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Message from Dr. With



If there is one thing I can say about this year, it's that it has been a great one! I don't know how many banquets, award ceremonies, dinners, end-of-year parties, or graduation celebrations you all have been invited to over the course of the last month, but as much as the close of another spring semester can bombard our calendars, we can all say it was with good reason. The accomplishments we have achieved as well as those of our students are quite deserving of such celebration. But as the balloons and confetti fall to the ground, the time has come to look back on our year as well as the year ahead and answer our own questions with reflective thought, "Are we doing what we say we are doing?" and "Are we headed in the right direction?"

As ambiguous as those questions may seem, if we are doing all we know how to do in terms of student engagement, then that "right direction" should lead us down the path of successful retention of our students. If you were able to attend the Student Portraits: A UNT Symposium for Educators last week, you may have heard from the wrap-up retention panel comprised of myself, Provost Warren Burggren, Vice Provost Troy Johnson, and Dean Dale Tampke which was facilitated by Assistant Vice President Allen Clark. It may be a rare opportunity for faculty and staff across our campus to hear from this combination of folks who each took turns speaking candidly about student engagement and its effects on retention. For many in the room it was the first time to hear that we are all on the same page; all facets of the University are truly moving in the same direction. Additionally, to hear that students are truly the focus of this University and that it is up to the efforts and responsibility of every single person on this campus to assist in making that a reality is something that can bring us together as a campus. Retention is not solely the responsibility of the dedicated recruiter in admissions, or the challenging professor, or the caring student affairs representative, or committed academic advisor; it is up to each and every one of us to find a way to reach every one of our students. It is a team effort.

With that refreshing message, we head into our summer months and the Division's Summer Summit will soon be upon us. I know I will see many of you there, and hope that it will be a productive day of forward planning for our Division as we take a fresh look at our Strategic Plan and consider deeper and more innovative initiatives to engage our students in meaningful ways. As UNT aspires to provide the best undergraduate education in the state of Texas, I am confident the dedicated employees of the Division of Student Affairs will play an integral role in helping us get there.

Sincerely,

Vice President of Student Affairs

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"Where Students Matter"

Money Management Helps Community

Through a partnership with the United Way, the Student Money Management Center has volunteered to extend their expertise to support a United Way program named Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

This initiative served over 350 people and helped complete tax returns for 295. With the help of SMMC, \$126,425 was found as Earned Income Tax Credits. This year's program also helped residents obtain \$43,627 in educational credits and \$40,659 in child tax

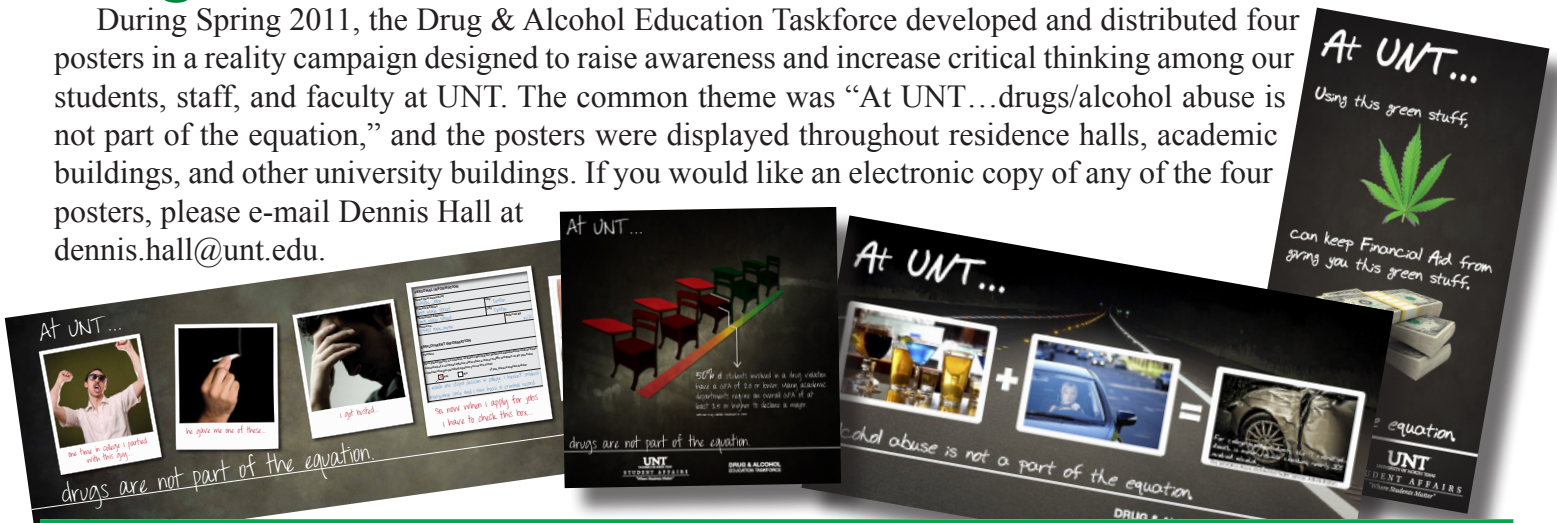
credits. If you combine the total amount of federal refunds (\$433,280) and preparation/preparer fees saved (\$70,800), this event had a total economic impact of \$504,080.

