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• Presentation on “Transnational and Comparative Histories of Coffee and Sociability” in GAR 4.100 - RSVP required

BY ELIZABETH BARNES
1. Plan II Pre-Law Society meeting
Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m.
The Joynes Reading Room (CRD)

Come hear Andrew Solomon, former President of UT and Plan II alumus talk about his experience with UT law school. You will learn about how the classes work, what the workload is like, how to get along with the classmates in your section, and anything else you want to know about being a law school student. All majors are welcome and we hope to see you there. For question please contact Charlie Pendergraft (cpendergraft9401@gmail.com) or Liz Robertson (elizabethannerobertson@gmail.com).

2. Plan II Pre-Med meeting
Wednesday, February 15
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
The Joynes Reading Room

Mark your calendars for the next Plan II Pre-Med meeting on Wednesday, February 15! As was highly requested by P2PM members, pediatrician Dr. Elaine Hamilton has been invited to speak at the next meeting. After receiving her undergraduate degree in Engineering from UT Austin, Dr. Hamilton went on to get her MD from the University of Colorado and her pediatric residency at Fort Sam Houston. She has served as the Chief of the Newborn Service and the Chief of the Pediatric Department at Fort Hood, Texas. Dr. Hamilton is Board Certified in Pediatrics and currently heads her own private practice, Westlake Pediatrics.

Come out this Wednesday to listen to Dr. Hamilton speak about her experiences in pediatric medicine! Baked goodies will, of course, be provided.

3. Plan II thesis information sessions (UPDATED)

Attend one of two: Wednesday, February 22 at 5 p.m.
PAR 201 Thursday, February 23 at 5 p.m.
PAR 203

Plan II students who plan to start their senior thesis next year (FALL 2012) MUST attend one of the upcoming Thesis Information Sessions to learn about the process of proposing your thesis topic, finding a supervisor and second reader, and the requirements to register for the thesis course.

The sessions are also highly recommended for sophomores who plan to go abroad during their junior year.

4. Mr. Plan II Competition
Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m.
The SAC Blackbox Theatre

Signup deadline: Wednesday, February 15 at 5 p.m.

The 9th annual P2SA-sponsored Mr. Plan II Competition is upon us! There is no greater college honor than being crowned Mr. Plan II, and the competition is sure to be fierce this Thursday, February 16. Contestants will compete in several categories—choreographed dance, swimwear, formalwear, and talent. The winner will be chosen following a final interview round that will showcase the brilliant brains of each young man. For this year’s event, P2SA is proud to announce emcees Alex Reynolds and 2011’s Mr. Plan II, David Fisher. Please be sure to join us Thursday, February 16th at 7:30 pm in the Student Activity Center (SAC) Blackbox Theatre. Also, sign-ups for contestants are still being accepted until Wednesday, February 15 at 5:00 pm (contact Victoria Haas at vhaas3@gmail.com). Please check the Facebook group pages or the competition’s event page (Mr. Plan II 2012) for more information. Contact Victoria Haas at vhaas3@gmail.com with further questions. See you Thursday at 7:30!

5. Plan II Career Week: mandatory for Plan II second years
February 27 - March 1

We are happy to announce Plan II Career Week 2012.

All Plan II second-year students are REQUIRED to attend the Alumni Panel Event on Monday, February 27 AND either the LACS Boot Camp on Wednesday, February 29 (advance RSVP required by Monday, February 20, see details on the schedule) OR two additional workshops as part of the Sophomore Advising Program.

Career Week events are open to all Plan II Students, not just sophomores.

Schedule of Events:

REQUIRED: Plan II Alumni Panel Event
Monday, February 27 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.
WCH 1.120

• Career Week kicks off on Monday evening with a session featuring a panel of Plan II Alumni who will share their stories of career success and explain how their Plan II degree helped them to get to where they are today. Attendance at this event is required for all Plan II second-year students.

Tuesday, February 28:
Workshop 1: Pre-Law
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room

• The Pre-Law workshop will feature a presenter from Liberal Arts Career Services. This session will focus on resources and services available for students who are considering law school including information on Pre-Law Advising, helpful hints to help you decide if law school is right for you, tips on what you can do now to make yourself a more competitive law school applicant, information on the LSAT and choosing a law school.

Workshop 2: Thesis Planning / Academic Scholarships
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.
GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room

• Representatives from both the Plan II and LAH Programs will discuss steps students should take to plan for their thesis projects. Specifically, presenters will focus on how students can craft a proposal idea, gain academic background in their selected topic, and shop the idea to faculty to find a thesis supervisor. The workshop will also touch on the related topic of academic scholarships.

