IRMA’S UPDATE

In September, classes are in full swing, parking lots and dorms are filled and students are beginning to find their way around the campus and establish new friendships. The major Centennial Commemoration of the Opening of SMU Sept. 23-26 promises a special 100th anniversary celebration for the entire SMU community. Below enjoy a few pictures of the early days of SMU.
THE QUICK LIST

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- **Sept 7** - Labor Day - Offices closed
- **Sept 9** - Last day to declare pass/fail
- **Sept 25-26** - Home Coming weekend
- **Sept 29** - Early intervention grades due for first-year undergraduate students.

NEW STAFF

- Nathan Mawhirter - Admission
- Anthony Ringuette - Admission
- Jeremy Brown - Admission

STAFF LEAVING

- Renae Spotser – E.R.

A Great Reason to Celebrate!

**September Birthdays**

4- Gina Kelbert
5- Messeret Fessehai
14- Ashley Griffin
17- Tessa Jones
24- Melissa Guerra
25- Dagmar Mueller
26- John Emmett
26- Monica Cordero
27- Alex Munoz
30- Jen Lasagna

**September Work Anniversaries**

1- Cruz Lopez (17 years)
3- Jackie Wilborn (25 years)
5- Tiffany Hawkins (15 years)
5- Stan Eddy (15 years)
5- Joseph Lopez (3 years)
8- Bill Chandler (12 years)
10- Candace Hayden-Jordon (3 years)
14- Chris Cornell (5 years)
14- Joseph Knight (5 years)
20- Darrah Rippy (15 years)
22- Shelly Walker-Downey (3 years)
29- Daniel Herrera (12 years)
30- Maggie Bradford (2 years)

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

DES SPOTLIGHT

**DES AWARDS**

- **Candace Hayden Jordan** - 3 years
- **Valerie Little** - 3 years
- **Beth McConville** - 3 years
- **Shelly Walker-Downey** - 3 Years
Stan Eddy – 15 years

Darrah Rippy - 15 years

Joseph Knight – 5 years

Chris Cornell – 5 years

Marc Peterson – 20 years
IT’S GOOD TO KNOW
OPENING COVOCATION A SUCCESS

Participation for opening convocation was at a 3 year high, and viewers tuned in from across the world to participate. The red countries represent where viewers tuned in.

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*Moody Coliseum
SMU is adopting a clear bag policy this season. As at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, the only permitted bags will be those made of clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC which do not exceed 12 x 6 x 12 inches, one-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (Ziploc or similar) or small clutch bags (approximately the size of a hand), with or without a handle or strap. All bags except those approved under the clear bag policy are prohibited.

REMEMBERING KATRINA

Many of us were here to welcome students from various universities in New Orleans, a proud moment for DES and for SMU history.

Below you will find some comments shared and just some of the documentation. The attached PowerPoint gives many more of the details.

I would just like to add, as each day passes, members of the SMU community surprise me with their generosity, kindness, and compassion. When SMU offered me a place to continue my studies when I could no longer study at Tulane, I had no idea that this was only the first of many acts of kindness I would witness on this campus. Junior, Tulane University

- 210 Visiting Students Enrolled

133 Tulane University
34 Loyola University New Orleans
22 Xavier University of Louisiana
15 University of New Orleans
4 Dillard University
2 Southern University at New Orleans

86% Undergraduate students
14% Graduate / Professional students
80% Full-time enrollments
20% Part-time enrollments

I just spoke with the Vice Dean of the Business School at Tulane, Dr. John Trapani. He said he was amazed at how SMU was handling the visiting students. His son is one of the students from Loyola. He added that he has told his Tulane colleagues that he doesn't think Tulane could do as fine a job as SMU has at handling the situation. He gave SMU 5 Gold Stars.