As the 2013-14 academic year comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for making the past 12 months especially impactful on our students’ lives. Through a combination of hard work, dedication, and collaboration we provided a comprehensive offering of high quality programs and services and meaningful learning experiences. Central to our work has been a renewed sense of purpose and direction thanks to the completion of our division strategic plan and department operational plans. Further, valuable information is being generated through each department’s assessment reports—information which will help shape our future direction. It has been a successful year indeed and I am appreciative to each of you for your dedicated service.

In reviewing the year, departments reported the following accomplishments:

- **CL&L** received 1,300 applications for just 175 beds in the new Science & Health LLC.
- **New Student Programs** linked Orientation sessions with Baylor Line Camp sessions in the month of June, resulting in a high degree of interest from new students.
- **The Academy for Leadership Development** more than doubled the number of upper-year students in LEAD LLC.
- **Student Learning & Engagement** successfully opened our newest residential complex, East Village, which is comprised of 700 beds, a 500 seat dining hall, and two dynamic communities—Teal Residential College and Earle Hall (home of the Science & Health LLC).
- **Missions** organized and coordinated 25 Global Missions Teams comprised of 339 students and 58 trip leaders ministering in 13 different countries.
- **Formation’s Youth Ministry Team program**, comprised of 125 students, ministered to young people throughout central Texas churches in 33 separate events.
- **Worship** provided 168 sessions of University Chapel and partnered with leaders in residential colleges to lead 672 morning and evening prayer services. Over 200 Baylor students received chapel credit for their participation in the morning and evening prayer services.
- **Pastoral Care**’s resident chaplains averaged over 60 pastoral conversations each week.
- **Counseling Center** increased access to services by developing a walk-in clinic for initial assessment.
- **Health Center** gave 1,628 flu vaccines this year, up from 1,540 in the previous year.
- **Student Conduct Administration** has seen a 50 percent decrease in the number of Honor Code violations for freshmen since 2011.
- **Wellness** completed work on contracting AlcoholEdu and developing a peer leadership class both of which will be offered in the coming months.
- **Community Engagement & Service** secured a National & Community Service Grant valued at $280,000 to implement “The Forward West Project”—an initiative to provide summer camp experiences for West children.
- **Campus Recreation** hosted the 11th annual Christian Leadership Institute with attendance exceeding 170 high school students which almost doubled the previous record for attendees.
- **Multicultural Affairs** hosted the Multicultural Student Leadership Summit which attracted 100 more participants than in previous years.
- **Student Activities’** partnership with Baylor Athletics met new heights this academic year. Trips to College GameDay in Stillwater and the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona had over 500 students cheering on the Bears and closer to home students turned out in record numbers for football games while supporting Chalk Talk, themed T-shirt sales, and running in the Baylor Line.
- **Student Foundation** raised $65,000 for student scholarships through producing the Bearathon which attracted over 300 registered runners.

In closing, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your hard work and dedication and know that I consider it both a privilege and honor to serve alongside you in this wonderful journey we call the Baylor experience. With warm regards,
Division of Student Life Awards Recipients

Pillar of Baylor Award - Keane Tarbell

William Tryon Award for Outstanding Support Staff - Debbie Williams

James Huckins Award for Outstanding Graduate Assistant - Caroline Clark, Joshua McPhatter, Alejandra Munoz

Outstanding Service Award (formerly Customer Service Award) - Sandra Northern

Rising Star Award for Outstanding New Professional - Monique Marsh-Bell, Tripp Purks

Team Award
Assessment Work Team
Kristin Abbott  Kelley Kimple
Kaity Briscoe  Jana Marak
Linda Cates  Jennifer Massey
Lizzy Davis  Elizabeth Palacios
Joshua Donath  Erin Payseur
Jeff Doyle  Ryan Richardson
Terri Garrett  Martha Lou Scott
Dana Lee Haines  Chris Terry
Beth Ingram  Emma Wood

Outstanding Student Assistant Award - Taylor Graves-Boswell

Outstanding Faculty Partner Award - Elizabeth Davis

To Light the Ways Award for Contributions to the Profession - Cheryl Wooten

Student Advocate - James Whitehead

Student Life Torchbearer - Clint Patterson

To view all photos from the event, click here.

For those of you who are interested in reviewing the operational plans for the coming year, please click the following link: https://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=99890
21st Century Symposium at East Village

In 2006, the Association of College & University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) convened a summit in Chicago of 100 higher education professionals who gathered to envision the future of collegiate housing. Participants ranging from college presidents to students. One year later, the first 21st Century Project Design competition called on architects, designers, students, and professionals to envision the individual student living unit (referred to as “the Home”) using their own creativity as well as information from the summit report. Soon thereafter, a 2nd Design Showcase competition built upon those designs and drew upon the design principles of community, flexibility, sustainability, and technology. The submitted designs focused on ways these rooms can be grouped into halls, pods, and complete buildings; student communities that were referred to as the “Block” and “Neighborhood.”

