



Welcome back Students, Faculty, & Staff,

With the spring semester well underway, Faculty & Undergraduate Academic Affairs would like to share with you upcoming events including those from the following areas:

- Academic Testing Service
- Bachelor of University Studies
- Center for Undergraduate Research
- Support Operations for Academic Retention (formerly PASS)
- Texas Tech Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence (SPICE)
- University Interscholastic League (UIL)

Faculty and Undergraduate Academic Affairs is a unit of the Office of the Provost that strives for excellence in the daily lives of faculty and students. From faculty development to student academic support services, the Office of the Provost is dedicated to creating and supporting an environment that allows all members of the university community to be academically and professionally successful. This spring, the units within Faculty & Undergraduate Academic Affairs will offer a number of activities to further support student and faculty success. These events and activities are outlined in the current newsletter.

A few events that you will not want to miss include the Texas Tech Undergraduate Research Week taking place, March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. This inaugural event will emphasize undergraduate research across the university. TTU SPICE will also host a number of chess tournaments this spring, as well as summer chess camps, visit [www.spice.ttu.edu](http://www.spice.ttu.edu). All events are outlined in the newsletter and are further detailed on the websites below.

Wishing you all the best this semester!

Regards,

Juan S. Munoz, Ph.D.  
Vice President &  
Associate Vice Provost  
Faculty & Undergraduate Academic Affairs



Juan S. Muñoz,  
Ph.D.

### Upcoming Events Spring 2010

[departments.ttu.edu/  
provost/acadaffair](http://departments.ttu.edu/provost/acadaffair)

#### Undergraduate Research Week

Students, prepare to present your research this spring to the TTU community. Oral and poster presentations available

- March 29 – April 1, 2010
- Texas Tech University Student Union Building
- Abstract deadline March 7, 2010

#### Center for Undergraduate Research Spring Banquet

- March 14, 2010
- Frazier Alumni Pavilion
- 6 p.m.

#### UIL Volunteers Needed

Call 742.2350 to learn more about UIL spring events.

#### Bachelor of University Studies

- Degree proposals due March 26, 2010. Email [jennifer.drawbridge@ttu.edu](mailto:jennifer.drawbridge@ttu.edu)

#### SOAR has moved

Visit us in Holden Hall, Rm 80

### We want to hear from you!

Let us know what you are working on! Provide us with updates, news, or highlights for newsletter articles.



Email  
[cur@ttu.edu](mailto:cur@ttu.edu)  
with details.

#### Faculty & Undergraduate Academic Affairs

Academic Testing Services  
[www.depts.ttu.edu/testing](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/testing)

Bachelor of University Studies  
[www.depts.ttu.edu/provost/bus](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/provost/bus)

Center for Undergraduate Research  
[www.undergraduateresearch.ttu.edu](http://www.undergraduateresearch.ttu.edu)

Support Operations for Academic Retention (SOAR)  
[www.soar.ttu.edu](http://www.soar.ttu.edu)

Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence (SPICE)  
[www.spice.ttu.edu](http://www.spice.ttu.edu)

University Interscholastic League (UIL)  
[www.depts.ttu.edu/uil](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/uil)

## Academic Testing Services

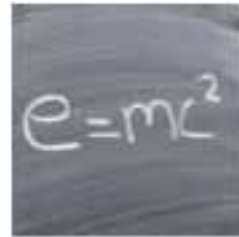


Pat McConnel  
Director

### Test Accommodations Support Student Retention

What do Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison and Leonardo DaVinci have in common? By today's standards all three would have been diagnosed with a learning disability\*. Academic Testing supports the endeavors of the faculty by providing an appropriate environment and experienced staff to assist in administering exams for Texas Tech students. These students have been diagnosed with a learning disability and are approved by Student Disability Services to receive special testing accommodations (i.e. extended-time). During the fall 2009 semester, 299 instructors and 254 students chose to utilize these services.

