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A Quarterly Insight into UTSA Academic Advising

Name Our Newsletter



What is in a Name?

Making a good first impression counts!

We are asking for your help in naming the newsletter. We will be sending out a survey link that will have a list of possible names for the newsletter. The name that has the highest amount of votes will win. The current names in the running are:

- *From the Beak*
- *UTSA Advising Chronicles*
- *Rowdy Roundup*
- *Runners Review*
- *The Beak Bulletin*
- *Rowdy Advisor Notes*
- *UTSA Academic Advising Quarterly*

If you have other ideas for a name, you still have time to submit your ideas. Please email

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We will send out the survey January 7th and the official name of the newsletter will be revealed in our 2nd issue. Thank you in advance for your help naming our newsletter!

2018 Advising Institute

On September 27-28, the University of Texas System hosted the 2018 Advising Institute. The purpose of the institute was to offer opportunities for networking, team building, and professional development. The event allowed Academic Advisors as well as Leadership from all 8 UT System academic institutions to come together and discuss promising practices in advising and student success. The institute focused on the important role of academic advisors. UTSA sent several representatives to the event: Brandy Barksdale, Angelica Barrera, Temple Carter, Heather Finkel, Brittany Gordon, Albert A. Lopez, Xavier Loreda, Olga San Miguel and Barbara Smith.

"The UT summit was a great opportunity to get new ideas and perspectives from other UT campuses. I was pleasantly surprised by how far ahead UTSA advising seems to be in many areas." - Brittany Gordon

"I found that UTSA Advising is ahead of the pack leading with "ideas" already in place such as having an Advising List serve, new hire On Boarding and communication practices via Liaisons between faculty and the Advising Community. Attending the Institute refreshed my excitement in continuing with best practices and building a framework for student success." - Heather Finkel

What did you do last summer?

There are many participatory activities here at UTSA for staff to have some fun. Ellie McPherson with Arts and Humanities Advising shared some fun she had last summer. In June '18, Ellie represented UTSA by participating in the San Antonio Sports Corporate Cup 2018. She said it was lots of fun and she wished that she had competed in more events. Ellie played soccer at the event, which included competitive and skill events, tailgate style food and fun, and a t-shirt contest. Thank you to all the participants including Suzanne Stokes who participated in the Walking event. Thank you to all who represented UTSA Academic Advising. If you like food and fun in beautiful Texas weather, be on the lookout for the 2019 Corporate Cup coming next summer which is organized by Rowdy New U.


2019 NACADA Region 7 Conference in San Antonio

The 2019 NACADA Region 7 conference will be held in San Antonio, March 8 – 10th at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. We have several representatives from UTSA who will be presenting. Congratulations are in order for Deborah Benavides (Life & Health Advising Center). Deborah presented at TEXAAN 2018 in Houston with Yvette Morales (Texas State University). They received the “Best in TEXAAN” award for their presentation on “Academic Procrastination: Why Students Do It and Strategies to Help Our Students.”

Deborah and Yvette will encore their award winning presentation at the NACADA Region 7 Conference. They first developed their concept and presented at the NACADA National Conference in Las Vegas in October 2016. Their presentation addresses the nature of procrastination, why people procrastinate- which also includes the neurobiology of procrastination, and concludes with tips to help our students be successful and stop engaging in this stressful and harmful behavior.

LET'S SALSA!

STRATEGIC ADVISING LEADS TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



San Antonio, TX
March 8-10, 2019

We are excited to see everyone present and we will provide a recap of the conference along with a list of all the presenters and photos in the next newsletter. Lets SALSA UTSA Academic Advising!!!!

Recent Events >>>

Rowdy Advisor Social Hour

Fall 2018 Bean Bag Tournament

The Fall 2018 Bean Bag Tournament was held on November 9th at the Block SA on Roadrunner Way. We had several participants and there were lots of laughs and fun! The Teams were:

BAGGIN' THE TROPHY

Albert Lopez & Karl Fisher

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

Charles Fraga & Heather Castro

GAME OF THROWS

Angel Olivarez & Jesse Olivarez

ENGINEERING THE WIN

Xavier Laredo & Jason Trevino

PH. DEES!

Sarah Sanchez & Anna Boyer-Chadwick

BAGS OF FURY

Ellie McPherson & Aaron Ingram

T-REX

Damaris Ibarra & Erika Escamilla

CONCHITAS

Catarina Rodriguez & Amanda Garcia



Baggin' the Trophy took home the trophy. Well they definitely bagged it!
Congratulations to them for representing the advisors!!



The Rowdy SPOTLIGHT

Shining Brightly For The World to See



Jaimee Bennett – Life & Health Sciences
Jaimee is UTSA Alum c/o 2013 as well as a former UTSA Track and Field Athlete. Before becoming an academic advisor, she was a DI college track and field coach working with several institutions in the state of Texas. While coaching she developed a passion for student athletes and decided she wanted to help them in a different capacity outside of sports.

This issue’s Rowdy Spotlight goes to Jaimee Bennett with Life and Health Advising Center (LHSC). The LHSC Director: Claudia L. Treviño shared this, “While still in new advisor training, Jaimee Bennett didn’t let this slow her down when it came to helping students and her team. Jaimee provided valuable assistance to the LHSC office during the hectic week of Spring 2019 registration. With the office short-handed during initial registration rush, Jaimee stepped up to help in any way she could.

