

E.H. Hereford University Center and Commons

Mission Statement

The mission of the E.H. Hereford University Center and The Commons is to provide for the personal and intellectual development of the students of U.T. Arlington as the living room of the campus.

Mission Values

- **Education:** We actively seek challenges that facilitate personal and professional development for students, staff, faculty, and the University community, in a supportive learning environment.
- **Customer Service:** We provide the highest quality of student/customer interactions while remaining flexible, responsive, and open-minded in delivering programs, services, facilities, and technology.
- **Communication:** We practice an honest and open exchange of ideas in an environment where positive encouragement serves as the basis for our communication.
- **Diversity:** We value the knowledge to be gained from the backgrounds, lifestyles, experiences, differences, and cultural heritages represented in our community and we support a safe environment where all people are valued, respected, and treated with dignity.
- **Recognition:** We recognize, reward, and celebrate the collective accomplishments of our staff and perpetuate an environment that is supportive, engaging, and enjoyable.

The Role of the College Union, as defined by the Association of College Unions International

The college union advances a sense of community, unifying the institution by embracing the diversity of students, staff, faculty, alumni, and guests. We bolster the educational mission of the institution and the development of students as lifelong learners by delivering an array of cultural, educational, social, and recreational programs, services, and facilities. By any form or name, we serve as the heart of the campus community and create a welcoming environment by:

- Operating as a student-centered organization that engages in shared decision making and holistic development through employment and involvement.
- Advocating for inclusivity and equity, fostering respect, and affirming the identities of all individuals.
- Educating students in leadership and social responsibility and offering firsthand experiences in global citizenship.
- Providing gathering spaces to encourage formal and informal community interactions that build meaningful relationships.

Traditionally considered the living room, the college union enhances the student experience and cultivates an enduring connection to the institution.