July 2013

The Quick List

Important Dates for the term

June

- 25-Last day to drop FIRST summer session course.
- 26-Last day to withdraw from the University for FIRST summer term.

July

- 4- Independence Day- offices closed
- 5-First day of SECOND summer session
- 8- Last day to enroll/add/drop for SECOND summer session
- 25-Last day to drop a FULL summer session course
- 26-Last day to drop a SECOND summer session course
- 30- Last day to withdraw from the University for the SECOND
- 31-Last day to withdraw from the University for FULL summer term

July brings the end of first summer session and the beginning of Summer II. July also marks the beginning of AARO, a critical time when families are getting vital information, fall classes are selected, financial arrangements are discussed, and new students get their first look at other students who will be part of the new entering class. DES staff will be at each session to help facilitate Student Education Records Release and to help the students set up Authorized payers. In addition we will participate in the Expo and will give presentations. Now that Advising is housed on the fourth floor many more families should find their way to our areas. This is always a great time to wear SMU shirts and name tags. Irma

DES Spotlight

Transfer Open Advising Day- May 30th

We had 97 attendees for Transfer Open Advising Day!
DES helped the kick off the Dallas Mayor’s Summer Reading Club by helping host a morning of fun at the Polk-Wisdom branch of the Public Library!

DES staff got kids registered and handed out snacks. We also helped the kids make puppets, decorate book bags and make book markers. Other staff helped at the Magic show and face painting. Kids who held a winning ticket got SMU t-shirts and it was great to see the kids walking around the library with SMU stickers on their shirts. All had a great time and many staff folks got caught up in the excitement and found their “child-like spirit”.

Thanks to Jerrod Harrell for coordinating this effort and all who volunteered: Wes Waggoner, Pat Woods, Anna Gomez, Beth McConville, Sue Brunz, Marcia Miller, Mary Jones, Rod Jackson, Abbi Pfister-Soria, Alissa Cherry-Kirton, Nancy Skochdopole, Irma Herrera.

A Great Reason to Celebrate

**July Birthdays**
2-Lacey Porter  
7-Andy Frye  
12-Mirjam Laci  
14-Tali Koerner  
15-Fernando Del Rio  
20-Bill Chandler  
20-Penny Griffin  
22-Shelly Walker-Downey  
30-Yaw Bonsu

**July Work Anniversaries**
1-John Hall (42 years)  
1-Angie Flores (10 years)  
12-Gina Kelbert (3 years)  
19- Eartha Walls (14 Years)

If we missed your birthday or work anniversary please email iherrera@smu.edu.
It’s Good to Know…

Thank you Jay Williams for your work on a proposal that resulted in SMU being selected to host Camp College in June 2015 and June 2017.

Camp College- what is it??

Camp College is a service based event through TACAC where Admission Counselors and High School Guidance Counselors volunteer 2-3 days to work with rising high school juniors and seniors on the college search and application process. This year we had about 35 counselors from about 25 different colleges and high schools working with about 85 students. Most of the students attending are first generation and underrepresented. Camp College is of no cost to the student and allows them the guidance to pursue their education beyond high school. SMU will be hosting Camp College in June 2015 and June 2017.
Our “mini mustangs” have reason to celebrate!

Charmissa’s son, Caleb, will be heading to 6th grade this fall! This year he received a trophy for maintaining an ‘A’ average through the entire school year.

Kelly’s daughter, Sophia, graduated from Pre K and is starting Kindergarten this fall.

Sue is a proud new grandma! Connor Jacob Quigley was born June 20th.

Is there a special event you would like to celebrate with DES? Email Irma at iherrera@smu.edu and we can include it in a future newsletter.

Daniel’s son, Israel, at his first grade awards ceremony. He is heading to 2nd grade this fall.

Charmissa’s daughter, Caitlyn-Grace, received certificates of academic achievement in math, science and social studies. She is on her way to second grade.