FOUNDATIONS
FOR YOUR STUDENT’S SUCCESS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
Dear UTA Maverick Families:

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, I am pleased to welcome you as a member of The University of Texas at Arlington community. College is a time of transition for students and their families and you are a significant partner in our efforts to encourage your student’s academic success and personal growth. With this in mind, the New Maverick Orientation and Parent & Family Center staff has developed this Parent Resource Guide. It is designed to help you become better acquainted with UTA and more prepared for challenges that may lie ahead for your student. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with its content.

While your student is here, I am confident that he or she will find this campus to be an engaging and supportive environment conducive to learning and development. I encourage your student to become involved in campus life and for you to visit often. Involved and engaged students have a richer collegiate experience and tend to be more successful. Additionally, we recognize that there may be times when your student encounters an academic problem or unanticipated personal issue during his/her days at UTA. Be assured that the faculty and student affairs staff are here to assist.

I look forward to meeting you over the course of the next few years. I also invite you to attend Parent & Family Weekend this fall. If at any time my staff or I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Best Regards,

Dr. Timothy Quinnan
Vice President for Student Affairs
quinnan@uta.edu
CONGRATULATIONS, PARENTS. You’ve done it. You’ve raised your child into a bright, focused student with an incredible future on the not-too-distant horizon. Now that your student has chosen to earn a degree from UTA, there is no limit to what that future holds.

Earning a college degree is a concerted team effort. Students must learn how to balance long hours of dedicated study while figuring out what the college experience means for them as they make plans for the future. We'll ensure they have every resource available for success while they’re in school and beyond. And you. You will keep doing what you’ve always done. You’ll offer your consistent, loving support. You’ll guide them through the hard times and be their biggest cheerleaders through the best times. And you’ll be right there with them, arms open, as they reach the finish line, walking off the stage with their degrees in hand.

For now, we begin the great task of getting started. The first year at UTA is crucial for students as they establish themselves, get comfortable, and start determining exactly what they want their college experience to look like.
BIG CHANGES, BIGGER REWARDS

Whether your student is coming straight from high school or transferring from a community college, he or she can expect a sometimes-dramatically different experience at UTA. This is a time of newfound freedom, which means a lot of learning, added responsibility, and immense growth. Here’s an overview of what you can expect from the academic setting at a four-year institution of higher education.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER
- Excitement
- Testing newfound freedom
- Frequent calls and visits home
- Homesickness and loneliness
- Anxiety about roommates, professors, classes

OCTOBER
- Roommate problems may arise
- Students question: “Do I fit in here?”
- First test grades returned
- Love relationships from home remain strong
- Consequences of decision-making experienced

NOVEMBER
- Roommate challenges become more clear
- Many exams and papers due before Thanksgiving holiday
- Excitement and/or anxiety about returning home for the holiday
- First series of campus-wide illness (cold, flu, strep, etc.)

DECEMBER
- Anxiety over preparations for finals
- Excitement and/or anxiety about going home for the holidays
- Sadness about leaving new friendships or love relationships
- Roommate challenges continue

MOVING TO A NEW RHYTHM

Certain times in the academic year tend to be universally challenging to students. Parents who understand the ups and downs of the first college year are better able to help their students negotiate the challenges of the transition to college. Below are some typical adjustment issues faced throughout the first year:

- **FEBRUARY**
  - Feelings of claustrophobia and depression set in with winter
  - Potential increase in alcohol and other substance abuse
  - Challenges with love relationships
  - Valentine’s Day may bring out loneliness or isolation

- **MARCH**
  - Anxiety regarding finding roommate(s) for next year
  - Excitement and/or disappointment regarding spring break plans
  - Concern over summer employment
  - Concern over winter weight gain

- **APRIL**
  - Excitement with arrival of spring
  - Concern over declaring a major
  - Stress about course registration for next year
  - End-of-semester pressure

- **MAY**
  - Final exam anxiety
  - Apprehension about returning home for summer
  - Sadness over leaving new friendships and/or love relationships at school
  - Realization of how college influences life decisions

Other concerns that may occur throughout the year include missing family birthdays and holiday celebrations, missing participation in family traditions, and wanting involvement with family while expecting their desire for complete freedom to be respected. (Blimling, 1999)

Teacher/Student Contact
- Faculty are available during office hours (only a few hours per week) and by appointment to address students’ concerns.

Competition/Grades
- Academic competition is much stronger; minimum effort may produce poor grades.

Counseling/Dependence
- Students rely on themselves; they see the results of making their own decisions. It is their responsibility to seek advice as needed. Students set their own restrictions.

