

# EVERYBODY COUNTS

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Rosemary R. Martinez, VPBA, congratulates the Shining and Supporting Stars for the months of November & December 2004. From left to right: Robert Galvan, Floyd Akers, Rolando Velarde.



## SHINING STARS

Shining Stars are awarded based on nominations submitted on a bi-monthly basis. The Employee Recognition Committee then reviews the nominations and recommends up to three full time employees to the VPBA.

Congratulations to the following BAD Employees for being selected as Shining Stars.

**Floyd Akers**—Office of the VPBA: Celebrity Auction sponsored by a student organization raised funds for the 13th Annual Toy Drive. Floyd Akers was not only the sponsor/advisor for the Pre-Law organization, but also was auctioned for the night.

**Rolando Velarde**—Information Systems: Rolando Velarde did a wonderful job playing Santa Claus during the 13th Annual Toy Drive. This year was the biggest toy drive, sponsoring 225 children from Castañeda Elementary. Rolando talked to every child that crossed the stage to receive a toy.



## SUPPORTING SHINING STAR

Supporting Shining Star are awarded based on nominations submitted on a bi-monthly basis. The Employee Recognition Committee then reviews the nomination and recommends one part-time employee to the VPBA, who has the final approval.

**Robert Galvan**—Budget Office: Robert assisted the Office of the VPBA on various occasions during the months of November and December by making deliveries to various departments on campus. Although Robert has many existing duties within the Budget Office, he is always willing to help others and demonstrates an accommodating attitude when asked to help.



Team Shining Star are awarded based on nominations submitted on a bi-monthly basis to Business Affairs employees who participated as a group to accomplish a specific task or project. The Employee Recognition Committee then reviews the nomination and recommends one part-time employee to the VPBA, who has the final approval.

- Carlos Ireta**—Business Office
- Danny Gallegos**—Business Office
- Jesse Garza**—Central Receiving (Business Office)
- Adolfo Gonzalez**—Central Receiving (Business Office)
- Frank Landaverde**—Campus Police
- Pete Vazquez**—Campus Police
- Bill Bryan**—Information Systems
- Alfredo Davila**—Information Systems
- Joe Garza**—Environmental Health & Safety
- Armando Herrera**—Environmental Health & Safety
- Tony Lehmann**—Environmental Health & Safety
- Dolores Saenz**—Environmental Health & Safety
- Hannia Flores**—Purchasing Office
- Michelle San Miguel**—Purchasing Office



From left to right: Adolfo Gonzalez, Armando Herrera, Tony Lehmann, Alfredo Davila, Bill Bryan, Carlos Ireta, Dolores Saenz.

All of the employees mentioned above volunteered to help the Employee Recognition Committee before, during, and after the End-Of-Year Celebration Event this past December. The committee was short handed and needed help with setting tables, cutting vegetables, setting up the games, and serving the food. All the above individuals helped in one way or another to make the event a great success, and everyone on the Employee Recognition Committee thanks them for it.



From left to right: Danny Gallegos, Hannia Flores, Jesse Garza



From left to right: Chris Cohen, Cesar Garcia, Rosemary R. Martinez, Frank Landaverde, Michelle San Miguel, Linda Cox, Patricia A. Garza, Nelly Gomez.



**Olga Garcia**—Information Systems: Olga worked very hard with the Alumni Association by raising funds for scholarships. The Alumni Association sells roses every year during commencement. Olga helped by trimming roses, taking out thorns, putting them into small arrangements, and taking care of the rose booth during one of the three graduation commencements. All the money gathered was used for scholarships.



As co-chair of the Toy Drive, Olga spend many weekends and after-work hours shopping for sales in order to buy toys for the kids. Though she had knee injury and was in pain, she attended the Student Affair's dance, where the entry price was one toy for the Toy Drive. Olga also collected toys from the Alumni Association, who instead of having gift exchange, bought toys for the Toy Drive.

The Staff Senate have volunteered to undertake a task of studying all of the positions and salaries of five UT components that will be documented and presented to Human Resources. Olga has taken the initiative and already attended meeting to help with the process. The Staff Senate voted to have Olga represent UTB/TSC on the Employee Advisory Committee (EAC), that meets four times a year with all UT Systems components represented to discuss topics like compensation, benefits, policy, and communications that are beneficial to all staff employees. Olga was also nominated in Austin to be vice-chair for the Compensation Committee.

**Samuel Perez**—Human Resources: Samuel worked very hard with the Alumni Association by raising funds for scholarships. The Alumni Association sells roses every year during commencement. Sam helped by trimming roses, taking out thorns, and putting them into small arrangements. All the money gathered was used for scholarships.



