

**ΣΣΦ—Eta Chapter
UNTHSC/TCOM
Annual Report**

I. 2008-2009 Officers

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| a. Lindsey Magdanz | President |
| b. Trisha Parekh | Secretary/Vice President |
| c. Bimal Patel | Treasurer/Vice President |
| d. Jenn Thompson | Editor |
| e. Dr. Patricia Gwartz | Faculty Advisor |

II. Selection Process

- a. Invitation letters to all First and Second year DO students
 - i. First letter in new student packet Fall Semester inviting students to participate actively in student organizations and community service
 - ii. Second letter second semester prior to accepting applications with a list of requirements
- b. Basic Requirements
 - i. Cumulative G.P.A. of an 80% or greater
 - ii. Application
 1. Basic Information
 2. Undergraduate and Graduate Studies
 - a. Majors, Degrees, Awards
 3. Officer Positions and Volunteer Activities Prior to Matriculation
 4. Officer Positions and Organizations held in Medical School
 5. Community Service Interests and Goals
- c. Rejection Criteria
 - i. Applicants who were rejected in the 2008 application cycle were denied membership to SSP based on G.P.A. or lack of demonstrated interest in community service or involvement.

III. 2008 Inductees

o *Class of 2010:*

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| ▪ Adam Norwood | • Joshua Watson |
| ▪ Antoine Pham | • Khawer Khadimally |
| ▪ Audrey Sato | • Kimball Knackstedt |
| ▪ Bic Chau | • Liz Wang |
| ▪ Casey Stell | • Matt Maruska |
| ▪ Chad Weldom | • Michael Russell |
| ▪ Dax Murillo | • Mike Martinez II |
| ▪ Heath Foreman | • Paul Tung |
| ▪ Heeten Masters | • Ravi Chauhan |
| ▪ Jamak Almasi | • Ryun Summers |
| ▪ Jonathan Ngyuen | • Samip Sheth |
| ▪ Jessica Hodges | • Tho Luong |
| | • Wisdeen Wu |

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- Geoff Weikle
- James Kahn
- Amie Bass
- Janice Nhan
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- John Mullins

- Kathryn White
- Kenny Sam
- Kenton Murthy
- Kyle Gummelt
- Kyle Jackson
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- Meghan Thomeer
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IV. Current Membership List

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- ***Class of 2010***

- Nirav Amin
- Laura Arnold
- Saimun Chakrabarti
- Alicia Cleaver
- AJ Jain
- Zaiba Jetpuri
- Jenny Ozan
- Rithy Sok
- Shaye Tegeler
- Jessie Toler
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- ***Class of 2009***

- Sindura Bandi
- Payel Banik
- Kate Barron
- Heather Beard
- Aaron Boone
- Heather Brandfellner
- Michael Andrew Dunn
- Fundime Elmazi
- Benjamin Getter
- Desiree Gleason
- Jon Gonzalez
- Hunaid Gurji
- Stephanie Joy Hiraki
- Sara Holcombe
- Jamie Huff
- Jamie King
- Rachel McCracken
- Myriah McMillan
- Neha Patel
- Lora Plumlee
- Jennifer Preston
- Elizabeth Sablotne
- Sital Sampat
- Jay Naresh Shah
- Sapna Shah
- Marcus Sims
- Eric South
- Lori Stuart
- Douglas Tyler
- Garrett Wolter

V. Activities

a. White Coat Ceremony

- i. Sigma Sigma Phi provides volunteers to aide Student Development before, during, and after the White Coat Ceremony for all incoming students.

b. Tarrant County Food Bank

- i. SSP-Eta Chapter is working this year with the Tarrant Area Food Bank in efforts to help hurricane victims.

