



# DES NEWS

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## IRMA'S UPDATE

What a great year it's been so far for sports on the Hilltop! Our women's swimming and diving team clinched their second consecutive conference championship, the men's basketball team closed out their season with an outstanding 25-5 record, and our spring sports, including golf, tennis, and equestrian, are already off to strong starts this year. Pictured above, Nathan and Jackie bring their winning smiles to all of our guests at Destination SMU. This is when admitted students determine if they will pick SMU. May 1<sup>st</sup> is a big "sign up" day for all of DES. Collectively, let's work to bring in the best first-years and transfer students possible in 2016.

## 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

- **4-22:** Enrollment for summer and fall
- **6:** Last day to drop courses
- **8:** Last day for May grads candidates to change grades of incomplete.
- **14:** student should file for August or December graduation.
- **18:** Honors Convocation, 5:30 p.m.
- **22:** Last day to withdraw from the University.
- **28:** Last day for oral/written examinations for graduate students who are May degree candidates.

### STAFF LEAVING

- **Alissa Cherry-Kirton** – Admission

### WELCOME BACK

- **Meredith Turner**- Financial Aid

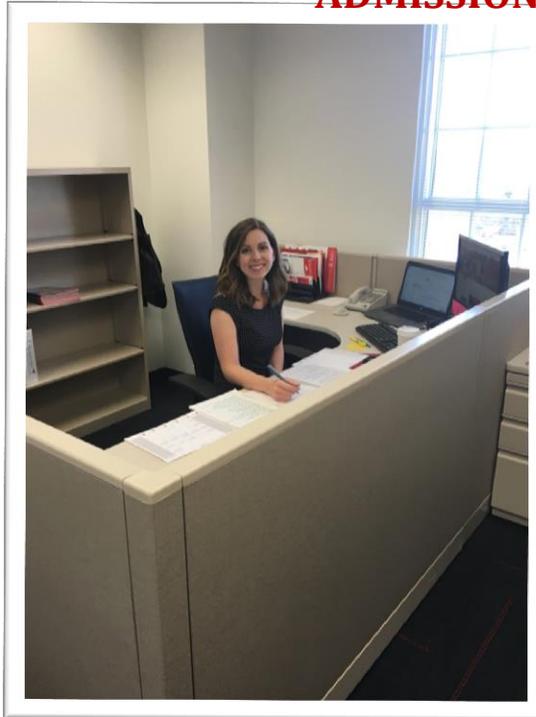


## MAY COMMENCEMENT

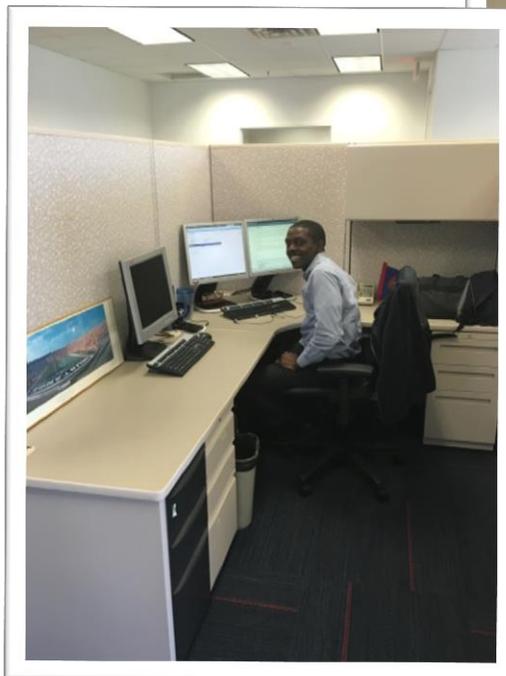
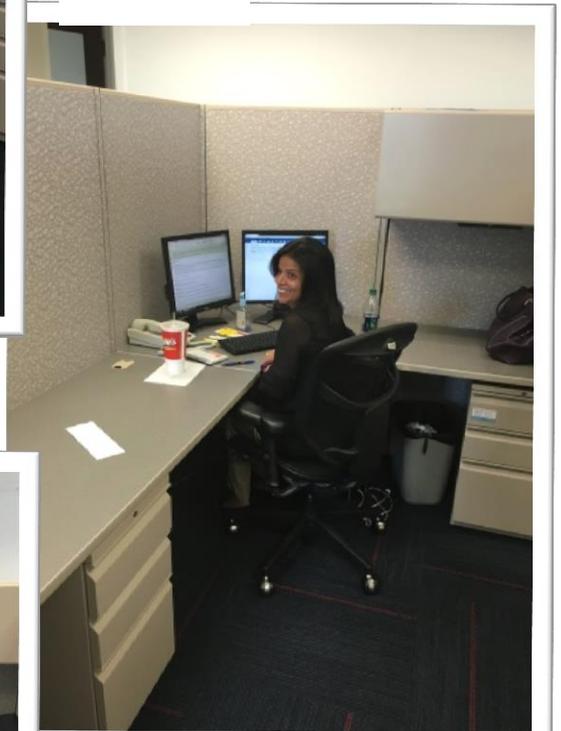
If you have a relative graduating on May 14, 2016, Academic Ceremonies would love to celebrate with you and your family! Please complete the online RSVP form here:

