World Autism Awareness Day
April 2nd

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a bio-neurological developmental disorder that typically appears in early childhood and affects mental, physical and behavioral development. Autism affects 1 in 59 children, so it is very likely that you know someone who has autism or has been affected by autism. Autism is diagnosed 4.3 times more in boys than girls because girls mask symptoms more often.

Children with autism face many obstacles growing up. Developmental delays, lack of social skills, and health issues are some of facets of life that are affected. As social workers, we can advocate to improve resources available to schools and families to help support these children to lead healthy and happy lives into adulthood. Adults with autism are more likely to be unemployed or underemployed.

This day is to bring awareness to the rights of people with autism and encourage inclusion in the workplace.

Ways to Observe

- Attend or host an event supporting autism awareness
- Share and encourage others to share their stories on how autism affects their life
- Wear blue on April 2nd to show your support for increasing understanding and acceptance for people with autism

Source: [https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day](https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-awareness-day)
Free CEU’s from Valdosta State University
For All Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Do you want to learn more about dementia, caregiving, and cultural considerations while working with diverse communities? Click for more information.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

Join Our Team
Working in Your Community to Build and Strengthen Families

We can change everything together.

**CEU OPPORTUNITIES**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**SPRING 2022**

- **April 1st** – Last day to drop from regular session by 4PM
- **April 4th** – Registration Begins for Summer and Fall
- **April 9th** – The Big Event
- **April 26th** – Last day to drop from 2nd-8 week sessions
- **May 3rd** – Last day of classes
- **May 12 – 14th** – Commencement Ceremonies

The Big Event is UTA’s biggest day of community service! On April 9th, 2022, The Big Event is hosting forty community service projects across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Service projects with run from 9am - 1pm. Afterwards, all volunteers are welcome to attend the Thank You Celebration in the West Mall from 1pm-3pm where there will be complimentary lunch, entertainment, and activities!

Volunteer registration can be found here: [https://signup.com/go/gVJRAXt](https://signup.com/go/gVJRAXt).

If you need any accommodations in order to participate in The Big Event, please contact us at thebigevent@uta.edu or at 817-272-2963.
**ADVISING**

Need to meet with an advisor but there's no upcoming appointment available? Drop-in either in person or virtually on Wednesdays. To schedule your 30-minute drop-in time, click [here](#). Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

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**FIELD PLACEMENTS**

- **General**
  - InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL: [https://inplace.uta.edu/](https://inplace.uta.edu/)
  - The InPlace fee is $67 per year or $130 for a lifetime. Each student will need to plan to pay the InPlace fee on the first day of class for that semester they are starting field.
  - [InPlace Training](#) and [Logbook Training](#) can be found here!
  - [Field forms are available here!](#)
  - [Field FAQ](#)
  - If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email [sswfield@uta.edu](mailto:sswfield@uta.edu) and include a screenshot of the issue.
  - Are you a CAP student ready for your advanced field placement? Check out the Funding section for paid opportunities!

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Feeling a bit lost? Start with your Graduate Student Leader!

Don't know who that is?

Email [Stacie Hill](mailto:Stacie.Hill@uta.edu) to get connected!

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**LICENSING**

- If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LMSW licensing exam, [click here](#) to request the Dean's Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found on the ASWB site and our [SSW licensure page](#).
- There's lots of great updated information about licensing in the Student Success and Advising Course on Canvas—Check it out!
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this [Licensure](#) webpage and click on the Texas LCDC Licensing 2021 PDF for a chart that shows how different education levels can prepare you for the LCDC.

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The Summer Field Application closes Friday, April 23rd. If you are planning on starting Field this summer, you **must** apply before this deadline.

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**FIELD POWER HOURS**

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

- **Foundation MSW**
  - Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
  - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **CAP & Children & Families**
  - Field Advisor: Monica Brown
  - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Mental Health**
  - Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
  - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Aging & Health**
  - Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  - 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
  - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Mentorship Opportunity

Arlington ISD is looking to set up some of their students with mentors. Help support our community schools!

If interesting, please reach out to Stephanie Tucker at stephanie.tucker@mavs.uta.edu
**EVENTS**

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**Save the Date!**

**SOCIAL WORK TAKEOVER**

Addiction & Recovery Workforce Symposium
March 29, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | E.H. Hereford University Center

- Job & Field Agency Fair
- Student Research Poster Contest
- Afternoon Breakout Sessions - Earn CEUs (HRSA addiction and recovery topics)

This is an in-person event:
For 100% Online Students - Job & Field Agency Fair and select breakout sessions will be livestreamed

UTA School of Social Work

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**Let's Get Digital!**

*SPEAK* invites YOU to Join *Voting is Social Work's Power of 3 Campaign!*

First of the Power of 3 Campaign Webinars:

**Let's Get Digital**

Wednesday, March 30
10AM PT / 12PM CT / 1PM ET

REGISTER NOW!

Social workers have a long history of social and political action – including voter registration! With Democracy on the brink, the stakes are higher than ever.

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**Meet the Faces of HealthCare Social Workers**

Join the Health with Hearts Student organization as we hear from two recent UTA MSW graduates now working in Healthcare.

