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### Message from Kevin



#### A Mission to Serve

As many of you know, we have a vibrant and growing missions program here at Baylor under the leadership of our Spiritual Life staff. In all, 15 University sponsored mission teams travelled to nine countries during this summer; and I was fortunate to participate with the teams which travelled to Kenya.

I must admit that I left for Kenya anticipating I would spend much of my time observing how well we implemented our plans given the myriad of details that must be taken care of to ensure our students' safety and welfare when traveling abroad and working in challenging conditions. What I did not expect was the profound personal impact I experienced as I interacted with the Kenyan people and our mission team members. Time and time again I saw God's hand at work through our students, faculty, and staff as they ministered to young and old alike.

One vivid example of this occurred when I accompanied the Sports Ministry Team as it worked with a street ministry designed to reach homeless people in Nairobi. These individuals live under some of the most difficult conditions you can image as they scrape together what they can from the streets. This particular organization provides them with milk and bread and shares the Gospel with them right where they live—in the streets. What is absolutely stunning is a vast majority of the street teens are addicted to sniffing glue. They walk around day and night clutching a pint size plastic water bottle filled with a substance not unlike model glue and breathe the fumes. It provides them with a temporary high so that they can forget the pain, hunger, and utter despair that permeate their lives.



On this particular day, the Sports Ministry Team invited the people we interacted with on the street to meet them at a park to play soccer and other sports. We were not sure how many would show up but there were at least 25 when we arrived at the park.

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## Division of Student Life

### Upcoming Events

Line Camps  
July 11-28

Move-In Days  
August 17 & 18

Welcome Week  
August 18 - 21

Academic  
Convocation  
August 19

First Day of Class  
August 22

What happened next was an experience I will not soon forget. A number of players from the Lady Bears Soccer Team were with us at the park and they challenged a team of street teens to a game of soccer. So the street teens, with glue bottles in hand, began to play. At first, the teens ran around with a dazed look in their eyes trying to kick the ball. They stumbled and grimaced as they tried to work through the mental haze created by inhaling the glue fumes. Then, one by one, they began to set their glue bottles down and engage in the game. Shortly thereafter, they began to laugh and smile as their coordination started to return and they could really enjoy the game. This lasted about 15 minutes; and then they all walked over, picked up their bottles, and started sniffing glue again.



What struck me was for a brief moment in time our students had given these young people the gift of being teenagers again—of enjoying an activity where sniffing glue was not the center of their existence. At the end of the game, we prayed with and for the teens, encouraging them to continue to be a part of the street ministry which shares God's love and healing power with them so that someday they can break the bonds of addiction.

This is just one example of the powerful experiences that occurred while I was in Kenya this year. There are many, many more that have occurred as a result of our students, faculty, and staff going forth to make a difference in the world for Christ through the Baylor Missions program. In fact, within the past five years, participation in Baylor Missions has increased from 114 to 321; and the number of teams has risen from 10 to 20. The goal is eventually to have over 1,000 students participating in missions serving 25 countries around the world, including the U.S. From my perspective, that is a goal worthy of our best efforts. For more information on Baylor Missions go to: <http://www.baylor.edu/spirituallife/index.php?id=53462>

Truly,  
Kevin

### Student Life Mission

Student Life seeks to enrich the Baylor experience through life-changing programs and services resulting in an integrated education known for leadership, service, Christian faith, and the total development of students.





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Division of Student Life

## Campus Rec

THE CAMPUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND BAYLOR DINING SERVICES SPONSORED THE JUNE "FUN IN THE SUN" AT THE BAYLOR MARINA. ABOUT 100 PARTICIPANTS ENJOYED THE DELICIOUS HAMBURGER MEALS, BINGO FOR DOOR PRIZES, FAMILY FUN GAMES, AND A SUPRISE VISIT BY DR. JACKSON!

**THE JULY "FUN IN THE SUN" IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE SLC OUTDOOR COURTS. PLEASE RSVP TO [VAN\\_DAVIS@BAYLOR.EDU](mailto:VAN_DAVIS@BAYLOR.EDU)**



## New Student Programs



A big **THANK YOU** from New Student Programs goes out throughout the division for all the support for this year's Orientation program! Hope you all had as much fun as we did! The next Orientation will be Wednesday, August 17th, for students who were unable to attend in June.







