College is an exciting time, full of new experiences, friendships and opportunities for students to expand who they are and what they know. The Division of Student Affairs and our Longhorn family partner in creating a rich environment for those experiences to occur. Whether you are a student, parent, family member, member of the Longhorn Family Leadership Council, faculty or staff, your support matters and contributes to the Longhorn student experience. We hope you enjoy this glimpse into the impact we collectively have on the Forty Acres.

Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Mission
As educators, we support students throughout their university experience by providing the best and most innovative programs, facilities and services.

Vision
To be a leader in the creation of a campus culture that engages all students and inspires them to change the world.
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Dear Colleagues, Friends and Longhorn Family Members,

What an honor to lead the Division of Student Affairs as a key member of the university’s leadership team for the past year. The team in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs is devoted to providing innovative programs and resources to help students reach their full potential during their university experience. We educate, we collaborate and we listen, acting as ambassadors for our 51,000 students to the campus community.

Our Division team is also actively engaged in projects across the nation, state and campus as necessary to further the impact of our expertise in campus life, leadership, wellness and skill development.

This Impact Report is a glimpse into the story of our signature accomplishments during the 2016-2017 academic year. It shows how the team engaged students, parents, faculty and staff in ways that inspire students to become their best selves.

The work we do would not be possible without constant collaboration with our campus partners, students and community. The strength of these partnerships has allowed us to reach new heights by continuously addressing campus and student needs while learning, evolving and improving.

Thank you for the many ways you support The University of Texas at Austin STUDENT, because together we listen, create and respond to the ever-changing higher education environment. Please dive into this report as we highlight the excellence of the Division and the tremendous return on investment as you join us on this journey.

Hook ‘em,

Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Leaders of the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Soncia Reagins-Lilly, 2016-present
Gage Paine, 2012-2016
Juan González, 2005-2012
James Vick, 1989-2005
Ron Brown, 1979-1989
James Duncan, 1976-1979
Ron Brown, 1971-1976

Follow Dr. Lilly on Social Media:
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Initiatives

Vice President for Student Affairs Reunion
Dr. Lilly will host alumni, current student leaders, staff and friends of the Division at the 21st annual reunion on April 14, 2018. This event is presented in association with the Office of the President. Visit www.VPSAReunion.com to add your name to our invitation list.

Vice President for Student Affairs Student Advisory Council
This council was created to maintain clear and open dialogue between the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and the student body at large. The committee is comprised of students from all areas of campus and gives students the opportunity to voice their concerns directly to Dr. Lilly.

Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI®)
Supporting UT Austin's priorities to increase self-awareness of diversity and promote inclusion, 20 Division staff members completed the Qualifying Seminar for Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI®) Administrators. They offer training to students who live in on-campus residence halls and participate in student organizations as well as Division staff and campus partners.

Listening Series
The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs team meets with students regularly at the office and locations across campus. The Listening Series gives students the ability to share their campus-climate concerns, achievements and status updates in an informal setting. The Hate and Bias Incidents Policy is a significant campus-wide initiative that developed from Listening Series conversations.

Student Affairs Staff Leadership Fellows
The Student Affairs Staff Leadership Fellows initiative offers professional development opportunities to staff in the Division of Student Affairs who have one to five years of student affairs service.

Student Employee of the Year Award
The Student Employee of the Year Award is given annually to an outstanding student employee who has made a positive impact on the university and has demonstrated exceptional reliability, quality of work, initiative and professionalism. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the President and Human Resources sponsor this recognition.

Student Study and Social Space
To help better meet the needs of students, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs has provided funding so students can meet and study additional hours in the Flawn Academic Center. The facility is open 24 hours a day (Sunday through Thursday) during the fall and spring semesters.

Constitution Day
This national holiday in September commemorates the historic signing of the Constitution. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Office of the Dean of Students work with campus partners to educate students on the rights of citizenship and civic engagement.

