

# Parent News

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## ***A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT of THE PARENT ASSOCIATION***

Hoping all of you had a good and prosperous Holiday Season, and are looking for the same in the 2009. We are facing a new year with a new beginning, new challenges, and new opportunities.

The UNT Parent Association hopes that in 2009 you will become more involved in your student's college life. One easy way to be involved is to support the UNT Parent Association. The Parent Association offers you many wonderful opportunities to be connected to the school and to make a difference by supporting its students and

programs. The Parent Association also offers you a connection to other parents and a means to develop everlasting friendships.

The Parent Association will be very active this semester, and during the summer. We invite you to participate at whatever level you may be able. Our Annual Parent Association Spring Social Event is scheduled for February 7th and we invite you to join us afterwards at the UNT vs Louisiana Lafayette men's basketball game. There will be another goodie box stuffing in May and we will host a table at the School of Music Audition

Days. We will be participating in the Parent Orientations this summer. The Orientations take place in June and July (see p. 2) and your help and support through volunteering are key to the success of the Parent Association.

You do not need to be an expert on UNT; just a smiling, enthusiastic person that can offer encouragement to parents who were in the same shoes you were in not long ago. We are also still setting up Regional Association Groups. Please e-mail me at [klpeoples@yahoo.com](mailto:klpeoples@yahoo.com) if you are interested in being

involved with any of the above activities.

Springtime is also scholarship time. The UNT Parent Association offers academic and draw scholarships to the students of our members. Your student must apply to be eligible for either of these scholarships. There is additional information on both scholarships included in this newsletter.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Karen Peoples  
*President*

## ***A LETTER FROM THE COORDINATOR of PARENT PROGRAMS***

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your student were able to take full advantage of the winter break and enjoyed the time you spent together.

I also hope that transitioning back into academic routines, campus involvements and other aspects of being a UNT student will be easy for your student and you. At times, this transition back to college life and responsibilities may present obstacles and challenges for your student to deal with. I would like to remind you that our office and, specifically, myself are resources available to help you throughout your student's career at UNT. If

there are ever any issues that arise, be they academic or personal, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may not know the answer off-hand, but I will be sure to find out for you! I am here to help you in any way that I can so please utilize me as a resource.

As the new semester begins, there are many opportunities for your student to become involved on campus. UNT has numerous student organizations your student can join. To view a list, click [here](#). Remind your student that it's never too late to join an organization and get involved! Involvement in an organization is another item that can be added to a

resume to impress future potential employers.

As parents, we know that your involvement with our university is also important. This month's newsletter is filled with valuable information and ways that you can be involved here at UNT - from our upcoming Member Reception to summer Parent Orientation. We look forward to seeing you at these events!

Sincerely,  
Jillian Fleming  
Coordinator of Parent Programs

Click here to view the

[NEW PARENT WEBSITE!](#)



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!

The UNT Parent Association is excited to invite you to the

## Annual Spring Social Event

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.\*

UNT Alumni Center

Join your fellow UNT Parent Association members for hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and great conversation!

\* After the reception, you are invited to attend a Mean Green Men's Basketball Game against Louisiana-Lafayette (7:00 p.m. in the Super Pit) with fellow UNT parents. The Parent Association has a reserved section of seating for this game. To pre-purchase tickets in this section, please mention the Parent Association when you purchase by phone (800) 868-2366 or in person. Tickets are \$12/person. Student admittance is free if you would like your student to meet you at the game! For questions about tickets, please email [ticketoffice@unt.edu](mailto:ticketoffice@unt.edu).

Please RSVP (to [parents@unt.edu](mailto:parents@unt.edu) or phone 940.565.4373 with an email address and the names of the Parent Association members who will be attending the Spring Social Event.

### Roadside Assistance Packets Reminder

If your student has not received their Roadside Assistance Packet, please have them stop by the Parent Programs office in the Union, 319 at their earliest convenience to pick one up. This is just one of the benefits of your membership for your student and will be helpful when traveling over Spring Break.

## PARENT ORIENTATION... WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT!

### Are you ready to VOLUNTEER?

Summer orientation dates have been set! As you know, many of our members join during this time. We will be asking for volunteers to help answer questions about the Parent Association, take memberships, and sell Parent Association merchandise. We will provide you with more information as the summer approaches, but please keep these dates in mind and if you know you can volunteer, please send Lisa an email by clicking below!



