

THE WILDCAT EXPRESS:

Your Guide to Getting Involved On Campus

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Welcome!

On behalf the Students' Association I would like to welcome you to ACU and extend an invitation to get involved!

From Ultimate Frisbee to Fair Trade, there are so many amazing things happening here at ACU, and there are a variety of organizations that would love for you to become a member. The Wildcat Express offers an overview of the many activities happening on our campus and a way to become familiar with student organizations. We hope that you will use this guide as a tool to navigate your ACU experience and find activities that interest and inspire you.

The Students' Association exists to engage, equip, and empower students to meet their full potential. If we may offer assistance in any way please contact us at 325.674.2583 or just drop by the office.

Blessings on your year,

Sarah Pulis
Executive Vice-President
Students' Association

The Wildcat Express is dedicated to the 2008-2009 student body.
The Students' Association is here to listen and help.
Here's to a fabulous year!

Special thanks to Jeff Arrington, Jean-Noel Thompson, and Mauri Westbrook
for their assistance and guidance.

The 4-Step Guide to Involvement

1. Read the Wildcat Express!
2. Come visit the SA office.
3. Ask your department about your academic clubs and organizations.
4. If you want more information about a group, contact the student contact or faculty advisor.

How to Stay Connected

To know what's happening on campus...

- Read the student newspaper, *The Optimist*
- Look for announcements on myACU
- Watch for flyers and signs around campus
- Listen for announcements on Mondays and Tuesdays in Chapel
- Checkout the SA bulletin board and the website at www.acustudents.com
- Visit the SA office, the Volunteer Service Learning Center, and Student Activity Office in the Bean Sprout.

1. STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

What is SA?

The ACU Students' Association (or SA as it is commonly known) is comprised of all full-time undergraduate students. The organizing body of SA is called Congress, and it operates out of an office in the lower level of the Campus Center. SA serves to advocate for the interests of the student body and to bring forth proposals which would enhance the life of the student body.

Who is SA?

SA is made up of five groups:

1. Executive officers-
 - President: Daniel Paul Watkins
 - Vice-President: Sarah Pulis
 - Treasurer: Spencer Hemphill
 - Secretary: Brianna Allen
2. Administrative officers:
 - Chief Development Officer: Caleb Archer
 - Chief Financial Officer: Luke Cochran
 - Chief Communications Officer: Lauren Sanders
3. Class senators
4. Academic representatives
5. Residence hall/housing representatives

Where is the SA office?

Executive and administrative officers maintain regular office hours Monday through Friday 12-5pm and Congress members complete office hours every week. Come visit the office to meet your representatives, senators, and officers!

When and where are Congress meetings?

Congress meets every Wednesday at 5:15pm in Hart Auditorium. Meetings are open to the entire student body. SA welcomes all students, faculty, staff, and members of the ACU community to come and voice their opinions at any Congress meeting. Call the SA office at 325.674.2583 to sign up for a time to address the Congress.

How can I get involved?

1. Find out who your class senators and representatives are, meet with them, and ask them about their experiences in SA.
2. Come down to the SA office to find out when elections begin.
3. Pick up a petition in the SA office.

When do elections happen?

All Congressional positions are elected in the fall, including class senators, academic representatives, and residential representatives. Elections take place within the first few weeks of the fall semester.

How does SA benefit me?

SA strives to engage, equip, and empower every student group. In the SA office we have a variety of resources available for use with student activities. These resources include:

- Copy Machine
- Materials for creating signs, posters, and banners
- Digital camera
- Conference rooms and meeting spaces (reservations required)
- Informative brochures
- Computer workroom (scanners and printers available)
- myACU announcements
- Connection with nearly every student group on campus
- Financial resources
- Cups, napkins, forks, tablecloths, decorations, etc.

I hope that this guide proves useful to you this year. Remember, if we don't have what you're looking for, we will be happy to direct you to where you need to go. Feel free to contact me in the SA office at 325.674.2583 or email me at sap04b@acu.edu.

Have a wonderful year!

Sarah Pulis
Executive Vice-President
Students' Association

2. OTHER STUDENT GOVERNMENT GROUPS

Freshman Action Council (FAC)

Student Contact: Hailey Mueck- hnm06a@acu.edu

Advisor: David Pittman

FAC is the core of freshman involvement. The organization consists of over thirty freshmen who divide into several sub-committees to serve, create, and run various activities for the freshman class. Sub-committee activities typically include planning and running class socials, devotionals, encouragement days, and service projects. FAC is an excellent avenue for freshmen to meet other freshmen and to explore student involvement. Freshmen can apply for membership at the beginning of the fall semester.

International Student Association (ISA)

Student Contact: Brenda Daniels- bxd05c@acu.edu

Advisor: Laura Blake

The ISA is an inclusive organization welcoming all students from any ethnicity, background, or race. Previous years' activities have included Thursday small-group chapel, coffee hours, welcome and farewell parties, intramural sports teams, a spring banquet, the ISA Food Festival, and a trip to Six-Flags.

3. CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Campus Activities Board (CAB)

Advisor: Mauri Westbrook

The CAB office is located next to the Volunteer Service Learning Center (VSLC) in the lower level of the Campus Center. In 2003 CAB merged with SA's Campus Entertainment Committee to become what it is today. CAB organizes events on campus such as concerts, free movies in Cullen Auditorium, Sadie's Week, the Black Tulip, Free Nights Out, and Unstress Day. CAB welcomes all student volunteers!

4. POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

College Democrats

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Advisors: Kristina Campos-Wallace, David Dillman, Steven Moore

The ACU College Democrats is an organization dedicated to providing the students of ACU with the opportunity to voice their convictions and participate in the political process of our country. We are committed to promoting our profound belief that all Americans are equal and deserve the same rights and opportunities that are unique to our American ideology. As Christians and as Democrats, we place our moral beliefs at the center of all that we do and welcome all students who share our desire to serve.

