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THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

OUR MISSION

The Division of Student Affairs provides opportunities for students and the campus community to cultivate academic, personal, and professional success. We enhance the student experience through a wide array of intentional programs, services, and activities that support the life-cycle of our students.

OUR VISION

The Division of Student Affairs sees the potential within all UNT students and fosters a culture of excellence and opportunity. We build a foundation for all students to succeed as contributing members in an evolving global society.
A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS, ELIZABETH WITH, ED.D.

The Division of Student Affairs (DSA) at the University of North Texas (UNT) provides programs and services designed to support students in a variety of areas during their time at UNT. From career planning to living and dining on campus to getting involved with student activities, DSA enables students to gain a well-rounded collegiate experience.

With that goal in place, DSA continues to improve and enhance its programs and services for students each year. Our departments made great progress and achieved many impressive things during the 2015 – 2016 academic year, as you will see in the pages of this annual report. We opened the new University Union and Rawlins Hall, created a mandatory First Flight Week orientation with expanded programming, launched a professional clothing drive for students, grew our Greek Life population, and established new student organizations, just to name a few of our many successes.

But our work is not done. We will continue to explore new ways to assist our students and provide them with an experience they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. I believe it is work worth doing, and I want to thank everyone who has contributed to our efforts. I hope you will continue to support DSA in everything that we do. Together, we can continue to help UNT students achieve success.
The Career Center empowers students and alumni to identify and achieve individual goals for career success. Staff design and deliver high-quality career services to UNT students and alumni through collaboration with campus, local, and global partnerships.

They provide services such as employment workshops, on-campus interview suites, career fairs, networking events, the Eagle Careers private job bank of UNT, individual advising, mock interviews, and so much more.

The Career Center has more than 20 full-time staff members and works around the clock to further the professional success of both students and alumni.

2,890 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED in Career Fairs while 639 companies attended to recruit students

737 STUDENTS participated in On-Campus Interviews and 86 COMPANIES held interview schedules on campus

Career Center staff advised 1,506 STUDENTS THROUGH CAREER ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

SUIT UP CLOTHING DRIVE

The Career Center, in partnership with the Office of the President, HOSTED 2 ETIQUETTE DINNERS with 231 STUDENT ATTENDEES and 36 EMPLOYER HOSTS

700 ARTICLES OF PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES provided more than 530 STUDENTS

EMPOWERING STUDENT SUCCESS
The Center for Leadership and Service creates and implements programs that reflect and instill five values: Learning, Engagement, Community, Collaboration, and Empowerment.

We develop students who will become active participants in the LEARNING process, and in turn will understand the value of service, leadership, and civic ENGAGEMENT. Our office creates an inclusive COMMUNITY on campus by establishing connections and encouraging COLLABORATION to EMPOWER student leaders to solve complex problems together.

**DEVELOPING LEADERS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

The Center for Leadership and Service (CLS) has impacted my life in so many different ways.

As a freshman, I went through the Emerging Leaders Series and was connected with so many student leaders and staff while learning about my leadership style and how to program. At the end of that year, I attended LeaderShape which is a six-day leadership retreat where you are pushed to discover what your vision is not only on campus but for the future. After that, I became a Peer Group Leader for the Emerging Leaders Series and the Director of Operations of Eaglethon.

I am now a Student Assistant for the CLS and the Executive Director of Eaglethon. I am so grateful for everything the CLS has done for me, and I would not be the person I am today without it.

- Caitlin Decker

**COLLECTED MORE THAN 20,000 POUNDS of FOOD for charitable purposes**

**2,624 HOURS of COMMUNITY SERVICE during ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK**

"CLS HAS IMPACTED MY LIFE IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS." - CAITLIN DECKER
COUNSELING AND TESTING SERVICES

More than 7,000 appointments made with CTS = 1,000 users

2,033 New intakes

65 students seen for crisis services

539 hours of outreach for 12,534 participants

2,858 student contacts

= 1,000 users

Counseling and Testing Services (CTS) consists of two inter-related parts: the Counseling Center and Testing Services. We exist to serve the students and community of UNT in support of the mission of the university. Through our Counseling Center services, we strive to support the academic success and general well-being of UNT students through professional counseling, career counseling, consultation, mental-health screenings, educational programs, and self-help resources as well as referral services.

With client permission, we often work closely with physicians and psychiatrists and other offices in people’s lives in order to provide the best overall care for our clients. We value diversity, and students can expect to be treated in a respectful and accepting manner.

Supporting our Eagles’ well-being
The Dean of Students Office fosters the development of leadership, civility, accountability, and responsibility in the University of North Texas student; builds community through service and involvement; and serves as an advocate for all students.

This office is dedicated to supporting the UNT student who may need assistance in resolving complex personal and academic matters. We strive to help all students achieve their academic and personal goals and enhance the UNT student experience.