"It was a great experience. All volunteers were very nice and professional and I really appreciated their help," said one local tax payer.

For more information about this event, contact the Student Money Management Center or the local United Way chapter.

Drugs & Alcohol Education Taskforce

During Spring 2011, the Drug & Alcohol Education Taskforce developed and distributed four posters in a reality campaign designed to raise awareness and increase critical thinking among our students, staff, and faculty at UNT. The common theme was "At UNT... drugs/alcohol abuse is not part of the equation," and the posters were displayed throughout residence halls, academic buildings, and other university buildings. If you would like an electronic copy of any of the four posters, please e-mail Dennis Hall at dennis.hall@unt.edu.



Concerned About Students Drinking Alcohol?

What is AlcoholEdu for College?

- A nationwide, online program offered to more than 200,000 new college students

How does this program help students?

- This will give students access to valuable tools including a blood alcohol concentration calculator so they can know his/her limits before reaching them
- 66% of those that finished the program said it helped them learn new facts about alcohol
- 77% said it helped them identify the signs of alcohol poisoning

What can I do to help?

- Encourage your students to complete the required program before classes start

If you ever are concerned that a student may be abusing alcohol, know that we can help.

AlcoholEdu® for COLLEGE



Substance Abuse Resource Center

sarc.unt.edu
940-565-2787



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
DEAN OF STUDENTS

deanofstudents.unt.edu
940-565-2648



conduct.unt.edu
940-565-2039

Center for Student Affairs @ Discovery Park

EARTHFEST

On Wednesday, April 13, the Center for Student Affairs office sponsored Discovery Park's version of Earthfest at the outdoor picnic area of the campus.

About 300 students joined the festivities celebrating the Earth and sustainability. Students enjoyed a free lunch provided by UNT Catering Services, outdoor sports and activities, and a live jazz band of UNT music students. CSA also invited The Bookstore, Career Center, and Internships & Cooperative Education to speak with students about last-minute opportunities before graduation.

Earth Week t-shirts were given out by the Office of Sustainability and all student participants received bamboo ball caps to promote sustainability and UNT.



INTERNATIONAL WEEK: AFTERNOON SOLACE & TEA



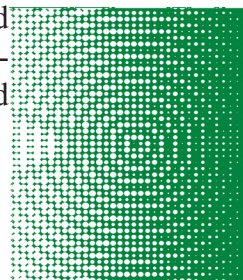
As a celebration for International Week, CSA held Afternoon Solace and Tea, a mid-afternoon break with a snack and tea each day (April 4, 5, 6, 7) at 2 p.m.

Students came and learned about four different countries and how they celebrated a midday rest. The four countries were China, Mexico, India, and Great Britain. CSA also set up a display table of traditional items provided by current students and staff members from each country. Many enjoyed watching videos containing traditional dances, landscapes, and historical architecture.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATED AT DP

The CSA, in partnership with the College of Information, Library Science Student Association, DP Library and Denton Public Library hosted the first series of events in celebration of National Library Week.

Activities included a genealogy workshop with local Girl Scouts and an adult session open to the public; a presentation by Irving City Library and Hiddell Architects on their new green library building; and a panel discussion on the emergence of e-readers moderated by Dr. Suliman Hawamdeh, chair of the Library Science Department at UNT. All events were free and open to the public.



CSA
AT DISCOVERY PARK

CENTER FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

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CAREER CENTER UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS™

Sophomore Ambassadors

The Sophomore Ambassadors were a huge help to the Career Center this year! With their help we saw a

52% increase in student outreach

13% increase in career peer advisor appointments

Thanks for all your help and hard work!