Young Republicans

Student Contact:

Advisors: Neal Coates, Mark Cullum

The ACU Young Republicans' aim is to promote student interest in current government and politics. The organization's goals include inviting political leaders to speak on campus, increasing voter-awareness, and fostering a greater understanding as to the current topics, position, and interests among our country's leaders. Former Texas Representative Bob Hunter, who was the first sponsor, has been instrumental in establishing contacts between the group and political leaders, and the organization is an excellent venue for those preparing for a career in public service.

5. PUBLICATIONS

The Optimist

Student Contact: Daniel Johnson- djj04a@acu.edu

Advisor: Kenneth Pybus

This student newspaper is published twice every week to bring the students the latest in ACU news and sports. Established in 1912, *The Optimist* has become a notable component of ACU student life and was recently selected as the best university newspaper in Texas against competition that included schools such as the University of Texas at Austin and the University of North Texas.

Prickly Pear

Advisor: Cade White- whitec@acu.edu

The Prickly Pear is the ACU yearbook. This book has been published for nearly 90 years by a team of students who capture the essence of each year at ACU through stories, photography, events, and sports.

Shinnery Review

Student Contact: Jessica George- jng04a@acu.edu

Advisors: Shelly Sanders, Al Haley

Website: www.acu.edu/students/shinnery.html

The Shinnery Review is a student-run literary magazine at ACU. Since the 1930s the publication has appeared once a year as a journal containing poems, short, stories, creative nonfiction, photos, and artwork by undergrads and graduate students. The highlight of the year is the Black Tulip in April, a poetry-reading and jazz party where the magazine makes its debut. *The Shinnery Review* is open to any ACU student who wishes to work organizing sales and planning events. Weekly meetings occur throughout the school year.

6. INTRAMURALS

Intramural Sports

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ACU Intramural Sports offers a great way to get involved with fun activities on campus, especially for new students. With close to 3,000 students participating in Intramural Sports we have many activities for participants to choose from. The sports for this year include Team Tennis, 7 on 7 Football, 4 x 4 Soccer, 3-2 Softball Tournament, 3 on 3 Basketball, 5 on 5 Basketball, Volleyball, Outdoor Soccer Tournament, Golf Scramble, Club Track Meet, and ACU Rodeo.

The Intramurals department offers several employment opportunities for students including officiating for Intramural Sports on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays (and occasionally weekends.) Students can also volunteer to officiate at children's sporting events for the Abilene schools.

7. NOVELTY SPORTS

ACU Cheerleading

Student Contact: Monica McCall- mpm04b@acu.edu

Advisor: Tish Mosely, Jared Mosely

The purpose of ACU Cheerleading is to promote school spirit and encourage the ACU athletic teams. The team cheers at all home football, volleyball, and basketball games, and also travels to some out of town football games and play-off games.

ACU Outdoor Club

Student Contact: Alex Wann- axw05g@acu.edu

Advisors: Jim Cook, Dusty Vaughn

The mission of the ACU Outdoor Club is to promote outdoor knowledge, ethics, and service. We are a group of students interested in exploring and understanding God's creation and the role of humans within it. The Outdoor Club participates in several service projects including the Abilene State Park Clean-Up, takes weekend climbing/camping trips, participates in intramural flag football and soccer, and hosts the Red Dirt Adventure Challenge.

ACU Ultimate Frisbee

Student Contact: James Woodruff- sjw05b@acu.edu

Advisor: Bill Carroll

The ACU Ultimate Frisbee team provides students with the opportunity to play competitive ultimate frisbee against other universities from around the country while fostering a Christian community within the team. The team attends approximately 6-8 tournaments per year on weekends and hosts several get-togethers including a Halloween party and end-of-the-year party.

Wildcat Hockey

Student Contact: Philip Greer- png03a@acu.edu

Advisor: Chris Windsor

The Wildcat Hockey Team represents ACU in the Southwest Collegiate Hockey League as a club sport. The team meets for weekly practices in Cal Young Park and competes in tournaments in Denton, Houston, Ft. Worth, Arlington, and Plano.

8. STEERING COMMITTEES

Homecoming Steering Committee

Advisor: Jama Cadle- fryj@acu.edu

Members of the Homecoming Steering Committee help run events for the annual Homecoming celebrations. The members of the steering committee are chosen at the end of each spring semester or at the beginning of the fall semester.

Welcome Week Steering Committee

Student Directors: Amber Smittick, Byron Martin, Jamie Lyn Spires, Laura Touchette, Trenton Pope

Advisor: Eric Gumm- gummj@acu.edu

This freshman initiation has been in existence for nearly twenty years. The student Welcome Week team involves four co-chairs, a thirty-plus member steering committee, peer leaders, mentor group leaders, transfer group leaders, campus crew, and international student leaders. Around three hundred students return to school a week early to make this freshman adventure a success. Applications for all positions are available in the spring through the First Year Program. For more information contact the First Year Program at 325.674.2212.

9. STUDENT PRODUCTIONS

Film Fest

Student Contact: Jonathan Davis- jrd06f@acu.edu

Advisor: Kevin Roberts

Film Fest is devoted to promoting personal expression through the medium of film by the ACU student body and faculty. The organization is determined to provide invaluable exposure to some of the top organizations and individuals in the film and mass-media world. Film Fest hosts an annual short-film contest which premieres at the Paramount Theater downtown.

Freshman Follies

Website: www.freshmanfollies.com

Freshman Follies remains a major part of the freshman experience at ACU. The show features freshmen talent including acts representing the freshmen residence halls, and auditioned solo performances by individuals, members of the dance teams, and members of the host and hostess team. 2008 dates: September 19-20.