**Maria Ruth Torres**—Office of the VPBA: Maria volunteered to help during the *2nd Annual Food for Thought*. She helped by serving eggs, but when she learned that they were running out of cooked eggs, she went to the kitchen and assisted in cooking over 200 eggs for that evening. She did not complain about the hard work. She knew that students were enjoying the event, and was glad to help. The *2nd Annual Food for Thought* was held on December 6, 2004 from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

Maria contributed to *Undies for Mondays*, sponsored by Civic Engagement, by donating undergarments for kids in the Buena Vista community. She also contributed by purchasing and donating blankets for the kids.

Maria also worked very hard with the Alumni Association by raising funds for scholarships. The Alumni Association sells roses every year during commencement. Maria helped by trimming roses, taking out thorns, putting them into small arrangements, and taking care of the rose booth during one of the three graduation commencements. All the money gathered was used for scholarships.

This year, the *13th Annual Toy Drive* was the biggest one ever, and were able to sponsored 225 children from Castañeda Elementary. As co-chair of the Toy Drive, this was a challenge that required a lot of time to prepare for. She attended the Student Auction, which helped raised money for the kids, collected toys from the Alumni Board and faculty and staff on campus, spent her weekends buying toys, and helped distribute the toys during the event.





**Eleazar Casas**—Information Systems: Eleazar helped put together a training manual for Information Systems by typing the information and presentation of the manual containing telephone procedures. He has also helped clearing up telephone lines abandoned around campus.



**Ruben Rangel**—Central Receiving: On December 17, 2004, Ruben assisted the Alumni Board Members with getting roses to sell all the Winter Commencement for the 18th. It was a cold evening and the work was performed outside of the Young House. Ruben assisted with placing baby's breath with the roses and then placing them in pretty paper. Forty dozens were worked with that night. The roses were sold at Commencement and all proceeds went to scholarships here at UTB/TSC.

Ruben took over mail delivery when Mr. Rocha was out due to sick leave. Ruben was there early every morning and worked to keep the mailroom going. There was no noticeable difference in mail delivery/pickup. All employees needed to work together to keep the university operating and it makes no difference if they are full-time or part-time employees. Ruben proved that he is an asset to the university.



Ruben took time during the weekend and after-work hours to go shopping for toys for the *UTB/TSC Toy Drive*. He was a great help in loading from the store and unloading them at the university, and put together a little red wagon that needed assembly, which was taken home by one lucky kid during the event.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO....**

**March**

March 9	<b>Erika Salazar</b>	Budget Office
March 11	<b>Olga Garcia</b>	Information Systems
March 14	<b>Matilde Mon</b>	Information Systems
March 15	<b>Daniel Anzak</b>	Business Office
March 22	<b>Graciela Abrego</b>	Business Office
March 26	<b>Emilio Rodriguez</b>	Campus Police
March 27	<b>Theodora Cervantes</b>	Business Office
March 29	<b>Evaristo Melgoza</b>	Business Office
March 30	<b>Jaime Richeson</b>	Campus Police
March 31	<b>Juan Vicente Garcia</b>	Printing Services

**April**

April 4	<b>Rosa Buitron</b>	Payroll Office
April 8	<b>Alberto Castillo</b>	Human Resources
April 8	<b>Amanda Fuhro</b>	Human Resources
April 11	<b>Rosie Vela</b>	Office of the VPBA
April 13	<b>Eugene Bevers</b>	Human Resources
April 19	<b>Jose Luis Quezada</b>	Office of the VPBA
April 23	<b>Jorge Garcia</b>	Campus Police
April 28	<b>Pedro Vasquez</b>	Campus Police

**SMILEY  AWARD**

Business Office: **Patty Hinojosa**  
 Env. Health & Safety: **Dolores Saenz**  
 Human Resources: **Diana Rodriguez**  
 Purchasing Office: **Hannia Flores**  
 VPBA/AVPBA: **Bill Dodd**

**BUENO BYES:**

We would like to thank **Denis Cano** (Budget Office) and **Sandra Hernandez** (Human Resources) for all his dedication and hard work with the Business Affairs Division. Good luck to you and don't forget to stop by once in a while!

**PROBATION PERIOD:**

Congratulations to Patricia Longoria from Sponsored Programs for completing her Probation Period in February. Congratulations!

**NEW BAD EMPLOYEES**

Please check out our new "Who's BAD" Newsletter to learn about our new Business Affairs Employees.