\*Source: [www.childcare.ygoy.com](http://www.childcare.ygoy.com)



### ATS Offers Additional Testing Opportunities

This spring, Academic Testing Services will be offering more opportunities for current students, alumni and the community to take required exams. Currently, the GRE and Texas/Excet are only offered Tuesday through Saturday. Offering additional testing times is congruent with the University's goal of increasing graduate enrollment. Starting February 2010, we will add additional Monday sessions. Academic Testing is an open test center, and we are not limited to serving only Texas Tech students.



### Making Connections

Academic Testing Services participates each semester in University Day. This activity provides an opportunity for ATS to visit with students regarding test information for ACT, SAT, and Texas Success Initiatives (TSI). Many students are also interested in the credit-by-exam options that will earn course credit at Texas Tech. Credit-by-exam is a component of a prospective student's many considerations in selecting the university that best fits their long-range goals and financial package.



## Bachelor of University Studies

### Top 10 Reasons College Students Leave/Drop Out

1. Too much fun at the expense of classes and grades
2. A sense of not belonging; a sense of isolation, homesickness
3. Academically unprepared; burned-out on education
4. Financial constraints; low on funds,
5. Personal family issues
6. Academic climate/fit
7. Choice of wrong major; major not offered
8. Lack of advising, guidance
9. Demands from part-time or full-time employment
10. Move to a geographic location.

Source: A variety of college institutional research sources.

### Congratulations December 2009 Graduates

The Bachelor of University Studies and the Office of the Provost would like to congratulate Kasey Hart and Benjamin Ramsey on their December graduation. Kasey received his Bachelor of Science with degree concentrations in Landscape Architecture, Geographic Information System, and Construction Engineering Technology. He plans to apply for graduate school in the fall 2010 and major in Urban Planning. Benjamin received his Bachelor of Science with degree concentrations in Economics, Personal and Financial Planning, and Natural Resource Management. He plans to pursue a career in Environmental Trading. We wish you both the best of luck in your future endeavors and know you will continue to reach new levels success.



### Congratulations Fall 2009 President's and Dean's List

The Bachelor of University Studies would like to congratulate five students who have been recognized by President Bailey and Dr. Juan Munoz for their scholastic achievement in the classroom. Carissa Kay Carrington and Rebecca Marie Spence recently were awarded the President's Honor List earning a 4.0 grade point average for the fall 2009 semester. Michael Anthony Herd, William S. Martin, and Kasey D. Hart recently well awarded the Dean's Honor List for attaining a grade point average of 3.5 or better the fall 2009 semester. Congratulations!

### Degree Proposal Deadline

Reminder to all students who are interested in declaring the Bachelor of University studies as their major, all degree proposals for spring 2010 are due by March 26, 2010. For more information, please contact Jennifer Drawbridge-May at [jennifer.drawbridge@ttu.edu](mailto:jennifer.drawbridge@ttu.edu).



Jennifer  
May-Drawbridge  
Advisor

### Community Engagement

Recently Jenn Lucio, Lead Specialist for Academic Testing Services was invited as an alumnus to speak at Project Aim High in Lamesa, Texas. A 2004 Texas Tech graduate, she shared her personal story of attending and graduating from Texas Tech as a first generation college student. She urged students to make the most of their college experience by becoming involved in the many student organizations Texas Tech has to offer and also encouraged students to set goals. "I try to let them know that no matter what someone may tell them, they should never let anyone discourage them from pursuing a college degree."



## Center for Undergraduate Research

### Texas Tech University Undergraduate Research Week

#### What is research week?

A campus-wide event to promote and support undergraduate researchers at TTU.

#### How to get involved?

##### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Present your research in an oral or poster presentation format. Attend workshops and events throughout the week. Learn from guest speakers.

##### FACULTY & GRADUATE STUDENTS

Assist as a judge during research week. Encourage your students to attend the workshops and present their research.

