The Texas Exes

The Texas Exes, the alumni association for The University of Texas at Austin, was established in 1885 and now boasts more than 120,000 members. It is one of the largest alumni organizations in the nation. The association is self-governed and works to unite alumni and friends around the world, create a passionate voice that strengthens the university, promote alumni accomplishments, and celebrate Longhorn spirit and traditions.

Members of the Texas Exes support the mission of the association and receive benefits tailored for people who love UT Austin. Click <u>here</u> to join.

The Texas Exes is the premier scholarship administrator at The University of Texas at Austin. Hundreds of entering freshmen and current UT Austin students are impacted by these awards every year. Classifications include Chapter, Named, and Opportunity Scholarships. <u>The Forty Acres Scholars Program</u> is administered by the Texas Exes and is The University of Texas at Austin's premier full-ride, merit-based scholarship. On average, approximately \$4 million in scholarship funds are awarded to UT Austin students.

News about the university and its more than 580,000 living alumni reaches members through the bimonthly Alcalde magazine and its <u>website</u>. The association engages alumni and friends through its lively social channels, including <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

There are around 150 Texas Exes <u>chapters and networks</u> across the globe. Chapters are geographically based groups that engage alumni through social, community service, cultural, business networking, student development, and scholarship-fundraising events. Networks are national groups organized around ethnicity, profession, or strong affinity to a university student organization.

Recently the Texas Exes expanded the ways that Longhorns could connect and help one another through the additions of <u>HookedIn</u> and the <u>Longhorn Business Network</u>. HookedIn is the official networking platform for UT Austin alumni and students. This powerful online networking and career-boosting community offers a single platform for alumni, students, faculty and staff to connect and transform lives. The Longhorn Business Network was launched to support alumni-run businesses. From a <u>Business Directory</u> to networking events, Longhorn faithful can now shop and support one another.

The Texas Exes provides lifetime learning opportunities through the <u>Flying Longhorns</u> travel program, virtual lectures from rockstar faculty, <u>student programming</u>, and <u>online university library access</u>. The association is the keeper of The University of Texas at Austin traditions and works to create unforgettable moments for students on campus, while supporting their academic success.

The Texas Exes' home on campus is the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center, which stands on San Jacinto Boulevard across from Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. Facilities include a banquet hall, offices, meeting rooms, outdoor pavilion, and underground parking. The building is named for Lila B. Etter and John P. Harbin. Etter, whose bequest to the university financed much of the original structure in 1965, was the daughter of the University's first president, Leslie Waggener. Harbin was a Distinguished Alumnus and past president of the Texas Exes. His gift provided site preservation, development, and landscaping.

The university depends on the time and talents of Texas Exes members to support and carry out many of its programs. Membership is a charitable contribution. For more information, click <u>here</u> or call 512-471-8839.