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our year in review

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Message from Vice President for Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs at the University of North Texas had another outstanding academic year in 2017 – 2018, offering more programs and events to the UNT community than ever before.

As you will see in this year in review, we continued to demonstrate our mission of serving students by providing them with a well-rounded collegiate experience, all thanks to the dedication and support of our staff.

We have set the bar high for ourselves, so our challenge moving forward is to be even more creative and innovative in our approaches to supporting our students. Based on our past success, I am confident we can do it.

Elizabeth With, Ed.D.



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DSA *by the* NUMBERS

18 Career Fairs and 10 Business Expos held

204 students inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success

8,181 Counseling and Testing Services appointments with students

500+ students, staff and faculty completed Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training

1,246 students utilized the UNT Food Pantry

3,498 students assisted by the Seeking Options and Solutions (SOS) Program

91% of CARE Team students were retained in the semester they were seen

8,313 community service hours completed by Emerald Eagle Scholars first-year students

10 schools partnered with High School Career Connect

231 resident students assisted by two full-time housing counselors

4,839 students assisted by the Office of Disability Access

25 interfaith dialogue engagement opportunities offered by the Office of Spiritual Life

17% increase in Family Weekend participation

20,597 distinct users totaled 515,147 entries into the Rec Center

19 Sport Clubs represented UNT in 19 regional and national qualifying tournaments across 10 states

96% of students reported a significant change in understanding of substance use two months after SARC meeting

42,470 participants in 164 Student Activities programs

40 book stipends awarded to non-traditional, graduate and single-parent students

15,400 participants in Homecoming events

17,900 appointments by Student Health and Wellness Center medical providers

\$222,130.06 recovered on behalf of students by Student Legal Services

11,000 attendees for 207 Student Money Management Center outreach events, workshops and programs



DSA ACCOLADES

- CTS staff members Jay Darr and Steffanie Grossman received prestigious awards from the American College Counseling Association (ACCA) at the 2018 ACCA Annual Conference.
- Champs Cafeteria Chef and General Manager Sarah Kettlehut earned a silver medal at the NACUFS National Culinary Challenge.
- UNT was ranked #2 on Delish.com's list of "Colleges with the Best Campus Food You've Ever Seen."
- Housing and Residence Life received the Inclusive Excellence Award from the Division of Institutional Equity and Diversity for its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.
- North Texas Cheer won second place at the National Cheerleaders Association's Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championships in Daytona.
- The Student Money Management Center ranked #3 in LendEDU's national study on the Top 50 College Financial Literacy Programs.
- Student Legal Services was awarded the Raymond Schiflet, III Office of the Year Award by the Association of University Student Legal Attorneys - Western Region.
- UNT was ranked number eight in the country as a Tier 1 research institution Gold designation for being "Military Friendly" by Victory Media and GI Jobs Magazine; moved up from number 50 in 2017 to number 42 in 2018 by the Military Times "BEST COLLEGES" for veterans in the country; was recognized in 2017 as a "Top Military-Friendly" online colleges by SR Education Group; and was recognized in Military Advanced Education & Transition's "TOP COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES."
- UNT received the Clean Air Through Energy Efficiency (CATEE) Award at the Texas Energy Summit in the category of Outstanding Government Organization in recognition of several student-led projects through the We Mean Green Fund.

For more DSA Points of Pride, visit studentaffairs.unt.edu/points-of-pride-2017-2018



MEAN *green* MOVE-IN *weekend*

The 2017 – 2018 academic year kicked off with **Mean Green Move-in Weekend**, held August 19 – 20, which proved to be a great experience for new students and their families thanks to a new two-day format and collaboration among several departments. More than 600 student, staff, faculty and administrative volunteers helped more than 4,000 freshmen move in and feel right at home in their residence halls.



FIRST *flight*

First Flight, UNT's official welcome program hosted by Orientation and Transition Programs, gave 4,436 new students the chance to learn about the many facets of the university and make new friends through a week of informative and fun programs and activities.

REC SPORTS

extravaganza

Recreational Sports got 1,420 students, faculty and staff moving and shaking during its annual **Rec Sports Extravaganza** at the Pohl Recreation Center during First Flight Week. Guests were treated to pizza from TJ's Pizza and live music from local band (and UNT alumni) OG Garden, along with a No Limit Texas Hold 'Em tournament, kayaking in the pool, free climbing, Zumba and a Sport Club resource fair.



MEAN GREEN

fling

Food, giveaways, live entertainment and information about student organizations and campus departments set the stage for Student Activities' 19th annual **Mean Green Fling** on August 24 in the University Union and Library Mall. About 7,500 students attended the event, which took place immediately following New Student Convocation and featured 210 student organizations, 42 campus departments and 77 local businesses.