**ABSTRACT Deadline**  
**March 7, 2010**  
[undergraduateresearch.ttu.edu](http://undergraduateresearch.ttu.edu)

#### Schedule of Events

**Monday,**  
**March 29, 2010**  
 Welcome event and mix  
 & mingle social

**Tuesday,**  
**March 30, 2010**

Session #1  
 Session #2

**Wednesday,**  
**March 31, 2010**

Session #3  
 Session #4  
 Oral / Paper  
 Presentations

**Thursday,**  
**April 1, 2010**

Session #5  
 Poster Presentations  
 Session #6  
 Poster Presentations  
 Closing Ceremony

### Spring 2010 Undergraduate Research Workshop Series

#### Abstracts & Presenting at Conferences

February 10, 2010  
 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Administration Bldg.  
 Room 341

#### Lifestyles of a College Professor

February 17, 2010  
 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Administration Bldg.  
 Room 341

#### Practice Presentations

March 10, 2010  
 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Administration Bldg.  
 Room 341

#### Undergraduate Research Week

March 29 – April 1, 2010  
 Student Union Building

#### Scholarly Writing

April 7, 2010  
 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Administration Bldg.  
 Room 341

#### CUR Banquet

April 14, 2010  
 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
 Frazier Alumni Pavilion

### Center for Undergraduate Research Scholar Applications 2010 – 2011

The CUR Scholars Program welcomes all undergraduates to apply and be considered for the CUR Scholars Program for the 2010 – 2011 academic year. Applications available through the Center's website: [undergraduateresearch.ttu.edu](http://undergraduateresearch.ttu.edu) and are open to all TTU undergraduate majors. **Application deadline, March 8, 2010.**

### Congratulations December 2009 Graduates

We would like to congratulate CUR scholars: Allison Spencer, Nichole Gonzalez, Theresa Aguilar, and Dustin Sides on their graduation. We wish them luck in their future endeavors!



### Scholar Column

Dear Students & Faculty,

As I look back at my undergraduate experience at Texas Tech, I recall the valuable things I have gained from the Center for Undergraduate Research. During my time as a scholar, I have been able to work closely with a faculty mentor in my department while doing research. I have also had the opportunity to present my research at several conferences including ones at The University of North Texas and The Texas Tech Research Days. Presenting research has allowed me to network with other faculty and students to share new ideas. Working with a faculty mentor has been very valuable. I remember first walking into Professor Future Akins-Tillett's office and feeling lost about research and now with her assistance I am a very confident researcher. I have gained so much insight from working side by side with an experienced professor. I now feel more confident by having graduate level research experience at the undergraduate level; which will assist me when I enter graduate school. I would encourage any student with a desire to conduct research to visit with the Center's staff to learn more, including professors.

April Terry,  
 CUR Ambassador,  
 Visual Studies



### Student Researchers at Texas Tech University

We would like to spotlight the following student researchers for presenting their research this fall. If you would like to highlight an undergraduate researcher in your field, please email: [cur@ttu.edu](mailto:cur@ttu.edu) with details.

Noelle Zavala, HHMI scholar, attended the Ecological Society of America Conference held August 1, 2009 in Albuquerque, NM.

Theresa Aguilar, CUR Scholar, presented her research "Near-Surface Flow Characteristics of a Thunderstorm Outflow Event" at the 34<sup>th</sup> Conference on Radar Meteorology in Williamsburg, VA October 4 – 9, 2009

Allie Clinton, HHMI scholar, participated in field research with Dr. Charles Fulhorst at UTMB Galveston on October 9, 2009 in Houston, TX.

Skyler McLaurin, HHMI scholar working with Dr. Sarah Kulkofsky, won an award for Outstanding Undergraduate Poster in the Social and Behavioral Sciences at the National SACNAS conference October 15 – 18, 2009. Her poster was titled "Mother-Child Reminiscing for Bonding Purposes Relates to the Occurrence of Internalizing Symptoms in Preschool Children." HHMI students Jack Phillips, Emily Oostveen, and Shirali Dave, and CUR Scholars Nichole Gonzalez and Dustin Sides also presented their research at the conference.



