



# DES News

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## The Quick List

Important Dates  
for the term

### March

- 20 - First day of Spring!
- 26 - Midterm grades due for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students



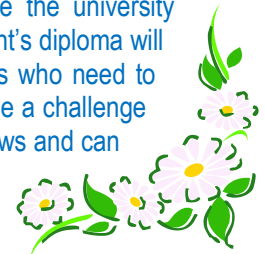
### April

- 1 - 60% point in term that federal FA earned if student withdraws
- 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

Maybe I am the only one, but it doesn't seem like very long ago that we were having Opening Convocation; yet next month is Honors Convocation and then before we know it many will be helping with May Commencement. But not to worry! May and summer terms quickly followed by yet another fall term will continue to keep all of us busy. Not all March Madness is confined to the basketball court, though our **men's and women's teams are certainly making us proud!**

Financial Aid is "madly" working to help those admitted students realize their dream of attending SMU. Admission is still admitting students but they are also actively involved in hosting admitted student programs while also participating in some fall 2015 recruitment programs. Registrar's folks have a new website, are working to finalize the university calendar, prepare for graduation, and verify that information on each's student's diploma will be correct. Folks in the Office of the Bursar continue to work with students who need to clear their account so that they may register in April. Working in DES can be a challenge and a joy. This is the time of the year when everyone has their annual reviews and can take time to reflect and celebrate the part each plays in the success of DES.

Irma & Lacey



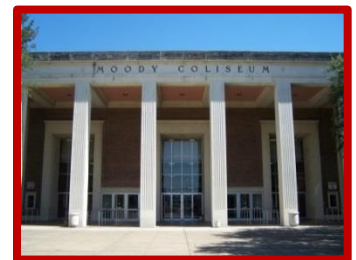
## It's Good to Know...

### A Volunteer Opportunity!

May Commencement Convocation will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 17 in Moody Coliseum. Academic Ceremonies is always in need of great volunteers to help make Commencement a special event for our graduates and their families.

Most of our volunteer assignments fall in the student line-up and guest relations areas: i.e. helping students get dressed and ready and directing guests to seating areas in Moody Coliseum or at our simulcast location. This year, we are in need of more volunteers as we direct families to simulcast locations around campus.

If you would like to help as a volunteer the morning of May Commencement Convocation, please email **Meg Scott** at [mhscott@smu.edu](mailto:mhscott@smu.edu) and you will be provided with an assignment and ceremony attire.



### Honors Convocation

If you have a family member or relative participating in Honors Convocation on April 21, 2014, Academic Ceremonies would love to celebrate with you and your family! Please complete the online RSVP form here:

<https://sites.smu.edu/des/rsvp/HonorsConvocation/?audience=des>

- 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-graduating students
- 16 - Baccalaureate
- 17 - Commencement
- 18 - Res. Halls close for graduates

### June

- 2 - First day of Full Summer and Summer I classes
- 3 - Last day to enroll and add/drop for Summer I
- Last day to file for August graduation
- 5 - Last day to enroll and add/drop for Full Summer Term
- 11 - Last day declare pass/fail, no credit, or FYR course repeat options for Full Summer

## DES Spotlight

Thanks again (**Beth McConville** and **Renae Spotser**) for your 'above and beyond' efforts (in resolving an account issue). You and your coworkers are another reason why we encouraged our son to attend SMU.

Now if we can just get him through the next two years...

Best Regards!  
A Grateful Mom

## A Great Reason to Celebrate!

### April Birthdays

- 1 - Abbi Pfister-Soria
- 1 - Byron Lewis
- 2 - Meredith Turner
- 2 - Anna Gomez
- 3 - Cindy Castro
- 15 - Paola Sotomayor
- 20 - Julius Jenkins
- 22 - Todd McKnight
- 27 - Claudia Favela
- 29 - Claire Piepenburg
- 29 - Lorinda Lamb

### April Work Anniversaries

- 1 - Mini Chihuahua (4 years)
- 1 - Stephen Forrest (12 years)
- 2 - Abbi Pfister-Soria (7 years)
- 4 - Stephanie Nonnemacher (13 years)
- 15 - Sylvia Wiseman (16 years)
- 23 - Melissa Guerra (5 years)

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



## March 5 Division Meeting



Thanks to all who came to learn more about the new Residential Commons from Jeff Grim and watch fellow members of our DES family receive their service awards!

