

## ***Hispanic Faculty & Staff Association's (HFSA) Accomplishments during the 2008-2009 Academic Year***

- HFSA celebrated its 17th anniversary at The University of Texas at Austin.
- The Executive Committee hosted nine sponsored and themed General Membership meetings (luncheons) during the 2008-2009 academic year:

September: Dr. Jose E. Limon, Center for Mexican American Studies; Bring A Friend/Amigos.

October: Rudolph Green, University Compliance Services; Nuestras Costumbres/Our Customs.

November: Dr. Manuel Justiz, College of Education; Nuestros Heroes/Our Heros.

December: Dr. Madelin Sutherland-Meier, Department of Spanish and Portuguese; Rhonda Summerbell, University Federal Credit Union; Fiesta/Holiday Party & Auction.

February: Julian Carter, Human Resources Services, Amistad/Friendship.

March: Celina Ruiz-Snowden, Neighborhood Longhorns Program; Tejanos Day.

April: Dr. Juan Gonzales, Office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs; Partidario/Advocacy.

May: Kevin Hegarty, Office of the Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer; HFSA Officer Elections.

June: President William Powers, Office of the President; Celebracion/EOY Celebration.

- The Professional Development Committee hosted four professional development catered presentations:

Managing Projects: Bob Novello, Director, Professional Development Center.

Recession Proof Your Career: Velma Arney, Director BBA Career Services, Red McCombs School of Business.

Succession Planning: Julien Carter, Associate Vice President for Human Resource Services, Human Resource Services.

Counseling and Coaching for Improved Performance: Billy Lawson, Trainer Professional Development Center.

- Two professional development scholarships of \$500 each, were awarded to HFSA staff members: Diane Higgenbotham and Cristy Oliver.
- A new leadership development pilot program, "Developing Emerging Leadership in our Community" was launched in Spring 2009. The program held regular meetings covering topics such as networking and negotiating work relationships and participated in additional activities such as attending a leadership conference and meeting with the Secretary of State.
- HFSA members participated in and gave out membership recruiting literature at the 2008 New Faculty Resources Fair.
- HFSA members participated in the Third Annual University Resource Groups Community Potluck Fall 2008.
- The 2009 Leadership Committee Organized and hosted our annual Symposium titled: Exploring Our Roots, Conquering Our obstacles, Expanding Our Opportunities; Keynote Speakers: Dr. Juan Gonzalez, Vice-President for Student Affairs, and Esperanza "Hope" Andrade, Texas Secretary of State.

- The Scholarship Committee continued a successful fund-raising campaign in support of the HFSA-Jamail/Long Challenge Grant Scholarship: Gave out six \$1000 scholarships (4 continuing and 2 new recipients) awarded to:

Dalia Ayala	Senior	Pharmacy School
Giovanna Villa	Senior	Pharmacy School
Debora Castaneda	Senior	Pharmacy School
Marissa Garza	Junior	Business
Maricruz Molina	Sophomore	Liberal Arts – Government
Dorian Silva	Sophomore	Business

- At the ceremony honoring Dr. Margarita Arellano's farewell to the University, HFSA member Dr. Martha Ovando announced that a scholarship awarded to an undergraduate student would be named to honor founding member Dr. Margarita Arellano.
- The Holiday Assistance Program Committee hosted it's 12th Annual Holiday Assistance Program (HAP), which this year provided 302 families with food assistance.
- Along with the other UT Austin URGs, HFSA hosted a roundtable discussion for the Barbara Jordan statue celebration entitled: *Building Coalitions: How University Resource Groups Reflect Barbara Jordan's Vision*
- HFSA members volunteered and participated with all the campus University Resource Groups in the Barbara Jordan Statue unveiling.
- During the 2008-2009 academic year, the HFSA Book Club read and discussed the following books: *Mexican Enough by Stephanie Elizondo Griest, The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz, The Hummingbird's Daughter by Luis Alberto Urrea, The Mixquiahuala Letters by Ana Castillo, Hungry Woman In Paris by Josefina Lopez, and Dirty Girls On Top by Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez*
- The Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Committee of the Hispanic Faculty & Staff Association celebrated with a Cinco de Mayo social.
- In addition to what HFSA accomplished collectively, our members also serve the UT community in the following ways:
  - Supporting and mentor students, staff and faculty
  - Volunteering as translators at campus functions: Longhorn Halloween and Orange Santa.
  - Participating in Fall Faculty Orientation, Moov In, Gone to Texas, Sabado Gigante, and Fall and Spring Commencements.

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