Motivation
- Students apply their own motivation to their work and activities as they wish.

Distractions
- The opportunity for more distractions exists. Time management will become more important.

Value Judgments
- Students have the opportunity to see the world through their own eyes and develop their own opinions and values.


MAKING THE TRANSITION

During their college years, students will meet new people, open their minds to new ideas, and face challenges that will facilitate growth and learning. We recognize that parents and family members play significant roles in this process. By offering encouragement in times of need and support as students develop their own identities, you will be instrumental in helping your student recognize the possibilities and opportunities that exist in the college environment. If you would like to be more directly involved with your child’s college experience, UTA has many avenues for you to make that connection.

KEEPING CONNECTED

WE’VE GOT ANSWERS

PARENT & FAMILY CENTER

The Parent & Family Center aims to make the transition to college smooth and enjoyable for both you and your student by offering advice, keeping you informed, and standing by to answer your questions. As your support system, we are available Monday through Friday during business hours to answer any questions you may have. Call the parent and family helpline at 817-272-2128, or email the center at parents@uta.edu. We’re always happy to help: uta.edu/parents

STRONG ASSOCIATIONS

MAVERICK PARENT & FAMILY ASSOCIATION

This Maverick Parent & Family Association is a network of parents and families who are committed to their students’ success and to furthering the mission of the University. Not only is joining the association a great way to support your student and the University, it also provides members with several valuable benefits*, including:

• Maverick Discount Program participation
• Monthly e-newsletters
• Free scissors, blue books, and pencils for your student(s)
• Scholarship opportunities for your student(s)
• Guest borrower privileges at the University Library
• Ability to purchase Student Activities concert and program tickets at the staff rate
• Maverick Parent & Family Association gift items
• Two complimentary visits to the Maverick Activities Center (MAC)
• 10 percent discount on apparel and gifts at the UTA Bookstore (not for textbooks)
• On-campus programs for parents and students

STUDENT LIFE FUND

On-campus programs for parents and students

STUDENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

Maverick Parent & Family Association gift items

WAYS TO GIVE

FUEL FOR THE FUTURE

PARENT & FAMILY FUND

The Parent & Family Fund is a great way to directly impact the lives of UTA students. Gifts to this fund allow UTA to maintain its position as a leader in higher education and to show a special voice of confidence in the work being done at the University. By making a gift, you provide much-needed scholarships for UTA students who are affiliated with the Maverick Parent & Family Association. For more information, contact Mark LaVelle at 817-272-333 or mavelle@uta.edu.

HELP WHEN IT’S MOST NEEDED

STUDENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

The UTA Student Emergency Assistance Fund is a need-based grant awarded to currently enrolled UTA students who are struggling financially due to unforeseen external circumstances and require emergency monetary funding. The fund was established by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs in collaboration with UTA Bookstore. More information on the fund visit uta.edu/ula.

ENRICHMENT ON DEMAND

STUDENT LIFE FUND

The Student Life Fund provides opportunities outside the classroom to ensure that our students graduate with a well-rounded college experience. Gifts to this fund will support bringing speakers and concerts to campus, providing service learning and community service opportunities, and offering programming related to students learning, leadership, wellness, and more. To make a gift to the Student Life Fund, contact Valerie Cavanagh at 817-272-0850 or valerie.cavanagh@uta.edu.

PRIVACY GUIDELINES AND STUDENT RIGHTS

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

At the post-secondary level, parents have no inherent right to access or inspect their child’s educational records, including final grades, grades on exams, and other information about academic progress. This information is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Students can give express written permission for their parents’ access to their educational record by downloading the form at uta.edu/ferpa and returning it with UTA identification to the Office of Admissions, Records, and Registration. Parents who wish to access their student’s educational records without the express written permission may do so by providing a copy of the current tax form filed with the IRS demonstrating that the student is a dependent for tax purposes to the Office of Records. Income data on the tax record can be redacted.

In emergency or crisis situations, UTA may release non-directory information if it determines that the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PARENT & FAMILY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 21-23, 2016

After your student gets settled into the flow of college life, come experience it with him or her. During UTA Parent & Family Weekend, you’ll enjoy campus tours, faculty lectures, and a dinner with the University president, which includes student music performances. Visit uta.edu/parentweekend for details. 817-272-2128 • parents@uta.edu

Please note that this is a general outline of the information provided in the document. For more detailed and specific information, please refer to the source document.
It won’t be easy, but it will be the best kind of challenging. UTA will be a powerful catalyst for growth as your student reaches for the greatest successes. With expert faculty and dedicated resources backing more than 180 rigorous degree programs in 10 different schools and colleges, we’ll help your student achieve the future he or she wants. And while the days of doing homework at the kitchen table with a snack and glass of milk nearby are gone, we’ll do our best to provide students with fertile ground to get their best work done.