CUR Scholar Nichole Gonzalez presenting her research at the SACNAS Conference in Dallas, TX.

Amanda Thomson (Honors College) and Larry Warren (CUR scholar) presented their research at the annual meeting of the Missouri Valley Economics Association, held October 22 – 24, 2009 in Kansas City. Amanda's topic was "The Effect of Monetary Policy on Real Commodity Prices: A Re-Examination" and Larry presented his paper "Re-Examining the Effects of Liquidity Constraints on Consumption."

Katelynn Faulk (HHMI) and Allison Spencer (CUR and HHMI scholar) presented their research at the University of North Texas High School and Undergraduate Research Symposium on November 13, 2009. Katelynn won 2nd place for her poster.

### Outstanding Faculty Mentor and Undergraduate Researcher Awards

Stay tuned this spring to nominate your Outstanding Faculty Mentor or Undergraduate Researcher at the Center for Undergraduate Research spring banquet. Applications available on the Center's website.



Jeannie Diaz  
 Director

## Support Operations for Academic Retention

### The Learning Center (LC)

The Learning Center's mission is to expand services to all currently enrolled TTU students. The new location, Holden Hall room 80, has permitted us to establish the roots needed to become one of the University's premiere student focused programs.



Josie Solis  
LC

Drop in Peer Tutoring in the following subjects are available free to all currently enrolled students: Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Accounting, Spanish, and Engineering. However, the Learning Center's DROP IN PEER TUTORING has become more inclusive with the addition of Writing Tutors and Peer Academic Mentors. Hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Study lounge furnished with furniture available to accommodate individual and group studying.



Michael Brown LC

- **WRITING TUTORS:** Upper class students trained to assist students who are enrolled in freshman and sophomore level writing intensive courses. Students seeking guidance from these tutors will be given the tools needed to develop strong college level writing skills that will be beneficial across all academic disciplines.
- **PEER ACADEMIC MENTORS:** provides students with a trained peer mentor for ongoing advice on how to study effectively for TTU courses. **INCLUDING:** learning how to study, how to talk to an instructor, reading effectively and taking notes, preparing for and taking tests, maximizing memory, and utilizing campus resources to maximize success.

Online tutoring available Monday through Wednesday 8:00pm to 10:00pm in the following subjects: Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Accounting, and Engineering.

Learning Specialist: Onsite Licensed Professional Counselor to assist students struggling with personal issues that may impair their chances of obtaining academic success.

### Supplemental Instruction (SI)

Supplemental Instruction is continuing its 15th year of providing peer led mentoring sessions to students across a wide array of courses throughout various disciplines. Our dedicated staff continues to provide the very best in assisted study sessions available on campus. These free sessions are designed to provide an alternative to studying alone by bringing together students to work collaboratively toward one goal: mastering core course content.

Currently, free, peer-led review sessions are being offered for the following courses:

- ACCT 2300
- BIOL 1404
- CHEM 1305, 1307, 1308, 3305, 3306
- CS 1411, 1412
- PHYS 1403, 1404, 1408, 2401
- ZOOL 2403, 2404

A schedule of the SI sessions for the Spring 2010 semester can be found at [www.si.soar.ttu.edu](http://www.si.soar.ttu.edu).



Dr. Michelle Kiser  
Director



Stacy Elliott  
Learning Specialist  
for LC



Lindsey Luman  
SI

SI is constantly looking to stay up-to-date and ready to meet the changing needs of the students at Texas Tech while still maintaining our primary goal, to bring students together to collaborate. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about what we are doing or how we could improve our service, please contact us.

### Tech Transfer Acceleration Program (TTAP)

Tech Transition Acceleration Program (TTAP) is an academic program under Support Operations for Academic Retention. TTAP is a partnership between Texas Tech University and South Plains College and welcomed 41 students into the program for Fall 2009 semester. Each student was enrolled in 12 credit hours from South Plains College and one credit hour from Texas Tech University. However, all classes are held on Texas Tech campus. The goal of this academic program is that each student maintains a GPA of 2.5 or higher and will be able to successfully transfer into Texas Tech in the following semester that they are enrolled in TTAP.

