ATTENTION: This will be the LAST newsletter of the Spring 2010 Semester. Look out for the next issue of Plan2News this coming Fall, sometime in late August.

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### 1. Graduation Reminders

Monday, May 10 is the day when all remaining Plan II Honors Graduation Convocation tickets will be released on a "first-come, first-served" basis. If you are expecting more than 6 guests, Monday will be your chance to pick up those tickets.

Your guests (family members and friends) must have tickets to attend the Plan II Honors Graduation Convocation ceremony at the Hogg Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m.

**THERE IS NO RESERVED GUEST SEATING.** Seating is "first-come, first-seated.

The doors to Hogg Auditorium will not open until 8:30 am, although elderly or disabled guests will be allowed to enter the auditorium and be seated.

Seniors must report to FAC 21 (the auditorium of the Flawn Center—off the Union Patio) by 8:00 am. Graduating seniors do not need tickets for the Plan II ceremony. You should be in your cap and gown when you arrive at FAC 21 at 8:00 am.

**Eat breakfast!** People are excited and anxious. We don’t need anyone fainting because of low blood sugar! It’s a long time until the food at the reception.

Do not bring anything that you can’t tuck into a pocket or under the sleeve of your gown. You cannot leave belongings in the FAC 21. The room will not be locked.

Your family members should have their tickets by Friday night. You will not see them Saturday morning until AFTER the ceremony. Take your robe out of the package a day or two before. You may need to iron it—they are usually VERY wrinkled. (Use a cool iron....these things are not made of natural fibers and they will MELT with a hot iron!)

**May 14, 2010 NEXT FRIDAY:** Last day for Bachelors students to purchase regalia. University Co-op Cap and Gowns: Bachelors Regalia Set (cap, gown, stole, and tassel): $49.98 <http://www.universitycoop.com/ePOS/form=?cat.html&cat=985&store=108&associateID=GradEmailFeb10>

**RECEPTION:** The commencement convocation ceremony will be immediately followed by a light brunch reception in the Texas Union Ballroom.

**Special Needs:**

Special services are available to accommodate needs for individuals with disabilities. If you require accommodations adaptive equipment, please contact Jennifer Scalora (512 471-1442) at least five days prior to Commencement activities. Campus resources and a map with details of accessibility on campus are available at Disability Resources Home.

Students needing accommodations should also notify Jennifer Scalora as soon as possible (512 471-1442) and work with Services for Students with Disabilities (512 471-6259; TTY 512 471-4641).

**Parking:**

Guest drop-off for seniors and those with disabilities is possible at the front door of Hogg Memorial Auditorium. There is very limited disabled parking at Hogg Auditorium on Saturday, May 22. If driving east on 24th Street, turn right at Inner Campus Drive and right again at the Yield Sign at the turtle pond. This will take you to the front of the Hogg Memorial Auditorium where you may drop-off guests before parking at another spot. You must mention "Plan II Honors commencement at Hogg Auditorium" to the guard to be allowed entrance to the inner campus area.


And [http://www.utexas.edu/commencement/2010/](http://www.utexas.edu/commencement/2010/) (includes cool video and schedules of the two days of events and ceremonies)

Please share this information with your parents.

### 2. Plan II Junior/Senior Dinner

P2SA would like to invite current juniors and seniors to this year's Junior/Senior Dinner, which will be held Sunday, May 9 at 7 p.m.. Location is TBA. Please only sign up if you're absolutely certain you can attend so that we can order the right amount of food. We hope you will join us for a delicious dinner to celebrate the end of the semester!

Sign up here: [http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHMyTk82MmpHZm5MeVVqREp5aHg5VkE6MQ](http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHMyTk82MmpHZm5MeVVqREp5aHg5VkE6MQ)

**ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### 1. Registration News: D bars (Type E)

If you noticed on your RIS that you had a "Type E" D-bar you need to update your emergency contact information with UT. Students can do this through UT Direct at [https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/student/emergency_contact/](https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/student/emergency_contact/). These bars were waived during the recent summer an fall registration period, but will likely be enforced during future registration access times. As soon as a student updates their information online, the bar should be removed. Please take a few minutes to take of the update before it impacts your registration.

