band

SESSION 1: 9- 9:45 a.m.

Informational Sessions & Faculty Lectures

School of Arts and Humanities

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School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

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Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

<p>“Overview of the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science” Session Presenter: Dr. Simeon Ntafos, Assoc. Dean Location: ECSS 2.102</p>	<p>“How Biomedical Engineers Can Aid in the Fight Against Cancer” Lecture Presenter: Dr. Mathukumalli Vidyasagar Location: ECSS 2.415</p>
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School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

<p>“Government, Non-Profits, Communities & Leadership: Welcome to the School of EPPS” Session Presenters: Dr. Sarah Maxwell & Nora Hernandez Location: ECSS 2.305</p>	<p>“The Three American Constitutions” Lecture Presenter: Dr. Anthony Champagne Location: ECSS 2.306</p>
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School of Interdisciplinary Studies

<p>“What Can I Do With A Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies?” Session Presenter: Dr. Elizabeth Salter, Assoc. Dean Location: ECSS 2.203</p>	<p>“Childhood Sexual Abuse in America” Lecture Presenter: Dr. Tonja Wissinger Location: ECSS 2.201</p>
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Naveen Jindal School of Management

<p>“Overview of the Jindal School of Management” Session Presenter: Dr. Marilyn Kaplan, Assoc. Dean Location: JSOM 1.102</p>	<p>“Business Behind Sports” Lecture Presenter: Jared Pickens Location: JSOM 1.110</p>
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School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

<p>“Overview of Natural Sciences & Mathematics Undergraduate Programs” Session Presenter: Dr. Dennis Miller, Assoc. Dean Location: ECSS 2.412</p>	<p>“Tales of Adventure with Monkeys, Crayfish, Insects & Algae” Lecture Presenter: Dr. Nikki Hanegan Location: ECSS 2.410</p>
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Undergraduate Education (Undeclared Majors)

<p>“Decisive Move: Being an Undeclared Major” Session Presenter: Eric Welgehausen Location: JSOM 2.112</p>
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SESSION 2: 10 -10:45 a.m.

Parent Session: Admission Practices & Money Matters—JSOM 1.118

“Everything You Wanted to Know About UTD Admission & Financial Aid but Were Afraid to Ask”

Session Presenters: Matthew Sanchez and AJ Garcia

Aprende más de UT Dallas: Taller para Alumnos y Padres—JSOM 2.112

Sesión de información en español para padres y alumnos interesados en UT Dallas
(Information session in Spanish for parents and students interested in UT Dallas)

Session Presenters: Raul Hinojosa, Jr.

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SESSION 3: 11-11:45 a.m.
Academic and Student Life Sessions

Admission & Enrollment Services and the Transfer Student Services Office

“Life as a Transfer Student at UT Dallas”

Session Presenters: Brandon Crutchfield and Yolande’ Evans

ECSS 2.311

Division of Student Affairs

“Getting Involved: Student Life at UT Dallas”

Session Presenter: Kecia Baker, Assistant Dean of Students

JSOM 1.110

Pre-Law Advising and Resource Center

“Getting into Law School & Practicing Law”

Session Presenter: Dr. Anthony Champagne

JSOM 1.118

Health Professions Advising Center

“Introduction to the Health Professions Advising Center- Services for Pre-Health Students”

Session Presenter: Doyen Rainey

SLC 1.102

Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

“Industrial Practice Programs- Your Path to Internships & Career Success”

Session Presenter: Jerry Alexander, Assistant Dean

ECSS 2.415

Teacher Development Center

“Becoming a Teacher at UT Dallas”

Session Presenters: Dr. Scherry Johnson and Katie Donaldson

HH 2.502

Naveen Jindal School of Management

Career Options in Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Session Presenter: Madison Pedigo

JSOM 1.102

Informational Fair

Browse tables hosted by academic departments and student organizations

Naveen Jindal School of Management Building—First Floor Hallway

Application Workshop

Submit your application/official documents and get your application fee waived

Naveen Jindal School of Management Computer Lab (JSOM 1.211)

Residential Life

Housing Tour (Residence Hall for Freshmen, Apartments for Upperclassmen)

Meeting Location: Residence Hall South Building

**Guests needing wheelchair assistance should meet at the Hoblitzelle Hall East Entrance*

SESSION 4: 12-12:45 p.m.

Academics, Student Life and More!

Academic Excellence Scholarship Program- Rewarding Academic Excellence

Learn about merit scholarship opportunities available for prospective freshmen at UT Dallas.

Session Presenter: Courtney Brecheen, Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Education
JSOM 1.118

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Eugene McDermott Library Tour

Join us for a tour of the McDermott Library. Learn about the history, resources and library services during this 30-40 minute tour.

Meeting Location: McDermott Library Lobby

SESSION 5: 1-1:45p.m.

Academics, Student Life and More!

The Honors College at UT Dallas

Learn about the various programs housed in the Honors College, including Collegium V, The Terry Scholars Program, The National Merit Scholars Program, and Archer Internship Program.

