The Hub of Student Life & Well-being

2022 – 2023 Annual Impact Report
Hello Friends,

When I think about what I want to write to you all each year, I imagine what our beloved University might look like a year from now — a decade from now, two decades, a hundred years.

What will remain true? What will be different?

Change breeds new opportunities, but one thing remains constant — our unwavering commitment to our students. The Division of Student Affairs is there for our students throughout their entire academic journey. Their student experience begins and culminates with us. We are the center of student life.

We exist to challenge our students to reach their full potential. We cultivate a sense of belonging and well-being through our programs, spaces and support services. We improve access to resources and help clear the path to degree attainment. We’re doing all this while providing an enriched, rewarding and fun college experience.

So, whatever our future as one of the world’s finest universities, the work performed every day by our team will be an essential, guiding force to help students thrive in Austin and beyond.

Or to put it another way: The Division of Student Affairs is the hub of student life and well-being at UT Austin.

We tend to students’ physical well-being, their mental health, their social life, their academic success, their post-graduation future, their food, their pastimes and so much more. In the pages ahead, you will read stories about our work during the 2022-2023 academic year. And when you finish, you will notice a theme has emerged: Our Division does so much and there’s so much more we aim to do.

We’re proud to be the hub of student life and well-being – helping our 52,000 students as they’re living the Longhorn life – and we’re honored to invite you to join us in making it even more incredible.

For students, we will!

Soncia Reagins-Lilly
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Our Strategic Priorities

In May 2022, the University unveiled its 10-year strategic plan, Change Starts Here. In October 2022, we published our vision of the future for the Division of Student Affairs. Our strategic priorities will guide our work for at least the next five years — determining where we spend our time, resources and attention.

Furthermore, the What Starts Here fundraising campaign — the most ambitious in our university’s and state’s history — is critical to fueling the important programs and initiatives that develop from our strategic priorities. Investment from our alumni, friends and partners allow us to support the whole student on their academic journey. In the following pages, you will read about some examples of programs across the Division that underscore our commitment to the strategic priorities.

We believe if we dedicate ourselves to these five priorities, we will help ensure that The University of Texas at Austin becomes the world’s highest-impact public research university.

PRIORITY 1
Maximizing the Longhorn Experience

PRIORITY 2
Health and Wellness

PRIORITY 3
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

PRIORITY 4
Talent Investment and Staff Support

PRIORITY 5
Technology and Resource Management
Influencing the Whole Student

Taking a more synergistic approach to student health and well-being.
Sometimes when you have a lot of health goals and aspirations it can get very overwhelming. In my experience in seeing a health coach, I could talk about my goals and what I wanted my health journey to look like. I wanted someone to walk alongside me and hold me accountable for my goals,” she added.

This program is just one of the innovative approaches the Division of Student Affairs is taking to enhance students’ health and overall well-being. It also aligns with the University’s strategic plan to support the whole student and the Division’s strategic priorities.

And with the synchronicities between the University plan and Division priorities, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Soncia Reagins-Lilly saw a unique opportunity. She embarked on a vision to transform the Division’s work supporting student health and well-being. In January 2023, she created an enhanced portfolio within the Division bringing together Recreational Sports, the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC) and University Health Services (UHS). These departments now better intersect on the student components of well-being, physical and mental health services under the guidance of Chris Brownson, associate vice president for health and well-being.
Data* shows each of the departments currently make a significant impact in support of students’ academic and personal goals.

- 95% of UHS patients said access to healthcare on campus minimized disruptions to academics.
- 98% of CMHC clients said their counseling/psychiatry has been helpful in addressing their concerns.
- 92% student participants feel that Recreational Sports contributes to their ability to maintain/improve their mental health.

“Imagine the possibilities now with this organizational shift and synergies! That’s part of the reason we are excited to adopt this well-being model, which is a national trend on many university campuses” noted Jennifer Speer, Recreational Sports executive director. “Having more opportunities to collaborate with colleagues with this holistic approach will help drive innovation to support our students’ success and academic journey.”