Workshop 3: Careers in Healthcare
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room

• This workshop is designed to educate students on the vast opportunities in the health care field. A faculty member experienced on medical school admissions panels will offer tips on how students can make themselves competitive in applying to health professions programs. In addition, several graduating seniors from Plan II and
LAH bound for various health care careers have agreed to be a part of this workshop to share their experiences and advice for their younger peers.

Wednesday, February 29:

Beyond the Tower: LACS Boot Camp
4 - 6 p.m., location TBA
ADVANCED RSVP REQUIRED: Space is limited in this workshop, students who would like to attend must RSVP by February 20 via e-mail to melissaossian@austin.utexas.edu.

- Need an internship but don’t know where to start? This Boot Camp is a 2-hour intensive internship search training program designed to help you:
  - present your academic and professional interests and strengths to recruiters;
  - craft compelling resumes and cover letters;
  - improve your interviewing and networking skills; and
  - explore various career research and internship posting sites

Topic Descriptions:
- Marketing Your Liberal Arts Degree – Designed to help you better understand the value of your liberal arts degree, and to provide you the tools to help articulate your strengths to employers.
- Resumes & Cover Letters – Learn how to write a resume and cover letter that will get an employer’s attention and perhaps lead to an interview!
- The Internship Search – Not sure how to research your internship options? We’ll equip you with the resources and information to get started!
- Interviewing & Networking – Walk away with an interview strategy to help you get that internship you want as well as relationship-building skills that will assist you in creating strong social networks.

Thursday - March 1:

Workshop 1: Study Abroad
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room
- The workshop will feature a representative from the Study Abroad Office and a panel of Plan II and LAH students who have studied abroad and are willing to share their experiences, advice and answer questions for their younger peers. Student panelists have studied in various regions throughout the world, in programs of various lengths, and participated in different activities (coursework, internships, and service projects).
- The basic steps in the study abroad process will be reviewed including finding a program and funding. In addition, we will discuss how students can identify their academic and career goals and use this information to choose the right study abroad program, and get the most out of the trip.

Workshop 2: Teach for America & Peace Corps
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room
- Teach for America is a national corps of outstanding recent college graduates and young professionals who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity. They are a diverse group of talented individuals who possess the leadership skills needed to make a real impact over the short- and long-term. Teach For America seeks graduates from all majors. No previous education experience or coursework is necessary.
- The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew an agency of the federal government devoted to worldwide peace and friendship. Since that time, more than 195,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation. Today’s Peace Corps is more vital than ever, working in emerging and essential areas such as information technology and business development, and AIDS Relief. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.
- Both speakers will discuss the opportunities that their organizations offer and the influence of service on career plans.

Workshop 3: Careers in Foreign Service
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
GEB 3rd Floor Conference Room
- This workshop will feature a presentation by Ambassador Ronald K. McMullen, Diplomat in Residence and Visiting Scholar, LBJ School of Public Affairs. The Diplomat-in-Residence program is managed by the U.S. Department of State to disseminate information about career opportunities in the Foreign Service, to help candidates through the Foreign Service exam and application process, and to support programs sponsored by foreign affairs groups and institutions. Ambassador McMullen will detail opportunities available for undergraduates including internships and discuss how students interested in Foreign Service careers can prepare and be competitive in this field.

Questions? Contact Melissa Ossian, Academic Advisor, Plan II Honors Program at melissaossian@austin.utexas.edu.

6. Plan II scholarship
Application closes: Tuesday, March 31 at midnight
Apply using the College of Liberal Arts Online Scholarship Portal: https://utdirect.utexas.edu/scholarship/student/menu.WBX?&s_scholarship_owner=LPL2&s_user_role=S

Almost all of these are year-long scholarships and require full-time fall and spring registration. You may not receive the scholarship if you are studying abroad during the fall or spring of the scholarship year unless it is a UT affiliated (exchange) program and you are registered for twelve (12) or more University of Texas course hours. In most cases, but not all, you can receive a Continuing scholarship if you also receive Plan II study abroad, research, thesis or travel funding.

7. Joynces Writing Fellowships
Application deadline: Friday, February 17 before 5 p.m.
The Joynes Reading Room will award scholarships to a small number of Plan II students to support their development as creative writers. Applicants must be current students in the Plan II Honors Program with an expected graduation date no sooner than December 2012. Winners will each receive a $1000 scholarship and will have future opportunities to meet with distinguished visiting writers in the Joynes Literary Series. Applicants should submit a writing sample of no more than 12 pages of fiction or poetry. Prose should be double spaced. Include a cover page with your name and contact information. Submit your application in a sealed manilla envelope to Matt Valentine's mailbox in the Plan II Office before 5 p.m. Friday, February 17. Manuscripts will not be returned.

**ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. COLA scholarships for spring 2012
   
   Deadline for most scholarships: Wednesday, February 15
   
   Applications are now being accepted for merit-based, research and study abroad scholarships for spring 2012.
   
   See if you are eligible on the Liberal Arts scholarship website: [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/Scholarships.php](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/Scholarships.php).

2. Texas Master of Science in Finance Program information session
   
   Thursday, February 16 at 5 p.m.
   
   GSB 3.104
   
   The Texas Master of Science in Finance (MSF) Program at the McCombs School of Business provides a unique opportunity for students to receive graduate-level training in order to prepare for careers in finance, especially those requiring analytic rigor and quantitative skills. The Program is explicitly designed for students from non-business backgrounds, or from business disciplines other than finance. No previous work experience is required, and the program can be completed in less than a calendar year.
   
   For more information, visit [http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/msf](http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/msf).

3. Undergraduate Research Week
   
   April 16 - 20
   
   Application deadline: Friday, March 9
   
   The Senate of College Councils and the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies will host Undergraduate Research Week this April 16-20, 2012. Colleges and organizations, including the College of Liberal Arts, will coordinate events all over campus that week to showcase the work of undergraduate researchers.
   
   Liberal Arts will host two events for Undergraduate Research Week: a poster presentation reception and an oral presentation symposium. If you are an undergraduate researcher and you wish to use these venues to publicize your work, you can apply to participate in one or both events.
   
   Poster presenters will have their posters professionally printed, courtesy of the college.
   
   Students may apply to participate regardless of what stage their research is in. The application can be found at [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/undergrad/presenting-publishing/Undergraduate-Research-Week.php](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/undergrad/presenting-publishing/Undergraduate-Research-Week.php).
   
   . The deadline for students to apply is Friday, March 9.
   
   Questions about research week or the application can be directed to Monica Horvat at monicah@austin.utexas.edu.

4. Global Professional Leadership Training
   
   Friday and Saturday, March 23 - 24
   
   Join us for Global Professional Leadership Training (GPLT) and take advantage of this opportunity to:
   
   • Explore an international career
   • Enhance your international leadership ability
   • Expand your cultural competency in Middle Eastern/Western affairs
   
   You can expect inspirational speakers on the Middle East, training from cross-cultural experts, leadership development exercises, and networking with colleagues with similar interests from across campus.
   
   This opportunity is open to all UT students interested in learning more about living and working in the Middle East while developing cross-cultural communication and leadership skills.
   
   For more information on GPLT follow this link: [http://world.utexas.edu/globalinitiatives/gplt.](http://world.utexas.edu/globalinitiatives/gplt.) Click here to complete an application.

5. UT Student Blood Pressure Screening Event
   
   Monday, February 20
   
   11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
   
   Food court area at the north end of the football stadium
   
   Cardiologist Stanley Wang, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., will be conducting a blood pressure screening event for UT students in order to discuss new data that shows a correlation between high blood pressure in college-aged students and future adverse cardiovascular consequences. Local media will likely cover the event.
   
   Questions? Contact Alexandra Arambula at amarambula@gmail.com.

6. DELL Social Innovation Challenge
   
   Deadline: Monday, March 5
   
   Have big ideas to change the world? You can enter a social innovation project in any stage, from conceptual idea to piloted program, so sign up today!
   
   Special UT drawing: In addition to the $140,000 of seed funding offered through the DSIC, we also award mentoring and other prizes. In fact, every UT Austin student who enters between now and midnight on Monday, February 13 will be entered to win a FREE DELL LAPTOP or one of five $20 gift cards to Alamo Drafthouse Cinema.
   
   
   Enter today - it's easy! All you need is a headline, photo, and brief description of your idea and you're ready to create your project page! Plus, you can continue to edit your idea until judging begins on March 5.
   
   Think big and start now! Join us at DellChallenge.org today.

7. Bridging Disciplines Programs (BDPs)
   
   Spring application deadline:
Thursday, March 8

Info sessions in FAC 1:
Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Every Wednesday, 3 - 4 p.m.

The Bridging Disciplines Programs (BDPs) at The University of Texas at Austin allow you to earn an interdisciplinary certificate in one of eleven different concentration areas:
- Children and Society
- Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Digital Arts and Media
- Environment
- Ethics and Leadership
- Global Studies
- Human Rights and Social Justice
- Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship
- Social Entrepreneurship and Non-profits
- Social Inequality, Health, and Policy

BDPs combine courses that fulfill core requirements, electives, and courses for your major with unique research and internships that connect your BDP topic with your major and career goals. With planning, the BDP should NOT add time to your UT career. Rather, the BDP helps you choose the courses you already have to take in an integrated way, giving you the opportunity to develop a secondary area of specialization.

