EVERY LONGHORN HAS A STORY ACTIVITY

At The University of Texas at Austin, individual opportunity and leadership are two of our core values that contribute to the idea that “every Longhorn has a story.” Each applicant will create, bring and present a “leadership chest” on Selection Day, which will allow you to share information about your leadership and personal story.

Decide on three (3) objects that represent how you see yourself as a leader. We want you to think critically about your story and choose significant items that represent you and your approach to college life and leadership.

Examples can include:
- Photos of people who have influenced you
- Photos of people who inspire you and/or your leadership style
- Items representing diversity in your experiences or skills
- Issues you are passionate about
- Objects that describe you as a student
- Books/items that inform your way of thinking

Be prepared to talk about why you are passionate or why someone/something inspires you based on what you bring in to share. This is your opportunity to tell us about yourself, your leadership goals and express who/what has influenced you up to this point.

Place these objects inside a container that represents how others see you. You may choose a container (e.g. a bag, box, etc.) or you may decorate your own. Decorate the outside the box, bag or container with images (pictures, your own drawings, and words or phrases) that describe how you think other people see you.

Applicants will have approximately 3 minutes to present their leadership chest in front of a small group. Each applicant will:
- Give a brief introduction (name, hometown, major)
- Describe the three objects you chose and why you chose them
- Describe the outside container of your leadership chest that reflects how others see you