
Social Justice Spotlight

INTERNATIONAL
DAY **FOR THE**
ERADICATION
OF POVERTY
17 OCTOBER



The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed annually on October 17. It was first recognized by the United Nations in 1992 and serves to promote awareness of the need to end poverty and destitution worldwide, particularly in developing countries.

The day focuses on raising awareness about global efforts to eradicate poverty and addresses the root causes, including inequality and exclusion. Each year, a theme is chosen to guide activities and discussions around poverty, reflecting current global challenges. The initiative encourages governments, organizations, and individuals to engage in collective action to combat poverty and promote social justice.

The day also honors the struggles of those living in poverty, recognizing their courage and efforts to contribute to the fight against extreme poverty and hunger.

Peace and Kindness

Ashley Moody
Undergraduate Student Leader

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

**CELEBRATE
PURPLE THURSDAY
WEAR
PURPLE
ON OCT 17**

FROM THE CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMITTEE
AND SOCIAL WORKERS FOR CHILDREN &
FAMILIES STUDENT ORGANIZATION

**OCTOBER IS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**

Purple Thursday, celebrated on the third Thursday of October, is a day where people wear purple to show their support for survivors of domestic violence. This simple act of wearing purple helps raise awareness and lets survivors know they are not alone. We are encouraging students to wear purple, creating a visible and united front against domestic violence. For those who participate and feel comfortable, please share a selfie, reel, or video clip to your social media with the hashtag #PurpleThursday and tag @utasocialwork page!

**UTA Glass
Pumpkin Sale
Fundraiser**



**Friday
Oct. 18th
9am - 2pm**
Or until sell out

Free & open
to the public
Live Glassblowing
Demos
810 S. Davis Dr
Arlington 78013
Studio Arts Center

 

MOVIE



Peanut Butter Falcon Night

JOIN US FOR A SCREENING OF THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON, A HEARTWARMING ADVENTURE ABOUT A YOUNG MAN WITH DOWN SYNDROME WHO RUNS AWAY TO PURSUE HIS DREAM OF BECOMING A WRESTLER. AFTER THE MOVIE, STAY FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION TO EXPLORE THE FILM'S THEMES AND SHARE INSIGHTS.



DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2024

TIME: 7:00PM

LOCATION: SWSH 104



- **SAMSW 1st Mondays October 7th, 2024 6pm-7pm (via Teams)**
- **October 9 @ 11 AM - 2 PM**
Mental Health Check-in
- **October 9 @ 7 - 8 PM**
Find Your Path MSW Info Session
- **October 14 @ 10 AM - 3 PM**
Indigenous Peoples' Day Fair
- **October 19 @ 12 - 5 PM**
[Volunteer Opportunity: Ghoulish Goodies & Giving](#)
- **October 23 @ 4 PM**
Intimate Partner Violence Awareness & Response Webinar Part 1

The Gerontology Organization (GO) invites all UTA students interested in advancing the field of aging, as well as reducing agism to join us to network, realize new opportunities, and increase our understanding on the needs and ways to support our growing older adult population.

GO is a student organization created by the school of social work and open to all UTA students.

Mission statement: "The Gerontology Organization (GO) aims to create opportunities for students interested in learning about, serving, and working with older adults to network with like-minded students across UTA and to develop their professional portfolio. Together we aim to create an Age Friendly UTA campus!"

Aligned with recommendations across the literature for multidisciplinary approaches to address the needs of our growing older adult population, GO offers several opportunities to student members:

- **Networking** opportunities for UTA students across various fields of study to meet and interact with like-minded students, as well as with professionals currently working in the field of aging.
- **Collaboration** opportunities to enhance school projects, research work, and publications with perspectives outside the scope of one discipline.
- **Learning** opportunities to equip student members with a robust knowledge base of other disciplines and how they approach, perceive, and address their work with older adults.
- **Career exploration** opportunities through presentations provided by professionals working in the field of aging to prepare our student members on course work and qualifications necessary for successful employment.
- **Civic Engagement** opportunities through volunteerism, as well as by learning strategies to increase awareness across the UTA campus and in our communities regarding stereotypes, prejudices, and discrimination that may be harmful or hurtful to older adult student learners and the general older adult population.
- **Resume and curriculum vitae** building opportunities. GO encourages student involvement and welcomes student champions to suggest projects, lead or organize projects, and contribute in ways that will benefit their long-term goals.

