

# DES NEWSLETTER

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## STAR ACHIEVEMENTS

**The move to Blanton!  
Need I say more?**

## CONGRATULATIONS

**June Hagler** - appointment to National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' Commission on Diversity and Multicultural Issues Committee.

## NEW STAFF

**Penny Griffin** - FA - Financial Aid Specialist

## STAFF LEAVING

**James Swenson** - SFS - Student Account Specialist

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Charles Harper** - 45 yrs!

**Jennifer Russell** - 6 years

**Anna Gomez** - 6 years

## BIRTHDAYS

**Kathy Rowe** - Dec. 3

**Kelly McMillan** - Dec. 18

**Laura Del Rio** - Dec. 19

**Cheryl Moore** - Dec. 20

**Shannon Grandberry** -

## VIPs - Very Important Ponies



Some of our **VIPs** this month are:

The **VIP** section of the **DES Newsletter** this month is dedicated to all those who provided such wonderful assistance with the move to the **Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building**.

**All of the DES Staff** - all of the hours that each of you spent organizing, packing, labeling, and unpacking made the move of over 100 people successful in a very short turn around time. Deadlines were met, instructions were followed, and patience was shown at all points. All of the work is greatly appreciated.

**Blanton Project Teams** - To prepare for the move to Blanton, several project teams were created to focus on various areas. Thank you to all who worked with these teams and to **Joe Papari, June Hagler, and Erin O'Neil** who served as chairs. The work you did really paid off with the move.

**Technology Staff** - a special thank you to **Joe Papari, Stephen Forrest, Susan Earp, Chris Sekerke, and Monica Cordero** (and anyone else) who worked tirelessly to make sure that our computers were working by the end of the day on Friday of our move. There was such wonderful attention that many people said they were asked multiple times if their system was working.

**ITS** - who worked with **Joe** and his team. So many **ITS** staff members were present on the Friday of the move and after to help with problems, set up IP addresses, unpacking computers. **DES** thanks you and looks forward to having you as neighbors in **Blanton**.

**Access Control** - **Ruth Henderson** and **Kim Currin** for all the help with keys. They worked with us with keys that were not correct and came to **Blanton** to distribute them when we had more changes. We know this is not the end of our questions and changes, but appreciate all the work you did so far.

**Lynn Gross** - is our telephone hero. **Lynn** spent countless hours making sure that the telephones were where they needed to be, to get cords, move phones, set up

## DON'T FORGET

**Holiday Luncheon**



**December 10th  
12noon  
Blanton Meeting Rooms!**

## Division Highlights

### Important Dates

**Thanksgiving** - Nov 27, 28

**End of Term** - Dec 3

**Final Exams** - Dec 6-12

**UG Pymt Due Date** - Dec 15

**Winter Break** - Dec. 22-26

**Football Schedule - Went Ponies**

**TCU** - Nov 29

## Quotation of the Month

"What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?"

*Dr. Robert Schuller*

Dec. 26

**Sondra Pena Wright -**  
Dec. 27

**Rod Jackson - Dec. 31**

If you are not on the list and should be, this is produced from the Employee Roster on the V drive. Let Kathy know if there is an error.

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numbers. Lynn always has been a real partner in this move.

**Sarah Rincon** - there are not words to express the work that Sarah has done on this project. She has been with us as we picked out furniture, decided on signage, worried about the decor, and brainstormed solutions to problems. She has worked late hours, been here whenever asked, and always tried to find a way to do anything and everything. Her good humor, positive attitude, and constant encouragement are much of what made this move successful.

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## Holiday Celebration

The Holiday Luncheon for Enrollment Services has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th from 12noon to 2pm. Again this year it will be pot luck. So begin thinking about what yummy thing you want to bring. Sign up sheets will be going up after Thanksgiving. Mark your calendar and get ready to share in the fellowship, food, and fun.

Most of the holiday traditions that occur at this time of year are ways for us to be thankful for what we have and to share our good fortune with others. Chris Sekerke is contacting the Wilkinson Center so that we can work with them this year as our philanthropic activity. We will be collecting food, clothing, toys, and money to assist the Center with their holiday celebrations. Clean out your closets, your kitchen cabinets, and share what you can. Of course there will be prizes for the teams (and that can be any combination of folks) who participate.



## SMU Trivia

**What is the event that marks the opening of the holiday season at SMU?**

**Answer:**

Celebration of Lights. This interdenominational and multicultural event will be held on the steps of Dallas Hall at 7pm on Sunday, December 7th. Everyone is welcome.

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## End of Term Grading Assistance

The Registrar's Office has arranged for assistance with grading at the end of the fall term. Staff from the Administrative Systems Training Team will be available in Blanton longer hours -- 7am to 9pm week days. Staff will be on call over the weekend and can be contacted by calling the SMU Help Desk. Between December 2 and 12, the Self Service Area in 102 Blanton will be staff to assist faculty and TAs with grading.



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

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[Herman Trend Alert](#), by Roger Herman and Joyce Gioia, Strategic Business Futurists.