Sing Song

Website: www.acusingsong.com

Since its beginning in 1965 Sing Song has been one of the biggest yearly events on the ACU campus. Each year classes and social clubs create individual shows based on a theme developed by the chair of student productions. These clubs and classes spend hours practicing in preparation for the show in February. You can get involved by auditioning for the director position of a club or class act, auditioning for host or hostess, trying out for the dance team, joining the production staff, or joining your club or class show. 2009 Dates: February 20-21.

10. SOCIAL CLUBS

Social Clubs have been active on the ACU campus since the 1920's. Important functions that social clubs provide are the club act for Sing Song, fall and spring formals and socials, and intramural teams. The registration deadline for pledging is August 29, 2008. For more information about pledging contact the Office of Student Organizations and Activities at 325.674. 2772 or visit the Social Clubs website at <http://www.acu.edu/campusoffices/studentorgs/socialclubs/index.html>

All students wishing to participate must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Must have been enrolled in college for at least two long semesters
- Must be currently enrolled at ACU as a full-time student (full-time is 12 hours)
- Must be in good academic standing with the university
- For Fall 2008 pledging, must have graduated from high school in 2007 or earlier

Women's Clubs

Alpha Kai Omega

President: Erin Chappell- elc04b@acu.edu

Advisors: Pam Medulla, Kristi Thaxton, Carla Hill

Delta Gamma Phi

President: Tiffany Williams- taw04b@acu.edu

Advisors: Christal Gant, Suzanne Dickenson

Delta Theta

President: Valerie Walker- vjw04b@acu.edu

Advisors: Harriet Haag, Barbara Pittman, Michelle Primeaux

GATA

President: Lindsay Ice- lni05a@acu.edu

Advisors: Betsy Craig, Amber Peck, Sheila Hilton, Wendy Kilmer, Traci Yandell

Ko Jo Kai

President: Jamie Lyn Spires- jls04d@acu.edu

Advisors: Jama Cadle, Marsha Allred, Gayla Pope. Karen Sharp, MC Jennings, Cari Bonneau

Sigma Theta Chi

President: Suzanne Langston- esl04a@acu.edu

Advisors: Bobbie Dickson, LexAnn Hood, Sylvia McCaleb, Susan Piersall, Linda Wallace, Susan Clark

Men's Clubs

Frater Sodalis

President: Luke Pinson- lap05a@acu.edu

Advisors: Tim Yandell, Larry Sanders, Phil Vardiman, Scott Kilmer, Justin Walker

Galaxy

President: Taylor Sturgis- tes04a@acu.edu

Advisors: Larry Henderson, David Sublette, David Pittman, Steve Ridgell, James McCoy, Mark Aldredge

Gamma Sigma Phi

President: Eric Gentry- esg04b@acu.edu

Advisors: Kevin Christian, Ed Allred, Matt Boisvert, Brian Stuart

Pi Kappa

President: Robert Caskey- rac05a@acu.edu

Advisors: Dee Lott, Harry Conner, Sam Pless

Sub T-16

President: Derek Bibb- drb05a@acu.edu

Advisors: Jeff Golding, Brad Cranford, Grant Rhoden, Josh Snead, Gary Linn

Trojans

President: Cody Rollins- crr04a@acu.edu

Advisors: Brian Cavitt, Tim Bench

11. PEER HEALTH EDUCATION

Peer Health Education Program

Contact: Naomi Mandel- naomi.mandel@acu.edu

The Peer Health Education Program equips ACU students to be peer educators. These trained peer educators teach fellow students the importance of making healthy choices about alcohol and substance abuse, sexual issues, eating disorders, body image, violence, stress management, spirituality, and personal relationships. The multi-faceted program encourages college students to make healthy lifestyle decisions so that they can live fully as Christian servants and leaders.

12. PERFORMANCE GROUPS

ACU Swing Cats

Student Contact: Jessica Johnson- jnj05b@acu.edu

Advisors: Cole Bennett, Shelley Sanders, Tracy Shillcutt

The mission of ACU Swing Cats is to promote and sustain interest in pre-1950 U.S. social swing dance culture, including music, dress, and period-accurate dance styles. Our main dance goals will focus on East Coast swing, Lindy Hop, and Charleston. Admission is open to any enrolled ACU student.

Milango Latin Dance

Student Contact: Darrien Grays- dmg04a@acu.edu

Advisors: Chris Windsor, Dawne Churchville, Laura Dillman

Milango Latin Dance educates students and the greater community in the history, culture, and performance of various styles of Latin Dance. The organization plans to work with Communities In Schools (CIS) to provide after-school ballroom dancing classes for underprivileged children and to host a Latin Dance workshop in Abilene. The organization also visits various Salsa and Tango congresses around the country and in Texas.

Seekers of the Word

Student Contact: Leslie Spainhower- lcs04a@acu.edu

Advisor: Rodney Ashlock

Seekers of the Word is an intense, God-focused acting group that travels across the region to perform various dramatic and humorous skits for youth groups in order to illuminate the various struggles, lessons, and choices that are common to every young man and woman. Annual auditions are held in the fall.

Shades Step Squad

Student Contact: DeMarco Howard- ddh05e@acu.edu

Advisors: Jeff Arrington, Brandon Jones

Shades is a stepping team that performs at both on-campus and off-campus events. The group's purpose is to vividly and creatively represent all elements of step, a form of movement that derives its roots from Africa as a form of story-telling. Shades also produces the annual Shades Show each spring.

13. SERVICE/OUTREACH GROUPS

ACU for the International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Student Contact: Madison Saniuk- mbs04a@acu.edu

Advisor: Caron Gentry

ACU for the IRC serves resettled refugees in Abilene by working with the local IRC office to do service projects, cultural events, and mentoring/English teaching. ACU for the IRC holds donation drives each semester and hosts Thanksgiving and Easter events

for refugee families. The organization also maintains a presence in the ACU Social Justice Network.