UT Night at the Trail of Lights
The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs is the key sponsor of UT Night at the Trail of Lights. This special evening in Austin gives students, faculty, alumni, family and friends an opportunity to enjoy the festivities while showcasing Longhorn pride.
University Health Services

University Health Services is an on-campus, accredited healthcare facility that includes general medicine, women’s health, sports medicine, urgent care services, allergy/immunization clinics, nutrition services, physical therapy, a 24-hour Nurse Advice Line, radiology, lab services and a health promotion office. The department, founded in 1909, is supported by the Student Health Advisory Committee.

- Business & Ancillary Services
- Clinical Services
- Information Technology & Health Information Management
- Nursing Services
- Public Health & Health Promotion
- Public Information & Assessment

Recreational Sports

Recreational Sports promotes physical fitness, healthy habits and balanced behaviors through an array of recreation facilities, programs, services, special events and student employment opportunities. Programs offered include Intramural Sports, Fitness/Wellness, Outdoor Recreation, Civic Engagement, Sport Clubs, the Instructional Program and Informal Recreation. The department, founded in 1916, is supported by the Facilities Operations Council, Intramural Council, Recreational Sports Committee and Sport Club Council.

- Business Services
- Communications, Assessment, Development & IT
- Facility Operations
- Programs

University Unions

The University Unions provides a wide array of student services, leadership development opportunities, study and event spaces, and food venues. The department enhances the student experience through unique and multi-faceted facilities as well as a vibrant student organization. The department, founded in 1933, is supported by the University Unions Advisory Council.

- Alumni Relations
- Business & Support Services
- Facilities, Operations & Maintenance
- Student Programs

Counseling and Mental Health Center

The Counseling and Mental Health Center provides individual, group and crisis counseling, psychiatric consultations, and prevention services that facilitate students’ academic and life goals. The department, founded in 1940, is supported by the Counseling and Mental Health Center Student Advisory Committee.

- Business Services
- Clinical Services
- Counselors in Academic Residence Program
- Integrated Health Program
- Prevention & Outreach Services
- Psychiatric Services
- Training Programs
Texas Parents

Texas Parents serves all students’ families who need assistance navigating university resources. All parents and families of enrolled undergraduate students are members of the Texas Parents Association, the university’s official parents association. Membership provides benefits to support and promote student success from enrollment through graduation. The department, founded in 1948, is supported by the Texas Parents Ambassadors Council.

Housing and Food Service

Housing and Food Service oversees 14 on-campus residence halls, university apartments, and 13 dining and retail venues. By engaging students in an inclusive community that fosters learning outside the classroom, the staff encourages student success and well-being. The department, founded in 1951, is supported by the Resident Assistant Association, University Apartments Tenant Advisory Board and University Residence Hall Association.

• Business Services
• Facilities
• Food Service
• Human Resources
• Residence Life

Office of the Dean of Students

The Office of the Dean of Students engages beyond the classroom to enrich learning through leadership training and by supporting the membership of 1,300 student organizations. Office services for students also include legal, conduct, emergency, veteran, research and other support. The department was founded in 1968. The Legal Services for Students Student Advisory Board and Student Conduct Advisory Committee support those units.

• Central Services
• Dean of Students Research Institute
• Leadership & Ethics Institute
• Legal Services for Students
• Legislative Student Organizations
• Sorority & Fraternity Life
• Student Activities
• Student Conduct & Academic Integrity
• Student Emergency Services
• Student Veteran Services
• Title IX Training & Investigations

New Student Services

New Student Services oversees orientation for thousands of incoming students each year, ensuring they successfully transition academically and socially to the university. Staff also lead programs throughout the year to promote student engagement and support academic success. The department, founded in 1968, is supported by the Deans’ Core Transfer Team, Orientation Logistics Committee and Orientation Strategic Planning Committee.

• Horns Helping Horns

The Center for Students in Recovery

The Center for Students in Recovery provides a supportive community where students in recovery and in hope of recovery can achieve academic success while enjoying a genuine college experience free from alcohol and other drugs. The department, founded in 2004, is supported by The Center for Students in Recovery Council.

Follow us on social media:
“Many graduate students were concerned about how changes to the Affordable Care Act may affect their health insurance and their healthcare decision making. We reached out to University Health Services. UHS jumped right on our concerns and prepared a presentation for graduate students in a matter of days.”

