



# DES News

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## The Quick List

Important Dates for the term

### August

- 19-International AARO
- 20- Fall payment due date
- 20-Final AARO
- 22-24-Mustang Corral
- 24-Residence halls official open
- 25-Opening Convocation
- 26-First day of classes
- 30-Last day to enroll, add or drop with no grade recording or record billing
- 26-Summer diplomas mailed out

### September

- 2- Labor Day-offices closed
- 11-last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or FYR repeated courses grading options.
- 16-IEP payment due date
- 20-Continuing Professional MBA and Theology payment due date

AARO is finally winding down and soon new students will be on campus. You will note below that SMU is now listed by Forbes as #81 of the top 100 colleges. Many factors are considered in earning this ranking but it requires among other things that students get interested in coming to SMU, thriving in this environment and getting jobs once they leave us. Isn't it great to know that we are part of the reason that our students and alums count their time at SMU as a great experience? Now we get to do it all over again. The admission staff recently took time to "gear up" and plan for the next round of recruitment, processing, and new admission application options. As they meet, the Refunding team is always looking for ways to streamline the process and serve the students efficiently but accurately. Financial Aid is still awarding and working with families especially our "new" parents who find some processes, especially loans, confusing. Enrollment Resources has been reviewing key customer service components. As you will see below the Registrar's office is announcing yet another new learning opportunity for our students.

This has been a long busy summer but our DES family has met professional obligations and still found time to celebrate upcoming weddings, a new grandchild, or new "eager" staff joining some part of DES. Even as new staff comes in, some are leaving us. I want to publicly thank Kelly Milazzo for the help she has given me with DES News, we will miss her. ~Irma

## DES Spotlight

SMU's affiliation with **Semester Online** was recently announced. The Semester Online program details can be found at [www.smu.edu/son](http://www.smu.edu/son). Students will initially be referred to Claire Brooks who will help guide them through the 2 part enrollment process for a Semester Online course - the student must apply and enroll through Semester Online and petition and enroll through SMU. The SMU petition process requires the student to obtain the approval of their SMU academic adviser. ~ John Hall

I was having lunch with a group of transfer students at the Red & Blue Luncheon. When I introduced myself to the student seated next to me and told him I worked in the Transfer Office, he immediately became excited and said how much he appreciated **Monica Gomez**'s help in the transfer process. He described how she went above and beyond for him in getting transfer credits approved and was very knowledgeable. When he finished, a student sitting across the table from us who was listening in suddenly said, "**Monica Gomez** helped me, too. She was terrific!" ~ Nancy Skochdopole

## **AARO Families are met with friendly faces in the Blanton building!**

With so many new families in our building this month it's a good thing we have our customer service A Teams welcoming them at our two DES service counters!

### **New Staff- Welcome!**

Julius Jenkins-  
Admission

Jill Witt- Admission

Claire Piepenberg-  
Admission

Daniela Balderas-  
Admission

Alexander Munoz-  
Admission

### **Staff Leaving- We will miss you!**

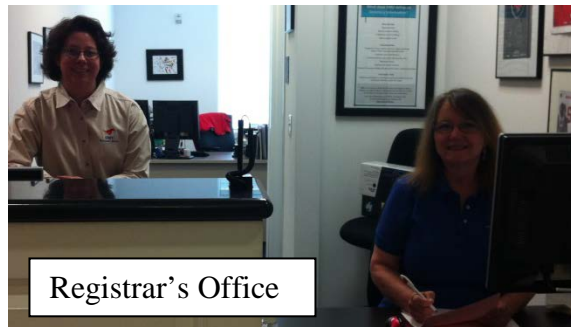
Shelley Walker-  
Downey

### **Staff Promotions:**

Gina Kelbert- Federal  
Work Study  
Coordinator



Financial Aid and Bursar



Registrar's Office

## **A Great Reason to Celebrate**

### **September Birthdays**

4-Gina Kelbert  
11-Kathleen Hayden  
14-Ashley Griffin  
24-Melissa Guerra  
26-John Emmett  
26-Monica Cordero

If we missed your birthday or work anniversary please email [iherrera@smu.edu](mailto:iherrera@smu.edu).

### **September Work Anniversaries**

1- Cruz Lopez (15 years)  
3- Jackie Wilborn (23 years)  
5- Tiffany Hawkins (13 years)  
5-Stan Eddy (13 years)  
5- Joe Lopez (1 year)  
7- Kelly Wyper (3 years)  
8- Bill Chandler (10 years)  
9- Barbara Waters (28 years)  
10-Candace Hayden-Jordan (1 year)  
14- Chris Cornell (3 years)  
14- Joseph Knight (3 years)  
17- Olivia Trevino (1 year)  
17- Elizabeth "Stevie" Stevenson (1 year)  
20- Claudia Gomez (1 year)  
20-Darrah Rippy (13 years)  
29- Daniel Herrera (10 years)

## **It's Good to Know...**

While we search for a permanent Director of Academic Ceremonies, Meg Scott has joined us to fill the job on an interim basis. Meg can be reached at [mhscott@smu.edu](mailto:mhscott@smu.edu) or at 214-768-1690. Meg will report to Nancy Skochdopole.

**New information on the meningitis requirement:** Effective Spring 2014 new entering SMU students 22 years and older will not need to meet the Meningitis Vaccination requirement.

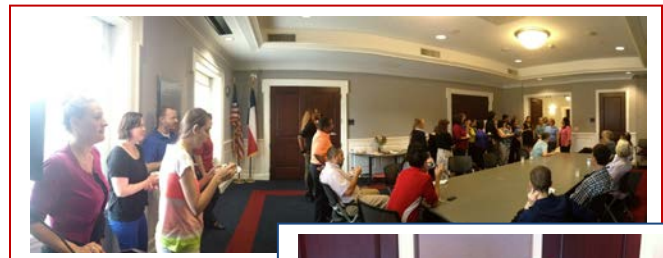
SMU jumps 24 places, to **number 81**, in Forbes 's national ranking of America's Top Colleges!

## Undergraduate Admission Staff visit our Taos campus

Undergraduate Admission went to do a site visit as well as work on planning for the upcoming recruiting cycle. UG Admission and School based recruiters, many of whom have never seen the campus but talk about it often with prospective students and families, attended. This visit gave us first-hand experience that will allow us to talk about the Taos Program in much greater depth. ~Byron



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



Kelly M's going away party



Daniel is getting married!! ♡ Congratulations!



### Grandkids are the "grandest"!



Sharla's grandson,  
Roman



Mary J's granddaughter,  
Genevieve Phoenix (with  
brother, Justin)



Sherry's grandson,  
Christian

A farewell note from Kelly M: "I am really bad at goodbye's so I will just say see you later! You are my DES family and as with most families even when we are not together, you are in my heart."