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SOCIAL WORK

**We need to talk.
This is
serious.**



MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

I acknowledge the grave harm brought by colonialism to this land, especially the systematic attempts to erase indigenous and African identities through violence, slavery and racist segregation laws.

WEEKLY UPDATE

April 5, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

UTA MSW PROGRAM

**WANTED:
YOUR INPUT!**
you matter.



How could we have made your
transition smoother?

**DR. P WANTS TO KNOW
YOUR THOUGHTS
ABOUT THE MSW
ORIENTATION
PROCESS!**

**SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW ON
TEAMS WITH HER INTERN MEGHAN
HERE TO GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK.**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

"Since 2001, NSVRC has coordinated the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign observed every April. This year's theme is 'We Can Build Safe Online Spaces.' Join the campaign by accessing free resources at [nsvrc.org/saam](https://www.nsvrc.org/saam).

The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence, educate communities on how to prevent it and bolster prevention efforts throughout the year. Free online campaign materials include resources on [online abuse and trauma](#), [digital consent](#), [keeping kids safe online](#) and [building safe online communities](#). NSVRC has also developed [virtual event templates](#) to help individuals and organizations host their own online events.

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month isn't just about raising awareness; it's also about prevention," said Laura Palumbo, Communications Director at NSVRC. "We can stop sexual harassment and abuse before it happens by addressing the bigger picture in which it occurs. The 'We Can Build' campaign calls on leaders and individuals to play a role in creating safe online communities and stepping in when harmful behaviors occur online."

Source: <https://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/nsvrc-marks-20th-anniversary-annual-sexual-assault-awareness-month-shine-light-building-safe>

**Support
Survivors**
*During Sexual Assault
Awareness Month*



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Rental Assistance

Rental assistance is available for up to 6 months through Arlington Housing Authority for Arlington residents who are behind on their rent due to the pandemic if they meet certain criteria such as income, need is directly related to the pandemic, currently behind on rent, and a few others. The application is at www.arlingtonhousing.us and funding IS still available for the program.

Did you know as a student veteran you may qualify for free meals?

Meals for Vets is a program that provides student veterans who have low income with free daily meals.

Getting through school is hard enough without the stress of not knowing if you'll be able to afford to eat. Meals for Vets and The University of Texas at Arlington have partnered up to make sure you can get a daily meal to help fuel your success.

To qualify:

- Must have served at least 180 days federal active duty
- Provide proof of service (such as DD-214)
- Provide proof of all household income and benefits
- Meet low income qualifications

To learn more and apply, email: james.kumm@uta.edu



This program is supported by a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans Assistance. This fund for Veterans Assistance provides grants to organizations serving veterans and their families. For more information visit www.tvc.org.



YOU MATTER

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 education, 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 extended period of time you will spend and throughout the great range of 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. At its best, quite literally, Social Work is a vocation. At its best, Social Work is the response to a 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, I'd consider your response to this question essential: **What's your calling?**

Craig Keaton, MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor



If you like You Matter posts and want to explore them more deeply, please consider joining us for a Wounded Healers meeting. You can find us on Teams!

STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

Graduate Student Leader (GSL) Program

Would you like to gain leadership skills, build your resume, and network with your peers, UTA faculty and staff? Want to make a difference in the School of Social Work by building community, facilitating communication, and serving as a mentor and advocate for your fellow students? Consider applying for the [Graduate Student Leader \(GSL\)](#) program! **Applications close on April 16th at 5pm.** Questions about serving as a GSL? Contact georgianna.goff@mavs.uta.edu

Interested in joining a Veteran and Military Connected group of students? The MAV VETS are here to get you support and connections to help navigate college life!



CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Instagram:

Teams:

Facebook:



SCAN ME

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UTA Care Team

The Care Team is composed of Success Coaches that are here to help students succeed while attending UTA.

This includes academic and personal dilemmas a student may be facing.

Success Coaches are here to:

- Connect
- Advise
- Refer
- Encourage

Reach out to our Success Coaches today!

email: careteam@uta.edu

Division of Student Success



UTA VIRTUAL FITNESS PROGRAM

GROUP FITNESS

HOME WORKOUTS

FITNESS CHALLENGES

UTA | CAMPUS RECREATION

Check out UTA's on-demand and live classes like HIIT the Deck, Mixed Fit, Zumba, NASA Nap, Yoga, and Sit & Stretch:



ADVISING

- **Summer class registration opens April 5th.**



We've heard from you that many of you are interested in learning more. Stay tuned as we are developing a guide with the different paths to the **LCDC** that will be shared in this newsletter at a future time.

- 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.
- Don't need a full advising appointment but have general questions? Join your advisor for their weekly Power Hour!

