



# BAYLOR

Division of Student Life

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## Message from Kevin:



### Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas! Even though the weather may seem more like March, this phrase reminds us that we are well into December. As believers, we know the true reason for the season has nothing to do with Christmas lights, holiday shopping, and present swapping and everything to do with celebrating the birth of our Savior. Isaiah 9:6 foretells of this wonderful gift: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." And Luke 2: 1 - 20 describes the most unlikely entry into the world that one might imagine for our Savior—his birth in a stable and his bed a manger. He came into this world the humblest of servants and departed bearing our sins so that we might have life eternal. Christmas is a time to celebrate this incredible gift and to do so in a way that reflects Christ to a world that has become increasingly preoccupied with gift giving of an entirely different kind. So, as we enter into the later part of December, my prayer is that we will fix our hearts upon the beauty and simplicity of our Savior's birth and that this time of celebration with family and friends will be Christ-centered.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

Merry Christmas,

Kevin

December  
Newsletter



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### East Village Construction Update

#### Upcoming Events

Last Day of Finals  
December 12

Commencement  
December 15

Christmas Holiday  
(offices closed)  
December 24-31

New Year's Holiday  
(offices closed)  
January 1

Sorority  
Recruitment  
January 7-12

Residence  
Halls Open  
January 10

Welcome  
Weekend  
January 11-13

Classes Begin  
January 14

Pictured top right is the south residence hall, future home of the Science & Health Living-Learning Center. One of the most visible changes in the past month is the removal of the construction crane which happened a little over a week ago. Brick/masonry continues to move closer to completion, and significant progress has been made on the roof and roofing. Interior stairwells are now in place. "Dry in" should have been completed today, and elevator installation should have begun today.

The center photo is the Dining Commons as if looking across 3rd Street when that street is completed. This is the best view that could be determined on relatively short notice since the south tower crane is gone, and getting a more distant, panoramic shot didn't happen. Part of what is visible on the 2nd floor are the tall windows of the special dining rooms, and the relatively open space is where part of the outdoor dining will be located. Dry-in of the Dining Commons should happen by tomorrow. Although not visible in this photo, substantial progress has been made on brick/masonry, primarily on the sides of the building not visible in this shot.

The bottom right photo is taken from roughly the corner of 3rd & Bagby with the Dining Commons on the right and the north residence hall (future home of ECS Residential College) in the left and background. Approximately in the area where the workmen in the yellow vest is standing is where the Heritage Tree will be planted, currently planned for mid March.

Dry-in for the north residence hall is anticipated by the middle of next week. Although not visible in this photo, substantial progress has been made on brick/masonry on the north residence hall, primarily on the sides of the building not visible in this shot.







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## Community Leader Selection

The 2013-2014 Community Leader Selection Process began in October with over 300 applicants, each of whom was interviewed by Residence Hall Directors for the purpose of learning more about each candidate, including hearing their faith stories. From there, the pool was narrowed to 240 students who were given the opportunity to participate in a group interview on November 12th, 13th or 14th. During this portion of the process, candidates engaged in both group activities with fellow applicants as well as 1-on-1 conversations with current Community Leaders. Once group interviews were completed, decisions were made regarding who would become CL finalists and be offered a place in the spring 2013 CL leadership course. With an anticipated 50% of current CLs planning to re-apply for next year, 125 first-year applicants received an invitation to take part in the CL class. We are excited for the exceptional group of students we will be teaching – and learning from – next semester and look forward to making final placement decisions in early March!

## North Russell's Tacky Christmas

North Russell recently hosted a very successful and tacky event! Students dressed in their favorite silly Christmas apparel and celebrated the holiday season. This study break also included a tacky apparel contest, the winners of which are pictured right. Below are all of the excited students who enjoyed their hot chocolate, cookie decorating, and community time together at the North Russell Tacky Christmas Party.