South Plains College offers four core curriculum classes for TTAP students in Holden Hall: English composition I and II taught by Sean Cleveland; College Algebra taught by Jo Beth Horney; Sociology taught by Robert Wood; History taught by Sandy Hunt; and Learning Frameworks taught by Stacy Elliott. Along with these courses, each student is enrolled in Texas Tech's IS 1101-Seminar for Transfer Students which is taught by Dr. Christine Alvarado. Welcome spring 2010 students.

### Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

Texas Senate Bill 286 Allows for Texas Success Initiative to "assess the academic skills of incoming freshmen and to work with them closely to develop the basic academic skills they may lack." The TSI Office strives to improve students' college readiness by enhancing knowledge and skills in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics, while at the same time ensuring that the proper TSI compliance requirements are met.

### XL: Strategies for Learning (XL)

XL: Strategies for Learning serves students, freshmen through graduate, in honing academic skills and improving one's personal management. XL is a noncredit course with a mandatory attendance policy. From Spring 2003, students required to repeat the XL course will be placed into a section with a more in-depth and tailored curriculum. Thus XL will have two different curriculums one for first time students and the other for repeaters. In addition to the skills discussed above, the XL course covers Stephen R. Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and how to use the FranklinCovey™ personal management system widely used by professionals in most disciplines.



Brenda Winn  
XL

Our goals include providing you with opportunities for academic and personal skill development. But what does that mean? Academic skills, personal skills, and one-on-one time with an instructor to assist with specific needs.



Jennifer  
Drawbridge-May  
TTAP



Corie Hernandez  
TTAP



Emily Hammer  
TSI

## Texas Tech University

### Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence

#### A look-back at our busy and successful Fall 2009!

Our opening move was made by our first major recruit, International Chess Master Gergely Antal, who is a senior business major. In August, he won the 2009 U.S. Tournament of College Champions, which took place in Indianapolis. This was the first national title for SPICE and the Knight Raiders. For this achievement, we were recognized at the beginning of the Tech vs. New Mexico football game on the field. We were also recognized by President Guy Bailey, and during the Texas Tech Homecoming Parade.

In September, Texas Tech hosted the 2009 SPICE Cup International Invitational Tournament. This world-class competition brought a high-powered lineup of young chess superstars to Lubbock. This tournament, in its third year, once again set the record for the highest-rated international invitational round-robin tournament in U.S. history. Millions of chess enthusiasts followed via Internet, countless Web sites, and print media worldwide.

In October, members of SPICE and the Texas Tech Knight Raiders Chess Team took part in an officially-rated chess tournament nearly 800 feet below ground at Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, setting a world record for the deepest chess tournament on Earth.

In November, the Knight Raiders captured two Texas state collegiate championships in Houston. International Masters Gergely Antal and Davorin Kuljasevic finished first and second place, respectively, in the state individual competition. Antal scored 4.5 points in five games to win the prestigious 2009 Texas State Collegiate Championship individual title. The Knight Raiders "A" Team (IM Antal, IM Kuljasevic, IM Gabor Papp, and Chase Watters) captured the state team title on tie breaks over powerful UT Brownsville team. UT Dallas finished in distant third and the Knight Raiders "B" Team finished fourth.

In December, the Knight Raiders made history playing extraordinarily well at the PanAm Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship, earning the right to play in the Final Four tournament. Our team is one of the top four in the country!

The Texas Tech SPICE Chess Park (located between the SUB and the Library) was put to good use in the Fall when the weather was mild. We look forward to playing chess in the park this spring.

The first ever West Texas Chess League got started with team competition between nearby cities. We hosted eight nationally chess-rated events this fall.

