

STUDENT LIFE NEWSLETTER



Calendar Dates

March 20

Bearathon

March 23

Staff Development

April 2-5

Easter Holidays

A MESSAGE FROM KEVIN: BE THE "WHO" OF BAYLOR IN A STUDENT'S LIFE

During a recent Student Life Advisory Board (SLAB) meeting, one of our SLAB members stated:

"Remember, it is more about the 'who' of Baylor than the 'what' of Baylor." While I pondered his statement, he continued by calling the names of a handful of faculty and staff who significantly influenced him while he was a student at Baylor and have continued to be a source of inspiration to him throughout the course of his life's work.

"These are the 'who' of Baylor for me," he said. "It is not about the buildings or about the programs per se. It is about the people who invested themselves in my life." By the time he had finished, I was ready to shout "amen" and begin

a rousing rendition of *That Good Old Baylor Line*.

You will be pleased to know that I did neither. But, I was truly tempted because this person provided a true testimonial to the work that we do. We invest in the most important capital of all—human capital. And at Baylor, we are able to do so within the full dimensions of human development which include the mind, body, and spirit.

Certainly our facilities and programs are important in that they aid us in our ability to engage and impact students' lives. Therefore, we aspire to be good stewards of our buildings, finances, and equipment. But they are a means to an end—not the

end itself. It is through our daily interactions that we have a cumulative effect on our students. As we enter into the last half of the spring semester, let's continue to stay focused on being the "who" of Baylor in the lives of our students. For, I can think of no greater earthly acknowledgement than to someday have a Baylor student identify one of us as the "who" that made a difference in their life.

Thank you for your continued good work on behalf of the students of Baylor University.

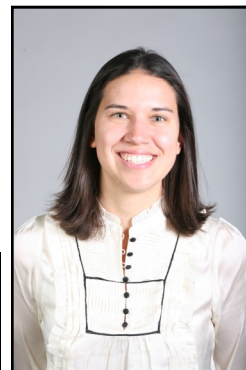
Blessings,
Kevin

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Shelly Adams
Administrative Assistant
Honors Residential College

Jordy Dickey
Coordinator of Student Union
Facilities and Operations



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life at Baylor University is just a little over a month away – April 16! This year, the event has been moved to Fountain Mall. By moving it to a later date, we hope to have excellent weather for the night! This event is for the Baylor family, and we are hoping to get more staff and faculty involved by forming teams, being recognized as a survivor, or supporting the event with donations. The money is raised ahead of time. At the event, there will be entertainment– music (Uproar artists), Bearobics, a hula hoop contest, a cake walk, a boxing ring inflatable, and more. Event t-shirts and Mid-night Madness food are provided for team members.

Each team member is asked to raise a minimum of \$100 – it's as easy as asking 10 people for a \$10 donation! Online fundraising is available. Luminarias purchased to honor or memorialize someone who has had cancer will line the track and display names of honorees.

We are also looking for survivors to honor at the event. If you know of someone at Baylor who would like to be honored (this includes a survivor shirt, special ceremony dinner, walking the first lap of the event, etc.), please have them sign up online or contact Debra_J.Williams@baylor.edu.

Many of our Baylor family have been affected by cancer, and participating in this event gives you an opportunity to support those individuals. To sign up, please go to www.baylor.edu/relayforlife and click on "access the main Baylor Relay homepage." From there, select "join a team/find an existing team," or simply donate to the event or a team. With the online fundraising, you basically create an e-mail, set up an e-mail distribution list, and click send. You are notified by e-mail when someone donates to your personal page.

Thank you for considering participating in Relay For Life!

NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY FOR LEADER DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

East Texas Baptist University President to Speak to Academy Students



Dr. Dub Oliver, former Baylor Vice President for Student Life, will be returning to campus as a guest speaker for the Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement's Lecture Series. Dr. Oliver will be speaking March 24 in the Kayser Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Oliver is a graduate of Baylor University and served 17 years in various roles in the Division of Student Life. He also taught in the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor as a visiting professor in the Management Department and as an adjunct professor in the Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration program within the School of Education. He left Baylor in June 2009 to become the 12th President of East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas.

Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement Honors Two WISD Students



**Shelton
Lewis**, Pro-
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dinator for

Leader Development & Civic Engagement, presented awards to Leyton Hernandez for his junior historical paper, "Innovation in Sports: An Analysis of the Integration of Sports as Experienced by African American Athletes" and to Corey Roberts for his senior historical paper, "The Soybean Chemist: Dr. Percy Julian's Exploits in Total Synthesis." The Heart of Texas Regional History Fair held the awards ceremony on Friday, February 19 at the Scottish Rite Museum. The Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement honored these two students for their achievement in the historical papers category. Each student was presented with a gift certificate during the awards presentation.

FAMILY CORNER



Madelyn Elizabeth Sanders, daughter of **Brooke and Scot Sanders**, arrived on Wednesday, February 24, at 12:59 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.



Academy Fellows Partnered with JH Hines Elementary to Host Their First Parent Involvement Day Block Party



February 6 marked the day of the First Annual Parent Involvement Day Block Party of JH Hines Elementary School. The event was created and coordinated by Fellow Candidate Patricia Martinez. The planning committee was comprised of Ms. Martinez, fellow candidates Brandon Wold, Martha Ayewah, and Dagen Hybner, and JH Hines Communities in Schools Coordinator, Shardae Randolph. The event was held on the JH Hines campus and gave parents, students, and community members an opportunity to experience the student's educational environment first-

hand. Parents and students took part in a fun and games picnic on the school lawn, a soul food cooking demonstration, blood pressure checks, and a hip-hop Zumba exercise class. The event kicked off the 2nd Annual JH Hines Parent Involvement Day which was held on the following Monday, in conjunction with the National African American Parent Involvement Day. The day is to encourage the academic and cultural growth of children through parent and community involvement. Fellow Candidate Brandon Wold began the process of the Parent Involvement Day initiative as his civic engagement project. "I hope to set the stage for continued parent involvement. I hope to partner with the greater community to deepen our sense of community and to spark enthusiasm for servant leadership. Above all, I want to invest in the lives of the next generation." said Wold. For more information about the project contact brandon_wold@baylor.edu or patricia_martinez@baylor.edu.



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Academy Presentations

Joel H. Scott, Associate Director for Leader Development & Civic Engagement, and **Shannon Dean**, Senior Residence Hall Director for Allen-Dawson, co-presented a workshop, *Creating Sustainable Service-Learning Partnerships*, at the Gulf South Summit on Civic Engagement in Higher Education hosted by the University of Georgia in March. The workshop introduced a sustainable partnership model designed by Dr. Scott and outlined a service-learning partnership the Academy implemented last year with Waco I.S.D. schools. The workshop included faculty and academic and student affairs service-learning administrators from universities across the country.



Ramona Curtis, Director for Leader Development & Civic Engagement served as keynote speaker at the Fred Batts Leadership Luncheon on February 15. Ms. Curtis presented on the *Shifting of African American Leadership*. She also served as a panelist along with **Liz Palacios**, Dean for Student Development, for the Community Race Relations Coalition's Quarterly Meeting. The topic was how to talk about race, and the event was held in late January.