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## Division of Student Life

### 2011-2013 Cohort

Student	Position	Supervisor	Undergraduate School	Degree
RaeLynn Fuson	Enrollment Counselor	Ross VanDyke	Azusa Pacific University	BA, English
Maria Gaston	Multicultural Affairs	Kelley Kimple	Baylor University	BA, Social Work
Michael Hannon	Academic Mentoring	Trish Baum	Baylor University	BA, Environmental Studies
Brandon Hoye	Spiritual Life	Kristen Richardson	Azusa Pacific University	BA, English
Cody Miller	CL&L North Village-University	Joel Oliver	Messiah College	BA, Psychology
Emily Moore	GEAR UP-Waco	Julia Dimmick	Baylor University	BA, International Studies
Samantha Riley	New Student Programs	Emily Sandvall	Texas Christian University	BS, Strategic Communication
Scott Risinger	Wellness	Lori Genous	Oklahoma Baptist University	BA, English
Kaitlyn Rothaus	Graduate Student Life	Laine Scales	Oklahoma Baptist University	BA, English
Monica Sandstrom	Student Organizations	Craig Willie	Azusa Pacific University	BS, Exercise Science-Integrative Physiology
Scott Shepherd	Retention and Assessment	Jeff Doyle	Indiana Wesleyan University	BS, Political Science
Adam Visconti	Vice President for Student Life	Martha Lou Scott	Baylor University	BM, Church Music
Micah Wheeler	CL&L Academic and Communication	Terri Garrett	Asbury University	BA, History
Christa Winkler	Counseling Center	Jim Marsh	University of Texas at Austin	BS, Communication Studies and BA, Psychology

### Student Life Spotlight

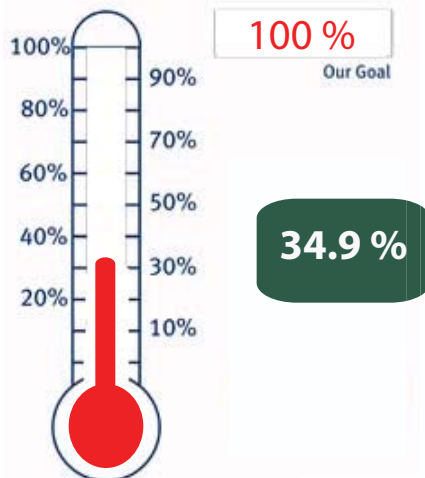
Zach Rogers  
Student Body President



Major  
Entrepreneurship

Hometown  
Houston, Tx

Hobby  
Hockey



### Staff Scholarship Giving

The Division of Student Life currently has 52 out of 149 staff members giving toward the President's Scholarship Initiative. That means we are 34.9% toward our 100% goal! The total gifts and pledges are \$17,966.





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## 2011 Home Football Schedule



TCU Sept. 2 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 17 6:00 p.m. SFA

R Sept. 24 6:00 p.m.  
Parents Weekend

Oct. 8 TBA STATE

Nov. 5 TBA  
Homecoming

Nov. 19 TBA OU

T Nov. 26 2:30 p.m.  
Arlington, Texas

Dec. 3 TBA

## Cub Corner

## Newest Bears Class of 2033



Miles Allen Deyong, son of Grant and Stephanie Deyong, arrived July 7. Miles was born at 1:30 p.m. and is 10 lbs. 4 oz., 22 inches long.

Reid Asher Knighton, son of Christina and Britt Knighton, was born July 1 at 10:29 p.m.! He came into the world weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Bianca Davis, daughter of Van and Raymond Davis, graduated from Texas State University with a double major in Journalism and Spanish on May 12. This next year, Bianca will be teaching English in Korea.  
**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**





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## Division of Student Life

### New Staff

Jennifer Massey will be the Assistant Dean for Student Learning & Engagement, focused on the new student experience. This is a position that will serve as the administrative leader for U/BU 1000, the peer leader program, and assessment liaison for Student Learning & Engagement. Jennifer is currently the Director of Career Services, Research & Assessment and Graduate Student Life at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. She is completing her Ph.D. in Geography from Queen's University. Jennifer has a Master of Arts from the U. of Illinois and a Bachelor of Arts from King's College in London, England. Jennifer has taught a variety of undergraduate courses in addition to courses for student affairs professionals on assessment. Jennifer has also published multiple referred articles and policy papers. She has earned several grants for research projects and serves on the editorial board for the *Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*. In addition, Jennifer is an advisor for a university-based Christian group. Her husband, Kyle, is an accomplished student affairs educator; and they are the parents of two young children, William (6 years old) and Olivia (4 years old). They enjoy ice-hockey and have already adopted the Dallas Stars (NHL) as their new team. Jennifer will start work at Baylor in August.



Kimberly Penson joins us from Wichita, Kansas, where she formally served as an Executive Assistant at Tiger Financial. As a new resident of Waco, she is excited to join the Baylor family and serve with us as we welcome our newest Bears! Her position is Administrative Associate in New Student Programs, and she is working closely with details for Baylor Line Camp.