Members of SPICE and the Texas Tech Knight Raiders Chess Teams have been very active in numerous chess outreach projects in Lubbock and West Texas, as well, working with local schools, libraries, the Science Spectrum, senior centers, players at bookstores, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Many thanks to Assistant Coach Paul Truong, Unit Coordinator Peggy Flores, and our extremely helpful and enthusiastic volunteer quartet: Dr. Hal Karlsson, Dr. Rich Rice, Jerry Perez, and Lucia Barbato.



Susan Polgar  
Director

Texas Tech University



#### SPICE Spring Grandmaster Invitational

During Spring Break (March 13-19) SPICE will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Invitational, which will include three Grandmasters and seven International Masters competing. This event will give an opportunity to our own top three chess students IM Papp, IM Antal and IM Kuljasevic to earn their much coveted Grandmaster norm. In addition, it will be the perfect preparation/warm-up for the up-coming Final Four in April.

#### Knight Raiders A Team made it to the Final Four

Each year, the collegiate chess season ends with the biggest annual Collegiate Chess Team Championship. This year, 28 top chess teams (Yale, Princeton, Stanford, UMBC (University of Maryland in Baltimore County), NY University, UT Austin, UT Dallas, UT Brownsville, University of Toronto, University of Chicago, and Texas Tech, etc.) came to South Padre Island from December 27-30 to compete for the prestigious national team and individual titles, the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship.

Texas Tech had three teams in the competition.

Our Knight Raiders "B" Team captured the National Division 4 Championship. They defeated Yale "B" Team, UT Brownsville C team, and Rider.

Our Lady Knight Raiders competed with many men's teams and finished in 2nd place in Division 4, just ½ point behind our "B" Team. Our women's team defeated University of Utah, Lone Star State, while tying Yale University Men's "A" Team.

Our Knight Raiders "A" Team finished in a tie for 2nd place in the National Division I with the powerhouse UT Dallas, behind UMBC, and ahead of the top seeded UT Brownsville. This earns our "A" Team a berth at the Final Four Championship, which will take place in April. Our "A" Team defeated Florida Atlantic University 4-0, Princeton 4-0, UT Austin 4-0, and Stanford 3 ½ - ½.

The four teams which qualified for the Final Four are University of Maryland in Baltimore Country, Texas Tech, UT Dallas, and UT Brownsville. This is the first time Texas Tech has had a team in Division 1. No college chess team has ever made the Division I Final Four in their first Pan-American qualifying tournament.

In addition to making the Final Four, Davorin Kuljasevic and Gergely Antal won two national individual titles. They tied for first for most points on board one and three respectively, while Gabor Papp finished 2nd for most points scored on board two.

#### The Knight Raiders Prepare for the "Final Four"

The President's Cup is the Final Four of Chess. It will be hosted by UT Brownsville on April 9-11, 2010.

The top four finishers of the Pan-American Championship will compete in a round-robin format with four men teams. Unlike at the Pan-American where they determine the winners by match points, at this competition the total game points will be summed up.

We will be the lowest ranked team in the Final Four, but we will prepare hard in the next few months to try to pull off the biggest upset in College Chess history.



#### Team Members

##### Texas Tech Knight Raiders "A" Team

Davorin Kuljasevic (Graduate student - Finance), Gergely Antal (Senior - Economic), Gabor Papp (Senior - Finance), Chase Watters (Graduate PhD - Microbiology)

##### Texas Tech Knight Raiders "B" Team

Zachary Haskin (Freshman - Spanish), Josh Osbourn (Sophomore - English), Konstantin Parkhomenko (Final year - Law), Brett James (Freshman - Engineering), Shail Shah (Graduate student - Biotechnology)

##### Texas Tech Lady Knight Raiders

Lilia Doibani (First year - Law), Rebecca Lelko (Freshman - Math), Ananya Roy (Freshman - Poli-Sci), Stephanie Ballom (graduated in December - Psychology)

#### SPICE CHESS Summer Camps

June 20-25 and July 18-23  
Residential and Commuter options  
Email: spice@ttu.edu  
806.742.7742

## University Interscholastic League (UIL)

### Community Service

Serving as the host institution to University Interscholastic League (UIL) Region 1 requires that Texas Tech University provide the following services:

- Provide trained event staff, state-of-the-art facilities, and community support.
- Provide an organizational support team that is not only competent in organizing and managing UIL events but also accessible and accountable to regional participants, coaches and parents.
- Provide good governance that acts responsibly and insightfully to the complexities of UIL competitive events.

