

**Information Regarding the Program Participants
for the Unveiling and Dedication of the Barbara Jordan Statue
The University of Texas at Austin
April 24, 2009**

The University of Texas Longhorn Singers

Mr. Timothy J. Workman, Director

The official show choir of the university, the Longhorn Singers (LHS) traditionally perform pop, Broadway, vocal jazz, a Cappella, and world music. Founded in 1958, the LHS are a high-energy performance group and an active social organization. LHS is a sponsored student organization at The University of Texas at Austin and it is also an accredited course within the College of Fine Arts. Its 50 members span all academic disciplines, majoring in everything from communication and business to engineering and drama.

The University of Texas Innervations Gospel Choir

Ms. Joanna G. Daniels, Director

Mr. Cory B. Matthews, Director

The Innervations Gospel Choir was founded in the fall of 1974. Encouraged by Mrs. Almetris Duren, also known as "Mama Duren," the student organization's purpose was to educate, emulate, exemplify and represent the soul of the Black experience through the scope of music. Later, Innervations committed itself to spreading the gospel message thorough song and officially changed its name to Innervations Gospel Choir. The choir has performed at many national conferences and hosts three major concerts each year.

The University of Texas Trombone Choir

Dr. Nathaniel O. Brickens, Director

Founded in the fall of 1972, the ensemble serves as a laboratory extension of the UT trombone studio and specializes in performing original music written for 4- to 16-part ensembles of trombones. Students are afforded an opportunity to perform works that push the limits of 20th-century trombone technique while focusing on aesthetic elements such as balance, blend, intonation, timbre and style. As a testament to their artistry, the Trombone Choir was featured at the 2002 Eastern Trombone Workshop (Arlington, VA) and was named winners of the 2002 Emory Remington International Trombone Choir Competition.

Ms. Dera C. Barlow

Barbara Jordan Statue Project Co-Chair, 2008 – 2009

Ms. Barlow is majoring in government, Italian, and philosophy at The University of Texas at Austin and plans to graduate in May 2010. She plans to pursue a career in corporate law, and eventually hopes to become a United States ambassador. Ms. Barlow is an active participant in the Orange Jackets, Texas Interdisciplinary Program Mentor Academy, Liberal Arts Council, and the Barbara Jordan Statue Project.

Dr. Gregory J. Vincent***Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement******W.K. Kellogg Professor in Community College Leadership******Fellow, Sid W. Richardson Regents Chair in Community College Leadership******Professor of Law***

Dr. Vincent, a native of New York City, joined The University of Texas in 2005 as Vice Provost for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Effectiveness. In 2006, President William Powers, Jr. promoted him to Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement. Dr. Vincent also serves as the W.K. Kellogg Professor of Community College Leadership and is a professor in the School of Law. He has presented at a number of national and international conferences on community-university partnerships and successful diversity models. Dr. Vincent earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, his law degree from The Ohio State University College of Law, and his doctorate from The University of Pennsylvania.

The Honorable Gonzalo Barrientos, Jr.***Texas State Senate, 1985 – 2007, District 14***

Senator Barrientos' accomplishments include successful passage of more than two dozen bills designed to decrease the school dropout rate. He also sponsored significant legislation to eliminate abuse of the elderly and protect the rights and benefits of state employees. Before his election to the Texas Senate, he served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives from 1975 to 1985. He attended The University of Texas at Austin, majoring in Psychology and Spanish. Senator Barrientos now focuses efforts in the local advertising and public relations industry as President & Principal of Barrientos and Associates, Inc. and as a Senior Advisor and Associate with Adelante Solutions, Inc. During the 78th Legislative Session, the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate passed House Bill 1537 supporting the fee for the Barbara Jordan Statue Project. Senator Barrientos was the sponsor of the bill within the Texas Senate.

The Honorable Dawnna Dukes***Texas House of Representatives, District 46***

Representative Dukes is a seventh term member of the Texas House of Representatives and a third generation native of District 46, which comprises inner city East Austin and Northeast Travis County. Representative Dukes has sponsored legislation to improve public and higher education, increase funding for early childhood education, address environmental racism, and promote dropout prevention programs. She has also fought to make college more accessible to low-income students by co-sponsoring the 100 million dollar TEXAS Grant Program. Representative Dukes is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Psychology. She is the owner of DM Dukes and Associates, Inc., a consulting firm; a member of the Links, Inc., Austin Chapter; and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Psi Omega Graduate Chapter. During the 78th Legislative Session, the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate passed House Bill 1537 supporting the fee for the Barbara Jordan Statue Project. Representative Dukes was the sponsor of the bill within the Texas House of Representatives.