Tripp Purks joins us from the University of Tennessee, where he just completed his Masters of Science in College Student Personnel. He originally is from Virginia and attended James Madison University for his undergraduate degree. We are excited to welcome him and his wife, Kelsey, to Baylor and Texas! Tripp will be serving as the Coordinator for New Student Programs, working closely with our transfer student population and with student leader recruitment and training.



Dr. Jonathan Tran, Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics in the Department of Religion, has been appointed as Faculty-in-Residence for Brooks Flats, which houses the Global Community Living-Learning Center. Dr. Tran will begin his service in the fall. Dr. Tran earned his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Riverside, his master's of divinity degree from Duke Divinity School, and his doctorate from Duke University. He joined the Baylor faculty in 2006 and has taught courses on bioethics, Christian anthropology, and race, religion, and reconciliation in America.





### Poverty Initiative



#### PROFILES



1. Jakor Abell, University Scholars, 2012  
African Wildlife Foundation, Washington, DC



2. Paul Baumgardner, University Scholars,  
Political Science, 2012  
Constitutional Rights Foundation,  
Los Angeles, CA



3. Rachel Caslini, BIC, Finance, Economics,  
concentration in French, 2011  
Refugee and Immigration Services,  
Richmond, VA  
\* Shepherd Poverty Alliance Intern



4. Tania Sullivan, Environmental Science, 2011  
Baylor Community Garden, Waco, TX



5. Marissa Moschetta, Social Work, 2011  
Boys, Girls, Adults CDC, Marvell, AR  
\* Shepherd Poverty Alliance Intern



6. Melissa Casserly, Environmental Science, 2012  
Baylor Community Garden, Waco, TX



7. Lindsey Warner, Non Profit Marketing, 2012  
Raven + Lily, Austin, TX



8. Dulchisa Saah, Social Work, 2013  
Raven + Lily, Austin, TX

#### COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE:



Melissa Casserly (Garden Education Intern) and Tania Sullivan (Garden Maintenance Intern) buy herbs at Bonnie's Nursery, harvest produce, and take care of general garden upkeep. Doug NeSmith (second from left) is the faculty liaison between the community garden and Environmental Science.

#### Internship Overview:

- Soil Analysis
- Garden Maintenance & Produce Donation
- Educational Development
- Herb Garden Design and Implementation
- Community Engagement
- Organic Certification Research

Save the date :: October 29, 2011 (Steppin' Out) :: Fall Harvest





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## Division of Student Life

### Construction Updates

The first phase of a master planned revitalization of Fountain Mall is currently underway. The project scope includes the removal of the roads between 3rd and 5th street, improvements to/replacement of sidewalks, a wider more expansive lawn and additional trees. The area will enhance the environment where Baylor hosts larger events such as Homecoming and Diadeloso, while providing a park-like setting for everyone to enjoy year round.



In just a few weeks we will open a newly renovated Den and Bear Market Food Court. The updates to the Den include a new stage, walls, flooring, furniture, and updated counters for the Campus Programs Center, BDSC Ticket Office and computer stations. With these additions and the construction of an Einstein Bros. Bagels, we hope to increase programming space and provide improved food options in the Union. Another new addition to the food court in the fall will be MooYah Burger with expansions to some of our current food options including Chick-fil-a, Quizno's, and Ninfa's.

### '11-'12 Leadership Lectures



**Judge Ken Starr**  
President of Baylor University  
*Leadership in Public Life*  
September 15, 2011  
6 - 7 p.m.  
Kayser Auditorium



**Wes Moore**  
Author of *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*  
*Leadership in Public Life*  
November 17, 2011  
Time TBA  
First Baptist Church of Waco



**Hannibal B. Johnson**  
Author of *Black Wall Street* and *IncogNegro: Poetic Reflections on Race & Diversity in America*  
*Leadership in Private Enterprise*  
February 28, 2012  
6 - 7 p.m.  
Kayser Auditorium



**Dr. Fred Bio**  
Director of University Hospital  
*Leadership in Contemporary Social Issues*  
October 17, 2011  
6 - 7 p.m.  
Kayser Auditorium



**Dr. Bonny Cain**  
Superintendent, Waco ISD  
*Leadership in Contemporary Social Issues*  
January 24, 2012  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Kayser Auditorium







## Division of Student Life

### Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement

#### Academy Staff Retreat

The Academy staff held their annual retreat at the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce Building on July 7th- 8th. Staff reviewed the general education outcomes established by Baylor's General Education Task Force as well as the student outcomes of the Division of Student Life before beginning their first day. Facilitated by Ashley Thornton, Director for Continuous Improvement, day one emphasized the Academy's major strategic focus for the upcoming year. Day two, Justin Hardegree led a reflective hike through the trails of Cameron Park as a time to focus on devoting to one another and encouraging one another. The staff look forward to another year of engaging students and collaborating with campus, community, and global partners. The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement seeks to provide curricular and co-curricular experiences that facilitate student discovery of their God-given talents and responsibility to lead others in a journey toward a more just and humane world.



