UT Arlington Recognized as Model for Diversity

Even to the occasional visitor, UT Arlington seems monumentally different than it did 20 or even 10 years ago. With the addition or renovation of more than 15 buildings in as many years, the campus ‘look’ has certainly changed. But the real differences can be found in the innovative programs and diverse people that make up the campus community.

According to a U.S. News & World Report study released this month, the University is one of the most ethnically diverse campuses in the country. UT Arlington’s ‘diversity index’ ranked fifth among national universities. The index is a measurement of where college students seeking diversity are most likely to encounter undergraduates from racial or ethnic groups different from their own.

“It is no surprise that UT Arlington would be recognized nationally for its commitment to diversity and for ensuring that students from all backgrounds have the opportunity to earn their education and become citizens of the global community. This is who we are and what we do every day,” University President Vistasp M. Karbhari says.

“This recognition serves as a signal to prospective students and world-class faculty members that our University is the place for them to pursue their academic dreams.”

Meanwhile, The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked UT Arlington seventh on its 2013 list of fastest-growing public research universities in the nation. The study noted a 58 percent increase in enrollment from fall 2001 to 2011, from about 21,000 students to more than 33,000. This ranks UT Arlington highest among all University of Texas System institutions, including UT Austin.

UT Arlington’s sustained increase in student enrollment over this 10-year period is due to more than just a simple growth spurt. Some of the growth can be attributed to a greater variety of student housing options. More than 10,000 students live in on- and near-campus residence halls and apartments—double the amount of 10 years ago. Additionally, the number of students fully enrolled in online degree programs tops the 4,500 mark, many times what it was in 2001.

The strength of academic programs such as nursing, science, and business have also helped fuel the University’s student enrollment growth on campus and online. And the addition of a number of academic support services like the Student Money Management Center, Veteran’s Assistance Center, Finish@UT, and University College are helping students succeed while they are here.

Because of these and other contributing factors, UT Arlington was recently recognized as a 2013 “Next Generation University.” It is one of only six institutions nationwide to be honored with this distinction, given by The America Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on public policy issues.

The list was created to highlight universities that are “models for national reform” and are “continuing their commitment to world-class research while increasing enrollment and graduation rates, even as the investments from their states have declined,” according to the Washington, D.C.-based think tank. The study is based on analyses of federal education data, site visits, and interviews with university leaders. Other universities recognized as Next Generation Universities include Arizona State University, the University at Buffalo, and the University of California at Riverside.

“We want to make UT Arlington one of the pre-eminent universities in the United States,” says President Karbhari. “We are very good already, and we will be one of the best of the best.”

To learn more about this Maverick momentum, visit uta.edu/yes.

MAVERICK-IN-CHIEF
UT Arlington community welcomes new president

An accomplished leader and scholar, Vistasp M. Karbhari took office in June 2013 as the eighth president of UT Arlington. He is committed to advancing the University’s national and international profile, strengthening excellence in research and teaching, and ensuring student success.

“UT Arlington is a very innovative university, and it has done a fabulous job in striking new ground in a variety of different areas,” says President Karbhari.

Prior to joining UT Arlington, Karbhari was provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Before that, he was a professor at the University of California-San Diego, where, in addition to his research and teaching duties, he served in administrative roles at the department, college, and university levels, including in the faculty senate.

A prolific researcher in engineering, Karbhari is an expert in the processing and mechanics of composites, durability of materials, infrastructure rehabilitation, and multi-threat mitigation. He has authored or co-authored more than 460 papers, edited or co-edited four books, holds one patent, and was principal investigator or co-principal investigator on more than $37 million in research projects.

“UT Arlington stands poised to take the next step toward Tier One status,” says Karbhari, “and more importantly, toward being a model 21st-century urban university, a shining example for others to follow.”

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**TALK OF THE TOWN**

**Maverick Speakers Series begins its sixth season**

If you’re looking for entertainment that’s both enjoyable and enriching, we’ve got just the thing for you. Since 2008, more than 60,000 people have packed the seats of Texas Hall and College Park Center to take part in the Maverick Speakers Series, a forum for today’s brightest minds to expound on the current events and important figure in network news. Cooper has been an important figure in network news for more than a decade. He’ll take the College Park Center stage on November 11.

The spring 2014 lineup will feature Dr. Sanjay Gupta, a practicing neurosurgeon and CNN’s chief medical correspondent, and Nina Totenberg, a Pulitzer Prize-winning legal affairs correspondent for NPR. All lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m. When applicable, they also feature audience Q&As and book or autograph signings.

While the Maverick Speakers Series is free and open to the public, Preferred Package tickets are also available for purchase. For more information or to reserve your tickets, visit uta.edu/maverickspeakers.

