



DES NEWS

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ADMISSION – BURSAR – FINANCIAL AID-REGISTRAR

IRMA'S UPDATE

The new semester is well on its way. This entering class is reported as one of the largest, best and brightest. Among interesting facts shared by Byron Lewis was that the age range of the entering class was from 16 - 45 and it included 6 veterans. We know it takes all of us collectively to make admission decisions, answer all the questions, award financial aid and to guide new students/parents in finding the best way to finance their education. At least for me it seems that each new academic year gets here more quickly than the last. As we welcome our brand new SMU students, many DES staff members saw their loved ones head off to school as well.

Irma

IT'S GOOD TO KNOW DIVISION MEETING

Mark your calendars for the annual Division meeting **October 5th**. This is our annual security meeting so in addition to very important information we will also prepare skits and songs! As important however will be the presentation of service awards to several staff members who bring their skills, experience and good character to work each day. Help us celebrate the work anniversaries of:

Alex Munoz

John Hall

Charmissa Edmun-Ajakaiye

Julius Jenkins

Jill Witt

Maggie Bradford

Mirjan Laci

Monica Gomez



THE QUICK LIST

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- **5-** Labor Day
- **7-** Last day to declare pass/fail
- **23-25-** Family Weekend

NEW TO DES

- Laura Torres-ER
- Chris Walerczyk-FA
- Jonathan Ferris- RO

TRANSITIONING

- Veronica Decena – Registrar to FA



A Great Reason to Celebrate!



September Birthdays

14-Ashley Griffin-Ruiz
 17-Tessa Jones
 24-Melissa Guerra
 26-Monica Cordero
 26-John Emmett
 27-Alex Munoz
 30-Jen Lasagna

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

September Work Anniversaries

1-Cruz Lopez (18 years)
 3-Jackie Wilborn (26 years)
 5-Tiffany Hawkins (16 years)
 5-Stan Eddy (16 years)
 5- Joe Lopez (4 years)
 8-Bill Chandler (13 years)
 10-Candace Hayden-Jordan (4 years)
 20-Darrah Rippey (16 years)
 22-Shelly Walker-Downey (4 years)
 28-Jackie Romero (1 year)
 29-Daniel Herrera (13 years)
 30-Magalyn Bradford (3 years)

CONVOCATION

What a way to start the new year! This year's convocation hosted over 1,405 students, almost 200 more than last year, and 475 guests. There was an online audience of almost 3,000 viewers. Our very own Byron Lewis did us proud with a wonderful speech that expounded upon the newest class of 2020.



(above) new students head towards convocation.

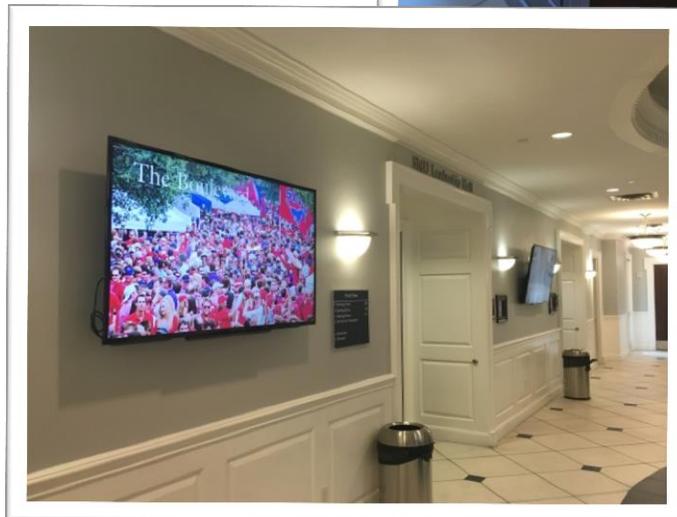


(left) **Byron Lewis** sits next to **President Turner** as he prepares to speak.



BLANTON GETS FACELIFT

Construction and remodeling has been going on all around campus and Blanton is no exception. Upgrades small and big are taking place all across our departments. Some of the most noticeable changes occurred on the 1st and 2nd floor lobbies, and more updates are on the way. As an aside, please note that the coffee in the 2nd floor lobby is for our visiting students and their families only.



CONGRATULATIONS JOE

Please join me in congratulating Joe Papari on his election as President Elect of the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Joe will be installed into this new office during the November 2016 Annual Business Meeting. Joe will serve on the executive committee for three years as President Elect, President and Past President.

Joe is currently Past President of the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

I am confident the Joe will provide strong and professional leadership to TACRAO during the next three years just as he did to SACRAO during the past three years.

