Welcome Week
August 22-28, 2010

Check out the schedule for UT Dallas’s BIGGEST and BEST Welcome Week yet!

Full schedule and details can be found online at:
http://www.utdallas.edu/welcomeweek/

Events and activities ranging from movies to breakfasts to talent shows—all designed for students and staff to mingle and kick-off the new school year in style.

Take a break from your busy schedule to attend a Welcome Week event today!

PRESIDENT’S GREETING

(Daniel Calhoun, Staff Council President)

As the new academic year gets started, the Staff Council is wrapping up another remarkable year working for you. During our 2009-2010 term, we reviewed and approved a new university strategic plan for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and a new Staff Fitness for Duty Policy. The Executive Board has been involved in the creation of a new Customer Service or Service Excellence Committee. We were also successful in seeing the Wellness Committee established as a permanent, university-wide committee of staff, faculty, and students.

The Staff Council continued its fund raising successes. We hosted the second annual Jail N’ Bail, benefitting the Staff Council Staff Scholarship Fund and the UT Dallas General Scholarship Fund. This Wednesday, we invite you to be part of the third Jail N’ Bail as part of Welcome Week. This is our single biggest fundraiser, generating over $13,000 in two years. We also sold poinsettias in November and chocolate for Valentine’s Day. The snowstorm on February 11 and 12 (a fond memory given today’s temperature) complicated our plan but the staff still supported our efforts and purchased every box of chocolate the week after. Thanks to your generosity, we awarded twelve staff scholarships in the past year. For the first time since its establishment, we used fundraising money to increase the principle of our Staff Council Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Internally, we hired a new governance secretary, Vicki Carlisle, who has fit in wonderfully and been a real asset to the Staff Council. We added a suggestion log to our website so staff can see the submitted suggestions and the status of each one. You are reading our fourth published newsletter of the year. In October, the Staff Council and the Department of Environmental Health and Safety organized over 400 free flu shots for staff and faculty. We recognized some outstanding staff members by awarding eleven CARE Awards in June. We hosted the second Staff Appreciation Day on June 30 with the Staff Council Annual Report, a Q&A with Dr. Calvin Jamison, door prizes, massage chairs, karaoke, and a free barbeque lunch.

The 2009-2010 year was certainly a busy one for the Staff Council. But we still have some goals to improve and do more in the years to come. I want to thank all the representatives on the Staff Council for their assistance and hard work this year. It has been a pleasure and an honor for me to serve as Staff Council President and we could not have accomplished so much without the efforts of so many great people. I look forward to another great year in 2010-2011!
THIS WEEK!!!

Third Annual Staff Council Jail N’ Bail Fundraiser at the Cometville Carnival –

**Wednesday, August 25, 2010.**

All proceeds go to the Staff Council Staff Scholarship Fund and the UT Dallas General Student Scholarship Fund.

Join the Fun! Issue an “Arrest” Warrant to have one of your peers, friends, faculty, or co-workers picked up by one of our own UT Dallas Police Officers and brought to “Jail” at the Carnival. **To get out of “Jail,”** they can call everyone they know and **collect enough donations and pledges to make Bail!** Last year our group of “Jailbirds” included assistant vice presidents, deans, faculty, staff and students. Rumor has it that **Temoc is on the “Wanted” list!**

Don’t Delay! Simply go to: [www.utdallas.edu/staffcouncil](http://www.utdallas.edu/staffcouncil) to issue on-line Arrest Warrants or to make donations to help someone post Bail.

Join us at Jail N’ Bail to see if TEMOC gets arrested AGAIN!
EVERYONE needs to vote on-line for our “WHOOSH” t-shirt in the Corporate Challenge T-shirt Competition! Voting opened Friday, August 20, 2010 at the Opening Ceremony.

- Shirts will be on display and voting available on-line.
- Voting will continue throughout the duration of the games ON-LINE.
- Voting Closes: Friday, October 8, 2010 at 5pm.