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

## ADMISSIONS REMODEL



Left: **Bridget Oswald** enjoying the new bright and open office.



Above/left: **Olivia** and **Yaw** working hard in their new space.

## A Great Reason to Celebrate!



### April Birthdays

1-Abbi Pfister-Soria  
1-Byron Lewis  
2-Anna Gomez  
3-Cindy Castro  
20-Julius Jenkins  
24-Donna Dover  
27-Claudia Favela  
29-Lorinda Lamb

### April Work Anniversaries

1-Minerva Chihuahua (6 years)  
1-Stephen Forrest (14 years)  
2-Abbi Pfister-Soria (9 years)  
4-Stephanie Nonnemacher (15 years)  
7-Isaac Reddic (2 years)  
7-Ali Hoeman (1 year)  
15-Sylvia Wiseman (18 years)  
23-Melissa Guerra (7 years)

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

## DESTINATION SMU

I personally want to extend my thanks to each of you for your time and participation in our second SpringFest program of the year. The event was a huge success, and all of the visiting students and families appreciated your attendance and participation.  
—Tessa Jones

**“Loved it and will recommend to other people. Keep doing what you're doing.”**



**“Very useful and helpful in helping me decide”**



**“It exceeded our expectations. Great job to all that put this together. Makes me proud to be an alum, and hope my daughter is able to attend as well”**

Above: Mackenzie, and Elishah speak with admitted students.

(left) Alex, Rod, Alissa have a brief pause after checking in admitted students.





**“The Spring Fest Program is excellent! It is both very well organized and informative. It solidified my plans to apply to SMU as one of my absolute favorites.”**



**“The program was extremely well run and was a lot more entertaining and helpful than other schools programs!”**

Above: **Ryan** and **Alex** pose with two hard working student ambassadors.



## **DES SPOTLIGHT**

### **WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR VERONICA**

I will be graduating in May, therefore I will not be enrolled in the summer or fall semesters. Thanks for your help over the past two years, things could not have gone smoother!

Semper Fi,

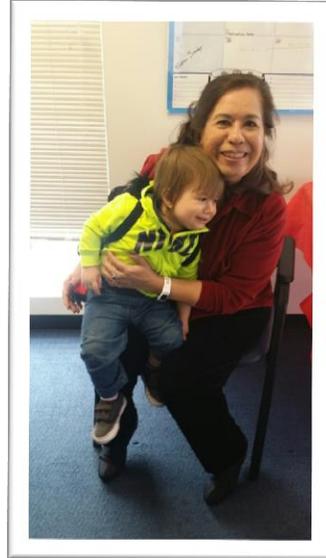
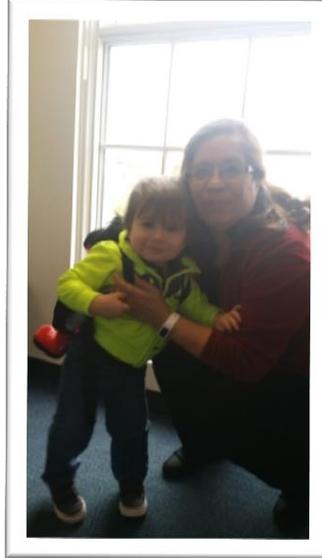
Ben





## FUTURE MUSTANG!

Irma's grandson, Andrew, was in from Washington state to see his future college campus. Check out that Peruna backpack!



## LATE DELIVERY

The below grade report, mailed in January 1971, was just returned to our office. Note the February 2016 Pacific Grove stamp. The student was a Hillcrest HS graduate whose family moved to CA during his first semester, Fall 1970. He did graduate with a Journalism major and now lives in Victoria, TX. Note that the SSN was printed on the outside of the mailer – something we'd never do today!

- John Hall

