



# DES News

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## The Quick List

Important Dates  
for the term

### July

- 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

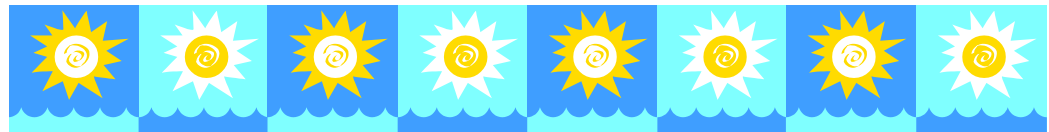
### September

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

July 2<sup>nd</sup> was the first of 16 AARO sessions that bring all our new about to enter first-years and transfer students to campus. DES staff members are there bright and early each first day during check-in to assist students in completing the Student Education Records Release and to help with the set-up of Authorized Payer. Because check-in is now in the Varsity many more of our families are leaving AARO having completed these steps which we all know will help them transition more smoothly into the SMU family. Financial Aid folks and representatives from the Office of the Bursar have been manning our booth at the Resource Expo. And ER Staff and folks from the Office of the Bursar have been giving presentations about how DES can help families connect with the university. Elevator conversations I have with families on their way to advising or just coming from the experience convince me that things are going very well this AARO season.

You will notice Lacey's name under staff leaving DES, she has a wonderful opportunity to use many of her talents in assisting the folks over in the Physics Department. Her help with the newsletter this last year has been invaluable and I want to thank her for her willingness to support this "tool" that helps keep our DES family connected.

*Lacey*



## It's Good to Know...

### Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> in Financial Aid!

**Penny Griffin** has been promoted to Undergraduate Financial Aid Advisor.

**Gina Kelbert** has been promoted to Senior Financial Aid Advisor for Graduate and Professional Programs, replacing the recently retired Barbara Waters.

**Joseph Knight** has been promoted to Student Employment Coordinator and Athletic Liaison which is the position that was recently held by Gina.

**Jerrod Harrell** is departing after 10 years with the Enrollment Resources Team to take the position of Information Systems Specialist in Financial Aid effective August 11<sup>th</sup>.

John Hall is pleased to announce that **Chelsea Shumaker** joined the University Registrar's team as an Academic Records Counselor on Monday, July 14, 2014. She is working with **Mary Compian** to insure a smooth transition as Mary also moves to a different caseload.

## 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.

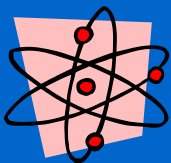
## New Staff - Welcome!

Chelsea Shumaker, RO

Todd Chiscano, RO

## Staff Leaving We will miss you!

Lacey Porter, ER  
(to join the SMU Physics Department)



# DES Spotlight

## A Call for Volunteers!



Be a part of the **100th Opening Convocation** and help welcome the new Mustangs by volunteering at this event. Opening Convocation will take place on **Sunday, August 24th** in the afternoon at Moody Coliseum and a larger crowd of students and guests is expected. Please e-mail Todd Chiscano at [chiscano@smu.edu](mailto:chiscano@smu.edu) if you are interested. Any and all interest type of assistance is welcome. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Family Taking Part in Opening Convocation?

*If you have a family member or relative participating in Opening Convocation on August 24, 2014, Academic Ceremonies would love to celebrate with you and your family!*  
*Please complete the online RSVP form [here](#).*



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## First Year and Transfer AARO is Underway!

AARO is the first part of the orientation process designed to assist new students in making a comfortable transition to University life at SMU. It is a two-day program for First-Year students and half day for transfers who will be enrolling in the fall at SMU. Sessions are designed to offer information to assist students in their transition to SMU. Programs provide academic requirements and expectations, campus resources, involvement opportunities and the chance to meet current students. During their AARO session, students will also meet one-on-one with an academic advisor and register for fall classes.



**Abby Chu and Nancy Skochdopole, along with Stephanie Hernandez from the International Center, aided students with any last-minute transfer issues.**



**Above, Don Moorman assists an incoming transfer student with Release of Education Records and Authorized Payer Profile while Beth McConville and Adrienne Montgomery look on.**

**Above, Mary Compian resets her workstation for the next student while Raina Watts guides another student through the process.**



## A Great Reason to Celebrate!



### August Birthdays

- 3 - Abby Chu
- 10 - Tiffany Hawkins
- 12 - Deveron Ellison
- 17 - Sunsharae Thierry
- 24 - Sherry Reinwald
- 25 - Chris Cornell
- 25 - Mary Compian
- 26 - Claire Brooks
- 30 - Kimberly Scott



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

### August Work Anniversaries

- 1 - Carol Morris (24 years)
- 1 - Daniela Balderas (1 year)
- 3 - Tali Koerner (11 years)
- 5 - Kellen Lewis (10 years)
- 6 - Veronica Decena (7 years)
- 7 - Alex Muñoz (1 year)
- 7 - Mirjan Laci (8 years)
- 9 - Charmissa Ajakaiye (8 years)
- 11- Rick Diaz (23 years)
- 13 - Abby Chu (2 years)
- 13 - Susan Evans (40 years)
- 27 - Jeannie McGuire (2 years)
- 27 - Katie Beth Ongena (2 years)
- 30 - Allie Bures (4 years)

## Meanwhile at the NASFAA Conference...

Sharla, Stephanie, Lydia, Mary, and Cindy enjoy themselves while at the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.



## More Mini Mustangs!

Colleen Franklin receives a visit from daughter Shona and granddaughter Zamiah.

Too adorable!





## Mustang Matrimony

*From undergraduate admission,  
June Bride Daniella Balderas married Fidel Alvarez.*

