**LEAD STORY:** Erin Cristales

**Finding Balance**

Erin Cristales is an outstanding writer whose colorful prose appears in the pages of the *North Texas Research* and other publications. She brings to the role of Chair of the *Journal of Publishing Education* and faculty member of the *School of Journalism and Strategic Media* a wealth of experience and a blend of practical knowledge and research. She has a passion for producing content and a commitment to fostering the next generation of journalists. Erin's support for the *Journal of Publishing Education* has been immense, and her dedication to education has been unparalleled. She has brought a new level of innovation to the journal and has made it a leading publication in the field. Erin is a true leader and a mentor to many young journalists. Her work has earned her the *Golden Apple* award for Best Article of the Year for her feature story on the impact of social media on education. Erin's leadership has been nothing short of outstanding, and she has made a significant impact on the field of publishing education.

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Erin Cristales

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**HR UPDATE**

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**STUCK ON THE HOMECOMING CURSE?**

**UTD**s Georgetown Campus

Robert Barrow is truly a hero to UTD students and the Dallas community. A trained nurse, Sims sprang into action alongside several HSC students and performed CPR on the runner, a 27-year-old man. John Sims, a 20-year-old student at UTD, was spotted saving the runner after he collapsed to the pavement due to heart failure. Sims was honored as the *Case* of the Year by the *Case* Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and received the *Case* Platinum Award for Best Article of the Year for his feature story on the impact of social media on education. Sims's story of saving a man's life -- and gaining a new friend -- was a testament to the power of community and the importance of being prepared. Sims's selflessness and quick thinking were truly inspiring, and he was a true hero to the Dallas community.

**HIGH FIVE: Emotions high as paralyzed UNT Dallas graduate walks across stage to receive diploma**

Corey Borner, a communications major, was a constant, smiling presence, eager to pass out fist bumps and motivation to others to chase their dreams. Plenty of earned milestones were accomplished. Borner, paralyzed in 2009 from a spinal injury playing football at DeSoto High School, was told by doctors that he would never walk again. Yet, he never gave up hope that he would one day emerge from his wheelchair and step one foot in front of the other. He did that on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at the UNT Dallas graduation ceremony. Borner received his diploma in communication arts, and is a member of the Sigma Pi Sigma fraternity. Borner is an inspiration to all of us, and his story is a testament to the power of determination and resilience.

**HIGH FIVE: UNT College of Music taps noted singer, Ph.D. candidate to senior administrative role**

Alcina Davis, a noted singer, Ph.D. candidate, and senior administrative role for the UNT College of Music, was selected to head the Senior Administrative Coordinator role in the School of Music. Davis is a renowned singer with a long career in the musical world. She is also a Ph.D. candidate in musicology, and is a member of the American Guild of Musical Artists. Davis's appointment is a testament to the University's commitment to excellence in music education and performance. Davis's expertise in musicology and her passion for the arts make her an ideal fit for the position. She will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new role, and will be an asset to the College of Music.

**HR HIGHLIGHTS**

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If you haven't listened to the latest episode of the We Are North Texas Podcast, check it out here. The latest episode features Special Assistant to the President for Communications, Clinical Executive, SaferCare Texas, UNT Health Science Center, is a board certified family nurse practitioner with 25 years of nursing experience and over 19 years of advanced practice. Her goal is to provide patients with guidance and leadership toward health decisions that are safe and promote improved quality of life. And that's why I was so excited to hear her speak about SaferCare Texas and the importance of our health. She shared valuable insights on how to stay healthy and make informed health decisions, and it was truly inspiring. Thank you, Bobbie Bratton, for being our Expert, our voice of calm and reason during a difficult time. Please add the album below to your playlist.

**High Fives**

Make UNT World a great place to work. The survey runs Sept. 27 - Oct. 8. Watch for emails in the weeks ahead with instructions on how to complete the survey. Your answers will help UNT World leaders form action plans geared to make improvements that matter to you, UNT World faculty and staff. Your feedback is valuable, and is completely anonymous. The survey allows you to provide an honest assessment of your work environment.

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