Habitat for Humanity (ACU Chapter)

Student Contact: Daniel Burgner- djb05e@acu.edu

Advisor: David Dillman

The Habitat for Humanity service group works alongside the local charter to help raise money to build a house for an underprivileged family in Abilene. Each year the ACU chapter coordinates volunteers to build an ACU Habitat for Humanity house.

Send Me Lord (SML)

Student Contact: Morgan Myrick- mgm00c@acu.edu

Advisors: Anthony Williams, Steve Wages

Send Me Lord (SML) aims to unite the ACU campus by touching the community through service to help change the world. The organization will meet twice a month in the Administration Building. Additionally, SML will participate in Thanksgiving outreach in McAllen, TX.

Service Action Leadership Team (SALT)

Student Contact: Katherine Lewis- kll05f@acu.edu

Advisors: Nancy Coburn, Cole Bennett

The Service Action Leadership Team is a volunteer student organization. The 50-plus members serve on 11 committees to work toward their team mission: to instill and nurture hearts for service within the ACU family. The team organizes events and projects throughout the school year including Service Saturdays, Thanksgiving meals for needy families, MLK Day service projects, Into the Streets (with Hardin Simmons and McMurry students), and ACU for Abilene (a spring service day with ACU faculty, staff, and families.) Students can apply for SALT membership during the first two weeks of the fall semester.

Spring Break Campaigns

Student Contact: Adam Dittmore- adamdare@gmail.com

Advisor: Mark Lewis

Each year the Spring Break Campaigns committee organizes over thirty campaigns involving over five hundred students and student leaders. These campaigns travel all over the United States and the world to various churches and service sites to serve and share God's love with others during Spring Break.

Treadaway Kids

Student Contacts: Megan Pruitt- mkp04a@acu.edu, Laura Touchette- lmt04b@acu.edu

Advisor: Samantha Manski

Treadaway Kids organizes student volunteers to pair up with underprivileged children in the Abilene community to share Christ's love with them. Each week the children are brought to the Treadaway Kids location where they play games. Children are split into class groups and the volunteers teach Bible lessons and tell stories.

Weekend Campaigns

Student Contact: Mike Miles- mem04d@acu.edu

Advisor: Mark Lewis

Every semester the Weekend Campaign Committee organizes three to four weekend campaigns that travel to various sites within a 6-8 hour driving radius of Abilene to serve and share Christ's love with others. Weekend campaigns are comparable to mini-Spring break campaigns.

Wildcat Kids

Student Contact: Terri Crites- tnc05b@acu.edu

Advisor: Samantha Manski

Wildcat Kids matches ACU students with children in the Abilene community who have few positive role models in their lives. ACU students (working in pairs) commit to mentoring a specific child for one year by attending activities that occur approximately every three weeks during the semester. The mission of Wildcat Kids is to show Christ to children in the city through actions and words.

14. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Association for Computing Machinery

Student Contact: Daniel Tomkins- ddt0a@acu.edu

Advisor: Ray Pettit

The Association for Computing Machinery encourages ethical computer use, personal research, and training for fellow students in the field of computing and technology. The organization participates in the annual Valentine's Day Compatibility Test and the Austin Game Developer Conference.

Chinese Christian Fellowship

Student Contact: Sylvia Huang- mxh07a@acu.edu

Advisor: Junhui Bian

The Chinese Christian Fellowship aims to promote unity and service in the Chinese Christian community at ACU by gathering together to pray, worship, and communicate in the native language. The organization also provides opportunities for students to serve the community and welcomes incoming Chinese students.

Essence of Ebony

Student Contact: Kenneth Dinkins- kdj04a@acu.edu

Advisors: Tanya Brice, Anthony Williams, George Pendergrass

The purpose of Essence of Ebony is to foster greater understanding of the African-American community on campus among students, faculty, and staff. Past events have included hosting events during the Black History Month in February, small group chapels, spring formals, and sponsoring various speakers for chapel presentations.

Fair Trade ACU

Student Contact: Miriam Drehsel- mnd06a@acu.edu

Advisors: Mark Lewis, Gary Oliver, Eric Hardegree

Fair Trade ACU promotes economic justice through educating consumers about the impact of their daily purchases and educating people about how they can participate in the global movement to address poverty in the Global South.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Student Contact: Amy Thiel- thielamy@yahoo.com

Advisor: Jared Mosely

The ACU FCA chapter aspires to unify athletes for Christ through a variety of activities such as worship sessions, retreats, and adopting a family for Christmas.

Hispanos Unidos

Student Contact: Stephanie Robles- sir04d@acu.edu

Advisors: Pat Hernandez, Orneita Burton

Hispanos Unidos is an organization that promotes the Hispanic culture on campus and in Abilene. The organization partners with Communities In Schools (CIS) and hosts the annual spring event, Entra La Plaza.

International Justice Mission

Student Contact: Donny Tapie- dat03a@acu.edu

Advisor: Mel Hailey

The International Justice Mission seeks to free people forced in slave labor or child-prostitution by enforcing and changing laws throughout the world. The IJM student group serves a two-fold purpose. First, it acts as a fundraiser to the national organization in Washington D.C., and second, it aims at increasing student awareness of the assault on the innocent. Typical activities include participation in Social Justice Week, small-group chapels, and prayer-focused devotionals.

Jesus and the Hip Hop Prophets

Student Contact: Kendell Wilson- kdw05e@acu.edu

Advisor: Mark Lewis

Based on the biblical example of Paul who speaks to the Athenians in the words of their poets, this study is designed to discuss the music of inner-city poets who seek the truth that exists in their music. This study asks how that truth is relevant to Christians and how hip hop can further benefit our understanding of culture and diversity.