**908 VISITS/CASES**
to the UNT Food Pantry and SOS service numbers

- 100 visits/cases

**PERSPECTIVE ON DOS**

"I began working in the Dean of Students Office as a Peer Advocate in the fall of 2015. I did not know what experiences were in store, but I was excited nonetheless.

I could not have made a better decision. This office has helped me grow professionally while providing a lively work environment filled with colorful people.

The supervisors I have had have become mentors that I look up to, and I cherish the bonds we share. Working for the office has also provided me with knowledge on how the university policies are enforced and given me the opportunity to share that knowledge with fellow students.

The staff creates a welcoming environment that aims to provide an easy and productive visit for students that come through the office. I enjoy working in the office and being an advocate for students!"

- Nathan Cooper

**RECEIVED 334 REPORTS** of alleged misconduct by students, **RESOLVED 238 OF THOSE IN AN AVERAGE OF 19.3 DAYS**

"[The Dean of Students Office] has helped me grow professionally..."

- Nathan Cooper
UNT Dining Services is the largest self-supported food service department in North Texas. With our 21 retail food shops, 5 cafeterias, a full-service restaurant, and a catering department, we serve more than 2.2 million meals annually. Our food service program is award winning, and we have been nationally recognized by organizations like FoodService Director magazine, Presidents Council for Responsible Medicine, and PETA.

UNT Dining Services is a truly local enterprise. Our entire staff lives in the area. We make sure our food sources are as local as possible, and our resources go right back into benefiting the UNT community. Dining Services not only serves UNT, but they are a part of the UNT community, and that affinity affects everything they do.

The Menus of Change University Research Collaborative is a working group of leading scholars, foodservice business leaders, and executive chefs from invited colleges and universities who are accelerating efforts to move Americans toward healthier, more sustainable, plant-forward diets. UNT is one of only two schools to receive an “A” rating from the animal advocacy group PETA2.
Since 1952, the University of North Texas Greek community has been a viable and integral part of campus life. With four councils consisting of 38 fraternities and sororities, our Greek community offers a unique and lifelong involvement experience. Membership in a Greek organization can be one of the most significant experiences for a college student. The value of Greek Life for students who choose to participate, is the melding of almost every segment of the campus community into one cohesive program. Greek Life promotes the experience of self-governance, leadership development, academic achievement, community service, social opportunities, and friendship.

The Greek community has grown to roughly 2,000 MEMBERS, THE LARGEST GREEK POPULATION IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The UNT All Greek GPA was HIGHER THAN THE ALL UNT GPA in both the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters

"Being a part of Greek Life is important to me because I have a group of people I can count on that hold the same values as I do. My sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, is filled with women who have different interests and hobbies, but we all share a bond through our sisterhood that is important to have throughout our college years. I’ve gained many friendships not only by being a Kappa woman, but by being involved in UNT’s Greek Life. I love that I have a group of people that will support me through my strongest times and my weakest, no matter what chapter we are affiliated with.”

- Samantha Lawson

"I HAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE I CAN COUNT ON."

- SAMANTHA LAWSON
UNT Housing and Residence Life seeks to offer a safe and comfortable environment to students as they expand their horizons and pursue their academic and career goals.

Living on campus at UNT provides students with an opportunity to be a part of a community that supports academic success as well as personal growth and well-being.

Housing offers a variety of resources and opportunities for residential life such as Living Learning Communities, the Residence Hall Association, the Residence Life Advisor Council, and the National Residence Hall Honorary.

McConnell Hall and Hope Student Organization RAISED APPROXIMATELY $4,000 FOR WATER.ORG

Residence Hall Programs for Academic Development HAD PARTICIPATION OF 1,825 ATTENDEES

Housing and Residence Life successfully hired and trained 14 NEW PROFESSIONALS (HDS, AHDS, AND DESK CLERKS), 50 RESIDENT ASSISTANTS, 6 FACILITIES ASSISTANTS, AND 4 HOUSING AMBASSADORS.

Held 680 INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCE HALL PROGRAMS drawing PARTICIPATION OF 13,906 ATTENDEES

Housing and Residence Life hosted 93 SUMMER CAMPS with approximately 8,300 SUMMER CONFERENCE GUESTS
The Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) at the University of North Texas exists to prevent discrimination on the basis of disability and to help students reach a higher level of independence.

Our caring and professional staff helps students learn more about their disabilities, develop techniques to facilitate individual learning styles, learn how to talk to faculty and staff about their needs, and develop strategies to achieve their goals.

The ODA typically serves between 900 and 1,000 students each semester. The most common disabilities we reasonably accommodate are invisible conditions such as learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, and psychiatric disabilities.

96% of students who used ODA testing accommodations felt their testing environment directly contributed to their success at UNT.