GO welcomes all UTA students of all ages with a passion for older adults and the field of aging.

Join us and GO far!

- To Join as a Student Member:
- 1) Find us on Mav Orgs: <https://mavorgs.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/gerontology-organization>
 - 2) Login using your student Net ID and password.
 - 3) Select "Contact" in upper right hand corner on the organizations home screen.
 - 4) We will email an invitation upon receiving your message.
 - 5) Reach out to us via contact information below if you have any questions.

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YOU MATTER

Support Systems

Knowing who you can count on is a vital part of self-care. Everyone needs someone to vent to, someone to receive advice from, someone to provide companionship and a sense of belonging —just someone who can carry a bit of the load. It can be easy, at times, to not recognize how a friend or a mentor takes on your stress or makes you feel at home just by being around you. This week, we want to highlight the people who make up the support systems in our lives. Think of someone who has been there for you during a stressful time and let them know how much you appreciate them. It's important to make time for the people we care about, even when it seems impossible to work into our packed schedules; it can be as simple as a periodic gossip debrief, a morning cartoon viewing, or a weekly ritual like late-night baking. Whatever time you're able to set aside, make sure to leave room for the people you rely on. We all need support systems, whether times are good or bad. So nurture your support systems, don't take them for granted, and don't forget that you're a part of someone else's support system, too.

Isabela Reyes

Undergraduate Student Leader Intern

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Dynamic Duo - Tracie Prosser and Ashley Moody

Tracie and Ashley lead the graduate and undergraduate [Student Leader Program](#) in the School of Social Work and, honestly, I'm not sure where we would be without them. Together, these two ladies train all of the new GSL and USL interns along with volunteer student leaders so that as a team we can offer support and engagement to UTA's social work students. Maybe all you've noticed are weekly informational emails or a group Teams chat from your student leader, but I can assure you, much more than that goes on behind the scenes.

Both Tracie and Ashley make themselves readily available to provide guidance and oversight to new student leaders and they sincerely want to help find the answers to the infinite list of questions that come through. They keep upbeat attitudes and they work hard to make it fun.

Tracie regularly turns lemons into lemonade while Ashley finds the information to clear up whatever confusion you're dealing with. These are two women that you want in your corner, so if you have the opportunity to say hello, you should. You never know what pearls of wisdom they might send your way!

Thanks, ladies, for everything you do for the team.

Leah Neal

Graduate Student Leader

ADVISING UPDATES

Peer Advisors & Fall Advising are currently being updated.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Oct. 9:** Spring 2025 Advising begins.
- **Oct. 25:** Last day to drop classes; submit requests in MyMav prior to 4:00 pm
- **Nov. 4:** Registration begins for Spring 2025
- **Nov. 5:** Election Day
- **Dec. 3:** Last day of classes
- **Dec. 11:** Last day to earn hours

OPPORTUNITIES

UTA is seeking enthusiastic students to be featured in UTA's marketing



Upcoming Opportunities



Hello, UT Arlington!

I am Kamille Byrd, and I will serve as the recruiter for students at the University of Texas at Arlington. I will be your point of contact for any questions you have about Teach For America and our programs. I am excited to get to know and support the students at UT Arlington this year! Go Blaze!



Job Opportunities



Corps Program:

Are you looking for a full-time job post-graduation that will allow you to begin a career of impact? Consider applying to our Corps Program. Teach For America is an equity-driven organization that equips leaders to make an impact both in and outside of education in over 40 regions across the United States. Being part of this full-salaried leadership program will give you hands-on experience to develop transferrable skills that can be applied to any industry. You will teach a K-12 subject of your choice in your choice of location, making a life-changing difference in your students' lives while launching your meaningful career.

- Check out the application [here](#). Apply by September 16 at 11:59pm CT.

