



DES NEWS

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ADMISSION – BURSAR – FINANCIAL AID-REGISTRAR

IRMA'S UPDATE

First we wish to apologize to the January folks. We just couldn't find time earlier to put a newsletter together. It is also likely you would not have found time to read it. January has been a very busy month for all of us. Going forth we will try to note two months of birthdays and anniversaries so that we don't fall so far behind and we can make corrections; should we inadvertently miss someone or publish wrong information.

Now that we are into the spring semester we find we have much to celebrate; be it a new tradition or recognition by an organization of one of our staff members. Construction and reconfiguration of space will ultimately meet the greater goals of DES.

IT'S GOOD TO KNOW

A new tradition was started this January with a Spring Rotunda Passage.

Responding to comments from students and parents in previous years that new students entering in the Spring didn't get to have a Rotunda Passage experience, the academic ceremonies team partnered with the Office of New Student Orientation and added a Rotunda Passage to the January AARO schedule.

New students entering this Spring gathered on the steps of McFarlin Auditorium to listen to AVP Wes Waggoner, Student Body president Carlton Adams and Ceremonies Chief Marshal Tom Fomby, and then processed through the Rotunda. The event was followed by dinner from Bubba's.

Although smaller in scale than the Rotunda Passage held at the beginning of the Fall, the new Spring Rotunda Passage provides new students entering SMU in January a similar experience, and will be the bookend to the Rotunda Recessional they will participate in several years later when they graduate.



THE QUICK LIST

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- **Feb 2, Tuesday:**
Last day to declare pass/fail
- **Feb 22, Monday:**
Early intervention grades due for first year undergraduate students.

NEW STAFF

- Maggie Watson – Admission

STAFF LEAVING

- Beth McConville – Leaving to Advising



December Rotunda Recessional

We had 66 undergraduate candidates participate in the new December Rotunda Recessional. We estimate that there were about 175 guests.

The final number for the December Commencement ceremony participation was 474, about 14 more than last year. This was down 100 from the RSVPs candidates had given us.

It is estimated that there were 3,200 guests.

56 faculty and 22 faculty marshals were in attendance.

There were 2,098 unique web viewers. 600 of these viewers used a desktop, tablet or TV meaning that there probably were multiple viewers sharing the device.

Saudi Arabia was the largest when looking at distribution by country.

CONGRATULATIONS JOE!

I just wanted to mention that Joe is serving as SACRAO president during 2015-16 and his annual meeting will be taking place Saturday, February 6 through Wednesday, February 10, in Oklahoma City.

Joe has done an outstanding job leading SACRAO and the 565m institutional members during the past year and it appears that 2016 conference will be a huge success. He is expecting around 550 participants from across 14 states and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico.



Should you see Joe before He leaves for the conference you might give him a shout-out of best wishes, and if afterwards, a shout-out of congratulations.

Thanks,

John

A Great Reason to Celebrate!



January/February Birthdays

Jan

5-Darrah Rippy
6-Beth McConville
23-Matthew Myers

Feb

1-Candace Hayden-Jordon
1-Mary Jones
6-Paley Wu

16-Daniel Herrera
16-Eartha Walls
17-David Bell
19-Joe Papari
28-Cho Kim
7-Julio Lopez
16- Alissa Cherry Kirton

January/February Work Anniversaries

Jan

5-Pam Fincher (18 years)
7-Melissa Stanford (8 years)
10-Andy Frye (36 years)
12-Monica Codero (21 years)
12-Donna Dover (7 years)
17-Lorinda Lamb (24 years)
26-Sue Brunz (12 years)
29-Shannon Grandberry (15 years)

Feb

1-Mitzie Goff (8 years)
1-Ashley Griffin (3 years)
7-Irma Herrera (42 years)
21-Patricia May (22 years)
22-Pat Wood (38 years)
27-Raina Watts (4 years)

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

DES SPOTLIGHT

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Nathan, Tessa, and Ali survey the spread

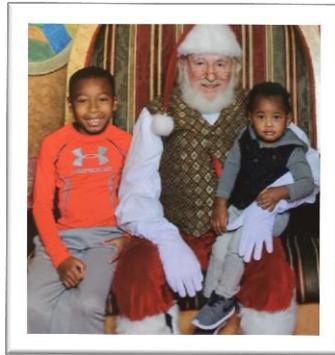


Sherry, Steven, Colleen, and Julio dig in.





Right: **Stan** takes his pick of the dessert spread.



Eartha's grand kids, BJ and CJ, hanging with Santa.



SMU IN THE NEWS

In this season of thanksgiving, good cheer, peace on earth and good will I thought you might enjoy the recent WFAA story on Audrey Self that is tied to the link below.

<http://on.wfaa.com/1QIcNIm>

Audrey had barely started her SMU career as a new transfer scholar student when her horrific accident occurred. She is on an extended Leave of Absence as she works very hard at preparing herself to return to SMU, hopefully for Fall 2016 although it will have to be at a reduced course load. The Transfer Team and Cox have stayed in touch with Audrey and her family. Her parents have told Nancy that Audrey's desire to return to the SMU classroom has been a primary motivating force in her miraculous recovery. The SMU hoodie you'll see Audrey wearing in the video was given to her by the Transfer Team.

-John

