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Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Network NEWS & EVENTS



A Message From Our Chair



Dear Fellow Longhorns,

We tolerated the oppressive long, hot summer days this year; anticipating a “Strong” football season opener; WOW, did our team deliver. Simply, this is “one for the history books.” Here we are, fresh off a phenomenal 50-47 win over Notre Dame in double overtime, and many of us are still basking in the glory. Thanks for staying “Strong” my friends, and remaining true Longhorns fans.

After this football season come the holidays that are around the corner, and then, another new year. You know the saying, “the days are long, but the years are short?” As is with time, the same can be said about accomplishments. It seems we’ve done so much, but yet not enough.

Before we divulge our achievements these past few months, let's note again who the Hispanic Alumni Network is: there are 43,739 University of Texas Alumni that identify as Hispanic, and 8,649 are members of Texas Exes, roughly 20%. If you're like me, you're thinking- that's ALL? We can do BETTER. We will do better which is why we're committed to making positive changes through a three-tiered strategy: building community outreach alliances; growing our membership base; and improving our fundraising efforts for scholarships. What we have been able to accomplish in these short, few months have been in direct alignment with our strategy. In brief, we've:

- Reached our goal of the HAN at-large committee members and each has chosen their respective committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact our Membership Chair, Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza at siempreamalia@gmail.com.
- Held a HAN Leadership Retreat where our 2016-2017 Strategy was outlined, Texas Exes Program Manager from the Forty Acres Program presented the STAMPS scholarship program, Committee Goals were established, and our new Chair of Service Projects, Edna Butts, presented a framework to work with several key partners in the areas of education.
- Participated in a productive Texas Exes Chapter and Network Leadership Conference where Dean Clay Johnston of UT's new Dell Medical School was keynote, updates from President Leslie Cedar were given, and UT's Student Body President and Vice-President presented their six platform points for the campus. Very impressive!
- Began collaborative brainstorming discussions with other Texas cities: Dallas, Rio Grande Valley, Corpus Christi, Houston, and San Antonio. We'd love to hear from others!
- Opened **FIESTA REGISTRATION** to be held, Friday, Oct. 14th, 2016 at the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center.

In this newsletter, I hope you enjoy the profiles of our alum and student chapters, consider being a volunteer for the Subiendo Academy managed by our Student Outreach Chair, Leticia Acosta, share the information regarding the article on U.S Supreme Court's decision on UT's Use of Race in Admissions, and don't forget to **REGISTER FOR FIESTA**, our annual and spectacular fundraiser chaired by our FIESTA Chair, Erica Saenz.

As a reminder, HAN's mission is to connect Hispanic alumni, the Texas Exes, and the Hispanic community on campus. If you have any ideas on what we can do to better connect with one another, feel free to contact me at casi@utexas.edu.

I'm grateful to be serving your Hispanic Alumni Network as Chair, and my continued commitment to you is to exemplify value, respect, and excellence in our actions and best practices in the years to come. See you at one of the games or tailgates- Hook'em, Horns!

***Proud to Serve,
Casilda (Casi) Clarich
Chair, Texas Exes Hispanic Alumni Network
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ALUMNI PROFILE

Alumni Profile: Alejandro Sifuentes, BS '15



Alejandro Sifuentes graduated from the University of Texas at Austin May 2015 with a BS in Applied Learning & Development: Early Childhood through Grade Six Bilingual Generalist.

During his first year teaching, the first thing he noticed with his students was the lack of resources and understanding of academic content. He spent the first semester figuring out how to meet his students' most urgent needs. Then, the second semester he set out to meet these needs by creating educational videos constructed around the students' interests and aimed at increasing the students' engagement and comprehension of the curriculum.

A common topic among all the students were the famous YouTubers they loove watching. So with that thought in mind, he figured that if he made similar videos, but that contained actual beneficial content, then hopefully that would better assist them in learning the class material. This turned out great because being able to see academic content in a context familiar to the students made it so much easier for them to comprehend the material. Furthermore, these videos are incredibly easy to access for anyone with a smart phone, which includes practically every one of the parents. This ease of access and high interest approach has aided his students in taking control of their own learning. He says, "I really can't ask them for much more than that. So, my primary goal in all of this is to provide quality and understandable education to those who most need it. I want to kindly ask y'all to please watch and share my videos as this would not only help expose me, but also make life easier to all those kiddos having to face the ever daunting STAAR." Here is a link to: [Mr. Sifuentes' YouTube channel](#)

UT ALPFA Student Chapter Attends National Convention in Dallas, TX



Congratulations to the thirty-eight UT ALPFA student members who attended the ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals for America) National Convention in Dallas, Texas over the summer break. The students earned 52 interviews, 13 internship offers, and 8 full time offers during the conference.

