Global Dignity Day

On October 20th, we celebrate Global Dignity Day. The mission of Global Dignity Day is “to unite everyone with the belief that we all deserve to live a life of dignity.” The dignity of every single person matters and is imperative to fighting inequality, intolerance and injustice.

People are empowered to recognized their intrinsic dignity through education and initiatives in over 80 countries now.

The principles of Global Dignity Day include;
- The right of every human being to live a dignified life
- Freedom to make one’s life decisions
- Access to education, income, security and healthcare
- Individual dignity is collective with the dignity of other

“Human rights rest on human dignity. The dignity of man is an ideal worth fighting for and worth dying for.” Robert Maynard

You can participate by hosting your own Dignity Day event. The following site has resources to help.  #THISISDIGNITY

Learn more about Global Dignity Day here.

Source: https://globaldignity.org/
Calling all VOLUNTEERS!!!
Join UTA School of Social Work for the 2nd Annual Fall Harvest & Trunk-or-Treat!

Duties include:

- **Trunk-or-Treaters**: Decorate your vehicle and distribute candy. Must be available for the full event - set-up begins at 3 p.m., event ends at 7 p.m. (must provide own decoration and candy).
- **Registration**: Check-In and/or Register attendees.
- **Food Handlers**: Load food into vehicles and distribute food to walk-up attendees.
- **Traffic Attendants**: Direct attendees to the appropriate line. Keep the line moving and direct slow-moving traffic.

*Assigned Role may change to meet event needs.

**Sign Up Here to Volunteer!** - Must attend virtual training on Friday, October 29 at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

Face covering required for volunteers.

For questions or concerns, email Coral Simpkins-Mims at SSWSpecialEvents@uta.edu.

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**What’s Your Calling?**

I’ve yet to meet a social work student that didn’t come to the program for a personally meaningful reason... Do you know your reason?... In all that you do in your education, are you working from that reason, purpose, or calling? If not, you’re heading for trouble.

I’ve noticed a concerning trend among social work students where they can go through many years of education and training without being challenged, encouraged, and supported to think about, search for, wrestle with, and follow their calling. By the time these students reach the conclusion of their academic program, they aren’t just unsure of what to do or what job to search for, they’re not working from the heart, they’re lacking passion, and they’re already showing signs, or fully in the throws, of fatigue and burnout.

From The Book of Awakening, Mark Nepo shares sage advice from Carlos Castaneda that can be applied to the time and experiences you will have in higher education:

“Look at every path closely and deliberately
Try it as many times as you think necessary
Then ask yourself ,and yourself alone.....
Does this path have a heart? If it does, the path is good. If it doesn’t, it is of no use.”

It’s been said that the difference between a profession and a vocation is the training, skills, and education, but, literally, that’s not quite right. Social Work is considered a helping profession, but, maybe, again, that’s not quite right. The word vocation comes from the latin word vocare: to call, a call, a calling. So maybe, at its best, Social Work is a vocation, the response to a calling, your calling.

We all hear a call. Whether you consider it your conscience, the voice inside, your soul, or God, something calls to and moves each of us to act. To better yourself, others, and all that may be accomplished through social work, through your work, I’d consider your response to this question essential: **What’s your calling?**

Craig Keaton
MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor
**ADVISING**

- Need to meet with your 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.

- If your advisor’s appointment schedule is full, please consider emailing them for email-advising, or attend their weekly Power Hour. Please check advising appointments every Monday when new availability opens up for the coming weeks.

**BSW Academic Advisors:**
- Last names A-C: Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
- Last names D-Me: Mark Frazier – mark.frazier@uta.edu
- Last names Mi-Z: Patrice Green – patrice.green@uta.edu

Keiana Crain is no longer with UTA. Until her position is filled, please contact Patrice Green.

**FIELD PLACEMENTS**

- All students, agencies, and Field Instructors should use this URL for InPlace: [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!
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email [sswfield@uta.edu](mailto:sswfield@uta.edu) and include a screenshot of the issue.
- Field forms are available here!
- Field FAQ
- Contact Sharon Martin, LMSW, Field Advisor, with any questions! You can also connect with her during her Field Power Hours every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:00-3:30. [Click here](#) to join the meeting

**LICENSING**

- If you’re in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LBSW 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.
- [Click here](#) for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session, held in April 2021.
- Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this Licensing 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.

**MSW ADMISSIONS**

Did you know that if you pursue your MSW at UTA within 6 years of graduating with your BSW, you can finish your Masters in as fast as 1 year? We accept MSW admissions on a rolling basis. The admissions calendar can be found [here](#). If you have any questions about the process of applying to the MSW, please contact [leslie.reyna@uta.edu](mailto:leslie.reyna@uta.edu)

**Fall 2021**

- The Fall 2021 Field Application closed June 4th. No late applications will be accepted.
- All students have been placed. Students should contact their field advisor if they are still awaiting placement.
- See the Fall 2021 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
- InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

**Spring 2022**

- The Spring 2022 Field Application will be open Oct. 01 – Nov. 26, 2021. These dates are subject to change. See the full Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
- Read the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations [here](#).
UTA Professor Creates Free Online Course on Health and Immigration

Marcela Nava, who is an assistant professor in the School of Social Work, created a free online course for anyone who has online course access through work or school. Let’s Talk About: A Health And Immigration Teach Out is a 2-week, 7-hour self-paced class that processes through health and immigration and conversation aids.