HURRICANE HARVEY *relief efforts*

UNT jumped in to help victims of Hurricane Harvey with several **relief efforts**, including enrolling displaced students from the devastated areas, finding room in the residence halls for them and providing gift cards and hot meals. Students who also needed assistance with paying for text books and personal items received a helping hand from the UNT Student Emergency Fund, created through donations and UNT support—\$2,884.05 was given to students in need. The Center for Leadership and Service collected donations to take to the Dallas-area shelters and co-hosted a blood drive on Sept. 2 at UNT's first football game of the season. Greek Life also raised \$1,250 for hurricane relief, and the DSA was able to award 12 students \$1,000 each thanks to the Harvey HELP Emergency Aid Program.



FOUNDER'S DAY *picnic*

Food and festivities were the focus of the **Founder's Day Picnic** on September 15 as students, staff and faculty celebrated UNT's 127th Birthday with a barbecue and remarks from President Neal Smatresk.

HEALTH AND FITNESS *expo*

The **Health and Fitness Expo**, an annual health fair coordinated by the Student Health and Wellness Center, Student Money Management Center and Rec Sports, was held on September 26. The event highlighted the on-campus departments and off-campus vendors that provide assistance with all aspects of student health and wellbeing and included food, giveaways and prizes for students in attendance.



DLS PRESENTS *alexis ohanian*

UNT welcomed **Alexis Ohanian**, the co-founder of Reddit, the fifth largest website in the country, to campus on October 25 as part of the **Distinguished Lecture Series**. Based around the premise of his 2013 bestselling book, *Without Their Permission*, Ohanian's lecture focused on harnessing the power of the Web for good, not only for entrepreneurship, but for philanthropy, activism, the arts and more.





FIRST-GENERATION *celebration*

UNT proudly participated in the national day to celebrate first-generation college students on November 8 with its inaugural **First-Generation Celebration**, hosted by the Division of Student Affairs, the Multicultural Center and the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. To highlight first-generation voices at the event, UNT students, staff and faculty shared their personal experiences and gratitude to UNT for helping them achieve their dreams.



CAREER *fairs* AND *new* RESOURCES

Connecting students to the resources they need to find jobs after graduation is the core of the Career Center's mission, and one way they did that was by hosting several successful **Career Fairs** throughout the fall and spring semesters, including the Business Career and Internship Fair, Engineering and Computer Science Internship and Career Fair and the Journalism, Media, Communication and Design Internship and Career Fair, all of which had record student attendance. The Career Center also launched its **Eagle Careers Powered by Handshake** platform for students seeking jobs and hosted several **Career Chats** on Twitter.

HOMECOMING

With the theme "Deep in the Heart of UNT," **Homecoming 2017**, held November 6 – 11, was another huge success and allowed the entire UNT community to celebrate its Mean Green Pride. Events included: Homecoming Picnic, Scrappy Games, Spirit Day, Caw-medey Show, Yell Like Hell, two service events, Spirit March, Bonfire and Parade. The week of fun concluded with the Homecoming Tailgate and Football Game against UTEP.



ALTERNATIVE SERVICE *breaks*

The Center for Leadership and Service's **Alternative Service Breaks** program enabled 186 students, as well as staff and faculty trip advisors, to volunteer their time in week-long service opportunities over the Winter and Spring Breaks. Participants completed 7,200+ hours of service at 16 locations across the U.S.

The Winter Break trips took place January 6 – 13 and included: Disaster Relief: St. Bernard's Project, New Orleans, Louisiana; Domestic and Family Violence: Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Alpine, Texas; Youth and Homelessness: Our House, Little Rock, Arkansas; Immigration: LUPE, San Juan, Texas; and Gender and Sexuality: Nashville, Tennessee.

The Spring Break trips took place March 10 – 17 and included Children's Healthcare: LeBonheur Children's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee; Environment and Sustainability: Land Between the Lakes, Golden Pond, Kentucky; Youth and Education: Camp Fire Heart, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Urban Poverty and Community Development: Mission St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri; Youth and Foster Care: Pepper's Ranch, Guthrie, Oklahoma; Substance Abuse and Mental Health: Park Center and Mending Hearts, Nashville, Tennessee; Human Trafficking: Hope Rising, Chappell Hill, Texas; Refugee Resettlement: Something New, Clarkston, Georgia; Animal Welfare: Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, Eureka Springs, Arkansas; Global Poverty and Hunger: Heifer Ranch, Perryville, Arkansas; and Hunger Relief: Rise Against Hunger, Kansas City, Missouri.