OVERVIEW

MAJORS

UTA offers a wide variety of majors. For the most current list of available majors, visit uta.edu/admissions/majors.

CLASSIFICATION

Students are classified by the number of semester hours earned. This is interpreted as hours passed at UTA and those transferred from other institutions and/or credit by examination.

Freshman: earned fewer than 30 hours
Sophomore: earned 30 hours but fewer than 60 hours
Junior: earned 60 hours but fewer than 90 hours
Senior: earned 90 hours or more

ACADEMIC STANDING

Students who have a 2.0 grade point average or higher are considered in good standing and can continue to take courses without penalty. However, it is important to keep in mind that individual departments may have higher GPA thresholds to remain in a particular major, to take advanced coursework, or even graduate with a degree in that major. Other categories include:

- Academic Warning
- Academic Dismissal for One Long Term (Dismissal 1)
- Academic Dismissal for One Full Academic Year (Dismissal 2)
- Academic Continuance
- Academic Probation

For more information about these standing categories, visit uta.edu/universitycollege.
ONE-STOP ACADEMIC SHOP
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
From your student’s freshman year, University College will be an active partner in his or her academic success through advising, tutoring, supplemental instruction, counseling, and more. As students progress through their degree programs, they will be able to return to University College for help with diverse subjects, advice on tackling new obstacles, and guidance on finding the career that’s right for them. uta.edu/universitycollege

ABOVE AND BEYOND
HONORS COLLEGE
The Honors College is devoted to meeting the needs of exceptionally capable and highly motivated undergraduates from all disciplines who aspire to reach the highest levels of academic performance. The college is a supportive, educationally and culturally diverse community of student scholars who compose the same number of credit hours, but who invest significant time and effort into courses designated for honors credit. Find more information at uta.edu/honors.

THE BUSINESS OF LEADING
GOOLSBY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
The Goolsby Leadership Academy advances knowledge and practice of exceptional leadership in the business field. The academy focuses on a select group of undergraduate business students who complete a two-year cohort program with courses in communication, authentic leadership, ethics, character, and self-awareness. Each scholar receives a $1,200 scholarship for each of the two years he or she participates in the program. uta.edu/goolsby

COMMUNITY LEARNING
MAVERICK SCHOLARS FRESHMAN INTEREST GROUPS
With the Maverick Scholars Freshman Interest Group (FIG) program, first-year students are grouped with other first-year students who share their majors or areas of interest. The FIG then shares a common class schedule, participates in co-curricular programming, and develops lasting friendships and leadership skills. uta.edu/fig

EVEN HIGHER LEARNING
MCNAIR SCHOLARS
The federally funded McNair Scholars program offers eligible students opportunities to prepare for graduate study and careers in research and teaching at the university level. Participants are sophomores, juniors, or seniors with a minimum 3.5 GPA, U.S. citizens or permanent residents, first-generation or low-income students, or members of under-represented groups. Open to all majors, the program includes a summer research internship with a $3,000 stipend and assistance in preparation for and application to graduate programs. uta.edu/mcnair

A WORLDWIDE CLASSROOM
STUDY ABROAD
Hundreds of students study overseas with UTA throughout the academic year. Studying abroad is often a significant event in the personal growth and professional development of participating students. Not only do students receive hands-on learning, they get an irreplaceable worldwide perspective that will serve them well as they begin actively pursuing their careers after college. Students participating in University programs may use financial aid and apply for study abroad scholarships. UTA resident credit is awarded, and fluency in another language is not required. studyabroad.uta.edu

TUTORING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT
FOCUSED ON ACHIEVEMENT
SUCCESS SERIES
Consisting of workshops designed to improve academic performance and enhance important life skills, the Success Series explores the skills that are imperative to student’s achievements. Topics include time management, study skills, dealing with stress, learning styles, major exploration, and more. The Success Series is meant for first-generation college students, sophomores, and transfer students. uta.edu/successseries

LENDING A HELPING HAND
UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL
As a Maverick, your student is never alone as he or her journey toward graduation. At UTA, students have access to a vast network of offices, programs, clubs, and organizations specifically designed to provide them with support and direction while helping them fine-tune the skills they need to be successful. Students can call 817-272-6107 for help or visit uta.edu/resources for more information.