Toy Howard	Monday 10-11	Click here to join the meeting
Valerie Adame	Tuesday 11-12	Click here to join the meeting
Maresia Davis	Wednesday 11-12	Click here to join the meeting
Cleondria Marable	Thursday 11-12	Click here to join the meeting

GRADUATION

- Our School of Social Work Ceremony will be combined with College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs, Division of Student Success and the Honors College. **The ceremony will be held on Friday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m. at Globe Life Field.**
- The **Virtual Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 16th at 5:00pm** CST through an on-demand website that will have auto-generated name calling, graduate slides, and videos from university officials. We do not yet know which day the Social Work commencement will be. We will share additional details as soon as we receive them.
- **The deadline to apply to graduate in May passed on March 1. To apply late, contact your advisor. (There is a \$60 late fee.)** All students planning to graduate this spring must apply to graduate using MyMav. **You must apply to graduate regardless of whether you will walk at a commencement ceremony. Applying to graduate is necessary to have your degree conferred AND in order to receive your diploma. Fee is \$40.**
- **In-person, virtual commencement programs planned for May**
 - UT Arlington will host [in-person commencement ceremonies](#) at Globe Life Field from **May 13-16** to celebrate its spring 2021 and all 2020 graduates, while preserving virtual commencement ceremonies for those who prefer an online celebration. The spring commencement exercises will mark the first time UTA has hosted in-person ceremonies since December 2019, as all 2020 ceremonies were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - All 2020 and spring 2021 graduates should RSVP with their intention to participate in [an in-person or virtual commencement ceremony](#). To do so, they should [register with Marching Order](#) using their UTA student email address. (Although the deadline of 3/17 has already passed, students are still able to register via this form).



FIELD PLACEMENTS

- **Summer Field Application closes Apr. 09, 2021.** Late applications will not be accepted.
- The Fall Field application is tentatively scheduled to be open April 12th-Jun 4th.
- **InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL.** <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!
- The [Spring Field Calendar](#) lists important dates for current field students, as well as summer field application dates.
- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)
- [Spring 2021 Field Accommodations Q&A](#)
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.

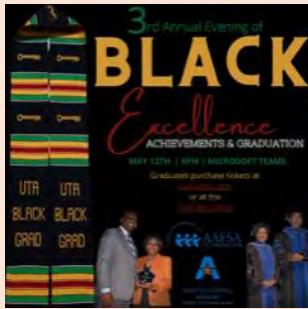
FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to check in and 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](#)



VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK



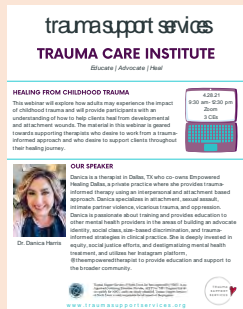
Virtual Coffee & Tea with Dr. P



Wednesday, 2-3pm

Please drop in on Teams to visit with me. This is **your time** every week to share concerns, questions, suggestions, and triumphs. I look forward to seeing you! [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

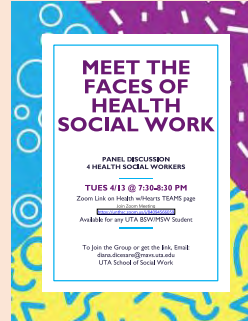
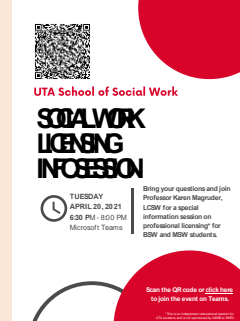
Passionate about Helping People get their Degrees?
Did you know you can get an MSW with a Master's in Higher Education (MEd)? Attend the [virtual infoTALK session](#) April 16, 12-1pm for more.



Missed the "Thesis v. Integrative Info Session" event last week? Check out the recording [here](#).

An Evening with Wynton Marsalis

On Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 7:30 pm, take a study break to tune into a free virtual performance by jazz musician, trumpeter and Grammy Award winner Wynton Marsalis.

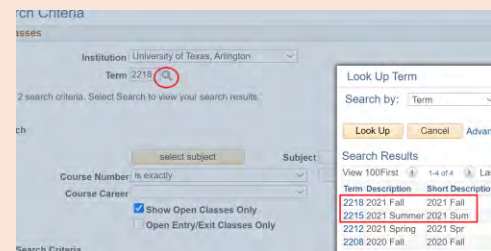


Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium

Mark your calendars to join us on May 6 for the 4th annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium! This free, all-day, virtual event will feature engaging plenaries, informative session, and a diverse array of topics addressing the most pressing needs in older adult mental health.

COURSE REGISTRATION

- **Registration opens starting April 5th.**
- When searching for classes, be sure to select the correct term. MyMav may default to 2218 (Fall). 2215 is Summer.



