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Welcome Students!

BY MIA ROGERS & HEATHER CULLEN

Whether it is getting to that 8:00 AM lecture on time or finding your social footing in this time of constant change, college can be difficult. However, college is also where you'll make great memories, build lifelong relationships, and have some of the best experiences in your life. As we conquer this school year together, we hope this newsletter fosters a chance for you to get to know your peers and faculty within the Anthropology Department. The Department offers a multitude of opportunities to get involved in our community and pursue your interests, so be sure to check out some of the events highlighted in this month's issue. Don't be afraid to dive in head first into these activities and have some fun! We are so thrilled to welcome you all in to the 2020 school year and can't wait to see more of you and see how you grow!

COMING UP

EVENTS

9/25 - Your GPS to Grad School sponsored by the Padawan Society

10/28 - International Careers Panel sponsored by CLASS Advisors

REGISTRAR

10/2 - Last day to change grading option to pass/no pass

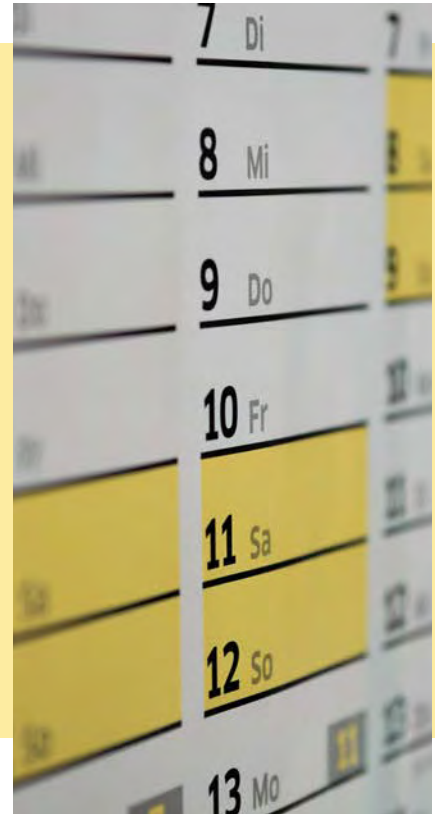
10/19 - Registration begins for Honors College

10/22 - Registration begins for Seniors

10/29 - Registration begins for Juniors

11/5 - Registration begins for Sophomores

11/12 - Registration begins for Freshmen



KUDOS CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our very own, Dr. Jamie Johnson, on her wedding this past August 2020!

HUZZAH!

To our Anthropology undergraduate alumna, Chanel Jimenez, on her hiring as a Regional Recruiter for the Peace Corps, Houston.

Are you an Anthropology Major with a story or idea?

Would you like to be a guest columnist?

Would you like your artwork to be featured in the newsletter?

Email ANTH-Ambassador@unt.edu with suggestions and contributions for future content!



INTRODUCING Professor Cecale!

By: Mia Rogers and Heather Cullen

The newest addition to our family, Professor Cecale, specializes in medical and cultural anthropology with a focus on environmental concerns. In the past, Cecale has conducted research in Peru, China, Mexico and Northern Ireland. While she currently teaches medical and environmental anthropology, her dream class would be a science technology course.

The desire to solve issues that impact the community around us guided her love for anthropology, but it is the opportunity to engage in tough conversations that spurs her pursuit of teaching and involvement in academia. With a warm, optimistic personality, Cecale is eager to meet new people and help students in whatever way possible.

Fun Facts About Dr. Cecale

Favorite movie?

Point Break

Favorite music artists?

Neil Young and Cardi B

What is your spirit animal?

The goofiest dog you can imagine!

What do you like to do in your free time?

Rock Climbing, Baking, Dungeons and Dragons



UASA

Hello Fall 2020 Majors!

By Lindsay Musil

UASA enthusiastically welcomes you to join us this semester through ZOOM. We're always looking for some new faces, so we hope you are able to stop by and say hello!

The association serves to start conversations among Anthropology students and aficionados, expose members to volunteer and leadership opportunities. Our organization will also help you establish connections and learn skills useful in the field.

UASA offers two social event hours a month that vary between documentary nights, topic discussions, study groups, and even having dinner with Professors! This is a great way to foster relationships in a supportive community between your peers and the Anthropology department.

