Outstanding Mavericks
25 Year Club Honorees
30-35-40-45-50 Year Honorees
10-15-20 Year Honorees
Dear Colleagues:

An institution does not develop a reputation for greatness, nor its ability to provide knowledge to students, or even its excellence in research through transitional contributions. Reputation is derived from continuity and a history of effort and achievement through the dedicated efforts of faculty and staff ensuring that our work with students and in the community is both transformational and impactful. It is thus imperative that we recognize and celebrate the many contributions made by our talented faculty and staff, thanking them for the important roles that they have played, and continue to play, in ensuring the ever increasing excellence of UTA.

Today we recognize them for their contributions, for their service, and for their love and commitment to the institution. We also make important statements – that we recognize and place high value on the service of members of the Maverick family, acknowledging the role that each plays in making UTA the model 21st Century Urban Research University.

As we celebrate these distinguished achievements together, we share in the successes of this University because we all play personal and profound roles in realizing them. Your efforts have made a difference for our students, your colleagues, and the community we serve. You are the engine that powers our progress.

Whether you’re being recognized for a service anniversary or as an Outstanding Maverick, you have long demonstrated your dedication and commitment. I’m pleased to congratulate you on your outstanding service—and to thank you for all you have done for UTA. Our successes are yours, and our future is bright because of you.

Sincerely,

Vistasp M. Karbhari
President
COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

We owe a debt of gratitude for countless contributions made in service to the University.

50 YEARS
Donald Wilson
*Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

45 YEARS
David Gray
*Management*

40 YEARS
- Martin Pomerantz *Chemistry*
- Barbara Sellers *Economics*
- Richard Timmons *Chemistry*
- Zoltan Schelly *Chemistry*

35 YEARS
- Scott Brasher *OIT Telecommunications*
- Daniel Himarios *Global Academic Initiatives*
- Manjeri Raja *Information Systems and Operations Management*
- Elsa Corral *Office of the President*
- Dennis Maher *Theatre Arts*
- Albert Tong *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*
- Gary Glinsky *Facilities Management - Custodial*
- Seiichi Nomura *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*
- Johny Vargas *Police Department*
- Barbara Sellers *Economics*
- Richard Timmons *Chemistry*

30 YEARS
- Marie Bannister *Health Services*
- Mark Cook *Library*
- Ronald Jordan *Facilities Management - Custodial*
- Elisabeth Cawthon *Liberal Arts*
- William Cox *Police Department*
- Andrew Kruzic *Civil Engineering*
- Chee-Ming Chew *OIT Network Services*
- John Diltz *Finance and Real Estate*
- Eric Leidlein *Auxiliary Services*
- Norman Cobb *Social Work*
- Rod Hissong *Public Affairs*
2019 Employee Recognition Ceremonies

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Mathematics

Cynthia Bing  
Counseling Services

William Crowder  
Economics

Kaushik De  
Physics

Rasika Dias  
Chemistry

Polly Downs  
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Vice President for Research

Leah Hoy  
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Alusine Jalloh  
History

Jorge Juarez  
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Payroll Services

Charla Markham Shaw  
Communication

Mark Permenter  
Institutional Advancement

Bradley Samek  
OIT Network Services

Pete Smith  
University Analytics

James Stewart  
University Analytics

25 Year Club Honorees
We pay special tribute to those who have served students, alumni, and the community for a quarter century.

Laura Alanis  
Global Academic Initiatives

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Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Alusine Jalloh  
History

Pamela McBride  
Computer Science and Engineering

Selma Permenter  
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Environmental Health and Safety

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Physics

John Wickham  
Earth and Environmental Science

Rasika Dias  
Chemistry

Jamie Williams  
Faculty Affairs

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Robert Yarbrough  
Police Department

20 YEARS

Agustin Alvarez  
Facilities Management - Grounds

Heather Beardsley  
TMAC

David Carpenter  
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Linda Barasch  
Computer Science and Engineering

Thanh Bui  
Shimadzu Institute for Research Technologies

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University Analytics
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Qiming Zhang  
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*Tennis - Men’s*

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*International Education*

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*Center for Mexican American Studies*

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Atilla Dogan  
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Bryan Florentin  
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This evening, we also honor the Mavericks who continue to make a difference in our community through unparalleled service and tireless dedication to the University.

