


2019-2020

# CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

*Student Government  
Association  
Collin College*



## Y(our) moment. Y(our) legacy.

Laying the foundation of success

## GROWING STRONG BONDS & LEADERS

Our newly elected executive team recognized that a strong group of leaders required strong friendships. Over the summer they got together and went to the Dallas Museum of Art, attended EarthX Conference, leadership workshops, camps, diners, movie nights, among others. The executive team came together as a unified family working together to accomplish their goals.

Through exciting adventures and efficient & productive daily meetings over the summer, the executive team worked diligently together to organize, rebuild, and establish a strong foundation for the new upcoming school year. This would be a critical point in Student Government Association's history. They came in with little to nothing. Having zero general members at the general meetings in the last academic year, and only having five of the twenty-three officer positions filled, they knew that this was their moment to make a great impact on the future of SGA and leave their lasting legacy.





## A FULL TEAM OF DEDICATED LEADERS

Over the summer all of the executive team attended LE.A.D. camp, and President Rawas, as well as Vice President Sanchez were leaders within breakout groups. All of the executive team attended this leadership camp to grow their leaderships, and to network among other student leaders from various campuses within the county. This opportunity was incredible for a struggling club like SGA's, and they took full advantage of it. The executive team made lots of friends at the leadership camp as they promoted SGA and scouted for potential senators for the three main campuses.

During the summer months they also participated in the involvement fairs to advertise their new SGA and for recruitment of potential senators. While they did these involvement fairs they were there to ask questions and listen to their fellow constituents about what was important for them to see change, or improve at their College. The team competed against each other to make promotional flyers to hand out, along with other SGA swag. "Active member forms" were also passed out via QR codes for the officers to contact students interested in attending meetings, filling vacant senate positions, and volunteering for upcoming events.

SGA also created the SGA Representative positions, which passed through student engagement. The purpose for this new officer position was so that each organization at the college have a representative who would voice their club's needs, promote their club events, network with student leaders at the monthly SGA meetings, and recruit new members for their organizations.

A month and a half before the academic year started was dedicated to senate nominations, and appointments, due to the high volume of interested students. This was a great problem to have, since the team's effort to market SGA and bring people's interest had worked tremendously. All eight executive positions, and fifteen senate positions were filled before the first general meeting had even begun.

This was the moment to let students know that their SGA was coming back, and in a much bigger and greater way!



## **"THE LARGEST SGA MEETING IN 10 YEARS!"**

One of the main goals for the current executive team was membership growth of active SGA members. They understood that in order to represent over 60,000 students in over three campuses throughout the county, they had to accommodate students to facilitate their attendance so that they may stay in the loop of what is being passed in SGA, and have a better voice on what is being passed.

Because of their meticulous planning, and execution of their promotional efforts, and recruitment. SGA had the largest turnout of attendance at any general meeting since 10 years in their history with over 80 general members in attendance at their very first meeting.

The executive team was proud to announce their hard work as they were able to work and make student enrollment a better process for new and returning students. They also addressed the issue regarding the the newly bought student resident halls. Student leaders from various organizations were given the opportunity to address the assembly of students to promote their events and recruit new members.

Students walked out feeling optimistic, energized, and ready to be a part of such a pivotal part in SGA's history and leave their mark.

Through the creation of Student Government Association Representatives, the executive team and senate were able to get invaluable feedback from the vast amounts of organizations on campus. One of the main things we helped tackle was aiding in membership growth for other organizations. The executive team bought giveaway items for other clubs so they could have something to give out at their recruitment tables.

They also volunteered to run several tables for organizations. In October they helped run the Boo in Booze campaign led by the Know Now organization. There they passed out candy, had picture frames for people to take pictures, and informed students on the effects of driving under the influence.

Not only did we were they involved in helping a plethora of organization on their campus, like supporting Phi Theta Kappa at their induction ceremony, or helping run the North Texas Food Drive, assisting the Muslim Student association in membership growth, and many others.

**SUPPORTING OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

“It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed.”  
 — Napoleon Hill

They also were unloved i organizations in other universities! Our Student Government Association had the honor to be invited to the University of North Texas's IGNITE to speak to their leadership about ways to help grow their organization with strong, and passioante leaders.





## INCREASING INVOLVEMENT AT REGION

Student Government's vision for this year did not stop at the involvement at their local campuses, their eyes were set at the regional and state levels too! They knew that bringing students to these large networking events was beneficial to the individuals own success, but to the success of the whole team.

SGA has had a huge journey in the past few years. Unfortunately, the previous year it suffered from incredibly low involvement within its chapter and students at their college. This was reflected in their presence at a state and regional level. Fall of 2019 there was only about three members that attended the region conference, their recruitment efforts gained them to five members for region spring leadership conference of 2019.