Another example of how the Division is intentional about supporting well-being is through the Office of the Dean of Students. By providing services and programs that focus on student well-being and

*From the 2021-2022 UHS and CMHC satisfaction surveys; 2021-2022 Recreational Sports annual highlights.
support, Executive Director Kelly Soucy and her team take a comprehensive approach to addressing students’ needs and removing barriers to their success.

“Our team is equipped to help students when they face challenges and understands that each student may have unique circumstances. Our goal is to listen, then help to identify solutions and provide access to resources that will keep them on their academic journey. We want all students to thrive during their time as a Longhorn,” shared Kelly.

From the fields to the exam rooms to the counseling services to off-campus living resources to myriad student support services, the Division’s programs, spaces and resources are the hub of supporting students’ health and well-being. And this new realignment is a strategic vision coming to life for students — a powerful way to influence students in living the Longhorn life.
Soldier-Scholar Finds Success

An Army veteran finds the resources and community he needs to excel in his next adventure.

For five years, existential threats were the focus of Esequiel “Zeek” Ortiz’s workday when he served as a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist in the U.S. Army. Originally from Riverside, California, he trained in search and rescue operations, set up temporary medical facilities, practiced decontamination protocols and could run a mile at a decent clip. None of this really prepared Zeek to fit in on a college campus.

“It’s always tough being the oldest person in class,” Zeek shared, “and military experience isn’t really something the average college student can relate to.” So when he arrived on campus in 2019, he kept his head down and focused on his studies in anthropology and geography. The discipline he gained in the Army bolstered his academic success.

“There’s a level of resiliency and determination that helps veterans excel in the classroom,” explained Jeremiah Gunderson, the University’s director of Veteran and Military Affiliated Services in the Office of the Dean of Students and a retired Army combat medic.

As part of the Division of Student Affairs, Gunderson and his team are the intersection of specialized resources for an estimated 520 veteran students and between 1,200-1,500 military-affiliated students.

“While our veteran and military affiliated students value the support of professionals across the Forty Acres, they thrive thanks to the specialized team of fellow military veterans who speak their language and can advocate for them,” said Jeremiah.

Part of that advocacy involves outreach emails about services, events and announcements. It’s how Zeek learned about the Jean Perkins Foundation Scholarship, which awards scholarships and emergency bridge funds to student veterans to help them meet their academic and professional goals. He joins the 650+ veterans awarded more than $3 million since the scholarship began on campus in 2011. The foundation awarded $350,000 to veteran students in 2023 with awards between $3,000-5,000. Zeek used his funds to purchase a high-powered computer to assist with research in Paleoindian archaeology.

Despite Zeek’s academic excellence, he missed the sense of belonging that defined his military experience.
To branch out, he turned to a different skill he picked up in the Army: gaming.

“When you’re not training or working, you’re playing video games in the barracks — gaming is huge in the military,” Zeek said. “Gaming is also huge at UT Austin, thanks in part to Longhorn Gaming, a student organization founded in 2010.

“Many veterans that I speak with have a difficult transition after military life because they don’t know how to get from A to B without that structure and community,” he revealed. “Gaming is a safe, familiar, fun way to find a community again. It builds connection. When you think about anyone that feels like they don’t belong, like they want to give up — and this goes for veterans, college students, anyone — gaming can literally save lives.”

While veterans find different ways to address their individual struggles, socializing has been a therapeutic tool that contributed to Zeek’s well-being. Now he’s helping other students get involved at the Alienware Longhorn Esports Lounge and through his recent position as Longhorn Gaming’s vice president of external affairs. He’s also fusing his experiences at Regiment, a national military-affiliated gaming community that combats mental health challenges. After graduation, he plans to merge his passions for archaeology and gaming.

“I had a Marine Corps vet, UT alum and previous Jean Perkins scholarship recipient reach out who’s now at the gaming company EA Sports,” said Jeremiah, “and he was raving about this other veteran he met. Turns out it was Zeek. He’s already making an impact in the world.”

While existential threats no longer serve as the focus of Zeek’s day-to-day life, his hard work — along with support from the Division — have helped him redefine what it means to be all he can be.
Over the course of the Bevo Buddy program, Jillian came to feel more and more embedded in the Longhorn experience. She learned how and where to access resources, found her favorite study spots on the sprawling campus and, on occasion, helped her roommate navigate her transition to life at UT Austin.