CATEGORIES
Administrative Support
Administrative and Professional
Professional, Para-Professional, and Technical
Service Maintenance
Team

2018 – 2020 OMA COMMITTEE
Eunice Currie
Arnita Williams
Becky Valentich
Durl Rather
Jeff Johnson
Arturo Barrios is a Maintenance Worker II in the Office of Facilities Management - Housing Maintenance. He is passionate about what he does and goes the extra mile to ensure that his work is done well. His main goal is to keep doing a great job because it is important for UTA to grow and prosper, so he will help wherever he is needed. When the University hosted recycle mania, Arturo was a key participant in that challenge. He has a pleasant demeanor, positive attitude, and a great work ethic. One of his supervisors said, “I would take five more Arturo’s if they were out there, but he is a diamond in the rough getting the job done.”

Owen Cook is a Lead IT Analyst in the Office of Information Technology. He is always a professional with a sense of humor. Furthermore, he has tirelessly supported a program designed to work with diverse populations of students at UTA. Owen is committed to supporting the McNair Scholars Program because of its mission – to serve first-generation, low-income, and minority students. Without Owen, our program’s efforts to create an online application for students and an alumni newsletter would not have been possible. He is well respected throughout the University for his technical expertise. He is most deserving of this award.

James Dillon Johnson is an Administrative Assistant I in Social Work. James is amazingly professional, friendly, reliable, and responsive. In his role he is a great ambassador for the University. When we invite new, diverse Social Work faculty candidates to UTA, they always refer to James and want to meet him and thank him for his help. He is informative, provides excellent service, and understands the importance of having a diverse pool of candidates. James is a critical team member in the School of Social Work as we work through the process to recruit the best and the brightest new faculty members.

Michele Lawson is an Administrative Assistant II in the College of Business. Each November since 2016, Michele has coordinated volunteers to support the Veterans Business Symposium and Resources Fair during National Veterans Small Business Week. In November 2018, she spearheaded that same event, hosting more than 464 participants in five days from across North Texas. She serves as an ambassador for the volunteers experiencing their first visit to the UTA community. Michele has contributed to our sustainability efforts by reducing the office supply budget from $7,500 to $3,000 by taking advantage of new technology. She goes above and beyond the call of duty and is so deserving of this award.
Viki Lewis is a Contract Specialist in Facilities Management. She is cooperative and compassionate when working with our diverse group of employees. Viki has an established presence on campus by volunteering and supporting annual events such as Move-In-Day, UTA’s Earth Day, and Maverick Cookout. She is always willing to learn new things and is dedicated to process improvements. She is resourceful, demonstrates good judgment, and is a team player who understands how to help others in time of need. Since 2012, we have been fortunate to have Viki as part of the Maverick community and the Facilities Management family. She is definitely deserving of the Maverick Award.

Yvette Rodriguez is a Human Resources Specialist III in the Office of Human Resources. She values differences in ideas, perspectives, and beliefs by celebrating our employees’ diversity, and she approaches them first with compassion. Yvette is committed to community service by participating in the Big Event’s STEM program in the College of Engineering where students ages 8-18 build mechanical devices from stock cards. She sets a great example of an outstanding Maverick employee. Because of her unrelenting support of employees and retirees, they know she has their best interest at heart. It is evident in her work ethic and attitude. Yvette is the absolute model of a UTA ambassador. This award could not go to a kinder and a more giving person.

Dr. Gregory Shirley, II, Ed.D. is an Assistant Director in Career Services. He is a champion for Fraternity and Sorority Life, Multicultural Affairs, and LGBTQ+. He co-founded the Inclusion Constituency Council. Dr. Shirley is involved in numerous ways throughout the community, including as a speaker during the UTA TEDx Conference. He has not only worked hard to raise UTA awareness in other areas but also to link both Academic Affairs and Student Affairs within UTA to form one cohesive experience for the students. He is a people person who embodies the Maverick spirit and demonstrates service excellence through his outstanding commitment to volunteer and serve UTA students and departments.

Pamela Y. Smith is a Coordinator III, Special Programs in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation. She continuously demonstrates the ability to encourage differing viewpoints. As an integral part of her responsibilities, Pam gives freely of her time to volunteer for CONHI and University events for faculty and students. She has actively participated in the initiation and implementation of our Freshmen Nurse Scholar Pilot Study for AY 2017-2018 and AY 2018-2019. Pam’s organizational skills and attention to service excellence support others in undergraduate nursing and contribute greatly to CONHI’s role in helping UTA achieve Tier I status.
TEAM AWARD: 
ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT 
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This team is very professional in posting needed classes to facilitate the student registration process. Without their leadership and training of others, the students and advisors would have a more challenging time when enrolling students. This team may not be public facing, but they understand the need for all departments to work together behind the scene to better serve our students. The enrollment team has a cheerful response even when they are overloaded with emails. A department that works with them said, “They are happy to help us as a team and we need them just as much.” We are appreciative to all of them for the service they provide.
“If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day.”

–Alex Noble, Author