Ignite Fellowship:

The Ignite Fellowship offers all college students a paid tutoring opportunity that fits into your schedule. This leadership opportunity will allow you to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people in an under-resourced school by supporting their academic progress and sense of belonging through customized instruction during their school day. The Ignite Fellowship allows you to gain a unique experience and professional badges that will validate your marketable skills; this experience will give you an edge in landing and performing in any job after college.

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Upcoming Events



- Teach For America Corps Information Session
 - September 11, 7 pm CST
 - [RSVP Here](#)
- Teach For America Corps Application Workshop
 - September 12, 6:30 pm CST
 - [RSVP Here](#)
- Ignite Information Session
 - October 9, 5pm CST
 - [RSVP Here](#)



Student Representatives

We are looking for student representative for department committees. We want the student voice heard at the department level. We are asking for volunteers to please attend a meeting once a month and share their perspective. To sign up please click here or Visit <https://utaedu.questionpro.com/studentcommittee>



Research Mavs

Through the Research Mavs program, experienced students provide guidance, share research skills, and offer support to fellow students navigating the research process. This peer-to-peer collaboration is designed to enhance academic skills, promote knowledge-sharing, and create a supportive community within the Libraries and University. For more information, please visit <https://libraries.uta.edu/about/dept/rss/researchmavs> or click here!

Student Volunteers Needed! NASW-TX Conference in Irving



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! Social work students who volunteer four (4) hours at the 48th Annual NASW-TX State Conference can enjoy full conference benefits for just \$50-\$60 (up to a 75% discount!)

Volunteer benefits include:

Professional Development: Enhance their resume with this valuable service experience.

Learning Opportunities: Join insightful sessions to boost their knowledge and skills.

Networking: Connect with fellow students and experienced social work practitioners.

Fun and Prizes: Participate in activities and contests for the chance to win prizes.

Graduating MSWs: Attend the LMSW licensing review course.

This volunteer opportunity is **open to all current social work students**, regardless of membership status (i.e. members and non-members, BSW/MSW/DSW.) Please encourage your students to act quickly, as there are a limited number of spaces. **Registration is open through October 9** or whenever all spaces fill, whichever happens first.

If you have any questions, please contact Deanna Gabelein, NASW-TX Events & Communications Director, at dgabelein.naswtx@socialworkers.org.

Thank you for your support!

Click the links below to learn more about the NASW-TX conference:

[Learn more and register to volunteer](#)

[Find out what's in store at the 48th Annual NASW-TX State Conference](#)

[See the list of sessions curated for students](#)

[Learn more about NASW student membership](#)

Are you thinking of what's next after Grad School?

The Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare Psychosocial Rehabilitation Fellowship program, an interdisciplinary post-graduate fellowship is recruiting for the fellowship academic year 2025-2026.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. For additional information on the program visit their [Website](#).

STUDENT SUCCESS RESOURCE



My name is Traecia Nichols, I am the Student Success Coordinator for the School of Social Work.

In my role I work with students who are facing crises and need help accessing university and community resources. This section will consist of resources that are available to you as a student.

If you are in need of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at traecia.nichols@uta.edu.

Nutrition Services

Did you know UTA offers nutrition services for a small fee?

One-on-one nutrition counseling with a registered, licensed dietitian is available for the following:

- Weight management
- Nutrition
- Eating disorders/disordered eating
- Wellness/preventive nutrition
- Basic nutrition education

Nutrition Consultation is \$25.00 per session with a minimum to start of 2 sessions (initial + follow-up).

Schedule your Nutrition Consultation today by submitting a [request form](#).

OR

Join wellness information sessions, Food for Thought, for a free presentation the first Wednesday of October and November at noon to 1pm. Join in person or online. Click below for more information.

[Learn more about "Food for Thought"](#)

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES

[STUDENT SUCCESS](#)

[ACADEMIC ADVISING](#)

[FIELD PLACEMENT](#)

[LICENSURE](#)

[DEAN'S LETTER FOR LICENSURE](#)

UTA RESOURCES

- [UTA Academic Calendar](#)
- [Webinar Library](#)

- [UTA Counseling & Psychology Services \(CAPS\)](#)
- [SAR Center](#)

- [Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
- [Free Windows Apps with Student ID](#)
- [Emergency Assistance Fund](#)
- [Free & Confidential HIV Testing](#)
- [UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distribution](#)

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