Go to [http://www.cor.net/CCPage.aspx?id=5632](http://www.cor.net/CCPage.aspx?id=5632) to submit your vote today!

2010-11 STAFF COUNCIL REPS

Congratulations to all of our new and returning Staff Council Representatives for the 2010-2011 school year! Please take a moment to meet your local representatives and find out how Staff Council is working for you.

**District 1 (ECSN, ECSS, HH, RL)**
1. Katrina Adams
2. Drew Brown
3. Arturo Elizondo
4. Kara Leonard
5. Rochelle Pena
6. Chelsea Posey

**District 5 (FM, PD, SB, SG)**
1. James (JB) Barnes
2. Carol Lanham
3. Jennifer Orme
4. Lonny Yarborough

**District 6 (AD, MP, NL, NB)**
1. Paula Austell
2. Lydia Blackwell
3. Lynn Butler
4. Natalie de Leon
5. Nancy Hong
6. Laurinda Lara

**District 7 (CBH, CD, CR, GC, GR)**
1. Lynne Boyer
2. Colter Fleming
3. Kimberly Kentfield
4. Remona McLain
5. Wendy Newton
6. Enedina Rodriguez
7. Sheila Rollerson

**District 2 (ATEC, JO, FO, FN, FA, BE, AS, WT)**
1. Katherine Burgos
2. Daniel Calhoun
3. Sharon Edwards
4. Morgan Shockey
5. Misty Williams
6. Victoria Winters

**District 3 (MC)**
1. Darlene Coppage
2. Lisa Garza
3. Michelle Sancen
4. Mary Jo Venetis

**District 4 (AB, CN, SOM, SU)**
1. Chinweolu Greer
2. Tineil Lewis
3. Yolande Porter
4. Chelsea Villareal
5. Melissa Wyder
COFFEE WITH DR. DANIEL—8/10/10
(Jacqueline Long)

Dr. Daniel opened the coffee session with updates on the campus buildings construction and landscaping improvements. A dedication for the “main mall” landscaping project is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th. The UTD Communications department should release the event details. Also, three new buildings will open this Fall: the Math & Science building, Founders, and the Student Services building. There will be small open houses or a joint dedication of the three buildings.

Also, this Fall we plan to break ground for a new Book Store / Visitors Center with visitors parking and a building for the Arts & Technology department (ATEC). The hold up in the process is finding a site to relocate the basketball & tennis courts. The loop road project is waiting for design work from the city of Richardson. However, Dr. Daniel has received the go ahead from the Regents to rename some of the streets on campus. He also hopes to get approval to change some of the building names, especially those with letters and abbreviations that the general public cannot identify.

Dr. Daniel opened the discussion for staff concerns. Parking on main campus for workers from the WSTC building was brought up along with budget cuts ($7 million of state funds), merit pay increases (2% this year), financial aid issues and the UT System’s background check policy. The Staff Council’s adapting to the new restrictions on mass E-Mail to all staff regarding Council activities was brought to his attention and he asked for follow-up information so he could address the problem. When asked if he had any environmental “go green” concerns he suggested we consider how much energy is used by computers that are left on 24/7 even when not in use. (He noted the UTD electric bill is over $7 million.)

There was also a discussion about the Fall acceptance enrollment figure which is up 14%. According to the strategic plan our managed growth rate should only be 4% annually. The increase is with master’s level students. Dr. Daniel plans to monitor the situation this year and possibly limit our growth next year. In closing he stated that he welcomes the coffees and hopes the council will continue them and that he should have a wealth of information to present at his “State of the University” address this Fall.

