



# DES NEWS

A publication of the Division of  
Enrollment Services



MARCH/APRIL  
2015

ADMISSION – BURSAR – FINANCIAL AID -REGISTRAR

## IRMA'S UPDATE

Feb. has been a busy month! We have sponsored programs, put on a Grad Fair, processed applications, tested all types of processes and even when the university was officially closed, we continued to serve our visitors and students. We celebrated a retirement and adjusted to new responsibilities. March will bring little relief, and for some of our areas will only get busier. Let's hope for warmer weather and good days ahead for our Division.

Irma

## IT'S GOOD TO KNOW...

### A Volunteer Opportunity!

May Commencement Convocation will be held at 9:00

AM on Saturday, May 16 in Moody Coliseum. Academic Ceremonies is always in need of great volunteers

to help make Commencement a special event for our graduates and their families. Most of the volunteer assignments fall in the guest relations and student line-up areas: i.e. directing guests to seating areas in Moody Coliseum or at our simulcast location and making sure students are ready to go and wearing appropriate SMU regalia.

If you would like to help as a volunteer the morning of May Commencement Convocation, please email **Todd Chiscano** at [chiscano@smu.edu](mailto:chiscano@smu.edu) and you will be provided with an assignment. We look forward to celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> May Commencement in style with our awesome volunteers!

### Division Meeting

There will be a **Division Meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Come meet new staff and celebrate the service awards of the following staff:

3 years: Raina Watts, Cho Kim

5 years: Mini Chihuahua

20 years: Monica Cordero

35 years: Claire Brooks, Andy Fry, Joe Papari

## TIME TO CELEBRATE

If you have a family member or relative participating in Commencement on May 16, 2015, Academic Ceremonies would love to celebrate with you and your family! Please complete the online RSVP form here: <https://sites.smu.edu/des/rsvp/MayCommencement/?audience=des>

## THE QUICK LIST

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCH

- **March 9-15, Monday-Sunday:** Spring break.
- **March 24, Tuesday:** Midterm grades due for first-year and sophomore students.
- **March 30, Monday:** Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before April enrollment.
- **March 31, Monday:** 60 percent point of the term that federal financial aid has been earned if a student officially withdraws from SMU; prior to this date a partial calculated return to federal programs will be required.
- **April 3, Friday:** Good Friday. **University closed.**
- **April 5, Sunday:** Easter Sunday.
- **April 6-24, Monday-Friday:** Enrollment for summer 2015 and fall 2015 continuing students for all undergraduates and for graduates in Dedman College, Lyle and Meadows.

## A Great Reason to Celebrate!

<b>March Birthdays</b>	18- Don Moorman (2 years)
8-Nancy Skochdopole	18-Deveron Ellison (13 years)
9-"Stevie" Stevenson	19-Paley Wu (8 years)
20-Joe Lopez	20-Gordon Brannon (13 years)

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



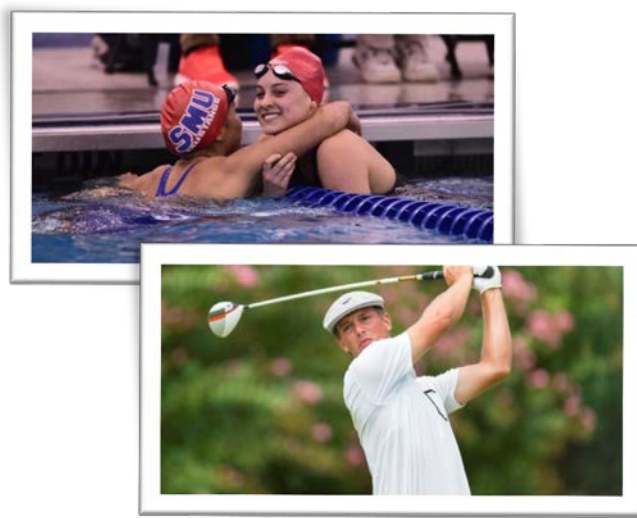
Above: Alex, Shelly, Ryan, and Michelle (not pictured) hold down the fort on an icy Monday.

## ICE DAY 2015



Above: Marc Peterson watches intently as SMU comes from behind to defeat Temple.

Campus was closed all day on Monday and half the day on Tuesday. Despite the cold and treacherous roads, a brave few ventured in to make sure visiting students were taken care of. Thanks for going the extra icy mile!



- **April 8, Wednesday:** Last day to drop a course.
- **April 10, Friday:** Last Day for May graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete.
- **April 13, Monday:** Honors Convocation, 5:30 p.m.
- **April 16, Thursday:** Students should file for August or December graduation. Last day to file for August graduation is June 4. Last day to file for December graduation is the last day to enroll for fall 2015.
- **April 24, Friday:** Last day to withdraw from the University.
- **April 29-May 4, Wednesday-Monday:** No final examinations or unscheduled tests and papers.
- **April 30, Thursday:** Last day for oral/written examinations for graduate students who are May degree candidates.

### Staff Leaving

Kelly Wyper-AD

Tom Gibbs-RO

## MUSTANGS AT WORK

Congratulations to **Todd C.** for his first May Grad Fair. And, thanks to Nancy and Kimberly for their supporting leadership.

And, thanks to everyone in the RO for helping make this another success.

It was a busy, but fun two days. Close to 700 candidates came thru Blanton to sign up for regalia, get professional pics made, leave a shout-out, have a good time doing casual pics with the full size cutouts.

(We were so busy that the Flash photographer's camera started smoking – true!)

Thanks,  
John Hall

*Below: Monica Cordero Checks in students during the Grad Fair.*



*Left: Monica Gomez checks in students at the Grad Fair.*



# SPRING FEST

Despite frigid temperatures, the admission crew put on a successful Spring Fest for over 400 students! Both Spring Fests were quickly filled, as more and more students continue to be drawn to SMU.



Above: Rod and Stevie present to a packed house during Spring Fest.



Above: Ryan, Abby, Alissa, and Joe run the check-in table for Spring Fest. Left: Wes and the admission crew briefing during Spring Fest.

## THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!

DES gathered for a retirement party to celebrate Susan Evans for the more than 40 years of service!



Above: John Hall expresses SMU's gratitude for Susan's many years of service. Right: DES packs the retirement party for Susan.