Jillian Chacon’s transition to UT Austin was exciting – coming to the campus in the heart of the city from Dallas and pursuing a degree in exercise science. Like many freshmen, her first year on campus also presented new challenges. She needed that one-on-one connection to discover the many resources available to support her success and academic journey on such a large campus.

Fortunately, Jillian had an ally in Nickoll Garcia, a sophomore applied learning and development major from San Antonio and one of 86 Bevo Buddy leaders. The New Student Services peer support program led by Assistant Director Kayleigh Damphousse and her team launched in Fall 2022. It pairs freshmen and transfer students with Bevo Buddy leaders to help them transition to college life. Through 18 exclusive Bevo Buddy events including off-campus excursions and tours, 358 students enjoyed a more engaging college experience.

Sometimes it’s about seeking advice, other times it’s about finding resources at the intersection of the Longhorn experience. “My calculus course had me questioning if I was ready to be here,” said Jillian, “but Nickoll connected me with the CalcLab and it not only helped me pass the class, but made me say to myself, ‘Yes, I belong here.’”
She’s not alone – 87% of participants agreed that because of the Bevo Buddy program they felt connected to UT Austin and 90% agreed it provided student opportunities to participate in engaging events. Proof that the sympathetic ear of a peer can make all the difference.

“Freshmen are in this really uncertain place where they might not feel comfortable having these conversations with their parents, and they haven’t had a chance to make friends they can talk to,” shared Nickoll.

During her freshman year, Nickoll joined Foundation Scholars and lived in the First-Generation Living Learning Community. These mentorship programs impacted her and she saw Bevo Buddy as a way to pay it forward, while also developing valuable leadership skills. The program builds those skills during 16 bi-weekly leader check-ins. In fact, 37% of the leaders are returning for the 2023-2024 year. And now, Jillian is following in that same path because of Nickoll’s help maximizing her Longhorn experience.

“Nickoll set such a great example. She showed how big an impact a peer leader can make. I want to be that person for someone else to help them feel more connected to the school,” Jillian added.

She and Nickoll agree that in its first year, the program showed it can transform the freshman experience into lasting success. They see the potential and how powerful it can be to have someone who will listen, reflect and guide as they navigate the Forty Acres.
Experiences Building Community

Campus was filled with live events this year. Behind the scenes, students running the show are gaining invaluable experience.

Jennifer Zamora and her team do big things.

As University Unions director of student programs overseeing Campus Events+Entertainment (E+E), Jennifer and a team of four advisors support 125 students across 10 committees. The students plan concerts, movies, lectures, cultural events, theater productions and trivia nights.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, E+E students hosted 102 events for 43,555 attendees. They push the renown of these events, attracting incredible artists from across the country. And, for the first time during the fall term, they hosted a signature concert on the Main Mall.

“Live music helps UT feel more connected to Austin,” said Jennifer, “and with so many famous festivals in Austin, the Live Music Capital of the World, we have to think even bigger.”

A bigger stage. A bigger headlining act. A bigger impact on Longhorns.

The stage was one of the largest ever erected on the Main Mall. The headlining act was award-winning rapper Wiz Khalifa. The crowd was 5,500 Longhorns. The impacts of the dazzling marquee event on the Main Mall — which saw the UT Tower illuminated with custom projections made by College of Fine Arts students and professors — will be felt long after the concert ended.

It’s a night Jeremiah Do won’t forget. The sophomore aerospace engineering major from Garland, Texas, served as a student photographer. He’s had the opportunity to photograph other E+E events over the past two years including Forty Acres Fest, a campus tradition that celebrated its 30th anniversary in April 2023. These experiences are helping him build career skills alongside his fellow students who plan and staff these events.
“Overall, I learned a lot about time management. As I become a more successful photographer, I’ve been blessed with more and more opportunities which require being well organized to ensure proper timing and scheduling for all my shoots,” Jeremiah shared.

Those learnings that go on behind the scenes set the stage for success beyond graduation. “On the surface, it looks like our student leaders are just learning about stage production and event management,” noted Jennifer, “but the skills they glean go way beyond that.”

