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. 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.

Children with autism face many obstacles growing up. Developmental delays, lack of social skills, and health issues are some of aspects 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 up to 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
Your Mental Health Matters!

What is the most important thing to you on your journey at UTA? Is it perhaps taking five to six classes per semester so you can graduate sooner? Or would you rather take a couple of classes at a time, so that you don't get too overwhelmed? There is no right or wrong answer if you reach your goal! However, on your journey I am encouraging you to be aware of your mental health! Get a good night’s rest and let your mind recharge throughout the night. It is important to rest your mind when it's overloaded. Another great suggestion comes from the mentalhealth.gov website. It is highly suggested that you find a trustworthy support group. Support groups may give you great advice in hard times and they may help you learn how to set healthy boundaries around your hobbies and interest without any judgement.

UTA offers a lot of social groups on campus and virtually. And our USL team is happy to help anyway we can. We are all in this together!

Best Wishes,
Andwelah Givens
BSW Student
USL Student Leader
The University of Texas at Arlington

ANDWELAH GIVENS (INTERN)

HELLO, MY NAME IS ANDWELAH GIVENS. THIS IS MY SENIOR YEAR AS AN UNDERGRADUATE. WHAT I LIKE TO DO IN MY FREE TIME IS GO TO THE MALL, HANGOUT WITH FRIENDS, COOK, LEARN NEW HOBBIES, READING, AND GOING TO THE GYM. I AM SUPER EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THE USL GROUP AND I AM HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU WITH ANY PROBLEMS.
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.

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 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.

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

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.
Student Organizations

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PRESENTS...

AMERICAN SOCIAL WORK STUDENT ALLIANCE
AFRICAN-

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for Black/African
descent students. To positively impact our campus and
surrounding communities through advocacy, community
service, relationship building, and creating safe spaces. We
strive to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other
forms of social injustices.

Madam President: Aida Rachid
Email: ari8638@mavs.uta.edu

Follow us on IG @maswss.uta

Bi-weekly Wednesday meeting
6pm, Social Work - Building A

Interested in macro social work?

The Student Association for Macro Social
Work provides Peer Support & Professional
Development for students interested in
macro social work!

First Mondays 7-8pm via Teams
February 6 - March 6 -
April 3 - May 1

For questions, email monica.canizares@mavs.uta.edu

Virtual Event! Everyone is Welcome!

NETWORK + LEARN
with CAP Alumni

MARCH 28
6-7PM

- Licensing & Entrepreneurship
- Research & Post-MSW Education
- Field Placement, Coursework, & Your Career
- Non-profit Development & Professionalism

https://tinyurl.com/sa3rh3pg

Student Association for Macro Social Work

SURVIVORS UNITE
WEBINAR SERIES

What is IPV?

Intimate Partner Violence is one of the leading forms of violence in the U.S. This webinar series will teach you how to identify and support victims of Domestic Violence and IPV.

APRIL 12th: Identifying
Learn how to spot the signs of a healthy relationship

APRIL 19th: Assessment
Prepare to reduce violence by learning about risk assessment tools

APRIL 20th: Planning
Discover safety planning tools that will improve your community health & safety

in Partnership with
AmeriCorps ASU School of Social Work
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!

USLS RECRUITMENT

ATTENTION BSW STUDENTS!

USLS NEEDED

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IS RECRUITING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LEADERS (USLS) FOR SUMMER 2023!

SCAN HERE TO APPLY:

NEED MORE INFORMATION? EMAIL USL INTERNS LAINA OR MARIA:

lmsl135@mavs.uta.edu
mxc5965@mavs.uta.edu

Are you Interested in becoming a USL for Summer 2023? **Click here for the USL application:**

You can also reach out to Maria Cruz or Laina Scivally For any questions about the USL program. **THANK YOU!**
**Upcoming Events within UTA**

Teamwork Makes The Dream Work: Insights from In-Patient Palliative Care Providers

The Gerontology Organization invites you to join

**Monday, April 3rd from 6:30-7:30pm**

to learn about hospital-based palliative care and the roles of multidisciplinary team members in the coordination of care to the chronically ill.

Guest Speakers: *Mary Gay Marangola, DO. & Melissa Palmer, LCSW*

Palliative Care Team Members from the University of Colorado Hospital.

---

**2nd Annual Celebration of Gerontology, Social Work, and the Aging Network**

**APRIL 07**

12pm – 1:30pm

RM# 104

NEW Social Work Building

501 W. Mitchell

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH FOLLOWED BY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEED NETWORK WITH MULTIPLE SOCIAL WORK AGENCIES & ALUMNI!**

**RSVP BY APRIL 01 BY CLICKING HERE OR SCANNING THE QR CODE**

For more info please reach out to noellefields@uta.edu

---

**Lavender Graduation**

**April 18th - 6:00PM - UC, Rio Grande**

It’s time to celebrate the UTA Graduates in Spring 2023 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://bit.ly/SP23UTALavGrad

If you need accommodations to participate, please contact the LGBTQ+ Program at 817-727-3947 or LGBTQ@uta.edu at least five days prior to the event date.
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 need anything of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at traecia.nichols@uta.edu

Sincerely,

Traecia

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

CONFIDENTIAL ADVOCATE

The RVSP Confidential Advocate, Tiffany Bland (she/her/hers), facilitates a victim-centered, social justice, and trauma-informed approach to facilitate support and advocacy services for victims and survivors of sexual and/or relationship violence. When seeking support, the confidential advocate’s priority is to ensure the student feels safe, is academically successful, and feels supported.

For Questions about CONFIDENTIAL ADVOCATE contact:
Phone: 817-272-3947
Address: Ransom Hall Suite 301
Arlington, Tx 76019
Website: https://www.uta.edu/student-affairs/rvsp/contact

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

THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT CHANGE; WE CREATE CHANGE.