Poverty Link

Student Contact: Ben Dubose- bpd04a@acu.edu

Advisor: Monty Lynn

Poverty Link mobilizes students to restore dignity to economically-broken communities through sustainable local and international efforts. The group works in partnership with

the Abilene IRC office, Hope Haven, and Love and Care Ministries and participates in the 30 Hour Famine for hunger awareness.

Student African-American Brotherhood (SAAB)

Student Contact: Josh Jackson- jaj04d@acu.edu

Advisors: George Pendergrass, Jerry Taylor, Edward Robinson, Steven Moore, Brandon Jones

The Student African American Brotherhood is a dynamic organization established specifically to assist participants to excel academically, socially, culturally, professionally, and in the community. SAAB is comprised of male students who strive for academic excellence and make a commitment to plan and implement programs that benefit their communities at large. SAAB participates in ACU for Abilene, Spring Break Campaigns, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and regional conferences in Kansas, California, and Illinois.

(Information taken from the SAAB website- saabnational.org.)

Student Ambassadors

Student Contact: Jamie Johnson- jlj04c@acu.edu

Advisors: Maria del Pinal, Jennifer Golden

The mission of Student Ambassadors is, “to glorify God, honor Abilene Christian University, and inspire others as we invite prospective students to join our calling to Change the World.” Participants have the opportunity to host prospective students during their visits to ACU on Purple Fridays.

Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Student Contact: Lane Miller- lmm04b@acu.edu

Advisors: Shelana Poindexter, Jared Mosely

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) is a committee made up of student athletes assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience. The SAAC also offers input on the rules, regulations, and policies that affect student-athletes’ lives on the ACU campus. The SAAC also participates in service events throughout the year.

Student Peace Alliance

Student Contact: Erin Kessler- eck04a@acu.edu

Advisor: David Dillman

The Student Peace Alliance is a national organization devoted to promoting peace on all levels, with a focus on local initiative as well as the promotion of the formation of a National Department of Peace and Non-Violence. The ACU chapter of SPA participates in service initiatives including Service Saturdays.

Virtuous African Heritage Sisterhood (VAHS)

Student Contact: Jasmine Bass- jab07a@acu.edu

Advisor: Tanya Brice

The women of VAHS seek to embody the character of virtuosity through service, leadership, achievement, sisterhood, and spirituality. The organization participates in

service projects throughout the year and co-hosts an annual formal with the men of SAAB.

Virtual Plane Users Group (VPUG)

Student Contact: Rich Tanner- rwt07a@acu.edu

Advisors: Brian Burton, Kenny Jones

This organization promotes student interest in digital entertainment and game development. VPUG establishes a network of students to promote enthusiasm for these mediums and to assist participants in attaining careers in associated fields. The organization participates in game tournaments, raffles, and bake sales and attends the Austin Game Developers Conference.

15. SPIRITUAL LIFE AND STUDENT MINISTRIES

LYNAY (Love Your Neighbor As Yourself)

Advisors: Gary McCaleb, Lea Watkins

The LYNAY group was founded several years ago in the effort to educate students on the essence of leadership through service and building community. LYNAY is a multicultural group, having an equal representation of every major ethnic group, gender, and class on campus. The group meets once a week to listen to a variety of speakers on current topics and issues. There is a one hundred student cap on LYNAY, with a limited number of places available for incoming freshmen.

Spiritual Life Core

Student Contact: Jordan Bunch- jtb04a@acu.edu

Advisor: Mark Lewis

The SLC seeks to contribute to the spiritual formation of ACU students by encouraging and challenging them to grow in their faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. The SLC hosts weekly Chapels each Thursday, organizes campus Bible studies, prayer gatherings, coffee houses where spiritual issues are discussed, and various other activities that seek to challenge participants to grow in their faith in Jesus.

16. ACADEMIC CLUBS/ HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Chi National Honor Society

Advisor: Carly Dodd- doddc@acu.edu

Alpha Chi is a general honor society that admits students from all academic disciplines. Membership is limited to the top 10 percent of an institution's juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Alpha Chi has approximately 300 chapters and inducts more than 11,000 members annually.

Phi Eta Sigma

Student Contact: Ashley Decker- amd04c@acu.edu

Advisors: Mel Hailey, David Dillman

Pi Eta Sigma is a first-year student honors society which recognizes academic achievement of a 3.5 GPA or higher in the first two semesters at ACU. The organization

participates in an annual national convention and serves the community through participation in Habitat for Humanity.

W-Club

Student Contact: Linsey Smith- lds04c@acu.edu

Advisors: Marsha Harper, Ada Dodd, Jana Davis, Caron Gentry

The W-Club seeks to inspire young women to maturity as Christians and to recognize those who have rendered outstanding service to Abilene Christian.

Administration Building

Alpha Kappa Delta

Advisor: Jennifer Dillman- jennifer.dillman@acu.edu

Alpha Kappa Delta is the ACU chapter of the International Sociology Honor Society. AKD seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to the improvement of the human condition.

Honors Students' Association (HSA)

Student Contact: Stacey Donaghey- sdx06d@acu.edu

Advisors: Joe Stephenson, Stephanie Smith, Kristina Campos Wallace, Mark Cullum

The Honors Students' Association was formed to provide honors students with opportunities for service, social interaction, and spiritual development. Any students who either (a) is in the ACU Honors Program, (b) has a 3.2 cumulative GPA, or (c) is an incoming freshman is eligible for membership in the HSA. We organize annual events such as the Masquerade and the Murder Mystery Dinner, and we plan smaller activities such as "Movie Night with a Prof" and "Deep Dish Philosophy."

Pi Alpha Theta

Advisor: Tracy Shilcutt- tracy.shilcutt@acu.edu

Pi Alpha Theta is the ACU chapter of the national History honor society. Pi Alpha Theta is a professional society whose mission is to enhance the study of history through the encouragement of research, effective teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among aspiring historians.

Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society

Student Contact: Michael Roberts- mcr05g@acu.edu

Advisors: Mel Hailey, David Dillman

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national honor society for political science students. Pi Sigma Alpha seeks to promote excellence in the study of political science through a variety of programs, some of direct benefit to student members and local chapters and others benefitting more generally the profession of political science. These programs provide awards, scholarships, and lecture funding, and other benefits for members, chapters, and political scientists and political science programs.

(Information taken from the website www.apsanet.org/~psa/index.cfm.)

Pope Fellows

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Advisor: Mel Hailey

The Jack Pope Fellows Program awards scholarships to outstanding Abilene Christian University students who intend to pursue careers in public service. The Program was established by the Trustees of Abilene Christian University to honor Judge Jack Pope, the former Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. Jack Pope Fellowships are awarded on the basis of merit to Abilene Christian University students who will be college juniors in the following academic year. Students selected as Fellows must exhibit outstanding potential for leadership in government and related public service. The Jack Pope Fellows Program is interdisciplinary, and applicants are drawn from all majors and fields of study offered at Abilene Christian University. Jack Pope Fellows will be required to complete a 24 hour public service minor. Courses are designed to prepare students for a career in public service. Leadership in the public sector is strongly emphasized in numerous seminars and workshops held in connection with the Jack Pope Fellows Program.

Pre-Law Council

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Advisor: Mel Hailey

The purpose of the Pre-Law Council is to facilitate the students at ACU who plan to pursue a law degree after graduation. The organization participates in various law-related conferences.

Social Work Association

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Advisor: Tanya Brice

The purpose of the Social Work Association is to unite social work majors as brothers and sisters in Christ, to support one another in prayer, to provide them with opportunities to learn and serve through seminars and community service projects, to promote social work as a profession on camps and in the community, and to integrate social work and Christian values. Past activities have included the Teddy Bear Round-Up for children who lost their parents on September 11th, clothing drives, social work information booths in the Campus Center, Service Saturdays, and Date Rape Awareness Nights. For more information contact the Social Work Department located in room 109 of the Administration Building.

Bible Building

World Wide Witness

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Website- www.WorldWideWitness.org

WorldWide Witness prepares ACU students for summer internships in cross-cultural contexts at over 30 sites on all continents. Interns develop their spirituality and practical ministry skills by interacting with experienced mentors, building relationships with nationals, and participating in cross-cultural ministry. The specific opportunities for service depend on the student's particular gifts and internship site; opportunities include

youth or campus ministry, language study, outreach through sports or camps, teaching English through Let's Start Talking, and others. Students of all fields of study are welcome to apply; they do not have to be Bible or Missions majors. For an even richer experience, WorldWide Witness also gives students the chance to serve as apprentices for up to two years after they graduate.

Chambers

Advertising/ PR Club

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Advisors: Dave Hogan, Joyce Haley

This organization gives advertising and public relations students the means to gain insight into their career field while developing their professional skills. Participants attend PRSA seminars and conferences.

Psi Chi

Advisor: Richard Beck- bechr@acu.edu

Psi Chi is a national honors society that acknowledges the academic achievements of psychology majors.

Sigma Tau Delta National Honor Society

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Advisor: Dana McMichael, Steve Weathers

Sigma Tau Delta confers distinction for high achievement in English Language and Literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies and promotes interest in literature and the English language.

Education Building

Theta Epsilon

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Advisors: Mitzi Adams, Stephanie Talley, Julie Douthit, Sam Stewart, Phyllis Bolin

Theta Epsilon support teacher candidates through professional development opportunities, service projects, and leadership. The organization participates in community initiatives such as Literacy Alive and supports a school in Zambia.

Foster Science Building

Chemistry Club

Student Contact: Alex Goodwin

Advisor: Brian Cavitt, Eric Hardegree

The Chemistry Club is designed to increase interest and foster a greater sense of community among chemistry majors. Activities typically include the Chemistry Circus for Homecoming, a spring trip, and departmental Chapels. Involvement is open to all who are interested in chemistry.

Christian Medical Dental Association (CMDA)

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CMDA is an association for pre-health science majors. Each month participants hear from doctors and dentists who share their faith and their experiences as medical professionals.

Mu Sigma

Student Contact: Rachel Pinson- rkp05a@acu.edu

Advisors: John Ehrke

Mu Sigma is an organization open to all students interested in mathematics. The club's purpose is both to promote the mathematical disciplines and to use mathematical talents to serve the university.

Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Student Nurses' Association

Student Contact: Amy Cullers- abc04e@acu.edu

Advisors: Valerie Miller, Lisa Van Cleave

The Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing NSNA exists to assist nursing students in learning the skills of self-governance and professionalism. Leadership experiences in NSNA enhance the success of graduate nurses in professional organizations such as the American Nurses Association.

Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society

Advisor: Janet Noles- jnoles@phssn.edu

The purpose of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society is to provide leadership opportunities and encourage scholarship in nursing practices, education, and research.

Society of Physics Students

Student Contact: Daniel Jumper- daniel.jumper@gmail.com

Advisor: Rusty Towell, Josh Willis

SPS is an international professional association that is open to anyone interested in physics. There are over 650 active chapters involving approximately 6,000 students. SPS exists to help students develop into contributing members of the professional community, as well as to develop communication, leadership, and networking skills. SPS also focuses on teaching students how to present scholarly work in professional meetings and journals and offers a variety of service and outreach opportunities. Research opportunities, scholarships, internships, and awards are made available through membership in the association. The local chapter holds meetings, annual elections, and receives literature from the national organization.

Gibson

Student Dietetic Association

Student Contact: Melissa Horn- mdh05b@acu.edu

Advisor: Sheila Jones

The Student Dietetic Association aims to lead the future of the field of dietetics and nutrition while glorifying Christ. The organization is affiliated with the Big Country Dietetic Association, Texas Dietetic Association, and the American Dietetic Association.