Weekly performances at the University Unions’ Cactus Cafe, for example, are run by students with support from the E+E team. During the fall and spring, the Cactus hosts 8-12 events per month ranging from singer/songwriter showcases to open mic nights to comedy shows.

Now, the E+E team is setting their sights on adding another marquee concert in the spring of 2024. The potential concert would capitalize on the energy and momentum created by Spring Welcome hosted by New Student Services. This series of events at the beginning of the spring term expanded in Spring 2023 to include all 52,000 students (not just incoming students as in the past), resembling Longhorn Welcome at the beginning of the fall term.

“It’s a great feeling to know that I’m welcomed back on the Forty Acres. These events help create a stronger bond with UT and a sense of belonging to the community,” said Nerissa Nguyen, a sophomore biology major from Katy, Texas, who is also an orientation advisor and Bevo Buddy leader.

For our Division teams working across departments to inspire this sense of belonging for our students, Spring Welcome is a great opportunity to collaborate and envision more. “This isn’t just about music,” Jennifer proclaimed. “It’s about giving students the opportunity to live out their passion while connecting it to their future profession. And if they happen to have some fun along the way, even better.”
Learning Life Skills

Summer internships are in high demand. They don’t look like they used to.

When she was an undergraduate at UT Austin studying English, Rachel Cohen-Ford took just about every internship, job and leadership opportunity she could. That included being a resident assistant, University Residence Hall Association president and a volunteer in the University’s community gardens.

“I grew so much in each of those roles,” she said. “I became confident in presenting, learned how to delegate and learned how to work on a team.”

These Division of Student Affairs opportunities intersected into a career path. Rachel, BA ’15, MEd ’19, is now the assistant director of Texas Leadership Education and Development in the Office of the Dean of Students. She oversees the Summer Internship Program, crafting positions with skills that align with “competencies” laid out by the National Association of Colleges and Employers. “It’s a framework for gauging career readiness,” explained Rachel, “but I see it as bigger than that. It’s life readiness.”

That’s one of the reasons Victoria Vo chose to intern with the Division’s Living the Longhorn Life programming team. While she wanted to enhance her resume, the junior communications and leadership major from Houston shared, “I cared more for what I could learn and how it would apply to my skills in future organizations and positions. It was important to me to broaden my understanding and way of thinking when planning and coordinating many events.”

Mission accomplished. Victoria led two successful summer events from inception to execution: Summer Splash Pool Party and Craft with Us! Lantern Edition. She also assisted with the Silent Disco program at New Student Orientation, serving nearly 3,000 students.

“Victoria’s high energy and strong work ethic helped immensely in the creation and execution of summer events. She also gave us input which helped shape some of our fall and spring events,” noted Kaycee Armstrong, a
Living the Longhorn Life program coordinator and Victoria’s supervisor.

The impact of internships like Vo’s inspired a big expansion of the program, up from 19 paid internships when the program started in 2019 to 170 in 2023.

The program received over 2,800 applications from 891 students in 2023. Staff worked with campus partners to place interns in areas ranging from communications to operations to programs, giving greater access to the transformative power of experiential learning.

Interns are paid $15 per hour for 19 hours of work per week, including one hour designated for a weekly professional development workshop. Students can also apply for housing assistance either on or off-campus, making their internship even more cost effective.

The additional internships have been a game changer. “The jump in summer internships has energized all of us,” added Rachel. “If we had the resources, I’d love another increase. We’re helping students take control of their lives and believe in themselves. What can be more important than that?”

**BY THE NUMBERS**

- **170** intern for summer 2023
- **53** internship sites for summer 2023
- **126** internship titles
Cecilia Lopez Cardenas, BA '10, MEd '12, likes a challenge.

She relishes any chance to learn something difficult, build something from scratch or work with new people. Little did she know that when she became a student at UT Austin, those interconnected challenges would evolve into a career path thanks to opportunities in the Division of Student Affairs.

It all became clear during her senior year after various student leadership experiences. Conversations with a career counselor and mentors in the Division confirmed her decision to pursue a career in student affairs – the hub of student life and well-being at UT Austin.

