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LBJ SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AUSTIN CHAPTER
ANNOUNCE THE SPIRIT OF LBJ AWARD WINNER

After long consideration of an excellent group of nominees, the LBJ School of Public Affairs Alumni Association's Austin Chapter is pleased to announce the winner of the Second Annual Spirit of LBJ Award. This year's deserving winner is Ms. Sarah Hutt Chen of Spring Texas.

The Spirit of LBJ Award recognizes students whose commitment to the greater LBJ Community goes 'above and beyond' the normal to capture Lyndon B. Johnson's spirit of vision, leadership and action. The award is given to an incoming second year student who has demonstrated leadership, commitment to the LBJ School and to the Austin community; and a strong sense of ethics and integrity. "Sarah truly demonstrates the character and commitment President Johnson envisioned from a student at the LBJ School", stated Austin Chapter President Karen Latta. "Sarah represents the best of the LBJ School, the LBJ community, and the University of Texas."

Sarah Hutt Chen's nominations noted her role in founding new organizations within the school, including Citizens for Local and State Service; her commitment to her fellow students; her volunteerism; her leadership of the 2009 Service Day at the Town Lake Animal Shelter; and, most recently, her commitment to providing support for military spouses within the LBJ Community. As noted by Professor Terrell Blodgett:

For many years, I had hoped that LBJ students interested in local and state government would form an organization to call attention to the opportunities in these two levels of government and to be a focal point for exchanging information and research in this arena. Finally, this year, this has happened - and one of the key leaders in that group has been Sarah Hutt Chen.

For her efforts Ms. Chen will receive her award and stipend at a future event that will be announced by the Alumni Association's Austin Chapter.

The Austin Chapter is part of the LBJ School Alumni Association and an Alumni Network within Texas Exes. The Chapter represents the roughly nine-hundred graduates of the LBJ School of Public Affairs living within the greater Austin area as well as the school's local faculty. More information can be obtained at <http://www.lbjalumni.org/>. To make a donation to the Spirit of LBJ Award, go to <http://www.lbjalumni.org/> and click on donate.

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