



2008-09 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission Statement

The mission of **The University of Texas at Arlington Alumni Association** (UTAAA) is to establish and promote lasting, supportive relationships among students, alumni, the University and the community.

Board of Directors

Officers

- Emily Hoad '99 - President
- Bob Watson '03 – President Elect
- Jennifer Cathcart '99 - Vice President for Special Events
- Neer Patel '06 - Vice President for Scholarships and Student Relations
- Roger Ornelas '01 - Vice President for Membership
- Chandra Jacobs '00 - Secretary
- Julie Pence '98 - Treasurer
- Theresa Berend '01 - Immediate Past President

Members at Large

- LTC Ray Andrae
- Fred Arnold '62
- Rosalie Budnoff '70
- Wayne Corum '02
- James Ditto '51
- Margie Dorman O'Donnell '87
- Mark Dvorak '83, '98
- Jim Herckt '96
- Ricardo Lopez '04
- Dale Martin, D.D.S. '78
- T'nai Mason '00
- Gene McKee '42
- Gerry Mecca '82
- Wendi Mouton '01, '05
- Percy Vaughan '05
- Col. Joel Ward '62
- Keith Weiss '73
- Emzy Willrich '83

Alumni Association Staff

- Christina Million, Executive Director
- Stephanie Thompson, Assistant Director for Special Events
- Jasmine Stewart, Assistant Director for Alumni & Student Programs
- Claire Howell, Accountant
- Meagan Henning, Administrative Assistant
- Kerri Ressler, Assistant Director for Membership & Marketing until June 2009

Scholarship Programs

UTAAA Scholarships

- African-American Endowed Scholarship
- Alumni Association Scholars Program
- Architecture Alumni Topping Out Endowed Scholarship
- Igor Fraiberg Endowed Scholarship in Engineering
- Frankie S. Hansell Endowed Scholarship
- Hispanic Endowed Scholarship
- Daniel Kauth Endowed Scholarship
- Cothburn O'Neal Endowed Scholarship
- Norma Jane Pitman Roberts Endowed Scholarship
- Pitman-Roberts Endowed Scholarship
- John Berry Rogers Scholarship
- Simmons-Blackwell Endowed Scholarship
- Student Alumni Association Sophomore Scholarship
- Van Siclen Family Endowment Scholarship
- Weiss Family Endowed Scholarship in Industrial Engineering
- Karin McCallum Endowed Scholarship
- Lloyd Clark Scholarship in Journalism
- Sue & Art Mosby Scholarship Endowment in Music
- Alumni Legacy Scholarship (launching in 2009-2010)

