The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Interment Ceremony for the Willed Body Program

April 13, 2007
UTHSCSA Memorial Park

Flowers mark the interment sites from previous years. Clean soil shown is for the audience: they were invited to walk by the interment site and cast flowers or the traditional hand-full of soil.
MEMORIAL PARK
of
The University of Texas Health Science Center
at San Antonio
Established January 25, 1996

This portion of the campus has been set aside as the final resting place of the cremated remains of persons who have donated their bodies for the furtherance of medical knowledge. It is in testimony to and in gratitude for the generous gifts of these selfless friends that this memorial park is dedicated. Through their benevolence and foresight, they have provided a unique and essential resource in the training of health care professionals. Both the University and a multitude of unknown beneficiaries in this and in future generations, who will enjoy enhanced health and longevity through the efforts of students of the health sciences whom these bodies have helped to train, owe these donors a debt of gratitude.

Enter this place of solitude to find refuge from surrounding distractions and experience restoration of spirit. Contemplate the timeless value of the altruistic acts of those who have donated their bodies for scientific study. Join with others who honor our benefactors, in whose memory this park is consecrated.

Commemorative Plaque in Memorial Park
Pipers begin the program and lead the way to Memorial Park.
San Antonio Pipe and Drum’s
Pipe Major Harrell Southerland, &
Piper Kathleen Swanson
Ron Philo, PhD
Director, Willed Body Program, UTHSCSA
Nan Clare, M.D.
Senior Associate Dean and
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Medicine
“Words can not express the sincere appreciation we have for the courage that these individuals have shown in choosing to be part of the willed body program, and for the courage shown by their families. We could not educate our future physicians without this unselfish gift.”
Brian Black,
First Year Dental Class
Steve Gibbons,
First Year Medical Class
“…we WILL always remember them for this gift that they have given us.”
Daniel Czar,
First Year Occupational Therapy Class
Cesar Iglesias,
First Year Physicians Assistant Program
“For the rest of my life, when I reach out to my patients, I will be grateful for having had the opportunity to develop not only a deeper intellectual knowledge of the human body but also a profound appreciation for the miracle and gift of each life.”
Brittany Williams
First Year Physical Therapy Program
“Generations and more generations. Each one leaving its shadow on the next.”
Angela Rosales,
Third Year Physical Therapy Program
“...we are extremely grateful.”
“This remarkable donation and sacrifice has provided physical therapy students with a kinesthetic and visual opportunity to appreciate and comprehend the intricacy of the human body in a unique way that a picture in a book could never illustrate.

The donation truly demonstrates the unique character of the individuals that we honor here today and the respect that they shared with health care professionals. Although everyone in our class shares a common gratitude to each individual and their families here today, we have individually been impacted and educated with an irreplaceable experience that will continue to touch, affect, and heal the lives of countless others.”

Angela Rosales,
3rd Year Physical Therapy Program
Thank you for viewing this slide show honoring those generous individuals who have donated their bodies to the education of physicians, dentists, and other health personnel. Their donation has promoted the advancement of health care.