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Staff News from DES

NEW STAFF
Romante Archer - UG Admission Counselor

STAFF LEAVING (Retiring)
June Hagler - Financial Aid

STAFF PROMOTIONS
Courtney Barrett - Assistant Director of Operation for UG Admissions
Veronica Decena - Manager of Certification, Transcript and Imaging Services

Birthdays
Rod Del Rio - Sept. 1
Nancy Peterson - Sept. 5
Kathleen Hayden - Sept. 11
Frances Wardell - Sept. 22
Monica Cordero - Sept. 26

Anniversaries
Barbara Waters - 23 years!
Cruz Lopez - 10 years
Jackie Wilborn - 8 years
Stan Eddy - 8 years
Darrah Rippy - 8 years
Daniel Herrera - 5 years
Bill Chandler - 5 years
Shereetta Robertson - 4 years
Kerry Schneidewind - 1 year

Enrollment Services Celebrates bringing in

VIPs - Very Important Ponies

The September Very Important Pony remembers Epi Ramirez. Epi passed away this July. Epi had a long association with SMU and many, many friends across campus.

Epi began his association with SMU as an Upward Bound student, continued at SMU to receive a Bachelor’s degree in Social Sciences and a Master’s degree in Liberal Studies. Epi was a lifelong learning. This summer he talked of applying to the SMU Law School night JD program because he missed going to class.

Epi also worked in the Registrar’s office for 18 years. Actually, a few years more when adding his time as a student worker. He worked his way through the Academic Records area to the position of Manager of the Transcript area. Compliments for his assistance often appeared in this column. Here is a sample:

Indeed, all IS well. Thank you so very much for your help. We sincerely appreciate your kind attention and your efforts to accomplish this delivery for us. What a lovely “registrar” experience.

Got it! Thanks very much. I never got such great service from anyone at SMU until you.

DON’T FORGET
October 1st
Division Meeting
This is our annual Security Meeting - Attendance will be taken!

Important Dates
Sept. 19-20 - Family Weekend
Oct. 13-14 - Fall Break
Oct. 14 - Staff Recognition Ceremony
Nov. 3 - Spring enrollment begins
Nov. 5 - Last day to drop
Nov. 20 - Last Day to withdraw
Dec. 5 - Last day of instruction
Dec. 8-13 - Final examinations
Dec. 13 - December Graduation
Dec. 22-26 - Holiday Break
Jan. 142 - New Year’s Holiday
Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Jan. 20 - First day of class

Quotation of the Month
The shortest distance between two people is a smile.
Author Unknown

SMU Trivia

Question
How many Opening Convocations have there been at SMU?

Answer
Ninety-three
the new class.

September 10th is the census date at which SMU reported the enrollment statistics for fall 2008. SMU welcomed 1400 new students from high school and reported a total enrollment of 6,264 undergraduate students and 4,699 graduate and professional students. For details of fall enrollment, click [link](http://smu.edu/intranet/des/current_term.asp).

At a breakfast on the morning of the 10th, the Executive Directors of Enrollment Services expressed a "World of Gratitude" to the staffs of UG Admission, Enrollment Resources, Financial Aid, the Registrar's Office, and Student Financial Services for their hard work this past year, stating that by the strong collaboration of all the areas in Enrollment Services, the almost 11,000 students at SMU this fall are starting class. The goal of Enrollment Services is to make this transition each term a smooth one for our students and their families. The Executive Directors thanked each member of Enrollment Services for their contribution to the success of this goal.

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Mark Your Calendar

**Staff Recognition Ceremony**

**October 14, 2008**

10:30am

Hughes-Trigg Theatre

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Thanks so much for sending the transcript I requested via voicemail yesterday. As always, I very much appreciate your quick response to my requests.

So many people have contacted staff in the Registrar's Office and Enrollment Services to express their condolences. To provide a way for people to remember Epi, the Division of Enrollment Services has created a fund to collect donations for a memorial gift of furniture for the Blanton Terrace. Gifts may be directed as follow:

Please make sure to list the designation Epi Ramirez Remembrance - 01479.

Include: Name, ID, amount, and designation 01479.

If people would like to pay online they can go to: [www.smu.edu/giving](http://www.smu.edu/giving). We accept cash, checks, or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and AMEX).

Or send Donations to Gift Administration, Box 402, PAB G03.

John Hall said it for all of us:

Epi’s love of SMU and his strong desire for doing the very best for our students and their families was always evident. Like you, it is hard for me to accept that he is no longer with us in the office, and I wonder how he could be taken from us while in the prime of his life. I just expected Epi to be here when I retired in a few years. After all, he’d worked with me for over 18 years. I expected that as I walked out the door for the last time that Epi, with his ever present smile, would reassure me that all would be well as he knew where everything was and that he would be sure that no other school’s Registrar’s Office would help their students more than SMU did. I know we’ll be hurting together for some time, but I am confident that the hurt we now feel will be replaced in time with the pleasant memories of the times we spent knowing and working with Epi.

*Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. ~Mother Teresa*