University Interscholastic League goals are met hosting the following competitive events:

#### Academic Events:

- Accounting
- Calculator Applications
- Computer Applications
- Computer Science
- Current Issues and Events
- Lincoln Douglas Debate
- Journalism: News, Feature, Editorial, Headline
- Literary Criticism
- Number Sense
- Mathematics
- Ready Writing
- Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Speech: Prose/Poetry, Informative, and Persuasive
- Social Studies
- Spelling and Vocabulary
- One Act Play

#### Athletic Events:

- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Golf
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field



Swimming and Diving Meet



Theatre Auditions



Regional One Act Play Winners



Lynn Elms  
Director



Sam Gentry  
Athletic Director

### Texas Tech Regional Directors

#### Athletic Directors:

David Harrison –Cross Country Meet  
Ron Holihan –Swim & Dive Meet  
Amanda Knight –Tennis Tournament  
Scott Harrison –Golf Tournament  
David Harrison –Track & Field Meet  
Larry Barker –Golf Tournament

#### Academic Directors:

Roberta Allen – Accounting  
Dr. Audra Morse – Calculator Applications  
Dr. Stephen Morse – Calculator Applications  
Dr. Steven Crooks – Computer Applications  
Dr. Fethi Inan – Computer Applications  
Dr. Nelson Rushton – Computer Science  
Dr. Jorge Iber – Current Issues & Events  
Doug Hensley – Journalism  
Robert Wernsman – Journalism  
Martha Ginn - Literary Criticism  
Jana Packard – Literary Criticism  
Dr. Brock Williams – Mathematics  
Dr. Petros Hadjicostas - Number Sense  
Karen Ray – One Act Play  
Paula Chanda – One Act Play  
Dr. Rich Rice – Ready Writing  
Dr. Thomas Barker – Ready Writing  
Joe Gantt – Speech/Debate  
Chad Demars – Social Studies  
Dr. Linda Kennedy – Spelling and Vocabulary

#### 2009 Accomplishments

- UIL events hosted 35,000 high school students, coaches, school administrators and parents.
- UIL participants from Region 1— 3A and 5A Academic and Athletic events were successful at State UIL competitions.
- UIL celebrated 100 Years of “Making a World of Difference” in Texas High Schools during a luncheon hosted by Lubbock Economic Development Association and Texas Tech University.
- UIL, economically, is second only to Texas Tech University Athletics in providing the hub city with hotel-motel tax monies.

**You are invited to join us- Become a UIL Contest Director!**  
**Contact [lynn.elms@ttu.edu](mailto:lynn.elms@ttu.edu) for more information!**

### Upcoming Spring Events



**January 23:** Red Raider Classic.

**February 12-13:** 5A Swimming and Diving Meet.

**February 26-27 and March 5-6:** 3A Girls' and Boys' Basketball Tournaments

**March 24:** District 2–5A Academic Meet.

**April 19-22:** 3A and 5A Boys' and Girls' Golf and Tennis Tournaments

**April 19-22:** 3A and 5A One Act Play.

**April 23-24:** 3A and 5A Academic Meet

**May 3-4:** 3A and 5A Track and Field Meet



Jack Barton – New UIL Math/Science Coordinator



**Jeannie Diaz**  
Director  
Center for Undergraduate  
Research



**Dr. Juan Muñoz**  
Vice President and  
Associate Vice Provost  
Faculty and Undergraduate  
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**Dr. Michelle Kiser**  
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Support Operations for  
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