March 2\textsuperscript{nd} is Teen Awareness Month!
March 2\textsuperscript{nd} is National Teen Awareness Month!

According to the American Psychological Association, present day teens have the worse mental health of any generation. Due to the false image that social media promotes, it encourages mental instability and promotes insecurities. Therefore, it is necessary to raise awareness about mental health and the importance of self-care. This can help improve an entire generation’s mental wellness.

For more information, CLICK HERE!
Jessica Quinones
Hello everyone! My name is Jessica, and this is my third semester as a USL. My pronouns are She/Her. I am an undergraduate senior graduating in May! I don't like to stick with one plan so I would love to be a medical SW, school SW, or an immigration social worker. Maybe I could be all three! I love attending concerts and traveling. As an Undergraduate Student Leader, I am here to help with any questions that may arise. I am excited to serve as a USL again and am wishing you all the best this semester!

Best Regards,
Andwelah Givens
BSW Intern
Undergraduate
**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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**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](#).
- 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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**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.

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**Important Dates**

**Spring 2023**

- **March 13th-17th** Spring Break
- **March 31st**- Last day to drop classes; submit requests to advisor prior to 4:00pm
- **March 31st** Field Applications Closed
- **April 23rd**- Registration begins for Summer 2023 & Fall 2023.
- **May 2nd**: Last day of classes
- **May 12th**: Grades Due

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**FIELD PLACEMENT Summer 23**

- 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 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.

- The Summer 2023 Field Application will be open Feb. 01 – March. 31st, 2023. These dates are subject to change. See the full Summer 2023 Field Education Calendar [here](#).
A New Beginning for all!

The University of Texas at Arlington’s SOCW/NURS Building

HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE! The University’s newest building is finally open to all facility, staff, administrators and students! Since Social Work and Nursing have a lot in common with the wellbeing of the clients/patients, both majors are now combined into one building!

According to Support UTA, “This building serves as a new center for interdisciplinary learning, encouraging students of both SSW and CONHI to think outside of their skillsets.” This 15,000 square foot building is also a mixture of flexibility, state of art, and technology as a whole!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Spring 2023 All Majors Job and Internship Fair

When and Where? March 1st from 12pm to 4pm in the Mavericks Activities Center

Open to all UTA students and alumni seeking full-time positions, part-time jobs, internships and field placements. Over 100 employers expected to attend!

Job Opportunity

• Social Work
• Nursing
• Psychology

Ethical Practice with LGBTQ Clients in a Challenging Political Climate

February 17th | 12-1 PM | Zoom

Panel & Discussion

Devyn Bos, LCSW
Trey/Ren, Therapists
Panelist

Bryan Mares, MSW
UTA alum, Dallas ISD counselor, former CPS worker
Panelist

Dr. Britannie Ash
She/her, MNS
Facilitator

Event QR

Zoom ID: 81653685123
Hosted by - Children & Families Curriculum Committee

MavPlanner & MavScheduler

Already registered for next semester? Don’t stop there. Keep blazing your trail to graduation with MavPlanner in MyMav, UTA’s personalized degree planning tool.
BSW Degree Plan

Check out the BSW and BSSUT Degree Plan: Your degree plan is one of the best ways to help you stay on track toward your college goals. Your degree plan can help you plan future semesters more efficiently and communicate with your advisor. You can reference the degree plans to check if you have taken your required courses.

Interested in the BSSUT program? Want to minor in SUT? The BSSUT degree plan details the required courses for this degree. If you have additional questions about this degree click HERE!
Upcoming Events within UTA

**MINDFUL MOMENTS UNDER THE STARS**

Tuesdays throughout Spring 2023
Feb 14-28 and March 21-May 2
Tuesdays; from 12:45-1:15 PM

**AT THE**

UTA PLANETARIUM

Open to all UTA Faculty, Staff, and Students

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**RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR AN ALZHEIMER’S STUDY!**

The University of Texas at Arlington seeks participants for an innovative study on brain health.

We are testing two portable medical devices that detect brain signals through a painless scan of the brain. Participants complete a one-time, hour-long session and receive a $50 Walmart gift card. This innovative technology may lead the way in future Alzheimer’s research.

**ARE YOU?**

- Over the age of 55
- Healthy & no cognitive decline
- No brain surgeries or injuries within the past year
- Have transportation to the University of Texas at Arlington

For more info, call 682-800-2154 or email kristen.kerr@mavs.uta.edu.
Scan the QR code to sign up.

**Title IV-E Stipend Program**

Interested in starting a career in Child Welfare? Learn more about the Title IV-E Stipend program and its benefits by meeting with a coordinator!

Scan the code or click the link below to schedule your meeting.

https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/TitleIVEstipend@bookings.uta.edu/bookings.png

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**Venieca Kusek Tells All: The Role of Social Workers in Hospice Care**

The Gerontology Organization invites you Monday, March 6th from 6:30-7:30 pm to join us as we host UTA alumni Venieca Kusek, LMSW to learn about her role and experience as a hospice social worker.

- **2 Options to Join!**
  - In-person or Online via Teams
  - Refreshments served In-Person!

In-person: Rm 231 in the School of Social Work/501 W Mitchell St. 76010
Online: TEAMS LINK TO JOIN
My name is Traecia Nichols, I am the Student Success Coordinator for the School of Social Work. In my role I work with students who are facing crises and need help accessing university and community resources. This section will consist of resources that are available to you as a student. If you are in need of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at traecia.nichols@uta.edu

Sincerely,

Traecia

**AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

**CRIME VICTIM SERVICES**

The Crime Victim Services program has been implemented to provide assistance to students, faculty, staff, and visitors of UTA’s campus. You do not need to have an open police case for our office to help. We want to support you the best we can during this process, and our department can offer you a variety of services:

Contact information:

Phone: 817-272-9254
Address: Center for Innovation Building (CFI) 202 E. Border St. Arlington, Tx 76010

**Week of February 27th:**

**EMERGENCY HOUSING**

Students experiencing primary homelessness (i.e., living on the streets, in parks, in car, and/or deserted buildings) may be able to receive temporary housing assistance. The Dean of Students office has on-campus, confidential, and temporary emergency housing for students experiencing primary homelessness (i.e., living on the streets, in a car, in parks, and/or deserted buildings) as a result of domestic violence, relationship and/or sexual violence, family violence, stalking, displacement as a result of gender and/or sexual identity, and/or other identifiable emergency related situations.

Contact information: Students experiencing homelessness are advised to email the Director of Student Advocacy Services and/or EAF@UTA.EDU.

**SAR Center**

(Formerly Office of Students with Disabilities)

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Maria Cruz mxc5965@mavs.uta.edu