



# BAYLOR

## Division of Student Life

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### Message from Kevin:



### Another Great Year on the Horizon

As I write this, the start of the fall semester is right around the corner. What an exciting time! Building off of "an unbelievably believable" 2011-2012, this year promises to be another outstanding time to be a Baylor Bear. We have an excellent class of freshman and transfer students joining our wonderful class of returning students. We have a new strategic vision titled Pro Futuris (translated as "For the Future") to guide us in charting a path into the next decade and beyond. If you have not read Pro Futuris, please do so. It outlines five aspirational statements that express the shared vision of our university and does so under the themes of transformational education, compelling scholarship, informed engagement, committed constituents, and judicious stewardship. To access the Pro Futuris document go to: <http://www.baylor.edu/profuturis/>. In addition, construction of a new football stadium has been approved (contingent upon a final vote of financial support from the Waco City Council) and work is being completed on various renovation projects around campus. As a division, we have a number of exciting initiatives underway as well. East Village continues on schedule with a fall 2013 completion date. The University Parks Apartment Complex has been added as a Campus Living & Learning housing option and makes its debut this fall. It has undergone a number of changes including the addition of a Transfer Living & Learning Community and a faculty-in-residence. A new Office of Community Engagement & Service has been established to further coalesce our focus on service and civic engagement. The office will be located in the Martin House (near Collins Residence Hall) which is currently being updated.

Yes, there is much to be excited about as we approach the upcoming year and the amazing transformation that occurs as our students arrive on campus. I want to thank each of you for the work you have done this summer to prepare for the fall. And, with only a few short weeks remaining until Move-In, all that planning and preparation is soon to be put into action. Here's to another "unbelievably believable" year!



My best,  
Kevin



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### Recent Presentations and Awards

Joe Oliver and Caleb Farmer presented on Baylor's living-learning programs at the Association of Christians in Student Development conference in June. Their presentation, *A History and Implementation of Living-Learning Programs*, covered information on the different types of living-learning programs (LLPs) in higher education as well as suggestions for others regarding how to create LLPs on their campuses.



Last month, Jeff Doyle presented at the NASPA Region III Summer Institute. His presentation, *The Impact of Increasing Institutional Size on Student Affairs Leadership and Management*, was inspired by his research on the impact of class sizes on students. His presentation also included some thoughtful recommendations for student affairs professionals on our role as educators within expanding colleges.

The Student Activities Networking Day (SAND) was established in 2011 by TCU serving as a catalyst for conversation, renewal, and networking as we shared common triumphs and challenges working in Student Activities related areas.

The mission of the SAND Conference is to engage and promote the advancement of Student Activities professionals in the state of Texas through a day of professional development and networking opportunities. In its second year, the SAND Conference saw over 70 attendees from over 20 schools around the state of Texas.

The attendees heard from Baylor's own, Dr. Kevin Jackson and Dr. Blair Browning, as they shed light on best practices and tips for student activities professionals. Throughout the day the attendees were able to choose between various break-out sessions such as, student organizations, Greek life, social media and marketing, multicultural affairs, and institutional partnerships.

Congratulations are in order for the recipients of several awards presented on April 26. All awards were presented by Campus Kitchen and named for the first recipient of the award given during this inaugural year. Amy Heard received the Heard Leader Award. Hannah Laird received the Laird Outstanding Volunteer Award. Dave Thiel receiving the Thiel Outstanding Community Partner Award (the ARAMARK employee). Dr. Gaynor Yancey receiving the Gaynor Outstanding Faculty Award.



### Upcoming Events

Summer Classes End  
August 8

Summer Commencement  
August 11

President's Picnic  
August 16

Welcome Week  
August 16-19

Candelight Ceremony  
August 19

Fall Classes Begin  
August 20



### East Village Construction

We have all been dodging construction this summer and using phrases like, "Ah, yes. The price of progress!" due to the construction around campus. While these detours and distractions are not always life-giving, the progress and the future are undeniably exciting. Below are some views of the construction that you may not have been able to see on your typical route thus far.