Mabee Business Building

ACU Business Review

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Advisor: Olin Stovall

The ACU Business Review enhances communication and writing skills of members and participating authors while creating a forum for discussion among COBA students.

Beta Gamma Sigma

Advisor: Terry Pope- popet@acu.edu

Beta Gamma Sigma is the honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in a business program accredited by AACSB International. (Information taken from the Beta Gamma Sigma website- www.betagammasigma.org.)

Marketing Club

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Advisors: David Wright

The mission of the Marketing Club is to provide students with a network that explores the field of marketing with a Christian perspective. The organization equips students to become successful marketing professionals through development of integral skills, association with marketing professionals, and involvement in marketing practices. The organization does pro-bono marketing projects for local non-profits.

Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)

Advisor: Malcolm Coco- malcolm.coco@coba.acu.edu

The national SHRM student program began in 1965 to promote mutually beneficial interaction between HRM students and practitioners. Membership offers students the opportunity to supplement their classroom education with real-world knowledge and hands-on experience. In the ACU chapter, students participate annually in the Texas SHRM student leadership conference, the HR Southwest conference, and field trips. The chapter is sponsored by the local professional HR chapter (Big Country Society for Human Resource Management.)

Student Accounting/Finance Society

Advisor: Bill Fowler- fowlerb@acu.edu

SAFS is an informal organization of accounting and financial management majors. The purposes of the SAFS are to promote the study of accounting and finance, to expand learning beyond the classroom and textbooks, and to develop collegiality among students and faculty. SAFS goals include better informing students about real-world topics, further establishing links to local business, providing career advice to students, and continuing visibility with COBA alumni.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

Student Contact: Sarah Pulis- sap04b@acu.edu

Advisors: Phil Vardiman, Ian Shepherd

Students in Free Enterprise is the world's largest collegiate free enterprise organization. SIFE provides leadership training, regional competitions, and career opportunity fairs for thousands of college students throughout 31 countries. Students have the opportunity to go to regional, national, and international competitions, where they share their projects and help spread free enterprise in their communities.

Student Trading and Research (STAR)

Student Contact: Jody Walker- jjw05c@acu.edu

Advisors: Jonathan Stewart, Terry Pope, Jack Griggs

STAR is a student-managed investment fund in which ACU upperclassmen manage approximately \$300,000 and assist with growing the university's endowment. Securities are researched and presented to the managers for approval, providing real world experience prior to graduation. Involvement is open to students who have completed Financial Management (FIN 310).

Women In Business

Advisor: Laura Phillips- lcp05a@acu.edu

Women In Business has a two-fold purpose: first, to assist women majoring in a business-related field in understanding the opportunities that exist for them in the marketplace through different social and mentoring opportunities and second, to offer key business skills to female students by exposing them to opportunities that will build their resumes and help them to become more marketable.

Sherrod/Don Morris

American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)

Student Contact: Kelly Kercheval- ksk04b@acu.edu

Advisors: Kitty Wasemiller

The ACU chapter of ASID connects students with the interiors industry through programs, speakers, and events, both in Abilene and beyond.

Kappa Tau Alpha

Advisor: Cheryl Bacon- baconc@acu.edu

Kappa Tau Alpha is a national honor society for journalism and mass communication majors. The organization inducts members every April.

Lambda Pi Eta

Advisors: Kristina Campos Wallace- mc95i@acu.edu, Carly Dodd, Jon Camp

Lambda Pi Eta is the ACU chapter of the national organization which promotes scholarship and honors in the field of communications.

National Broadcasting Society (NBS)

Student Contact: Karie Schmidt- kms04b@acu.edu

Advisors: Susan Lewis, Scott Delony

National Broadcasting Society is an organization of students interested in working toward a career in electronic media including television, video production, radio, web design, and scriptwriting. The ACU chapter focuses mainly on video production. The chapter also meets regularly for media-related social events and attends regional and national conventions.

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA)

Student Contact: Bethany Bruce- brb06d@acu.edu

Advisors: Denise Barnett

The ACU Chapter of NSSLHA provides Communication Science and Disorders majors the opportunity to learn about current advancements in the field, enhance their academic knowledge, and network with other students with similar interests. The organization participates in various community service projects such as game days with senior citizens at University Place, Service Saturdays, and the Autism Walk. Members attend professional conferences and the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference.

Speech and Debate Team

Student Contact: Jason Sanchez- jls05g@acu.edu

Advisor: Joe Cardot

The ACU Speech and Debate Team boasts years of national titles and awards. The team participates in tournaments and competitions several times each semester.

Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ)

Student Contact: Laura Acuff- lka06a@acu.edu

Advisor: Kenneth Pybus

SPJ produces and sells the Hello Book to raise funds to send journalism majors to regional and national conferences and competitions. The club also conducts regular professional development meetings and assists organizations such as UIL and national SPJ in judging contests.

Williams Performing Arts Center

Alpha Psi Omega

Student Contact: Seth Bazacas- stb05a@acu.edu

Advisors: Sandy Freeman, Mike Fernandez, Adam Hester

Alpha Psi Omega is a Theatre honors fraternity. Students must have sophomore hours to join, and it is open to theatre majors and theatre minors at the discretion of the club.

Mu Phi Epsilon (Alpha Sigma Chapter)

Student Contact: Bethany Smith- bss05a@acu.edu

Advisors: Glenda Weatherford, Gregory Straughn, Kay Williams

Mu Phi is an international professional music fraternity aimed at promoting and developing the artistic interests and talents of aspiring musicians. Mu Phi creates an incentive for greater professional accomplishment, fosters ideals of service to the school and the community, develops relationships and friendships with others of similar interests, develops an awareness that artistic gifts are to be shared, and fosters an understanding of the role of arts throughout the world. Mu Phi activities include holding social events, partnering alongside the music faculty to recruit and organize professional recitals, and promoting artistic awareness among students and faculty. Membership is open to anyone who has completed at least one semester of freshman-level theory.

