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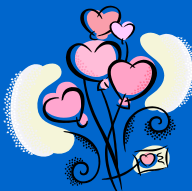


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The Quick List

Important Dates for the term



March

- 5-Division Meeting, Jeff Grim from RLSH Speaking
- 8-16 Spring Break!
- 26 – Midterm grades due for 1st and 2nd year students
- 28 – 60% point in term that federal FA earned if student withdraws

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

February is a good month to reflect on things we “love”. I love Moody Magic, great to see the men’s team in the top 25. School spirit is really evident on the campus again and that is great to see and feel. Even the city of Dallas is recognizing its hometown university. I love that other universities are coming to see how DES handles visits to campus or how we run all U.S. college transcripts through a new system. I love that individual staff member’s model great customer service as noted in the thanks offered by students and staff members. We all love seeing yet another group of students prepare for May commencement.

At our March 5th Division meeting we will learn more about the Residential Commons, especially for those of us who attended SMU or had our kids attend; it will be important to understand all the new changes. We will also have some service awards presented at the meeting. Our speaker is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.; we hope to see all of you there.

Irma & Lacey



It’s Good to Know...

I wanted to let you know that John Meyers has joined the RO on a temporary basis. He will office in the office formerly occupied by Cate Hamilton and Meg Scott. Meg continues as interim Director of Academic Ceremonies, but will primarily be working remotely from her home office in NC.

John will be working on assignments from Nancy, Susan and Joe. These assignments will include assisting with position searches, ceremonies, web site conversion to Sitecore, and more.

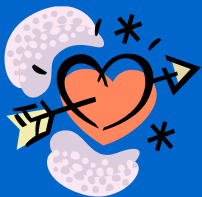
John can be reached at jmeyers@smu.edu. Please join me in welcoming John back to SMU.

John Hall

- 17 – Students should file for August or December graduation
- 18 – University Holiday: Good Friday
- 20 – Easter Sunday
- 21 – Honors Convocation, 5:30pm
- 25-Last day to w/draw from SMU
- 30-May 5 – No finals or unscheduled tests/papers

May

- 1 – Last day of exams for grad students graduating in May
- 5 – Last day of instruction
- 6 – Reading Day
- 7-13 – EXAMS
- 14 – Res. Halls close for non-graduates
- 16 – Baccalaureate
- 17 – Commencement
- 18 – Res. Halls close for graduates



Dear Colleagues –

As many of you know, a project team has been working for the past few months on upgrading the previous system, Data Capture to the new system Intelligent Capture. The most significant change is that we now have the capability to run all U.S. college transcripts through the system.

We went through several weeks of testing, including a final testing round this past week. The upgrade team worked hard at assuring we met our go-live goal of today.

Our Intelligent Capture project is live in production and SMU is the first institution to install the software. UT Arlington folks are coming to see the process in action later this week.

Many thanks to the OIT team including Teena Newman, Curt Herridge and Anel Reyna for their knowledge, support and time in assuring the success of this project.

A huge thank you to Monica Gomez, Nancy Skochdopole, Todd McKnight, Joe Davis, Fernando Del Rio, Yaw Bonsu and Julius Jenkins for assisting with the overall project.

Regards,
Joe Papari

DES Spotlight

Hi Veronica!

A quick word of thanks for all the great work you do in supporting the Vets at SMU. Your support has been first rate! A little token of my appreciation from my last trip to Europe. I hope you enjoy them – they're my favorite...

(Veronica received a postcard and box of candy from a very thankful veteran student.)

Warm Regards,
Jeff T.

Hi John [Hall] – I will not pester you any more today – but **Stan [Eddy]** – absolutely the best --- so helpful!

Phyllis Payne
Director of Graduate Studies
Office of Research & Graduate Studies

Ms. (Jean) Porter,

You are amazing! Thank you so much and have a wonderful weekend!
(After assisting with a transcript order change.)

A Very Thankful Engineering Student

A Great Reason to Celebrate!

March Birthdays

- 8 - Nancy Skochdopole
- 9 - Elizabeth “Stevie” Stevenson
- 20 - Joe Lopez

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

March Work Anniversaries

- 12 - Elizabeth Neel (3 years)
- 17 - Fernando Del Rio (9 years)
- 18- Don Moorman (1 year)
- 18 - Elizabeth Bandera (1 year)
- 18 - Deveron Ellison (12 years)
- 19 - Paley Wu (7 years)
- 20 - Gordon Brannon (8 years)
- 31 - Joann Martinez (6 years)



Office of Undergraduate Admission

February 17 Spring Fest



Admission Counselors Abby Chu, Daniela Balderas, Rick Diaz, and Kelly Wyper greet Spring Fest attendees at the registration table.

Carol Morris greets students and parents while Bursar representatives Mirjan Laci, Angie Flores, Eartha Walls, and Beth McConville collect registration fees.