HELP AT THE READY
TRIO–STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
TRIO–Student Support Services is an academic support program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Services are free to students admitted into the program. Priority is given to U.S. citizens or permanent residents who meet two of the following requirements: low income, first generation, or student with a disability. Services include academic guidance and mentoring, tutoring and group study, and skill building through workshops. uta.edu/trio

IT’S ALL GOOD
MAVERICK RESOURCE HOTLINE
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ACADEMIC RESOURCES ABOUND
Engineering Student Services: uta.edu/engineering/ss
Science Education and Career Center: uta.edu/esc
English Writing Center: uta.edu/writing
Center for Community Service Learning: uta.edu/ccl
Math Clinic: uta.edu/math/clinic

Did You Know?
U.S. News & World Report consistently recognizes UTA as one of the nation’s top universities for academic excellence.
They’ll Have the Time of Their Lives

College isn’t just about hitting the books and making the grade. It’s also about getting involved, making friends, and growing into a well-rounded, responsible adult. Your student will have access to countless avenues of involvement. With more than 300 special interest organizations, a full calendar of events, NCAA Division I athletics, intramural groups, and more, your student is guaranteed to have a ton of fun between study sessions.

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*Dates are subject to change. Visit uta.edu/events for the most current dates.*

**STUDENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMS, EVENTS, AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

Because college is a time of growth, UTA offers its students myriad ways to get involved and make connections on campus. On any given day, your student might compose in campus recycling contests, ride bikes for the American Heart Association, lead a workshop on diversity or leadership, attend a heritage festival, participate in a variety of student activities, or simply have an intense workout at the Maverick Activities Center.

**CELEBRATING MAVERICK TRADITIONS**

UTA has a rich history of student traditions. Favorite events include Bed Races, Oozeball, Maverick Homecoming, and Block Party. Places include the University Center, where students cut out and hang up, and the Central Library mall, where students take advantage of great weather and hit the books, talk, have lunch, and enjoy student activities events. Places like the College Park District and the Maverick Activities Center are other campus hotspots.

**FOSTERING FUTURE LEADERS**

Leadership skills are imperative for success in today’s society, and UTA is dedicated to bringing out the best in our students. Here, leadership opportunities abound: your student can run for Student Congress, join the Leadership Center, get involved with Freshmen Leaders on Campus, and more. uta.edu/leadership

**LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS**

You can’t put a grade on some of the most important life skills. Social acumen, diversity awareness, and community responsibility can only be developed through real-life application. We’ve got that in spades. Students can join multicultural groups, attend lectures, volunteer at The Big Event, and so much more. uta.edu/studentaffairs

**DEVELOPING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS**

You find your real best friends in college, so we offer countless opportunities for students to connect. A full calendar of activities promotes interpersonal connections. The thriving fraternity and sorority community offers friends and endless opportunities for personal growth. And hundreds of student organizations offer fun things to do with new friends at any given moment. uta.edu/studentaffairs

**DRIVE IN AND CONNECT**

**OFF-CAMPUS MAVERICKS**

If your student won’t be living on campus, encourage him or her to get involved with Off-Campus Mavericks. The program gives commuter students the opportunity to be part of campus life by offering events geared toward commuters, like an appreciation breakfast, a lunch series, and more. uta.edu/ucampus

**PLAY OR SPECTATE**

**WE SHOOT, WE SCORE**

ATHLETICS

UTA has a robust athletics program featuring NCAA Division I sports in the Sun Belt Conference. Whether your student hits the court or cheers from the stands in our state-of-the-art, 7,000-seat arena, we’ve got plenty of ways for them to exercise their right to show school spirit. utamavs.com

**B-BALL ON WHEELS**

**MOVIN’ MAVS**

Among our most popular athletic groups are the Movin’ Mavs, UTA’s wheelchair basketball teams. The men’s and women’s teams are rooted in a history of national championships and Paralympic glory. uta.edu/movinmavs

**GIVE ME A “U” “T” “A”**

**SPIRIT GROUPS**

If your student has an abundance of school spirit, he or she should consider joining our spirit groups. Our cheerleading squad, dance team, mascot, and the Maverick Wranglers work together to provide support for UTA athletic teams and lead the University in community spirit. uta.edu/spiritgroups

**JUSTIN REDMOND**

**MAJOR:** Music Education

**HOMETOWN:** Red Oak, Texas

“I love the Maverick spirit I see all over campus during Homecoming Week. It’s a great way to get involved and support your organizations!”
Paying the Bills
Office of Student Accounts

Student Accounts collects tuition, fees, campus housing, and other University-related charges.