Dr. Juan C. González***Vice President for Student Affairs***

Dr. González has been the Vice President for Student Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin since September 2005. He oversees a large portfolio of services and programs designed to enhance the academic careers of 50,000 undergraduate and graduate students. He has served as a consultant to a variety of universities specializing in the assessment and integration of learning outcomes into services and programs. Dr. González earned a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Illinois, a master's degree in Bilingual-bicultural Education from The University of Texas in San Antonio, and an undergraduate degree in Latin American Studies from Texas Tech University.

Mr. Keshav Rajagopalan***Student Government President, 2008 – 2009***

Mr. Rajagopalan is majoring in Plan II and political communication at The University of Texas at Austin and plans to graduate in May 2010. He is an active member of Student Government having served as the President from 2008 to 2009; Two Year At-Large Representative from 2007 to 2008; Internal Financial Director from 2006 to 2007; and Longhorn Legislative Aide from 2005 to 2006. Mr. Rajagopalan is also a member of the Texas Cowboys in which he serves as a Cannon Crew Member. In Spring 2008, he served as the Vice President for the Texas Cowboys. In 2007, he was chosen as a member of the Friar Society.

Ms. Joycelyn A. Jurado***Founding Member of the Barbara Jordan Statue Project******Campus Director, Citizen Schools Austin******M.A., Columbia University, 2007******B.S., The University of Texas at Austin, 2004***

Ms. Jurado graduated with honors from The University of Texas at Austin in 2004 with a degree in Communication Studies and a concentration in Spanish. While at UT, she was active in the Communication Council and Texas Exes Camp Texas, and also served as a Freshmen Interest Group mentor for incoming freshman. In the fall of 2002, Ms. Jurado was chosen as one of the twenty-five students to become a new member of the Orange Jackets. As a leader within this group, she assumed an active leadership role in ensuring that the group's dream of having a statue of Barbara Jordan on the UT campus would one day become a reality. The statue project was the starting point of her belief in the power of passionate people behind big ideas. That commitment and enthusiasm has carried over to her work beyond her undergraduate days at UT. Working with non-profit organizations ignited a passion for social justice in education and led her to becoming a teacher and administrator at Breakthrough Fort Worth. In 2007 she completed her Masters at Teachers College at Columbia University, focusing on school-community partnerships in inner-city schools. Currently, Ms. Jurado is Campus Director for Citizen Schools, a national after-school program dedicated to educating youth and strengthening communities.

Ms. Franchelle S. Dorn***Virginia L. Murchison Regents Professor in Fine Arts and******University Distinguished Teaching Professor***

Ms. Dorn is currently Head of the Acting Program at The University of Texas at Austin, where she has taught since the spring of 2000. She received her M.F.A. degree from the Yale University School of Drama where she was one of the founding members of the Yale Summer Cabaret. Prior to her tenure at UT Austin, she was the leading actress at the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C. and a member of the Arena Stage Company where she spent twenty years playing dozens of roles. She has been honored with seven nominations and three awards from the

prestigious Helen Hayes Awards Foundation, nominated three times for the B. Iden Payne Award, and has twice won the Austin Critics' Circle Award for Best Actress in a Drama. Some of Ms. Dorn's film and television credits include the recurring roles of Dr. Rita Madison in the NBC daytime drama "Another World" and Attorney Alanis Joiner on NBC's "Law and Order," along with featured roles in "Die Hard with a Vengeance" and "Pelican Brief." She was the recipient of the 2005 UT Austin College of Fine Arts Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Darlene Grant

Associate Dean of Graduate Studies

Director, Graduate Recruitment and Outreach Program

Associate Professor, School of Social Work

Dr. Grant received her doctorate degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, her master's degree from Case Western Reserve University, and a bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University. Her research interest is women with addiction problems and their children. She has been associated for several years with Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, a program working with the children of women who are in prison. She helped found the local chapter in 1998. Dr. Grant received the National Association of Social Workers' Social Worker of the Year award in 2006 and the American Association for Affirmative Action's 2007 Rosa Parks Award recognizing an individual committed to civil rights and social issues who also serves as a role model and leader.

