Student Life Newsletter

August 23, 2010

STUDENT LIFE NEWSLETTER



Calendar Dates

August 23 Classes Begin

August 27 Late Night at the SLC

August 29-September 3 Greek Week

September 1 Student Life Fall Kick-Off

> September 2 Traditions Rally

September 6 Labor Day Holiday

> September 10 After Dark

September 10-11 Parents Weekend

A MESSAGE FROM KEVIN: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Happy New Year!" You may have had the same reaction I did when I heard this seemingly misplaced phrase while helping students and their parents move belongings into their residence hall room last week. But when you think about it, that is exactly what this is-the beginning of а new academic year.

And oh, what a new year it promises to be! From having a "bumper crop" of Baylor Bears on campus upcoming the to inauguration of our 14th President, Judge Ken Starr, from a promising football season to a most assuredly tremendous lineup of both returning and new staff for the Division of Student Life, this year promises to be an especially exciting time for all of us.

Speaking of staff, this edition of the Student Life Newsletter highlights our newcomers to the division (plus one who is not new to our ranks but is undertaking a new role for us). I encourage you to take the time to familiarize



yourself with their background and anticipate that you will reach the same conclusion I have: that we are truly blessed to have such talented individuals joining us.

And finally, let me take a moment to provide "shout outs" to several departments that have gone above and beyond to help our newest class of Baylor Bears be ready for the upcoming year. These departments include New Student Programs for their work with Orientation, Line Camp, Welcome Week, and University and BU 1000; Campus Living & Learning for their work to make sure we had on-campus accommodations for all freshmen; Spiritual Life for their work with University and BU 1000. Celebration of Service and Ministry, and Candlelight Ceremony; Campus Recreation for sponsoring what I believe is the largest Move-In operation ever undertaken; and Health Services for working tirelessly with CL&L and others to ensure that the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination information was effectively communicated and the verification forms were obtained and recorded.

There are a whole host of others to be thanked as well; but due to space limitations, I need to stop here. Please know that I appreciate all that you do on behalf of the students of Baylor University.

Happy New Year and Sic 'em Bears,

Kevin

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Astrid Beltran Coordinator, Greek Life & Chapter Development

Astrid received her B.S. in Communication and Spanish at Western Illinois University. Her involvement in her undergraduate experience was the driving force in her pursuit of a masters degree in higher education administration at The University of Kansas. At Kansas, Astrid found her passion in Greek life, multicultural affairs, and leadership development. Astrid is very excited to learn the Baylor traditions and to help students make an impact on the Baylor community. During her free time, Astrid likes to spend time with family and friends and travel.



Karlen Moore Staff Psychologist Counseling Center

Dr. Karlen Moore is a native Texan who received his B.S. in Psychology, M.S. in Educational Psychology, and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Texas A&M University. In addition to his Counseling Center work, Karlen enjoys working collaboratively with other university offices and centers to address multicultural issues and student learning and engagement issues, working with university athletic programs, and the service-based nature of his work. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, being physically active, and playing sports.



Steven Campbell Safety & Security Education Officer

Campus Living & Learning

Steven joined the CL&L team on June 21. He brings significant experience in customer service environments to the department. Steven is married to Jennifer; and they have a son, Dylan, who attends Parkview Christian Academy.



Kendel Gilchrest Director of Apartments Campus Living & Learning

After four years in CL&L as the assistant residence hall director for Collins (2006-2008) and the graduate assistant director for East Arbors (2008-2010), Kendel will continue working for CL&L, overseeing the apartment facilities. Kendel received her undergraduate degree from Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, and this past May received her masters degree in higher education & student affairs from Baylor. Kendel is married to Eric; and they have a 2-year-old son, Ezra.



Melissa Morie Director of South Russell Campus Living & Learning

While serving as a graduate residence hall director, Melissa completed her masters of arts in higher education/student personnel from The University of Mississippi. During her time at Mississippi, Melissa served as a graduate assistant with student programming and two years as a residence hall director. She received her bachelors degree in marketing from Oklahoma State University where she served as a community mentor (similar to a community leader). Melissa was also involved in NACURH (National Association of College and University Residence Halls).