Career Fair Success



**LARGEST
EMPLOYER
TURNOUT EVER!**

This semester the UNT Career Center's Engineering and Computer Science Career & Internship fair had the **largest employer turnout ever!** Over 40 Employers attended the event at UNT's Discovery Park campus to recruit engineering & technology students for open full-time positions and internships!

SAVE
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DATE
AUGUST 23, 2011

**Part Time On-Campus
Off-Campus Job Fair**

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011
9 AM to Noon
Chestnut Hall
More information to
come this summer

**Student
Employment
Party**

CONGRATULATIONS

to the two students in Student Affairs, who received the Outstanding Student Employee Award at the Student Employee Appreciation Party on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. The students are: **Zoe Spangler** from the Center for Leadership & Service & **Emily Deatrich** from the Student Money Management Center.

International Student Informational and I-9 Workshop
Monday, July 18, 2011 from 10 am to 11 am in the Chestnut Hall Meeting Room 120A. Presented by: **Adam Harold**, Asst. Director of International Students & Scholar Services and **Barbara Miller**, Student Employment Career Center.

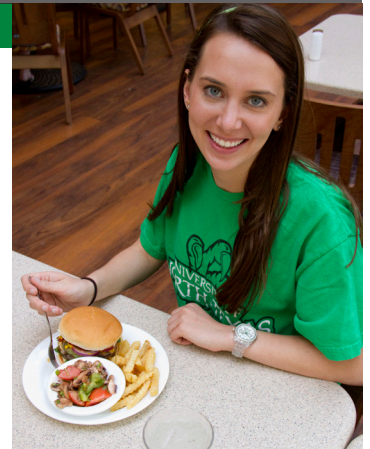
Happenings in the Food Department

With the school year winding down, the food department is gearing up. For those of you who are wondering what dining hall will be open for summer, Kerr is the place to be. From June 6 to August 12, Kerr Cafeteria will be open Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the weekends. Guests will be able to enjoy the usual all-you-care-to-eat and made-from-scratch meals everyone loves featured on multiple entrée lines, hot off-the-grill burgers and fresh made-to-order salads.

You asked for it and here it is. Faculty and staff can now order their meal plans online. The faculty and staff meal plans have always been a great value at less than **\$4 per meal** in our cafeterias and now they are easier to get. Point your browser toward <http://dining.unt.edu/facstaff> and click the big red circle on the top right side of the page to get started. All major credit cards and e-checks are accepted.

Speaking of meal plans new meal plans coming this fall. Students will now have the option of getting the Basic five or seven day or the Value five or seven day meal plans. All resident meal plans will have flex dollars that can be used at any of our 14 retail dining locations as well as the all-you-care-to-eat access in any of our five dining halls. Flex dollars are a spending privilege that adds retail variety to the residential meal plans we offer. Flex dollars work like a debit card; each time a purchase is made, the money is subtracted from your flex account, and your new total will print at the bottom of your receipt. One Flex dollar has the buying power of \$1 and can be used to purchase food in any dining location on campus.

Did you celebrate Cinco de Mayo... We did. Mean Greens, Bruce & Kerr celebrated Cinco de Mayo with the spirit of the celebration. These dining halls featured wonderful Mexican food, fun decorations and music to add some authentic flavor. The Students really enjoyed the festivity and so did we.





University of North Texas Summer 2011 Lab Specials

LAB SPECIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 8AM – 1PM

The current specials are:

TSH - \$41.00 84443

This screening determines whether your thyroid gland is functioning properly, and if there is a need for further thyroid studies (No fasting required)

CBC & CMP - \$25.00 80053

This combo offers a complete blood chemistry panel that evaluates many body functions and checks for conditions such as diabetes liver disease, and kidney disease (8 -10 hours of fasting required)

Things to know:

- No appointment necessary
- UNT Student ID required
- Test results are available the following day after 12PM at the check-in desk

Results will be given directly to the patient. And will be part of their medical record chart at the Student Health and Wellness Center. Patients are responsible for taking the results to their physician of their choice for any follow up.