1. Know when payments are due and make sure you understand payment and refund policies. uta.edu/fees.
2. Each student’s University bill is in his or her name, and he or she is responsible for making sure it gets paid, even if parents or others actually pay it.
3. Student Accounts sends official communications to students via email at their mavs.uta.edu email address.
4. Direct Deposit is available. For more information, visit uta.edu/business-affairs/direct-deposit.

Find more information at uta.edu/makepayment.

No Coupons Required
Tuition Rebate for Graduates

Texas residents enrolling at a Texas public college or university for the first time in fall 1997 or later may be eligible for a tuition rebate up to $1,000 upon completion of a bachelor’s degree. The rebate is only available for the first bachelor’s degree from a Texas public university. To qualify, a student must complete all work at a Texas public college or university paying in-state tuition; have attempted no more than three semester credit hours beyond the degree requirements; and apply for the rebate before the degree is awarded.

AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT

The benefits of a college degree are clear. College graduates in the United States earn nearly twice as much as their peers with only a high school diploma. And a degree from UTA will only increase in value because our goal is to equip your student for a successful career to last a lifetime. Our tuition levels are well below the average for top-tier public institutions in the 10 most populous states. Bottom line: We’re a great value!

FINANCIAL AID

Understanding the Costs of a Good Education
Tuition, Fees, and Related Expenses

Tuition dollars enhance academic quality, support state-of-the-art technology, and fund educational resources in the classroom. It is charged based on course and level of study. A reasonable term registration cost estimate may be calculated by using the Registration Cost Estimation site. uta.edu/tuition.php

MAKING PAYMENTS

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Counselors in the Financial Aid Office are available to answer questions and help students complete financial aid forms. Students are encouraged to make an appointment in order to minimize wait time. Students wishing to apply for grants, work study, and loan programs must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.ed.gov. Information about scholarships awarded by the University is also available on the Financial Aid Office website. Students may review their financial aid and scholarship awards through their MyMav accounts. uta.edu/lao

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Claudia Aguilera
Major: Biochemistry
Hometown: Trophy Club, Texas

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Mav Express Cards are issued from the Mav Express Office in the University Center during Orientation or after the registration process is completed. uta.edu/mavecexpress

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A HEALTHY MAVERICK IS A SUCCESSFUL MAVERICK

When we talk about students having access to everything they need to be successful in college and beyond, we mean it. In addition to the many academic and extracurricular resources offered by the University, we also present a wide array of health services to ensure your student is well, happy, and ready for the rigors of college life.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

KEEPING MAVERICKS HEALTHY

HEALTH SERVICES

Health Services is an ambulatory health care facility fully accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. Health Services’ mission is to support academic success by providing excellent health care and promoting wellness. It provides currently enrolled UTA students with quality, accessible, comprehensive, and cost-effective primary health care. In addition to a general medicine clinic, Health Services provides a pharmacy, laboratory, radiology department, counseling, psychological and psychiatric services, women’s health clinic, immunization clinic, and a health promotion and substance abuse office. 817-272-4779 • uta.edu/healthservices

WE’RE HERE TO HELP

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

UTA Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is committed to helping students meet their full personal, academic, and career potential. Services are available to help students increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems, and make positive changes in their lives. Individual, couples, and group counseling are available to all currently enrolled UTA students. CAPS also provides psychological assessment of ADHD and learning disorders. CAPS-Psychiatric Services provides psychiatric assessment and medication management.

305 Ransom Hall • 817-272-3673 • uta.edu/caps

CARING SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

THE CENTER FOR STUDENTS IN RECOVERY

The Center for Students in Recovery (CSR) provides a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for students to cultivate life skills and celebrate recovery successes. Members enjoy access to scholarships, educational and volunteer opportunities, and a strong network of supportive peers. The recovery coaching and peer-based recovery mentorship helps students manage challenging situations with agility and grace. UTA students in the process of recovering or simply interested in the idea of recovery are invited to join. uta.edu/CSR

FOR THOSE WORST-CASE SCENARIOS

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

For medical emergencies on campus, students should call 817-272-1005. Police and ambulance will respond based on the initial call. Police Department personnel are trained in CPR and other first aid procedures, and they are well equipped to provide stabilization until the ambulance arrives.

PREVENTION IS THE BEST MEDICINE

HEALTH PROMOTIONS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Health Promotions and Substance Abuse Program is available to assist students in making appropriate decisions about their health and wellness. Health educators also provide educational programs and materials about alcohol, drugs, sexual health, nutrition, wellness, and other health-related topics. 817-272-4779 • uta.edu/healthservices

TESTING AND COUNSELING AVAILABLE

HIV/AIDS AND HEPATITIS INFORMATION

HIV antibody testing, counseling, and referrals are available upon request. UTA Health Services is the University resource center for HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B education and prevention information.

