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# Staff Council Blast

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## What is Staff Council?

Staff Council is an advisory body through which eligible staff members may convey information and make recommendations to the President regarding interests, suggestions, and concerns. Staff Council serves as the voice of the UTSA staff.

Did you know that Staff Council is more than 10 years old? Created in 1999, Staff Council is charged by the President and by the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System with the goal of continually improving university operations and the well being of UTSA's staff.

Every staff area of UTSA has a representative on Staff Council. Members are nominated and elected by their fellow employees to serve two year terms. The members of Staff Council then serve on internal committees which strive to provide service, support, and a voice for you, the UTSA staff member. Let's make this a great year together!

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## Bowling for Scholarships huge success!

*Shannon Rios  
Staff Council Secretary*

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, the UTSA Staff Council hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bowling for Scholarships function at University Bowl on IH10 and DeZavala to benefit the Staff Council scholarships. The UTSA Staff Council gives two \$500 undergraduate and two \$500 graduate scholarships annually to qualifying staff who are furthering their education at the UTSA.



This year's function was a huge success!

We were able to fill all 32 lanes at University Bowl with teams of staff, faculty, and even some students who stopped in to see what the fuss was all about! Participants bowled for two hours and participated in a silent auction that included items donated from on campus offices as well as outside vendors. Silent auction items included baskets from Starbuck's and Panera, framed photographs from Dr. Julius Gribou, a golf package from the Hyatt Hill Country resort, a year membership to the UTSA Campus Recreation Center, and many others.

Our total profit was \$2,588, including bowling fees and silent auction items that will go directly into the Staff Council scholarship account to fund future scholarships.

We would like to thank everyone who bowled, everyone who donated items for the silent auction, and everyone who helped make this event a success! Staff Council has decided to make this an annual fundraiser so be on the lookout for information on next year's event! We look forward to seeing you there.

## Tobacco Free Campus

*Anne Jackson  
Communications Committee*

UTSA is considering joining the ranks of other Texas University campuses that have already committed to, or are in the process of transitioning to tobacco free campus-wide policies. This consideration has gained the support of our UTSA Student Government, as well as

our staff and faculty. Adding impetus to the tobacco-free consideration was the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas decision to no longer provide funding for research conducted at any institution that does not have a "tobacco-free" policy in place. CPRIT

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