With some guidance, she quickly learned how to use SSC Navigate and also how to implement our office’s on-call and appointment policies. Thanks to her, our on-call advisors were able to focus on meeting students’ registration needs while knowing the students were being directed at the front with the upmost efficiency.”

Way to go Jaimee! You are a great asset to the Runner’s Advising Team.

Do you know someone that deserves the spotlight? Let us know.

New Runners on the Block

Welcome to the Team!

Jaimee Bennett: Academic Advisor with Life & Health Sciences

Caitie Dyer: Academic Advisor with Downtown

Olivia Gonzalez: Administrative Associate for Math & Physical Sciences

Mary Larson: Academic Advisor with Business Studies

August Morales: Academic Advisor with Math & Physical Sciences

Leslie Saenger: Academic Advisor with Arts & Humanities

Jenna Simmons: Academic Advisor with Business Studies

Rebecca Rivera: Academic Advisor with Math & Physical Sciences

Season of Giving

Roadrunner Pantry

This is the time of year to help others. You can help a student by donating non-perishable and non-food items to the Roadrunner pantry. Let’s show roadrunner’s we care about them during times of need. Please drop off your donations in the Student Union RM 1.04.06 (next to UPS Store)

MOST WANTED ITEMS:

RICE, CEREAL,
OATMEAL, PASTA
PASTA SAUCE, JELLY,
BREAD, CRACKERS
CHILI, PANCAKE MIX,
PEANUT BUTTER,
ROTEL

NON FOOD ITEMS

DEODORANT
BODY WASH
TOOTHPASTE
FEMININE PRODUCTS

Final thoughts...

Highlights from the Centers >>>

Arts & Humanities Advising

- Leslie Saenger is expecting her first child on the day after Christmas.
- Miranda and Jackie were invited by Dr. Jessica Wright (Dept of Philosophy and Classical Studies) as two of the guest judges for the inaugural Saturnalia event, November 29th.

Business Advising

- Beginning Spring 2019, Business will offer a Business Honors Program.
www.business.utsa.edu/undergraduate-studies/business-honors-program/

Downtown Advising

- Catherine "Caitie" Dyer started on December 3rd.

Math & Physical Sciences Advising

- They are now fully staffed with the addition of Olivia Gonzales, August Morales and Rebecca Rivera.

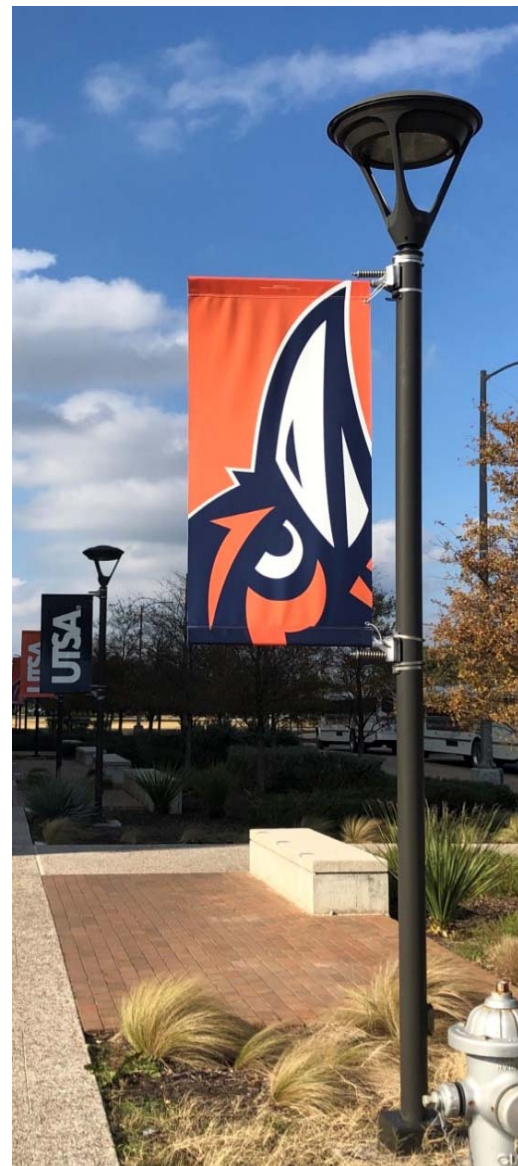
Social Sciences Advising

- Congratulations to Brittany Gordon for becoming an Advisor III and transferring from Math & Physical Sciences Advising to Social Sciences Advising.
- Sad farewell to Janette Fuentes who is leaving UTSA to work at UTEP.

Upcoming Events >>>

The Spring 2019 All Advising Meetings will be:

- ❖ January 9, 2019 – Business Building 2.06.04 (University Room)
- ❖ February 13, 2019 – Student Union 2.01.28 (Denman Room)
- ❖ March 20, 2019 – Downtown Campus - Durango Building 1.124 (River Walk Conference Room)
- ❖ April 10, 2019 – Student Union 2.01.28 (Denman Room)
- ❖ May 8, 2019 – Student Union 2.01.28 (Denman Room)



coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue...

- All Advising Appreciation
- Spotlight: Where will it land next?
- Recap of NACADA Regional
- Naming of the Newsletter



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If you have content you want to add or discuss for future issues, please contact Tamala D. Boyd and Cherie Frost.



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