Katie Beth Ongena introduces the Dean of Admission, Wes Waggoner, to an attentive crowd.

The Admission Counselors line up to introduce themselves and the territories they represent.



2014 Graduation Fair

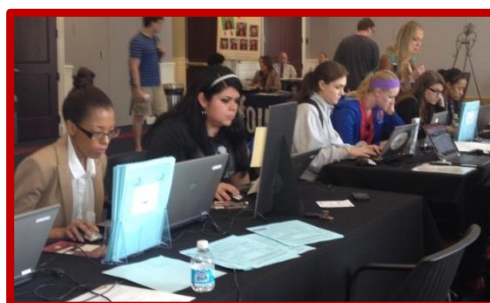
I don't know if it's foreshadowing of the May ceremony but Kimberly reports that the Grad Fair was very well attended and there was barely time for lunch today. Gregg MacDonald from Herff Jones said he does not remember so much traffic at an SMU grad fair.

Kudos and thanks go to Kimberly for coordinating and managing this event solo!!!

Nancy



Kimberly Scott answers questions for eager graduates.



Grads order regalia and invitations.



Libby and Jackie help spin the wheel!



Mary Compian and Allison Johnson at the front table listen to graduates concerns, listen to their stories, and help direct them in the graduation process.

Service Awards

Irma Herrera	40 Years of Service
Patricia May	20 Years of Service
Sue Brunz	10 Years of Service
Meredith Turner	5 Years of Service
Elizabeth Neel	3 Years of Service

Happy 40th Irma!



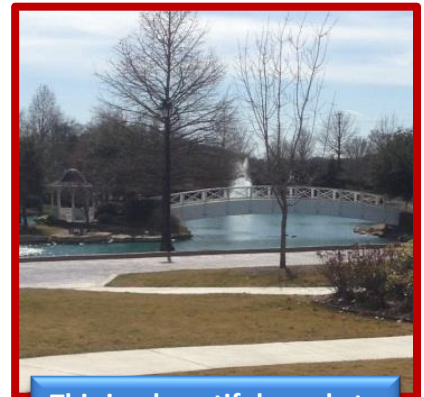
The Enrollment Resources team surprised Irma with a hors d'oeuvre spread and invited others in the building for cake and ice cream in the afternoon.

Thank you for 40 years of loyal SMU service!



Texas Buc\$ Dallas Regional

Last February 17th and 18th Dallas Baptist University hosted the Dallas Texas BUC\$ Regional. There was a record number of attendees! 52 to be exact. Texas BUC\$ founded by Pat Woods in 1995 where 7 institutions were represented – SMU, TCU, Trinity, St. Mary's, Rice and St. Edwards. It has grown to one annual held in October and four regionals held from February to May.



This is a beautiful pond at Dallas Baptist University. Rumor has it if you go across the pond with your boyfriend, he will propose.

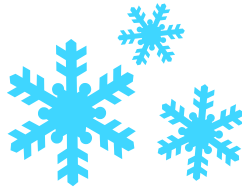


A former Texas BUC\$ President thinking about what subjects he would like to discuss that hinder his department at the University of Houston.

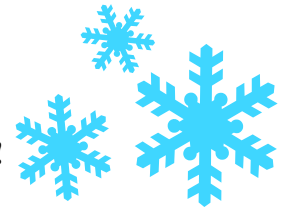


Glen Ray from Texas Women's University and our own Julio listen to discussions.

Waning Winter Weather



The latest dusting of snow created some beautiful scenes on campus... but hopefully the last for now! Thank you Daniel Herrera for the pictures!



Sustainable Corner

Reminders:

- Please remember to turn off all lights in the conference meeting rooms when your group is finished using the room.
- There will be stainless recycling containers in all meeting rooms to capture water bottles in all Blanton meeting rooms. Please refrain from putting trash in these specifically marked containers.
- If you do not have a blue trash receptacle at your desk, a clear white bag in your waste receptacle means recycle materials only. SMU is a single stream recycler. If you are not familiar with single stream recycling, we have posters up in our break rooms to show what type of items we take in through our recycling program. If you are still unsure. You can contact Stanley Stubblefield with your questions at 8-3137.
- Brown bags in your trash receptacles means we accept regular non-recyclable trash items.



For Your Info:

The Moody parking garage has 3(three) electric charging stations. For those who have electric vehicles or contemplating getting one. These charging stations are used on a first come basis at no charge to the staff or students. Right now the Moody garage is the only garage facility on campus that has these electric charging stations in them. If you are thinking of getting a new vehicle in the not so far future. Think green! You may pay a little bit more up front but you will definitely get your investment return back with tax credits and the use of little to no gas. If you have a longer commute. Think Hybrid! Give them a chance. And ask someone who drives one about them.



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