- Francesca Cicero, former vice president, Graduate Student Assembly

(pictured with Wills Brown, former president, Graduate Student Assembly)

The Senate of College Councils unanimously passed a joint resolution in support of adding dental services on campus.

**Programs**

- **22,170** Record number of visits to Healthyhorns website for one day when student portal opened for first-year students
- **1,600** Students involved in the Healthy Student Organization Program, recently honored by Austin Mayor Steve Adler
- **4** HealthyhornsTXT messages sent weekly to 6,000 students on a variety of health topics
- **3,000** Safe Spring Break Kits distributed that included a record number of partner items
- **96** Workshops hosted by Healthyhorns Peer Educators, reaching 1,246 students
**People**

- **60,011** Appointments across all clinics, treating 22,033 students
- **11,473** Flu shots given to students, faculty & staff
- **1,707** Physical exams administered to medically-clear study abroad students for travel

- **208** Sport physical exams performed, including 106 for National Collegiate Athletic Association athletes
- **13,739** Calls to the Nurse Advice Line with questions about an illness or injury

**Social Media Shoutouts**

- @Marc_A_Cornejo
  Wholesome @Healthyhorns
  HLTHYHRNS: Hey you. Be kind to yourself, you’re doing the best you can. Show yourself compassion by treating yourself like you would treat your best friend.

- @IDonateTerribly
  Cannot speak more highly of the people at @Healthyhorns! I’m already feeling extremely welcome at @UTAustin #UT20

**“Did you know...?”**

Nutrition services launched a partnership with Recreational Sports to begin seeing patients in Gregory Gym one morning each week.

**Top reasons** students visited are upper respiratory infection (7,505 visits), allergies (4,373 visits), women’s health (1,576 visits) and anxiety (1,044 visits).
Longhorn Run gave me the opportunity to delve deeper into my passion for health and fitness. I am fortunate to look back on my time with the Longhorn Run Committee and identify growth in my leadership abilities, transferable career experience, and most importantly, lifelong friendships and mentors.

- Bridget McLaughlin, recent graduate

What Students Say about Us

The Wright-Whitaker Sports Complex reopened this past spring after renovations. Located three miles from campus, the facility includes artificial turf and natural grass playing fields, sand volleyball courts, and space to hang out and enjoy the outdoors.

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- Bridget McLaughlin, recent graduate

Social Media Shoutouts

@beirnebabybeirne

Over the past 4.5 years these few have become my family. We share some of the richest experiences together, no doubt, shaping me into the person I am today. I wouldn’t give up my time at @texasrecsports for anything #nostalgic #getCadeaninstagram

@jcharles_shutup

My swimming days at Gregory Gym are coming to an end, thank you @texasrecsports for everything! This is just one of many things I’ll miss from Texas, and from Austin #gregorygym #ut #utexas #utrecsports #austin #atx #texas #hookem #swimming #swimmingpool
Programs

187
Students who went on 21 adventure trips to places including the Ouachita Mountains & Grand Canyon

9,800
Students who participated in intramural sports

35,000
Participants in 3,300 group exercise classes

2,362
Students who were involved in 46 sport clubs

450
American Red Cross safety certifications issued

People

3,750,000
Hours of participation accrued annually by UT Austin students, faculty, staff & Recreational Sports members

296
Student volunteers who were involved in community outreach & service learning projects

15
Scholarships awarded to student employees, totaling $31,500

540
Students at orientation who participated in Discover UT sessions & workouts to learn about Recreational Sports

1,000
Part-time student employees that include lifeguards, fitness instructors, trip guides, building supervisors & sports officials

“Did you know...?”

Recreational Sports celebrated its 100th anniversary and continues to evolve with new programs, facilities and funding sources to meet the needs of today’s students and the next generation of Longhorns.

Gregory Gym is now home to an Amazon pick-up location, a University Federal Credit Union branch and a Shake Smart kiosk.
Social Media Shoutouts

@55raynor55
Awesome evening under the tower! #hunterhayes #utaustin#40acresfest #texastraditions #longhorns

@TheJessNguyen
@GetOutMovie is a 10/10, would recommend!! Thank you @UTUnions for the advanced screening!!