SUIT *up*

UNT students who were in need of professional clothing to help them ace job interviews received assistance from the Career Center through the spring 2018 **Suit Up** event, held February 15. The event enabled 647 students to select and keep a total of 2,018 professional and business casual clothing and accessory items from donations made by UNT faculty and staff and employers/businesses.



EAGLETHON

The theme of this year's UNT **Eaglethon** was Celebrate Dreams, and that's exactly what UNT students did on February 16 as they raised more than \$40,000 for the families of Cook Children's Medical Center and the Children's Miracle Network through an eight-hour-long celebration with dancing, games, laughing and more dancing.





UNION *fest*

Union Fest, a day to celebrate the University Union with activities, giveaways and fun, took place on March 7, allowing students to show their gratitude for the place they eat, meet, study and hang out.



THE **BIG** *event*

More than 1,200 UNT students, faculty, staff and alumni participated in **The Big Event**, a nationally recognized day of service celebrated by the UNT community and organized by the Center for Leadership and Service. This year's Big Event was held on March 24, and participants completed an average of 3,600 hours of service for the day.

GREEK *week*

Greek Week, held March 27 – 30, allowed Greek community members to come together to show the university how great it is to be Greek. Greek teams are made up of chapters from each council to promote Greek Unity and give members of the community the chance to learn about what makes other chapters unique. During the week, teams competed in events such as service events, a field day style competition called Greek Games, a choreographed dance competition known as Eagle Escapades and a banner-making competition.



NORTH TEXAS *cheer AND dance* COMPETITION

North Texas Cheer (NTC) and **North Texas Dance (NTD)** competed in the NCA & NDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance Championship April 5 - 7 in Daytona Beach, Florida. NCA & NDA Nationals is a two-day competition where collegiate cheer and dance programs from across the country come together to face off for a national championship title. This was the first time for NTD to compete in seven years, and the team finished in 17th place overall. NTC finished the competition in second place.





DLS PRESENTS *dr. jane goodall*

UNT welcomed researcher and conservationist **Dr. Jane Goodall** to campus on April 9 as part of the **Distinguished Lecture Series**. Goodall spoke about the threats facing chimpanzees and environmental crises, urging everyone to take action on behalf of all living things and the planet we share.



FLIGHT *memorial*

UNT held the **Twelfth Annual Flight Memorial Ceremony** on April 11 in the Onstead Promenade to remember students, faculty, staff and alumni who passed away in the last year. The names of the students, faculty and staff who had passed were read, followed by the ringing of the bell. In honor of the fallen Eagles, the UNT flags were flown at half-staff.

UNIVERSITY *day*

University Day, held on April 13, marked the day that North Texas State College became North Texas State University, and featured food, activities and music. More than 55 campus departments and student organizations and 12 local businesses were in attendance and distributed information and giveaways. For the sixth year, the annual Flag Parade kicked off the event, followed by a welcome from President Neal Smatresk, a historical proclamation by the mayor of Denton and music by the pep band.



NATIONAL STUDENT EMPLOYMENT *week*

UNT celebrated **National Student Employment Week** April 9 – 13 with a series of events aimed to show student employees just how much their hard work is appreciated. UNT employs more than 5,000 students each semester through the Career Center, and their contributions are vital to the functions of the university. For National Student Employment Week, departments were encouraged to spotlight their student employees on social media; make huge thank you notes in their offices; give small treats to their student employees; give student employees fun awards for the office; and host fun celebrations. On April 12, a Student Employee Appreciation Celebration was held in the University Union featuring live jazz music, food, a guest speaker and awards.





NTDC INTERNSHIP *celebration*

The Division of Student Affairs hosted the **North Texas in D.C. (NTDC) Internship Celebration** on April 14 in the University Union, where past and present participants came together to celebrate the NTDC Program's success. During the celebration, two NTDC alumnae, Dustee Tucker Jenkins ('01) and Sarah Nowery ('05, '07), were recognized with Trailblazer Awards. These two "Trailblazers" helped launch the NTDC Program and paved the way for past, present and future UNT students.



DSA AT UNT NEW COLLEGE AT *frisco*

The DSA continued to expand its reach at the **UNT New College at Frisco**. A career specialist was added, and the first Career and Internship Fair held at UNT New College at Frisco took place on Nov. 2. The event was preceded by a Career Prep session where students received advice on their resumes, elevator introductions and professional dress. New student orientations were implemented for fall 2017, and the Student Health and Wellness Center provided flu shots on October 24. In the spring, UNT also announced its partnership with the city of Frisco to build a 100-acre branch campus designed to serve at least 5,000 students.