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY 2010
(Katrina Adams)

The Staff Appreciation Day this year was a huge success! The event kicked off with Merrie Tabbert’s entertaining conversation about “That UTD Swagger”, followed by the Staff Council Forum led by Daniel Calhoun, and a very informative Q&A session with members of Dr. Daniel’s Cabinet. The four-hour event also included a delicious BBQ lunch, games, free ten-minute massages, karaoke, and over eighty door prizes. Video from the entire event was streamed over the internet so that staff at satellite campuses and those who were unable to attend could also enjoy the festivities. Links to video recordings from the event can be found on the Office of Educational Enhancement’s website under the Media webcast archives. Here is the direct link: http://www.utdallas.edu/oee/media/archives/
CORPORATE CHALLENGE 2010
(Caroline Crossley)

Have you ever asked yourself, ‘What could I do to help?’ Here is my answer for you, Show Up.

Corporate Challenge involves more than 23 events held in late August through early October. Events include everything from a 5K run/walk to horseshoes, softball to volleyball and billiards to golf. Activities are scheduled during the week after normal business hours and on weekends. Employees, spouses, and retirees are eligible to participate.

In 2009 UT Dallas was awarded the Spirit Stick during Opening Ceremonies for displaying our strong Comet Pride. Additionally, UT Dallas won 13 medals and an overall silver award in its division. UT Dallas has been a proud part of Corporate Challenge for 12 years (since the beginning)! Last year we had 350 participants. This year we have less than half that number signed up to participate. We are not going to win the gold this year without your help!

Corporate Challenge is more than a competition between companies. Your participation helps raise money for Special Olympics Texas.

This year UT Dallas has the honor of sponsoring three Special Olympians; Justin Hoover, age 31; Steven Cruzalta, age 8; and Billy Wilkinson, age 37. Justin has requested UT Dallas as a sponsor for the past three years. This will be the first time Steven and Billy have participated in Corporate Challenge ceremonies.

This is a great way to meet your co-workers. It is a great way to meet people who share similar interests. Most of all this is a wonderful way to help others—you just show up.

Want to help but can’t make the events? Contact Paula Austell or Patrice Holt to find out what else is needed.

Find our more about Corporate Challenge at www.cor.net/cc.

Important Corporate Challenge dates to remember!

- Saturday, September 11th @ 10:30am – Badminton (we’re hosting this event in the AC)
- Sunday, September 12th @ 8:00am – 15K Bike Race around UTD Campus
- Monday, September 13th @ 8:40pm – Soccer (we’re hosting this event)
- Sunday, September 19th @ 8:00am – 5K Run (we gain the most participation points!)
- Thursday, September 23rd @ 8:30pm – Flag Football (we’re hosting this event)
- Friday, October 29th Closing Ceremony (Details TBA)

Upcoming: Raffle ticket sales which benefit Special Olympics 100%.

Captains—Don’t forget to turn in your roster to Paula Austell or Patrice Holt on or before your due date.

Additionally, during the Corporate Challenge season we will be updating our standings so check back here weekly: http://www.utdallas.edu/wellness/corporate-challenge.html (Save this to your favorites)
CHILD CARE ON THE MOVE

(Jacqueline Long)

The Joint Committee on Child Care was reorganized last Spring and is making new advances in its goal of providing childcare services to UT Dallas faculty, staff and students. Since Dr. Spector, Vice-President for Diversity & Community Engagement, agreed to champion the initiative the first phase, Needs Assessment, was completed and results presented to Dr. Daniel and his cabinet.

Phase two, the Feasibility Study, has been delayed due to internal changes within the consulting firm UT Dallas hired. During the July meeting plans were made to secure another firm and a timeline established to move forward. (see chart)

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Dr. Spector assigned Lauren DeCillis, Director of the Women’s Center, to work on the child care project and Lauren was made chairwoman of the joint committee. Committee members have researched and toured childcare facilities that are in other UT System institutions. The feasibility study will consider building a center or renovating an existing space on campus. Moving forward the committee is looking into UTD discounts from established community child care providers and creating a referral system.

[The Joint Committee on Child Care combines representatives from the Staff Council Benefits Committee and the university’s Committee for Diversity & Equity. Meetings are open to any UT Dallas staff, faculty, or student.]