This is a nighttime photo taken from the top of one of the cranes of the South Residence Hall 2nd floor slab pour. Construction teams have to pour the concrete overnight (usually starting at about 1 a.m.) in order to catch the lowest temperatures of the day, since the Texas heat of the day prevents the concrete from "setting up" in a stable fashion if it is poured during the heat of the day.

Our pictures can barely keep up with the construction. At right, you can see the North Residence Hall site. There isn't much to see yet except a few building columns, but there should be more "form" in a day or two since the first wing concrete pour is planned for tomorrow night, depending on weather and other factors.



If you look closely at the picture on the left, you can see the South Residence Hall with the entire first floor foundation completed and with the east wing of the 2nd floor framed in for the first elevated slab pour.



Keep an eye out for more updates as the construction continues!



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### Student Life Spotlight

**Joey Dudrow**  
New Student Programs  
student assistant



Major

Biology/Pre-PA

Hometown

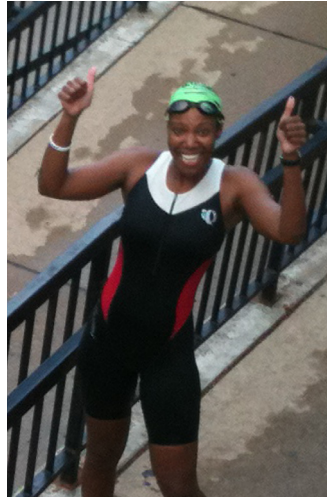
Wylie, Texas

Fun Facts

Not only is  
Joey a licensed  
scuba diver and  
has flown an  
airplane, but he  
is also one of the  
bear trainers at  
Baylor!

### Swimming to Success

Our congratulations go out to Lori Genous for completing the TriWaco Competition, a USA Triathlon sanctioned Olympic and sprint distance event, on Sunday, July 22. She is pictured here after completing the swimming portion, an open water swim in the Brazos River.



### Cub Corner

Josiah Jared Kitten was born to Crystal and Wes Kitten at 12:57 p.m. on June 28. He weighed 10 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Congratulations Crystal and Wes!



Newest Bear  
Class of 2034

### New Staff in New Student Programs



**Kaity Briscoe** serves as **Coordinator for Line Camp** and will provide tremendous administrative and logistical leadership to Baylor Line Camp as the program continues to grow. Kaity received her undergraduate degree from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and received her master's degree in higher education with an emphasis on student affairs from Abilene Christian. We are thrilled to welcome Kaity to Waco, as she and her husband make the move from Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Kaity is married to Jordan, who will also be joining Baylor as a faculty member in the Department for Theater Arts.

**Nathan Shelburne** now serves as the **Assistant Director of New Student Programs** and will oversee Orientation as well as the department's student leader development. Nathan received his undergraduate degree from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and received his master's degree in student services administration from Baylor. He is currently pursuing a PhD in higher education administration from Texas A&M University. Nathan is married to Avery, and they have an 11-month-old son, Logan. They are excited about the sense of community within Baylor and Waco and are looking forward to outings to the zoo and Cameron Park!





### New Staff in Campus Living and Learning



**Rob Engblom** moved to Waco from Grand Rapids, Michigan, to join **Campus Living and Learning** as the **Associate Director for Resident Learning**. He and his wife, Jessica, have three daughters, Riley, Penny, and Clementine, who was just born on June 22.

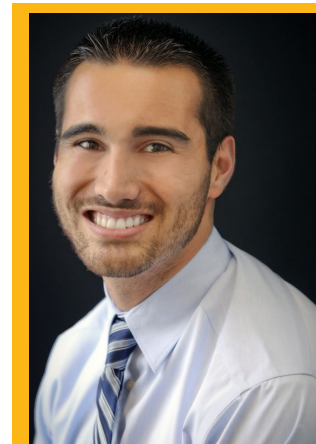


**Melissa Morrow** is now serving as the **Assignments Associate** for **Campus Living and Learning**. Melissa recently moved with her husband, Mike, to Riesel, where he serves as pastor of First Baptist Church. Melissa is a graduate of Baylor with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Management with a minor in religion; she holds a Masters of Arts in Christian Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary as well.



