



# DES NEWS

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ADMISSION – BURSAR – FINANCIAL AID-REGISTRAR

## IRMA'S UPDATE

In Feb. we hosted another Grad Fair while also hosting programs for prospective students for Fall, 2017 and beyond. We are continually in that cycle of celebrating those students who are here, while also looking for those students yet to come. In March additional acceptance letters will go out followed by Financial Aid awards with hopes that financial resources will facilitate enrollment. Each of us plays an important part in making SMU a reality for all those families who consider us their “dream” school. Each of our areas continually strives to improve in some way. Enjoy the comments of those who attended Springfest, a program that has always been good but just keeps getting better.

## IT'S GOOD TO KNOW

### MAY COMMENCEMENT

May Commencement Convocation will start at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 14 in Moody Coliseum.

Academic Ceremonies is always in need of great volunteers to help make Commencement a special event for our graduates and their families. Most of the volunteer assignments fall in the guest relations and student line-up areas prior to the ceremony start time: i.e. directing guests to seating areas in Moody Coliseum or at our simulcast locations and making sure students are ready to go and wearing appropriate SMU regalia.

If you would like to help as a volunteer the morning of May Commencement Convocation, please email Todd Chiscano at [chiscano@smu.edu](mailto:chiscano@smu.edu) and you will be provided with an assignment. We look forward to celebrating our 101<sup>st</sup> May Commencement in style with our awesome volunteers!



## THE QUICK LIST

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCH

- **7-13:** Spring Break!
- **22:** Midterm grades due for first year and sophomores.
- **25:** Good Friday, **offices closed!**
- **28:** Last day for continuing students to change their majors before April enrollment.
- **29:** 60% point of term that federal aid has been earned if a student officially withdrawals from SMU.

### NEW STAFF

- Prentice Robbins - ER

## MAY COMMENCEMENT

If you have a relative graduating on May 14, 2016, Academic Ceremonies would love to celebrate with you and your family! Please complete the online RSVP form here:

<https://sites.smu.edu/des/rsvp/MayCommencement/?audience=des>

## GRADUATION FAIR



Our Own **Chris Cornell** poses for a picture in his cap and gown.



## A Great Reason to Celebrate!



### March Birthdays

8-Nancy Skochdopole  
10-Daphne Leibert  
20-Joe Lopez  
22-Makenzie Daniel  
28-Meghan Budig

### March Work Anniversaries

12-Elizabeth Neel (5 years)  
16- Eliza Macdonald (1 year)  
18-Deveron Ellison (14 years)  
18-Don Moormon (3 years)  
19- Paley Wu (9 years)  
20-Gordon Brannon (14 years)

If we missed your birthday or work anniversary please email [iherrera@smu.edu](mailto:iherrera@smu.edu).

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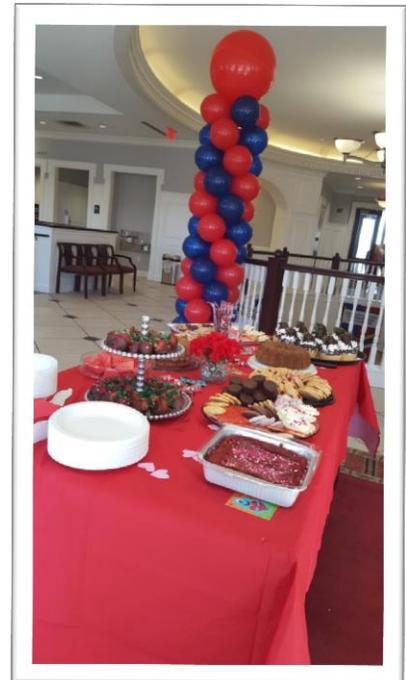
## DES SPOTLIGHT

### VALENTINE'S DAY DESSERT RECEPTION



(left) **Anna**, and **Pat** enjoy the sweets spread.

(below) **Pat**, **Claudia**, **Deanna**, **Chris**, **Sue**, and **Angie** partake in some treats.





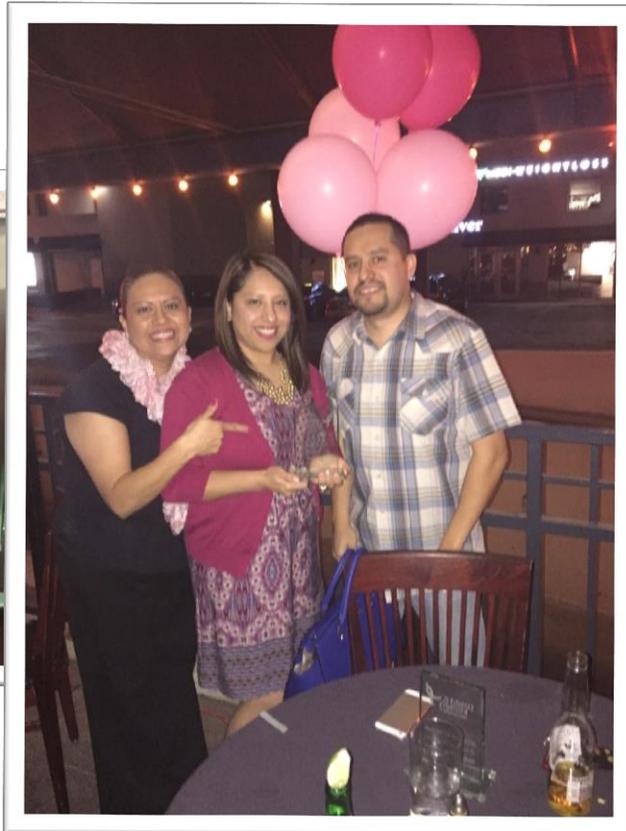
## SUSAN G. KOMEN AWARDS

Two groups of DES staff were recently recognized by Susan G. Komen. Team Amalia (in honor of my and Claudia's Mother) won first place for having the largest team in the school category.

Pat's team, Texas BUC\$ for the Cure, won 2nd place for raising the most money in the school category.



Claudia, Angie, and their brother Ruben receive their award.



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## ADMISSION'S SPRING FEST A GREAT SUCCESS

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"Appreciated the follow up call to explain the details of the event"



**"Lots of good tips I had not heard before."**

**"Walking in made me feel at home."**

"I felt very informed on what Admissions is looking for in an applicant. I thought the examples you shared about how to write the essay on your application was very good."

**"We have registered for 4 college visits and attended two. So far the SMU registration, information provided and program has been the best."**





**“The people that were presenting were very enthusiastic about the topic.”**

**“The students were diverse and interesting, and their insight was useful”**

**“I gained valuable insight, on the application process, financial aid and the session further interested me in SMU, now it is one of my top choices for college.”**



Abbi presents to a full room during Spring Fest.

Mackenzie and Abby greet prospective students.



**“The students helped me realize the abundant opportunities that SMU has to offer. They were good ambassadors for the school.”**

**“The female speaker was DIVINE. She had charisma and made the audience laugh. The male speaker was great too!”**

**“Each student I felt spoke honestly and it was refreshing to see students that excited about education and their future”**

**“This session was very successful in letting me see eye-to-eye to the students at SMU, and it gave me my own possible reasons into wanting to attend the university as well.”**



Abby, Alex, Bridget, and Ryan welcome students to Spring Fest.