Dues are ten dollars a semester and we even offer graduation cords to jazz up your graduation robes! Plus, if you're looking to sport some new anth attire we are selling t-shirts! Please email us at uasa@unt.edu or connect with us on Facebook at UASA if you have any questions.



PRE-PANDEMIC DINNER WITH DR. CARRINGTON,
UASA FACULTY MENTOR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Documentary Night

Thursday, September 24th @ 7:00 PM

UASA Information Meeting

Thursday, October 1st @ 7:00 PM

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Times

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID

963 4629 7799

TIPS FROM YOUR IA'S

By: Florencia Forna Gamonal and Joey Webster

- 1. Get comfortable with the uncomfortable.** Anthropology classes take on various topics that have different opinions, and require “outside of the box” thinking. Don’t be afraid to play devil’s advocate, as long as you do so respectfully. With that said, make sure to come into anthropology classes with an open mind. These classes will help you look at our world and society through a different lens that challenge the status quo.
- 2. Read!** There are two specific things that you absolutely must read: your syllabus and the instructions for your assignments. A syllabus will never be the most fun thing you read, but it contains so much vital information about class structure and policy that you’re doing yourself a disservice if you don’t read it. Secondly, assignment instructions. From experience, I can say that the easiest way to lose points on an assignment is to not read the instructions thoroughly.
- 3. Get Organized.** Having a schedule with due dates, class times, and other commitments helps you to visualize how much time you really have to work on assignments. Write a to-do list! By breaking an assignment down into a list of objectives, you're able to cross items off your list as you do them and stay motivated by seeing your progress more clearly. Start on your assignments early! The importance of starting early really can't be overstated. It helps you to fully think through your ideas, work out any issues you may have, and makes classwork less stressful.
- 4. Reach out to your IAs and Professors!** It is much easier to get help before the deadline rather than try to understand why you were given a certain grade. Office hours are also one of the best ways to build relationships with your professors. Your professors are tremendous resources for you, both before and after you graduate. We see the most improvement from students who utilize this opportunity.
- 5. Seek Help.** Use the Writing Center! Many classes will require strong academic and analytical writing skills, so take advantage of the free service that UNT provides. Take advantage of the library resources for research - they are way better than Google. Never be afraid to reach out to the counseling center or other student services as necessary. Communicating these challenges with your professors allows them to help you and prevents you from trying to struggle through on your own. No matter what you’re going through, never be afraid to communicate and seek help.
- 6. Take breaks and do things that bring you joy.** College is a great time to explore and discover new passions. Whether this means joining a club, playing intramural sports, or just taking an elective that sounds really cool, take advantage of the opportunity to grow and do new things. Making time for yourself is so vital for your mental health!
- 7. Connect with us and let us know what your hobbies are! We want to get to know you!**

THINKING ABOUT
GRADUATE SCHOOL

Thinking about applying to graduate school can be daunting. For the first time in your academic career, the next step is not really laid out for you. Grad school presents itself as more of a “choice” than any other schooling decision.

*Should I go to grad school?
What is a terminal master's degree seeking program?
Can I even get into grad school?
How do I know where to apply, is there a book?
Where do I start?*

Start with us. The *Padawan Society* of the Department of Anthropology is sponsoring a webinar to talk about the kinds of questions you may be having about grad school. Sure, we'll give you resources, links, and timelines for how the application process works. But, really, what we want to do is answer the questions that you won't find in any guidebook.

Questions such as:

*No one in my family has ever gone to grad school, should I go?
What does grad school do for me?
Is the GRE like the SAT?
What even are my choices?
How do I know what programs to apply to?
Can I afford it?*

We're bringing you a panel of first year grad students who were sitting in your shoes just one year ago. They had the same questions you had and they'll help you navigate your way there. It's not too early, or too late, to ever start this conversation. Come join us!



Your GPS to Grad School



**FRIDAY, SEPT 25
6:30-8:00 PM**

**There are many roads to graduate school.
Join us as we explore the routes you can take!**

- Featuring first year students from various graduate programs who have successfully gone through the process
- Open Q&A session reviewing tips & tricks of the application process
- Advice from graduate administrators from UNT Toulouse Graduate School and the Applied Anthropology Master's Program

ZOOM WEBINAR - OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

1. Register: unt.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_77II01cLNyw50HP
2. Join: unt.zoom.us/j/5490761799

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