**Chris Kuhl** has been employed as the **Residence Hall Director** for Penland Hall. Chris is from Kansas City originally and attended Southwest Baptist University for his undergraduate work, where he met and married his wife, Hannah. Chris and Hannah both earned their graduate degrees at Baylor University (2010 and 2011) and are thrilled to be back at Baylor, living life alongside students. In their free time, Chris and Hannah love to watch movies, read books, and take walks on campus.

**Jorge Burmicky** is our new **Residence Hall Director** for Martin Hall. He is originally from Caracas, Venezuela. Jorge is a graduate of Taylor University (BA) and Ball State University (MA). He is always up for a new adventure and enjoys meeting people, good food, new places, and staying active. Jorge will begin his new position August 1.





### New Staff in Student Activities



**Jennifer Cook** joined the **Department of Student Activities** as the **Coordinator of Student Union for Events** in June. Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science/criminal justice from Baylor University and will be starting her masters in social work in the fall! A native Texan, she enjoys traveling, dancing, and coffee. Please stop by the SUB to say hi! Her door is always open!



**Meredith Walkup** joined **Student Activities** in June as the **Coordinator for Student Organizations and Leader Development**. In this role Meredith will manage all facets of the recognition, renewal, training, risk management, city policy, and event management for student organizations. A true Southerner, Meredith earned her Master of Education in Higher Education Administration at Auburn University and her Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Tennessee. She enjoys college football and is excited the season is less than 50 days away!



**Austin Hayes** now serves as the **Coordinator of Greek Life for Fraternities and Risk Management** in **Student Activities**. Austin received her Master's in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana in June 2012. At Ball State she was the adviser to the Interfraternity Council where she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the IFC. In addition, she also worked with all student organizations, providing leadership training. Austin served on the student judicial board as the representative responsible for adjudicating student violations of the student code of conduct. Austin has a BS in elementary education with a minor in mathematics from Salisbury University in Salisbury, Maryland. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, Association of Fraternity Advisers, NASPA, ACUI, and ACPA. In her spare time she enjoys sports and the outdoors.



### New Staff Members *(continued)*



The **Department of Multicultural Affairs** is happy to announce that **Dr. Lanese Aggrey** will be serving as the **Associate Director of Multicultural Affairs**. Dr. Aggrey received her bachelor's degree in applied behavioral science from National-Louis University, Chicago, Illinois and a PhD in educational policy and leadership studies from The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. She comes to Baylor most recently from The University of Texas at Austin, where she served as Director of Academic Service Learning (Student Affairs/Faculty Development) and a faculty member in the Department of African and African-American Diaspora Studies (AAADS).



**Kimo Cummings** will be serving as the **Records Technician** in the **Student Conduct Administration** office. Kimo was born in California but spent most of his life in Colorado. After graduating from high school, Kimo decided to enroll at Baylor. Kimo completed his BBA in marketing in 2011. He loved Baylor so much that his entire family moved to this area. He also has an older brother who is a student at Baylor.



**Austin Kertesz** will serve as the **Student Outreach Coordinator** for **Student Learning & Engagement**. Austin has a wealth of experience in visual identity development, web design, and strategic communications. For the past several months he has coordinated the marketing and communication efforts for several key projects in SL&E including re-application in CL&L and promotion for ELGs. We are delighted that Austin will continue to serve on our team and look forward to the excellent contributions we are confident he will continue to make! Austin is married to Arielle, who worked in the Academy for Leadership Development and Civic Engagement. They love coffee, running, cycling, traveling, and spending time with friends. Austin also loves to rock climb, so watch out for him in the SLC!