### 2. Summer Enhancement Program

To serve its students better, UT is launching a program to expand and improve its course offerings in Summer 2010. Some Colleges/Schools will offer courses that may be hard to get in the long semesters. Some will introduce new specialty courses. More information on
special offerings can be found at <http://www.utexas.edu/provost/initiatives/summer/>; but here are just a few sample courses:

ARCHITECTURE: Architecture and Society (ARC 308) with Laurence Speck, the W. L. Moody, Jr. Centennial Professor in Architecture.

LIBERAL ARTS: Creative Writing (E 325) with Professor Oscar Casares, acclaimed author of Amigoland. Introduction to International Relations and Global Studies (IRG s301), with Michael Brenner, incoming Director of IRG.

NATURAL SCIENCES: Humans and a Changing Ocean (MNS f309), with Professor Tracy Villareal, Department of Marine Science. Physical Chemistry Laboratory (CH f153K).

SOCIAL WORK: Working with Youth Gangs (SW f360K) with Professor Michael Lauderdale, the Clara Pope Willoughby Centennial Professor in Criminal Justice.

PELL GRANTS are available for eligible students taking 3 or more semester credit hours in the summer. These are IN ADDITION TO the Pell Grants provided in the long semesters. For details contact the Office of Student Financial Services at <http://finaid.utexas.edu/>.

3. SummerStay Program
The College of Liberal Arts encourages you to consider our new SummerStay program. To participate, you will select two courses in the same summer session from a cluster of related courses. Each cluster will require an additional meeting time for “bonuses,” including faculty visits, outside speakers, and community events.

Each summer session offers SummerStay clusters. Remember: you must pick two courses from a given cluster to get access to the bonuses. Just notify the advisor coordinating each cluster to assure your enrollment in the exclusive bonuses!

Brief descriptions of the cluster themes appear below, along with the session offered; for more information on clusters, including complete course listings, go to: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/Summer-Programs/summer-stay.php>.

4. Psychology Internal Transfer Sessions
On the website below is a list of transfer information sessions for summer/fall admission to the psychology major. Students interested in switching to or adding psychology as a major, should plan to attend one of the sessions found on the website. Attendance at one of the sessions is mandatory for admission purposes.

Please visit our website for more details about admission criteria: <www psy.utexas.edu/>

5. New B.S. Degree in Environmental Science
Dr. Stoff would like to inform the Plan II Honors Program that UT-Austin will offer a new B.S. degree in Environmental Science. Several innovative new courses will be taught as part of the degree plan, including two that will be offered this semester as small pilot courses.

Please consider learning more about the courses and degree plan. More information can be found at <http://www.esi.utexas.edu/education/education.html>. There will be an information session on these courses and the new degree plan on

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

1. Non-Profit Eastside Community Connection Internship
The Eastside Community Connection is a nonprofit organization in East Austin designed to engage student from UT to help alleviate poverty in East Austin through various program including a food pantry and adult educations courses. One of the core components of our operations is to engage students in intensive internship opportunities. The organization has one full time employee who manages and supervises a team of student interns who manage the day to day operations of the organization. Over the past 3 years, we have worked with over 100 UT students in various positions within the organization.

Our interns have significant responsibilities, including designing our programs, maintaining our budget, and supervising other volunteers. This is not an administrative internship but rather a challenging leadership experience. With those challenges comes the reward of doing meaningful work and gaining understanding of complex societal problems in our community.

The positions are listed below:
- Office Manager
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Food Pantry Director
- Education Program Director
- Computer Literacy Program Director
- Event Planner
- Technology Intern
- Staff Intern

Information about each position’s requirements and qualifications can be found on our website at <http://www.austinecc.org>.

The position requires a minimum of 10 hours of week (scheduling is flexible). The summer term will go from May 22nd thru August 20th. The fall term will go from August 23rd through December 3rd. Any student who is interested should send me a cover letter, copy of resume, and three references to my email address – <smajid@ austinecc.org> – by Friday, May 7th.
2. Marketing Intern Needed
   Abraham Trading Company (ATC) in Austin, Texas, is looking for a Marketing Intern to work 20-30 hours per week during this summer semester. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 14th, 2010. To learn more about this position, as well as how to apply, please see Job ID 4328 in your BTT Gateway account. If you do not have an account in BTT Gateway, you can create one at <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/services/connections/btt>.