## July

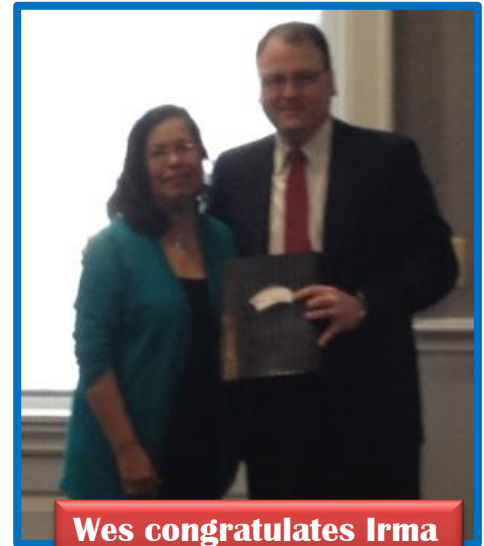
- 4 - University Holiday: Independence Day
- 17 - Last day Aug grad candidates change incompletes
- 24 - Last day drop Full Summer course
- 30 - Last day to withdraw from university

## New Staff - Welcome!

Shelly Walker-Downey, AD



Each student will have a close-knit, living and learning environment where a rich intellectual, social, and community life can flourish!



Wes congratulates Irma on 40 years of service!



Wes congratulates Meredith on 5 years of service!



Pat congratulates Patricia on 20 years of service!



Wes congratulates Sue on 10 years of service!



Wes congratulates Elizabeth on 3 years of service!



## Mini Mustangs

Gina Kelbert has returned from maternity leave and shared with us this picture of her two girls, big sister Shelby and new baby Lana.



## Mighty Mustangs

**2013 - 14 MUSTANGS BASKETBALL**

**SMU**

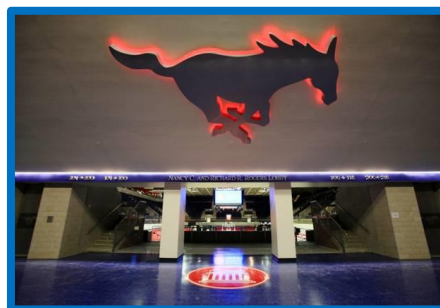
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**SMU**

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11.30	GRAMBLING STATE†	2:00 P.M.	12.4	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA†	7:00 P.M.	1.8	LOUISVILLE * (ESPN)	12:30 P.M.	2.25	CONNECTICUT * (SNY)	7:00 P.M.
11.15	TU†	7:00 P.M.	12.7	AT UTEP	5:30 P.M.	1.25	AT HOUSTON * (ESPN/ESPN2)	2:00 P.M.	3.1	AT UCF * (ESPN/ESPN2)	6:00 P.M.
11.16	AT EASTERN WASHINGTON	3:00 P.M.	12.21	AT NORTH TEXAS	12:00 P.M.	1.20	CINCINNATI †	7:00 P.M.	3.2	UCF †	7:00 P.M.
11.19	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE†	7:00 P.M.	12.29	AT LOUISVILLE * (ESPN)	3:00 P.M.	2.1	TEMPLE †	3:30 P.M.	3.7-10	AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP	7:00 P.M.
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11.28	VS. KANSAS STATE	3-15 P.M.	1.8	AT RUTGERS † (ESPN/ESPN2)	1:00 P.M.	2.15	HOUSTON † (ESPN/ESPN2)	2:00 P.M.		DATE & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	
11.29	TENNESSEE/VIRGINIA	TBA	1.14	AT TEMPLE * (ESPN/ESPN2)	10:00 A.M.	2.22	MEMPHIS † (ESPN)	2:00 P.M.		IN-AREAS AT STEPHEN F. AUSTIN CENTER	

HOME GAMES AFTER 11:15 PLAYED AT MOODY COLISEUM.



*Keep reading to learn more about DES's sustainability efforts!*

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## Sustainable Corner



**Sierra Shred** is the chosen document shred company for sensitive and confidential documents for the Laura Lee Blanton Building. We here in Enrollment Services have just received our ***Go Green Conservation Certificate*** for the 2013 Calendar Year. Thanks everyone for participating in this shred program!  
Sierra Shred shredded and Recycled **1.83 million pounds of paper** for the 2013 calendar year!

This is the equivalent of:

- 15,575 trees
- 3,023 cubic yards of landfill space
- 6,413,225 gallons of water
- 348,147 gallons of oil
- 3,664,700 kilowatt hours of energy
- 54,971 pounds of air pollutants.



On another high note, we purchase recycled paper for all our copying and printing needs. This paper is only 30% recycled but our goal is to reach at least 50 to 100% purchased paper for all of Blanton's copying and printing needs by 2020.

Other ways the University is making a positive environmental impact is by committing to waterless urinals in the men's rooms throughout the campus. This system has been in place now for at least three years. The only facilities that don't have these unique urinals are the sporting complexes. These urinals save 40,000 gallons of water per urinal, per year. If you know of other sustainable tips we could possibly use, please share.

**Stanley Stubblefield**  
Blanton Facility Coordinator