The University’s policy statements on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B and C may be obtained online. 817-272-2951 • uta.edu/policy/hop/adm/5/307

BREATHE EASY

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

In order to provide students, faculty, staff, and visitors with a healthy, welcoming learning environment, the University prohibits the use of all tobacco products on campus property at all times. Violators are subject to penalties detailed in the tobacco-free policy, which can be accessed at uta.edu/tobaccofree/policy. For more information on available tobacco cessation programs, visit uta.edu/tobaccofree/cessation

RECREATION

RUN, JUMP AND PLAY

THE MAVERICK ACTIVITIES CENTER

The Maverick Activities Center (MAC) includes a weight and fitness room, computer lab, two indoor tracks, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, and badminton courts, multipurpose rooms for fitness classes, a game room, a climbing wall, and outdoor basketball and sand volleyball courts. It also features an open social corner, health club-style locker rooms, and a video game area.

If team sports are your student’s thing, the MAC offers Intramural Recreation, which allows for drop-in use at any of the University’s athletic facilities. For organized play, Intramural Sports provides for structured recreational and competitive activities with fellow UTA community members. The Sports Club program serves individual interests in sports and recreational activities, including soccer, volleyball, martial arts, frisbee, and more. uta.edu/campusrec

SHAPING UP BETWEEN CLASSES

FITNESS AND WELLNESS

The Fitness and Wellness program is designed to enhance personal wellness and promote healthy lifestyles. Programs include group exercise classes, fitness testing, personal training, massage therapy, and nutrition counseling and assessments. uta.edu/policy

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

ADAPTIVE RECREATION

The Adaptive Recreation program brings more recreational programs to students with disabilities. The Adaptive Recreation intramural program includes a soccer clinic for visually impaired students and wheelchair division in billiards, table tennis, badminton, 4-on-4 football, 3-on-3 basketball, frisbee, and tennis doubles. 817-272-3677 • uta.edu/adaptive

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STOCK UP FOR SUCCESS
UTA BOOKSTORE
The UTA Bookstore sells textbooks, course packets, general reading books, school supplies, UTA sportswear and gifts, and more. The Bookstore also features a full-service Starbucks with plenty of space to meet with friends, study, or just hang out. 400 S. Spaniolo Dr. • 817-272-2785 • utashop.com

SOLUTIONS FOR HE SAID/SHE SAID
MEDIATION SERVICES
Mediation Services aids students in reconciling interpersonal disputes with other UTA students, including roommate conflicts and arguments with friends, significant others, or other students in campus organizations. Mediation often allows students to avoid facing a student conduct violation for handling the dispute inappropriately. The program has a group of faculty and staff who are credentialed mediators to assist students in negotiating an arrangement that is agreeable to everyone involved in the dispute. uta.edu/mediation

IT’S MORE THAN SCHOOL.
IT’S A WHOLE COMMUNITY.
A lot goes into the life of a college student. Beyond going to class and finding things to do with friends, your student will need to navigate all kinds of logistics with which he or she may have little experience. Since you and your student are investing so much in us, we invest a lot in your student. We provide a variety of support services to help students stay connected, find a job, and work smarter. Here’s a quick look at the many resources available on campus.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES
SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED
CAMPUS POST OFFICE
(THE MAIL BOX)
The Mail Box, UTA’s post office, is located in the University Center and provides a variety of mail services, including registered, certified, or insured mail; postal money orders; stamps; and other mailing services. The post office also rents mailboxes to members of the campus community. uta.edu/ucenter

BOOKS, STUDY ROOMS, AND MORE
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
With transformative virtual and physical spaces, collections, and services, the UTA Libraries supply the latest research and information to students.

The Libraries provide services through the Central Library, two branch libraries, three electronic libraries, and a website. Collections include current books, journals, and electronic resources as well as unique historical manuscripts, maps, and photographs. Free and reserved group study rooms are available with Smart Boards and wireless connectivity. The Central Library is open 24/5 and houses the Digital Media Studio with 3-D printing and scanning, a Starbucks coffee bar, the Writing Center, and an OIT Service Desk. The sixth floor of the Central Library offers many cultural and educational events, including Friends of the Library meetings and Focus on Faculty lectures. uta.edu/library

