

HFSA's Accomplishments during the 2004-2005 Academic Year

- HFSA members provided comments toward the selection of a Vice Provost for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Effectiveness and a new Vice President for Student Affairs.
- Continued a successful on-going fund-raising campaign in support of the HFSA – Joe and Teresa Lozano Long Scholarship.
- Expanded high-quality professional development opportunities by offering sessions on the following topics: Determine Your Financial Future: Learn How Money Works; Calling All Couch Potatoes: Starting an Exercise Program; How Your Credit Report Impacts You; Investing in Your Financial Future; and Saving for Retirement: Payroll Direct Withdrawals for the Future.
- Hosted an End of the Year Luncheon inducting new executive officers and recognizing the 2004-2005 HFSA Faculty Member of the Year, Dr. Martha Ovando, and the 2004-2005 HFSA Staff Member of the Year, Mr. Vincent Perez III.
- Awarded a Professional Development Scholarship to HFSA member, Ms. Yvonne Fuentes.
- Recognized two HFSA members, Mrs. Diane Landeros Higginbotham and Ms. Sylvia Jean, as recipients of UT Staff Excellence Awards.
- Provided more than 120 families with food assistance through the good work of the HFSA Holiday Assistance Committee.
- Strengthened organizational ties with other parts of the campus community and increased collaboration with active Latino student organizations.
- Introduced an online HFSA Weekly Announcements service that provides members and friends with information about local activities and events.
- Hosted a luncheon and evening program recognizing participants in the Leader Development Program of the university's Physical Plant Department.
- Established strong partnerships with the University Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo Bank of Texas, ING, Primerica Financial Services, Jason's Deli, O's Cafe, Rosemary Delivers, and Texadelphia.
- Invited interesting and informative speakers to our monthly general meetings: Dr. José E. Limón, Dr. Barbara White, Dr. Connie Deutsch, Mr. Steve Parks, Ms. Simone Carnegie, and State Senator Elliot Shapleigh (D-El Paso).

In addition to what HFSA accomplishes collectively, our members also serve the UT community in the following ways:

- Support and mentor students, staff and faculty of all races, cultures and backgrounds.
- Volunteer as translators at campus functions such as Longhorn Halloween and Orange Santa.
- Volunteer for such campus events as Fall Orientation, Moov In, Gone to Texas, Explore UT, and both Fall and Spring Commencements.
- Serve on various campus-wide committees.
- Serve as advisors to Latino and non-Latino student organizations.

For more information contact Luis Guevara, HFSA Public Relations Coordinator, at 512-232-3623 or lvg@mail.utexas.edu.