One of the goals of the BDPs is to help you make your education fit your individual interests and goals. BDP advisors are here to help you find courses, research opportunities, and internships that complement your major, while also supporting you in developing knowledge and experience you would not otherwise find within your degree plan.

Are you interested in learning more about the Bridging Disciplines Programs? Come to an Information Session with BDP Advisors.

Can’t make it to an info session? Call (512) 232-7564 or stop by FAC 1 to make an appointment.
Visit our website for more information: http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/bsp

SPRING APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 8

8. Nominate professors for Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship
Deadline: Friday, March 9

The Friar Society, the University’s oldest and most prestigious honor society, is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship (FCTF). This Fellowship, which is awarded annually to one outstanding undergraduate professor, is the largest undergraduate faculty award at the University with an endowment of over $500,000 and an annual award of $25,000.

We invite you to nominate a professor who, in your experience, is deserving of this honor. The nomination form is available online at https://webspace.utexas.edu/dmf645/FCTF/2012%20FCTF%20Application.doc and can also be found on the Friar Society Web site, www.friarsociety.org. Please note that only tenured or tenure-track faculty who teach undergraduate courses are eligible to receive the FCTF.

Please submit all nomination forms to 2012FCTF@gmail.com by Friday, March 9, 2012. Late submissions will not be considered.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at natalie.e.butler@gmail.com> ordforinash@gmail.com>. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

9. Reading by author Mark Long
Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m.
The Joynes Reading Room

In a new graphic novel, author Mark Long presents a true story of the civil rights movement in Texas. The Silence of Our Friends recounts the stories of two families in Houston, one black and one white, at a critical point during the civil rights movement. Author Mark Long will discuss the story and his collaboration with illustrator Nate Powell. While supplies last, honors students may request (in person) a free copy of The Silence of Our Friends at the front desk of the Joynes Reading Room.

10. Internal Transfer Application for the School of Architecture
Deadline: Thursday, March 1

Students will receive notification of our decisions at the end of the spring semester, after spring grades are posted. This semester’s grades do matter! Students will receive notification of our decision via mail and email.

The application is available at http://www.soa.utexas.edu/admissions/transfer, and is also prominently displayed on the School of Architecture home page.

11.3 Day Startup (3DS)
Application deadline: Thursday, March 1
Rolling admissions

Information session:
Thursday, February 16
5 p.m. in JGB 2.216

The idea of 3 Day Startup is to start a technology company over the course of three days. We invite students from numerous backgrounds - liberal arts, computer science, design, engineering, MBAs, neuroscience, law, etc - and provide guidance through the early stages of the startup experience. Over one intense weekend, 3DS participants brainstorm ideas, conduct market validation, devise business models, build prototypes, create branding, and pitch to investors and successful entrepreneurs. The result is an experience that challenges participants to innovate, build and launch real companies. Find out more at http://austin.3daystartup.org/. If you have any questions contact Rishi Shah (rishi09@gmail.com).

12. FAFSA completion sessions for continuing students
Thursday, March 15
The time has once again arrived for students to begin applying for financial aid for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the only application needed at UT-Austin to apply for grants, work-study, and student loans. Financial aid counselors will be available to assist current students completing the online FAFSA application (paper FAFSA's available upon request). Sessions are held in a computer lab setting on a walk-in basis. More information at http://finaid.utexas.edu/spotlights/FAFSA120_sessions.html.

13. Bevonomics

Bevonomics is a personal money management education program for UT-Austin students. The program provides information and resources that empower students to make financially responsible decisions that promote financial wellness. Bevonomics workshops help increase awareness of consumer debt while expanding the knowledge and importance of daily money management. http://www.bevonomics.org/.

14. Undergraduate Research Journal seeks submissions

Deadline: Wednesday, February 29 at noon

The Undergraduate Research Journal (URJ) wants your research paper! The one you spent all semester agonizing over and that represents the pinnacle of your work thus far at UT. If you would like others to read it too, and perhaps even cite it, submit it for publication in the journal!

The Undergraduate Research Journal (URJ) is a work of multi-disciplinary research produced and edited by University of Texas at Austin undergraduate students. The journal is published every spring semester and is circulated across campus, as well as across other prestigious universities in the United States.

The URJ is looking for interesting, and lucid pieces that present original ideas. We want research that challenges readers to see an issue from a different vantage point, that considers new ideas, or that synthesizes already-existing works. All disciplines are welcome.