**MAX IMPACT**

**New public transportation system arrives in Arlington**

A public transportation collaboration between Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T), the City of Arlington, Arlington Chamber of Commerce, UT Arlington, and other private partners is linking Arlington to North Texas. With its launch just over a month ago, the Metro Arlington Xpress—or MAX—provides a circulator service between the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) CentrePort/DFW Airport Station located on Trinity Boulevard and a downtown Arlington bus stop near the corner of Center St. and UTA Blvd.

Monday through Friday, riders of MAX can commute to points along the DART and TRE lines, get to DFW Airport, or visit recreational destinations such as the Fort Worth Zoo or the Texas State Fair. Free public parking for riders is provided at the TRE CentrePort Station and by the First Baptist Church-Arlington on a lot across Center Street from the downtown stop.

A single round-trip pass is $5, which takes riders anywhere within the DART and TRE systems. Half-price fares are available to students, seniors (65 or older), children ages five to 14, and non-paratransit persons. To obtain a discount card for one-day or monthly passes, a $2 TRE or DART photo ID is required.

To get more information, visit RideTheMAX.com or follow RideTheMAX on Facebook.

**COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT**

**Midnight Target Madness**

A popular event during Wimberly Week, the official kick-off to the new academic year, was a late-night trip to Target.

More than 2,000 students enjoyed prices, games, and more.

**Mini-Mavs**

Maverick pride has spread to Arlington Southwest Little League, whose “Mav” team members proudly wear UT Arlington colors.

**Live From UT Arlington**

Men’s basketball head coach Scott Cross joined the crew from WHUP for a live broadcast from College Park Center. The event also included a Sunnie Pep Rally and breakfast.

**AN ALUMNA COMES HOME**

**UT Arlington welcomes new chief of police**

Kim Lemaux, who earned her undergraduate degree in business management from UT Arlington, joined the University’s Police Department this summer as its new chief of police. She leads a department that includes 38 officers, 56 guards, police communications, and emergency management staff.

Lemaux has more than three decades of law enforcement experience and expertise in training, operations, and event safety management. She began her law enforcement career in 1982 as an Arlington Police Department dispatcher. By 1985, she was teaching future colleagues as a field training officer, and in 2001 was promoted to deputy chief. For the latter, she supervised patrol divisions, investigative services, and technical services.

Among her many achievements, Chief Lemaux says she is most proud of her work with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, where she helped craft the basic curriculum for police academies statewide.
SWING TIME

Listen to jazz performances downtown

When you add up all the performance halls on campus, the local venues like Levit Pavilion and Arlington Music Hall, and the many music-friendly restaurants (including the new Capital Bar and Grease Monkey Burger Shop & Social Club), it becomes clear that downtown Arlington is turning into a live music destination.

So it’s only fitting that UT Arlington faculty members and jazz musicians Dan Cavanagh, Ken Edwards, and Tim Ishii have founded a home there for their ensemble, the American Jazz Composers Orchestra.

Founded in 2000, the orchestra is independent of the University. But as artistic director Cavanagh says, “The band showcases the immense musical talent we have on the faculty. It also highlights our high-level connections to world-class musicians in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and larger jazz community nationwide.”

Cavanagh himself is an internationally recognized composer and pianist, while Tim Ishii, the orchestra’s music director and director of Jazz Studies at UT Arlington, is a noted saxophonist who has backed artists like Natalie Cole, The Temptations, Doc Severinson, and many others. Ken Edwards, an accomplished trumpeter and flugelhorn player, was a featured soloist while on tour with the legendary jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson.

The orchestra performs on the fourth Monday of every month at the Grease Monkey Burger Shop and Social Club in downtown Arlington. Members also perform with smaller jazz groups at the Grease Monkey on the second Monday of each month, showcasing original compositions. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit ajco.org or find them on Facebook and Twitter.

EXPLOREx College Town

VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER
Serving those who served our country

In increasing numbers nationwide, veterans are hitting the books as new or returning college students. At UT Arlington, the new Veterans Assistance Center is available to help the 2,900 veterans and family members enrolled at the University.

The Veterans Assistance Center features classroom space, a computer lab, kitchen and lounge area, outdoor seating, and ample parking. Services available to student veterans at no cost include mentoring, assistance with completing college financial aid and GI Bill applications, and academic advising.

“It is a one-stop shop,” says Ryan Kelly, a former Army specialist who serves as the center’s coordinator. “Student veterans come to receive helpful information, work on projects and assignments, or simply see people who have shared similar experiences as them and understand what it’s like to be a new student on a college campus versus a soldier at war."

