



DES News

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The Quick List

Important Dates for the term

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

August

- 20 - Residence halls officially open for students attending Mustang Corral.
- 23 - Residence Halls officially open
- 24 - Opening Convocation
- 25 - First day of class
- 29 - Fall Add/Drop
- 29 - Last day to file for Dec graduation

September

- 1 - Labor Day University Holiday
- 10 - Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options.

June brought us warmer weather and warm faces around the campus as many visitors from several programs teemed through the walkways. The first day of summer has passed and we are nearing the start of second session summer school. We welcome our new batch of first year and transfer students when they arrive at AARO. They anxiously await all of the information we are able to provide them about enrolling, arranging payments, finalizing financial aid, and the new Residential Commons. Members of the DES community will be present at AARO to facilitate setting up Release of Education Records and Authorized Payer Profiles. This is a wonderful time to put our best SMU DES faces forward by wearing our SMU shirts and name tags!

Irma & Lacey



It's Good to Know...

Wes Waggoner is pleased to announce that **Abby Chu, Katie Beth Ongena, Stevie Stevenson, and Olivia Trevino** have been promoted to Senior Admission Counselors in recognition of their energy, creativity, hard-work and professionalism. In addition **Yaw Bonus** is now Senior Business Systems Analyst in recognition of his leadership on some projects that automated processes critical to our success. **Kellen Lewis** and **Kelly Wyper** will begin using the functional title of "Coordinator of International Admission" which reflects the leadership they bring to our overseas recruitment.



DES Spotlight



Transfer Open Advising Day

"TOAD" is an opportunity for admitted transfer students to meet with with an advisor and complete their transfer evaluation. They also learn about the many campus resources available to them as Mustangs such as the Altschuler Learning Enhancement Center, Hegi Family Career Center, SMU Abroad, SMU-in-Taos, and Student Organizations.

- 10 - Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday.
- 29 - Early intervention grades due for first-year undergraduate students.

October

- 13-14 - Fall Break
- 24-25 - Family Weekend
- 26 - Midterm grades due for first-year and sophomore students.
- 27 - Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before November enrollment.

New Staff - Welcome!

Ryan Cole, AD

Lottia Windham, SFO

Breighan Long, SFO

Staff Leaving We will miss you!

Paola Sotomayor, SFO

Barbara Waters, FA



Claire, Alex, Kellen, and Stevie greet transfers in the Blanton lobby.



Kelly and Olivia assist with check-in.



Transfer students arrive!



Abby Chu checks in on the academic advisors!



The Mayor's Summer Reading Club is an eight-week program designed to keep kids' skills sharp over the summer and encourage a love of reading for all ages. Members of the DES family volunteered their time to help with crafts, games, and activities to promote summer reading.



Library volunteers shown: Pat Woods, Abbi Pfister-Soria, Darrah Rippy, Shelly Walker-Downey, Jerrod Harrell, Claire Piepenburg, Renae Spotser, Anna Gomez, Eartha Walls, Cindy Castro, Claudia Favela, Yaw Bonsu, Adrienne Montgomery, and Nancy Skochdopole.



Thanks to **Jerrod Harrell** for once again coordinating the volunteer effort and our 14 DES volunteers!



A Great Reason to Celebrate!



July Birthdays

- 2 - Lacey Porter
- 3 - Isaac Reddic
- 7 - Andy Frye
- 12 - Mirjan Laci
- 14 - Tali Koerner
- 15 - Fernando Del Rio
- 17 - Claudia Gomez
- 20 - Bill Chandler
- 20 - Penny Griffin
- 22 - Shelly Walker-Downey
- 30 - Yaw Bonsu

July Work Anniversaries

- 1 - John Hall (43 years)
- 1 - Angie Flores (11 years)
- 5 - Sharla Walker (15 years)
- 12 - Gina Kelbert (4 years)
- 19 - Eartha Walls (15 years)
- 29 - Claire Piepenburg (1 year)
- 29 - Jill Witt (1 year)
- 29 - Julius Jenkins (1 year)

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

Paola Farewell

Paola Sotomayor from the Bursar Office has departed from SMU and the DES family to become a bilingual teacher. We will miss you Paola!



Financial Aid Farewell to Barbara Waters



After 30 years of service, Barbara Waters has retired from SMU and the DES family. Marc Peterson and Stan Eddy stand with Barbara during her retirement party. We will miss you Barbara!