3. Summer Employment for Video Editor
   The Joynes Reading Room is seeking a student with experience using Final Cut Pro. We have several videos of Joynes Room guest lectures that need to be edited and compiled into a montage. Flexible on campus hours, equipment and software provided. Pay is $12/hour. Interested students should contact <mvalentine@mail.utexas.edu>.

4. Job Search Boot Camp
   Our boot camp offers a quick and easy way to get all the information you need to launch your job search in one afternoon. Arrive with a pen and paper, leave with a career plan. May 20, 12-4 p.m., RSVP required (space is limited): <https://www.myinterface.com/lacs/event_view.aspx?token=vHEp8yqJsC0WCQY10cWZaQ%3d%3d>

5. Farley Capital L.P. Analyst
   Farley Capital L.P. was formed in 1990. We are a long only investment partnership that strives to produce superior returns for investors by employing the philosophy of value investing. We conduct careful fundamental research on all of our investments. Our culture is very entrepreneurial and provides ample opportunity for advancement.

   This is an entry level position suitable for a Spring 2010 graduate or a professional with less than two years of finance experience.
   Start date: immediate or June 2010
   Please e-mail resume to: <eallende@farleycap.com>

6. House Select Committee Internship
   The House Select Committee on Government Efficiency and Accountability, a committee tasked with making recommendations to eliminate inefficiencies in state government, including finding best practices for purchasing state goods and services and reviewing advantages and disadvantages of privatization, is seeking interns. These unpaid positions will focus primarily on reading and summarizing reports about similar past initiatives in Texas and in other states and will help prepare hearing materials and briefs. For more information becoming an intern for the House Select Committee on Government Efficiency and Accountability, please contact Jose Aguayo, <Jose.Aguayo_HC@house.state.tx.us>.

7. Intellectual Entrepreneurship "Pre-Graduate School Internship."
   This internship is open to students in all UT colleges/schools and departments. You may earn one, two or three hours of academic credit (CMS 164M/264M/364M) by participating in the internship.

   In addition, you may read more about this program on the web: <http://communication.utexas.edu/ie/ >
   NOTE: Because of the generosity of several UT deans, undergraduates who do their pre-grad internship in programs in the following colleges will be eligible to receive travel grants to help cover part of the cost of attending an academic conference (with their grad mentor)--- Law, Public Affairs, Communication, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Pharmacy, Business, Social Work, Education, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts.
   A wonderful UT web feature about this program is at: <http://www.utexas.edu/features/2008/ie-2/>

   If after examining these materials you have questions, please feel free to contact Rick Cherwitz at <spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu>

   UNIVERSITY WIDE

1. Center for Sustainable Development Symposium
   The Center for Sustainable Development, in collaboration with the UT Office of Sustainability and the Campus Environmental Center, is hosting a two-day event on September 9th and 10th, 2010, showcasing sustainability-related operations initiatives and research projects occurring on campus.

   On Friday, September 10th, 2010, a full-day UT Campus Sustainability Symposium will include presentations given by selected faculty, staff and students. Please visit the following link to read the Call for Abstracts, due Tuesday, June 1st: <http://soa.utexas.edu/files/csd/CampusSustainability_CallforAbstracts.pdf>
   We encourage collaboration in the submission of abstracts, which will be chosen by a scientific committee based on relevancy to the topic and their unique contribution to the diversity of subjects presented. In addition, a collection of short essays resulting from this symposium will be published to showcase the various realms of sustainability happening on the UT campus and to serve as a platform for future research and collaboration.

   For more information, please contact Barbara Brown Wilson at the UT Center for Sustainable Development at <bebrown@mail.utexas.edu> or (512) 471-2709.
2. Research Project to Improve Body Image
Do you like what you see in the mirror? If the answer is “No” and you want to feel better about your body, we’d like to invite you to participate in The Body Project - a research study designed to promote body acceptance! The Body Project is funded by the National Institutes of Health, and it is specifically designed to help young women feel better about their bodies.

