

IRMA'S UPDATE

Things are **HOT HOT** in DES! We have folks helping with many different activities during AARO which will continue until very near the beginning of the new academic year. We have Registrar folks preparing for Opening Convocation even as they help all the new students enroll. AP credit is being posted as is dual credit; financial aid still being awarded, and many of our staff members are giving hours of personal attention and help to our new families.

Despite how hectic our work life seems to be at times, there are those who continue to gladly serve our university and Division. On August 12th we will have a Division Meeting beginning at 8:40am to distribute service awards to many of our staff members. In addition Harold Stanley will join us during that meeting to share a few words.

IT'S GOOD TO KNOW

Service Awards

During the division meeting, several DES members will be receiving Service awards for their dedication to SMU.

3 Years

Abby Chu, Candace Hayden-Jordan, Valerie Little, Joseph Lopez, Beth McConville, Jeanne McGuire, Shelly Walker-Downey

<u>5 Years</u> Chris Cornell, Gina Kelbert, Joseph Knight

15 Years Stan Eddy, Darrah Rippy

20 Years Marc Peterson

25 Years Carol Morris

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THE QUICK LIST

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUGUST

- August 4- Last day of classes (Summer II)
- August 5- First day of Classes (Taos)
- August 19- New students arrive.
- August 20-Last day of Class (Taos)
- August 22 Residence Halls open.
- August 23-Opening Convocation
- August 24- First day of classes
- August 28- Last day to enroll, add courses without grade record. Last day to file for graduation in December.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

- Mackenzie Daniel-Admission
- Jen Lasagna-Admission

STAFF LEAVING

- Elizabeth Stevenson
- Kellen Lewis



A Great Reason to Celebrate!





August Birthdays

- 3-Abby Chu
- 9-Stephanie Womack
- 10-Tiffany Hawkins
- 10-Valerie Little
- 12-Ryan Cole
- 12-Deveron Ellison
- 17-Sunsharae Thierry
- 24-Sherry Reinwald
- 25-Mary Compian
- 25-Chris Cornell
- 30-Kimberly Scott

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

August Work Anniversaries

- 1-Carol Morris (25 years)
- 3-Tali Koerner (12 years)
- 6-Veronica Decena (8 years)
- 7-Mirjam Laci (9 years)
- 7-Alex Munoz (2 years)
- 9-Charmissa Ajakaiye (9 years)
- 11-Rick Diaz (24 years)
- 13-Abby Chu (3 years)
- 18-Christina Harris-Cain (1 year)
- 25-Amber Howell (1 year)
- 27-Monica Gomez (14 years)
- 27-Jeanne McGuire (3 years)

DES SPOTLIGHT

KELLEN'S FAREWELL RECEPTION

Kellen's service to SMU was greatly appreciated. She was sent off with lots of warm wishes and, of course, lots of cake!



VISITING STUDENT IMPRESSED

Veronica,

YES! My semester of both lecture and lab was wonderful. I am impressed by the professors; they truly care about helping us understand and do well! I felt that was not my experience with some professors last year at Vanderbilt, so I am really blown away and glad to be taking chemistry here at SMU!

Hope you have a good day, and thanks for your help!

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DES TAKES PART IN AARO

Who knew we had so many talented performers in DES? Stephen Matthew, Lottia Windham, and Christina Harris-Cain's daughter (Meagan Harris) put on a great skit that kept our new students engaged while informing them about DES.







Opening Convocation

If you have a family member participating in Opening Convocation on August 23, 2015, Academic Ceremonies would love to celebrate with you and your family! Please complete the online RSVP form here: DES Staff Request for Seating