Zona Luce

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Club (Alpha Epsilon Sigma)

Student Contact: Cason McInturff- cdm05i@acu.edu

Advisor: Ed Brokaw

The AES club welcomes all ACU students who have an interest in agriculture. The AES club serves as an umbrella organization for the pre-professional clubs including Block and Bridle, Collegiate 4-H/FFA, Range, Agronomy, Environmental Science, and the Rodeo Club. Activities include club devotionals, weekend outreaches to local congregations, Thursday night activities, and an annual Rodeo that has drawn interest from hundreds of students.

Delta Tau Alpha

Student Contact: Katie Kirkpatrick- kmk04a@acu.edu

Advisor: Florah Mhlanga

The purpose of Delta Tau Alpha is to recognize the outstanding scholastic achievement and leadership of students in agriculture, and to act as a subdivision of the Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Club. The organization participates in many service/outreach projects such as helping at the children's home in Medina, TX. Delta Tau Alpha also hosts an annual Spring Ag Banquet and helps with the ACU All-School Rodeo.

17. INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL ENSEMBLES

Choral Groups

A Capella

Director: Mike Scarbrough- scarbroughm@acu.edu

Begun in 1932 by the late Dr. Leonard Burford, the A Capella Chorus is dedicated to the study and performance of the finest choral literature of all musical eras. A Capella meets four hours each week. They also take one extended tour and give four majors concerts each year. Auditions are held each spring and are open to all students. Remaining vacancies are filled in a general choral audition during fall registration for transfer students, incoming freshmen, and students changing their majors to music. Auditions consist of a brief warm-up, sight-reading, and singing of an easy, familiar song.

Opera Workshop

Directors: Mike Scarbrough- scarbroughm@acu.edu, Samuel Cook- slc00c@acu.edu

Opera Workshop is a training seminar for voice majors and non-majors designed to equip the student with the skills to become competent performers on the stage. The workshop produces opera scenes in the fall and a full production each spring semester.

University Chorale

Director: Paul Piersall- piersallp@acu.edu

The ACU University Chorale is a large chorus that primarily consists of freshmen. The chorale is open by audition to all. The purpose of this chorus is to enable ACU students with a choral background to continue singing in a chorus without sacrificing a major part of their time and it meets only two days each week.

Bands

Big Purple Marching Band

Student Contact: Jaylynn Phillips- jfp05a@acu.edu

Directors: Steven Ward, Kevin Whitelaw

The Big Purple is a dynamic and exciting ensemble comprised of both music and non-music majors. The Big Purple is one of the largest co-ed organizations on the ACU campus. The band is a vital part of the ACU Opening Assembly each year, performs at all home football games, and often, away games throughout Texas and Oklahoma. The Big Purple also presents exhibition performances at invitational and UIL marching contests.

Concert Band

Director: Kevin Whitelaw

Participation in the Concert Band is open to all students with no audition required. The goal of the band is to provide an outlet for musical creativity offering maximum enjoyment with limited performance demands. Students are challenged with high-caliber music while maintaining a less demanding schedule than the ACU Wind Ensemble. This group performs twice during the spring semester and rehearses each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11:50am- 12:50pm.

The Wind Ensemble

Director: Steven Ward

The Abilene Christian University Wind Ensemble is comprised of outstanding undergraduate wind and percussion players on the ACU campus. Including almost equal numbers of music and non-music majors, the ACU Wind Ensemble presents many local and statewide concerts. The Wind Ensemble has maintained a very active performance schedule, traveling throughout Texas performing at local high schools, churches, and other concert venues. Prior tours have seen performances at the Wortham Center in Houston and the Meyerson Center in Dallas. Auditions for the Wind Ensemble are held in November each year for the spring semester. Rehearsals are held Monday through Friday 11:50am-12:50pm.

Brass Quintet

Director: Kevin Whitelaw

The ACU Brass Quintet is a chamber ensemble that performs several concerts each year. From Bach to Gershwin, the quintet performs a variety of music to please all tastes. The quintet is devoted to the Abilene community and continually offers their services in schools and special events outside the ACU campus.

Jazz Ensemble

Director: Derek Brown

The ACU Jazz Ensemble is comprised of both music and non-music majors. Auditions are held on campus during the first week of classes. This ensemble performs many different styles of music from the past to the present. The Jazz Ensemble participates in Sing Song every year as well as holding three to four concerts during the year. The Jazz Ensemble rehearses Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-6:30pm.

Jazz Combo

Director: Derek Brown

This ensemble is also open to both music and non-music majors. Similar to the jazz ensemble, this group performs many different styles of music; however it does not participate in Sing Song. The combo is devoted to the Abilene community and continuously offers its services for special events on and off the ACU campus.

Percussion Ensemble/Steel Grooves

Director: Allen Teel

The ACU Percussion Ensemble is an integral part of the ACU music department. Made up of both music majors and non-majors, the ensemble maintains an active and highly visible performing schedule throughout the school year. This outstanding group performs a wide variety of literature, ranging from standard works to brand-new compositions. The percussion department is also fortunate to have an outstanding inventory of percussion instruments from around the world, allowing the percussion ensemble to explore musical styles from West Africa, Cuba, Brazil, and Trinidad-Tobago. Steel Grooves has been a vital part of the Abilene musical community since it was established in 1992. The group

maintains an active performing schedule, both on the ACU campus and in the Abilene area.

Full Orchestra

Chambers Orchestra

Director: Steven Ward

The Chambers Orchestra is a collaboration between ACU faculty and students. A full symphony orchestra, it performs a variety of literature from the standard orchestral repertoire. All students are eligible by audition to participate. Auditions are held at the beginning of each fall semester, and, according to need, at the beginning of spring semester.