

Celebrating Diversity | Building Inclusion

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The Division of Institutional Equity and Diversity partners with the UNT Faculty and Staff and the entire campus community to create an inclusive environment that prepares and promotes UNT student success in a global marketplace. At UNT, all members of our community value, support, and respect each other and the educational benefits of diversity.

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**Multicultural Center
 Calendar of Events**

April

25—Fem Flicks ‘The Line’, 4pm, Media Library (Chilton Hall)

May

2—Student Awards Ceremony- Multicultural Center Recognition Ceremony , Gateway Rm. 43/47 @6pm

5— Cinco de Mayo

11 & 12 —Commencement

June

15—Juneteenth Celebration at Fred Moore Park

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Congratulations Lea Sarodjo!!!!

Congratulations to all the 2012 University of North Texas graduates, especially to our beloved student assistant, Lea! She is graduating with a degree in International Studies, and minors in Japanese & Arabic.

Thank you for four years of hard work and dedication to the Multicultural Center.

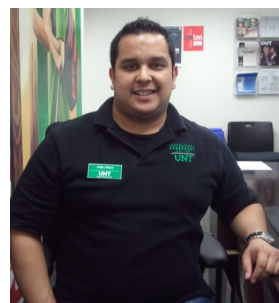
You will be greatly missed! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Love,

The Multicultural Center Staff & Volunteers



Congratulations Aldo Alfaro for being recognized as one of the Outstanding Student Employees of the Year!!!!



Diversity Matters

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Shaun Chapa—A Diversity Champion

On Monday April 2 the UNT campus lost fellow eagle and leader, Shaun Chapa. Chapa received his bachelors degree in Anthropology here at UNT and was expected to graduate in December with his master’s in Anthropology from UNT as well.

A father, mentor, brother, DJ, activist, and former Marine, Chapa was an advocate for the Latino community working with the Hispanic Youth Symposium, Hispanics in Philanthropy, and the DREAM Act, National Latino Education Institute, and the New Latino Movement.

As an Anthropology graduate student, his studies focused on undocumented youth. Chapa dedicated his efforts to the Latino community, and was heavily involved in LULAC and Mueve.

DJ Chapa will be remembered for his humility and willingness to give of himself—time and talent. The MC staff knew we could depend on Chapa to assist us in promoting events as well as participating.

Chapa worked very closely with Dr. Mariela Nunez-Janes of the Anthropology department, and was working with her on policies and practices on undocumented students.

“He believed in the fact that we needed to come together in the community, faculty, staff, Greek, non-Greek, Black, White, Muslim, Jew, Christian, men, women, I really hope that what you are witnessing here today is not forgotten, and that the ties that we find today continue, and are not forgotten,” said Nuñez-Janes.

His funeral was held on April 10, at the Sacred Saint Cyril Methodius Catholic Church, in Corpus Christi.

Chapa, who was originally from Corpus Christi, was known for his hard work and dedication. During his campus memorial, it was said that his work was so important to him that he would often lose sleep. His Facebook profile stated, “Everything I do here on this campus is to try to make this world a better place, to make myself a better person, and to make myself a better father — all for my daughter. Nothing I do is for my own personal gain.”

The Elexcia Chapa Scholarship Fund, was created to raise money for Elexcia’s future educational endeavors. If you would like to donate via PayPal, please contact cantuedwardo@yahoo.com.



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Special points of interest:

- Shaun Chapa
- Celebrating Great Global Citizens

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Meet Our Staff

Cassandra 'Cassie' Clough
Assistant Director for Diversity Research and Assessment

Office of Equal Opportunity

Start on: May 20, 2012

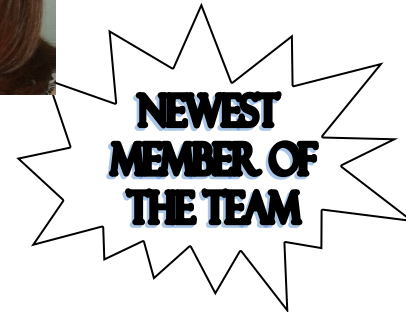
Hobbies: I enjoy reading and staying current on national topics. I really enjoy music and going to concerts.

Why is your job important to the University?

It serves a variety of purposes, I'll be involved in helping students on the side of enrollment and retention all under the framework of bringing diversity to campus, and insuring that our diverse and underserved populations are represented on campus, and have a fare shot at success.



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Cara Walker

Assistant Director, Multicultural Center

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Years of Service: I have been a staff member at UNT since 2007, however I started at UNT as a student in 2003

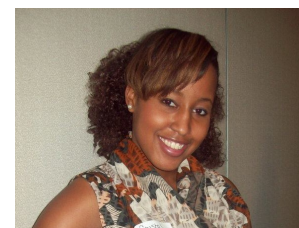
Hobbies: I love to shop, read, spend time with family and friends and go to the movies.

Why is equity & diversity important? Equity and diversity is important because there is value in acknowledging and utilizing everyone's talents and abilities. Everyone has a unique background, and we become better people from what we learn from one another's life experiences.



Congratulations & Thanks for your hard work MC volunteers!!!!

Humphrey Ibeabuchi has been an invaluable asset to the Multicultural Center, he works diligently with the student IDEA team, plans cultural events, and researches best practices. Humphrey will receive his bachelor's in Communications Studies, with an emphasis in Rhetoric, and a minor in Marketing. During his time at UNT, Humphrey was involved in TRIO, NTDC, and studied abroad in Chile. Humphrey is the President of the Student Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Team.



Crystal Marlowe has been a great supporter of the Multicultural Center, having participated in the Buddy System Peer Mentoring program in the past, and now contributing her time and talents as a volunteer. She is always willing to lend a hand, and embodies a genuine and welcoming spirit. She is graduating in May with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing with a minor in Counseling. She is a member of the Mu Kappa Tau Marketing Honor Society.

Ambassador Harriet Elam-Thomas — A Great Global Citizen

The month of April is a time that UNT Celebrates Great Global Citizens (CGGC). The month is full of multi-cultural events that encourage internationalization and cross cultural interaction.

The UNT-International Welcome Center, Equity & Diversity, and Office of Sustainability hosts the month long event that aims to create 'great global citizens' that will positively impact the UNT community and the world.

On Monday, April 19, former Ambassador to Senegal, Harriet Elam-Thomas spoke at the CGGC Banquet. She spoke on sustainability, being great global citizens and how UNT is on the right path.

"This university has a wealth of talent from all over the world, in essence the University of North Texas, isn't just giving lip service to internationalization, you are walking the walk and not just talking the talk."

The Ambassador shared the importance of sustainability in students working abroad.

"If you are going to work towards the development of any nation...unless that built in sustainability is part and parcel of the process then you're not really going to be an effective person in terms of the development of that society. No matter how sincere your intent might be."

Elam-Thomas, expressed the importance of domestic students connecting with international students and culture, domestically and abroad.

"Whenever we have an opportunity to have our students interact with international visitors, their eyes are opened in a way that we could not do just by talking about internationalization."



Wednesday, May 2nd
6 PM
Gateway 43/47



Join the Multicultural Center in celebration of the People of NIA, RAZA, Buddy System Volunteers graduation!!!!

Wednesday, May 2 @ 6pm in the Gateway Center Rm. 43/47