Ms. Anna Deavere Smith, author and actress

Professor, Performance Studies, Tisch School of the Arts

Founder and Director, The Institute on the Arts and Civic Dialogue

New York University

Ms. Smith's career covers mainstream culture as well as academia. She has won numerous awards, among them two Obies, two Tony nominations and a MacArthur fellowship. She was runner up for the Pulitzer Prize for her play *Fires In the Mirror*. Her work combines the journalistic technique of interviewing her subjects with the art of interpreting their words through performance. The New York Times called her "the ultimate impressionist, she does people's souls." She has also acted in several television shows including *The West Wing*, *The Practice*, and *Nurse Jackie*. Her film credits include *The American President*, *Dave*, *The Human Stain*, and *Rachel Getting Married*. Ms. Smith is founding director of the Institute on the Arts and Civic Dialogue, based at New York University and dedicated to creating a community of artists, social entrepreneurs, humanitarians and human rights workers who use their varied forms of talent and expertise to solve some of the world's most pressing problems.

Mr. William Powers, Jr., President

Hines H. Baker and Thelma Kelley Baker Chair in Law

University Distinguished Teaching Professor

Mr. Powers is the 28th president of The University of Texas at Austin. Before taking office on February 1, 2006, he served as dean of the university's School of Law, where he won recognition for recruiting a world-class faculty and attracting highly diverse and talented students. One of the nation's leading scholars in personal injury and products liability, President Powers joined the law school faculty in 1977. In 1997, the university named him to its Academy of Distinguished Teachers. A native of Los Angeles, President Powers received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 1967. After graduating, he joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed on Bahrain Island in the Persian Gulf. Following his military service, he attended Harvard Law School, where he became managing editor of the "Harvard Law Review" and graduated magna cum laude in 1973.

Ms. DeAnn Friedholm

Friend of Barbara Jordan

Health Reform Director, Consumers Union

M.P.A., Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, 1979

Ms. Friedholm graduated from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs in 1979. She has spent her career addressing the causes and effects of poverty. Ms. Friedholm has held a variety of positions in federal and state government, in the nonprofit sector, and in the private sector, all with a common thread in health and human services. She has held a series of high-level positions in Texas state government including Director of Health and Human Services Programs in the Texas Governor's Office, Executive Director of the Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council, and Texas State Medicaid Director. She also worked in the nonprofit sector for groups such as the Benedictine Health Resource Center and ran her own consulting business working with private and nonprofit organizations. She became the first Executive Director of the newly established Children's Defense Fund of Texas in 2001. Ms. Friedholm was recruited in 2003 to serve as the Resident Advisor to the South African National Treasury, assisting with reform of the national/provincial social grant system. Upon her return, she worked as a principal with Health Management Associates before joining Consumers Union.

Ms. Julie D. Wimmer

Orange Jackets President, 2004 – 2005

Peace Corps Volunteer, 2006 – 2008

Harvard Law School, 2011

B.A., The University of Texas at Austin, 2005

Ms. Wimmer graduated with highest honors from The University of Texas at Austin in May 2005 with degrees in Plan II, Government, and Latin American Studies. Her Plan II thesis was on the effect of South Texas' education policy on immigration from Mexico. Ms. Wimmer was recognized for her academic accomplishments through her selection into Phi Beta Kappa. While at UT, she was an active member of the Presidential Student Advisory Council, Barbara Jordan Statue Project, and the Friar Society. In the fall of 2002, Ms. Wimmer was selected as one of the twenty-five new members of the Orange Jackets and later served as the organization's president. During her senior year, Ms. Wimmer was named the recipient of the prestigious Texas Parents' Association Outstanding Student Award that recognizes one male and one female for their campus leadership. Upon graduation, she joined the Peace Corps and served as an Urban Youth Development Consultant Volunteer in Caazapá, Paraguay. Her work there centered primarily on vocational education, health promotion, and life skills development. Ms. Wimmer is completing her first year at Harvard University Law School and will be working this summer at Centro de Estudios Legales y Culturales, a local non-governmental organization that does human rights litigation and advocacy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.