There was much to celebrate this month. President R. Gerald Turner conferred approximately 1,500 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon students from all of SMU’s schools and professional programs. Planning for May Commencement 2013 began in earnest in early 2011. The core team led by Cate Hamilton included Tom Fomby, John Hall, Nancy Skochdopole, Kimberly Scott, Stan Stubblefield and Katie Twining. John Hall tells us, “My new favorite people in the world are grandparents from Waco who told me about numerous graduations they had attended and they said ours was by far the best. They called it "regal" and "like a coronation". Many in DES stepped up to help with the logistics in this historic commencement, and as you will read below many of our staff or their children were graduates.

Admission is still bringing in the fall class, and transfer students are an important part of that group. 79 admitted transfers will be on our campus on Thursday getting some early advising. We all need to keep visitors excited about SMU. May term is ending but next week we start summer school. Whether they are about to enter students or continuation ones they need our collective help in getting through all the processes, so thanks for all you do. At the end of DES News you have pictures of our newest Mustangs guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

Irma

Looks like we made it…..
Pictures of a Successful Commencement!

Setting up for the grand show!

Nancy prepping the stage

The fountain at Baccalaureate

John reminding staff to use sunblock!
New Staff Welcome:

Enrollment Resources- Lacey Porter

Staff Leaving- We will miss you!

Andrew Galloway

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**DES Spotlight**

**Our staff graduates!**

Andrew Galloway- Master of Business Administration
Joseph Knight- Master of Liberal Studies
Paola Sotomayor- Bachelor of Arts- Spanish

**Children of our staff who graduated!**

John McConville (son of Beth)- Bachelor of Business Administration
Bora Laci (daughter of Mirjan)- Bachelor of Arts- Communication Studies
Igli Laci (daughter of Mirjan)- Bachelor of Arts- Public Policy and Bachelor of Science- Economics with Finance Applications

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*And after the hoopla…*

Academic Ceremonies treated everyone who worked on Commencement to shaved ice!
It’s Good to Know…

Commencement webcast stats- We had 1,906 total viewers of the Commencement ceremony webcast and 270 viewers for Baccalaureate. Viewers joined us from Saudi Arabia, India, Kuwait, Mexico, Japan, the UK and Canada!

Paola Sotomayor has taken over the full responsibility of handling the Student Account portion of the withdrawals/cancellations of students. Federico Munoz will continue to serve as a back-up.

President’s Picnic- Food and Fun!

A Great Reason to Celebrate

**June Birthdays**
7- Jerrod Harrell
9- Carol Morris
9- Sylvia Wiseman
10- Elizabeth Neel
14- Pat Woods
15- Lydia Babbitt
18- John Hall
21- Walker Self
23- Susan Evans
30- Stephanie Nonnemacher

**June Work Anniversaries**
1- Jerrod Harrell (9 years)
1- Adrienne Montgomery (4 years)
1- Cindy Luetzow (11 years)
2- Mary (Beard) Jones (16 years)
8- Sunsharae Thierry (15 years)
8- Joe Davis (6 years)
8- Cindy Castro (9 years)
9- Byron Lewis (5 years)
11- Claudia Favela (6 years)
13- Rod Jackson (2 years)
13- Sherry Reinwald (30 years!!)
18- Cho Kim (1 year)
21- Dave Bell (9 years)
21- Mary Compián (9 years)
25- Kathleen Hayden (6 years)

If we missed your birthday or work anniversary please email iherrera@smu.edu.
Our newest Mustangs!

Ross Joseph Trevino with dad, Randy

Roman LaGrant Hughes with grandma (GiGi), Sharla

Alexander Robert Frye, son of Mary Ann

Christian Lee Reinwald, grandson of Sherry