



DES NEWS

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IRMA'S UPDATE

In September, classes are in full swing, parking lots and dorms are filled and students are beginning to find their way around the campus and establish new friendships. The major Centennial Commemoration of the Opening of SMU Sept. 23-26 promises a special 100th anniversary celebration for the entire SMU community. Below enjoy a few pictures of the early days of SMU.



A Great Reason to Celebrate!



THE QUICK LIST

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- **Sept 7-** Labor Day- Offices closed
- **Sept 9-** Last day to declare pass/fail
- **Sept 25-26-** Home Coming weekend
- **Sept 29-** Early intervention grades due for first-year undergraduate students.

NEW STAFF

- Nathan Mawhirter- Admission
- Anthony Ringuette- Admission
- Jeremy Brown - Admission

STAFF LEAVING

- Renae Spotser – E.R.



September Birthdays

- 4-Gina Kelbert
- 5-Messeret Fessehai
- 14-Ashley Griffin
- 17-Tessa Jones
- 24-Melissa Guerra
- 25-Dagmar Mueller
- 26-John Emmett
- 26-Monica Cordero
- 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 (17 years)
- 3-Jackie Wilborn (25 years)
- 5-Tiffany Hawkins (15 years)
- 5-Stan Eddy (15 years)
- 5-Joseph Lopez (3 years)
- 8-Bill Chandler (12 years)
- 10-Candace Hayden-Jordan (3 years)
- 14- Chris Cornell (5 years)
- 14-Joseph Knight (5 years)
- 20-Darrah Rippy (15 years)
- 22-Shelly Walker-Downey (3 years)
- 29-Daniel Herrera (12 years)
- 30-Maggie Bradford (2 years)

DES SPOTLIGHT

DES AWARDS



Candace Hayden Jordan – 3 years



Valerie Little- 3 years



Beth McConville – 3 years



Shelly Walker-Downey- 3 Years



Stan Eddy – 15 years



Darrah Rippy- 15 years



Joseph Knight – 5 years



Chris Cornell – 5 years



Marc Peterson – 20 years





IT'S GOOD TO KNOW OPENING COVOCATION A SUCCESS

Participation for opening convocation was at a 3 year high, and viewers tuned in from across the world to participate. The red countries represent where viewers tuned in.

Opening Convocation			
	2015	2014*	2013
Students participating	1,212	1,232	1,143
# new students	1,661	1,742	1,759
% participating	73%	71%	65%
Guests	453	441	450
Faculty	40	47	57
Alumni Marshals	36	50	35
Phi Beta Kappa	13	15	15
Marshals	14	13	15
Choir	50	65	50
Platform party	22	25	24
TOTAL ATTENDEES	1,840	1,888	1,789
Webcast (unique viewers)	2,849	2,492	1,175

*Moody Coliseum





2015 GAME DAY CHANGES

SMU is adopting a clear bag policy this season. As at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, the only permitted bags will be those made of clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC which do not exceed 12 x 6 x 12 inches, one-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (Ziploc or similar) or small clutch bags (approximately the size of a hand), with or without a handle or strap. All bags except those approved under the clear bag policy are prohibited.

REMEMBERING KATRINA

Many of us were here to welcome students from various universities in New Orleans, a proud moment for DES and for SMU history.

Below you will find some comments shared and just some of the documentation. The attached PowerPoint gives many more of the details.

I would just like to add, as each day passes, members of the SMU community surprise me with their generosity, kindness, and compassion. When SMU offered me a place to continue my studies when I could no longer study at Tulane, I had no idea that this was only the first of many acts of kindness I would witness on this campus.
Junior, Tulane University

- **210 Visiting Students Enrolled**

- 133 Tulane University
- 34 Loyola University New Orleans
- 22 Xavier University of Louisiana
- 15 University of New Orleans
- 4 Dillard University
- 2 Southern University at New Orleans
- 86% Undergraduate students
- 14% Graduate / Professional students
- 80% Full-time enrollments
- 20% Part-time enrollments

I just spoke with the Vice Dean of the Business School at Tulane, Dr, John Trapani. He said he was amazed at how SMU was handling the visiting students. His son is one of the students from Loyola. He added that he has told his Tulane colleagues that he doesn't think Tulane could do as fine a job as SMU has at handling the situation. He gave SMU 5 Gold Stars.