Submissions can include: products of coursework, independent study, supervised research, senior theses, etc. All past [within one year of graduation] or current full or part-time undergraduate students in good standing at the University of Texas at Austin are invited to submit their articles for review.

Visit http://texasurj.com/submission for more information.

The submission deadline for the 2011-2012 school year is February 29, 2012 at 12 noon. The selection process will be completed in March of 2012. There is a $250+ award for the best paper by an upper division student and a $100+ award for the best paper by a lower division student.

Copies of the 2011 journals are in circulation! If you would like one or have any questions, please contact Bobby Jenkins, editor-in-chief, at editorinchief@texasurj.com

15. American Shakespeare Company performs two plays on campus

Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. SAC Black Box Theater

The ASC's touring troupe will perform Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream and John Ford's 'Tis Pity She's a Whore. A Midsummer Night’s Dream’s theatrical spell is powerful enough to make audiences of all ages believe in anything. Shakespeare’s mischievous comedy of lovers, heroes, fairies, and rude mechanicals is his tribute to humankind’s power of imagination. John Ford’s brilliant re-imagining of Romeo and Juliet leads audiences deep into a story of passion, lust, vengeance, greed, incest, and murder. After almost 400 years, ‘Tis Pity She’s a Whore’s tale of forbidden love remains controversial, shocking, and theatrically spellbinding. Tickets can be purchased online in advance through the Shakespeare at Winedale web site. Seating is limited so advance ticket purchase is recommended.

16. Sanger Center February workshops

Tuesday, February 21 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. UTC 1.104
Studying Successfully

Tuesday, February 21 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. JES A115
Careers in the Music Industry

Wednesday, February 29 from 3 - 4 p.m. UTC 3.112

Test Your Best

17. Green Fee Grants

Deadline: Friday, March 9 by 5 p.m.

Applications for the 2012-2013 Green Fee grants are now available on UT-Austin’s Sustainability Portal here: http://www.utexas.edu/sustainability/greenfee.php.

The Committee strongly encourages current students, staff, and faculty to submit creative and thoughtful applications to support initiatives across campus. See the link above for the list of approved 2011-2012 projects. Email greenfee@austin.utexas.edu with any questions.

18. E.D. Farmer International Fellowships for Texans and Mexican Nationals

Application deadline: Friday, February 24

The E.D. Farmer International Fellowship application process is now open for Summer 2012 and the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

The following students are eligible to compete for these funds:
• Mexican students who are current UT Austin undergraduate or graduate students or who are applying to a graduate or undergraduate program at UT Austin may apply for a stipend for living expenses during the academic year. Awardees are also eligible for in-state tuition. Stipends vary from year to year but average $4,000 per student.
• Mexican students who are currently enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program at UT Austin may apply for funding to support research to be conducted in Mexico. Funding will depend on the research budget presented by the applicant. Exchange program students are not eligible for the award.
• Students from the State of Texas who have satisfactorily completed at least two years of study at an accredited college or university, with one year having been completed at UT Austin, may apply for funding to support research to be conducted in Mexico. The award varies according to the research budget.

Please visit this site for the application and more information: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/lilas/centers-and-programs/mexico/fellowships.php.
For questions, please contact Heather Gatlin at hgatlin@austin.utexas.edu

19. Masters in Education with Secondary English Teaching Certification
Beginning in fall 2012, the College of Education will be offering a masters in education that will include certification to teach secondary English. It is recruiting students who are nearing graduation with degrees in English or closely related disciplines and who are interested in earning a masters in education that will also include Texas teacher certification for grades 8-12 in English.

You can learn more about the program by visiting these sites on the Department of Curriculum & Instruction’s website: http://www.edb.utexas.edu/education/departments/ci/programs/l/s/studentinfo/cstudents/grad/degrees/#MEd,EnglishTech and https://www.edb.utexas.edu/education/departments/ci/programs/l/s/studentinfo/cstudents/grad/degrees/4288/

You may also contact Allison Skerrett with any questions at ASkerrett@mail.utexas.edu.

20. 1-hour “Social Dynamics in Seinfeld” course
For students interested in taking a 1-hour course this semester, The Democratic Education for Texas (DemTex) program is offering a course titled “Social Dynamics in Seinfeld.”

The “Social Dynamics in Seinfeld” course will cover topics in the fields of psychology and sociology in an attempt to explore and explain the actions of characters and events on the show. Classes will be discussion-based and will link academic subjects to specific episodes and scenes. Basic knowledge of Seinfeld is necessary, and an interest in the show and familiarity with the main characters is sufficient.

