



DES News

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The Quick List

Important Dates for the term

November

- 11th - Veteran's Day
- 20th - Last day to withdraw from the university
- 21st - "No class" day
- 22-23rd - Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 3rd - Last day of instruction
- 4-5th - Reading days
- 5th - Blanton Holiday Luncheon
- 6-12th - Finals
- 13th - Residence halls officially close
- 15th - December graduation
- 19th - J Term payment due date
- Dec. 24-Jan. 1 - Offices closed

January

- 7th-16th - J Term at SMU-IN-PLANO
- 14th - Spring AARO
- 9th - Payment due date for Spring term



On Nov. 7th several of us, representing a cross section of DES, attended a luncheon honoring our SMU veterans. It was noted that we have 150 students, 50 staff members and 25 faculty members at SMU who are veterans. Just days before many of us exercised our right to vote, a right that is secured by men and women who have served or are currently serving in our military. We owe them all our respect and gratitude.

This is a busy time in DES, Adrienne M. reports that about 650 folks a day are registering for the spring term.

Due to hurricane Sandy the Admission office extended the application deadline to Nov. 8th. With documents received peaking at just over 10,000, Joe Davis leads his group in linking the correct documents received to the correct application in a timely manner. Office of the Bursar is working with all those students who just "noticed" their bill when they couldn't register. The Financial Aid folks continue to help the currently enrolled students and are gearing up for the awarding of new spring and fall prospective students.

Many of you have commented that you enjoy the pictures in DES News, so this week we decided to feature our future Mustang "super heroes" and others who are just plain "adorable".
Irma

A Great Reason to Celebrate

December Birthdays

- 10-Charmissa Ajakaiye
- 15- Joseph Knight
- 16- Mitzie Goff
- 20- Cheryl Moore
- 22- Pam Fincher
- 24- Anna Lee
- 26- Shannon Grandberry
- 30- Sue Brunz
- 31-Rod Jackson

December Work Anniversaries

- 1- Tom Gibbs- 1 year
- 15- Braunschay Pertile- 4 years
- 18-Walker Self- 6 years
- 20- Cate Hamilton- 5 years

If we missed your birthday or work anniversary please email iherrera@smu.edu.

DES Spotlight

Mary Anne Frye- Thank you so much for helping Tom get all of this straight. We knew that financially it was a stretch for him to attend SMU but with his bright mind and motivation it seemed like a perfect match. He is so happy there. I am so thankful to caring staff members who have helped him so much. Thank you again for everything. –Happy Parent

Registrar's Folks-The 1127 Mid-Term Grade Processing has been completed and the Mid-Term Grade Rosters have now been purged! Thanks to all of you for all of your help. I especially want to thank **The ER team** for once again making those all-important calls to instructors reminding them of the deadline closing date! –Sylvia Wiseman

Irma and Jean-Thanks to you and your teams for all the work helping student as they prepared to enroll for spring. As of 6pm this evening, almost 1,700 UG students (74% of the students who had an enrollment appointment this week) have enrolled! Now we just have about 4000 scheduled for appointments next week! We really appreciate all the work you do to help things run so smoothly. -Adrienne Montgomery

I want to extend a BIG thank you to the following people that volunteered to help me with TACRAO Registration. **Cho Kim, Paley Wu, Mitzie Goff, Darrah Rippy, Cate Hamilton, Kelly Milazzo, Kimberly Scott and John Hall.** Their efforts made TACRAO Registration a success. Many TACRAOans told us this year's registration was the smoothest ever, even though we had a record number 859 attendees. It was truly a team effort.- Joe Papari



TACRAO's Local Arrangements Committee in Action. Joe Papari and several members of the Registrar's Office preparing a record number of TACRAO attendee packets.

SMUSA Holiday Luncheon

The Staff Association Holiday Luncheon will be held on Thursday November 29th from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Martha Proctor Mack grand Ballroom. Menu and RSVP link are available at http://smu.edu/staff_association/holidayluncheon.asp.

SMUSA is partnering with Park n' Pony for the Children's Medical Holiday Toy Drive. For information about the Toy Drive (and to learn how you can pay off a parking ticket with a toy!) go to: http://smu.edu/staff_association/serviceprojects.asp.

It's Good to know...

Leave Of Absence

While not mandatory, students who are going to be out for two consecutive regular terms or more can benefit from taking a formal Leave of Absence. This is because students who do not complete two consecutive regular terms are subject to discontinuation. The LOA allows students to remain in active status at SMU for a specified period of time. Taking the time to submit an LOA can make the student's return to SMU much easier.

Students who are transferring to another school or who are participating in a non-SMU study abroad or internship are also encouraged to complete an LOA form. The LOA process directs the student to talk with departments that could help smooth their transition from SMU and provides the Director of Retention, Tony Tillman, valuable information.

Student should see their advisor for any questions and to complete the LOA form. Students who want to extend or shorten their designated leave can contact Mitzie Goff or Sylvia Wiseman in the Registrar's Office.

The LOA form and other information can be found on the web at http://smu.edu/registrar/leave_of_absence.asp. Tony Tillman, Mitzie Goff or Adrienne Montgomery would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the LOA process.

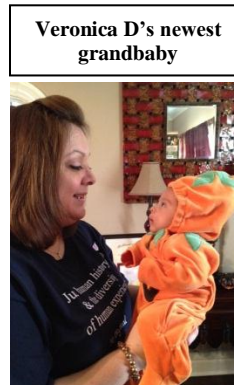
Be a part of graduation!

December Graduation will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 15 in Moody Coliseum and Academic Ceremonies is always in need of great volunteers! **If you would like to help** with December Graduation, please email **Cate Hamilton at chamilto@smu.edu**, who will provide you with an assignment and ceremony attire!

DES Kids- Halloween Fun!



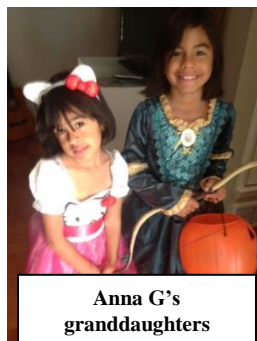
Cindy C's son



Veronica D's newest grandbaby



Daniel H's son



Anna G's granddaughters



Tiffany H's children



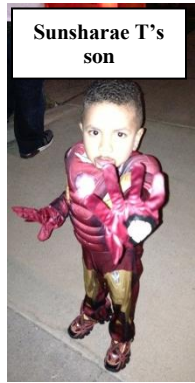
Gina K's daughter



Cruz L's son



Veronica D's granddaughter



Sunsharae T's son



Kelly M's daughter



Claudia F's daughters



Cindy C's son

Tom Gibbs, from the Registrar's Office, had his cubicle "balloon bombed" in honor of his 30th birthday.