Lauren Kudl at Lifeline Heath
Vidya Krishnan at Dell Children's Hospital

**When:** Thursday, March 31 @ 7pm

**Where:** TEAMS meeting link on Health with Hearts Team channel

**Contact:** Diana.DiCesare@mavs.uta.edu

**Topics Covered:** Getting licensed, types of health SW jobs, how to get a great job, what do health SW do in different areas of healthcare, advice from recent grads, what surprises can you anticipate, and self-care in the real world

Click here to join the meeting [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meeting/join/115%20meeting:8YR1a44Dg9w1K7zV3L%2Ft0%3A-g0wBcIeYibvQDh5Em1UeN3yMkFX5%20%5B1](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meeting/join/115%20meeting:8YR1a44Dg9w1K7zV3L%2Ft0%3A-g0wBcIeYibvQDh5Em1UeN3yMkFX5%20%5B1)

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**Lavender Graduation**

April 19th - 6:00PM - Rio Grande

It's time to celebrate the UTA Graduates in Spring 2022 who identify as LGBTQ+! This is a celebration that family, friends, and supporters can come to recognize the students that have succeeded and overcome any barriers that have come their way.

Students can fill out this form to RSVP for the event: [https://forms.office.com/e/s8Vh8Gcmgc](https://forms.office.com/e/s8Vh8Gcmgc)

If you need accommodations to participate, please contact the LGBTQ+ Program at (917) 727-2460 or LGBTQ+ Meals for at least five days prior to the event date.
PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP FOR MALS MINORS

$1,500 Deadline: April 15, 2022

Requirements:
• Have declared a Minor in Mexican American/Latino Studies (MALS)
• Have completed 1 MALS/MAS course with a “B” or higher.
• Will enroll in at least 9 hours of coursework in Fall 2022
• Submit a one-page application statement. No recommendation letters needed.

Contact Information:
Cristina Salinas, Ph.D
Center for Mexican American Studies
csalinas@uta.edu

PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP IN LATINO STUDIES IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

$1,500 Deadline: April 15, 2022

Requirements:
• Have completed 1 MALS/MAS course with a “B” or higher.
• Will enroll in at least 9 hours of coursework in Fall 2022.
• Submit a one-page application statement. No recommendation letters needed.

Contact Information:
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Brandenburg Graduate Student Scholarship 2022

Applications due by April 15, 2022

$2,500

These scholarships are open to any UTA graduate student engaged in research topics or creative work related to the Latino experience in the United States.

The scholarship is intended to help support graduate student work and can cover tuition fees, travel and research costs, and other costs related to professional conferences and associations.

Contact Information:
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Camp Volunteers Needed

Dates: July 31st-August 5th, 2022
Location: Camp El Tesoro
Granbury, Texas

Volunteer Positions:
• Cabin Counselor: Stay in a cabin with a group of children for the week.
• Support Buddy: Be a one on one buddy for a child that needs extra support at camp.
• Camp Nurse: Certified medical professional to assist with medication and first aid.

“It was so amazing to have the privilege to share what my adoptee status means to me, and listen and learn from all of the other adoptees there. While all of our stories are different, camp provided a needed outlet to let each of our experiences shine!”

-Elena, Gladney Adoptee and Camp Volunteer

Complete your application HERE!
RESEARCH

Social Work Course Guides
Student Research Opportunity Center

STAY SAFE

COVID-19 Testing

REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING

Regardless of vaccination status, all students and employees coming to campus in any capacity for the spring 2022 semester must provide proof of a viral COVID-19 test by Feb. 4, 2022. Tests taken before Jan. 3, 2022 will not be accepted. If you have any questions, contact covidtesting@uta.edu.

UTA has a number of on-campus testing options that meet the required criteria and are free. Results received from an on-campus testing option will automatically be reported to the University with no further action required on your part. UTA’s COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test, not only when you are completing a UTA testing requirement.

Results from off-campus testing sites will be accepted, though you will not be reimbursed for costs. Test results from an off-campus testing site will be uploaded to the COVID-19 Self Report portal in MyMav. If you have trouble finding or using the portal, contact the OIT Help Desk. Remember, if you test positive, please follow the CDC’s Isolation protocols and submit the Personal Diagnosis Form.

UTA’s COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test.

Covid-19 Vaccine

Contact covidvaccine@uta.edu with any questions. If the dates and times of these clinics don’t work for you, the COVID-19 vaccine is free and widely available in Arlington and surrounding communities. To find a vaccine or booster near you, enter your zip code into the CDC’s COVID-19 vaccine finder.

Click Here for more information.

Summer Scholarship Applications are now open until April 22nd. Click Here
RESOURCES

UTA Academic Calendar
Check Canvas for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail: Emily Clark

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide

SAR Center
(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

Managing Stress and Anxiety During COVID-19
UTA Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
Therapist Assisted Online (TAO)
Visit TAOconnect.org
Mavs Talk 24HR Crisis Line
Call (817) 272-0295
Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

Rental Assistance Program
The Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email renthelp@tarrantcounty.com or call 817-850-7940.

Emergency Assistance Fund
UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency may apply for financial help.

Get Microsoft 365, The Wall Street Journal and Other Apps FREE with your student email!

How to gain access to SSW writing resources: Advising & Student Success Canvas

UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distributions
Currently distributing groceries on Thursdays only, from 9-11:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to utafoodpantry@gmail.com to request a pickup time. Include student name, last four digits of UTA ID, requested grocery pickup time, choice of vegetarian, chicken, or any meat groceries.

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Tuesday Darling: tbd2290@mavs.uta.edu

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“The world talks about change; we create change.”
— Roy T. Bennett

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Crisis Text Line
Free 24/7 Confidential

UTA Library
Accessibility
On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes