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Scripture

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
But those who wait for the LORD
shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31

Rebecca Garrett, first year MSM

Photo of the Week



Did you miss out on Earth Day celebrations on April 22? No worries! SMU created their own Earth Day with the planting of a colossal oak tree that found its new home on Bishop Blvd. across from the God Quad. Picture courtesy of Planning, Design, and Construction Group.

Upcoming Scholarship Opportunities

This section will highlight different scholarships that could be of interest to the Perkins Community. Scholarships featured here will often have rapidly approaching deadlines, so look into these opportunities right away. A wide variety of opportunities for financial assistance can always be found in the [Outside Scholarship Section of the Perkins Website](#).



Luella M. Odell Memorial Scholarship

Must be a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, planning to serve as pastor of a local church upon graduation and be enrolled for second or subsequent year of study at a seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. Must demonstrate financial need, academic excellence and have a clear vision for serving Jesus Christ and the church.

The application and instruction sheet can be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (Kirby #216) or can be [downloaded](#).

Deadline for this scholarship is May 15, 2012 and is in the amount of \$1,000.

Ed E. and Gladys Hurley Foundation Scholarship

The Ed E. and Gladys Hurley Foundation Scholarship exists to assist worthy and deserving young men and women to obtain college education when they and their parents are financially unable to provide the necessary funds for that purpose. Funds can be used solely for colleges in the State of Texas, but students who reside in any state and who wish to study to become ministers, missionaries or religious workers of the Protestant faith may receive up to \$1,000 per academic year.

The application and instruction sheet can be obtained by [download](#) or from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (Kirby #216). This application requires certification of enrollment and two letters of recommendation, so please do not wait until the last minute to start this application. You must follow the instructions precisely.

Completed application packets should be returned to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (Kirby #216) by May 31, 2012. Do not attempt to submit your application directly to the Hurley Foundation. Recipients of the Hurley grants will be notified by Perkins as soon as we are notified after the end of the spring semester.

If you have questions regarding these or any other outside scholarship opportunities, contact Lynda Casey in the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (Kirby 216) at lmcasey@smu.edu or 214-768-3411.

Community Life Snacks

Monday, May 7 through Wednesday, May 9

All Day
Prothro Hall, Refectory

The Office of Community Life wants to keep you well fueled during finals. Stop by the refectory Monday, May 7 through Wednesday, May 9 to grab some snacks. Enjoy!

Massages

Monday, May 7 through Wednesday, May 9

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Prothro Hall, Room #207

It's finals week. Relax! Chair massages will be available for students from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Prothro 207, Monday, May 7 through Wednesday, May 9. Stop by and sign up for a time and take a minute to relax. Brought to you by the Office of Community Life.

For more information, contact Emily Everett at eeverett@smu.edu.

Attention Seniors!

Please drop by the Perk sometime next week to pick up a gift from BSA and Social Life Committee. We have some left from our sending forth and would like to make sure each senior gets one. For more information, contact rkincannon@smu.edu.

Graduation Activities

Saturday, May 12

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Various Locations (see below for details)

All students are invited to take part and celebrate our graduating seniors in the following commencement activities.

- COMMENCEMENT, 9:30 A.M., Moody Coliseum. No tickets necessary. Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will be the graduation speaker.
- COME & GO BOX LUNCHESES, 11:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M., Prothro Hall, Refectory. Pick up a lunch anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This event is open to Perkins graduates, families, students, faculty, and staff. Lunches are \$8.00 per person (graduates eat free). Seating is throughout the Perkins community (Selecman 104 or Prothro 104). Please RSVP and turn money into to Emily Everett (everett@smu.edu) if you plan on attending.
- PERKINS CELEBRATION OF DEGREES AND ACADEMIC HONORS, 2:00 P.M., Highland Park UMC Sanctuary. No one needs a ticket to attend the diploma presentation. The Rev. Dr. John Holbert, Lois Craddock Perkins Chair in Homiletics, will be preaching. The doors will open at 1:00 p.m. for guest seating. No one may enter the sanctuary at an earlier time that day to reserve seats.
- RECEPTION, 3:30 P.M., Great Hall of Prothro Hall. Reception is free for graduates, their guests, as well as Perkins faculty, staff, and students. It will begin immediately following the diploma presentation. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Emily Everett (everett@smu.edu) and let her know how many will be attending.

For more information, please contact Emily Everett at everett@smu.edu.

Congratulations to 2012-2013 Perkins Student Association Officers

President - Yvette R. Blair-Lavallais

Vice President - John Stephenson

Secretary - Brenda Wideman

Treasurer - Jose Sanchez-Perry

Justice in Action Chair - Freedom McAdoo

Social Life Chair - Melissa Collier

Middle Year Representative - Heather Rodenberg

Student Senators - Larry Crudup and Brandon Lazarus

Course Evaluations

Course evaluations for Perkins School of Theology classes will be submitted online through the Blackboard Course Management System. Evaluation forms will become available to students for courses they are enrolled in beginning on **Monday, April 23 through Saturday, May 12, 2012.**

Course evaluations are a critical part of Perkins' ongoing efforts to improve programs, curriculum, and instruction. Therefore:

- If you are a student, please view the course evaluation as an important component of completing the course. We do care about your feedback and take it seriously.
- If you are a faculty member, please encourage your students to complete the evaluations. You may wish to permit students to use class time to do so. They may complete the forms from their laptop computers using the wireless networks or go to the Prothro Computer Cluster to complete them.

Because course evaluations are a significant part of the class process, students will not be able to view their grades for individual courses in the self-service Student Center in Access.SMU until evaluations for those courses are completed. However, all grades become visible in the Student Center when the course evaluation period expires.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Duane Harbin, धारbin@smu.edu or 214-786-2663.

Reminder from Bridwell Library

If you are looking for a quiet place to study, the Bridwell Library Mezzanine is available exclusively for Perkins School of Theology and GPRS students.

Final Exam Schedule Spring 2012

Day	Time 9-12 noon	Place	Time 2-5:00 p.m.	Place
Friday, May 4	OT 6302 Heller NT 6302 Wan WO 8327 Miller	106Prothro 100Prothro 205Prothro		
Monday, May 7	HX 7366 Gibbons CA 6013 MacDonald	207Prothro 100Prothro		
Tuesday, May 8	HX 6306 Campbell	100Prothro	OT 6302 Scholz	220Prothro
Wednesday, May 9	GR 7301 Wan HB 7301 Heller NT 6302 Clark-Soles	220Prothro 223Prothro 100Prothro	XS 6310 Magallanes	100Prothro

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