Provided American Sign Language Interpreters for university events including Bill Nye, The Science Guy.

Perspective on the ODA

“Working with students with disabilities is full of variety and opportunities for learning. I learn so much from our students and am humbled by their tenacity and capacity for learning. Students with disabilities are finding more open doors both physically and virtually. Those with open minds and who are willing to learn more about today’s accessibility challenges and standards help make that happen.

The campus is vibrant too with students active in service: Delta Alpha Pi (Alpha Nu Chapter) Honor Society for students with disabilities, Delta Gamma’s Service for Sight, and the University Mean Green Lions International Club.

It is a joy and pleasure to see students succeeding and giving back to the community. Each of us working in the ODA have countless stories of successful students on the disability spectrum. We are very fortunate to be a part of the ODA and student experience.”

- Rebecca Cagle

Students with disabilities are finding more doors open both physically and virtually.

- Rebecca Cagle
The mission of Orientation and Transition Programs (OTP) is to be an evolving office for students and their families that facilitates the successful transition into the UNT community by: helping them connect to the university, creating opportunities, and building relationships.

The University of North Texas is focused on the retention and overall success of our students. Through Orientation and Transition Programs, resources and services are provided to help students establish and attain their educational goals. Beginning with their first year, our office serves as a central location to help students connect with their peers, faculty, staff, and parents. These connections can help guide and direct students through their experiences at UNT.
Recreational Sports is located in the state-of-the-art 138,000 square-foot Pohl Recreation Center and offers an incredible array of programs and experiences that promote and support the recreation and fitness needs of the UNT community. Along with special events like Movie Under the Stars and Rec Extravaganza, Rec Sports has six different departments to help keep our students, faculty, and staff happy, healthy, and active.

Rec Sports’ mission is to provide the kind of recreational experiences that not only support the wellness of the UNT community, but inspire it. The Rec’s core values are: Wellness, Development, Service, Success, Belonging, and care.

working for the rec sports department has been one of the best decisions i’ve ever made in my life. i started officiating at the point in my college career when i really didn’t know what i was going to be doing with my life. this department really put life in perspective for me and helped me to remember what it was that i was passionate about. i’ve grown more and more as i’ve moved up in this department, and i continue to learn and soak in the knowledge that i need to succeed after college.

no words can do this professional staff justice for how helpful and supportive they are. their passion is unmistakable. their service is powerful, personal, and purposeful. simply put, they truly care so much for the students and well-being of the department. they bring a fun and carefree feeling to work every day, which makes working here an exciting experience every time i walk through the doors.

- sean washington

the GPA of Rec Center student users for each classification level averaged almost two-tenths higher than non-users.

                    Freshman  Sophomores  Juniors  Seniors  
Freshman          2.47          2.69        2.81      2.92      
Sophomores        2.65          2.86        3.02      3.08      

[The Rec Center Staff] bring a fun and carefree feeling to work every day...

- sean washington
The goal of Student Activities is to help students get involved on campus in an effort to maximize their college experience. Through a variety of events, services, and resources, we provide students with opportunities to connect to the university and to other students. We promote a sense of community and loyalty to the university while enhancing the intellectual, social, and developmental growth of students as individuals or as members of student organizations. We do this through three main areas: student organization services, campus-wide events and traditions, and off-campus student services.

"Student Activities is the most beneficial resource as it relates to getting involved on campus! They helped me find opportunities to get involved with and become a leader in the UNT community by suggesting programs and events, as well as by hosting leadership development trainings that proved to be essential in my growth.

To me, the best part about Student Activities is the events they put together that allow students to connect with other students on campus. My favorite events were Mean Green Fling and Homecoming because we all came together like a family; not to mention all the UNT swag they gave away that was always stylish!" 

- Devin Carter

Perspective on Student Activities

- Student Activities registered 68 NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS making a total of 437 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Coordinated or co-sponsored 184 PROGRAMS with a participation of 45,269

- Off-Campus Student Services awarded 42 BOOK STIPENDS TO non-traditional and single-parent students
The Student Health and Wellness Center is committed to providing excellent healthcare to our students. Student success, development, and preparation for global citizenship is dependent on the many facets of good health. Mindful of our diverse population, we promote responsible personal health choices to enhance each individual's lifelong health and well-being.

Within our purpose, we support the mission of the university to ensure service and quality in teaching performance, public service, and outreach.

Our professional staff includes licensed physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, certified lab technologists, radiology technician, pharmacists, and administrative, business, and medical records personnel. Part-time staff includes a registered dietitian and a massage therapist.

8,544 TOTAL PATIENTS in the Spring 2016 semester

The laboratory ran 6,447 TESTS FOR SPRING 2016

249 APPOINTMENTS WITH OUR DIETITIAN SPRING 2016

5 ALCOHOL-FREE TAILGATES, WITH MORE THAN 500 STUDENTS SERVED
The Student Money Management Center’s mission is to advance excellence in personal financial education to prepare students to become thoughtful, engaged citizens. Our vision is that students will attain financial independence with increased knowledge, awareness, and empowerment.

