TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY RECEIVES SERVICE HONOR ROLL DESIGNATION AGAIN

The Teaching Learning Professional Development Center (TLPDC) led the effort for Texas Tech University’s recognition for The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll to the American Council on Education. The 2013 award recognizes TTU’s efforts toward bettering our community through service and promoting the value of civic engagement to students.

STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES $1.1 MILLION GRANT

The Student Disability Services Office, in conjunction with the Burkhartt Center for Autism Research, is participating in a grant program entitled “Project CASE: Connection Academic Success and Employment”. The grant was awarded through the Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities. The goal of the grant is to develop a program that can successfully graduate students with developmental disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorders, from a post-secondary institution and become a productive member of the public work force. Students in Project CASE are enrolled in the TECHniques Center of Student Disability Services and are provided with weekly academic counseling and 5-6 hours of individual tutoring in subject specific areas. The goal of Project CASE is to graduate at least 10 students from the university in its 5 year grant period.

RAIDER RED WINS NATIONAL MASCOT COMPETITION

Raider Red, Texas Tech University’s costumed mascot, is the new Capital One 2012 National Mascot of the Year. The winner was decided following national Internet voting over 16-weeks. The original 16 contestants were selected by a panel of judges from Capital One from among the mascot entries received from all eligible NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision schools.

SOAR IMPLEMENTS AVID AT TTU WITH $250,000 GRANT

The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Post-Secondary is described as a holistic, integrated college-success system designed for students with the determination to succeed and for campuses committed to promoting student success. AVID-Post Secondary is predicated on the proposition that college students who have the will to succeed will succeed - if they are challenged and given the academic and psychosocial support needed to meet that challenge. Texas Tech University received a grant of $100,000 to implement AVID and additional funding of $164,000 to hire work study students for the AVID implementation.
COUNSELING CENTER PROGRESSES TOWARD APA RE-ACCREDITATION

The Student Counseling Center (SCC) serves as a doctoral internship training site fully accredited by the American Psychological Association and is a participating member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) and the Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies (ACCTA). The doctoral internship in professional psychology is a comprehensive program that integrates didactic learning with clinical experience. The SCC provides training for three full-time doctoral interns per academic year and has recently completed their re-accreditation site visit.

Student Accolades and Awards

Student Media won 81 Awards from Columbia Scholastic Press Association, Texas Intercollegiate Press Association, Investigative Reporters & Editors, Society of Professional Journalists, and Best of Collegiate Design. Awards included recognition for investigative reporting, student editor recognition, breaking news, and yearbook awards. Dailytoread.com was named one of 16 finalists in the Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker contest.

Student Counseling Center Graduate Student Intern, Colt Meier, received national recognition for his research regarding the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues.

Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council donated more than $80,000 to create endowments and funds for excellence to support future programs and scholarships for Greek Life. In addition, $10,000 was contributed to the Clay R. Warren Risk Management Endowment to support risk management programming for student organizations.

Red Raider Orientation Crew members presented at the National Orientation Directors Association Conference and received recognition for case study competition participation as best overall team.

Texas Tech Cheerleaders and Pom Squad received gold bids to compete in National Cheerleader Association and National Dance Association competition in April. Texas Tech Cheer has finished in the top five for Division 1A since 2007.

CAREER CENTER NAMED EXEMPLARY SITE BY GALLUP

The Gallup Organization recognizes the University Career Center as an Exemplary Strengths Development Leader (one of 15 out of over 500 Universities) and touts Texas Tech University as one of 7 universities it considers “the best of the best” as a Best Practices resource. Since its inception at Texas Tech University, more than 30,000 students, faculty, staff and alumni have taken StrengthsQuest. University Career Center uses student StrengthsQuest results to both help students discover careers that they will thrive in, as well as to enhance their interview techniques.

Recognized by the TTU Community

DIVISION LEADERSHIP ACTIVE IN STAFF SENATE
Student Legal Services staff, Jeff Hays serves as the President of the Staff Senate. This organization serves as a voice for the University’s employees and helps shape policies that affect staff. The Division of Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs is pleased to have seven fulltime employees serving as members of this important organization including President elect, Christine Self, Coordinator for Parent & Family Relations.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS
Director of Red Raider Orientation, Zach Manning and the Student Counseling Center clinical staff were recognized as 2012 Distinguished Staff Award winners.

UESA STAFF SHARE BEST PRACTICES RELATED TO ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Director and Assistant Director of Support Operations for Academic Retention (SOAR), Michelle Kiser and Emily Hammer recently published on plagiarism in developmental literacy in Research & Teaching in Developmental Education; and Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Cathy Duran presented with TTU Ethics Center, Justin Louder on campus wide academic integrity discussions at the International Center on Academic Integrity Conference.

UESA STAFF ARE ACTIVE ON NATIONAL AND REGIONAL BOARDS
Director of the Teaching Learning Professional Development Center (TLPDC), Suzanne Tapp serves on the Board of Directors for the Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network; TLPDC Assistant Director, Allison Boye serves on the Executive Council of the Texas Faculty Development Network (TFDN); Center for Active Learning & Student Engagement Coordinator, Irene Arellano serves on the Board for the Campus to Community Coalition of Texas; University Career Center Director, Jay Killough serves as Board Director for Membership and Retention for the Southern Association of Colleges and Employers; Student Counseling Center Director, Eileen Nathan is completing her term as past President to the Texas University Counseling Center Directors Association; and Student Legal Services received recognition for its 15 years of service to the University Student Legal Services Association-Western Region.

UESA STAFF ARE EXEMPLARY ADVISORS
Techniques Center Assistant Director, Erin Justyna was selected by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) as a member of the National Emerging Leaders Class of 2013; University Advising Associate Director, Joshua Barron, will be featured in an upcoming NACADA publication, Academic Advising Today; the PreLaw Team recently presented at the PreLaw Advisors National Council; and Assistant Director Campus Life, Jason Biggs was selected as facilitator for TCU’s Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute.