

Participation Packet



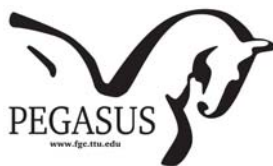
2009-2010



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Program Description

- 1) Access to an FGC Advisor...**
who can connect you with resources, and act as an advocate for you.
- 2) A place to call home/family/friends...**
to find help, answers and a smile.
- 3) Access to Mentors...**
successful students who have been in your place.
- 4) Team mentoring model...**
points earned for participation which can earn you prizes.
- 5) Academic encouragement and support...**
study sessions and advice on academic survival.
- 6) Informational POWER Sessions...**
education of available resources on campus, developing your skills and identifying your personal strengths and goals.
- 7) Social Events...**
fostering a sense of community and providing an opportunity to network with other FGC students.
- 8) Community Service Opportunities...**
giving back through volunteering: Boys & Girls Clubs of Lubbock, the Hope Chest Program, TTU Upward Bound Programs, I.D.E.A.L. and Adopt-A-Family.
- 9) Community Outreach...**
encouraging and nurturing the goal of a college education in the minds of elementary and secondary school children and reaching out to impact the diversity of Texas Tech University Graduates—including those from traditionally under-represented populations.
- 10) Financial Support...**
job opportunities through mentoring as an upperclassman.



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PEGASUS Team Model

- Each Mentor will be assigned to a team which will consist of at least two Mentors and no more than ten Members.
- Teams will compete with each other throughout the semester in order to gain points for their teams and each person will earn points individually.
- Prizes will be awarded based on the number of points earned and will be given at the end of the semester.

Point System

Points Earned for Attendance

****See PEGASUS Calendar for Dates**

- Social Events (10 pts each)
- PEGASUS T-shirt Days (5 pts each)
Must sign-in at 79 Holden Hall
- PEGASUS Pizza Days (5 pts each)
- Study Sessions (15 pts each)
- POWER Sessions (20 pts each)
- Community Service Events—points awarded per hour (20 pts each)

Points Earned for Contact

- Team Meetings (15 pts each, no limit)
- Individual Mentor/Member Meetings (10 pts each, 5 limit)
- Meetings with other Mentors (5 pts each, 5 limit)
- Mentor Sponsored Group Events (5 pts each, no limit)

Awards per semester

Awards are given to eligible PEGASUS Mentors AND Members who meet or exceed requirements.

Awards are based on the following criteria and end at the dates listed on the provided materials.

- Team with the most points overall
 - Each team member who actively participates throughout the semester will receive a prize (prizes will vary).
- Team with the second-most points overall
 - Each team member will receive a team t-shirt (designed by their own team).
- MVP Members (only two member winners per semester)
 - Most points over all (prizes will vary)
- MVP Mentor (only one mentor winner per semester)
 - Most points overall (prizes will vary)



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Community Service

Why Community Service?

Did you know...

- 73% of employers would hire someone with volunteer experience over an applicant with no volunteer experience?
- 94% of employers believe that volunteering adds valuable skills?

World Volunteer Web. (2005, October 19). *Benefits of Volunteering*. Retrieved July 14, 2009, from World Volunteer Web: <http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org/recources/how-to-guide/volunteer/doc/benefits-of-volunteering.html>

Benefits of Volunteering

- Solve Problems
- Strengthen Communities
- Improve Lives
- Connect with Others
- Transform Our Own Lives

Corporation of National and Community Service. (2009, July 14). *Volunteering in America*. Retrieved July 14, 2009, from Benefits of Volunteering: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/volunteering/benefits.asp>

What Makes a Good Volunteer?

- Enthusiasm—Attitude is everything
- Common Sense—Volunteers need to know good from bad and right from wrong
- Personal Interest—Volunteering should not be a chore, it should be something to enjoy
- Ingenuity—Problem solving is often a component of volunteer work
- Compassion—The disadvantaged do not want to feel like they owe you a debt of gratitude.

Volunteer Center of North Texas. (n.d.). *Volunteer 101*. Retrieved July 14, 2009, from Volunteer Tips: [http://www.volunteerpowerscrew.org/BPContent/Volunteering101\(1\).asp#What is a nonprofit and why do they need volunteers?](http://www.volunteerpowerscrew.org/BPContent/Volunteering101(1).asp#What is a nonprofit and why do they need volunteers?)



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Community Service Opportunities

IDEAL: Super Saturdays

IDEAL is a collection of programs to cater to the needs of high-achieving and gifted students of all ages from Kindergarten to 12th grade. Super Saturdays is one such program. Classes on a variety of topics are taught by university faculty, graduate students and public school teachers to enrich the academic lives of these exceedingly talented students. The classes will generally be taught between October 17th to November 7th with two classes either from 9:00-11:00 or 11:00-1:00., and then again in the spring semester.

Boys & Girls Club

Boys & Girls Clubs of America provide a safe and nurturing center for boys and girls of all ages to have affordable, positive and productive outlets. By providing recreational and after school activities every day of the week in a professional environment at little cost to parents, boys and girls are provided an environment with mentors and role models right in their very own community. Every child deserves a safe place to learn and grow with caring adult professionals to engage in life-enhancing and character developing experiences so they can have the hope and opportunity to embody the vision of the future we all know they are capable of achieving.

PEGASUS sponsors multiple events throughout the year at Lubbock area Boys & Girls Clubs to help meet the end goals of this valuable community organization. By engaging with these young boys and girls in a variety of athletic or academic activities, PEGASUS mentors and members impact the growth and development of the youth in the local area.



