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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Welcome Back Students, Faculty and Staff.**
- **Brand New Leadership Workshop Series.**
- **Involvement Opportunities on Campus.**
- **Calendar of Upcoming Events .**

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Student Orientation and Leadership Development

Located on the third floor of the University Center, the Center for Leadership Development, part of the Office of Student Orientation and Leadership Development is home to the Leadership Guides, Emerging Leaders, Ignite Team Leaders, and LIVE! Leadershops. As a whole, these leadership programs provide valuable services all over campus and bring together the talents and leadership skills of a variety of students.

Leadership Guides are a dedicated group of student leaders who work throughout the year to provide quality programs to student organizations on campus. These programs include topics such as study skills, stress management, and teambuilding, but the list is endless. The ultimate goal of the Leadership Guide program is to foster personal and group development in any organization.

Emerging Leaders is a three credit-hour class provided every

spring semester. This class places a strong emphasis on the development of quality leaders. Over-



Congratulations to the 2008 Orientation Leaders for their hard work this Summer

all, the class provides valuable leadership information and gives students the tools to go out and become successful leaders in whatever organization they may be involved. There is an application and interview process for becoming part of the Emerging Leaders.

Ignite Summit is a 3-day event for freshmen who want to get inVOLved and learn about lead-

ership. Led by UT student leaders, partnered with members of the university staff, the Ignite Summit experience provides freshmen with a clear sense of what to expect on campus and how to succeed in college. **Ignite Teams** is an opportunity for first year students to continue to learn about UT and areas for involvement. Teams meet once a week for one hour for the first 8 weeks of school. The teams are led by upper-class student leaders, known as Ignite Team Leaders.

The Center for Leadership Development plays a vital and integral role within the University of Tennessee community, and the presence of the Leadership Guides, Emerging Leaders, and Ignite Team Leaders is critical. Exercising leadership and taking an active role in campus life build a foundation of knowledge and potential that goes beyond the classroom and reaches out to every aspect of life.

LIVE! Leadershops

Beginning this fall, the Office of Student Orientation and Leadership Development will be offering bi-monthly workshops on leadership topics. These workshops are open to all UT students, staff and faculty. No registration is required in order to attend. The topics to be covered

in the fall semester include: an introduction to leadership, leadership styles, diversity, time management, icebreakers, responsible leadership and motivation. These workshops are a wonderful way to learn skills you can use in your everyday life, whether it be with friends and family or in a

student organization of which you are currently a member. These workshops will also allow students to meet others who are interested in leadership.

Please note the back page of the newsletter for the complete list of topics and workshop dates.

Student Leader Spotlight



Senior, Channa
Palmer

Channa Katrina Palmer is a current senior at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. She will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She is focusing on Human Resources with an interest in International Business. Channa has had the opportunity to develop her leadership skills both on campus and off. Channa has been a Leadership Guide since spring 2007 and

has devoted a lot of time and effort into this group. She has served as an amazing role model for other students on campus, whether it is through Leadership Guide programs or through her position as the Vice President for the Society of Human Resource Management or as a peer mentor for the Student Success Center. Channa has also had the opportunity to positively impact the community by interning

for the Director of Development at the Knoxville Opera as well as interning at EOD Technology as a human resources intern. It is with great pleasure that we recognize Channa as an outstanding Student Leader.

"The task of leadership is not to put greatness into people, but to elicit it, for the greatness is there already."

— John Buchan

Jeff
Wilcox,
Student
Body
President



Get Involved

The University of Tennessee is an active advocate for inVOLvement. As we accept new students each academic year, they are encouraged by individuals, who are already connected to the university, to get involved in organizations and clubs that interest them. At summer orientation, freshmen are informed of the 300 plus organizations existing on UT's campus. They are also educated on the impor-

tance of finding a balance between academic and social excellence.

Although we heavily promote involvement, we don't always explain why involvement is so important or what benefits are gained from being involved. Student can learn from different experiences and acquire knowledge by being involved in campus organizations. Being involved gives students the chance to experi-

ence new things and explore their personal potential. As an active member of an organization, you realize your capabilities and learn to appreciate others for the opinions and beliefs they bring to the group. You gain knowledge on how to work in groups and how to be successful professionally, personally, and academically.

Freshman Council/SGA

On behalf of the entire student body, I would like to welcome you to the University of Tennessee. You are about to have the best four (or five) years of your life, and if you thought the time you spent in high school went by quickly, these next few will fly by even faster. So don't wait until your senior year to enjoy what UT has to offer.

One of the best ways to adjust to such a large university is to

get involved right away. We have over 300 student organizations, and I promise that if you look for it, you will find the right one for you. An easy way to involve yourself as a freshman is to join one of our Ignite Teams. If you are looking for even more involvement, I would recommend applying for Freshman Council, our SGA branch for freshmen. These are just two of many opportunities, but I always

refer to the saying, "The more people you meet, the smaller the place feels."

