

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

The Texas Exes, the alumni association for The University of Texas, was founded in 1885. The mission of the Texas Exes is to unite, inform and involve alumni and friends for the purpose of promoting, protecting and preserving The University of Texas. Today there are nearly 90,000 total members – 60,000 of which are Life members – whom the association strives to connect to each other and to the past, present, and future of the university through career services, travel, reunions, continuing education, fellowship, legislative advocacy in support of higher education, and the award-winning publication, The Alcalde magazine. For more information on Texas Exes visit TexasExes.org.

THE SIX PILLARS OF THE TEXAS EXES

The Texas Exes Board of Directors has created a set of six pillars that define the Texas Exes' role as the alumni association for The University of Texas. All Texas Exes programs and activities work to support these goals. The Texas Exes will:

- 1) Keep all alumni connected to UT through communication and involvement.
- 2) Promote legislative advocacy on behalf of the university.
- 3) Enhance the student experience through scholarships and involvement.
- 4) Preserve and enrich the history and traditions of the university.
- 5) Provide a welcoming physical environment (alumni center) for all alumni, faculty, staff, students, and the Austin community.
- 6) Maintain alumni records.

FACTS ABOUT THE TEXAS EXES

The 2010-2011 President is Richard Leshin. Leshin is a Corpus Christi native and graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a BBA with highest honors in 1975 and JD with honors in 1978. Leshin is a partner in the law firm Welder Leshin L.L.P., based in Corpus Christi.

On June 17, 1885, 34 new graduates of the two-year-old University of Texas organized the UT Alumni Association, later renamed The Ex-Students' Association, now known as the Texas Exes.

In 1899, the Association awarded its first scholarship, supported by membership dues. Now the Association gives out close to \$2 million dollars in scholarships a year, including the coveted four-year, Texas Exes Awards for Scholarship and Leadership.

In 2009, the Texas Exes announced the 40 Acres Scholarship Program. The program's goal is to build an endowment of \$150 million. Income from the endowment will support up to 75 students each year and create over time a steady group of about 300 students, making it one of the largest merit-based scholarship programs in the country. It will be the first program of its kind on the UT Austin campus and will enable the University to compete with the nation's best universities for top students.

The Texas Exes annually recognizes members of the faculty, staff, and student body through teaching and student leadership awards on the UT campus.

There is a student chapter of the Texas Exes of about 2,000 members. The Texas Exes Student Chapter connects students to each other and to alumni of the university and promotes campus spirit and traditions. The current student chapter president is Valerie Nguyen.