IMPROVING ACCESS FOR ALL
DISABILITY SERVICES
The Office for Students With Disabilities assists students with disabilities so they can participate in the full spectrum of college life. The office serves students using exemplary practices in assistive technology, disability counseling, and academic assistance such as testing accommodations, sign language interpreters, volunteer note-takers, e-text, and auxiliary aids. uta.edu/disability

CONNECTING UTA TO THE WORLD
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
The Office of International Education offers services for more than 4,000 non-immigrant students, scholars, and faculty at UTA. The New International Student Orientation and the International Student and Scholar Handbook provide valuable information on adjusting to college life in the United States, student life at UTA, and immigration regulations. The office also sponsors events that celebrate UTA’s diverse campus, including International Week, Global Grounds International Coffee Hour, and The Link: International Friendship Program. uta.edu/oie

everyday
LIVING

DID YOU KNOW?
More than 10,000 students live on or adjacent to campus.

VENU SHAKERGAYEN
MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering
HOMETOWN: Ujjain, India

“The Central Library is my most used campus resource. I study there a lot, many times in groups. And I frequently use the private study rooms.”
PARK AND RIDE
CAMPUS SHUTTLE
The UTA Police Department operates a free campus shuttle bus system for all UTA students, faculty, staff, and guests. Special express routes connect Maverick Stadium and the Central Library. Routes and hours of operation may be altered to meet changing University needs. The last shuttles of the day leave the stadium at 3:30 p.m. and the Business Building at 6 p.m. Buses run on a limited schedule when classes are not in session. For routes and updates, visit the Police Department website. uta.edu/police

GET AROUND TOWN WITHOUT A CAR
MAV MOVER SHOPPING SHUTTLE
The Mav Mover Shuttle provides transportation Saturday for students, faculty, and staff between UTA, The Parks at Arlington mall, and other retail businesses. Buses, which leave from the University Center shuttle stand, begin running at 8:30 a.m. with the last bus returning to campus at 6 p.m. Schedules are posted at the shuttle stand and at the Office of International Education. There is a charge of 61¢ each way upon boarding the shuttle. Cash only; exact change is required. uta.edu/police

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER
STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT
UTA is in compliance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act. Its provisions are as follows:
In compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy & Campus Crime Statistics Act, the University publishes specified campus crime statistics and campus security policies through the Office of the Chief of University Police. Campus security policies include:
• Procedures for reporting criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus;
• Policies concerning security of and access to campus facilities;
• A description of programs designed to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes and campus security procedures;
• The policy of monitoring and recording of students’ criminal activity occurring off-campus locations of student organizations officially recognized by the institution;
• The policy regarding the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs, and enforcement of federal and state drug and drinking laws;
• A description of drug or alcohol-abuse education programs; and
• Sexual assault programs to prevent sex offenses and procedures to follow if a sex offense occurs.

Crime statistics may be accessed on the University Police website at uta.edu/police. Crime statistics from UTA or any other university may also be accessed on the Department of Education’s website, ope.ed.gov/security. To receive a paper copy of the most recent Campus Fire and Safety Report, call the UTA Police Department at 817-272-3381 or send a request to Box 19229, Arlington, TX 76019.
EVERYDAY LIVING

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
MavAlert-emergency notification system
MavAlert keeps the University community informed in the event of a campus emergency through early warning text and email messages. Your student’s MavMail account is already registered to receive MavAlerts. To enable emergency text messages, students should log in to their MyMav accounts at uta.edu/mymav, add their mobile phone numbers to their contact information, and use the dropdown menu to label the number as “veriﬁable” before clicking “save.” uta.edu/mavalert

UPHOLDING UNIVERSITY STANDARDS
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS
The Office of Community Standards implements conduct and discipline policies found in the University’s Handbook of Operating Procedures and the U.S. Department’s Code of Conduct. It upholds and supports standards of honesty, integrity, and personal responsibility for all students. The University enforces these standards through fair and objective procedures governing instances of illegal scholastic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, collusion) as well as non-academic misconduct. Consistent with this goal, the ofﬁce is engaged in educating the community regarding standards of behavior and procedures used in the resolution of student disciplinary allegations. Full policies and procedures, including the UTA Honor Code, are available on the Student Conduct website. 817-272-3381 • uta.edu/conduct