Programs

9,000
Pounds of coffee grounds composted in partnership with the University Unions’ Starbucks & Java City

107
Events hosted by Campus Events + Entertainment

73
Student applications for the inaugural Dine with a Prof program

69
Student organizations who received $74,370 from the Events CoSponsorship Board, a funding source for student groups

6
Events held during Finals Fest to help students de-stress & focus on tests

University Unions

Student Endowed Centennial Lectureship Committee
What Students Say about Us

Students wanted food trucks on campus and the University Unions made it happen. With 11 vendors on a rotating basis, lunch is served weekly at 21st Street and Speedway. Last spring, Casey’s New Orleans Snowballs, Chi’Lantro, Four Brothers, Kona Ice and Melted were among those who served 2,000+ customers in the first two months.

In response to students asking for new food options, University Unions staff listened and delivered. Panda Express, Tea Bar and Revolución Taco are the latest concepts in the Texas Union which are proving popular with Longhorns.

People

47,328
Attendees of programs by Campus Events + Entertainment, the largest student event-planning organization

16 & 24
Departments & student organizations who partnered with Campus Events + Entertainment

11
Alumni who mentored students through the University Unions Mentorship Program

14
Campus Events + Entertainment programs with renowned speakers who focused on diversity & inclusion

19
Student employees of Hogg Memorial Auditorium who gained hands-on experience in event production

“Did you know...?”

Giving students an easy way to order, pay for and pick up meals, select University Unions dining locations joined forces with the mobile app Tapingo. Many students especially like the convenience of picking up food directly and not waiting in line.

Partnering with Information Technology Services on campus, the University Unions is offering printing access through UTprint in the Texas Union and Student Activity Center. Students access printers using BevoBucks, a cashless form of payment through their UT Austin ID Card.
Five staff clinicians serve as diversity coordinators who offer specialized training and expertise to serve underserved students. In addition to providing counseling, consultation and support, they have provided outreach services to 3,339 students.

MasculinUT, a healthy masculinities initiative, hosted several events to support student conversations about masculinity and ending interpersonal violence. Trevante Rhodes, a university alumnus and star of the film “Moonlight,” attended a question and answer session after MasculinUT co-sponsored a film screening for a packed audience of students.

What Students Say about Us

Counseling and Mental Health Center

Programs

22,990 Students reached through prevention & outreach programs

2,499 Students reached through peer-to-peer workshops

1,310 Peer education volunteer hours

29 Fall therapy groups for students

26 Spring therapy groups for students
People

2,812 & 1,159
Students who have accessed the MindBody Labs at the Student Activity Center & Student Services Building

6,367
Students who utilized services & groups

13
Colleges, schools & units served by the Counselors in Academic Residence (CARE) program

1,331 & 1,524
Crisis appointments & crisis line calls

26,759
Number of counseling sessions

“Did you know...?”

NASPA—Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education awarded Get Sexy. Get Consent. its Grand Silver Award for Excellence. The innovative interactive theatre program examines how to negotiate sex, consent and boundaries.

The Counseling and Mental Health Center’s psychology internship program was the first program in the country at a university counseling center to be accredited by the American Psychological Association. They trained four psychologists this year and 250 during the past 50+ years.

Social Media Shoutouts

@humanityfirsttx
Come and check out our #HFEndsTheSilence Panera and T-shirt sale benefitting @utaustinvav and also share your thoughts on what you define a healthy relationship as! All proceeds go to the Survivor’s Emergency Fund that helps survivors of sexual and relationship violence on campus! Be sure to get a shirt while supplies last and share with the hashtag #HFEndsTheSilence!

@kevinhelgren
The SAC MindBody Lab is open and ready to use! Check it out in SAC 2.106. Thanks to @UTUnions and @UT_CMHC for the great partnership!
Texas Parents

What Students/Parents Say about Us

“We’d like to thank Texas Parents for giving us the support* to host this event on campus. You are the reason we can grow to be bigger and better each year, allowing us to reach more students and open up more views. Thank you for helping us accomplish our goals on the Forty Acres.”

