Welcome to the UT Family Association!
Stay Involved and Informed from Near or Far

We are happy to welcome you to the UT community. Parents of UT students are automatically members of the UT Family Association, which serves to establish, maintain and enhance communication between families and the UT community.

Through the UT Family Association, parents can participate in UT’s educational experience in a number of ways. ALUMNI AND PARENT VOLUNTEER NETWORK: UT’s admissions staff will cross the country this year in search of the 2014 incoming class. You can help by representing UT at college fairs and recruiting the best and brightest students from your home area.

Parents can also play a major role in our students’ career development by offering internships or shadowing opportunities and urging their employers to recruit on the UT campus.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The mission of the Family Association Board of Directors is to raise awareness among parents of the opportunities to invest in UT and their student’s education.

Serving on the Family Association Board of Directors allows members the opportunity to participate, in a meaningful way, in the educational experience of their student. The board accepts a maximum of 40 parents/couples representing all four undergraduate classes. Members come from various backgrounds and regions and can serve for the entire duration of their UT student’s career for a maximum of four years. Members are asked to attend an annual meeting, volunteer during Family Weekend and serve as a liaison for parents to communicate ideas, questions and concerns to UT.

PARENT FUND: Tuition alone doesn’t cover the cost of educating UT students. UT relies on support from the Parent Fund, an important component of the annual giving program. Gifts from current and past parents support student scholarships, help maintain the campus and keep us at the forefront of technology. UT offers a variety of giving opportunities, and parents give at all levels.

Keeping in close contact with your student is important. To keep you informed of campus news and happenings, you will receive: ▲ The Minaret Minute, a newsletter mailed from the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations and the UT Career and Internship Center.

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Important Contacts
Academic Advising . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Beginning a college career is a significant and exciting milestone, but it can be overwhelming for both students and parents.

UT’s Gateways program, which is a requirement for all first-year students, is designed to give entering students the tools to make intelligent decisions about personal matters, academic direction and career choices.

The program is composed of a two-course sequence taken in the fall and spring semesters. A member of the faculty teaches both Gateways courses and serves as an advisor and mentor to help their students adjust to college, succeed in academic pursuits and lay down plans for career paths that they will pursue after college. These faculty members are committed to helping students adapt to and succeed in college.

Gateways places a strong emphasis on prioritizing. In order to succeed, first-year students must effectively manage their time outside of class, balance their academic and social life, plan their academic career to satisfy their degree requirements and begin to prepare for a career path. The Gateways faculty meet with students regularly each semester to offer guidance in making these adjustments and finding success.

Most importantly, Gateways provides the students with a faculty member whom they can turn to for guidance with both their academic lives and other aspects of life at UT. The program places students on the path to academic and personal success from the moment they set foot on campus.

Bicycle and Car Sharing

BikeUT, UT’s free bicycle rental program, provides students with bicycles to use on a daily basis for recreational or personal use. All rentals originate at the McNiff Fitness Center. For more information, go to www.ut.edu/bikeut. For longer trips, students can rent vehicles through the Connect by Hertz program on campus. Drivers ages 18 years and up can rent a car at a low rate — by the hour or the day. Learn more at www.ut.edu/HertzonDemand.

Save the Date

▲ Oct. 4–5 — Family Weekend
Go to www.ut.edu/family for registration information and a schedule of events.
▲ Oct. 4, 2–4 p.m. — Family Association Reception, Lobby, Vaughn Center
▲ Oct. 19, 8 a.m. — Spartan 5K, Pepin Stadium
▲ Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m. — UT Parent Night at the Victorian Christmas Stroll, Henry B. Plant Museum, Plant Hall

A detailed calendar of events is available at www.ut.edu.