



## *Accomplishments during the 2005-2006 Academic Year*

- Invited interesting and informative speakers to our monthly general meetings: José E. Limón, Ph.D., Gregory J. Vincent, Ed.D., Juan C. Gonzalez, Ph.D., Fred M. Heath, Ph.D., Victoria E. Rodríguez, Ph.D., and Mr. Kevin P. Hegarty.
- Fostered strong partnerships with the Campus Club at The University of Texas at Austin, the University Federal Credit Union, El Mercado Restaurant, Mann's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que, La Feria Restaurant, Texadelphia, and Jason's Deli.
- Expanded high-quality professional development opportunities by offering sessions on the following topics: UT Austin Staff Educational Benefit; Disability Law; Social Policy and Programs on Aging; and the Accelerated Degree Program at Concordia University.
- Awarded an HFSA Faculty/Staff Professional Development educational grant to Maria Graciela Pratt.
- Hosted an End-of-the-Year Luncheon inducting new executive officers and recognizing the 2005-2006 HFSA Faculty Member of the Year, Angela Valenzuela, Ph.D., and the 2005-2006 HFSA Staff Member of the Year, Annela M. Lopez.
- Recognized 19 HFSA members for their combined 310 years of service to the University community.
- Co-sponsored the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Día de la Raza Celebration with the Center for Mexican American Studies.
- Co-sponsored a symposium on female faculty and Mexican American Studies at UT Austin with the Chican(a)/Latin(a)o Graduate Students Association.
- Co-sponsored the 2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Luncheon with the Black Faculty and Staff Association.
- Co-organized the 2006 Leadership Symposium with the Black Faculty and Staff Association.
- Continued a successful on-going fund-raising campaign in support of the HFSA – Jamail/Long Challenge Grant Scholarship, raising about \$4,500 during this academic year toward the student scholarship endowment that totals \$126,596.
- Provided more than 130 families with food assistance through the work of the HFSA Holiday Assistance Committee.
- Sponsored over 100 students and parents who attended Explore UT through the HELP Program.
- Supported and mentored students, staff and faculty of all races, cultures and backgrounds.
- Volunteered as translators at campus functions such as Longhorn Halloween and Orange Santa.
- Volunteered for such campus events as Fall Orientation, Moov In, Gone to Texas, Sabado Gigante, Las Posadas 2005, Explore UT, and both Fall and Spring Commencements.
- Served on various campus-wide committees.
- Served as advisors to Latino and non-Latino student organizations.
- Received the 2006 Outstanding Faculty/Staff Organization Award for Community Service by the University of Texas Volunteer and Service Learning Center.

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