Total scholarship dollars awarded for FY 2008-09: **\$38,029**

Scholarship Events

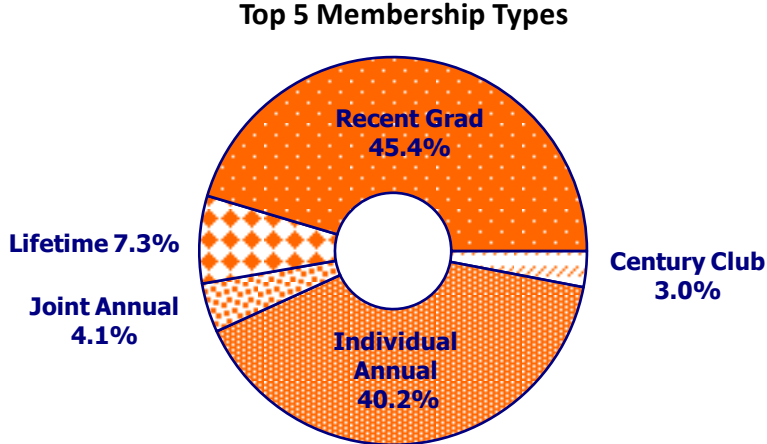
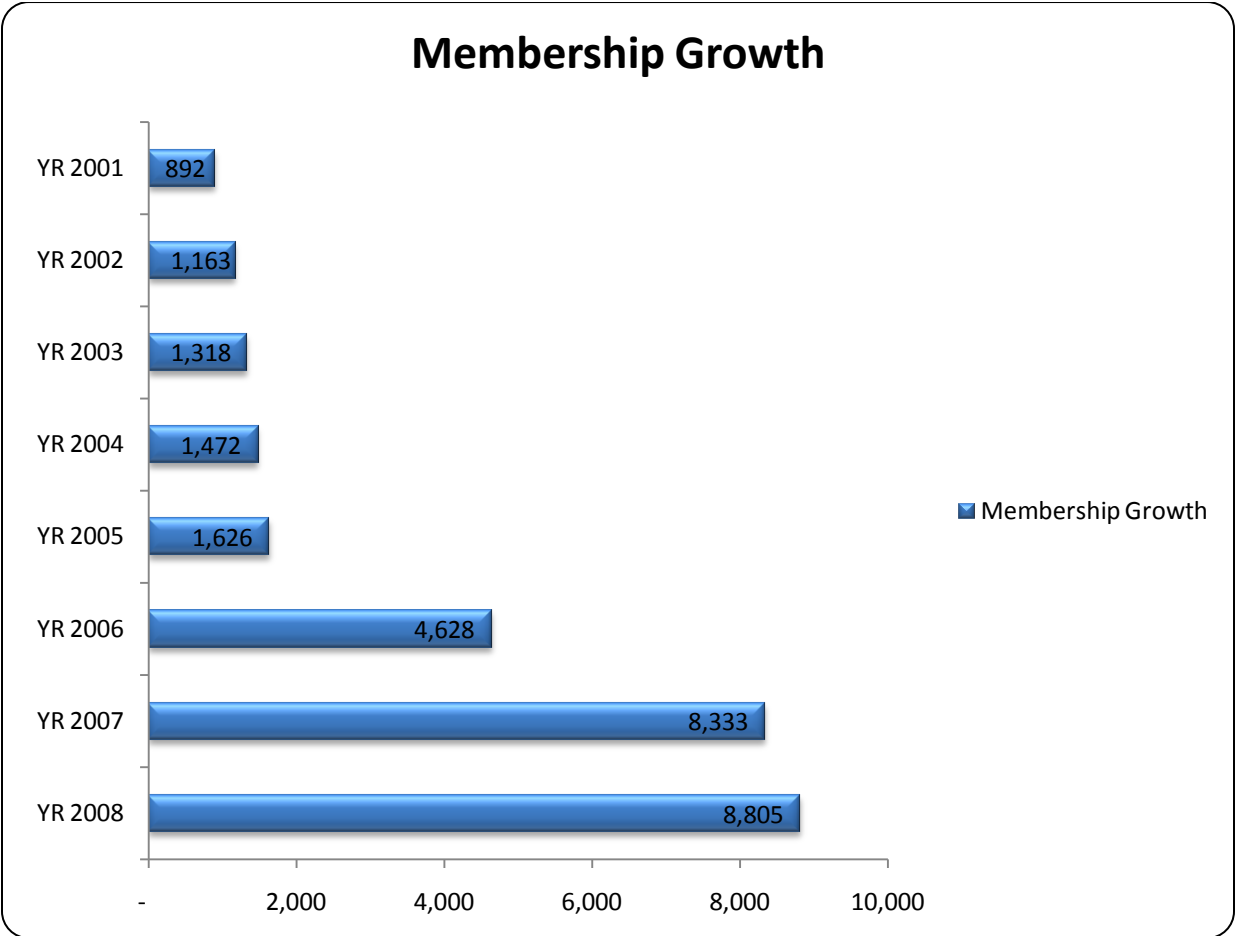
2008 Alumni Association Scholarship Reception – September 4

More than 75 guests helped recognize 40 students who received Alumni Association Scholarships. Guests included members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Alumni Donors, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald Bobbitt, Academic Deans, staff, students and their families.

2009 Alumni Association Scholarship Reception – August 27

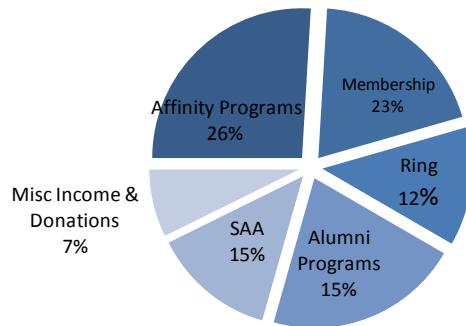
More than 75 guests were on hand to honor 33 students, who received scholarships totaling over \$38,000. Provost Don Bobbitt provided remarks.