If you are interested in joining this course or another DemTex course, please email utdemtex@gmail.com or contact Bala Varadhan at ballah.gee@gmail.com.

21. Texas Leadership Summit: Shaping Tomorrow by Challenging Today
Saturday, February 18
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the SAC

The Texas Leadership Summit will be held Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Student Activities Center. The Summit provides a unique opportunity for all students at The University of Texas at Austin to develop and refine their leadership skills. All students attending this event have the opportunity to meet and interact with other student leaders by participating in breakout sessions and group activities. Visit http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/glie/lei/leadership_conference.php for more information.

22. Join an LEI Committee
Interested in helping coordinate leadership development programs? Join one of the four LEI Committees this spring and start your leadership journey! The fourcommittees include: First-Year Initiatives, Campus and Community Outreach, Leadership Development and Training, and Recognition and Awards. Visit our Web site for information about the committees and how to join at http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/glie/lei/leadership_committees.php.

23. Scholarship opportunity for students interested in careers in journalism
Application deadline: Friday, February 24

The Headliners Foundation of Texas applications for the 2012-2013 school year have been posted here: http://headlinersfoundation.org/scholarships.

Applications are open to strong writers in any major who participate in school media.

This year, the scholarship awards have doubled from $3,000 to $6,000 per year to better reflect the true cost of an education. The downside is that the Foundation is unable to offer as many scholarships as in the past. But in addition to these larger scholarships, it continues to offer a few smaller ones with specific designations as you will read online.

Headliners Foundation is one of the most prestigious scholarships in the state, not just because of the money awarded, but because of the recognition it provides. Students are invited to the awards luncheon in Austin each fall. In addition, this year it will identify other ways to mentor its scholars throughout the year.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

1. Swing Out Awards for organizations
Deadline: Friday, February 24

If you are interested in recognizing a significant accomplishment of your organization this past year and raising awareness of it on campus, then apply for a 2012 Swing Out Award! If selected as a finalist for a particular category, your organization could be represented at the annual Evening of the Stars in April where we will reveal each category winner and the overall most outstanding campus organization for the 2011-2012 academic year. Each category winner will receive $300, with the most outstanding organization receiving an additional $1000. Visit our website at http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/glie/lei/leadership_swingout.php for more information, or attend the optional Swing Out Awards info session on February 1st at 5:00 p.m. in SSB 3.406!

STUDY ABROAD

1. Summer program in Buenos Aires
Application deadline: Wednesday, February 15

This a 6-week, first summer session faculty-led program that offers a homestay experience, excursions, and an array of coursework in Spanish and English. Students earn a total of 6 credits by choosing one of the following tracks: 1) Engineering plus Spanish, 2) Geography plus Spanish, or 3) 6 credits of intermediate or upper division Spanish taught by local professors. Two courses are taught in English by UT professors: Geography of South America (Dr. Knapp) and Aerospace Engineering Computation (Dr. Ocampo). A beginning level, Spanish for Professional Purposes course is taught especially for Engineering and Geography students.

2. Two options for Summer Program in Communications Erfurt (SPICE)
Option 1 application deadline: February 15

This 9-week study abroad program is taught in English on the campus of the University of Erfurt in Germany is open to students of any major with an interest in communication.
Participants must enroll in at least 2 courses and have the option of taking 3 courses depending on their schedules:

Communication and Public Opinion (CMS 367)
Dr. Natalia J. Stroud,
The University of Texas at Austin

Global and International Public Relations (PR378 or COM329S or IB372)
Dr. Katerina Tsutsura,
University of Oklahoma

Media Psychology and Influence (COM329S)
Dr. Nicholas David Bowman,
West Virginia University

More information is available at http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/summer-study-abroad-program-communications-erfurt-spice. You may contact Elizabeth MacLean, at elizabeth.maclean@austin.utexas.edu or (512) 471-7083.

Option 2 application deadline: March 1

Students have the opportunity to visit the Salzburg Academy on Media and Global Change from July 23 - August 10 in Salzburg plus take a 3-week online component prior to departure. Students of any major with an interest in communication may apply.

Global Media Literacy (RTF365)
Professor Stephen D. Reese
The University of Texas at Austin

Global Change, Global Cooperation, Global News (J349T)

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3. Legends of China cultural exchange program

The Division of Student Affairs proudly presents a cultural exchange program, offered through the Office of the Dean of Students, which aims to enrich the educational journey by providing opportunities for students from around the world to share their stories, vision and learning experiences with students from the University of Texas at Austin. The 2012 program, World Peace: China – U.S. Friendship, is in partnership with the Beijing Educational Committee and the Legends of China Foundation.

