



# DES News

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## The Quick List

*Important Dates for the term*

### December

- 4 - Last day for oral/written examinations for December graduate degree candidates.
- 8 - last day of classes
- 9-10 - Reading days
- 10 - DES Holiday Luncheon
- 11-17 Examinations
- 18 - Residence halls close at 10:00a.m. for winter break
- 20 - Official close of term and date for conferral of degrees. Graduation ceremony for December graduates.
- 24 - Jan 1 - University closed
- 25 - Christmas Day

### January

- 1 - New Years Day
- 5-14 Jan Term

## It's Good to Know...

### December Commencement... Volunteers Needed

December Commencement is just around the corner and there is still a need for a few good volunteers.

If you are interested in helping out, please email Todd Chiscano at [chiscano@smu.edu](mailto:chiscano@smu.edu)  
The date is set for Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.



## DES Spotlight



If you have a family member or relative participating in Commencement on December 20, 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/DecemberCommencement/?audience=des>

- 16 First day of classes for Spring 2015 term
- 19 MLK Holiday. University closed
- 23 Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record. Last day to file for May graduation.

### February

- 3 Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first year repeated course grading options. Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday
- 22 Early intervention grades due for first year undergraduate students

### New Staff - Welcome!

Matthew Myers - ER  
Messeret Fessehai  
FA

### Staff Leaving We will miss you!

Chelsea Shumaker -  
RO



*John Hall*

## A Great Reason to Celebrate!

### December Birthdays

- 10 - Charmissa Ajakaiye
- 15 - Joseph Knight
- 16 - Mitzie Goff
- 22 - Pam Fincher
- 23 - Don Moorman
- 25 - Stan Stubblefield
- 26 - Shannon Grandberry
- 30 - Sue Brunz
- 31 - Rod Jackson

### December Work Anniversaries

- 1 - Tom Gibbs (3 years)
- 4 - Walker Self (7 years)
- 15 - Braunshay Pertile (6 years)
- 15 - Anna Gomez (17 years)

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



**Madison and Sofia  
as Princess Jasmine  
and Princess Sofia  
the First**

**Daniel Herrera  
in his award  
winning  
costume as  
"Electro Man."**