Click here to find out more.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**FALL 2021**
- Nov. 5 Last Day to Drop Classes by 4:00PM
- Nov. 8 Registration begins for Spring
- Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 26 Spring Field Application Deadline

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**AASWSA**

JOIN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SOCIAL WORKERS STUDENT ALLIANCE

**OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE**

Thursday, October 21st, 2021
4:00 PM
ROOM 517

Join us for planning upcoming events, leadership opportunities.

**WE'RE FOCUSED ON ENHANCING THE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF DIVERSITY AND PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE BROAD COMMUNITY.**

**THERE WILL BE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

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**Campus Sustainability Month Events**

**Climate Art Competition**

Submissions Due October 21, 2021
Create an art piece that shows what climate means to you to win a free reusable lunch bag and a chance at winning a gift card. You can use any medium of your choosing as long as you can take a picture and send it to us at sustainability@uta.edu.

**Volunteer Event**

October 23, 2021 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Join us for an volunteer event to start your weekend giving back to or local environment. We are still working the details of this event but be prepared to get your hands dirty. The location TBA so please sign up here and follow us on Twitter or Instagram (@GoGreenUTA) to stay in the loop.

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**Hike and Trash Pick up at Crystal Canyon Natural Area**

October 30, 2021 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Finish off Campus Sustainability Month with a hike and trash pick up at Crystal Canyon Natural Area with the Environmental Science Club and American Conservation Coalition.

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**EVENTS**

**Spirituality & Social Work Student Org.**

Invites You to an open forum!

October's topic: The Spirit of Social Work
Wed. Oct. 27th noon TEAMS
TEAMS link Oct Meeting

For more information regarding Spirituality & Social Work, please email LaShaunn Bold, LCSW at lashaunnbold@uta.edu

The organization is open for Social Work majors.

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RSVP for the groups you would like to join!

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**CELEBRATE WITH US.**

**THURSDAY TALKS & TREATS**

Come to the SSW courtyard with your lunch and grab a DESSERT on us!

Eat and discuss the state of affairs for a different cultural group each month and how social workers can support them.

October’s celebration is for Latinx Heritage Month, Disability Culture Month, and Filipino American History Month.

Thursday October 21st from 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Come and go event!

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**Monday, October 25th**
3:00PM-4:00PM Women’s Virtual Room of Recovery
6:30PM-7:30PM Military Women’s Empowerment Group

**Tuesday, October 26th**
9:00 AM-10:00AM Parenting During a Pandemic
6:30PM-7:30PM Active Duty, Deployed Guard, and Reserve Group

**Wednesday, October 27th**
10:00 AM-11:00AM First-Generation and International Students’ Success
12:00PM-1PM Men’s Virtual Room of Recovery
1:30PM-2:30PM Accommodating for Success
3:30PM-4:30PM Promoting Healthy Habits
6:30PM-7:30PM COVID and Caregivers

**Thursday, October 28th**
1:00PM-2:00PM Building Better Interpersonal Relationships
REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING

Beginning Monday, Sept. 13, students, faculty and staff coming to any UTA campus in any capacity will be selected at random for mandatory COVID-19 testing.

Until further notice, 20% of our campus population, regardless of vaccination status, will be selected each week for testing. Notifications will come from covidtesting@uta.edu, and you will have seven days to get tested after being selected. 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.

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.

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; you do not need to wait until you are selected for random testing.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Click to find vaccine opportunity.

Listen to UTA public health experts explain why getting a COVID-19 vaccine is beneficial for you and your community.

Flu Shots

Health Services recommends getting vaccinated by the end of October to be protected against flu before the start of flu season. Email the Immunization Clinic with your name, date of birth, student ID number, and phone number to schedule your free flu shot.

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

FUNDING

The Bachelor of Science in Substance Use & Treatment (BSSUT) “The degree will use a multidisciplinary approach to understand the biological, psychological and social aspects of substance misuse,” said Scott Ryan, dean of the School of Social Work. “Its curriculum for assessment and treatment methods for substance misuse are based on evidence-informed and research-supported practices that will enable students and future professionals to understand and treat individuals, families, groups and communities while preparing graduates for careers in this field.” Continue reading here

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Degree Progress Worksheet Click Here

BSSUT SPOTLIGHT

CMAS PRESENTS
MANUEL GAMIO SCHOLARSHIP $1200 SCAN TO APPLY

Deadline: November 1, 2021
Who Qualifies?

BSSUT SPOTLIGHT

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In Crisis? Text HELLO to 741741

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

“IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO BEAR WITNESS TO SOMEONE’S STORY WHEN THEY MAY NOT HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO TELL IT BEFORE.”
– Lindy Alexander