Session 1:	June 15 – 16	Session 5:	July 14 – 15
Session 2:	June 18 – 19	Session 6:	July 20 – 21
Session 3:	June 22 – 23	Session 7:	July 23 – 24
Session 4:	June 29 – 30	Session 8:	July 27 – 28
		Session 9:	August 24 – 25

If you have questions or know you would like to volunteer for a specific session, please contact [Lisa Hanna](mailto:Lisa.Hanna@unt.edu), Vice-President of the Parent Association.

## Parent Association Scholarships

The UNT Parent Association awards two different types of scholarships in the spring semester of each academic year — the Scholastic Scholarship and the Draw, or External, Scholarship.

The number of scholarships given in each category depends on the availability of funds with a minimum of five \$500 scholarships awarded in the Draw category.

Students may re-apply for the scholarships annually and students can receive a Parent Association scholarship multiple times during their collegiate experience at UNT.

For more detailed information and to download an application form for the External Scholarship, please click [here](#). For information on the Scholastic Scholarship and to apply, please click [here](#).

### Student Resource Highlight

#### The Learning Center

The Learning Center was created to supplement, and support, academic excellence and life-long learning. A wide range of individual, group, and self-help programs and materials are provided to maximize students' academic potential. Supplemental instruction, tutoring, and many other resources are available to all UNT students. To learn more about their programs, visit the [Learning Center website](#).



## Seven Ways to Support Your Student while Fostering Self-Responsibility

1. Help students figure out answers by providing support, not advise. Use phrases such as “What do you think you should do?”
2. Trust your student, and let them know that you do.
3. Communicate without over communicating. Check in a few times a week via phone or email, but don’t feel like you need to talk the your student daily.
4. Try not to fix everything for them. Instead, ask questions that help them take responsibility such as, “What steps have you taken so far?”
5. Be interested in your student’s college career. Ask questions and listen to what they have to say.
6. Give a little space. Instead of asking where your student is every hour of the day, ask questions like “So what are you doing with your free time?” This will give you important information without putting your student on the spot.
7. Keep them in loop. Let your student know what is going on at home. Sharing that news can help keep your connection strong.

Source: University of Alaska Fairbanks

## Important Dates

**January 19:** University Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 20:** Classes Begin

**January 19-23:** [Schedule Change Period](#)

**January 15:** [Housing Payment Due](#)

**January 23:** [Payment Due: \*\*Additional Tuition and Fees\*\*](#)

**February 7:** Parent Association Annual Social Event

**February 15:** [Housing Payment Due](#)

**February 20:** [Second Installment Payment Due](#) (only applicable to those on Installment Plan)

**March 15:** [Housing Payment Due](#)

**March 27:** [Third Installment Payment Due](#) (only applicable to those on Installment Plan)

## *E-ride Provides Rides for Students During Late Night Hours*



The e-ride program provides rides to students on campus during late night hours, **from 9 p.m.-2 a.m., seven days a week.**

**Students may call (940) 565-4838 to utilize the e-ride service.** The dispatcher will contact an e-ride driver and dispatch the driver to the requested location.

**The origin and destination have to be on the main**

**campus and the Eagle Point campus.** The Eagle Point campus consists of the Mean Green Village, Victory Hall and the Athletics complex. All drivers are UNT students and have radio contact with a police dispatcher.

The e-ride program is funded by the student transportation fee and is free to all students with a valid student ID. Drivers will pick up students in 14 passenger mini-buses that are lift-equipped. .

For more information on e-ride, please click [here](#).

## Looking for the perfect graduation gift?

Look no further! The [University of North Texas Alumni Association](#) and Orion World Wide Travel have partnered to bring UNT students the European Odyssey Tour. Students will explore the history, culture and charm of Europe in a safe, hassle free environment with other University of North Texas students. Visit London, Paris, Brussels, Munich, Salzburg, the Alps, Venice, Florence and Rome with the option to extend their trip to visit Athens and a Greek island.

What's Included:

- Superior Tourist Class hotel stays
- European Tour Guide
- 5 City Tours with Certified European City Guides
- All Transportation between cities once in Europe
- Plenty of Free Time to explore every city to your liking
- Breakfast everyday and about half the dinners

For more information, please visit [www.gradtours.us/unt](http://www.gradtours.us/unt) or contact the University of North Texas Alumni Association at 940-565-2834 or at [alumni@unt.edu](mailto:alumni@unt.edu).