- ii. The volunteers worked in a tortilla and a canned food station to evenly distribute the shipment the food bank received for the hurricane victims.

c. Habitat for Humanity

- i. Habitat for Humanity is a program that provides new housing for families, interest free. The families participate in building their own home and dedicate volunteer hours toward the construction of other new homes in the community. The families also attend classes in general upkeep of a house.
- ii. SSP-Eta Chapter volunteered twice in the past year. We hope to continue our service to low income families.

d. Samaritan House

- i. The Samaritan House is a non-profit organization aimed to help individuals who have HIV and AIDS. They offer nutrition, social services, counseling, substance abuse recovery, and life skills.
- ii. SSP-Eta members cook and serve an Italian dinner, including lasagna and spaghetti, to about thirty (30) individuals at the Samaritan House once each semester.
- iii. We hope to increase the amount of times we cook dinner for them to two times per semester.

e. Juvenile Diabetes Walk

- i. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation raises money every year through this walk and donations.
- ii. As part of our commitment to health awareness and support towards our community, SSP members will be volunteering on October 25, 2008.
- iii. The volunteers will work in the first aid booth to help any walkers/runners that could get hurt in the event.

f. D.O. Dash

- i. D.O. DASH is a run/walk put together by the second year class of TCOM. The goal is to select a worthy charity each year in Fort Worth area to support. The 2008 DO Dash will benefit research in lung cancer. In 2007, the D.O. Dash supported colon health and colon cancer screenings.
- ii. At the end of the race, many different booths are set up by numerous organizations. Some check blood pressures, cholesterol, BMI's, and sugar while others work on raising awareness about different health issues prevalent the community.
- iii. This year, SSP members will help educate participants in cholesterol and how it affects the body.

g. Commencement

- i. SSP-Eta Chapter provides the volunteers who act as ushers during the Spring Commencement Ceremony.

h. Bowling for Kid's Sake

- i. This is a fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Teams of five from SSP-Eta collected donations and sponsors for our bowling team.

i. G-Force

- i. SSP-Eta Chapter became a part of G-Force. Once a month members visited the Northside High School to provide mentoring for students.
- ii. This is an ongoing event that takes place at various times throughout each semester.

j. Safe Haven of Tarrant County

- i. Safe Haven is an organization that provides a safe place for women of violence to stay. They offer a 24 hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, transitional living, and many other services to keep women and children safe.
- ii. This is a new service opportunity for SSP members and on December 7, 2008 we will be providing a dinner for 70 women and children.
- iii. We hope to continue to work with them in the years to come.

k. Back to School Carnival

- i. This carnival provides a fun place for families and children to come before school starts and to get a backpack full of supplies.
- ii. SSP members helped kids play games, pass out backpacks, and provide any additional services that the organizers needed.

l. Special Olympics

- i. Special Olympics is a nonprofit international organization that helps individuals with intellectual disabilities become physically fit and compete in various sporting events.
- ii. Our volunteers assisted the runners by escorting them from the finish line to the awards area. We also cheered for all the participants. Some of our volunteers delivered water to the various competition areas, or assisted running an event.

m. Patient Education seminars

- i. This program was created by one of our SSP members to allow students to give a seminar (in conjunction with a faculty physician) about some of the most common health issues that affect our community.
- ii. SSP gave the first seminar about diabetes and then each month there is a different topic discussed (i.e. in October it was about breast cancer) and other organizations on campus can choose to take responsibility in running the event.

VI. Fundraising

a. "Love bugs"

- i. We received this idea from another SSP chapter at the national convention and held the fundraiser during Valentine's day.

- ii. The fundraiser sold microbe stuffed toys.
- iii. SSP was able to raise enough money to hold a few lunches for the whole club last spring.
- iv. This was a very successful fundraiser and we plan on doing it again next year.

VII. Plans for 2008-2009

- a. Last year SSP's goal was to increase membership. This goal has been achieved by almost maximizing membership in all classes.
- b. This year, we would like to continue to promote membership to the first year class through an informative handout during the club fair, introductory speeches during classes, and class e-mails explaining the membership application process.
- c. Another goal for SSP this year is to reach over 1000 service hours throughout the 2008-2009 academic year.
- d. We would like to find more fundraising opportunities to help support SSP.
- e. Finally, we would like to make SSP more known across campus and within the community by:
 - i. Promoting membership
 - ii. Advertising our service events more
 - iii. Creating club t-shirts for us to wear at community service events