IRMA’S UPDATE

Well we did not have her nearly long enough and we will miss her, but as Stephanie Dupaul moves on to her next challenge, Wes Waggoner settles into the interim position. DES is well positioned to begin yet another academic year. We have strong leadership, and most staff positions have been filled. We welcome new staff who have recently joined us and look forward to welcoming other new staff who will arrive soon. We have had one AARO session and have 15 ahead of us. As we well know all the new students and their families look to DES staff and others to keep them excited and on-track to attend SMU. AARO is a very important time for meeting the university’s goals; these families expect and deserve our best. So all of you stay rested, hydrated, avoid folks who bring you down, and keep smiling.

- Irma
THE QUICK LIST

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JULY

- **July 3** - Independence Day holiday. **University closed.**
- **July 6** - First day of classes (Summer II)
- **July 7** - Last day to enroll/drop/add or drop without grade record (summer II).
- **July 9** - Last day to declare Pass/Fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options (Summer II).
- **July 15** - Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades to incomplete (Summer II).
- **July 16** - Last day for August graduation candidates to change grades to incomplete (Full Summer)
- **July 23** - Last day to drop a course (Full Summer)
- **July 27** - Last day to drop a course (Summer II)
- **July 29** - Last day to withdraw from University (Full & Summer II)

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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- May 3 - Issac Reddic
- July 7 - Andy Frye, Cindy Luetzow
- July 14 - Mirjam Laci, Tali Koerner
- July 20 - Bill Chandler, Penny Griffin
- July 22 - Shelly Walker-Downey
- July 30 - Yaw Bonsu

**JULY WORK ANNIVERSARIES**

- July 1 - John Hall (44 years)
- July 1 - Angie Flores (12 years)
- July 5 - Sharla Walker (16 years)
- July 12 - Gina Kelbert (5 years)
- July 19 - Eartha Walls (16 years)
- July 29 - Julius Jenkins (2 years)
- July 29 - Jill Witt (2 years)

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**A GREAT REASON TO CELEBRATE!**

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

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**STEPHANIE’S FAREWELL RECEPTION**

Chris Cornell, Mary Jones, Stan Eddy, & Jerrod Harrell (left). Angie Flores, Celeste Flores, Charles Harper, & Anna Gomez (Right)
**WELCOME NEW STAFF**

- Stephen Matthew – Student Accounts
- Elisha Ramos – Admission
- Olivia Paredez – Admission Operations
- Alicia Watkins – Admission Operations

**STAFF LEAVING**

- Claire Piepenburg – Admission

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**IT’S GOOD TO KNOW**

**THE GREEN TEAM**

The Blanton Building Green Team had its first official meeting on Friday June 12th. The meeting was well attended and several possible projects were discussed. The Green Team hopes to serve as a model for other buildings across campus. Buildings have certain criteria that must be met in order to be considered “green” These include: Paper shredding of documents, Sierra Shred. Recycling of: paper, ink cartridges, batteries, water bottles, electronics. Use of waterless urinals, a certain type of landscaping, must have bicycle racks around the building. At least 4 building employees must drive EV-Hybrids cars, car pool regularly, or use Pony Express, Dart. In terms of supplies we must use low odor paints as well as green janitorial chemicals. While meeting 4 of the above criteria qualifies a building as green, our team hopes we will strive to look for other ways to become more environmentally friendly. Our Green team identified reducing the use of plastic water bottle as their first major project. Suggestions will follow on how we can collectively make this happen. The Green Team members are Tessa Jones – Admission, Susan Harris - Academic Advising, John Emmett - Bursar, Carla Mendiola – Taos, Jordan Lee-Taos, Stephanie Womack, ER, Joseph Knight - Financial Aid and the group is chaired by Stanley Stubblefield – Enrollment Services.

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**DES SPOTLIGHT**

**ER’S RENAE SPOTSER PUBLISHED**

Renae’s article, published on Mediate.com, can found at

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