

Events

- Welcome Party: These parties are held at the beginning of each semester to welcome the new students. There are no set rules for conducting these parties; generally the culture till now has been introduction of students, then games for the new student, Indian food being served and ends with musical chair and distribution of prizes. All students are requested to dress in ethnic wear and care should be taken about the assets of the auditorium where the party is being held.

- Relay for life: Texas A&M University-Commerce is hosting Relay For Life, an overnight event to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money to help the American Cancer Society save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer, and empower individuals to fight back against this disease. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team keeps at least one team member on the track at all times.

Relay is much more than a walk around a track. It is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived. It is a night for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another. This event takes place at the end of August. To organize this event we need a team leader and members to assist in fund raising.

Possible awards that can be earned during this event include:

#1 Overall Fundraising Team.

#1 Overall Fundraising Individual.

Top Online Fundraising Team

Top Online Fundraising Individual

Top Student Organization.

Top Community Team.

Most Creative Fundraiser

Best On-Site Fundraiser

Most Successful Fundraiser

Best Decorated Campsite

Most Laps Walked

For more information visit www.acsevents.org/tx/relay/texasamcommerce

- Multicultural Festival: The A&M-Commerce International Student Services Office and the Association of International Students host the event in the American Ballroom of the Sam Rayburn Memorial Student Center. A flag parade around the central part of campus kicks off the festival. Activities follow in the American Ballroom. There are cultural displays where one can sell items at minimal price to raise funds for their organization, ethnic food samples, a flag procession, and student talent show. There is award for the talent show. Texas A&M University-Commerce has approximately 360 international students representing 52 countries in addition to numerous American students representing African-American, Asian, Latino, and Native American cultures. This event allows us to celebrate the international and multicultural diversity of our campus. Tickets are \$3 per person and are sold at the door. The details of this event can be gotten from the International student office. This event takes place in the month of April.

- Sports Events: ISA organizes different sports events such as cricket in coordination with the Rec-center and alone. Teams are formed and the matches are held. (please write more details on this event as I do not know any thing about this. The ISA Sports Coordinator manages and supervises these activities which are open to boys and girls.

- Antakshari: This event is organized by ISA, usually in the summer and which winners are awarded prizes. The event is designed to get the Indian students together to have fun.

- Graduation Parties: This is held on the graduation day of each semester where a small get together is held to bid farewell to our senior members. Certificates of Appreciation and Excellence are given on this day.

- Student Organizations Awards Banquet: Student Organizations Awards Banquet at Texas A&M University-Commerce recognizes student groups for outstanding leadership, service, programs and even their overall grade point average. For spring 2006, ISA took the top award for a cultural and social organization! Students can nominate their organizations by filling out an awards packet, which is available in the Campus Activities Office, Room 202, in the Sam Rayburn Memorial Student Center. Packets are also available in the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Intercultural Services and Greek Life, both located in the Halladay Student Services Building. This is held in April. Any pictures that student organizations want to show at the banquet are also due by this deadline.

Awards to be given are the highest student organization GPA, individual service, outstanding campus program of the year, outstanding programming, and community service. Also recognized will be the outstanding campus leader (freshmen and sophomores only), outstanding student organization adviser, student organization outstanding service and the William Leonidas Mayo Student Leader Award (junior and senior classification only).

To be eligible for the Student Organizations Awards, organizations must be recognized by the university, registered as "active" on the Activities Website, have at least 10 currently enrolled students, and have a university adviser.

Right now our organization has only been eligible to try for highest student organization GPA award. For other awards we need to work harder as a whole united group contributing something to the community.

