Saturday, February 6 was the day of Winter Premiere. As you are probably aware, it is one of a number of special events that provide prospective students, parents, and family members the opportunity to see Baylor up close and personal. There are speeches, presentations by faculty on various disciplines and majors, a student organization fair, campus tours, and the like. As I spoke with various individuals throughout the day, I was reminded of the excitement that surrounds the notion of “going off to college” and of the special learning environment that we work hard to maintain and enhance here at Baylor — an education established upon the pursuit of truth within an academically rigorous and faith affirming environment. The beauty of a Baylor education is that we help our students delve more deeply into answering the question of “Whose am I?” within the context of their higher education experience.

To that end, we encourage our students to think critically and authentically with the understanding that we will challenge and support them in their growth and development based on universal principles grounded in Biblical truth. As such, we seek to create an environment that transforms people from the inside out based on the integration of faith and learning.

As I interacted with our guests on Saturday, my sense was that this message came through loud and clear. Baylor University is about an education that leads to transformation—and that is a special learning environment indeed.

Blessings,
Kevin
Save the Dates for Staff Development

The dates and times for all Staff Development Lunches for the remainder of the semester are as follows:

- February 23rd - 11:30 - 1:00
- March 23rd - 11:30 - 1:00
- April 20th - 11:30 - 1:00

Locations will be included in your meeting request invitation. We hope you will make plans now to clear your calendar for these important times together!

— The Staff Development Work Team

H1N1 Vaccines

The Health Center still has plenty of H1N1 flu vaccine. It is not too late to get an H1N1 flu shot! This year has been unique in its influenza season, and we cannot predict what the spring will bring. Protect yourself from H1N1 and get the vaccine.

Strengths Educator Training at Baylor

Do you want a refresher course on strengths? Would you like to learn more about strengths-based development in order to lead presentations on this subject to teams and classes? Would you prefer a professional development seminar that doesn’t require you to travel out of town?

If you said “YES” to any of the above, please consider attending the upcoming Strengths Educator Training on March 30 and 31. All sessions will be held on Baylor’s campus at the McLane Student Life Center.

Cost to attend is $275. Registration is open now online at www.strengthsquest.com/schedule/.

Please contact Elisa Dunman (Elisa_Dunman@baylor.edu) for more information.
The Division of Student Life extends sympathies to Brad and Linda Cates in the death of Durward Cates, Brad’s father.

Dr. Kevin Jackson, Vice President for Student Life, is grieving the loss of his father, Dwain Hardin. Mr. Hardin passed away on February 15, 2010. The funeral service is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2 p.m. at Welch Funeral Home in Longview, Texas. Please keep Dr. Jackson and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE IN MILLER CHAPEL**

On February 17, Ash Wednesday, Spiritual Life will be partnering with the Catholic Students Association to hold a service in Miller Chapel. The service will be a traditional Ash Wednesday service and be led by Protestants and Catholics. For some of you this experience will be new, but perhaps it will be something you’ve been needing—the opportunity to gather with other Christians from other traditions and remember that we are all finite and in great need of God.

On Ash Wednesday we remember our frailty. The service begins and sets the tone for the Lenten season, which is not only a time for Christians to focus intently on their own brokenness but the brokenness that Christ takes on for our sakes. So Lent is a season not only for repentance but for preparation as we move in just a few weeks into Holy Week and all that takes place in the life of Jesus. To say a proper Alleluia on Easter Sunday, we have to slow down and observe...see...enter into all that Jesus will go through.

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**GLOBAL-LLC’S OSOGLOBAL**

Staff and students of the Global Community LLC, led by a team of dedicated journalism students, recently released the latest edition of “OsoGlobal,” a publication for the Global-LLC. This newsletter documents students’ study abroad experiences, conference presentations, community dinners and events, international film and book reviews, and more. Read the entire issue at [http://www.baylor.edu/gcllc/index.php?id=71365](http://www.baylor.edu/gcllc/index.php?id=71365). Look for the next OsoGlobal later this Spring!