Lab Special Dates:

JUNE 6-8

JULY 11-13

AUGUST 8-10

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

University of North Texas

Student Health and Wellness Center
1800 W. Chestnut
www.healthcenter.unt.edu
(940) 565-2779



A Year Of Firsts

by Reginald L. Bond, MBA

This past year the Health Center made tremendous strides towards incorporating new technologies into the delivery of health care to our students. Early last summer we transitioned to new practice management software. The implementation of this new software has resulted in a number of firsts for the Health Center. We no longer use paper medical charts, as our clinicians use a laptop computer to access electronic medical charts reducing the amount of paper we once used to create paper charts to document medical visits. Our patients can also book most types of appointments online anytime of the day or night. Communication with our patients has also been impacted as we use a secure messaging portal to quickly inform students of their test results. Additionally, our pharmacy's software has been updated to allow us to offer our patients the option of receiving an e-mail prescription refill reminder notice. This was also the Health Center's first time using our dietician to present several cooking classes which highlighted making healthy nutritional choices. The Health Center dietician also partnered with Student Money Management to present cooking classes that emphasized preparing healthy meals on a budget. Possibly our most significant first this past year was the introduction of free flu shots to approximately 1,000 students. We also offered faculty/staff the flu shot for the low cost of \$7.00. Approximately 125 UNT employees took advantage of this offer. This offering was possible due to the collaborative efforts of the Health Center and the Advancement office.

The Meadows Center undertook an ambitious outreach initiative to deliver 33 Health related programs to various student groups in 28 days. These programs covered such topics as alcohol, drugs, sexual health, nutrition, sexual assault, and general health. The Center has also reached out to several community partners to double the capacity of free HIV anonymous tests being offered to our students. Another

collaborative event sponsored by the Meadows Center was their highly successful Labyrinth of Health and Horrors which drew over 125 participants with a greatly expanded focus from last year's event. Each participant was guided through six brief health and wellness interventions (alcohol awareness*, donor awareness, nutritional education, drinking and driving prevention*, financial wellness, and sexual health) before leaving the "maze" with a bag of goodies. The educational outcomes from the program exceed those of typical workshops, and was a highly satisfactory event for all participants. In addition to the participants, over a dozen volunteers participated as part of a collaboration with the Health Education faculty and Student Money Management Center. In an effort to keep current with the technologically advanced UNT student body, the MCHR began to accept questions via text message which can be routed anonymously to the presenter's (or assistant's) telephone. In the past, anonymous questions were collected by distributing paper. This new methodology increased the number of questions asked, increased the depth of questions asked, and reduced departmental expenses of having paper/pens available at workshops/programs. The new feature had no cost associated with its implementation. This program has been nominated for national and regional recognition. And finally as one of only a few universities who have active gambling prevention programs, the Center coordinator represented UNT on a panel at the National Council on Problematic Gambling's conference in Summer 2010.

I'd also like to recognize a member of the Health Center staff, Kerry Stanhope, for having received the 2011 University Staff Supporter Award for Sustainability.

It's truly been a year of firsts for the Health Center and we are gearing up for another exciting year as we head into Summer Orientation.

Eagle Refuge Needs Your Help

It's that time of year again. Don't forget to tell students about Eagle Refuge currently going on One O'clock Lounge on the first floor of the Union. Sponsored by Counseling and Testing Services, Student Health and Wellness Center, Meadows Center for Health Resources, Dean of Students, and Union Programs, Eagle Refuge is a place where students can take a break from the stressors of finals week.

Students can enjoy relaxing and fun activities, games and refreshments. This event takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact Kitty Roberts at ext. 4795.



REC CENTER SUMMER MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Sign up for your summer membership today! Summer memberships can be purchased for the Full Summer (BEST VALUE!), or split into individual summer sessions.

Faculty/Staff Membership Prices

- All Summer: \$78 (May 15-August 12)
- Summer 1: \$39 (June 5-July 9)
- Maymester: \$19.50 (May 15-June 4)
- Summer 2: \$39 (July 10-August 12)
- 10 Week: \$78 (June 5-August 12)

Discover the convenience of Payroll Deduction!

Faculty & staff members can have a portion of their membership deducted from their paycheck each month. Deadlines for payroll deduction are: May 11 (for all summer and Maymester memberships), June 10 (for 10 week and summer 1 memberships), and July 13 (for summer 2 memberships).

FACULTY/STAFF FREE WEEK: TRY IT BEFORE YOU BUY IT!



Join us for Faculty/ Staff *Free Week* at the Rec Center June 6-10!

Just bring your UNT ID card to try out the Rec Center for the week. This is a great opportunity to try the Rec Center before you purchase your membership!

LUNCH BUNCH WALKING GROUP

Grab a fellow co-worker, put on your tennis shoes, and come join our lunch bunch walking group on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the lunch hour to take part in 1-2 mile walks! Participants will receive a FREE T-shirt!

Meet in front of the Pohl Rec Center

- Tuesday/Thursday 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- May 16 - June 3



For more information, please call the Rec Sports office at 940-565-2275 or the Member Services desk at 940-369-8347 or visit www.unt.edu/recsports.

Innaugural LeaderShape

by Kirsten Bishop

From May 15-20, the Center for Leadership and Service is taking 65 top student leaders to Bridgeport, Texas for UNT's first LeaderShape Institute. LeaderShape is a nationally recognized program and is designed to help students improve their leadership skills, help make a change on campus and in the community, and help students lead with integrity and high ethical standards. The mission of LeaderShape is to teach students how to lead with integrity, and this opportunity for the inaugural class of LeaderShape will truly transform our campus.

As our office prepares for the transformative six-day experience, we are thankful for the team of Student Affairs staff who will make this week possible. A key feature of LeaderShape is the cluster system, where the 65 students are divided into small groups with a cluster facilitator. The cluster facilitator's for the 2011 UNT LeaderShape are:

Amy Simon – Director, Center for Leadership and Service

Brooke Carter – Coordinator, Student Activities

Christine Bloczynski – assistant director, Orientation and Transition Programs

Dennis Hall – conduct officer, Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities

Hope Garcia – director, Student Affairs Administration

Katy Comer – conduct officer, Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities

Zane Reif – director, University Union

Yolanda Armstrong (graduate assistant, Orientation and Transition Programs) and Kirsten Bishop (leadership coordinator, Center for Leadership and Service) will serve as the program coordinators for the week as well. In order to prepare our clusters for LeaderShape, we asked our facilitators a series of questions that will be shared in the LeaderShape yearbook. Here are a few of their responses:

HOW DO YOU DEFINE LEADERSHIP?

“Identifying the need for change and coaching others to lead change” – Katy Comer

“Taking initiative to help create and implement a shared vision within a community. Helping others grow, learn, and develop through service.” – Dennis Hall

“Leadership is pervasive. You don't have to be in an 'official leadership position' to have a profound influence on anyone with whom you come in contact...Remember to use every encounter to lead, shape, influence, and develop those around you in a positive way.” – Yolanda Armstrong

“Putting your passion into action” – Christine Bloczynski

“Stepping up seeing to it that individuals with a common purpose reach a desired goal.” – Brooke Carter

IDENTIFY A SOCIAL PROGRAM YOU WISH YOU COULD CHANGE.

“As a member of Greenpeace, Environmental Responsibility would definitely be at the forefront of any social issues that I am passionate about.” – Zane Reif

“Too many to count, some of the most pressing issues are hunger, homelessness, and the education system.” – Amy Simon

“Public policies that allows one societal group to benefit at the expense of another.” – Hope Garcia

“There are so many, but I'm most passionate about equal access to education and information, and creating an informed citizenry through appreciation and understanding of events, ideas, and cultures.” – Kirsten Bishop

We are excited for LeaderShape and thankful for our wonderful group of cluster facilitators. Our goal is that LeaderShape will be transformative, not only for our 65 students, but for the staff who will interact with them for those six days, and for UNT.

We would also like to thank our LeaderShape sponsors: Division of Student Affairs, Center for Leadership and Service, UNT Alumni Association, Housing & Residence Life, University Union, Undergraduate Studies, Recreational Sports, Dining Services, and UNT Athletics.




Starting at the top left and moving clockwise: Yolanda Armstrong, Dennis Hall, Amy Simon, Christine Bloczynski, Katy Comer, Zane Reif, Kirsten Bishop, Brooke Carter, and Hope Garcia.



Denton Area Cinderella Project 2011



Each spring Housing and Residence Life sponsors the Denton Area Cinderella Project, an event that provides prom dresses free of charge to local high school girls. The majority of the formal and semiformal dresses and accessories available are donated by students living in the residence halls. The event is truly a community effort, as UNT students and staff members volunteer side by side with members of the Denton community. Some volunteers even serve as seamstresses, providing free alterations to ensure that each girl finds a dress

It is obvious that the Denton Area Cinderella Project benefits high school girls, but the event is also valuable to UNT. This community service opportunity connects community members to UNT and provides people with a fun way to “Go Green” by donating their items to be reused. In addition, the event creates a great experience at UNT that can positively impact the college decisions of local high school students from low-income families. 



“ This is so amazing. Thank you for hosting such a great project!”

that’s a perfect fit. At “checkout”,

the girls get vouchers from local dry cleaners (Vogue Cleaners and Comet Cleaners are regular supporters) so they can get their dresses cleaned before or after prom. Everyone works together to create a great experience for each girl and to send her home with the perfect dress.

