



Spirit of San Antonio

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Engaged Living

SUMMARY

Over the course of my first three fall semesters, I rehearsed and performed with the UTSA marching band. We strove to support the football team, represent the University in a positive manner, and most of all, to entertain our fellow Roadrunner community. I was responsible for memorizing a selection of music and drill so that I could be counted on to march and play in the manner that my spot in the show required. If one person within the organization failed to hold up these responsibilities, the show could appear sloppy and unentertaining to viewers. My primary goals were mainly to progress in my skills at my instruments as well as to make a group of friends once I got to college, and I was able to accomplish both.



SPICES

This experience embodies the engaged living section of the SPICES. I was able to pursue a musical passion outside of my major which also allowed me to participate in UTSA's community and to form a social network that I never would have outside of SOSA.

HERBS

*Honorable: Had to represent UTSA in an honorable manner
Resilience: Had to adapt an extensive SOSA schedule to an engineering course load
Support: played for football team*

LEARNING OUTCOMES

*Adaptability & Resilience: During lengthy practices, had to overcome and learn from various failures and accept criticism to perfect performance
Team/Independent Learning & Decision Making: Problems that had to be solved within a show often had multiple possible solutions. Depending on the scope of these issues, we would have to either rely on our own skill, or coordinate with our sections to solve the problems.*



IMPACT

Firstly, we were able to fulfill our main obligations to energize the football team and entertain the crowds at games. We also impacted each other within the organization. Aside from the formation of friendships, we learned greatly from being thrust into a situation where we had to work together with people from all disciplines and backgrounds in order to perfect our collective craft. I have no doubt that this grew my social skills greatly and will also contribute to my professional ability to collaborate across various fields.

ADVICE

I would encourage any student with musical passions to participate in SOSA or a similar organization. It can help relieve the stress of a major as well as provide a social outlet. The friends made and lessons learned will be worth the hard work.