Matt Kwiatkowski Director of Allen and Dawson Halls Campus Living & Learning

Matt just completed his masters degree in student affairs in higher education from Miami University in Ohio where he served as a graduate assistant hall director working with livinglearning communities and advising honors program students. Matt received his bachelors degree in secondary education from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

MORE NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Stuart Rose Assistant Coordinator for Residential Technology Campus Living & Learning

Stuart is a Baylor graduate with a bachelor's degree in computer science. Stuart has significant experience as a database manager, systems analyst, and network technician.



Cody Schrank Assistant Director of Outdoor Adventure Campus Recreation

Cody has an undergraduate degree in therapeutic recreation from Texas State University and a masters of business administration from Baylor. He served as program coordinator for Star Ranch for six years and has led numerous trips in the water and on land. He is a Wilderness First Responder, a level 2 Ropes Course Facilitator, and holds certifications from Leave No Trace, Swiftwater Rescue, National Rifle Association, and Rock Climbing and Rappelling through Christian Adventure Experiences Inc.



Jeff Doyle

Dean for Student Learning & Engagement Before joining the Baylor family this summer, Dr. Jeff Doyle was the Housing and Residence Life Director at Appalachian State University. He also served as the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at Shenandoah University. His experiences in residence life, new student orientation, and leadership are complemented by his professional affiliations, national presentations, and publications. Jeff is married to Kim; and they have three children: Samuel, Jeb, and Kiely.

Staff Development Dates

Fall Kick-Off	Wednesday, Sep- tember 1	11:30 a.m.— 1 p.m.
October Program	Tuesday, October 26	11:30 a.m.— 1 p.m.
November	Tuesday, Novem- ber 16	11:30 a.m.—
Program	Del TO	1 p.m.

January Program	Tuesday, January 25	11:30 a.m.— 1 p.m.
February Program	Tuesday, February 22	11:30 a.m.— 1 p.m.
March Program	Tuesday, March 22	11:30 a.m.— 1 p.m.
April Program	Tuesday, April 26	11:30 a.m.— 1 p.m.
Student Life End of Year Celebration	Tuesday, May 3	11:30 a.m.— 1 p.m.

Student Worker Staff Development: Thursday, September 9, 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, January 19, 4-5 p.m.

CAMPUS LIVING & LEARNING UPDATES

Campus Living & Learning recently hosted the International Study Tour sponsored by the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I). Twenty residence life professionals from around the world participated in the tour, visiting eight Central Texas institutions. As part of the Baylor stop, participants heard about our living-learning programs, toured several residential facilities, and enjoyed lunch. Read more about the International Study Tour at http://www.acuho-i.org/Default.aspx?tabid=797.



Campus Living & Learning welcomed 122 student leaders to campus August 9th to begin Community Leader (CL) Training. During these ten days of intensive training, students participate in sessions related to cultural awareness, mental health assessment, crisis intervention, conflict resolution, emergency protocols, and community building. Due to the broad spectrum of situations CLs face in their positions, this training is a division-wide collaboration. In addition to residence hall directors, staff from many departments across the Student Life division provided insight and instruction. This year's training also included an overnight retreat at Greene Family Camp, where teams strengthen and deepen their relationships. At the end of training, CLs assisted in the move-in process to welcome over 3,100 new students and 1,600 returning students to on-campus housing. It is a busy two weeks, but the hard work pays off in the end. Our residential communities are sure to be off to a good start!



Campus Living & Learning's Residence Hall Director staff (pictured here) kicked off the academic year with their annual Summer Institute Training, which included a two-day retreat at Lake Whitney.

REPORT IT!

The Report It! Web site is now live. You can use Report It! to report incidents of policy violations or find resources to help a student in crisis.

Check out the resources available to you and to our students at www.baylor.edu/reportit.

For additional information, contact Student_Life@baylor.edu.



The 2010 BaylorBound leaders join President Starr in a Sic 'Em before Orientation!



FUN IN THE SUN

June's Fun in the Sun, sponsored by Campus Recreation-Fitness and Baylor Dining Services was a smashing success! Attendees enjoyed the delicious food, bingo for door prizes, entertainment, and sand volleyball.

