



DES News

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The Quick List

Important Dates for the term

October

- 1 – Early Intervention grades due
- 2 – Division Meeting
- 4 & 5 – Family Weekend
- 9 – Last day for UGs to change major before November enrollment period begins
- 14 & 15 – Fall Break
- 17 – January Interterm payment due date for EHD-DR & Counseling
- **25 & 26 – Homecoming**
- 27 – Mid term grades due for applicable students
- 31 – Blanton Bldg 10th Anniversary!

November

- 4 – Financial aid 60% point for federal aid retention
- 4 – Spring enrollment appointments for continuing students
- 8 – Last day to drop a course in the

*This issue begins with a reminder that December Commencement is just around the corner. But this weekend is **Homecoming at the Hilltop** where family, friends and alumni are encouraged to gather to celebrate the spirit of SMU. Events officially begin on the 24th and continue through the 27. This is a great opportunity for DES to get other folks excited about our wonderful university and to help them experience the best of SMU. Our football team would love to have your support at 2:00 pm Saturday; we are 1-1 in the American Athletic Conference so each win is important. So Pony UP and put your best face forward as we welcome many folks to our campus this weekend.*

Irma

December Commencement will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, Dec 21st in Moody Coliseum. Academic Ceremonies is always in need of great volunteers! If you would like to help with December Commencement, please email Meg Scott at mhscott@smu.edu and you will be provided with an assignment and ceremony attire.

If you have a family member or relative participating in Commencement on December 21, 2013, Academic Ceremonies would love to celebrate with you and your family! Please complete the online RSVP form here:

<https://sites.smu.edu/des/rsvp/DecemberCommencement/?audience=des>

Kimberly Scott



What a great turnout at the graduation fair!

Fall term

December

- 4-9 – No final exams or unscheduled tests and papers
- 5 – Last day exams for December Grads
- 9 – Last Day of Instruction
- 10-11 – Reading Days
- 12-18 – Exams
- 19 – Residence Halls close at 10:00am
- 21 – Official Close of Term and Conferral of Degrees
- 21 – December Commencement Convocation
- Dec 24 - Jan 1 – University Offices Closed

New Staff - Welcome!

Jonathan Miller,
RO

Melissa
Williamson, AD

Renita Spotser,
ER

DES Spotlight

Thank you, thank you, thank you so very much Beth McConville!

I've been so stressed out trying to figure out what to do... I can't express how grateful I am. I'm doing all I can to obtain my degree so I can build a better life for myself and my kids. Again, I am very grateful and I'll be by today to pay half of the remaining [balance]. I get my work study check I believe on Friday of next week and I'll try to clear the remainder if possible, or at the very least by the end of the month.

Again, thank you for helping me find a solution. I feel very blessed.

*Sincerely,
-Shane (student)*

Julio Lopez,

Thank you so much for going above and beyond in helping me with my situation. I know there's only so much a person can do but you certainly surpassed all of that and helped me breathe easy again! Seriously thank you so much, you're truly appreciated!

*Best,
Carmen (student)*

Congratulations to **Veronica Decena** for being invited to the prestigious Lambda Alpha National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology!



A Great Reason to Celebrate!

November Birthdays

- 2 - Gordon Brannon
- 3 - Angie Flores
- 7 - Katie Beth Ongena
- 11 - Tom Gibbs
- 12 - Federico Muñoz
- 14 - Jill Branson
- 23 - Adrienne Montgomery
- 24 - Jill Witt
- 26 - Jackie Wilborn
- 28 - Monica Gomez

November Work Anniversaries

- 1 - Beth McConville (1 year)
- 10 - Kimberly Scott (5 years)
- 10 - Jill Branson (10 years)
- 15 - Stan Stubblefield (8 years)
- 17 - Lydia Babbitt (8 years)
- 22 - Julio Lopez (3 years)
- 22 - Jean Porter (14 years)
- 26 - Nancy Skochdopole (6 years)
- 28 - Colleen Franklin (8 years)

<p>If we missed your birthday or work anniversary please email iherrera@smu.edu.</p>
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Service Awards – Congratulations!



*Sherry Reinwald
receives her
30 year
service award*

*Federico Muñoz
receives his
3 year
service award*



*Daniel Herrera
receives his
10 year
service award*

*At her farewell
reception,
Marcia Miller
receives her
10 year
service award*



It's Good to Know...

Financial Aid Retreat!



"Basketball Coach Larry Brown spoke to us about working as a team and how we need everyone present to do a good job. Goal should always be **making our teammates look good**. Stephanie Dupaul spoke to our group and thanked us for a job well done."

Mary Jones



Sharla, Braunshay, and Chris work on their project.
Team building exercise, 10 minutes to build tallest standing structure.



Missy, Stephanie, Stan, Colleen, and Gina
Team "Odd Balls" wins the tallest structure contest AND bowling! WOW!

In Memoriam: Rod Del Rio



Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life & Perkins School of Theology

A Service of Memory

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

12:00pm

Perkins Chapel

SMU Staff, Faculty, and Students are invited to gather and honor those in the SMU community who have passed from Life to Death in the past year.

Please honor the memory of our Friends and Colleagues with us.