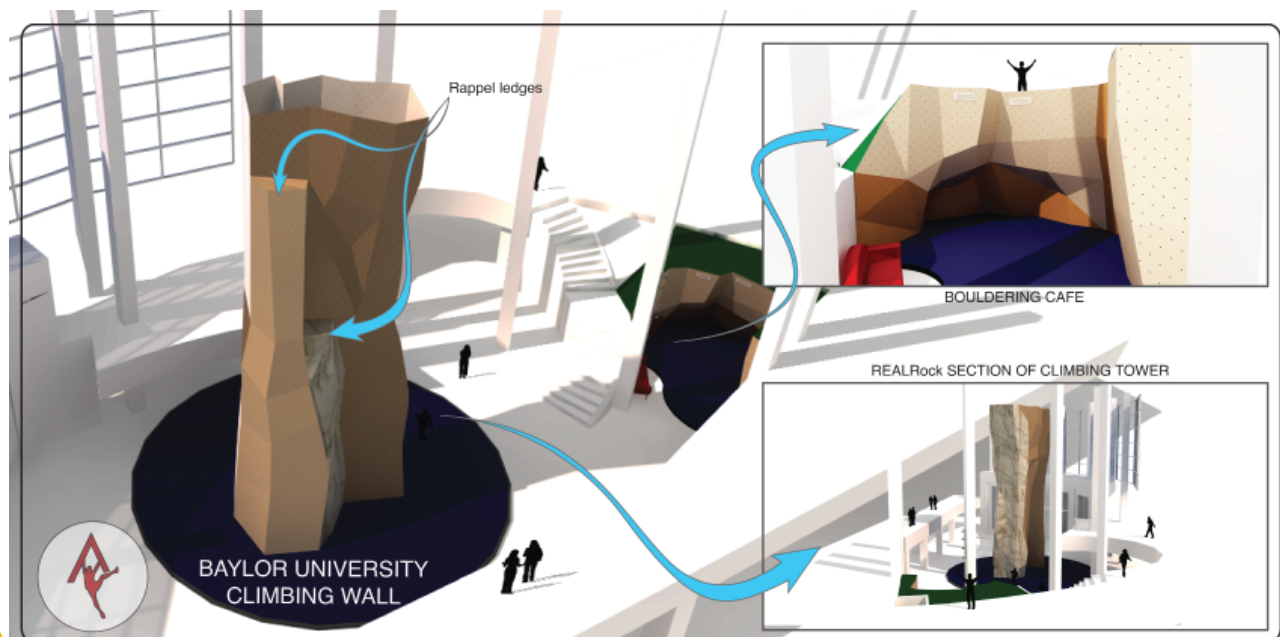


### Major Projects Underway in the SLC

Two major projects are underway in the SLC. The two signature features will each undergo some major renovations. The natatorium will be brightened up with new paint and resurfacing. The Rock will be deconstructed and reconstructed along with a detached area for bouldering. Both are being done for safety. Please **BEAR** with us as we brighten up the McLane SLC in these two areas along with our regularly scheduled holiday maintenance tasks such as extracting carpets, re-caulking locker rooms, cleaning fitness machines, and resurfacing the gym floor. The holiday will also provide time for workers to refinish the hardwood floors in the gym and aerobics studio, replace lights throughout the building, detail the restrooms and shower areas, refurbish inside men's and women's lockers, and do a thorough cleaning of equipment and flooring in the fitness center. The SLC will re-open on January 7th (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.). The SLC staff members hope you enjoy the improvements.

**THE NATATORIUM:** The air ducts and exposed steel structure will be sanded and repainted with high performance marine coated paint. The color will not change but the flaking and chipping will disappear. While the pool is drained, the bottom will be resurfaced as needed. This will give the natatorium a facelift and provide a safe environment for patrons using the pool. This project should be finished before the first day of school in the spring semester.

**THE ROCK:** The rock will be deconstructed down to the steel then reconstructed in a new configuration. There will not be an area for bouldering within the rock and there will not be a way to pass under the rock. A bouldering cave will be built in the snack bar area. Please see the enclosed sketch of these two areas. The rock will have most of the deconstruction done before the MLK holiday. The reconstruction will start early in February.





## Division of Student Life

### From the Assessment Committee...

The Assessment Committee is pleased to bring staff in Student Life (including Graduate Apprentices) access to the following professional development webinars.

#### **Designing an Assessment with the End in Mind**

Date: Jan 07, 2013 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Central

Skill Level: Beginner

Webinar Details: Before conducting any assessment, it is important to create an effective plan for your assessment project that helps to conserve resources and focus assessment efforts. This webinar highlights the significance of beginning assessment projects with the end in mind to achieve better results and more useable data. At the conclusion of this webinar, you will be able to use this information to make sure your assessment projects achieve the intended purpose.

