



DES NEWS

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JUNE 2016

ADMISSION – BURSAR – FINANCIAL AID- REGISTRAR

IRMA'S UPDATE

Hard to believe it is already June and we are in the first few days of summer school. Admission is finalizing the class, financial aid continues their heavy awarding period, accounts are being cleared out, and all those recent graduates are requesting that multiple transcripts be sent to graduate programs or potential employers. Orientation for the new entering first years and transfers is coming up soon which makes for a very busy summer for all of us. Difficult to do these days but try to make time to relax, refresh and recognize the importance of the work we do as a Division.

IT'S GOOD TO KNOW

NEW KIOSK

The new "kiosk" computers are setup (iMacs with Windows loaded) on the first floor. The "kiosks" have been reconfigured to have a cleaner, neater look. The computers also have been configured to use an Enrollment Services Launch page. When the computer boots the new launch page is automatically loaded. To see the initial launch page go to <https://sites.smu.edu/des/kiosk/> Additions to the launch page will be made as we discover what links are best to feature at these self-service kiosks. Thanks to Paley, Stan and Joe for making this happen.

John



THE QUICK LIST

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNE

- 1- Last day to enroll, add courses or drop courses without grade record (First/Full Summer term)
- 2- First day of class (Taos)
- 3- Last day to file for August graduation. Last day to enroll or add/drop courses (Taos)
- 9- Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options. (First/Full Summer Term)
- 22- Last day to drop a course (First/Full Summer Term)
- 23- Last day to withdraw from the University
- 29- Last day of classes (First Summer Term/Taos)

FAREWELL

- Chris Cornell- Financial Aid

WELCOME

- Alicia Jones – Admission
- Jacqueline Blaine- Bursar



2016 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

I want to say thank you to each and every one of you for your part in the execution of SMU's Baccalaureates Service and May Commencement. I sincerely appreciate your time, support, energy and dedication. These ceremonies are a huge undertaking for all of us, and we were only able to pull them off with a fantastic team in place! I am very grateful to work with such an incredible group of individuals.

-Todd

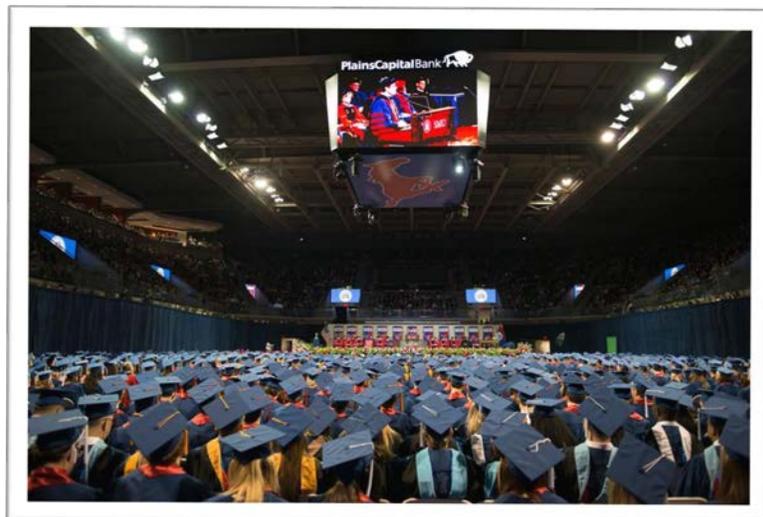
I want to say thank you again for all of your (**Stephanie Womack**) extraordinary help with May Commencement. We definitely could not have made it through without you! Thank you for helping us check e-mail a few days in advance (and day of), monitor calls and be available to print out tickets. You were definitely a life saver!! On behalf of the entire RO team, thanks so much again! Your hard work is sincerely valued and appreciated.

-Todd



(left)
Commencement speakers Mary and Richard Templeton

(below)
The class of 2016 fills Moody Coliseum



A Great Reason to Celebrate!



June Birthdays

7-Maggie Bradford
7-Jerrod Harrell
9-Carol Morris
9-Sylvia Wiseman
10-Elizabeth Neel
11-Christina Harris-Cain
14-Pat Wood
16-Elisha Ramos
18-John Hall
19-Jeremy Brown
21-Walker Self
23-Jacqueline Blaine
28-Lottia Windham
30-Stephanie Nonnemacher

June Work Anniversary

1-Cindy Luetzow (14 years)
1-Adrienne Montgomery (7 years)
1-Jerrod Herrell (12 years)
2-Mary Jones (19 years)
8-Joe Davis (9 years)
8-Cindy Castro (12 years)
8-Sunsharae Thierry (18 years)
8-Elisha Ramos (1 year)
9-Byron Lewis (8 years)
9-Lottia Windham (2 years)
11-Claudia Favela (9 years)
13-Rod Jackson (5 years)
13-Sherry Reinwald (33 years)
18-Cho Kim (4 years)
18-Ryan Cole (2 years)
21-David Bell (12 years)
21-Mary Compian (12 years)
23-Todd Chiscano (2 years)

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

JACKIE JOINS THE 25 YEAR CLUB!

Congratulations to **Jackie Wilborn** who just joined the 25 year club! Below she is congratulated by Provost Currall.





TRANSFER OPEN ADVISING

Members of admission, registrar, and advising hosted prospective transfer students in Blanton. This was a great opportunity to get prospective students excited about the potential SMU has to offer them. The program was a great success, and we look forward to seeing many of the students on the hill this fall.



(above) **Nancy** and **Ryan** check students in.



(left) advisors meet with students to discuss their courses

(below) the always cheerful **Ryan Cole** joins his fellow counselors during the event.





MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Many thanks to **Veronica Decena** for making a difference with Kenji Yaanaka, an exchange student, from Kwansai Gakuin University in Japan. He thanked her with a box of beautiful chocolates and gracious words for helping make his time at SMU a wonderful experience and setting him on his way to making life-long SMU friends. He promised to return to SMU for a visit, and who knows, maybe graduate school.

Thanks,

John

I can't thank you (**Nancy Skochdopole**) enough for helping us to have a great Honorary Degree Symposium on Global Health Impact yesterday. It was outstanding!

We got rave reviews from the attendees and the panelists from the World Affairs Council, Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon Dallas Morning News on how interesting and well organized the entire event was. As you know, there were a number of people in the audience from the Bush Institute. The event helped to spotlight on our mutually beneficial partnership with the Bush Institute and I believe will help strengthen it.

The outcome of the hard work and preparation that you and your team did with mine at the Center for Global Health Impact couldn't have been better!

Thanks so much for helping us to put on a great University event!

Sincerely,

Eric

Professor of Global Health

Hello **Ms. Herrera**,

Just dropping a line to once again thank you for your earnest efforts in helping us to locate Chase's deposit. We are excited and so thrilled to come to SMU. I hope we can meet one day!

Mom of entering first year

Thank you **Irma**!

You have been incredibly helpful and patient. I really appreciate your time and helpful attitude, it's not often a quality one comes across now days.





FUN FACT

Did you know that when the President says “by the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees” when conferring degrees at commencement, that he isn’t kidding.

Each May the Board of Trustees passes a resolution granting him this authority. Here is the resolution from the May 2016 BOT meeting....

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO CONFER DEGREES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts and approves the recommendation of the Committee on Academic Affairs, that the President of the University is authorized to award degrees on candidates recommended by the particular faculties of each school and The Guildhall of the University at the end of each term, and that the conferral of these degrees is recognized at the May 2016 and December 2016 commencement convocations.

-John