Participating students, faculty and staff are offered opportunities for profound academic dialogue, increased cultural awareness and interaction with peers, while touring historical sites and visiting Beijing's finest universities.

Five trips to choose from. Prices range from approximately $1,486.00 to $3,350. Cities include Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Xian, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Seoul, South Korea. Price includes international and domestic (in China) airline tickets, 4/5 star hotels, 3 meals/day, ground transportation, educational programs, historical site tours and tickets, travel insurance and guides.

To learn more, visit http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/doscentral/legendsofchina.php or contact the Office of the Dean of Students at (512) 471-5017, or by e-mail at utloc@austin.utexas.edu.

4. Lozano Long Latin America travel grant competition

Deadline: Thursday, March 1 at 5 p.m.

For summer 2012, we have at least four study abroad travel grants in the amount of $3,000 to help cover the cost of the UT-approved study abroad program of their choice. Recipients have up to two academic years to select a program and participate, ensuring sufficient time to plan the study abroad experience. For example, a student who is awarded a First Abroad Scholarship in May 2012 may use the scholarship in any term between fall 2012 and summer 2014.

First Abroad Scholarship winners who choose a UT-approved program in mainland China will automatically receive the Coca-Cola Foundation China Scholarship for an additional $2,000.

Eligibility:

- financial need (current FAFSA on file with UT Austin),
- first-generation in college student (neither parent has graduated from 4-year college),
- first time in college, and
- less than 60 hours earned at UT Austin.

Applications are online and can be accessed here at http://bit.ly/biBzfl. You must log into the system in order to reach the correct page.

5. First Abroad Scholarships

Application deadline: Thursday, March 1

The Study Abroad Office encourages you to apply for a brand new UT Austin study abroad scholarship. Approximately 25 First Abroad Scholarships of $3,000 will be awarded to UT Austin students in 2012. The application is simple, no recommendations are required, and you can select your program AFTER you win the award! The application is attached. Do you fit the eligibility requirements below? Here’s the information:

The First Abroad Scholarship provides first-generation in college students with the opportunity to study abroad by reducing the financial barrier that may prevent some students from considering study abroad during their undergraduate career. Approximately 25 recipients a year will receive a one-time scholarship of $3,000 to help cover the cost of the UT-approved study abroad program of their choice. Recipients have up to two academic years to select a program and participate, ensuring sufficient time to plan the study abroad experience. For example, a student who is awarded a First Abroad Scholarship in May 2012 may use the scholarship in any term between fall 2012 and summer 2014.

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More scholarships can be found here: http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding

The First Abroad Scholarship application can also be found here: http://world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding/scholarships/first

6. Semester in Los Angeles Program application open
Application deadline: Wednesday, February 29

If you are interested in participating in the UT Semester in Los Angeles program, please note: the online application for fall 2012, spring and summer 2013 is now open! Log in with your UT EID and start your application today!

The program is open to all UT students who are passionate about film, television, music or digital arts, and are interested in exploring related careers in the entertainment industry. Students earn UT in-residence credit.

Applicants must be currently enrolled degree-seeking students in good standing who have:
- A minimum of 60 credit hours and a minimum GPA of 2.25 by the semester of participation;
- RTF 305 “Intro to Media Studies,” or equivalent, by the semester of participation.


7. Funding Study Abroad info sessions
Every other Thursday from 4 - 5 p.m. in BUR 220
- February 23
- March 8

This session is open to everyone interested in studying abroad. The session will cover the following topics:
- Get tips on how to plan ahead and find the best funding sources
- Learn about the three primary sources of funding for study abroad.
- Learn strategies to help you gauge the "real cost" of studying abroad.

• Discover how to be an active participant in finding funding.

8. The Archer Fellowship Program
Application deadline for 2012-2013: Friday, February 17

The Archer Center—the Washington, D.C., campus of the University of Texas System—strives to promote a love of public service by educating the next generation of future leaders of not only Texas, but the world. Each fall and spring, 32 undergraduate students are selected to participate in the undergraduate Archer Fellowship Program, where they will earn 15 hours of in-residence course credit by taking classes on policy, politics and advocacy and interning in Washington, D.C. Archer Fellows come from all academic backgrounds and choose their internships based on personal, professional, and academic goals. From Capitol Hill to the White House, federal agencies to nonprofit organizations, Archer Fellows gain invaluable real world experience in D.C.’s most prestigious institutions. Take a look at our current Archer Fellows at http://www.archercenter.org/fellowship/current.html.

Applications for the 2012-2013 academic year can be found at: http://www.archercenter.org/fellowship/application_process.html.

