

Featured Alumnus

Dorothy Burton '82, '89



Dorothy Burton always wanted to help people. Little did she know that her role as an active student on the UT Arlington campus would result in her becoming the first elected black City Council member in Duncanville. Making a difference and initiating change was nothing new to Dorothy. As a student, Dorothy, her husband Michael, and Sen. Royce West, led a movement which paved the way for minority students today. It was challenging being a minority student on campus in the 70's and 80's. "The activism on campus is what I remember most. We were able to forge change at the university and chart a course for those following behind" says Dorothy.

Her education and love for government encouraged her to start her company, Public Role, LLC, which advises public officials on leadership training. She received her BA in Communications in 1982, and her master's in Urban Affairs in 1989 from UT Arlington. Dorothy was honored in February as the 2006 UT Arlington Outstanding African-American Alumna by the UT Arlington Alumni Association.

Featured UT Arlington Academics

College of Engineering



Dennis Francis, PE (BSIE '80), is the featured speaker at the College of Engineering's commencement ceremonies on Saturday, December 16. Mr. Francis is the COO & CTO of Conterra Ultra Broadband. More information on the ceremonies is available [here](#).

The Civil & Environmental Engineering Department now offers emphasis areas in Construction Engineering or Construction Management focusing on engineering aspects such as construction research and the application aspects of construction and leading to either M.S. or M.E. degrees. More info [here](#).

Outstanding African American Award



NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR OUTSTANDING AFRICAN-AMERICAN ALUMNI AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the Outstanding African-American Alumni Award. The award criteria and application can be found at <http://www.uta.edu/alumni/africanamerican>. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, Dec. 8th. The award will be presented at the annual

African-American Alumni reception that will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007. For more information, please call (817) 272-2594.

Alumni Volunteering

Become a Mentor or a Speaker



The UT Arlington Alumni Association and the Division of Student Affairs will partner together in the Spring of 2007 to launch a new Alumni Mentoring program under the direction of the Leadership Center. This new program will also feature a Speakers Bureau. If you are interested in being an alumni mentor or a part of the Speakers Bureau please contact Cathy Souders at cvera@uta.edu.

Happy Holidays from the Alumni Association!



May your new year be merry and bright! Have a wonderful and safe holiday from the UT Arlington Alumni Association staff! -Christina, Kerri, Stephanie, Jasmine, Claire and Meagan

Join the Alumni Association!



Check out our newest benefit!

The UT Arlington Alumni Association is now partnering with [LifeLock](#), an identity theft prevention firm. Especially around the holidays, identity theft is a growing crime. Find out how you can use this service to help prevent your own identity from being stolen.

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Alumni Calendar of Events

December 4 - January 7
"Season of Light" and "Laser Holidazzle" at the UT Arlington Planetarium

Alumni Member Discount Available!

For showtimes and ticket info, [click here](#).

December 14-18, 2006
UT Arlington Commencement Ceremonies

For times and details, [click here](#).

December 15, 2006
Young Alumni Chapter Official Graduation Party
Blu Bar on Cooper Street
10:00 pm

For more details, email Neer Patel at neer.patel@utaya.org.



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