The study is open to any female student at UT and it consists of four assessments spread out over the next two years. Each assessment involves completion of an interview and short written survey, and you can receive up to $180 for participating.

Some participants will also have the opportunity to attend a free 4 hour workshop designed to improve your body image.

For more information or questions email at <saraweber@mail.utexas.edu> or by phone at (512) 475-8165.

Sara L. Weber, LPC
Integrated Health
University of Texas Counseling Center <http://www.utexas.edu/student/cmhc/>
University of Texas Health Center <http://healthyhorns.utexas.edu/> (512) 475.8165

3. Lavender Graduation Ceremony
This year's event will be held in the Tower, in Main Room 212 on Wednesday, May 19 from 5-7 p.m.

This event is for anyone graduating in 2010. It is for both undergraduate and graduate students. Lavender Graduation is for any students identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, gender-queer and their allies.

Register to walk the Lavender Stage and get more info at: <www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/gsc/lavendergrad.php>

4. Peer Academic Coaching Program
The Peer Academic Coaching program is open to any student interested in receiving coaching from a trained UT student on how to prepare effectively for UT classes. Peer coaches are trained by learning specialists, and the program as a whole is certified by the College Reading and Learning Association. Common topics include note-taking and reading techniques, time management and concentration, and test taking and test preparation. Participants can expect to learn how to match the ways in which they study to the unique demands of each course.

The cost is covered by the UT Learning Center; potential participants should be open to trying new study techniques and be willing to meet privately once a week for an hour with a peer coach. Participants are admitted to the program on a rolling basis, subject to coach availability.

Students new to the university should visit the UT Learning Center in Jester A332A; all other students can complete a participation request questionnaire online by going to <http://enroll.utlc.utexas.edu/>* and clicking on “Academic Coaching – Get a Coach.”

*Students who have never used UT Learning Center services will need to start with “claim a password” when first visiting this site. If assistance is needed, call 471-3614 between 9 and 5, M-F.

5. Spring Bevonomics
Bevonomics, the new money management program from the Office of Student Financial Services at UT Austin, gives you the information and tools you need to learn how to make good financial decisions about your money and money and your future! Our workshops are open to anyone in the UT Austin community, and you don’t need to bring anything to a workshop — just show up!

Contact BEVONOMICS for more information:
Bevonomics is located in the Office of Student Financial Services (OSFS). Please contact us at <info@bevonomics.org> or (512) 475.6231/6282.

Check the website for a full schedule: <http://www.bevonomics.org/>

6. NSCS Invitations
The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is inviting high-achieving students at The University of Texas at Austin to become members of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). NSCS offers more in undergraduate scholarships than any other honor society nationwide.

If you received an invitation, complete your membership application online by visiting <http://join.nscs.org/join> . If you have any questions about your username or password, contact <mailto:nscs@nscs.org> or call 1.800.989.6727.

7. Psychotherapy with Men Conference
A conference devoted to promoting best practices and increasing treatment accessibility for boys and men. At the University of Texas, Austin June 5th, 2010.

Registration is now open, but space is limited. The first conference sold out and we expect the same this year. If registering after April 1st, contact Aaron Rochlen to inquire about space. Fees are $150 for professionals and $75 for students, which includes breakfast, lunch, and drinks.

For more information check the website: <http://ows.edb.utexas.edu/?q=/site/2nd-national-psychotherapy-men-conference/registration>
### Scholarships

1. **Fulbright Competition**

   The 2011-2012 Fulbright competition opens on May 1, 2010. The deadline for apply for a 2010 Fulbright Scholarship is noon, Friday, Sept. 3rd. Submissions should be brought to the Provost Office in MAI 201.

   **Purpose:** The Fulbright program for U.S. Students is meant to foster international cooperation in education, research, and cultural exchange. The program supports a student’s work abroad for one academic year (typically nine months). The program operates in more than 140 countries. Scholarships are available to support research and training in nearly all disciplines, including sciences, engineering, social sciences, humanities, professional fields, and performing and creative arts. There are also English Teaching Assistant (ETA) grants that allow students to work with English teachers in a number of different countries. The program provides funds for travel to and from the host country, a stipend sufficient to cover living expenses, and administrative support.