Three institutions were selected as winners of the 2nd Showcase: Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana), Colorado College (Colorado Springs, Colorado), and Baylor University. Each of those institutions has now completed its 21st Century facility:
- Rose Avenue Residence Hall at Indiana, a new $38 million, 440-bed residence facility.
- A $14 million renovation of Slocum Hall at Colorado College that transformed a 1953 building into a 261-bed housing unit.
- Baylor’s East Village Residential Community that opened this past August.

This spring, each institution hosted a day-long symposium to highlight its project. On Friday, May 2, Baylor hosted 30 architects and university officials (from 16 campuses across the eastern half of the US) for a variety of sessions to overview design/development, construction, first-year operations, and resident feedback on East Village. Morning sessions and lunch were in the Dining Commons large private dining room, and afternoon sessions were in the Earle classroom. During the late morning, participants toured all three buildings of the complex. During the afternoon break, guests were treated to the Baylor tradition of Dr Pepper floats. The day closed with a Q&A session led by Dr. Kevin Jackson, Dr. Wes Null, and Dr. Jeff Doyle.
Each year, the Office of Community Engagement and Service awards funds to assist Baylor University students seeking to enhance their educational experience through conference attendance. Students must apply for the grant online to be eligible for up to 90% reimbursement for travel expenses related to conference attendance.

This semester we had the great honor of sending Lynette Lartey, a Baylor University senior to represent Baylor at the Global Health and Innovation Conference in New Haven, Connecticut at Yale University. “I don’t know if I’ve ever been so hungry for knowledge like this or been surrounded by so many people with masters in public health amongst other post-bachelor degrees,” said Lartey. “It was like an intellectual heaven. It made me more ambitious to put myself out there and ask speakers personal questions, share contact information, and confidently market myself to ‘leading healthcare professionals.’”

We love to celebrate the stories of our students who are hungry for educational experiences that will inspire vision and enrich not only their lives, but also the lives of many others.

**New Hires**

**Leia Duncan** – Leia, our current interim residence hall director in Brooks Residential College, will now be our permanent RHD in Brooks. Leia completed her BA in English at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, England. Her MA is in Youth and Family Ministries from Lee University (Cleveland, Tennessee). Leia spent three years as a resident director at Lee and has worked previously here at Baylor as an administrative assistant at University Parks and in a temporary assignment in the CL&L central office. Leia’s husband, John, is a doctoral student in religion here at Baylor.
Intramurals

Baylor Intramural Sports closed the 2013-14 academic school year with Co-Rec Sand Volleyball and Softball. The Co-Rec Sand Volleyball champion was Pi Phi/ Kappa Sig C. The winners of the softball season included: 1 Phelta Thi (Men’s Division 1), KOT B (Men’s Division 2), Chi O A (Women’s Division 1), and Truett (Women’s Division 2).

In addition, the winners of the All-University Points Race have been announced! These student organizations have been competing all year for the right to be crowned the top organization in intramural sports in their respective divisions. Congratulations to the winners: Kappa Omega Tau (Men’s Gold), BYX (Men’s Green), Alexander Hall (Men’s Residence Hall), Chi Omega (Women’s Gold), Kappa Chi Alpha (Women’s Green), and Teal Hall (Women’s Residence Hall Division). We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the program over the past year. We are already looking forward to next year!

Club Golf

The Baylor Golf Club won the NCCGA Spring 2014 National Golf Championship. The event was held at the Crystal Springs Resort in Sussex County, New Jersey. They are the second Baylor Sport Club to win a national championship.
Bear Climb 2014

On April 12, over 120 climbers from Baylor and all across Texas competed in Baylor Outdoor Adventure’s annual climbing competition BearClimb. This was the first time we hosted the event on the newly renovated climbing wall. The new design was well received and competitors were excited to get a chance to climb the 53 ft. to the top.

Apart from climbing, competitors received many benefits as participants in the competition. Each climber was given a grab bag with an event t-shirt, the most recent issue of Rock&Ice (a climbing magazine), a chalk block, and a chance to receive one of the many prizes that were donated by our sponsors. Additionally, while taking a break from climbing, competitors could sample the many refreshments or talk to representatives from our main sponsors. American Alpine Club, one of the title sponsors for the event, was on hand to inform climbers of the benefits of being a member of the organization including accident insurance, discounts on outdoor clothing and gear, and access to America’s largest climbing library.

Many climbers were able to go home with awesome prizes due to a generous donation of items from another title sponsor, Waco’s local gear store The Bear Mountain. The Bear Mountain donated everything from t-shirts to backpacks that were given away at the conclusion of the competition. Outdoor Adventure and the Baylor Bookstore also teamed up to offer climbers an opportunity to sample GoPro and Apple products. Climbers could wear a GoPro camera while climbing and the footage was live streamed to an Apple iPad on the ground. Along with the sponsors listed already we also received donations from Hole in the Roof, Chaco, Camp Eagle, FiveTen, Bison Chalk, Gossamer Gear, Mountain Khaki, Sterling Rope, Rock&Ice, W Promotions, Element Climbing, Deuter, Asana, Access Fund, and HD Graphics. We were very pleased with all of the support we received from sponsors and the Texas climbing community and look forward to another successful competition next year.