Alumni Association Memberships

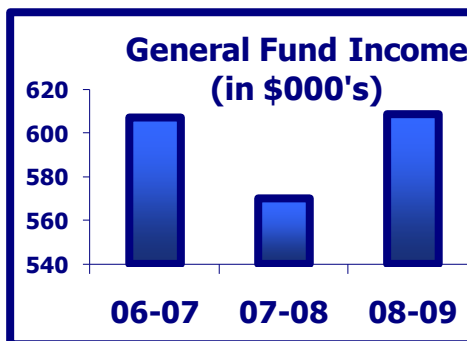
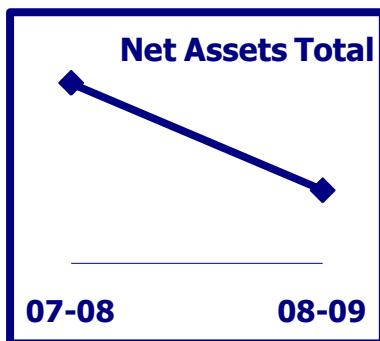
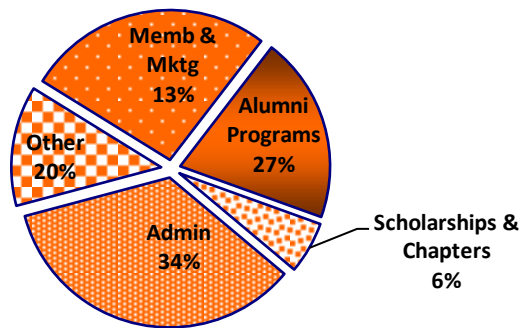


2008-09 Financial Overview

Income



Expenses



2008 Events

Distinguished Alumni Gala – October 11

538 people attended the Distinguished Alumni Gala. There were 10 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Mary Ann Van Siclen '85 served as the mistress of ceremonies. UT Arlington President James D. Spaniolo provided an update on the state of the University. The event rating was a 9.16 out of 10.0. **Over \$24,000 was raised for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.**

Alumni Mixer – November 5

65 people attended our first Alumni Mixer of the year, held at BJ's Brewhouse and Restaurant in South Arlington. Men's Basketball Coach Scott Cross and Women's Basketball Coach Samantha Morrow spoke about their upcoming seasons. Appetizers and giveaways were provided. The event rating was a 9.22 out of 10.0.

Patio Grand Opening – November 25

A grand opening was held to inaugurate the new Alumni Association building patio. The patio was festooned with blue and orange lights and 50 guests were treated to wine and appetizers.

UT Arlington Day at Six Flags – December 6

34 people attended the 3rd Annual UT Arlington Night at Six Flags Holiday in the Park. Discount tickets and package deals were available through the Alumni Association.

2009 Events

Official Maverick Ring Unveiling – February 13

The Official Maverick Ring Unveiling was attended by over 300 people. Emily Hoad, Board President, provided a history of the ring design process, President Spaniolo gave remarks, and Kristen King, Student Alumni Association President, led the unveiling and gave the "ring anatomy". When the ring was revealed, the Carlisle cannons went off just outside the Palo Duro and confetti cannons were set off. The first 150 attendees received t-shirts and many others received ring pops.

2009 Events (continued)

Student Leader Alumni Reception – February 16

Over 90 people attended the reception. The program included a welcome from Student Congress President Travis Boren; UT Arlington Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Frank Lamas; Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Jeff Sorensen; SAA President, Kristen King. Board President Emily Hoad served as the alumni speaker. Prizes were awarded. The event rating was an 8.5 out of 10.0.

20th Annual African-American Alumni Banquet – February 21

Over 240 people attended the banquet. Recipients of the Outstanding African-American Alumni Award included Zeb Strong, Jr. '88 and Blake Moorman '90.

3rd Annual Alumni Picnic in the Park – April 4

The 3rd annual Alumni Picnic in the Park brought together 200 people for free food, games, music, activities for children, prizes and giveaways.

Official Maverick Ring Ceremony - April 30

Sixty two Mavericks (both students and alumni) received their Official Maverick Ring in the first Official Maverick Ring Ceremony. Emily Hoad, Board President, presented President Spaniolo with the first Official Maverick Ring. She also unveiled the Official Maverick Ring Registry, a leather-bound book with the top of the ring emblazoned on it, which all future ceremony participants will sign. President Spaniolo presented each recipient with their ring and posed for a photo with them. Alumna Cathy Pritchett '91 led the group in our alma mater. A reception followed the event. UT Arlington Mascot, Blaze attended and posed for pictures. The event rating was an 8.96 out of 10.0.

Honors Graduates Reception – May 11

A reception was held for all seniors graduating with honors. Provost Don Bobbitt offered the students and guests congratulatory remarks. Over 250 people attended. Following the reception, the annual Graduation Celebration was held at Maverick Stadium. The university-wide celebration for the Class of 2009 included fireworks, a band performance, firing of the Carlisle Cannon, and remarks from President Spaniolo, graduating senior Jorge Callado and Emily Hoad, Board President. Keynote remarks were given by the Honorable Ron Kirk, U.S. Trade Representative to President Obama and former Mayor of Dallas.