BAYLOR LINE CAMP

Thank you for your help with BAYLOR LINE CAMP!! It takes the entire Division of Student Life to welcome and educate our newest additions, so THANK YOU for your time, energy, and effort this summer. This summer marks the largest Baylor Line Camp to date. We had 1,336 incoming students participate in our on-campus and Outdoor Adventure Line Camps! Sic 'Em NEW STUDENTS!



WELCOME TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION & STUDENT AFFAIRS COHORT OF 2010

FRONT ROW

Ah Ra Cho Texas A&M University Erin Stamile Geneva College Paige Jackson University of Georgia Jennifer Groves Baylor University Ashley Peeples University of Tennessee Laura Whitmire Lamar University Nancy-Page Lowenfield Vanderbilt University Leah Smith Southeastern University



BACK ROW

Beth Roller Baylor University Jared Dauenhauer Baylor University Tanner Vickers Baylor University Grant DeYong Oklahoma Baptist University John Coffer Baylor University Phillip Gastineau Baylor University Jenny Shearer Asbury University

BEARING THE ELEMENTS AT BAYLOR LINE CAMP







COUNSELING SERVICES ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

Baylor University Counseling Services is rolling out new Facebook pages (<u>www.facebook.com/baylorlivewell</u> and <u>www.facebook.com/baylormindbody</u>) and Twitter streams (<u>www.twitter.com/BaylorLiveWell</u> and <u>www.twitter.com/BaylorMindBody</u>)! We are using these social media outlets to reach a larger portion of the Baylor community and make a positive impact on the lives of Baylor students.

Counseling Services will be using Facebook and Twitter to send breaking news, resources, and information about counseling, mental health and well-being, academic success, and other topics relevant to college students. We also will be posting information about the various services offered at Counseling Services (e.g., counseling groups, M&M Hour, outreach, etc) and other Division and University events.

If you use Facebook or Twitter, we would love for you to "Like" us (Facebook) or "Follow" us (Twitter). Spread the word to others in your department, or to other faculty, staff, and students across campus who may be interested—we want to reach as many students as possible!

If you have any questions, contact Rod Hetzel (Rod_Hetzel@baylor.edu).

FAMILY CORNER

B a r b a r a Carbajal's second grandd a u g h t e r , Calista Ilyse Fichter, was born at Hillcrest Medical Center on June 29, 2010, at 2:25 p.m. She



weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Dr. **Rishi Sriram** and **Jesse Hines** (Graduate Apprentice for New Student Programs) won a research article competition with the Texas Association of College & University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA). The article is entitled "Reframing Student Affairs Practice." TACUSPA will present the award at their annual conference in October.



Lara Conrad and Terri Garrett presented Ensuring Success for Professional Staff Working with Living-Learning Programs at the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I) Annual Conference held in Austin in June.



DON'T FORGET! Division of Student Life Fall Kick-Off Wednesday, September 1 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

While in Skagway, Alaska, on a cruise, Van Davis ran into one of her faithful Bear Cycle participants, Candice Herchenhahn of University Development. Below, Van and Candice show off their Baylor pride!



Van and Raymond Davis cruised Alaska to celebrate Raymond's 49th birthday on June 19-27. Even in Alaska, their Baylor spirit was flying high! Van made sure that every bear they came across in Alaska became a Kodak mo-

ment. Sic 'em Bears!!!

The Department of Student Activities was awarded two honors by the Association of College Unions International (ACUI): top awards for Logo/Brand Identity for Uproar Records and for Video Promotion for a Baylor Poverty Summit promotional video. For more information, please see http://www2.baylor.edu/baylor proud/2010/07/studentactivities-creativity-leads-to-tophonors-at-internationalcompetition/.



Meghan Becker was quoted on the benefits of Touchpoints®, a unique approach to understanding the developmental stages of children In a recent article entitled "Baylor University Leads Coalition to Aid Parents and Professionals in Meeting Children's N e e d s ." Go to http://www.baylor.edu/pr/news.php? action=story&story=77225 for the full article.



Congratulations to **Becky Kennedy**, **Monica Lima**, and **Karen Hall**, who competed in the Waco Triathlon as a relay team and won the women's relay division!

