# **AccessAbility**

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**DASS** Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies Located in the A-LEC

TOPICS

EXTRA MILE AWARD SNL MEETING PICK LETTERS OF ACCOMMODATION CONSTRUCTION ALERTS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITES

SNL MEETING 3/7/2018 5PM ALEC 217

What classes should you chose for fall 2018?

Join us for pizza and a roundtable discussion about the SMU instructors who work best with students with ADHD, LD, and disability related accommodations



NEW Scholarship opportunities for college students with disabilities



The Springboard Foundation has just shared their fairly newly created scholarships. Check out the different areas: fashion and PR, business, STEM, general, and even one only for Texas-based students!

http://www.thespringboardfoundation.org/



## NOMINATE A PROFESSOR YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



Every year, the Extra Mile Award is given to 2-3 faculty members, acknowledging their sensitivity and care for their students with learning differences. If you've had a good experience with an instructor and would like to nominate them, please send their name and a sentence or two about why they are deserving of this award to <u>dtylicki@smu.edu</u> by **3/30/18** *Past winners include :* 

Victoria Lockwood (ANTH)

Tony Pederson (JOUR)



Joci Caldwell-Ryan (Dedman)

Steve Robertson (STAT)

### Letters of Accommodation (LOA) - What are you waiting for?

Even though many of you have requested your LOA's, many have still not been picked up from the DASS office. We are hearing from numerous professors that students are coming to them at the last minute, expecting accommodations. This is NOT advised and creates stress for everyone.

Your job is to order your LOA's online, pick them up, and deliver during office hours. In that meeting, you can request what you need as well as finalize the plans for executing those accommodations. Give your professors at least a week's notice before an upcoming exam.

Missing any of these steps may mean you do not receive your accommodations for the upcoming exam and there are no retroactive accommodations! Do your part so everyone else can do theirs.

#### **Construction woes?**

If you have mobility issues (or even if you don't) and you notice obstructions in the pathways around campus, please let DASS know. There is a large planned construction project starting March 2018 to build the Indoor Performance Center, where Barr Pool is now. If you face challenges moving around campus due to this construction, it is important that DASS and Facilities, Planning and Management is made aware of the specific barrier in order to address it in a timely way.

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