Events (continued)

Past Presidents' Breakfast - June 4

President Spaniolo met with a group of the UTA Alumni Association's Past Presidents and the current President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The annual breakfast provided Past Presidents with an opportunity to get an update on the university and ask President Spaniolo questions. Other attendees included John Hall, Vice President for Finance and Campus Operations; Jerry Lewis, Vice President for Communications; Jim Lewis, Vice President for Communications; Amy Schultz, Associate Vice President for Communications and Community Relations; and Danny Woodward, Communications Assistant to the President

Alumni Mixer - Fort Worth – June 17

President Spaniolo gave remarks and the Fort Worth Chapter President Maria Murray provided the welcome. UT Arlington/Fort Worth Center Director Dr. Mike West provided tours of the facility. Limited complimentary appetizers and giveaways were provided. 50 people attended. The event rating was an 8.71 out of 10.0.

Alumni Mixer – Arlington – July 23

48 people attended our third mixer of the year. Guests were treated to complimentary appetizers and giveaways.

Student Alumni Association



Board of Directors

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) added 21 new Board of Directors between Fall 2008 - Spring 2009.

- Kristen King – President
- Alex Guio – Vice President
- Meagan Ball – Special Projects
- Candice Freeman – Secretary
- Cristie Kibler – Historian
- Yinka Ajibade – Treasurer
- Rickeeta Wax – Public Relations
- Tega Edwin and Antse Atanga - Director(s) of Student Membership

Membership

The SAA introduced the SAA Open Membership Program June 1, 2008. By May 31, 2009, more 2,000 students became members, resulting in \$30,000 of new revenue and making the SAA UT Arlington's largest student organization.

Dinner with 10 Mavericks

The SAA held their first Dinner with 10 Mavericks event on March 28, 2009. More than 30 students participated in the inaugural event. Alumni hosts included former Board of Director Presidents Daniel Kauth and Theresa Berend. Other hosts included alumni board members Neer Patel and Roger Ornelas, as well as alumnus Winfred Atanga, and alumni Brad and Adrienne Loper.

Oozeball

The Oozeball Mud Volleyball Tournament took place Friday September 19, 2008 at the Oozeball lot on Greek Row. The 19th Annual Oozeball Tournament hosted by the SAA and Campus Recreation had 118 teams play. \$4,000 was awarded to scholarship winners (4 students).

Student Alumni Association (continued)

Tuition Raffle

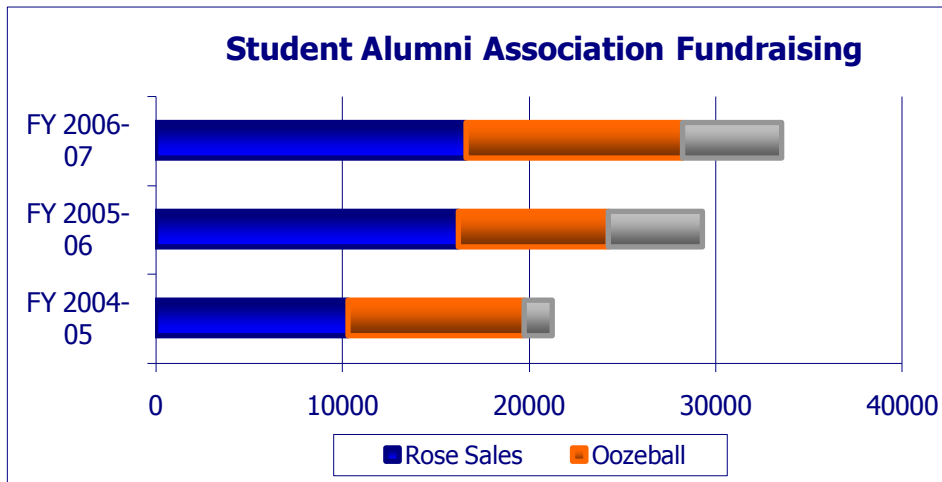
More than half of the SAA members achieved their goal of 60 or more tickets sold. This year's drawing was held during the Blue and White Bash. Top seller, Candice Freeman, sold 205 tickets. She received a gift card to her favorite store. Members raised more than \$12,000 through the Tuition Raffle.