- Hindu Students Association

*Texas Parents awarded $45,000 in grants to 38 student organizations.

“The monthly newsletters have been a great source of information, especially for an out-of-state family. They allowed me to learn more about the school, keep track of deadlines and find out about new things in Austin. Texas Parents Association is an outstanding organization which offers first-class services to its students and parents.”

- UT Austin parent

Programs

$5,000
Funds granted to serve Student Emergency Services, helping students in difficult situations

1,200
Families who participated in Family Weekend

$15,000
Funding donated to the Be Safe Campaign, focused on changing the safety culture on campus

49
Campus partners who participated in Family Weekend, including colleges & schools

121
Events during Family Weekend, including tours & information sessions
People

**5,000**
Families who attended Freshman Family Orientation, representing 60% of the incoming freshman class

**366**
Parent volunteer hours at events such as Family Orientation, Family Weekend & Mooov-In

**18**
Awards for students, faculty & staff, including Outstanding Student Awards & Staff Merit Awards

Social Media Shoutouts

**35**
Student leaders who facilitated Family Orientation

**15,000**
Families who received the monthly eNewsletter

**“Did you know...?”**

All parents and families of enrolled undergraduate students are members of the university’s official parents association. Membership provides benefits to support and promote student success from enrollment through graduation.

Texas Parents Association members live in 49 states and more than 25 countries.
“I was able to truly see my classmates in a new way. I encourage everyone to be open to other cultures on campus. We better the Longhorn fabric by having an open discussion.”

- Residence hall resident who attended the Longhorns for a Culturally Competent Campus program

“Love the vegetarian and vegan options at J2 Dining!”

- UT Austin student comment after Food Service launched the FAST (Fresh and Simple Tastes) line at J2, which features a menu prepared without the top eight allergens and gluten

Social Media Shoutouts

@trinijay3
Kinsolving Kiwis doing their self created leadership seminar for residents! Yup this Council is awesome!! @utdos @UTHousing @ShaunaTSobers

@cameron_tepper
Thank you @UTHousing for the privilege to support our community. Thank you especially @JustinTSamuel @nicole_burke for all your guidance!

“Did you know...?”

Food Service handled 2,288,886 transactions from student meal plans at 13 on-campus dining and retail venues, an average of 6,270 per day.

More than 7,300 students live in 14 on-campus residence halls, taking advantage of being right on the Forty Acres with access to first-class facilities, programs and 161 resident assistants.
People

92%
Resident assistants who exceeded expectations of building community, programming & educating residents

457
Students who attended resident assistant information sessions, learning about responsibilities & leadership opportunities

65
Student volunteer leaders in Residence Life who helped with programming & other initiatives

56
Students who worked as food service managers, learning transferable career skills

95%
Students who felt safe living in their campus residence hall

Programs

36
Tons of food waste diverted from landfills at all-you-care-to-eat dining facilities

640
Educational programs hosted at residence halls & university apartments

5
Living Learning Communities planned including Global Living, Healthy Lifestyles & Women in Engineering

740
Social programs put on at residence halls & university apartments

84%
Annual decrease in safety violations following student education programs
Office of the Dean of Students

Programs

928
Calls to the Behavior Concerns Advice Line answered by Student Emergency Services

250
Students, faculty & staff educated about Title IX & its investigation process

2,880
Student community service hours by ProjectLEAD, a project management & community empowerment program

740
Student Activities’ consultations with student organizations to help them plan successful programs

$250,000
Scholarships awarded to student veterans by Student Veteran Services

Social Media Shoutouts

@BeVocalUT
Check out our NEW BeVocal video series created in partnership with our ProjectLEAD team of students! Whether it may be with a friend, a stranger, or a person of authority, there are many ways you can CHOOSE to ACT. Intervening when you see a person of authority perpetuating harm can be tricky or scary even. Check out our last video below to see how our students come up with a few options!