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Adopt -a-Family

Adopt a Family seeks to provide a Christmas holiday for disadvantaged families in the local Lubbock area by providing food and gifts for the adults and children of the recipient families. With a holiday meal and toys under the tree, families in the Lubbock area are able to engage in the traditions many of us take for granted and build memories they may otherwise never have.

PEGASUS reaches out to the generous University and Lubbock community to sponsor families through donations of their spare change and then helps to create a holiday family care package for as many families as possible.

The Bridge of Lubbock

For approximately eight years, the Bridge of Lubbock has been working to fulfill their mission to bring change to the community by combining community agencies and ministries under one roof to better promote the sharing of resources to underserved portions of the population. This innovative program brings mentoring services to children, provides food voucher assistance, brings free clothing giveaways to the surrounding communities and free lunches. Additionally, the volunteers lead a summer camp to bring religious and cultural activities and excursions within the community to children in needy families.

Pegasus will be volunteering on some Saturdays at the Bridge to work with these vivacious and lively children to bring change and inspiration to their lives.



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| Joseph Gifford | 832-316-4672 | joseph.gifford@ttu.edu |
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LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

IMPORTANT: This form must be filled out by each participant and mentor. **This is a legal document, release of liability. Please read and understand before signing.**

I have asked to participate in the PEGASUS program and related events. I understand that participation in these activities is not without risk.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK, WAIVER, RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION

While PEGASUS makes every effort to provide a safe and pleasant environment for our members and mentors, we do require that this participation agreement be read, filled out, signed, and dated by each member/mentor and by the parent or legal guardian of each child under 18 years of age who wishes to participate in the activities.

PEGASUS has taken reasonable steps to provide equipment and skilled employees so our members and mentors can participate in activities for which they may not be skilled. However, these activities are not without risk. Certain risks cannot be eliminated due to the various settings and without destroying the unique character of these activities. The same elements that contribute to the character of these activities can be cause of loss or damage to your property, accidental injury, or illness.

I understand that no activity program is absolutely safe and free of risk. I agree to assume full responsibility for myself and that of my family, including minor children. I expressly assume all risk and responsibility involving accidents sustained while participating in activity programs of PEGASUS resulting from negligence on my part, that of my family or employees, officers, directors, or agents of PEGASUS. This includes negligence involved in the use of or as a passenger of any automobile at or in route, to or from an activity.

I understand that I am giving implied consent if I choose to operate or ride as a passenger in an automobile for the purposes of PEGASUS business. I affirm that I am fully capable of participating in these activities and that my general health is good, that I do not have any condition that might endanger the life or health of myself or others participating in any activity. I affirm that I know of no reason why I should not participate.

I understand the signature of the parent or guardian of a minor child on this document shall make all provisions of this release and assumption of the risk agreement applicable to and binding on the minor child. I agree that Texas law shall govern this release.

I, on behalf of myself, my children, my assigns and my estate, agree to release and hold harmless PEGASUS , its officers, Board, agents, or employees for any and all claims for injuries, causes of action, or liability related to participation in any activity of PEGASUS.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property damaged during my or my child's participation in these activities, I and/or my child may be found by a court of law to have waived any right to maintain a lawsuit against PEGASUS on the basis of any claim which has been released herein. I have

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(Initial)

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_____ I understand and agree to the terms stated above and understand that these terms may be subject to change at the discretion of the PEGASUS Coordinator.
(Initial)

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(Signature of Student)

(Date)



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sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and agree to be bound by its terms.

This liability release shall be legally binding upon heirs, my assigns, legal guardians, personal representation and myself. I have carefully read this agreement and understand its contents. I am aware that I am releasing certain rights that I otherwise may have, and I enter into this agreement on behalf of myself, minor children, and/or wards, of my own free will.

In addition, I give Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and/or Texas Tech University System (herein, "Texas Tech"), its employees, designees, agents, independent contractors, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, and all persons or departments for whom or through whom it is acting, the absolute right and unrestricted permission to take, use my name, testimonial, and biographical data and/or publish, reproduce, edit, exhibit, project, display and/or copyright photographic images or pictures of me or my child(ren), whether still, single, multiple, or moving, or in which I (they) may be included in whole or in part, in color or otherwise, through any form of media (print, digital, electronic, broadcast, or otherwise) at any campus or elsewhere, for art, advertising, recruitment, marketing, fund raising, publicity, archival pr any other lawful purpose.

I waive any right that I may have to inspect and approve the finished product that may be used or to which it may be applied now and/or in the future, whether that use is known to me or my child(ren) or unknown, and I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the image or product.

I release and agree to hold harmless Texas Tech, its Board of Regents, officers, employees, faculty, agents, nominees, departments, and/or any use whatsoever of such pictures of products, whether intentional or otherwise.

PLEASE PRINT: Name: _____
 Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

For a MINOR CHILD, (under 18 years of age) please fill out the information below and sign:

As parent or legal guardian of _____, I _____
further accept responsibility for actions of this child, and agree to the provisions of the above.

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Dated: _____ Signed: _____

IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER, SIGN HERE:

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(Signature of Student)

(Date)



**PEGASUS Teams Fall 2009
Mentor Team Sign- Up Sheet**

Name: _____

TTU Email: _____

Mentor Team: 1st Choice _____

Reasons: _____

Mentor Team: 2nd Choice _____

Reasons: _____

Mentor Team: 3rd Choice _____

Reasons: _____