UTA TERMINOLOGY
AMBASSADORS: students elected by the student body who serve as the ofﬁcial hosts and hostesses of the University
BLAZE: UTA mascot
CENSUS DATE: last date that students can withdraw from classes with no penalties and without a W on their transcripts
CONNECTION CAFÉ: dining hall in the University Center providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner, also known as Connections
CORRAL: student section at College Park Center where the Maverick Wranglers sit during basketball games
CPH: short for College Panhellenic, the governing body for sororities that belong to the National Panhellenic Conference
DINING DOLLARS: money that can be used at any campus dining location
EXCEL: student-run campus activities board sponsoring campus-wide activities
FIG: short for Freshman Interest Group; ﬁrst-year students grouped by a common interest or major who take several of their ﬁrst-year courses together and engage in social and co-curricular programs
FLOD: short for Freshmen Leaders on Campus, a leadership organization for freshmen
HEREFORD’S HEAD: a bust of former UTA President E.H. Hereford located in the University Center; legend has it students will have good luck if they rub Hereford’s head before taking a test
IPC: short for Interfraternity Council, the governing body for UTA fraternities that belong to the North-American Interfraternity Conference
IWEEK: short for International Week, a weeklong celebration of the world’s food, dance, and cultures
LEADERSHIP RETREAT: event providing student leaders the opportunity to meet with University staff, administrators, and student organizations to set goals for the upcoming year
MAC: short for Maverick Activities Center, UTA’s ﬁtness and recreation building
PROVISIONS ON DEMAND (P.O.D.) MARKET: convenience store located on the main level of the University Center; a satellite location is located in the MAC
MAY MONEY: an account that works like a debit account using your Maverick Express card can be used as payment anywhere on campus and is accepted at some restaurants off campus
MAVERICK WRANGLERS: select student spirit group that cheers for the Maverick basketball teams at College Park Center
MAYS: short for Mavericks
MGC: short for Multicultural Greek Council, the governing body for locally, regionally, and nationally based organizations for men and women with diverse backgrounds
MOVIN’ MAVS: UTA’s wheelchair basketball teams
MR. & MS. UTA: elected by the student body to serve as co-presidents of the UTA Ambassadors
MYMAV: UTA’s web-based student information system
NPHC: short for National Pan-Hellenic Council, the governing body for historically African-American, Greek-letter fraternities and sororities
THE PLAZA: located on the main level of the University Center, the food court is an eating option on campus; also refers to the common area around the food court
RA: short for resident assistant, a student employed by Apartment and Residence Life to supervise ﬂoors in campus residence halls, plan academic and social activities, and enforce University policies
THE SHORTHORN: student-run newspaper
SOUTH 40: the largest parking lot on campus
STUDENT CONGRESS: the student-elected governing body for UTA students
TRAILBLAZER: a weekly e-newsletter produced for UTA students

MARIANA CALDERA
MAJOR: Psychology/Criminal Justice
HOMETOWN: Garland, Texas
“You will always see police walking around making sure that everything is running smoothly. And the Maverick Escort is so convenient when studying late at the library and need to get home.”
## CONTACTS

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#### TRANSFERRING CREDIT

| 817-272-4287 |

#### TUTORING

| Math Clinic                  | 817-272-3261 |
| Nursing Learning Resource Center | 817-272-2985 |
| Science Learning Center      | 817-272-2129 |
| University Tutorial          | 817-272-2617 |
| Writing Center               | 817-272-2601 |

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### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

| CAMPUS RECREATION          | 817-272-3277 |
| HEALTH SERVICES            | 817-272-2771 |
| - General health care      |              |
| - Counseling               |              |
| - Substance abuse          |              |
| - Insurance                |              |
| INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE    | 817-272-2355 |
| PHARMACY                   | 817-272-2770 |

### MONEY MATTERS

| STUDENT ACCOUNTS           | 817-272-2172 |
| - Bill payment             |              |
| - Fees                     |              |

#### FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

| 817-272-3561 |

#### TRANSFERRING CREDIT

| 817-272-4287 |

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### PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

| PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE | 817-272-3907 |
| - Parking                      |              |
| - Shuttle                      |              |
| - MAV Mover (shopping shuttle) |              |
| METRO ARLINGTON XPRESS (MAX)  | 214-979-1111 |
| SAFETY ESCORT                  | 817-272-3881 |

### STUDENT LIFE

| ACTIVITIES                  | 817-272-2963 |
| GOVERNANCE                  | 817-272-2293 |
| HOUSING                     | 817-272-2791 |

### YOUR INFORMATION

| ADDRESS OR NAME CHANGE      | 817-272-3372 |
| EMAIL                       | 817-272-2208 |
| I.D. CARD                   | 817-272-2345 |
| RESIDENCY                   | 817-272-4287 |
| TRANSCRIPTS                 | 817-272-3275 |
The Parent & Family Center

A vital resource for the parents and guardians of UTA students, the Parent & Family Center offers programs, events, and services that help keep families connected to their student’s college experience.