- Course Modalities will be listed under Course Attribute in MyMav. **If the Course Attribute is blank, this will be populated shortly**; UTA is worked to fix a glitch. More information about each modality can be found [here](#). Here are some examples:

Course Attribute	Days & Times
ONLINE1	TBA

Course Attribute	Days & Times
ONLINE2	MoWe 4:00PM - 5:20PM

Course Attribute	Days & Times
HYBRID2	TuTh 2:00PM - 3:20PM

- Online 1: Asynchronous

- Online2-Synchronous (live virtual class during times listed)

- Hybrid (Combination of face-to-face and live virtual class)



FUNDING



Emergency Rental Assistance

Keeping Families in their Homes

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Neighborhood Services Department is offering an Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to Fort Worth residents who have been impacted by COVID-19. [Click Here to Apply for Emergency Rental Assistance.](#)



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MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY & KEEWENAUP BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

TECH SCENE Research Experiences for Undergraduates

Projects in this program impact the community, providing reliable research and cultural experiences

- 8 Week Summer Program
- \$4,800 Stipend
- \$400 Travel Allowance
- Accommodation and Dining Included
- Research in Biological Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Electrical, and Computer Engineering
- Research on site by Lake Superior
- Cultural Exchange opportunities with Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Women and Students from Underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply

MTU is an Equal Opportunity Educational Institution/Equal Opportunity Employer that provides equal opportunity for all, including protected veterans and individuals with disabilities

BIO-INSPIRED, COMMUNITY-CENTRIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

ELIGIBILITY
- Students in STEM related fields
- Enrolled or accepted in 2 yr, 4 yr, Community, or Tribal colleges
- U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals or Permanent Residents

DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2021

MORE INFORMATION:



www.techscene.mtu.edu

HIRING PEER EDUCATORS

THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER is looking for Peer Educators for FALL 2021 in the following roles:

Tutors - Sits - PTT Leaders - Peer Coaches
One-to-one - Small group - Large group sessions

LOOK US UP AND APPLY ON HANDSHAKE
UTA.EDU/TUTORINGJOBS

HIRING ALL SUBJECT AREAS
PREFERENCE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO CAN TUTOR MULTIPLE SUBJECT AREAS

JOB REQUIREMENTS

GRADES
3.0 GPA minimum
A or B in courses
Enrolled at UTA for at least one semester

SCHEDULE
You decide your schedule
Minimum 10 hours of availability

QUALITIES
Hardworking
Empathetic
Flexible
Dependable
Great communicator
Loves to learn

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER
2020-2021

UTA is Offering Additional Financial Help to Students in Need

UTA will provide HEERF II Emergency Grants of \$1,000 for full-time students and \$500 for part-time students who meet eligibility criteria, and \$600 for full-time Accelerated Online students and \$300 for part-time. Apply by logging into your MyMav account, clicking the 'MyForms' tile located on the UTA Student Homepage, and clicking on the 'Fill Out a New Form' button. Students may apply for assistance through [UTA's Emergency Assistance Fund](#). Visit [HEERF II Frequently Asked Questions page](#) for more info.

PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP IN LATINO STUDIES IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Requirements:
• Have completed 1 MALMEX course with a "C" or higher
• Have earned at least 9 hours of coursework in full year
• Submit a one-page application statement. No recommendation letters needed.

\$1,500

APPLY ONLINE
UTA.ACADEMICWORKS.COM

DEADLINE:
APRIL 9TH, 2021

Contact Information:
Cristina Salinas, Ph.D.
Assistant Director
Center for Mexican American Studies
csalinas@uta.edu

PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP FOR MALS MINORS

\$1,500

Requirements:
• Have earned a Minor in Mexican American/Latino Studies (MALC)
• Have completed 1 MALMEX course with a "C" or higher
• Have earned at least 9 hours of coursework in full year
• Submit a one-page application statement. No recommendation letters needed.

APPLY ONLINE
UTA.ACADEMICWORKS.COM

DEADLINE:
APRIL 9TH, 2021

Contact Information:
Cristina Salinas, Ph.D.
Assistant Director
Center for Mexican American Studies
csalinas@uta.edu

Find your summer at Camp Fort Worth- apply today to be a Camp Leader!

Apply to be a Camp Leader or Literacy Support Specialists at Camp Fort Worth.

Camp Leader Qualifications:
• Be 18 or older (age 17 if a high school graduate)
• Have a high school diploma or GED
• Have 6 months of training/experience from volunteering, an internship, or observation work, leading programs for children age 5-13 in a recreational or educational environment
• Display working knowledge of arts, crafts, games, and a variety of sports
• Candidates should be motivated, creative, energetic, flexible, show initiative and display good decision making skills.