The Student Money Management Center provides personal financial and money management education to students. In addition to seminars and presentations, we provide confidential individual financial consultations and planning services. All of our outreach and coaching services are offered to UNT Denton-campus students at no cost.

Students can schedule personal and confidential coaching sessions with trained professionals or peer mentors over a variety of personal finance topics.
The **Student Veteran Services**’ mission is to build and maintain a community at the University of North Texas with individuals who have served in the U.S. military in hopes of supporting a seamless transition from military life to civilian college life. Our goal is to remove barriers that student veterans face with the transition support. We hope to provide student veterans and dependents connections to resources both on and off campus and to give recognition to the service members in our UNT community through programs and scholarships.

Our vision is to be a national leader in student veteran participation, success and excellence through the transition from military to campus life and from campus life to graduation, and professional achievement.

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**Supporting Veteran Eagles’ Transitions**

500 Participants in the Denton County Veterans Day program

- 25 Participants

SVS computer lab traffic was up 25% in 2016 compared to 2015

- 58.6% retention rate for users compared to non-users

42 Participants in the Veteran Cord and Medal Graduation Ceremony

- Retained at a 58.6% higher rate than non-users

19 Personal Campus Tours to veterans, resulting in all 19 Veterans Enrolling at UNT

- 19 Participants
At the Substance Abuse Resource Center (SARC), our mission is to provide evidence-based individual, group, and environmental-level education regarding alcohol and other drug use through services and strategies that encourage healthy decision making, in an effort to reduce the harmful effects of substance use.

Our vision is to create a culture of personal responsibility, thereby encouraging responsible behaviors related to alcohol and other drug use, thus reducing and eliminating negative consequences and the barriers to personal, professional, and academic success.
UNION, COLISEUM, AND GATEWAY CENTER

The mission of the University Union, Coliseum, and Gateway Center is to provide quality programs, services, and facilities that enhance the educational experience and create community for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests.

The University Union has more than 20,000 visitors every day and serves a campus population of more than two million each year. In addition to hosting events, the Union houses several dining and retail options, including the UNT bookstore.

The Coliseum, or “The Super Pit,” is home to the UNT Men’s and Women’s basketball teams. With more than 9,700 seats, the Coliseum is designed for multipurpose use and accommodates a wide range of activities, including commencements, concerts, luncheons, workshops, dances, camps, and competitions.

The Gateway Banquet and Conference Center is a 28,000-square-foot, multi-level facility located on the entrance to campus. Gateway services include meeting rooms, outdoor spaces, and an extensive banquet facility.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY THROUGH PROGRAMMING

The University Union Program Council (UPC) is working on various events in Spring 2016.

- UPC events in Spring 2016
  - 19,623 in attendance
  - 2,000 attendees

Total number of events

- Union = 3,275
- Coliseum = 178
- Gateway = 569

- When I am working with the University Program Council (UPC), as part of the Union, I know I’m doing what I’m meant to do. There isn’t a day that goes by when I don’t enjoy the work I am doing.

  I love allowing other students to enjoy the different events we host on campus. The people I work with, the supervisors of the department, and the students that are part of our member board all make coming to work a joyous experience.

  There is no typical day in the office with UPC, as every day provides a new event that needs a different mindset to accomplish. This really allows me to expand the skills that I learn on the job.

  At the end of the day, I know all the hours that are put into the event to market it, maintain it, and clean up after everyone is gone, allow students to create lasting memories at the event UPC hosts.

- Josh Lawson

PERSPECTIVE ON THE UNION

- Josh Lawson

"There is no typical day in the office...

- Josh Lawson"
The Division of Student Affairs and its departments are always striving to plan top-notch programs and implement events for our students. To better understand the scope of our departments’ programming and events we have compiled some data and broken it down into five different tiers.

The tiers are based on how many total events and programs a department held during the school year - tier one with the most programs and events and tier five with the least.

Each unique event or program from a department is counted here. If a unique event or program occurs more than once, each occurrence is counted as a unique event.

There is also a pie graph to show what share of all the division’s events and programs are from any specific department.
DIVISION PROGRAM AND EVENT STATISTICS - ATTENDANCE

The Division of Student Affairs’ many great events bring out thousands of people each year. To better understand the scope of this reach, we’ve compiled attendance data for our events into five different tiers.

The tiers are based on how many total attendees a department’s events and programs brought out during a school year - tier one with the most programs and events and tier five with the least.

Each attendance measure is unique to the program measured, meaning an attendee may be counted twice if they attended more than one event.

There is also a pie graph to show what share of all the division’s attendance at events and programs are from any specific department.