As I am writing this article, our students are preparing for fall break—that glorious three-day weekend which provides time to assess progress and prepare for the second half of the semester. Not a bad idea for us to do as well—we just do not get the extra day off.

So, how are we doing? Based on my observations and the feedback I have received, I believe the semester is going quite well. We have the occasional “blip on the screen” that occurs when you work within a dynamic educational environment comprised of a student body of 15,000 plus; that said, at the halfway mark, we are definitely on a positive trajectory in accomplishing the goals and outcomes that will ultimately shape the hearts, minds, and souls of our students. Aiding us in this journey are the components that create and sustain excellence: intentional planning, quality implementation, and thoughtful assessment. Let me encourage you to continue to provide your personal and professional best as we enter the second half of the semester and work our way toward December. For as Colossians 3:23 reminds us: “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men” (KJV).

Here’s to a great second half!

Kevin
Academic Integrity

An online Academic Integrity Tutorial is being required of all new freshmen and new transfer students before they may register for Spring 2012 classes. A perfect score of 100 is required, but the test may be taken as many times as are necessary. An email was sent to all students who are required to take the tutorial, telling them that the tutorial is now live and giving instructions for taking the tutorial.

This tutorial is the culmination of work over the past few months by a committee of faculty and staff, Sinda Vanderpool from the Provost’s Office, and Linda Cates from the Office of Academic Integrity. A part of this tutorial presents videos that feature Baylor students as the actors. The ideas for the scenes that are portrayed came from actual students who have been involved in the Honor Code processes. After completing the quiz with a perfect score, students’ registration holds will be removed.

Sexual Assault Work Team

The Sexual Assault Work Team and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted a forum: What Do You Do when Love Hurts: Breaking the Silence about Unhealthy Relationships and Sexual Assault. The forum, held October 5th in Kayser Auditorium, featured two speakers who shared their experiences with both topics. Information on bystander intervention was provided, and representatives from the Baylor University Counseling Center, Health Services, Police Department, and the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children answered questions from the audience.

Seventh Street is a One-Way

Effective October 13th, 7th Street became a one-way street. When you exit the Pat Neff parking lot, you will now exit to the left. Access to Pat Neff will be from M.P. Daniel Esplanade only.

Hispanic Heritage Banquet

Multicultural Affairs will host the Hispanic Heritage banquet this month! The event is on Tuesday, October 25, at 7 PM and will be held in the Barfield Drawing Room. If you are interested in attending the banquet, please contact Kelley Kimple at 254-710-6949 or Diana Balderas at 254-710-6948 for ticket information.

Green and Gold Gym

Need a change of pace and location for your next workout? Come try out the GREEN & GOLD GYM at Martin Hall. Your fitness staff members are ready to assist you!

**Hours of operation:** Monday-Friday 3-6 PM, Monday-Thursday 8-11 PM, and Sunday 7-10 PM.
Outdoor Adventure - New Team Member

Campus Recreation and Outdoor Adventure would like to welcome our newest team member, Alexander James Mullert. Alexander joined our team on September 26th. This addition was made possible by his proud parents Kenda and Mark Mullert. According to Mark, Coordinator for Outdoor Adventure, Alexander will be a true blessing and asset to the program. Alexander enjoys mountain biking and rock climbing. He should fit in well!

Fall Break - Texas Adventure

Outdoor Adventure will be taking Baylor students on a Texas Adventure. This trip is designed for anyone wanting to get a taste of the outdoor adventure possibilities in the great state of Texas. We will begin our adventures at Enchanted Rock State Park where we will camp and climb all day Friday. Saturday activities will include mountain biking, hiking, and possibly climbing at Reimer’s Ranch State Park, then Sunday we will hit the water on the beautiful San Marcos River for some whitewater fun.

This trip is designed to keep the beginner to the advanced adventurer entertained with great places, fantastic food, savvy and skilled instructors, and a great opportunity to meet others who love the outdoors.

Look for more outdoor adventure opportunities at Baylor.edu/campusrec/oa/.

Flu Shot Clinics

On-campus flu shots are still available at the times and places listed below.