The greatest lesson they all learned at the conference were was to empower students. President Abbrebado was a prime example of a bright person who empowered every single student, her effort and nurtured current President Rawas and Current Vice President Sanchez for their efforts of establishing a great team for the 2019-2020 year. They took what they learned at state with the mission and the view of an impactful future for their SGA, and other organizations at their college.

SGA implemented the creation of committees, just like those at region, for their local chapter to empower more students and give them the opportunity to flourish bright leaders. Not only did students further their involvement, but it helped them understand how region worked. In fact, each of the twenty delegates that attended the 2019 fall leadership conference joined a committee. This is huge given the fact that SGA has not done that in years.

Each of the twenty delegates briefed their whole delegation on what they learned, what they hope to achieve within their local chapter, and how they plan on returning to the spring 2020 region conference ready to share what their SGA has accomplished.

## BOARD MEETINGS



Student Government Association has been attending every single Board of Trustees meeting for the academic year. This not only helps our student leaders be better informed of policies that are being passed, but it also has given our students the opportunity to announce any events they have proposed.

College President Matkin has been highly impressed with this years accomplishments of the Student Government Association. The Board of Trustees was impressed with one of SGA's first events being a Student Safety Forum. SGA left all the board meeting attendees impressed at the first meeting of the year, they were not raising the bar . . . this year it was clear that they were setting the bar!

INVOLVING  
OUR  
COMMUNITY



**Campus Carry and School Marshal Information Sessions**

Learn about SENATE BILL 21, emergency factors as "CAMPUS CARRY", and the SCHOOL MARSHAL program as information sessions planned throughout October and November. Come to one or more sessions for an open discussion of the issue involved and the steps the college is taking to keep students, staff, and faculty safe.

**Topics will include:**  
 - Campus Carry, Open Carry  
 - The School Marshal Program  
 - Faculty Member Resources/Campus Safety  
 - Questions and Answer opportunities

**Prisco Campus (Prisco Ridge)**  
 6-7:30 p.m., Oct. 9 - Conference Center C1885  
 10-11:30 a.m., Nov. 1 - Conference Center C1885

**Midway Campus (Central Park)**  
 10-11:30 p.m., Oct. 10 - Conference Center C1885  
 6-7:30 p.m., Nov. 10 - Conference Center C1885

**Prisco Campus (Spring Creek)**  
 6-7:30 p.m., Oct. 10 - Conference Center C1885  
 10-11:30 a.m., Nov. 10 - Conference Center C1885

**Senior Center (Senior Center)**  
 6-7:30 p.m., Oct. 10 - Room 127  
 10-11:30 a.m., Nov. 10 - Room 127

For more information, visit [www.utd.edu](http://www.utd.edu)

**This week!**

one drop is all it takes.

**FREE HIV & HEPATITIS C TESTING**

11 AM - 3 PM

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Free to everyone, even the community



Due to growing concerns over gun violence, especially those that have been taking at higher education institutions, The Student Government Association's first event of the academic year was to host a Student Safety Forum.

The purpose of this forum was to address the Senate Bill which allowed campus carry on college campuses, the Marshall program - which the college Board of Trustees passed, and inform the students about the 18.4 million dollar safety plan their college has been implementing to keep their students safe on all campuses.

Community members, students, faculty, and staff were able to address all their concerns and questions regarding anything discussed.

In the second semester, the event SGA chose to for our students and the community was an HIV & Hepatitis C test drive that would be free to all. The senate team, and the Health and Human Services committee proudly partnered with PRISM North Texas to the three main campuses throughout our county.

The dates chosen were February 11-13, right in time before valentine's day! The marketing of this event was so successful, that we not only had many people from the community, and students from UTD get their free tests, but we unfortunately ran out of test kits on the last day. Overall, we tested over 176 people, one of the largest testing events according to PRISM North Texas!

The SGA will now be offering these services through their partnership each semester.



## CONTINUING THE LEGACY AS WE EMPOWER OUR MEMBERS

Student Government Association has gained incredible momentum in the past few months. As the year comes to an end, they have their goals set for the upcoming academic year.

The Senate team has not only been recruiting members to join and be active, but they've been seeking students who would be interested in serving in the upcoming senate team.

SGA will be targeting local high schools for the next wave of visionaries, the next generation of passionate students who will lead by serving others.

The newly established committees have been working tirelessly to organize various events for the remaining school year, and for the beginning of the next.

The executive team has been partnering with the Pride & Patriotism, and Resolutions Committees to create various focus groups to gather invaluable feedback as they go into their constitutional revisions and amendment recommendation sessions.

This has been our moment, our legacy.

