



# DES NEWS

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## IRMA'S UPDATE

As you can see below we had another very successful December Commencement Ceremony thanks to all the folks who take care of the many details. Take time to read the comments in the Spotlight section from one of the graduates and her grandmother, those comments serve to remind us, that all efforts really are appreciated. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> all the new spring students will be arriving for Orientation and Registration and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> classes begin. Todd is already hoping that many of you will put May Commencement on your calendar because before you know it this semester will fly by. For now enjoy each day and each other.

Irma

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

May Commencement Convocation will start at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 20 in Moody Coliseum. Doors open at 7:30 AM.

Academic Ceremonies is in need of great volunteers to help make Commencement a special event for our graduates and their families! **Last year, close to 40 people volunteered their time and we would like to have more volunteers to ensure proper staffing in May.** Volunteers assist with directing guests to seating areas in Moody Coliseum and simulcast locations, making sure students are in appropriate regalia and ready to march.

If you would like to volunteer, please email Todd Chiscano at [chiscano@smu.edu](mailto:chiscano@smu.edu). We look forward to celebrating our 102<sup>nd</sup> May Commencement in style with our awesome volunteers!!

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Todd



## THE QUICK LIST

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 20-Presidents Day  
Spring Fest  
(Admissions)

### NEW TO DES

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### STAFF LEAVING

- Minerva Chihuahua



## A Great Reason to Celebrate!



### February Birthdays

1-Candace Hayden-Jordan  
1-Mary Jones  
2-Jonathan Ferris  
5-Darrah Rippy  
6-Paley Wu  
7-Julio Lopez  
16-Eartha Walls  
16-Daniel Herrera  
17-David Bell  
17-Jacqueline Romero  
19-Joe Papari  
28-Cho Kim

### February Work Anniversaries

1-Mitzie Goff – 9 years  
1-Ashley Griffin-Ruiz – 4 years  
7-Irma Herrera - 43 years  
20- Patricia May - 23 years  
22-Pat Woods - 39 years

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

## DECEMBER GRADUATION '16

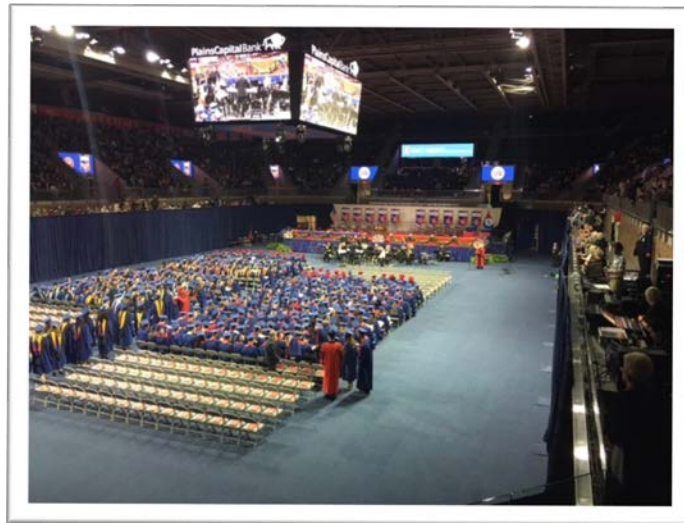


(Above) Cho Kim

(Left) Adrienne Montgomery

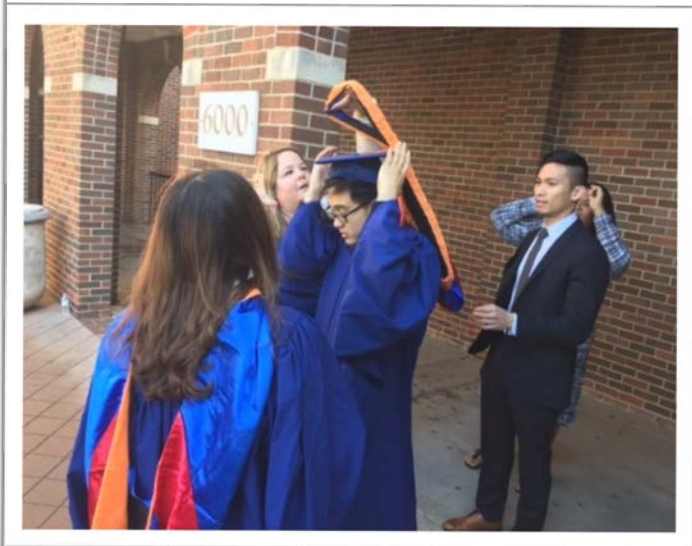


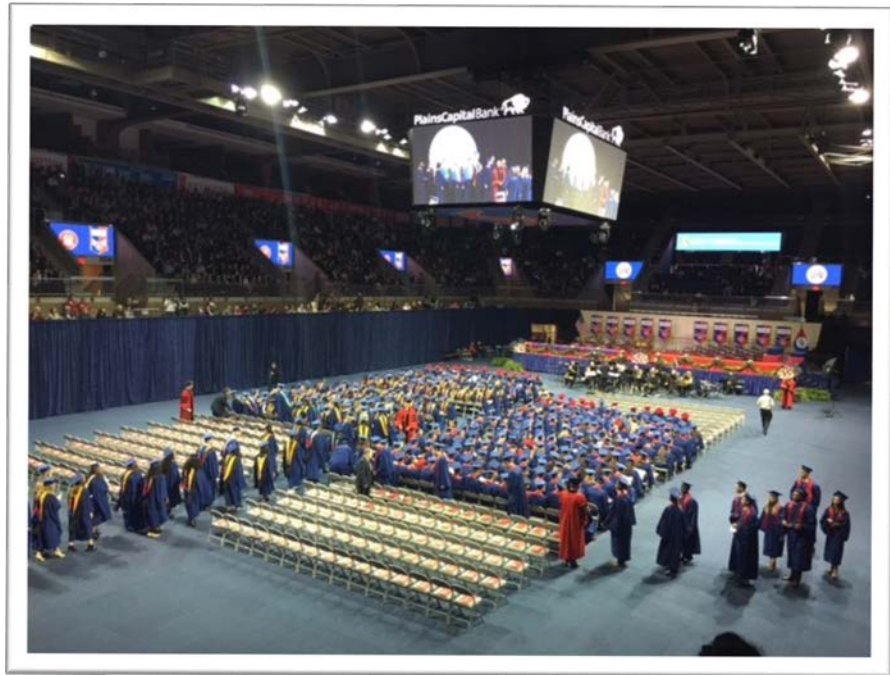
(Above)  
Jonathan  
Ferris,  
Meghan Budig  
and Valerie  
Little



(Above) Meghan Budig

(Below)  
Stephen  
Forrest







# DES SPOTLIGHT

This came from the 80 year old grandmother of one of our December graduates:

"I'm so appreciative of the SMU staff who truly made it so easy for me to physically attend; they all 'went the extra mile' and did so with smiles... I confess to being a little fearful beforehand that I could do it – and I didn't want to be the reason we might be late, but the staff rescued me at every step. :)!!! BIG thanks..."

Please pass on our thanks. Commencement is such a big event and I know it can be stressful, but please know the work all of you do makes a difference to the graduates and their families!!

Jessica (the graduate)

The Staff Association Toy Drive donated approximately \$2,500 worth of toys to the Dallas children's Advocacy Center/ Holiday of Hope. Twenty-five SMU faculty/staff members volunteered during the SMU United Way Day of Impact event.



**Among the 25 staff members were our own Pat Woods and Cindy Castro**



# TOYS FOR TICKETS



*Chandler Claire Bass visits  
Grandma (Sue Brunz) at work.*

