Social Justice Spotlight

Sexual Assault Awareness Month and SAAM Day of Action

During the month of April, we bring a voice to those victimized by sexual abuse and violence. During this month, the mission is to educate prevention and bring awareness to sexual violence around the world. During this month, you can wear teal to honor survivors.

April 5th (the first Tuesday of April) is the SAAM Day of Action. On this day, we start the month off with public and organized actions.

Statistics about sexual assault in the US

- Every 98 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted.
- Nearly 1 in 5 women in the United States have experienced rape (or attempted rape) at one point in their lives.
- 1 in 67 men in the United States have experienced rape (or attempted rape) at one point in their lives.
- Only 5 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison (which is why it is important to speak out if this happens to you).
- The majority of sexual assaults happen at or near the victim’s home, often by someone they know and/or trust.
- Health care is 16% higher for women who were sexually abused as children.
- Rape is the most under-reported crime; 63% of sexual assaults are not reported.

Source: [https://www.nsvrc.org/saam/day-of-action](https://www.nsvrc.org/saam/day-of-action)
### Important Dates

**Spring 2022**

- **April 4\(^{th}\)** – Registration Begins for Summer and Fall
- **April 9\(^{th}\)** – The Big Event
- **April 26\(^{th}\)** – Last day to drop from 2nd-8 week sessions
- **May 3\(^{rd}\)** – Last day of classes
- **May 12 – 14\(^{th}\)** – Commencement Ceremonies

The Big Event is UTA’s biggest day of community service! On April 9\(^{th}\), 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/gVJAxt](https://signup.com/go/gVJAxt).

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.
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.
**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.

**Feeling a bit lost?**

Start with your Graduate Student Leader!

Don't know who that is?

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

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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!

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

**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](#)

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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](https://www.aswb.org) and our [SSW licensure page](https://www.uta.edu/ssw/program/licensure).
- 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](https://www.uta.edu/ssw/program/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.
**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.
**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 recognizing 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/Eyvh86Gmzcq.

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**APRIL 8, 2022**
10:00 - 12:00

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

**COMMUNITY OF CARING**

Join us in a brave space for the UTA SSW community (students, staff, faculty) to support one another as we face local and global injustices. This month focuses on the challenges of the pandemic!

Open to all in the SSW!

RSVP here by 4/7 (required)

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**INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?**

Professor Karen Magruder will be joining the Social Work Council virtually to share information pertaining to environmental justice.

Join us, April 6th at 5:00pm thru Microsoft Teams.

utasocialworkcouncil@gmail.com
Follow us on:
Twitter, Instagram, & Facebook

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**WE WANT YOU!**

Graduate Student Leader Program

BECOME A GSL

Do you enjoy...
- Networking with SSW faculty and staff?
- Mentoring fellow MSW students?
- Learning new advocacy and communication skills?

Join our MSW Graduate Student Leader Program!

Click HERE to Apply TODAY!
**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.

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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 Latina/o 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.

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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

Email
lindsay.garrett@gladney.org
for more info

"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](#)!
Summer Scholarship Applications are now open until April 22nd. Click Here

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.

Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Spring 2022 (English and Español) (uta.edu)

Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities
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)272-8295

**THRIEVE APP**
Download "Thrive at UTA" on App Store or Google Play

Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

**Connections Tutoring Lab**
UTA School of Social Work

NOW OPEN

Schedule a 55 minute session in a virtual tutoring setting.

Book your session HERE!

**RENT**

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.

**Rental Assistance Program**

**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 price of inaction is far greater than the cost of making a mistake."
—Meister Eckhart