

DSA Today

Division of Student Affairs Newsletter
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Message from Dr. With

November has been a busy month for everyone, particularly for all those who participated in this year's outstanding Homecoming celebration. I want to thank everyone, especially the staff of Student Activities, for their hard work because it allowed all of the volunteers, students, faculty, staff and alumni to celebrate their UNT pride. Be sure to check out our [photo gallery](#) of all the great Homecoming 2017 events.

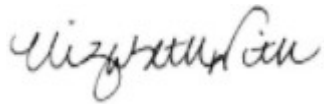
We also have our Division of Student Affairs Holiday Party coming up on December 13 from 2 – 4 p.m. in the University Union Ballroom, where we will celebrate the many successes of the fall semester.

With the end of the fall semester quickly approaching, I want to encourage everyone to finish strong, especially in supporting our students. A little encouragement for them can go a long way as they prepare for finals.

Thank you all for your continued hard work, and I look forward to celebrating with you at the DSA Holiday Party.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth With, Ed.D.



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Successes and Achievements

UNT Journeys into the World of eSports



Want to play football without breaking a sweat or go on a magical quest without leaving the comfort of your chair? UNT students can do just that and much more thanks to the new **eSports program**. Whether they are looking for a fun way to meet new people or engage in competitions, the new eSports program has something for all video gamers on campus.

Read more [here](#).

UNT Student Money Management Center and Staff Receive AFCPE Awards



The UNT [Student Money Management Center](#) (SMMC) and two of its team members received national awards of excellence and recognition from the [Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education](#) (AFCPE) at its national symposium on Nov. 17.

Read more [here](#).

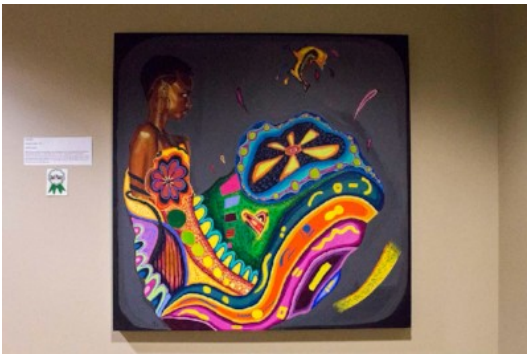
UNT Receives CATEE Award for Contributing to Clean Air



UNT received the [CATEE Award](#) (Clean Air Through Energy Efficiency) at the Texas Energy Summit in the Outstanding Government Organization Category. The award recognizes exemplary achievement contributing to clean air through energy efficiency, water efficiency and renewable energy.

Read more [here](#).

Healing Art Showcase Encourages Expression of Mental Health Issues



[Counseling and Testing Services](#) (CTS) and the [Student Health and Wellness Center](#) (SHWC) invited all UNT students to participate in the third annual **Healing Art Showcase** on Nov. 16. Students were asked to submit artwork that represented empowerment and resilience related to mental health, and the artwork was put on display in CTS.

Read more [here](#).

\$1.6 Million Grant Funds UNT Student

Mentorship Program

UNT has earned a \$1.6 million grant from Greater Texas Foundation (GTF) in support of High School Career Connect – a peer mentoring program to propel career education for middle and high school students in Denton County.

Read more [here](#).

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Student and Staff Services

Union Finals Programming

Late Night Study BREAKfast: Sign up to pass out breakfast items!

On Monday, Dec. 11, from 9 – 11 p.m. (or until pancakes run out!) the Union will be hosting Study BREAKfast in the Union Chat. In an effort to show our students how much we support them during this time, we are looking for volunteers to assist passing out breakfast items to students. If you're available to volunteer for a shift, please sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/y9fs99q7> by Wed., Dec. 6. Volunteers will be provided a one of a kind Study BREAKfast apron!

University Union Extended Hours: Syndicate

Starting Sunday night, Dec. 10, through Wednesday night, Dec. 13, the University Union Syndicate will be open until 3 a.m. as a study space for students to utilize.

University Union Study Room: Jade Eagle Ballroom, 333

As students are searching for a place to study during finals, please direct them the Jade Eagle Ballroom (333) in the University Union. The ballroom will be divided to provide a group study space and a quiet study space. Additional outlets will be provided at the tables for students so they can take full advantage of studying.

Below are the dates and times:

- Saturday, Dec. 9: 7 a.m. – 12 a.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 10: 12 p.m. – 12 a.m.

- Monday, Dec. 11 – Wednesday, Dec. 13: 7 a.m. – 12 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 14: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Student Spotlight

Mario Navarrete Succeeds Academically and Socially by Pursuing New Experiences



For [UNT](#) student **Mario Navarrete**, life is all about new experiences and meeting new people. As a senior majoring in mechanical engineering technology with a double minor in math and physics and pursuing his master's degree in biomedical engineering, Navarrete is on track for success after he graduates in May thanks to his steadfast determination and courage to conquer the unknown.

Read more [here](#).

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News and Announcements

Rec Center Spring Memberships

Spring memberships will be **available to purchase Monday, December 4!** Interested in seeing what we have going on this spring? Check out our Spring 2018 Brochure available on our homepage or by clicking [here](#).

Being a member of the Rec Center gives you access to our weight room, indoor

track, pool and hot tub, basketball and indoor soccer courts and a host of free events throughout the semester. As a member, you can also register for any of our special fitness programs, group exercise classes or indoor climbing (with Family Climb offered every weekend). We also have lockers and a towel service to help make working out even easier for you.

Keep an eye out for our **New Year's Resolution Membership** as well! This \$20 membership is only offered once a year and gets you full Rec Center membership for the month of January. Whether it's to begin fulfilling your New Year's Resolutions or just try out the facility, this membership is a great way to see everything the Rec Center has to offer!

For more information about joining the Rec Center, you can visit our [website](#), call the Rec Sports Main Office (open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday) at 940-565-2275, or stop by the Rec Center and speak with any of our Member Services staff.

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Upcoming Events

December

Denton Holiday Lighting Festival

December 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Corner of Locust and Hickory,
Denton Square

Rec Center Vertical Happy Hour

Free Climbing at the Climbing Wall

December 4 | 3 - 8 p.m. | FREE

Rec Center Moonlight Yoga

December 4 | 8 - 9 p.m. | FREE

Rec Center Dive-In Movie

Christmas Vacation (PG-13)

Rec Center Finals Survival Week

Various events to help minimize stress

December 11 - 15 | All Day | FREE

Division Holiday Party

December 13 at 2 p.m.

University Union Ballroom

February

Division Meeting

February 21 at 8:30 a.m.

University Union Ballroom

December 5 | 8 p.m. | FREE

Rec Center Group Exercise

All GX classes are free to participate

December 10 - 22

STUDENT AFFAIRS STAFF DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOP SERIES

**HOUSING AND
RESIDENCE LIFE
DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOP**

COME BY FOR TREATS AND LEARN ABOUT WHO WE ARE
AND WHAT WE DO!

THIS INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE AN
OVERVIEW OF THE HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF,
GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND A TOUR OF RECENT
RENOVATIONS.

COME LEARN ABOUT RAS, HAS, FAS, ACDS, CDS, AND
MORE!

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017
12:30 P.M.
CRUMLEY HALL - ROOM 141

We would love to hear from you!

**We are always looking for new stories and feedback.
If you have anything to share, please send it to
[Ray Willhoff](mailto:Ray.Willhoff) or call 940-565-2464.**

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