Registration: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/131949998>

#### **How to Use Baseline: An Introduction**

Date: Jan 09, 2013 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Central

Skill Level: Beginner

For new Baseline users! This beginner's webinar will review the Baseline features and support available to help you conduct assessment, including consultation, professional development, community resources, national benchmarks, online and mobile data collection, rubrics, reporting, and key performance indicators

Registration: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/300320902>

#### **How to Use Baseline: Reporting Tools**

Date: Jan 14, 2013 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Central

Skill Level: Intermediate

Webinar Details:

During this session we will provide step-by-step instructions on how to use the tools and functions available in the Baseline site to review your data. Even if you haven't collected data yet, it is helpful to know how you will use the data when you are still in the assessment planning stages. Participants will learn how to create and customize graphs, apply filters to view subsets of data, create saved views of data, export data, and set up comparison reports of data across time, between groups or programs, or before and after an intervention.

Registration: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/647131478>

#### **Creating Meaningful Learning Outcomes**

Date: Jan 15, 2013 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Central

Skill Level: Beginner

Webinar Details:

During this webinar, participants will begin to understand the process of learning outcomes. We will share examples of learning outcome frameworks and outline the process of developing a framework for your own campus. After highlighting learning outcome frameworks, we will outline the components of a learning outcome statement when coordinating assessment activities and showcase how to use the three Ms to make each statement manageable, measurable, and meaningful and review how to make connections between learning outcomes and the "big picture" of overarching mission statements and goals.

Registration: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/597224862>







### From the Assessment Committee... *(continued)*

#### How to Use Baseline: Rubrics

Date: Jan 23, 2013 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST

Skill Level: Advanced

Rubrics are a very valuable tool for measuring learning directly and objectively. In this session, participants will learn what rubrics are and the general benefits of incorporating rubrics in assessment. The majority of the session will provide participants with a walk through of creating and analyzing rubrics within our Baseline assessment platform.

Registration: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/911229142>

### CES Civil Rights Tour

The Office of Community Engagement & Service is hosting its annual Civil Rights Tour over spring break, March 10-16th. The theme of the trip is, "Relive the Past to Repurpose the Future." This trip provides a transformational learning experience for our students as they seek to understand the impact and importance of the Civil Rights Movement, one of the most significant social change movements of our time.

This trip is designed to promote deeper racial and cultural understanding and to engage students in the powerful narratives of the Civil Rights Movement. It allows them the opportunity to witness the moral courage of church members, college students, and ordinary citizens in bringing about social change. Through this guided immersion experience, students also discuss the implications of that for today, for contemporary civil rights issues and for their own development as leaders and citizens with moral courage.

The tour will be led by Dr. Tanya Brice, Associate Professor in the School of Social Work, and coordinated by Chloe Toohey, AmeriCorps VISTA for Poverty Education. We are continuing to seek financial partners for this trip. Please consider partnering with us financially to support this trip and the larger goal of promoting racial and cultural understanding on our campus and for our students. Currently, the cost of the trip is set at \$600 per student. We would like to reduce that cost drastically and ensure that as many students as possible have this opportunity. Please contact Erin Payseur, [erin\\_payseur@baylor.edu](mailto:erin_payseur@baylor.edu) or Ramona Curtis, [ramona\\_curtis@baylor.edu](mailto:ramona_curtis@baylor.edu), to discuss how you can get involved.

Several spots have been reserved for interested faculty or staff members. If you are interested in attending the trip, please contact us for more information.

#### Other Upcoming Service & Social Justice Events

- Service & Social Justice Rally, January 17, 2013
- *Makarios: A Rising Tide*, February 28, Kayser Auditorium  
Film Screening, co-sponsored by Film & Digital Media
- Justice Week, March 18 – 21

Please help spread the word about these upcoming opportunities for students to learn about global issues and to get involved in making a difference! For more information on any of these events, please contact Erin Payseur, [erin\\_payseur@baylor.edu](mailto:erin_payseur@baylor.edu), or Chloe Toohey, [chloe\\_toohey@baylor.edu](mailto:chloe_toohey@baylor.edu).