Literacy Support Specialists (LSS) Qualifications:
• High School Diploma or GED, degree preferred, and six (6) months teaching experience in specialty area (reading instruction, early learning, elementary education).

Additional Information:
• These positions are seasonal positions with no benefits.
• Camp leader salary is \$15 - \$25 per hour, depending on years of experience, up to 40 hours per week.
• Literacy Support Specialist salary is \$25 an hour up to 20 hours per week.
• Camp runs 6 weeks and is offered between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
• Both positions must commit to working the entire 6 week program.
• Attendance at orientation is required and will be held one week before the start of camp.

Hiring Fairs

Camp Leader Interviews
Wednesday, March 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sycamore Community Center
2525 S. Rossdale St., 76110

LSS Interviews
Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
3427 Hemphill St., 76110

LSS Interviews
Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
3427 Hemphill St., 76110

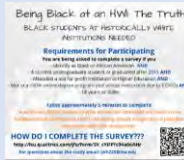
LSS Interviews
Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Victory Forest Community Center
3427 Hemphill St., 76110

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Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Apply online before the hiring fair:
careers.fortworthtexas.gov

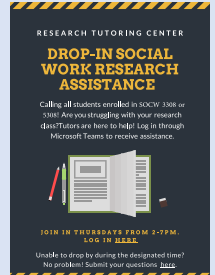


RESEARCH



Student Research Opportunity Center

Social Work Course Guides



STAY SAFE

UTA continues protocols to protect campus community

In the interest of the health and safety of our community, UTA's current COVID-19 protocols and guidance will remain in effect through May 31, at which point they will be reassessed. This decision has been made after review of the latest Governor's Executive Order, which goes in effect Wednesday, March 10, and its direction that higher education institutions are to follow the most recent guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Read the [announcement](#).

Dean Ryan's Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

UTA's COVID Vaccine Resource Page

If you believe you have contracted COVID19, please type in 'COVID-19 Testing' and your zip code into the Texas Health and Human Services to [find a testing location closest to you](#)

Did you know? Any Texas resident can register for a Covid vaccine in any Texas County! Sign up in Tarrant County [HERE](#) or Dallas county [HERE](#).

Have you tested positive? Had close contact with someone with Covid?

1. [Complete mandatory reporting form](#)
2. If needed, you can:

- Ask professors for deadline leniency
- Contact your [USL](#), Program Director and/or Academic Advisor for additional support and guidance.



Face Covering Protocol:

To create the safest possible environment on campus, UTA implemented a mandatory face-covering protocol, effective until further notice. For more information, click [here](#).

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19

UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

Visit TAOconnect.org



THRIVE APP



Download "Thrive at UT" on App Store or Google Play

MAVS TALK 24HR CRISIS LINE

Call (817) 272-8255



Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)



Check Canvas
for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail:
[Chantinia Chansler](#)

[SAR Center](#)

(Formerly Office of Students with
Disabilities)

MEAL DISTRIBUTION

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County
will be distributing meals, food and snacks
Curbside meal distribution will occur Monday - Friday 4:00-5:30pm

Distribution Locations

Eastside Branch 4851 Ramsey Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	Main Branch 608 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011
Martin Branch 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	NW Branch 2000 Ellis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76164
Panther Branch 1500 Hemphill Fort Worth, TX 76104	

All Are Welcome!

- Meals available to any child ages 18 years or younger (membership not required)
- Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last
- Each car is eligible to receive individually packaged meals and snacks as available to the organization
- Weekly at-home learning resources provided with each meal

Contact Us!
For more information or questions contact:
[LaToya Greyer](mailto:LaToya.Greyer@ggctc.org)
LGreyer@ggctc.org

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[UTA Library Accessibility](#)

[On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes](#)

Texas Health and Human Services
COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, **help is available.**

Speak with a mental health professional for help dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, grief or worry 24/7.

Call the toll-free COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at **833-986-1919.**

DREAMERS WELCOME

In Crisis?
Text HELLO to 741741

CRISIS TEXT LINE | Free, 24/7, Confidential

Webinar Library

Isabella Hong, an MSW Alum, graciously compiled a list of webinar resources and a video going over the basic functioning of Teams to any who may need assistance. Special thanks to Jose B. Yerena, LCPAA, who has taken over updating the list on a weekly basis! **Please note that it is necessary to ask your supervisor permission for these to count towards any required field hours.**

[MSW Specialties](#)

[Social Work Webinars List](#)

[Basic Function of Teams](#)



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](tel:817-850-7940).

The Lifeline is **FREE**, confidential, and always available.

HELP a loved one, a friend, or yourself.

Community crisis centers answer Lifeline calls.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Learn the Warning Signs.

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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 Meghan Sheridan: mls9929@mavs.uta.edu



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Social Work Program
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"Do things that feed your soul, not your ego, and you will be happy."

- Robert Tew