



SOSA

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Engaged Living

SUMMARY

The Spirit of San Antonio is UTSA's marching and pep band. During my time as a member I had to attend rehearsals every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, go to and perform at all home football games on relevant Saturdays, perform at two smaller pep band events and go to any other major event required by the band (last year being the 50th anniversary gala, the Howdy Rowdy Bash at Six Flags, and a trip to the away game at Texas A&M). My personal goals during the semester of SOSA were to try and reach higher notes on the trumpet, something I failed to do during my senior year of high school due to braces. The main goal for SOSA was to support and cheer on the school and its sports teams, while also being a representative of UTSA itself.



SPICES

SOSA is a prime example of engaged living because of the commitment you make to the organization. By joining SOSA you commit a large portion of your time during the semester to rehearse and perform at football games and events.

HERBS

Being in SOSA is honorable, you get to represent the school and are proud to do so ("Who are we? Roadrunners!") SOSA is also innately supportive (Cheer on our peers) and resilient (always pushing forward, even in adversity).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

SOSA embodies the honors learning outcome of judgement and decision-making. Key components displayed are the ability to learn from failure (I.E. you take too small steps during the first run, so you take larger ones next time), the ability to accept criticism, and the ability to work with a team towards an accomplishment (Producing a well made half-time show is only possible with the hard work of every member on the field).



IMPACT

SOSA benefits the school by being the organizational embodiment of its spirit. UTSA's football team (and by extent, basketball and volleyball), regardless of how their season is going, will always have SOSA to support them at their home games. Being in SOSA is an experience is something I won't forget. Every time I hear Prelude (the start of our halftime show) I get goosebumps. SOSA has allowed me to grow socially by connecting me with others over shared interests.

ADVICE

If you wish to join SOSA, just make sure to always try your best and always show up to rehearsal with your music. Be prepared to have to manage your time a little differently if you've never done marching band before.