HISPANIC BUSINESS STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Hispanic Business Student Association (HBSA) celebrates 40 Years



On April 22 and 23, the Hispanic Business Student Association (HBSA) celebrated their 40th anniversary with a weekend full of programming designed to both connect over 60 current students with near 70 alumni and to establish a setting for alumni relations to rekindle. The event began with an evening at Pinthouse Pizza, continued with a day spent tubing on Canyon Lake, and was brought to a close with a banquet

at the Etter-Hardin Alumni Center that featured Diana Sanchez, HBSA founder, as the keynote speaker.

Planning for the weekend was championed by economics senior and HBSA Parliamentarian, Maribel Saenz. Saenz worked closely with Rosie Mendoza, HBSA founder, to solicit thousands of dollars in donations through social media and through direct contact from HBSA alumni to make the weekend possible. From the start of her term as an HBSA officer, Saenz recalls being excited about the 40th Anniversary. When asked to describe what drove her excitement, she marveled at the history of the organization.

"History is a powerful mechanism and conduit for growth. The Hispanic Business Student Association is strong. As an organization, we have experienced exponential growth over the years and the future only looks more positive. Here's to 40 years and many more with HBSA," Saenz said.



SUBIENDO

Alumni Volunteers Needed for Subiendo Academy



Subiendo
The Academy for Rising Leaders

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Looking for a way to make a difference in a student's life but don't have the time for a year-long mentorship program? Subiendo is looking for a low commitment from HAN professionals to match up with current college students for a one-time meeting over breakfast, lunch, coffee, dinner, BBQ in your backyard or any other activity you choose. Students are located all over Texas including Austin, Dallas, Houston, Rio Grande Valley, Laredo, etc. Want to be matched up with an engineering, business, education, film student? You choose! If you are interested, please contact leticia.acosta@mcombs.utexas.edu

2016 FIESTA

Register Now for Fiesta on October 14!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 6:30 p.m.

@ ETTER-HARBIN ALUMNI CENTER | 2110 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78712



Did you have a Quince celebration, attended your cousin's, neighbor's, friend's quince celebration, dreamed of a celebration that never happened? Have a special family tradition? We are seeking short stories of HAN members and their own Quince memories to feature on our social media sites leading up to our Fiesta fundraiser, and then we will have a Quince stories presentation at Fiesta. **Send us** your quince stories, pictures, short videos.

DID YOU KNOW

Supreme Court Affirms UT's Use of Race in Admissions

Read more in the Alcalde!

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer Call-Out

See the list below of Committees and their respective Chairs. If you're interested in volunteering, contact the Chair directly. We're always looking for new, innovative ideas and welcome your time and commitment. We hope you do get involved!

- Student Outreach - Leticia Acosta (leticia.acosta@mcombs.utexas.edu)
- Service Project Outreach - Edna Butts (ednabutts@gmail.com)
- Membership - Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza (siempreamalia@gmail.com)
- Alumni Outreach - Cynthia Ramos (TexasExes_HAN@yahoo.com)
- Fiesta Committee – Erica Saenz (ericasaenz@austin.utexas.edu)
- Scholarships – Mark Trevino (mtrevino57@yahoo.com)

STAY IN TOUCH

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If you wish to get involved with the network, know an amazing Hispanic alumnus we should feature or have an article to contribute to a future newsletter please contact Cynthia Ramos, Alumni Outreach Chair at TexasExes_HAN@yahoo.com and Casi Clarich, Network Chair, at Casi@utexas.edu.

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Long May He Reign

Celebrating 100 years of Bevo—and getting to know the newest steer to hold the title. [Read more.](#)

FAN MAIL



Burnt Orange Runs in the Family

Three generations of Longhorns showed their school spirit at a recent family get-together. From left: Brad Young, BS '86, Life Member; Milton Young, BS '53, Life Member; and UT sophomore Trevor Young. [See more Longhorn Fan Mail here!](#)

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