This is a great university, and I congratulate you for deciding to be a part of it. As your Student Body President, I am always available to help you if I can. Feel free to email me anytime at sga1@utk.edu. Again buckle up for the best years of your lives because the good times are about to begin.

Ignite Summit 2008



Participants takes part in a trust fall during Ignite Summit

Ahoy! New Vols find their inner lead“arrgh”ship at 2008 IGNITE Summit

On Friday June 20, 2008, 135 bright and shining new Vols arrived at campus to embark on an amazing 3-day event. Along with 35 Summit staff members and 26 enthusiastic team leaders, the students traveled to Clyde Austin 4-H Center in Greenville, TN, to meet new friends, learn about the University of Tennessee, and gain leadership skills. In their teams, Summit participants broke the ice with each other, tamed a challenging ropes course, and demonstrated

their inner pirate at the “Booty Dance” and pirate relays. Students also had the chance to ask all their burning questions and take part in several memorable UT traditions. Everyone left feeling excited and ready to get to school in the fall in true Volunteer fashion!

"You cannot be a leader, and ask other people to follow you, unless you know how to follow, too."

— Sam Rayburn

Student Leadership Conference

Save the Date! The annual Clifton M. Jones Student Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday February 28, 2009.

The Clifton M. Jones Leadership Conference at the University of Tennessee has provided an excellent opportunity for students to engage in enriching sessions that will enhance their leadership abilities. About 800 students are usually nominated by the faculty and

UT staff members to participate in the leadership conference. Students who attend the conference have the opportunity to attend three different breakout sessions on topics varying from "Preparing for tomorrow" to "Graduation... Now What?". There is no cost for students for the day-long conference. Lunch and a t-shirt are provided for students who attend.

Students, if you are interested in

attending, the online registration system will be open in November, please check the Student Orientation and Leadership Development website at <http://sold.utk.edu> for more information.

If any faculty or staff is interested in presenting a breakout session at the conference, please contact the Office of Student Orientation and Leadership Development.

Application Info

Are you interested in sharpening your leadership skills and positively impacting the campus community? If yes, then you should apply to be an Orientation Leader, Ignite Team Leader, Leadership Guide or an Emerging Leader. The descriptions of all of these opportunities can be found on the front page of this newsletter. There is an application and interview process for each of

these positions. Applications will be available online in the fall for each. Please check the Student Orientation and Leadership Development website at <http://sold.utk.edu/> for updates about the application process.



The epitome of the symbol of Leadership and Service at UT

Upcoming Events

August

Classes Begin: Wednesday August 20

Ignite Teams Kickoff: Wednesday August 20, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Humanities Plaza

Student Involvement Fair: Friday August 22, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Pedestrian Walkway

LIVE! Leadershop: Leadership 101, Tuesday August 26, 3:30-5:00 p.m. UC 227

September

Football: UT @ UCLA

LIVE! Leadershop: My Personal Leadership Style, Wednesday September 10, 4:30-6:00 p.m. UC 223-224

Torch Night: Wednesday September 10, 6:00 p.m. Thompson-Boling Arena

Football: UT v. UAB

Football: UT v. Florida

LIVE! Leadershop: Leadership for You and Me, Tuesday September 23, 3:30-5:00 p.m. UC 223-224

Student Leadership Retreat: Friday September 26- Saturday September 27

Football: UT @ Auburn

Alternative Fall Break

Say you're looking for a cheap and incredible fun way to spend your fall or spring break, and along the way you'd like to have one of the best experiences of your life by helping people? Then look no further, the Team VOLS Alternative Fall and Spring Break programs are exactly what you need.

First and foremost, what is an Alternative Break trip? Alternative Fall Break and Alternative Spring Break (AFB and ASB for short) provide opportunities for students to spend their fall or spring breaks serving the world around them by traveling to other cities and participating in a variety of community service projects. These projects can range from building or re-building houses to serving food at a local soup kitchen. Regardless of the task, all students bring the true spirit of being the Tennessee VOLUNTEERS to each and every task - on each and every alternative break trip.

Don't say, "Well AFB/ASB/TeamVOLS isn't

for me," because that's entirely untrue. Both, AFB and ASB, are open to any and all students from all walks of life. Student trip leaders select 20-30 students for each of the two



Henry Shiflett and Cynthia White in Baton Rouge, LA working for Habitat for Humanity

trips (both AFB and ASB have two separate trips per break). This means that well over 100 students are given the opportunity to

participate in an alternative break trip.

And the destinations! AFB and ASB, can be in a variety of places. Some past trips have gone as far away as Texas or as close as North Carolina. The selection of the destination is a combined effort from both administration and the student trip leaders. Both of whom want to make sure that students have the most opportunities to serve, learn, and have a great time while on the trip.

So if you're looking for a great way to meet new people, serve different communities and become a true member of TeamVOLS, then alternative break trips are for you. You can get involved by visiting <http://teamvols.utk.edu>, and filling out an application. Fall break applications will be available online from August 25 through September 5, and spring break applications will be available October 20