@TexasWranglers
As an organization, we are humbled to have been named the Most Outstanding Student Organization AND the Best Service Organization on campus for 2017. We live by the motto, “Scholarship. Leadership. Athletic Ability” and hope to continue spreading these values throughout our university. #MFSF

Longhorns
TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER

Dean’s Squad
What Students Say about Us

“The less I worried about having food, the more I could focus on studying.”
- UT Austin student who received assistance from Student Emergency Services for meals

“Best Buddies found The Pillars of the Forty Acres Program to be very beneficial and fulfilling for our organization. The informational meeting was very informative in preparing to satisfy the requirements of the Pillars. It was also really nice to see how supported we are in our endeavors by UT Austin.”
- UT Austin student

People

2,443
Students who participated in free, innovative leadership programs from the Leadership & Ethics Institute

2,403
Students who were assisted by Student Emergency Services

1,465
Students who met with Legal Services for Students to learn about legal questions & issues

41
Students who served on the Student Conduct Board, hearing academic integrity violations

6,705
Members of sororities & fraternities supported by Sorority & Fraternity Life

“Did you know...?”

NASPA—Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education recognized the Leadership and Ethics Institute with a Bronze Excellence Award for Leadership Education and Progress (LEAP). This multi-dimensional program enhances students’ leadership skills.

Legal Services for Students helps students resolve landlord-tenant questions and reviews leases for students to prevent future disputes. They handled 489 landlord-tenant cases for students.
New Student Services

What Students Say about Us

Registering for classes the first time is a big deal, and the university wants the experience to be a positive one. The “How to Register” video helps new students understand the registration process before they even step on campus.

“New Student Services staff has been there for me through (the) Horns Helping Horns (program)*. It’s nice to have a group that’s there for us. It’s nice to know we’re going through this together. I enjoyed the monthly seminars and lunches.”

- Maria Magana Suarez, recent graduate

*The program helps independent students by providing financial and community support.

Programs

80 Participants at RISE 2017 (Reflect, Inspire, Surpass, Emerge), a one-day summit for first-year students

12,973 People who viewed the online UT Austin Study Spots map to find the perfect place to crack open a book

$43,057 Donations to the Horns Helping Horns program, serving students with little or no family support & limited resources

180 Hours of training for Orientation Advisors, learning about diversity, academic resources & social identities

15 Speakers who presented to transfer students at Transfer Tuesday programs
People

150
Students who started in the spring semester & participated in Transition Week

11,599
Students who attended UT Orientation

84
New Orientation Advisors who helped develop, plan & implement UT Orientation programs

3,000
Students who attended AustiNights, a signature event of Longhorn Welcome featuring live music, games & food

11,448
Students who took part in the campus safety program at UT Orientation

Social Media Shoutouts

@stephanie101
I love UT. I love Austin. I’m so happy to be a Texas Longhorn!! Had the best time at orientation #UT20

@_kaelyn_j
I’m so glad to be a part of such an open, accepting, and loving community. I’m so proud to be a Longhorn. #UTOrientation #UT20

“Did you know...?”

Orientation advisors are peer academic advisors as well, receiving more than 30 hours of academic training from the colleges in which they advise.

New Student Services offered extended orientation programming such as The Longhorn Way, Transition Week and Longhorn Welcome.
The Center for Students in Recovery

What Students Say about Us

“I had just been discharged from an intensive program with less than 60 days sober. The Center for Students in Recovery was my safe spot for a long time and provided me with a peer group that I would never have had before getting sober.”
- Natalia L., recent graduate

“It’s easy to get lost in a sea of over 50,000 students when you are new to a university, especially when you are grappling with an addiction or maintaining a program of recovery. The Center for Students in Recovery served as a refuge from the confusion and busyness of life in graduate school.”
- Alice S., recent graduate

Programs

17
Campus partners including BeVocal, Wellness Network & others

3
Addiction & recovery experts who spoke at the inaugural Seminar on Addiction and Recovery (SOAR)

22
Students who applied to live in the Healthy Lifestyles Living Learning Community, a residence hall area focused on sobriety

11
Events where students & staff tabled to showcase services & information

6
Recovery & support meetings on campus every week, including single-gender & young adult
People

431
Students who learned about the center’s services as well as addiction & recovery basics

34
Classes & student organizations that participated in presentations to learn about addiction & recovery

1,200
People reached at events, including the national conference of the Association of Recovery Schools & Sober Tailgates

229
Partnerships with local recovery & mental health professionals

43
Juniors & seniors hosted from Austin & Houston recovery high schools

“Did you know...?”
The center hosted its first annual open house, sharing resources for students in recovery and allies of students in recovery.