#### Academy and New Student Programs Thanks Service Project Volunteers

The Academy and New Student Programs would like to thank all the Student Life staff who contributed to the service project for Line Camp. This year's service project partnered with the Food Planning Task Force of McLennan County to conduct block walks to increase awareness of the Summer Feeding Program. This program provides free nutritious meals to any children under the age of 18 while school is out. During Line Camp, over 1,300 students will be canvassing neighborhoods throughout the city to distribute fliers. Sites often close due to a lack of participation in July; and by canvassing the neighborhoods, we have the opportunity to remind residents the program is available and encourage them to take advantage of this valuable resource. Our students will be going out to 12 different sites and distributing fliers to approximately 10,000 households.



This project has truly been a collaborative effort with people from a variety of different areas. The planning team consisted of Erin Payseur, Associate Director of the Academy; Emily Sandvall, Assistant Director in New Student Programs; Amanda Allen, Program Manager of Baylor Interdisciplinary Poverty Initiative; Jared Dauenhauer, Graduate Apprentice in New Student Programs; Tanner Vickers and Laura Whitmire, Graduate Apprentices in Student Activities; and Amanda Horton, Assistant to the University Chaplain in Spiritual Life. In addition, many other staff members have been involved in helping us put together this project; and many others are volunteering their time to serve as site contacts, being on-site in case of emergencies. Thank you all for your help and participation in engaging our students in service and partnering with the community to make a difference.



### Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement



#### 2009 Academy Fellow Project Becomes an Inspiring Program for Waco Youth

The Young Achievers Program, initially developed in 2009 by Academy Fellow Mathew Pierce and Baylor Alum and Sports Hall of Famer LaNita Luckey, was launched this summer. It works to help teens of color to set and pursue high educational and career goals resulting in graduation and acceptance into an institution of higher learning. On Monday, July 11, Ramona Curtis, Director for Leader Development & Civic Engagement, led a group of 13-17 year old youth from the community in a YMCA Young Achievers Multicultural Leadership Training Session as a part of this year-long program. During the session, the teenagers were led through discussions and activities on conflict management and diversity. "It has really opened my eyes about how ethnocentric I was. Now I plan to understand and accept/respect others' religions and traditions," reported one participant. "It taught us about diversity and other people's cultures and how to work your way up the Multicultural Continuum with leadership." "I hope I get to do this at Baylor," wrote another inspired teenager. This marks another Academy Fellow project that has made a huge impact on the Waco community.



#### Academy Staff Member Sets Sights on Rocky Mountains

*The Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement bids farewell to Annelise Hardegree as she travels to Colorado to earn her master's degree in English Literature at the University of Colorado. As an undergraduate student, Annelise served as a student worker for the Dean for Student Learning and Engagement for three years. After graduating, she served as the Baylor Line Camp Program Assistant for New Student Programs in 2010, and then transitioned to the Academy where she served as the Administrative Assistant. Annelise and her husband, Justin, will begin their new journey on July 20.*





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## Division of Student Life

### Student Activities

On Thursday, July 7, the Department of Student Activities took time out of the office to give back to the community. Staff members volunteered with the Summer Food Services Program (SFSP) at Wesley United Methodist Church and played games, made craft projects, and ate lunch with local children. In addition to piggyback rides and games of soccer, children participating in the SFSP receive the nutritious meals they need during the summer months when school is not in session. Since Texas has one of the highest food insecurity rates in the nation, many volunteers are needed throughout the summer to assist with this program. To consider participating in the program, please learn more by visiting:  
[http://www.serve.gov/endhunger\\_sfsp.asp](http://www.serve.gov/endhunger_sfsp.asp)



### Outdoor Adventure Line Camp

Surrounded by the majestic mountains of the Lost Creek Wilderness, incoming Baylor Bears learned about the traditions and opportunities of their new home. Thirty new students from all over the country settled into the Colorado backcountry for a week-long session including rock climbing, backpacking, and whitewater rafting. Each group hiked between 15-30 miles during the four-day, three-night backpacking portion of the trip. The students conquered the class three and four whitewater rapids of the Arkansas River in Brown's Canyon which was at its highest level in over a decade. Discussions of individual strengths, life stories, academic aspirations, and extracurricular opportunities were the topics of conversation along the trail and around the camp site. Outdoor Adventure Line Camps are designed to be small and capitalize on the inherent benefits of spending time in the wilderness in community with others. Incredible bonds are formed among the students when they experience the majesty of God's beautiful creation. You can be sure that a "Sic'em Bears!" was shouted from the top of Bison Peak at 12,491 feet!