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

1. Careers in the music industry panel
Tuesday, February 21
5 - 6:30 p.m. in JES A115

Learn about the industry’s many career paths straight from the source! Panel members will include a local musician, music supervisor, teacher, booking agent, and volunteer coordinator for SXSW. This event is sponsored by the Sanger Learning and Career Center.

2. HOPE Farmers Market seeks Public Relations intern
HOPE Farmers market is looking for a Public Relations Intern to facilitate communication and outreach through a variety of innovative avenues. The organization operates as a community space that connects local farmers and their produce to urban consumers in a vibrant artistic environment on Austin’s East side. The market seeks an intern who will act as a liaison between the market and the Austin community by developing web and print communications. This individual will be responsible for improving existing communication methods, as well as developing a new system of outreach. The internship runs from February to May of 2012, with an option for continuation following a positive evaluation. This internship is not paid, however hours remain flexible. Availability on Sundays is a must.

If interested do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Garrett, the HOPE Farmers Market Project Director, at (434) 242-1619 or elizabeth@hopecampaign.org

3. Math/science homework tutor needed for 9 and 12-year-old
A homework tutor and coach, especially one who is good with math and science, is needed at a Westlake home for two girls (9 and 12 years old). Flexible schedule—two to three afternoons a week. $15/hour.

Contact Bruce McCandless (Plan II, 1983) at (512) 480-5128 |or bmccandless@mwlaw.com.

4. NASA, other science internships
Deadline: Thursday, March 1

NASA offers paid undergraduate and graduate level internships in a wide variety of disciplines. Over 200 internships are available. The deadline is March 1, but offers may begin going out as early as February 2. Visit http://intern.nasa.gov to apply for up to 15 opportunities with a single application.

NSF offers a wide variety of paid summer research experiences for undergraduates. To search over 600 programs, please visit: http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/undergrads.asp

For summer research specifically in ocean sciences: http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/oceanscience.asp

For summer research specifically in engineering: http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/engineering.asp
5. Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program in Nanotechnology at UMass Amherst
Application deadline: Wednesday, February 29

For undergrads interested in cutting edge research, the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program in Nanotechnology at UMass Amherst might be for you. The ten week lab-and-learning experience will give you a head start on a career that is truly at the forefront of knowledge--nanotechnology!

Space is limited so apply today!
- Ten week program: May 28 - August 4, 2012
- Free housing in our newest dorms
- Free travel to and from campus
- Competitive stipend
- Application deadline is Feb 29, 2012
http://www.umass.edu/massnanotech/SURE.htm

Eligibility is limited to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Women and others from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. The most relevant undergraduate majors for the SURE Program include: Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, Physics, Polymer Science & Engineering.

Columbia University Summer Public Health Scholars Program (SPHSP)
Application deadline: Tuesday, February 14

The SPHSP is a collaboration between the Colleges of Public Health, Physicians and Surgeons, Dental Medicine, and Nursing. This is a bachelor's-level initiative targeting underrepresented students to learn about public health, specifically minority health disparities. This is a unique program because it is geared towards high-potential students who may or may not have any prior knowledge of public health.

During the program, students are introduced to the field of public health by taking courses in several disciplines. Students are also placed in an internship, which may focus on health policy, environmental health, behavioral health, epidemiology, or another public health field. The common thread between all these internships is the issue of health disparities. The program includes a week-long trip to Atlanta to visit the Centers for Disease Control.

Eligible students will be U.S. citizens or permanent residents; be enrolled in an accredited college or university or be recent graduates (within one year); and have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.

For more information about SPHSP, please visit http://www.oda-ps.cumc.columbia.edu/programs/about_sphsp.html The application is available on this website. http://www.oda-ps.cumc.columbia.edu/programs/about_sphsp.html

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1. About 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 planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu. News items for the letter include announcements from the Plan II office and the Plan II Student Association and performances and exhibits by Plan II students.

Read the newsletter to learn about courses, registration, advising, job opportunities and special events.

2. Submitting to Plan2News
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 the sole advertisement for a position or an event. To reach a wider audience, please use university-wide electronic and paper advertising outlets.

Personal and political announcements will not be published in Plan2News. Job and internships announcements must be sent to the Liberal Arts Career Services office, after which they may be considered for publication in the newsletter.

To place a news item in Plan2News, you must do the following:
• 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.
• 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 p.m. on Monday (for the Tuesday letter) or 3 p.m. on Thursday (for the Friday letter). The 3 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.

For more information about SPHSP, please visit http://www.oda-ps.cumc.columbia.edu/programs/about_sphsp.html