Session Presenters: Dr. Edward Harpham, Michael Seeligson and Blythe Torres
JSOM 1.118

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Session 2: Faculty Lecture Information

School of Arts and Humanities

Lecture Title: "Wikipedia, Barbie and Beyond"

Synopsis: Wikipedia calls itself "the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit." For some, the creation of content is threatening. How can we know that information created by "just anyone" is accurate? For others, Wikipedia's openness represents an opportunity to foster a more diverse and critical field of cultural production. If anyone can edit, surely culture can no longer be dominated by just a few owners of "big media." This talk will investigate the actual opportunities for users to engage in cultural criticism while participating in the process of editing Wikipedia. To what extent can the marginalized be heard on the free encyclopedia? What forces might prevent well-founded criticism from being included in Wikipedia articles? What might we do about this?

Speaker Bio: Andrew Famiglietti is a visiting assistant professor of emerging media and communication. He studies how both intellectual property and creative labor are shaping and being shaped by digital systems for storing and communicating information. Both his research and teaching focus on the ways digital systems of production, and the cultures that have emerged alongside these systems, are changing the way we create and structure knowledge. He is especially interested in the culture, history, and political economy of Wikipedia the phenomenon of free and open source software, and related experiments with commons-based information production.

School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Lecture Title: "Emotion-Related Family Processes"

Synopsis: This lecture explores the role of emotions in the family, including the transmission of stress between family members, parents' emotion socialization practices, and children's emotional development. Introduces a current research project on children's reactions to one salient family stressor—parent-child conflict.

Speaker Bio: Dr. Jackie Nelson earned her bachelor's degree in psychology at Elon University and her doctoral degree in human development and family studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is an assistant professor of psychological sciences studying parenting, family interaction, family stress and children's social-emotional development.

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Lecture Title: "The Three American Constitutions"

Synopsis: This is the story of change in constitutional interpretation from the Articles of Confederation, to the original Constitution, to the dramatic changes in constitutional interpretation in 1937.

Speaker Bio: Anthony Champagne is a professor of political science and director of the UT Dallas Pre-Law Program. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois and has taught at Rutgers University and The University of Texas at Dallas. He is the author of six books and numerous articles dealing with judicial elections, congressional history and Texas politics. He is also the winner of three University-wide teaching awards and he is the recipient of the Regent's teaching award from the University of Texas System. He has been a Judicial Fellow at the Supreme Court of the United States where he was the recipient of the Tom C. Clark Award.

Session 2: Faculty Lecture Information (cont'd)

Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

Lecture Title: "How Biomedical Engineers Can Aid in the Fight Against Cancer"

Synopsis: Cancer is amongst the most complex diseases because no two instances are alike. But now there is a vast amount of "raw data" available that can, in principle, be used to construct models of how various genes in the body interact with each other, both in normal and mutant conditions. These can in turn lead to methods for predicting which patients will respond to which type of therapy. In this talk, he will describe how persons trained in biomedical engineering can play a central role in this research area.

Speaker Bio: Dr. Mathukumalli Vidyasagar received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1969. He then spent the next 20 years as a professor in the U.S. and Canada, before returning to India in 1989, where he spent the next 20 years building from scratch two R&D laboratories of about 80 persons each. He joined UT Dallas in 2009 and was named the founding head of the newly-formed bioengineering department in 2010. His personal research interests focus on the application of computational methods of cancer biology.

School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Lecture Title: "Childhood Abuse in America"

Synopsis: The statistics are alarming. Most experts estimate that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 8 boys have had sexual contact with an adult before the age of eighteen. Most of the adult abusers are known to the child; many are family friends and/ or relatives. In this lecture, we will examine childhood sexual abuse in America using multiple cultural forms: psychiatry, fiction, drama, film, news stories and television. Additionally, we will consider how the definitions of sexual abuse have evolved and changed from the late 1800's to the 21st century.

Speaker Bio: Dr. Tonja Wissinger is a senior lecturer in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. She completed her BA in sociology, her MA in interdisciplinary studies, and her PhD in the history of ideas at The University of Texas at Dallas. She teaches a variety of courses including Childhood Sexual Abuse: A Multidisciplinary Investigation, Rebels and Reformers: Women and Alcohol in America, Women in Management and The Nature of Intellectual Inquiry.

Session 2: Faculty Lecture Information (cont'd)

Naveen Jindal School of Management

Lecture Title: "Business Behind Sports"

Synopsis: This talk will speak address what happens behind the scenes in sports, including the local economic impact that sports teams make on their surrounding communities and the types of financial decisions and techniques that are used to make semi-professional and professional sports team and its players successful.