Thanks to everyone’s hard work, the 2011 Denton Area Cinderella Project was a great success. This year the event had more than 620 dresses available, and over 150 girls from around the DFW metroplex came to UNT and took home a dress. You can see more photos of the event on the Denton Area Cinderella Project’s Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=12949942017>.

SWACURH “No Frills” Conference

Executive officers of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) spent the last weekend in February

“Outstanding NRHH Member of the Year award, which went to NRHH President Sarah Amberson.”

representing UNT at the annual “No Frills” business conference for the Southwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SWACURH). UNT bid for several regional awards at this conference and came away with the NRHH Chapter of the Year award and the Outstanding NRHH Member of the Year award, which went to NRHH President Sarah Amberson. 



NRHH President Sarah Amberson

Housing Highlights

- Sarah Amberson, Cassie Holtz and Sky McClure received the Otis Uduebor Servant Leader Award
- Housing was awarded the Outstanding Service award at the most recent President’s Sack Lunch
- Honors Hall was awarded RHA’s Hall of the Year
- UNT Housing began a series of collaborative meetings with TWU Housing over lunch at Champs dining hall



Housing Staff at the President's Sack Lunch



RHA National Communications Coordinator Caitlin Florence, NRHH Vice President for Selection and Induction Benji Smith, NRHH President Sarah Amberson, RHA President Latrell Anderson

Greek Week

Every year, the Greek community comes together to celebrate the unifying tradition of Greek Week, where chapters from each council group together to participate in friendly competitions and connect with one another. The 2011 Greek Week theme was 'Let the Games Begin' in which teams displayed board games of their childhood such as Clue, Candy Land, Mouse Trap, Battleship, Life, Operation, Chutes and Ladders, and Monopoly. Events for the week varied in interests of service and philanthropy, scholarship, sport, dance, song, art, and more!

The week began with a scholarship breakfast reception, where Greek students invited their professors, advisors, and various university staff to be honored and recognized for their hard work and support of our community. We had over 100 faculty and staff members present for the breakfast! The first ever Philanthropy Fair took place in response to our members wanting more service based events for Greek Week. Each chapter created a game to educate the attendees about their local and national philanthropies in order to create awareness for their organization and all the good we do! We also incorporated a few other service events such as our letter campaign in which students wrote over 1,300 letters to thank our soldiers and troops for defending our country, a campus clean up, and CANstruction where we helped donate over 6,600 pounds of food to donate to the Denton Food Community Center! Members also raised \$12,500 that was donated to the UNT Scholarship fund; a check was presented to President V. Lane Rawlins earlier this month! The student's favorite event is Eagle Escapes, a song and dance competition complete with costumes, props, and backdrops. Other events consisted of a banner competition which displayed members' artistic talents, an educational leadership speaker who encouraged our students to chase authentic success, and a Greek Games field day that included a chariot race!



We celebrated the end of Greek Week with Greek Awards and congratulated all the winners of the week's events! The 2011 Greek Week Champion was Team Lambda represented by Chi Omega, Delta Sigma Phi, FIJI, and Zeta Phi Beta!



Notable Accomplishments

Same Staff, New Positions

In the beginning of April, **Kirsten Bishiop** transitioned from graduate assistant to coordinator for the Center for Leadership and Service. Kirsten looks forward to continuing to serve students in a full-time capacity and continuing to develop the programs and services of the CLS.

Other Announcements

Amy Simon received the Outstanding Employee for the Division of Student Affairs on April 20 from UNT President V. Lane Rawlins. Amy Simon is the director for the Center for Leadership & Service.

Kirsten Bishop was awarded the Golden Eagle Award from NT40. Kirsten Bishop is the leadership coordinator for the Center for Leadership & Service.

The UNT Equity & Diversity's Multicultural Center awarded **Kathryn McCauley**, director of Student Legal Services, a certificate of recognition for her leadership and community service. The award was a part of the Multicultural Center's annual "Tea on Tuesday: Women Making History" reception in honor of Women's History month. Each year, the Multicultural Center presents awards to UNT faculty, staff, departments, students, and/or student organizations in acknowledgement of their contributions to women's issues or their standout leadership.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Social

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 24

Carino's Italian Restaurant

Carino's is donating 10% what we spend on Student Emergency Scholarship

Summer Summit

June 23

Exact times and location: TBD