For more information, visit their website at uta.edu/vets, call 817-272-9862, or email veteransub@uta.edu.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
Family Entertainment

Celebrate fall on campus with a get-together for the whole family. You’re invited to join students, faculty, staff, and their families for the UT Arlington Fall Festival on Saturday, October 26, from 7-9:00 p.m. The free event offers live music, family-friendly activities, carnival-style games, inflatables, food, and more.

Held in conjunction with the University’s annual Parents and Family Weekend, the festival will take place on campus between Arlington Hall and the University Center, close to the corner of First Street and Spanish Drive. Visit uta.edu/parentsweekend for more information.

FALL ATHLETICS
Basketball and volleyball seasons kick off

UT Arlington’s transition to the Sun Belt conference means a whole new set of rivals to conquer. Members of the community are welcome to come join in on the Maverick action, as the men’s basketball, women’s basketball, and volleyball teams begin their quests for the post-season.

The Maverick men’s basketball team will play its first home game November 12 against Samford, while the women kick off the season two days later against Incarnate Word. The Homecoming game against Cleveland State is November 15. For ticket info and other details, visit utickets.com or call 817-272-9595.

MEN’S BASKETBALL HOME GAMES

Nov. 12 Samford
Nov. 13 Howard Payne
Nov. 15 Cleveland State
Dec. 3 Dallas Baptist
Dec. 7 Weber State
Dec. 11 Arkansas State
Dec. 14 Incarnate Word
Dec. 16 VCU
Dec. 21 Cal State Bakersfield
Jan. 2 Arkansas State
Jan. 4 Arkansas-Little Rock
Jan. 7 North Texas
Jan. 9 UT Monroe
Jan. 14 Austin Peay
Jan. 16 UTSA
Jan. 21 Troy
Jan. 23 South Alabama
Jan. 25 South Alabama
Feb. 6 UT Lafayette
Feb. 11 Texas State
Feb. 15 Texas State
Feb. 26 Georgia State
Mar. 1 Western Kentucky

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL HOME GAMES

Nov. 14 Incarnate Word
Nov. 24 VCU
Nov. 27 Abilene Christian
Dec. 4 North Texas
Dec. 8 Arkansas State
Dec. 12 Arkansas-Little Rock
Dec. 22 UT Monroe
Dec. 24 Troy
Dec. 26 South Alabama
Jan. 2 Arkansas State
Jan. 4 Arkansas-Little Rock
Jan. 8 UT Monroe
Jan. 22 Troy
Jan. 25 South Alabama
Jan. 27 South Alabama
Feb. 5 UT Lafayette
Feb. 10 Texas State
Feb. 15 Texas State
Feb. 26 Georgia State
Mar. 1 Western Kentucky
EXPERIENCE UT ARLINGTON! HERE’S A SAMPLING OF OUR WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, PLAYS, CONCERTS, LECTURES, AND ATHLETICS.

OCTOBER

**OCT. 18, 19 & 24-27:** THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR
Mainstage Theatre, Fine Arts Building

**OCT. 3:** SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT
Jesse Trust Hall

**OCT. 17-18:** ARTISTS’ TALK AND OPENING RECEPTION WITH AMY BLAKE MORE AND SARAH WILLIAMS
Gallery at UTA

**OCT. 18:** PEP RALLY AT THE PARKS
The Parks Mall at Arlington

**OCT. 20:** DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI GALA
Blackstone Ballroom, University Center

**OCT. 22-24:** EARLY VOTING ON CAMPUS
Mainstage Theatre, Fine Arts Building

**OCT. 24:** Maverick Speakers Series: Bill Rasmussen
Texas Hall

**OCT. 26:** FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL
E.H. Hereford University Center Mall

NOVEMBER

**NOV. 8:** FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: LEGENDARY LocALS OF ARLINGTON
Suds Floor, Central Library

**NOV. 11:** Maverick Speakers Series: Anderson Cooper
College Park Center

**NOV. 15 & 16 & 21-26:** AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
Mainstage Theatre, Fine Arts Building

**NOV. 15:** Homecoming Parade and Game
College Park Center

**NOV. 19:** DECK THE MALL HOLIDAY LIGHTS
Central Library Mall

**NOV. 26:** FALL JAZZ CONCERT
Texas Hall

DECEMBER

**DEC. 6:** UTA Arlington Day at Christkindl Market
Rangers Ballpark in Arlington

**DEC. 6:** Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition Opening Reception
Gallery at UTA

**DEC. 7:** Holiday Lights Parade
Downtown Arlington

**DEC. 13-15:** Commencement Ceremonies
College Park Center

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