Schedule of Events

6:00 - 6:15 pm  Check-In
6:15 - 6:30 pm  Welcome
6:30 - 6:45 pm  Keynote Speaker, Keri Decay, Program Coordinator of Student Governance
6:45 - 7:00 pm  Campus Resources, Relius Johnson, Assistant Director of the Multicultural Center
7:00 - 7:20 pm  Admissions Presentation
7:20 - 7:40 pm  Financial Aid Presentation
7:40 - 8:00 pm  Student Panel with Black and African American Students Leaders on Campus
8:00 - 8:15 pm  Scholarship Drawing and Closing Remarks
7:00 - 8:00 pm  Resource Fair, Visit with university departments and campus resources!

Special Guest Bios

Keri Decay, MBA
Program Coordinator of Student Governance
Keri DeCay was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and relocated to Arlington, Texas due to the hurricane Katrina aftermath. She currently serves as the Program Coordinator of Student Governance at UTA, where she advises The UTA Ambassador program and Mr. and Ms. UTA. She is an advocate for students, a proponent for student involvement on campus, and believes student engagement is the key to higher graduation rates and post-graduation success.

During her time as a student at UTA she was involved in organizations such as the UTA Ambassadors, the Goolsby Leadership Academy, NAACP, the Honors College, and served as the president of the Zeta Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She has won several student awards such as Fraternity and Sorority Life Member of the Year, Outstanding Ambassador of the year, UTA Homecoming queen, and was a Kent Gardner scholarship recipient.

Prior to her work in higher education, Keri DeCay received an internship during college that later led to a full-time position as a District Manager with Aldi upon graduation. In this role she supervised and supported a district of 4 stores with 30 employees across the DFW metroplex that grossed over $24 million in annual revenue.

Dr. Relius Johnson
Assistant Director of the Multicultural Center
Relius Johnson is currently the Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington. He is an alumnus of Texas A&M University Commerce, University of Central Arkansas and Louisiana State University. He is currently working on his PhD at Louisiana State University. Prior to him coming to UTA he worked at Louisiana State University and University of Central Arkansas. Relius strives to engages as an agent of positive social change by acknowledging, activating, and self-interrogating the complexities of one’s identities, experiences, privileges, and ideologies. Relius is also a motivational speaker and uses his story to promote the mindset of "Greatness is a STATE of Mind". Relius’ motto is to use your past to influence a better future. Relius plans to challenge and support the people he interacts with to be the best them that they can be including himself.