   Graduate students usually pursue independent research related to their dissertation topic, or, in the case of creative or performing artists, pursue training, performing, or engage in their studio practice. Graduating seniors (undergraduates who will complete their degree prior to going abroad) may also conduct research, but are required to be enrolled in courses at an institute of higher education in the host country during the grant period.

   **Eligibility:** Applicants must be U.S. citizens. They must have a completed bachelor’s degree by the beginning of the grant period, or in the case of graduate students, they must not have completed a doctorate degree as of October 18, 2010.

   These items to be submitted on line:

   - completed application form
   - three letters of reference (usually from faculty, though in some cases a letter from a non-faculty expert in the proposed field of study is acceptable). Instructions on completing references found at: [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/preparing_completingreferences.html](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/preparing_completingreferences.html)
   - language evaluation form (for most non-Anglophone countries). Consists of a form completed by a college-level language instructor. Specific instructions on completing language forms available at: [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/preparing_completinglanguage.html](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/preparing_completinglanguage.html)

   A digital cd copy as well as hard copies of the items listed below are to be submitted to the Provost Office (MAI 201) by noon, Friday, Sept. 3rd. Submissions should be addressed to the Fulbright Scholarship Committee:

   - completed application form
   - statement of purpose (two pages, typed, single spaced)*
   - personal statement (one page, typed, single spaced)
   - letter(s) of affiliation with an institution in the host country
   - Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended by the applicant

*(Creative and performing artists also provide samples of their work)*

In mid to late September, applicants are interviewed, given feedback on their proposal and personal statement, and assigned a mentor. The applicants are allowed several days to make revisions. The revised applications, along with the Committee’s evaluations, are forwarded to the National Committee, which determines which applications are to be forwarded to the Host Country Committees for consideration. The latter committees, consisting of scholars and representatives of the host country governments and the U.S. Department of State, make the final selections. Successful applicants will be notified by June, 2011.

### Study Abroad

1. **Summer 2010 Study Abroad Programs with Courses in Communication**

   ***Open to all UT students***

   Schedule of information sessions here:

   [http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/ip-sessions.html](http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/ip-sessions.html)

   For more information on College of Communication Programs and a schedule of information sessions, please visit: [http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/index.html](http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/index.html)

### Useful Miscellany

1. **Submitting to Plan2News**

   Plan2News is published on Tuesdays and Fridays during the semester for students currently registered in Plan II and others associated with Plan II who send their e-mail addresses to planinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu. News items for the letter include announcements from the Plan II office and the Plan II Student Association, as well as performances and exhibits by Plan II students.

   Read the newsletter to learn about courses, registration, advising, job opportunities and special events. Personal and political announcements will not be published in the newsletter; and internships and job announcements should normally be sent to the Liberal Arts Career Services office, after which they may be considered for publication in the newsletter.

   Please keep in mind that although Plan2News enjoys a substantial and diverse readership, its circulation is still relatively small. It should not be relied upon as an employer's only means of advertising for a position, a group's only advertisement for an event, etc. To reach a wider audience, please use university-wide electronic and paper advertising outlets.
To place a news item in Plan2News, you must do the following, or your messages will not be included:
- Type your news item in the body of an e-mail to <planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu>.
- In the subject line, write “Plan2News” exactly.
- Give the name of a contact person with phone number or e-mail address.
- Provide an activity date or a deadline, whichever is appropriate.
- Do not use “we” or “I.” Please write your submission in third person.
- Write in complete sentences and use correct grammar.
- News items will run until your deadline, or through two issues of the newsletter if no deadline is provided.
- The text of submitted newsletter items (including job and internship postings) must be fewer than 150 words, not including headline and contact information. Please edit your entries to this length before submission. An overly-lengthy entry will be returned to its sender and will not appear until this standard is met.
- Send your news item to <planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu> no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday (for the Tuesday letter) or 3:00 p.m. on Thursday (for the Friday letter). The 3:00 p.m. deadline is final. Do not send your message to any other address. No one else can approve news items for inclusion in the Plan II newsletter and no other address will be used to receive entries.

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