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### NSP 2013 Summer Leaders

New Student Programs is thrilled to announce our 2013 summer student leaders. October and November marked an incredibly successful recruitment campaign as our student leader positions saw record numbers of applicants. Additionally, our selection process was facilitated with efficiency and intentionality due to the hard work and coordination of Sam Riley and Joshua McPhatter our two graduate apprentices. We are eager to serve with our new student leaders this summer. Sic 'Em!

#### Student Leadership Team

Erik Riddlebarger  
Tessa Shevlin  
Charlie Foster  
Jessica Livon  
Travis Stone  
Liz Green  
Nolan Bay  
Arden McCormack  
Marissa Butler  
Lindsey Harris

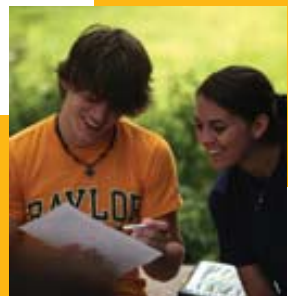
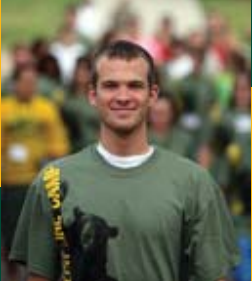
#### Baylor Bound Leaders

Ale Aguado  
Berenice Andaluz Ruiz  
Trevor Bocian  
Corinne Bruton  
Evan Hebert  
Matt Johnson  
Kiresha Johnson  
Chrystelle Le Roux  
Kimberly Lu  
Luna Luna  
Megan Rehm  
Brandon Robinson  
Renie Saenz  
Adriana Vargus

#### Baylor Line Camp Leaders

Kendall Baer  
Meghan Bell  
Shannon Black  
Derek Byrne  
Brandi Cadette  
Ricky Cooper  
Leigh Curl  
Coretta Dickens  
Lindsey Duckworth  
Natalie Fernandez  
Anthony Garcia  
Rachael Helpenstell  
Kyle Howerton  
Lauren Jimmerson  
Chelsea Lee  
Tiffany Lewis  
Nick Lopez  
Kirby Marsden  
Travis Martin  
Aiyana Mathews  
Royden Ogletree  
Tiphany Reed  
Irvin Santamaria  
Stephanie Shull  
Johnathan Signater  
Sarah Talley  
Rachel Taylor  
Ashley Thomas  
Westin Todd  
Sarah Underwood  
Isabel Villalobos  
Malcolm Williams  
Elizabeth Yuan  
Sarah Zimmerman

Jake Abrey  
Ashley Asselta  
Blair Bohm  
Andrew Bowles  
Katherine Chaney  
Matt Chelf  
Bonney Dennis  
Spencer Dunnington  
Emily Faulk  
Elise Grover  
Lindsey Hardin  
Ashten Hayes  
Ashley Howard  
Scottie Jones  
Brittney Kindred  
Brittany Ladd  
Cole Mitteness  
Taylor Neely  
Rachel Rohweder  
Chelsea Sanford  
Kevin Sikes  
Alison Slay  
Olivia Smith  
Kristen Taylor  
MK Tyler  
Skyler Waldo  
Jessika White  
Siera Witherspoon



### Thanksgiving in Busan

Van and Raymond Davis were thankful for the opportunity to spend this Thanksgiving visiting their daughter, Bianca, in Busan, South Korea. Bianca has been teaching English in Busan for over 15 months.



### New Staff



**Alison Bearden** joined **Campus Living & Learning** on November 26, from Colorado Springs, Colorado. She brings extensive experience to the **Office Manager** position, with previous work as an Office Manager and a Billing Data Specialist. Alison's previous position was as a Data Specialist for The Resource Exchange, an organization that provides support and services to help build independence for people with developmental disabilities. In her office, Alison was known for her organization and diligence, as well as her warmth and friendly nature with everyone she meets. As a mom of three, Alison has two who are now in college – one is a Baylor Bear and the other is an Aggie. The good news is that he is hoping to attend Baylor Law! As a former Texan, Alison is happy to be back in Texas and looks forward to working on her garden. She also loves reading and anything crafty.

### Cub Corner

Josh and Heather Gilliam welcomed baby Luke Grant (5 lbs. and 10 oz. and 18 inches) on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 11:32 p.m. Mom and dad are doing great. Congratulations Gilliams!



**Newest Bear**  
**Class of 2034**

