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ADMISSION – BURSAR – FINANCIAL AID- REGISTRAR

IRMA'S UPDATE

We are finishing up (no surprise) another busy month! This is crunch time for all areas of DES, students will continue to be awarded Financial Aid over the next several months. Todd and company are finalizing lists, diplomas and ticketing procedures for the May Commencement. Bursar's folks are helping students understand their bills. The admission staff just had the final Destination SMU and deposits are up! Visitors keep coming through our offices and always find DES folks ready and eager to offer assistance. Enjoy the sunny days when we have them and support each other as collectively we get through yet another busy term.

IT'S GOOD TO KNOW**MAY COMMENCEMENT**

May Commencement Convocation will start at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 14 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 prior to the ceremony start time: i.e. directing guests to seating areas in Moody Coliseum or at our simulcast locations 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 and you will be provided with an assignment. We look forward to celebrating our 101st May Commencement in style with our awesome volunteers!



THE QUICK LIST

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MAY

- **2:** Last day of Classes
- **3:** Reading Day
- **4-10:** Exams
- **11:** Residence Halls close
- **12:** First day of May Dallas/Taos Term classes
- **13:** Last day to add/drop for May term
- **13:** Baccalaureate
- **14:** Commencement Convocation.
- **15:** Residence Halls close for graduation seniors
- **24:** Last day to drop/withdraw – May term
- **26:** Last day of classes.
- **27:** last day of class – May Taos
- **30:** Memorial Day – offices closed
- **31:** First day of classes – 1st /Full summer term

WELCOME

- Jacqueline Blaine – Bursar
- Paloma Anais Ortiz- Financial Aid



HONORS CONVOCATION

Once again, the Academic Ceremonies put on a successful Honors Convocation, honoring our many dedicated and talented students. One hundred and nine students received a fellowship, departmental or University award. In addition, 130 students were recognized for their participation in the University Honors Program or being inducted into one of SMU's Honor Societies.

Many gathered or tuned in to watch the students recognized; there were 289 in attendance, while an additional 494 watched via live stream. This event highlighted just how much of a global impact SMU has, with viewers tuning in from 21 different countries across six continents!

DES WELCOMES PROVOST CURRALL



(left) Wes introduces Provost Currall to DES Staff

(below) DES gathers for reception to meet Provost Currall.



A Great Reason to Celebrate!



May Birthdays

3-Cruz Lopez
4-Minerva Chihuahua
7-Stephen Forrest
20-Patricia May
21-Irma Herrera
21-Braunshay Pertile
25- Raina Watts
27-Jean Porter
29-Rick Diaz
31-Todd Chiscano

May Work Anniversaries

18-Tessa Jones (1 year)
28-Joe Papari (36 years)

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

ADMISSION INTERNATIONAL FLY IN

Jeremy Brown reports that SMU along with other universities sponsored an International Fly In. We had 16 counselors from 15 different countries Japan, Mexico, Egypt, England, China, Columbia, Costa Rica, United Arab Emirates, Panama, Switzerland, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador on our campus on April 18th. These counselors had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Turner, Byron Lewis, Wes Waggoner, Lyle School of Engineering, Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Cox School of Business, Meadows School of the Arts and several representatives from various offices across campus. International students represent an increasing portion of our entering class due in large part to initiatives such as this.





CENTENNIAL PROMENADE

In case you haven't noticed, the construction is done! The bricks are laid, the walkway is open, and the fences are down. The campus gathered on April 19th to celebrate the official opening of The Crain Family Centennial Promenade. A big thanks to everyone who donated, and don't forget to go check out your brick.



(above)
President
turner speaks
at the opening
of the
promenade

(below) The
SMU marching
band takes
part in the
celebration