- Friday, October 14: 8:30 AM - 1 PM, Health & Wellness Fair, 3rd Floor, SLC
- Wednesday, October 19: 11 AM - 1 PM, Robinson Tower, 6th Floor Atrium
- Thursday, October 20: 11 - 1 PM, Science Building (BSB) First Floor

Cost is $20 (Faculty/Staff Payroll deduction). Sponsored by the Health Center.
Student Spotlight

Maria Aguirre
Office Assistant in Spiritual Life

Major
International Studies

Hometown
Bogotá, Colombia

Involvement
Leads an Urban Missions Team; Be the Change Missions Conference Planning Committee; traveled to Kenya as part of Baylor’s mission trip last year (note picture above)

CPR and AED Training

Three CPR/AED classes remain this semester, October 21 and November 1 and 29. This two-hour course teaches the basis of CPR and using an AED as well as recognizing and treating someone who is suffering from a heart attack or stroke, America’s #1 killers (also known as cardiovascular disease). Following successful completion of the course, participants will be issued a course completion card that is valid for two years.

Registration: Bring your Baylor ID card and sign-up at the SLC Front Desk. Accepted payment types include: cash, check, BearBucks, F/S payroll deduction, and credit card. Seats are limited, so plan to sign up in advance.

Course Fee: $25
Course Location: McLane Student Life Center (SLC), Room 308

New Staff/Staff Changes

Cheryl Wooten has joined the Baylor family as a Post-Doctorate Psychology Fellow in the Counseling Center. She earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. She has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Charleston Southern University, where she minored in religion before serving 15 years in full-time ministry to students. She has most recently worked for Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital, DuPage Medical Clinic, and Outreach Community Counseling Center. Cheryl is a North Carolina native and enjoys riding and training horses, walking her dog, hiking, playing racquetball, and playing guitar.

Spiritual Life is pleased to announce that Jared Slack will be serving in an expanded role as Coordinator of Worship and Chapel. As such, Jared will provide additional support and leadership in chapel, conferences, Vesper services, and other Chapel alternatives. Please join the Spiritual Life staff in congratulating him on his new title and expansion of duties.

Chapel and Academy Host Dr. Fred Bio

University Chapel and the Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement will host Dr. Fred Yaw Bio on October 17. Dr. Bio will speak in Chapel, and later that evening there will be an interview style lecture in Kayser Auditorium at 6 PM. During his visit he will also have the opportunity to speak in pre-health courses, attend a Ghana Mission Trip interest session, and tour the Family Health Center. Dr. Fred Yaw Bio is the senior medical officer of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, where he earned his medical degree. He earned a PhD in Occupational Health from the University of Birmingham, UK. He is a part-time lecturer in Occupational Health and is a Consultant Public/Occupational Health Physician. He is a member of the International Commission on Occupational Health and of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. He will address the following topics, Christian leadership in solving global health needs in Africa, global leadership in a developing country, and HIV/AIDS in the Black/African American community.
Academy Launches Leadership Clearinghouse

The Academy of Leader Development & Civic Engagement is pleased to announce its new leadership clearinghouse developed in collaboration with Baylor University Libraries. The purpose of this clearinghouse is to serve as a central repository where students, faculty, and staff studying, researching, or practicing leadership can share resources and connect with the greater leadership community. This searchable collection contains links to books, articles, professional organizations, and other resources around the topic of leadership. Users can rate resources and offer suggestions for additions to the collection. You can access the clearinghouse from the Academy resources page or directly at http://researchguides.baylor.edu/content.php?pid=262636&sid=2168298. As we seek to grow the depth and breadth of our collection, we would love to hear from you with your recommendations of favorite resources or research involving leadership. They may be scholarly or popular sources and from any category of leadership. You can submit your recommendations online at the clearinghouse or e-mail them directly to erin_payseur@baylor.edu.

Community Chat Series

The Academy for Leader Development & Civic Engagement has launched a new dialogue series this fall about issues that affect our community from leaders making a difference. Every month leaders in our community will educate students on local issues and share with them ways they can get involved. These chats are a great way for students to learn more about different issues, to meet current professionals in the field, and to connect with additional service and/or advocacy opportunities.

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, our October Community Chat will focus on the issue of domestic violence. This issue hits close to home for many of us and many of our students, as we either have been in abusive relationships ourselves or know others who have. Please help us spread the word and encourage your students to come learn more about how they can get involved in helping victims, educating others, and raising awareness about this important issue.

Domestic Violence
Cynthia Williams, Family Abuse Center
Tuesday, October 18, 6 – 7 PM
Blume Conference Suite, Cashion Academic Center
For more information, please call 254-710-3100.