

## Featured Alumnus *Curvie Hawkins, Jr. '95, '00*



Curvie Hawkins has over a decade of experience in the transit industry. He currently serves as the Director of Planning for the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T) where he was hired as one of the youngest directors at The T.

His key responsibilities include managing and directing all planning related efforts including bus, rail and strategic planning. Curvie is currently overseeing the planning of a \$400 million commuter rail line from southwest Fort Worth into DFW Airport.

Mr. Hawkins leadership in the development of The T's Strategic Plan resulted in the project being awarded the Planning Project of the Year by the Midwest Section of the Texas American Planning Association.

Mr. Hawkins is a proud graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington where he attained a Masters degree in City and Regional Planning and a Bachelor of Science in Economics. He is one of the 2008 recipients for the Outstanding African-American Award from the Alumni Association. Curvie will be honored February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the [African-American Alumni Reception](#).

## Featured UT Arlington Academics *Graduate School*



The Graduate School is making plans to host the Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES). ACES is a single day symposium featuring both graduate and undergraduate research presentations. Student research and work is presented as either an oral presentation or in a poster display.

ACES 2008 will be held on Friday, March 28, 2008 with morning and afternoon sessions. Dr. Henry Petroski, the Aleksandar S. Vesic Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering at Duke University, will present the keynote talk at 11:30 a.m. Graduate alumni are needed to serve as session judges. If you want information about serving as a judge, contact Mark LaVelle at 817.272.5235 or [mlavelle@uta.edu](mailto:mlavelle@uta.edu).

[Find out more about the Graduate School, click here.](#)

## Alumni Tours *A Walk to Remember*



**A Walk to Remember** (Alumni Campus Tours)  
All alumni, friends and family of the University of Texas at Arlington are invited to attend a reception hosted by the Student Alumni Association that will feature food, fun and tours of the campus and its new facilities. This event will be held during Homecoming 2008 beginning at 12pm. Attendees

are also invited to attend the Homecoming Chili Cook-off Tailgate following the tour of campus. Please RSVP to [saa@uta.edu](mailto:saa@uta.edu), remember friends and family are welcome!

## Volunteer to be a Mentor! *Student Alumni Association Mentoring*



The Student Alumni Association is looking for UT Arlington Alumni interested in being mentors to current students. Please contact Jasmine Stewart at [jasmine@uta.edu](mailto:jasmine@uta.edu) for more information.



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## Alumni Calendar of Events

**January 26, 2008**  
**Alumni Association Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting**  
9:00 am

**February 9, 2008**  
**An Evening with Spike Lee**  
Texas Hall  
8:00 pm  
Ticket prices for lecture: \$15 (public) \$10 (Alumni Association members)  
A \$50 ticket, which includes a reception with Lee, is available in limited supply.  
Purchase tickets by phone: 817.272.2963 or email: [utatickets@uta.edu](mailto:utatickets@uta.edu).

**February 11–16, 2008**  
**Homecoming 2008**  
[Click here for events.](#)

**February 23, 2008**  
**African-American Alumni Reception**  
7:00 p.m.  
Bluebonnet Ballroom  
[Click here for ticket information.](#)

## COURTSIDE COUNTDOWN

All UTA Alumni are invited to the University Club for all Weeknight Home Basketball games from 5 - 7 p.m.

Free Appetizers and Cash Bar available. The Head Coach will briefly speak on the upcoming game.

Game Schedules and Information on UT Arlington Athletics, [click here.](#)

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