Parents Weekend

The SAA participated in the Amazing Race as part of UT Arlington's Parent and Family Weekend in late October. SAA games included making up a cheer to the UT Arlington Fight Song and completing a UT Arlington Crossword Puzzle.

SAA Fundraising Results

- Rose Sales \$20,078.78 decreased to \$18,007.68
- Oozeball \$10,028.70 increased to \$12,695.00
- Tuition Raffle \$16,253.24 decreased to \$12,691.06
- SAA Open \$28.925 Inaugural year



Awards

Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District IV Awards

- Grand Award in the Category of Alumni Program, Project or Special Event for the African-American Alumni Reception
- Grand Award in the Category of Best New Alumni Program for the Student Alumni Association Open Membership Program
- Special Award, Category of Best Student Program for the Graduation Rose Sales
- Award of Excellence in the Category of Best Low Cost Alumni Program for the NCAA Game Watching Party
- Achievement Award, Best Student Program for the Wieners for Seniors

National Association for the Advancement of Student Programs

Fifteen Student Alumni Association members reached the required goal to attend the National Association for the Advancement of Student Programs District Conference, February 28 - March 1 in Houston, Texas. The SAA was awarded the **Outstanding Student Alumni Association** award and the **Outstanding Internal Program – Tuition Raffle** award at the conference.

CASE Affiliated Student Advancement Programs (ASAP)

The 2009-2010 SAA Executive Board attended the ASAP Summer Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The SAA was awarded the Most Spirited award. Additionally, **Jasmine Stewart** was honored with CASE's SAA Advisor of the Year/Affiliated Student Advancement Programs at the National Conference. The conference represents over 300 higher education institutions. Jasmine won Advisor of the Year for the district conference in 2008.

Faculty Star

Jasmine Stewart spoke at the Young Alumni & Student Programs Conference held December 2-3 in Seattle, WA. Due to her exceptional presentation, she was designated as a "*Faculty Star*" by virtue of the feedback from conference participants. The "*Faculty Star*" designation is based on combined scores of 4.5 or better (on a 5.0 scale), and it places you in the top echelon of all CASE faculty in three categories: knowledge of subject matter, presentation skills, and ability to respond to questions. Jasmine will be acknowledged in an upcoming issue of CASE *CURRENTS* magazine.

Staff

For the second year in a row, **Stephanie Thompson** received the Sharon J. Harrison Planner of the Year Award from the North Texas Chapter of the Society of Government Meeting Professionals. SGMP, 3,500 members strong, is a nonprofit professional organization of people involved in planning government meetings and those individuals who supply services to government planners. Stephanie serves as Chapter board secretary and co-chair of the communications committee.

Chapters

Introduction

An Alumni chapter is a group of former students of the University of Texas at Arlington who share a common interest. The establishment of the University's Alumni chapters is an excellent way to strengthen links between alumni.

Annual Alumni Chapter Retreat

Chapter Presidents joined Executive Director Christina Million and Chapter Coordinator Jasmine Stewart for the Alumni Chapter Annual Retreat on September 27, 2008. The entire executive board for each chapter was invited. Presidents and their cabinet shared alumni programming ideas and expressed an interest in working together. Goals for the upcoming year were reviewed. Copies of chapter forms were given and reviewed.

Current Chapters

African-American Alumni Chapter	Hispanic Alumni Chapter
Architecture Alumni Chapter	Houston Alumni Chapter
Business Alumni Society	Native American Alumni Chapter
Fort Worth Alumni Chapter	Waco Alumni Chapter
Greater Dallas Alumni Chapter	Young Alumni Chapter

Alumni Groups/Affiliates

UTA Varsity Club
Cadet Corps Alumni Council
Master of Science Marketing Research Advisory Council

Chapter Highlights

- The **Greater Dallas Alumni Chapter** held their launch event in June 2008.
- Interest was expressed in establishing a **Native American Chapter**. A new Chapter President was selected to lead the new chapter, Dr. Joseph Bohannon.
- On May 15, 2008 the **Young Alumni Chapter** had their fourth annual Official UT Arlington Graduation Party. The event was hosted at Sherlock's Pub on Collins St. Current UT Arlington President, Jim Spaniolo, gave a special graduation toast, along with Men's Basketball Coach Scott Cross.
- The **African American Alumni Chapter** hosted a Juneteenth/Father's Day Weekend Happy Hour. The event was held Friday, June 19, 2008 at Jamaica Gates Caribbean Cuisine from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
- The **Business Alumni Society** held several quarterly events. Many featured limited complimentary appetizers, drink specials and alumni giveaways.



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