

IN THE LOOP

A WEEKLY SSW STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024 Dec. 2

Social Justice Spotlight



World AIDS Day

Take The Rights Path: My Health, My Right.

The world can end AIDS – if everyone’s rights are protected. With human rights at the centre, with communities in the lead, the world can end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

On 1 December WHO joins partners and communities to commemorate World AIDS Day 2024. Under the theme “**Take the rights path: My health, my right!**”, WHO is calling on global leaders and citizens to champion the right to health by addressing the inequalities that hinder progress in ending AIDS.

World AIDS Day is a day of solidarity for people around the world who are affected by HIV and for voices to unite by sharing experiences, remembering those lost, and standing together in the fight against HIV. The observance is also reserved as a day to bridge new and effective programs and policies across different sectors around HIV/AIDS.

Natasha Sutherland
Graduate Student Leader

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

The Habesha Student Organization at UTA is dedicated to promoting Ethiopian and Eritrean culture, offering students an opportunity to learn about these rich traditions and histories. Through various events and educational initiatives, they foster inclusivity and cultural awareness on campus.

They are currently accepting new members, with the membership form available on their Instagram page @uta_hso. Their first event of the spring 2025 semester will be a Gena (Christmas) brunch on

January 16th at 12 PM in the Center, Red River. This event invites everyone to join in the celebration and experience the vibrant culture firsthand.

For more information or to become a member, visit their Instagram profile.

Habesha Student Organization

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS



New course for Spring 2025: Black Feminism GWSS 4392 - 002 Topics in Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies

Tues/Thurs 3:30PM - 4:50PM

Course explores the contributions of Black feminist thought to women and gender studies from the 19th century to modern day.

For more information



Get set to register.

Spring registration has started, ensure you meet with your advisor, confirm your spring courses, get your holds cleared and check your date to enroll.

For more information



Meet MyUTA.

On Nov 18, the new UTA access will be launched. [MyUTA](#) is a one stop destination to manage your day-to-day UTA experience. MyUTA will replace the UTA Mobile App integrating all essential tools and resources directly from UTA directly in MyUTA.

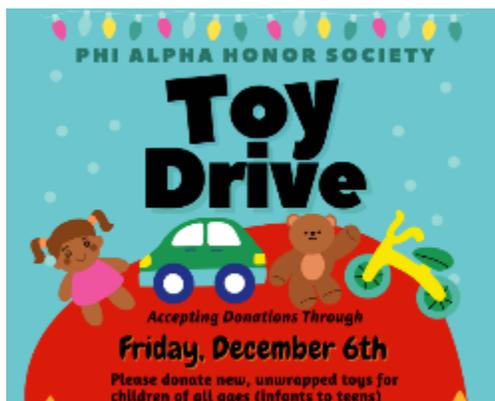
Meet MyUTA



Join the Texas University and College Counseling Center Conference (TUCCCC)

At the University of Texas at Arlington from **January 30-31, 2025**. Theme "Voices of Change," this event features keynote speaker Stephanie Grossman. Registration rates are on the website. For more details, visit [TUCCCC's website here](#). To request accommodations, contact CAPS at 817-272-3671 or email caps@uta.edu.

Register here



Phi Alpha Honor Society Toy Drive

Please donate new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages (infants to teens)

Drop-off Location: School of Social Work Admissions, Advising, and Communications, room 203. For online students you can also participate using the Amazon wish list!

Amazon Wishlist



Graduating this semester?

Complete the exit survey and make your contribution. The link to the survey will be sent from gradteam@uta.edu. Deadline to complete the survey is Dec 31st.

YOU MATTER

Holiday Self-Care Adventure ☐

Hello, amazing students and community! As the holiday season approaches, it's the perfect time to embrace a little self-care. This week, we invite you to embark on a Gratitude Scavenger Hunt! This fun activity can promote reflection on what you appreciate and engagement with surroundings.

Here's how it works: Take a stroll around your campus or neighborhood and look for items that remind you of things you're grateful for. It could be the beauty of nature, a cozy café, or even a friendly smile from a passerby. Snap photos of these items or jot down why they bring you joy.

At the end of your hunt, take a moment to reflect on your findings. This simple practice can boost your mood and help you focus on the positives during this busy time of year. Remember, taking time for yourself is essential, and you matter!

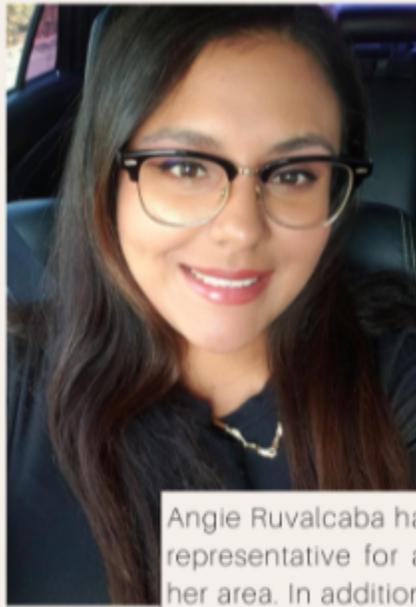
Happy holidays!

Thanks,

Jasmine Dean

Undergraduate Student Leader Intern

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Phi Alpha Member Moments

Angie Ruvalcaba has been appointed as a school representative for a public elementary school in her area. In addition to working at the school as a substitute teacher and having children who attend, she was invited to represent the school at events focused on securing funding to sustain programs that benefit students and their families. Angie's familiarity with the school and the surrounding community enables her to effectively advocate for the school's efforts to meet the needs of its children while enhancing community engagement.

Congratulations, Angie!

ADVISING UPDATES

UTA School of Social Work Advising FAQs can be found [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

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- **Nov. 4 - Jan. 12:** Registration begins for Spring 2025
 - **Dec. 3:** Last day of classes
 - **Dec. 3:** SSW Virtual Information Session
 - **Dec. 5:** SSW PhD Virtual Information Session
 - **Dec. 5 - 11:** Final Exams
 - **Dec. 11:** Last day to earn field hours
 - **Dec. 13:** Fall 2024 Graduation Ceremony
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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.

African American Students Social Work Alliance (AASWSA)

The purpose of the AASWSA is to uphold the ethical and guiding principles of the National Association of Social Workers. We will strive to empower, to promote equality, to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other forms of social injustice and positively impact our campus and surrounding community with educational events, networking, community service, and fundraisers.

[How to Join](#)

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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](#)
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