Alternative Spring Breaks Records
107 Comets spent their spring breaks participating in UT Dallas’ most ambitious Alternative Spring Break yet. 11 teams whooshed across the country to 11 cities in five states. Each trip focused on a specific social impact area that aimed to equip participants with the tools necessary to better address the needs of their communities. ASB 2019 pushed the program to new heights by sending a team to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Disaster Relief team assisted Community Collaborations Inc. in their mission to provide support to areas that need them most. The team cleared trails, rehabilitated community buildings, and repaired homes damaged by Hurricane Maria. At the end of the week, each team’s contributions amounted to 3,350 hours and $132,092 of volunteer time saved by the respective agencies.

Earth Week Blooms in Eighth Year
Earth Week 2019 was comprised of 17 service and educational events that were hosted by OSV, the Office of Sustainability, Facilities Management, and other campus departments and community agencies. Throughout the entire week, 891 Comets engaged in sustainable green events like Garden Workshops, Operation Upcycle, and BioBlitz that aimed to teach the importance of organic gardening and conservation. The week was capped off with Earth Fair which welcomed 19 booths to share their cool green knowledge with 431 students.

Volunteer of the Semester
This spring’s Volunteer of the Semester was long time volunteer and two-time ASB Site Leader, Shishti Mathur! Shishti has been a frequent OSV volunteer since she was a freshman. Before graduating with her master’s this May, she led UT Dallas’ first ASB trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Summer of Service
Service does not take the summer off! Read below for more information on how you can get involved with the OSV.

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*Estimated value of 2019 Texas volunteer time per www.independentsector.org