December found DES managing a commencement ceremony, supporting a toy drive and fulfilling wishes for Angels. We took time over the holidays to refresh and relax. ER had 1440 calls our first 5 days back in the office in January. When we are that busy we know that it is a reflection of the activity throughout the Division. Now that Jan. is behind us we still have much more ahead! Below you will find a schedule of admission programs that will be held in the coming months. Marc wanted to stress that when we have visitors it is great to wear those SMU shirts that have been provided by the various areas. We work at a wonderful university and we want all those families to feel as positive as we do about SMU.

Celebrate the promotions by some of our staff and get out and support our teams which you can see below really are student-athletes! Please note on your calendars now that we have a Division Meeting on March 5th at 8:30 am.

Irma & Lacey

It’s Good to Know…

The first public event in the new Moody, the December Commencement Convocation was hugely successful. In addition to the “full” house in attendance in Moody, there were 1,979 webcast viewers of the ceremony. Planning for an overflow crowd for May 2014 has started!

If you missed the December 2013 Commencement Convocation and would like a peek into the beautifully remodeled Moody Coliseum, the video is available here!

Athletic Acclaim

There were 186 student-athletes named to the conference Commissioner’s Honor Roll with 29 earning the Commissioner’s Academic Medal, indicating a 3.75 cumulative GPA or better. Our student-athletes take their responsibilities to SMU and to the donors who support athletic programs very seriously. They are bright, talented, hard-working, committed, focused, respectful, gracious, and grateful for the opportunity to represent SMU. Go Mustangs!
April

- 2 – Last day for continuing UG students to change majors before April enrollment
- 7-25 – Enrollment for summer/fall continuing students UG and Dedman/Meadows graduate
- 8 – Last day to drop a course
- 10 – Last day for May graduates to change grades of Incomplete
- 14 – Honors Convocation, 5:30 PM
- 17 – Students should file for August or December graduation

Staff Leaving
We will miss you!
Damon Wilkins – SF
Federico Munoz – SF

DES Spotlight

I am pleased to let you know that effective January 6, Adrienne Montgomery has been promoted to Associate Registrar for Academic Records.

At the same time, Mitzie Goff will move to the Associate Registrar for Scheduling and Enrollment position from which Cheryl Moore recently retired. Mitzie will continue to oversee Veterans Certifications.

Both Adrienne and Mitzie bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to their new positions.

Kind regards,
John

I am pleased to let you know that effective January 1, the following actions have occurred:

Lydia Babbitt has been promoted to Associate Director of Financial Aid for Compliance and Reporting; Stephanie Nonnemacher has been promoted to Senior Business Systems Analyst; and Braunshay Pertile has been promoted to Assistant Director of Financial Aid for Alternative Loans and Government Grants

Please join me in congratulating Lydia, Stephanie and Braunshay.

Marc

Spring Admission Programs

Destination SMU
Thursday/Friday, Feb 27th/28th
Monday, March 24th
Thursday/Friday, April 3rd/4th
Thursday/Friday, April 10th/11th
Monday, April 14th

SpringFest
Monday, February 17th
Saturday, March 29th
Friday, May 2nd

Special Admit Student Daily Visits
Thurs, April 17th & Friday, April 25th

A Great Reason to Celebrate!

February Birthdays
1 - Candace Hayden-Jordan
1 - Mary Jones
3 - Olivia Trevino
6 - Paley Wu
7 - Julio Lopez
15 - Kellen Lewis
16 - Alissa Cherry-Kirton
16 - Daniel Herrera
16 - Eartha Walls
17 - Dave Bell
18 - Charles Harper
19 - Joe Papari
22 - Kelly Wyper
28 - Cho Kim

February Work Anniversaries
1 - Ashley Griffin (1 year)
1 - Mitzie Goff (6 years)
7 - Irma Herrera (40 years)
21 - Patricia May (20 years)
22 - Pat Woods (36 years)
27 - Raina Watts (2 years)

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

The toy drive was very successful! We were able to deliver several car loads of toys to the Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center. Many thanks to everyone who donated. You helped to make this holiday season a little brighter for a child in need!

DES, spearheaded by the Office of the Bursar, took the opportunity to adopt 35 Angels. Due to joint efforts across the Division, all of the 35 Angels had a much happier Christmas. Thanks to all who coordinated the effort, did the shopping and to all those who supported the cause.