Regards,

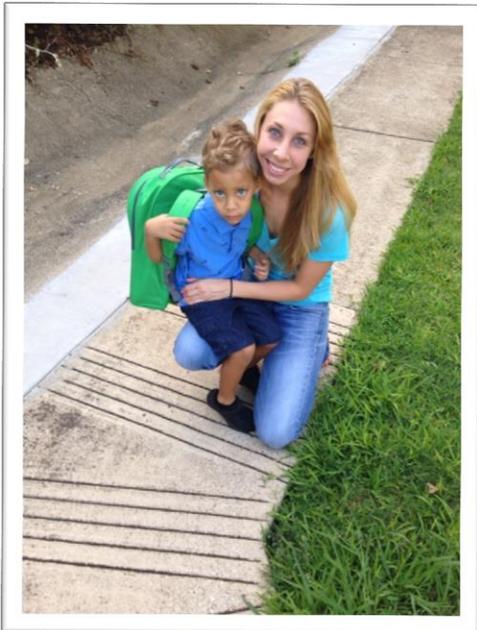
John

MUSTANGS IN TRAINING

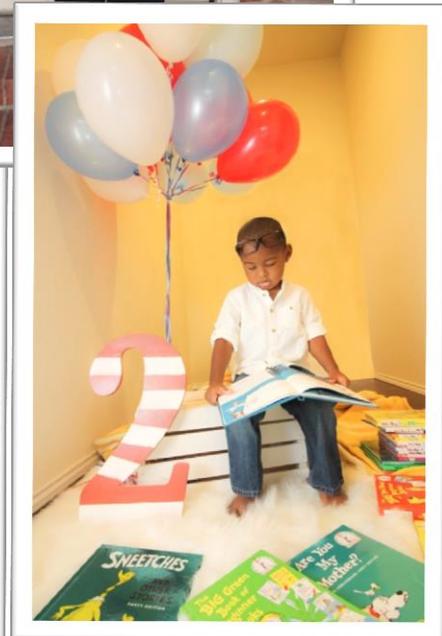
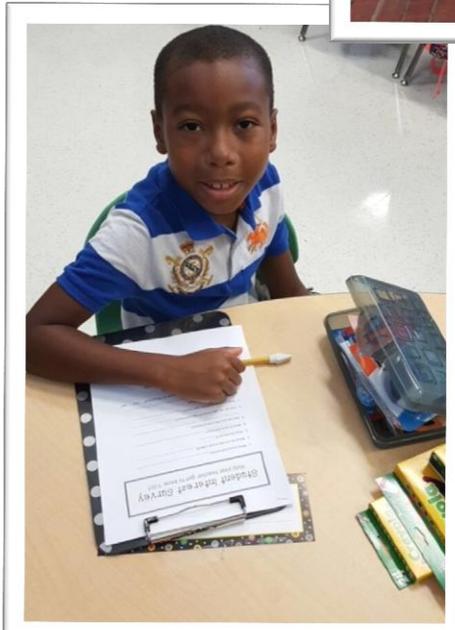
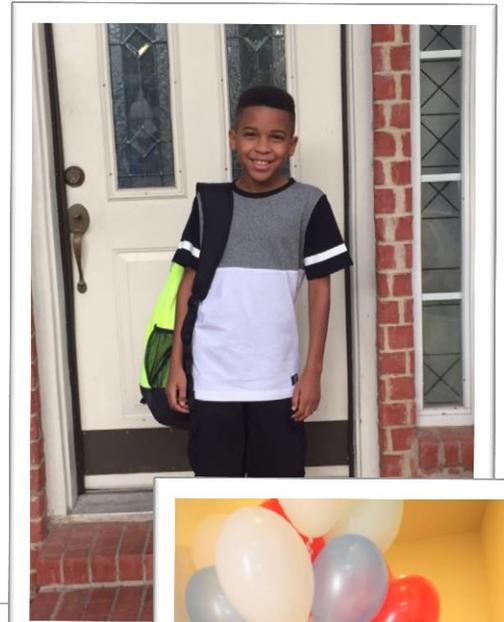
(right)
Dagmar's
husband
with their
two
daughters:
Lyssa (1st
grade) and
Anna (5th
grade)



(below)
Sherry's
daughter
and
grandson
Christian
(Pre-k 3)



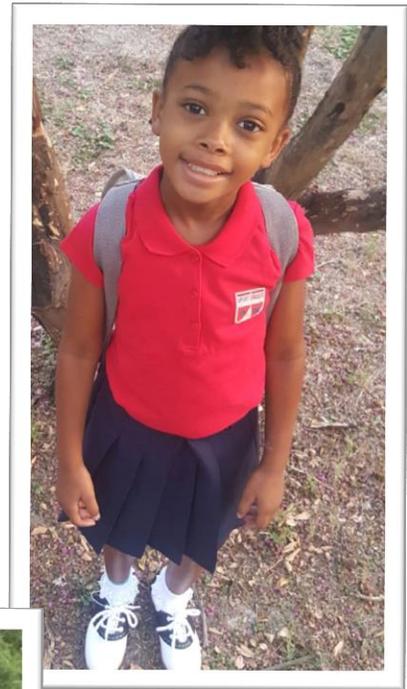
Eartha's two grandsons
and great-nephew:
Bryce (3rd grade),
Carson, and Addy (4th
grade).



Cindy Castro's two boys:
Andrew (preschool) and
Zach (2nd grade)



Shannon's granddaughter Erynn (2nd grade)



(above) **Veronica** and her husband with their two grandkids, Madison (kindergarten) and Sofia (PreK-3)

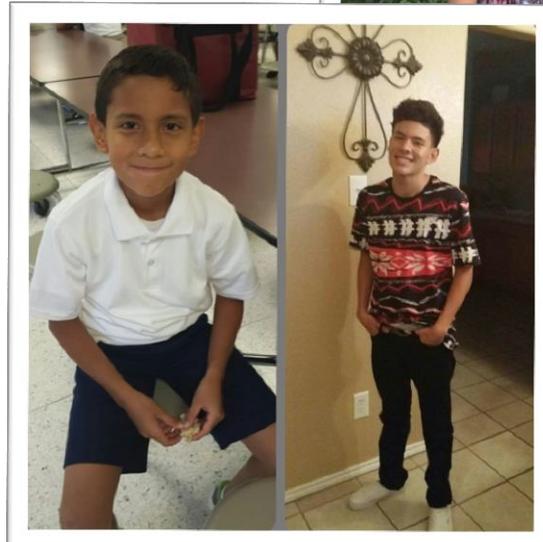


(above) **Melissa Stanford's** daughter, Taylor (6th grade)



(above) **Claudia's** two daughters, Zoe and Amalia (1st grade)

(right) **Stephanie Womack's** niece, Maya (kindergarten)



(left) **Olivia Paradez's** two sons, Andrew (3rd grade) and Julian (10th grade)