During the month of February, we bring awareness, prevention and healing to teen victims of dating violence. As social work advocates, we have exposure and influence over teenage lives. We can show we are listening and are supportive to those who need to discuss this, and we can help prevent violence by teaching children and teens to stand up for themselves and leave a situation they do not feel safe in.

This month encourages parents and teens to evaluate their relationships. One in three young people experience abuse by a dating partner. Some resources for families to help start conversations can be found at loveisrespect.org and youth.gov.

Ways to Be Observe and be Involved:

• Help start conversation
• Share on social media using #TeenDatingViolenceAwarenessMonth, #LoveisRespect, and #TeenDVMonth
• Encourage community organizations and schools to help prevention
• Invite speakers to school
• If you know someone who has been a victim of dating violence, encourage them to call the National Dating Abuse Helpline here.

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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For more info and FAQ’s Click Here

Degree Progress Worksheet Click Here

Are You Graduating this Semester? Make sure to apply! The Application Deadline is April 1st.

Click Here for more information
**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:**
- Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
- Sabrina Earle – sabrina.earle@uta.edu

**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

**FIELD PLACEMENTS**

**General**

- 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 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 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](#).

**Spring 2022**

- The Spring 2022 Field Application is now closed.
- Read the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations [here](#).
- All students have been placed. Students should contact their field advisor if they are still awaiting placement.
- See the Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
- InPlace fee is due on the first day of class.
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
The Texas Substance Use Symposium (TxSUS) represents a special time for our substance use community to come together and continue our work to strengthen the field and identify challenges and solutions for substance use. Click here for more information.

COMMUNITIES COLLABORATING FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

MARCH 24 & 25
OMNI CORPUS CHRISTI HOTEL
900 N SHORELINE BLVD, CORPUS CHRISTI
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

On Campus Covid Vaccine Clinic
Each clinic will operate on a walk-in-only basis and be held in the Group Exercise Room (101B) in the Maverick Activities Center.
• Wednesday, February 2 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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.
**Managing Stress and Anxiety During COVID-19**

**Therapist Assisted Online (TAO)**
- Visit TAOconnect.org

**Mavs Talk 24hr Crisis Line**
- Call (817)272-8255

**Thrive App**
- Download “Thrive at UT” on App Store or Google Play

**UTA is a Community That Cares**

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**SAR Center**
(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

**In Crisis?**
Text HELLO to 741741

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**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.

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

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

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

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**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.

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