It led to her first full-time job at the University leading Hogg Memorial Auditorium and its reopening as a student-centered facility. She oversaw facility operations and event production, and worked together with student staff creating a framework for their development. She’s since held progressive leadership roles at Recreational Sports, now serves as associate director of communications and recently celebrated 10 years of university service to UT Austin.

“The common thread through every role I’ve had has been my commitment to serving students and elevating the student experience on the Forty Acres. I’m grateful for the mentors, leaders and teammates who through every step believed in my potential to do just that.”

Former students discover their path and purpose through Division opportunities.

Cecilia Lopez Cardenas (left) with Hogg Memorial Auditorium student staff at the 2014 Texas Revue
Austin Espinoza, BA ’20, experienced the same freedom to explore and learn about himself through the Division’s Summer Internship Program. Serving as University Unions’ esports intern was the springboard into his career. During his undergrad, he led Longhorn Gaming, the popular student organization known as the central hub for casual gaming and esports at UT Austin. After graduation, he pursued a career in the industry and is now back at the University Unions as the esports program coordinator.

“Definitely was a dream come true. When I started my first job outside of college with Tribe Gaming, a local esports company in East Austin, I told them I would quit as soon as there was a full-time job in esports at UT Austin,” he shared.

This “dream” job became a reality with the launch of the University’s first dedicated esports space in August 2022: the Alienware Longhorn Esports Lounge. University Unions teamed up with UT Austin’s longtime corporate sponsor Dell Technologies to construct the state-of-the-art facility in the Texas Union. Dell’s iconic gaming brand Alienware collaborated on the design and invested in the technology, and the space opened in August 2022 with 13 gaming stations.

The space offers students a place to game, but also build valuable career skills like project management in a fast-paced environment. Behind the scenes there are videographers, broadcasting professionals and marketers. It’s a fast-growing industry with an expected value of $5.48 billion by 2029 (currently $1.44 billion). Not surprising considering a recent report on collegiate programs throughout the country found that 86% of college students engage in gaming behaviors. And likely many more Longhorns will explore their future careers in this unique space.

In fact, all of the Division’s programs, spaces and resources are incubators for students to discover their best selves and embark on the pathway to finding their purpose. This reach goes beyond the Division’s hundreds of student employees to thousands of other students who intersect with the many exciting possibilities and opportunities.
Dinner with 16 Longhorns

How a simple meal has expanded to an important, beloved tradition.
I think we all left the dinner realizing that we, as Longhorns, are more similar than we are different,” said Nabil Yusufali, a junior aerospace engineering major from Fort Worth who attended the dinner at Bill’s house in February 2023.

The popularity of the dinner has been growing since it began in 2018 with two dinners. During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Division hosted eight dinners, building on the six dinners hosted the academic year before. For the February 2023 dinner, 66 applicants vied for 16 slots and there’s still more to come with satellite dinners in Houston and Dallas over the summer. The goal is to meet students where they are and still provide this platform to connect.

“This generation of students is incredible,” reflected Bill. “They’re diverse, and they’re comfortable with diversity. They’re thoughtful. They think globally. They strike me as unselfish, and I hear them discuss their futures in terms of the meaning and impact of their work, not how much money they want to make.”

No doubt there will be more engaging conversation topics at future dinners. The Division’s purpose includes helping ensure every student can easily discover new friendships and join new communities, and a simple dinner together is one way the Division helps students do just that.

Bill Frisbie grew up on the UT Austin campus. His dad, Parker, was a world-renowned sociology professor who directed the Population Research Center to international prominence. On Saturdays in the 1970s, Parker would bring his young son to the Forty Acres, hand him a dollar and set him loose to explore campus unchaperoned.

“Some of my earliest memories were walking along the Drag (Guadalupe Street),” Bill said. “UT was the only school I wanted to attend.”

He earned a journalism degree in 1984 — the first milestone in a prolific, eclectic career that includes 20 years as a Methodist minister, educator, reporter, professional storyteller, author of a book about Longhorn football, stand-up comic and philanthropist. Still, there was more he wanted to do for the students at his beloved University. So, he added “Host of Dinner with 16 Longhorns” to his resume.