Speaker Bio: Jared Pickens, CFP®, CRC®, AFC is a senior lecturer in finance and managerial economics at the Naveen Jindal School of Management. In addition to teaching business and personal finance classes in the Jindal School, he also serves as the assistant director for the undergraduate finance program. He received degrees in personal financial planning from Texas Tech University and Kansas State University. In addition to his academic achievements, Jared is also a certified financial planner professional, a certified retirement counselor and an accredited financial counselor. He is an active member of the DFW Financial Planning Association. Prior to his academic career, Jared worked in the financial service industry as a financial planner and financial educator. He pens a bi-weekly column in the *UTD Mercury* called *Common Cents* where he writes to students on campus about different topics pertaining to personal finance. He has also been in publications like the *Dallas Business Journal*, and quoted on local newscasts.

School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Lecture Title: "Tales of Adventure with Monkeys, Crayfish, Insects and Algae"

Synopsis: Our world is filled with exciting organisms that entertain and teach us innovative things. While studying these organisms, sometimes researchers find themselves in humorous situations. From monkeys to algae, biologists learn how the natural world operates and how scientists can simulate organisms' behaviors with their surroundings to benefit society. Monkeys from Belize can teach us about social structures, disease vectors and population decline. Algae from the Northwest Pacific Ocean can teach us about global dynamics, environmental sensitivity and age. This presentation will demonstrate how one scientist's passion for nature has lead to discoveries and endless hours of entertainment. Join the fun, join the learning, join the few who make discoveries that lead to change.

Speaker Bio: Dr. Nikki Hanegan is a native Texan whose father promised her he would take her to every national park before she graduated high school. That goal started an endless love for nature that lead to biological discoveries. While studying chemical engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Hanegan decided to pursue a career teaching biology. Her early career as a research assistant in a biomedical engineering laboratory led her to continually ask why organisms behave as they do. She has conducted research with phycologists, bioinformaticists and entomologists. Along the way, she has taught thousands of students to love nature and enjoy life. Dr. Hanegan was designated as the environmental teacher of the year in Utah in 2008 and joined the department of science/mathematics education faculty at UT Dallas in 2010. She currently teaches graduate level research courses and undergraduate field ecology courses for the department of biology.



Informational Fair
Naveen Jindal School of Management Hallway (1st Floor)
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Academic Department Tables

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| 1. School of Arts and Humanities | 7. School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics |
| 2. School of Behavioral & Brain Sciences | 8. Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship |
| 3. Erik Jonsson School of Engineering & Computer Science | 9. UTeach Dallas (Natural Sciences & Mathematics) |
| 4. School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences | 10. Health Professions Advising Center (HPAC) |
| 5. School of Interdisciplinary Studies | 11. Physics Department |
| 6. Naveen Jindal School of Management | 12. Teacher Development Center |

Student Services Department Tables

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| 1. Academic Bridge Program | 10. Office of Diversity & Community Engagement |
| 2. Academic Excellence Scholarship Program | 11. Office of Student Volunteerism |
| 3. Career Center | 12. Recreational Sports |
| 4. Comet Families | 13. Residential Life |
| 5. Eugene McDermott Library | 14. Student Counseling Center |
| 6. Financial Aid | 15. Student Health Center |
| 7. GEMS Center | 16. Student Health Insurance Office |
| 8. International Education (Study Abroad) | 17. Student Transition Programs |
| 9. New Student Programs | 18. Student Wellness Center |

Student Organization Tables

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| 1. Actuarial Students Association | 16. IPESA |
| 2. Alpha Epsilon Delta | 17. John Marshall Pre-Law Society |
| 3. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. | 18. Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority |
| 4. Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity | 19. Molding Doctors |
| 5. Black Student Alliance | 20. Muslim Students Association |
| 6. Chemistry Student Association | 21. Neuroscience Student Association |
| 7. Contemporary Dance Club | 22. Newman Catholic Ministry |
| 8. Crochet Club | 23. Phi Beta Lambda |
| 9. Delta Delta Delta Sorority | 24. Pre-Dental Association |
| 10. Fellowship Of Christian University Students | 25. Pre-Pharmacy Association |
| 11. Financial Leadership Association | 26. Psychology Coalition |
| 12. Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority | 27. Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority |
| 13. Hillel | 28. Society of Physics Students |
| 14. Institute for Supply Management | 29. Turkish Student Association |
| 15. Iota of Texas Alumni Association | 30. Youth for Ron Paul |

For Your Information

Lunch is available for purchase in the Student Union Dining Hall,
Comet Café and the Pub from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
(Registered students will have a free meal voucher in their registration packet)



Please be sure to visit our informational fair in the
Naveen Jindal School of Management Building (first floor hallway)
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



General campus tours will be available every half hour from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
beginning at the Visitor Center lobby in the Visitor Center & Bookstore
Building



Our nationally-recognized UT Dallas Chess team members will provide a live
demonstration at the UT Dallas Chess Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. (between the
Student Services Building and the Naveen Jindal School of Management).
Be sure to stop by and meet some of the best in chess!



The UT Dallas Bookstore will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Don't forget to bring your evaluation to the Visitor Center at the end of the
day for a special student gift!

Thank You for Attending Scholars' Day!



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