Students and staff collaborated to design and paint a large mural in the center depicting themes of hope and recovery from addiction.

Social Media Shoutouts

@TAMUHealthPromotion
Shoutout to The Center for Students in Recovery at UT Austin for meeting with us recently! We’re looking forward to following UT’s example for collegiate recovery. Like their page to find out about awesome recovery events in the Austin area!

Kate Peoples
It was really wonderful to be able to celebrate collegiate recovery today at The Center for Students in Recovery at UT Austin luncheon. I am so thankful to everyone that has given me a place to call home base on campus. Celebrating recovery, no matter what from, is a gift. I wouldn’t be as successful as I am today, academically and in recovery, if it weren’t for these wonderful people that celebrate my successes alongside me!
Our Thanks

We are grateful to our generous donors who invest in the lives of our students. Their support and keen understanding of our mission are invaluable to us as we help students navigate life on the Forty Acres.

$2,933,528
Amount of gifts raised in the Division of Student Affairs

1,062
Student donations made to the Division of Student Affairs

$15,890
Amount students in the Longhorn Entrepreneurship Agency raised to fund the first student startup space on campus

56%
Division of Student Affairs gifts made by parents

$22,550
Funds given to the newly-formed Longhorn Family Fund to address critical needs

Longhorn Family Leadership Council

The council is comprised of Longhorn parents and families who lead the way in volunteerism and philanthropic investment. Appointed by Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly, council members assist in fundraising efforts and provide vital feedback from the parent perspective.
UT Austin Alumni Parents Continue to Lead

Paul Begala, BS ’83, JD ’90, and Diane Friday Begala, BS ’82, MPA and MBA ’85, trace the beginning of their lives together to the UT Austin campus. That’s where they first met in 1981 during interviews to recruit new members to the Liberal Arts Council. They both became active student leaders on campus. Paul was elected president of Student Government and created the SURE Walk program. Diane served on the Cabinet of College Councils (now called the Senate of College Councils) and chaired the first Student Endowed Centennial Lectureship committee, which brought US Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor to the Forty Acres. Their son Billy has continued the tradition of Longhorn leadership. As he enters his senior year, Billy is a member of Texas Cowboys and Absolute Texxas as well as a pitcher on the Texas Club Baseball team.

In 2016, Paul and Diane donated an eight-passenger golf cart to the SURE Walk program to provide speedier service to students in need of safe transportation around campus.

“They say that what starts here changes the world. Well, what started here changed my life. My education, my career and my family life are all rooted in my years at The University of Texas at Austin. Diane and I are happy to be able to support the SURE Walk program, which has become bigger and better over the years under the stewardship of the students who followed us. We owe so much to our experience at UT Austin, and we are glad to pay it forward.”

- Paul Begala

Alumni Remember Stephanie Flores

Texas Women’s Rugby alumnae united in a special fundraising campaign to honor their late team captain Stephanie Flores. Together with the Flores family, they raised $100,000 to name The Stephanie Flores Women’s Rugby Lawn at the Wright-Whitaker Sports Complex.

“Stephanie was very selfless; she was like a mother hen to her team. When I’m no longer here, this lawn will still be here, giving students a place to become a family, to talk and to laugh.”

- Mary Jane Flores, Stephanie’s mother

Actor Honors Grandmother

Trevante Rhodes, BS ’12, made a gift to create the Gail McKay Student Support Award. Named after his grandmother, it will be awarded to a student in critical need of assistance. Rhodes played a lead role in the film “Moonlight” which won three Academy Awards in 2017, including Best Picture.

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