A relatively new intersection for connection, the Dinner with 16 Longhorns has fast become a popular tradition on the calendar of the Division of Student Affairs. Dinner is served to 16 students in the home of a UT Austin alum or supporter. The students are randomly selected from a field of applicants. Then, small groups of students have organic conversations.
The Vice President for Student Affairs office and the Division of Student Affairs’ departments honor students and staff in a variety of ways. Below is a list of our awards, recognitions, scholarships and programs supported by philanthropy.

**Center for Students in Recovery**
- Carol Weikman Farnsworth & James Walter Farnsworth Endowment for Students in Recovery
- Center for Students in Recovery Alumni Endowment
- Center for Students in Recovery Fund
- Center for Students in Recovery Scholarships
- Cullen Trust for Higher Education Endowed Fund for Students in Recovery
- Dawn & Greg Crouch Endowed Excellence Fund for Students in Recovery
- Donna Stockton-Hicks & R. Steven Hicks Endowed Excellence Fund for the Center for Students in Recovery
- Erin Elizabeth Spurgin Endowed Excellence Fund for the Center for Students in Recovery
- Jennifer and Paul E. Heath Endowed Scholarship
- Max, Gene Alice and Lynn Sherman CSR Endowment
- Richard B. Dyke Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Communications

**Counseling and Mental Health Center**
- Brandon Folkes Endowed Excellence Fund
- Brian and Randi Schwartz Community Wellness Initiative
- Brian L. Harlan Memorial Endowment
- Carolyn and Karl Rathjen in Support of Innovations in Data Informatics
- Excellence Fund for Student Mental Health Access
- Orange Jackets Endowment for Voices Against Violence
- Paul Martin Compton Endowed Excellence Fund for the Counseling and Mental Health Center
- SHIFT Program

**New Student Services**
- Cristi Biggs Orientation Leadership Fund for Orientation Advisors
- Foyt Family Endowment for Student Affairs
- Gerald E. Hawnhurst & Susan St. Denis Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Maralyn S. Heimlich Scholarship for Orientation Advisors
- Shawn and Kara Wells Endowment for Horns Helping Horns
- Tom and Bitsie Hall Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- W. Ralph Canaday, Jr. Endowment for Horns Helping Horns

**Office of the Dean of Students**
- Barrington McGregor Endowment for Veterans
- The Bryant and Shari T. Truitt Veterans Scholarship
- C. Thomas Behrman/Tejas Scholarship
- The David L. Shull Memorial Scholarship
- Dean Byron Fullerton/Tejas Scholarship
- Dean’s Dozen Award
- Delta Gamma Foundation Endowed Lecture Fund in Values and Ethics
- Ending Food Scarcity Endowment
- Eyes of Texas Student Government Academic Endeavor Fund
- Fleming Fellowship Scholarship
- Fleming/Tejas Scholarship
- Glenn Maloney Memorial Scholarship
- Gregory E. Lucia/Tejas Scholarship
- Haruka Weiser Endowed Excellence Fund for Campus and Student Safety
- Ingram Lee Endowed Scholarship
- Jean Perkins Foundation Veteran Scholarship
- Jessica Michelle Fertitta Excellence Fund for Student Advocacy & Civic Engagement
- Jim Fenner Fund

**Recreational Sports**
- Acacia Fraternity Endowed Scholarship
- Betty A. Thompson Endowment for Recreational Sports
- Bill Frisbie Endowed Scholarship
- Bill Patman Endowed Scholarship
- Bobby Drew Abercrombie and Matthew Emmitt Abercrombie Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Charles and Carolyn Spence, James and Kathryn (Spence) Nance, and William (Spence) and Edith Nance Endowed

**Philanthropy Across the Division**

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Endowed Scholarship
Delta Tau Delta Endowed Scholarship
Intramural Endowment
John M. Childs Scholarship for
Intramural Referees
Kenneth Ford Family Endowed Scholarship
Lubbock Endowed Excellence Fund for Handball in Honor of Pete Tyson
Mark L. Hart, Jr. Endowed Scholarship
Nelson Puett, Jr. Endowment for
Recreational Sports
Phi Gamma Delta Endowed Scholarship
Play Golf America University Endowment in Recreational Sports
Recreational Sports Divisional Endowment
Recreational Sports Endowed Scholarship
Robert G. Childress Endowed Scholarship
Robert L. Dewar Golf Scholarship
Susan and Mark Baletka
Endowed Scholarship
Sylvie and Gary Crum Endowed Scholarship
Texas Men’s Lacrosse Endowment
Texas Taekwondo Alumni Association
Endowed Excellence Fund
Thomas W. Dison Endowed Scholarship

