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Please join **Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies (DASS)** in welcoming **Amra Sayed, our new Accommodations Coordinator!**

"Hello! I'm Amra Sayed the new Accommodations Coordinator at Southern Methodist University. I am dedicated to fostering an inclusive and accessible academic environment. With a rich career background as a Speech-Language Pathologist (CCC-SLP) and a Special Education Team Leader, I bring a clinical lens and a deep understanding of communication and learning differences to my work. I hold a Master of Science in Communication Disorders from the University of Texas at Dallas, and my previous experience in both K-12 and early intervention settings has shaped my approach to student advocacy.

I will be working primarily with our DASS graduate students and students with medical or physical conditions. What excites me most about my new role is witnessing the transformative moment when a student moves from feeling overwhelmed by barriers to feeling empowered by access. I believe that disability is a vital facet of diversity, and I am passionate about crafting support systems that allow every student's true potential to shine."



Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies (DASS) is excited to share that **SMU Giving Day** is coming up on **March 11!** On this day, the entire Mustang community comes together to support the programs, students, and causes that make SMU so meaningful.

This year, DASS staff members are serving as **Cause Captains for the DASS Peer Mentor Program**. We'd love for you to mark your calendar and join us in supporting something that truly makes an impact. **Giving Day** is all about collective momentum and every gift, no matter the size, helps strengthen the SMU experience for students and future generations.



Also a DASS Big Welcome to~ "Hello! My name is Katie Frymire, and I am excited to be working as your **DASS peer mentor.**"

"I am a junior with a lot of experience navigating DASS and SMU as a whole. My goal is to help you succeed in any way possible. Whether you need study/organization help, an accountability partner, help writing an email to a professor, or have question about on-campus resources, I am here to help!"



Extra Mile Award Nominations

If you have ADHD, an LD, or ASD, and an outstanding SMU instructor helped and inspired you, pay them back and nominate them for an Extra Mile Award!

Email David (dtylicki@smu.edu) the name and a few sentences about why you want them to be recognized by Friday, April 4.