NEW RESIDENCE HALL *and visiting center*

In order to meet the need for more residential housing, construction of a new residence hall, **Joe Greene Hall**, began in the spring. The nearly 19,000-square-foot, 500-bed hall will be located behind the existing Kerr Hall and will include a visitors' center as well. Once completed, it will feature pod-style student communities, private restrooms, practice rooms for musicians, a full kitchen that will be open to residents, study lounges and new Living Learning Communities.



COLISEUM *renovations*

The **UNT Coliseum**, known as "The Super Pit" and home to the North Texas Men's and Women's basketball teams, underwent a \$6.5 million renovation this past academic year that is sure to delight fans. The improvements included: renovated restrooms, additional men's and women's restrooms on the west concourse, two individual restrooms, new lighting, ADA-compliant ramps, walk-up ticket windows on the west side and two renovated concession stands, new offices and conference rooms for the Coliseum Administration and Basketball Administration, walk-up ticket windows on the east side, two renovated concession stands, digital menu boards for all four of the concession stands, a new video wall, polished floors, decorative graphics and green accent lighting.



Esports

UNT launched its varsity **esports program**, housed under Recreational Sports, with four teams that will compete at the collegiate level in in Hearthstone, Heroes of the Storm, League of Legends and Overwatch for the 2018-2019 season for collegiate esports. UNT's first collegiate esports team competed in Tespa's Heroes of the Dorm, going 12-1 in regional competition and making it to the 64-team, March-Madness-style bracket.

UNT Esports also hosted a full-production Overwatch Tournament on April 16 in the Lyceum, with 475 attendees. The event included six teams of UNT students competing, along with an announcer (called a castor) who offered helpful analysis and commentary.



FINE ARTS *series*

Each year, **The Mary Jo & V. Lane Rawlins Fine Arts Series** curates visual, literary and performing arts events for the UNT and greater Denton community. The 2017-2018 season included: True Conviction: Film Screening and Panel Discussion; Beautiful/Anonymous: Live podcast taping with Chris Gethard; A Conversation with Nathan Fielder; Poetry Night with Karla Morton & Edyka Chilome; Alfredo Rolando Ortiz: Paraguayan Harp; Doug Varone and Dancers: Stripped; Michelle Illuminato - Lost & Found Factory; Eyakkam Dance Company - Release, Reach, Rejoice; and H. Jon Benjamin and Eugene Mirman (of Bob's Burgers).



UNT *on the* SQUARE

UNT on the Square, an arts and meeting space in downtown Denton devoted to presenting UNT arts programming in service to the university and to the community at large, had another impressive season this past academic year. Exhibitions and events included: Crossroads: International Tapestry Exhibition, Sense and Reason: New Work by Matthew Bourbon, Raw Materials: CVAD Faculty and Staff at Work, Freedman Town 2.0, Metalsmithing and Jewelry: Lineages, Hour to Sundown Advanced New Media, DISD's Outside the Box Student Exhibition, Ground Zero 360 and VAST: Visual Art Society of Texas Members Exhibition. UNT on the Square also featured Thursday Night Music events during the spring.





HONORS *day*

Honors Day, which is co-hosted by the Division of Student Affairs and the Honors College, was held on April 20 and is a long-standing tradition at UNT. Created by students in Mortar Board and Golden Key more than 50 years ago, the event celebrates the hard work of the most accomplished and distinguished students and recognizes the mentorship of faculty and staff.



EARTHFEST

EarthFest, which was held on April 19, is a sustainable event celebrating international Earth Day. This year's event featured live entertainment, local vendors and student organizations, food and educational activities. EarthFest aims to be a low-waste event featuring recycling and composting. UNT Dining Services offered a sustainable menu and provided locally sourced meats and vegetables in addition to vegan options.

EMERALD EAGLE SCHOLARS *global* TRIP

Ten **Emerald Eagle Scholars** received the experience of a lifetime this summer by living and studying for three weeks in Bilbao, Spain. The trip, which took place May 13 – June 1, was part of the Pin Program for Global Exploration, the annual Emerald Eagle Scholars study abroad experience. While in Spain, the students participated in the Experience Spain: Contemporary Spanish Culture course at the University of Deusto and explored several cities and historical sites.



ORIENTATION

During the summer, Orientation and Transition Programs offered **orientations** for incoming freshmen and transfer students. During the orientations, new students met with faculty and staff from their respective colleges or schools, new classmates and current students. They also learned about campus resources and UNT traditions and received academic advising in preparation for registering for classes.





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