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Parents’ Association Student Services
Endowment Fund
Texas Parents Mike Wacker Award
Texas Parents Outstanding Student Awards
Texas Parents Staff Merit Awards

University Health Services
Healthy Student Organization
Award Program
Phanta “Jack” Phoummarath
Endowed Scholarship

University Housing and Dining
Alys Jones Bodoin Centennial
Endowed Scholarship
Floyd B. Hoelting Quality of Residence
Life Award
George Kinsolving Endowed Memorial
Student Services Fund
National Residence Hall Honorary
“Of the Month” Awards
National Residence Hall Honorary Induction
University Housing and Dining Residence Life Leadership Awards

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C.C. “Jitter” Nolen Spirit Award
Events + Entertainment
“Chair of the Year” Award
Events + Entertainment Lasting
Legacy Award
Events + Entertainment Star Award
GRants for Active Student Participants
(GRASP) Endowment
J.J. “Jake” Pickle Citizenship Award
Margaret C. Berry Student Activities Fund
Pal—Make A Difference Award
Shirley Bird Perry Leadership Award
Student Activity Center
Program Endowment
Student Endowed Centennial Lectureship
Texas Cowboys Centennial Lectureship
Texas Union Advisory Council Program
Texas Union Building Fund
Texas Union Lectureship in
Student Leadership
Texas Union Permanent Art
Collection Endowment
Texas Union Student Awards Endowment
Texas Union Student Programs Endowment
Texas Union-University Co-Operative
Society Presidential Medallion Endowment
William Andrew Smith, Jr. GRASP Award

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1999 Bonfire Unity Endowed
Presidential Scholarship
Abigail “Abz” Zeitler Memorial Fund
Arno Nowotny Medal
Harrison Brown Endowed Excellence Fund
James W. Vick Academic Bridge
Fund Endowment
Margaret Alexander Steiner Endowed
Scholarship Fund
Merryman/Revell Excellence Endowment
NOW Fund – Fund for Immediate
Student Support
Sharon H. Justice Leadership
Scholarship Endowment
Soncia Reagins-Lilly Award for
Administrative Excellence
Tany Norwood Staff Appreciation
Award Endowment
Texas Blazers Endowed Excellence Fund
Influencing the Longhorn Life

We hope you enjoyed reading through the 2022-2023 Impact Report and learning about the many ways the Division of Student Affairs is helping students live their best Longhorn life!

As parents of students, and alums ourselves, we knew we wanted to be part of the important work that impacts the everyday lives of all students. For most of us, when we think about the college experience, academics are top of mind. But what about the non-academic factors that will influence a Longhorn’s life while at UT Austin? We joined the Longhorn Family Leadership Council as co-chairs to support the center of student life that is the Division of Student Affairs. We believe in the Division’s leadership and we remain in awe of the multi-faceted programs that provide direct benefits to students.

One of the key initiatives led by our Council is to build awareness and help with fundraising programs that support the whole student. We are specifically passionate about supporting the mental health and well-being of all students. In a setting as large as The University of Texas at Austin, one of our goals is to meet students where they are and provide opportunities for them to connect in personal and authentic ways.

We are excited about a new permanent fund we’ve helped establish that supports student success programming, so generations of Longhorn students will benefit and have the resources they need to maximize their Longhorn experience and well-being. Programs like Dinner with 16 Longhorns give students the opportunity to meet other students and engage in meaningful conversations over dinner in an alum’s home.

Each one of our 52,000 students follows a unique path. The Division of Student Affairs provides life-enhancing initiatives to influence the Longhorn life and ensure they are prepared for what’s next.

Will you join us?

Tony, BBA ’88, MBA ’95, and Kristin, BA ’90, Schell

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