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### Message from Kevin:



I had a colleague from another university recently tell me that summer in higher education can best be described as “two months of planning for 10 months of chaos.” I found his description humorous but not accurate for us. Our work transcends the entire year with the summer being a time for new student orientation, Baylor Line Camp, mission trips, housing summer session students and conference delegates, Christian Leadership Institute, work in the surrounding community including West, and programs provided to summer session students like the recent “Fun in the Sun” event at the SLC as well as the ongoing emotional, physical, and spiritual care offered through the Counseling Center, Health Services, and Spiritual Life. To that end, we have created a vibrant environment in which our incoming class and families and summer session students have engaged more fully in the life of the campus. Additionally, we have been preparing for the upcoming year—one that promises to be an extraordinary experience with the opening of McLane Stadium, the largest freshman class in Baylor history, and the continuation of discussions on the future direction of our division. As we begin to bring the summer to a close and transition to the start of the fall semester, please know that I appreciate your work and look forward to the ongoing impact that we will make on the lives of our students.

With appreciation,



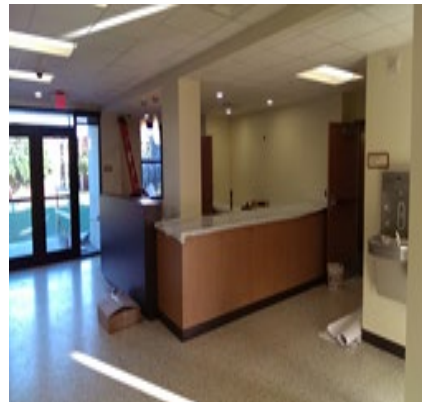
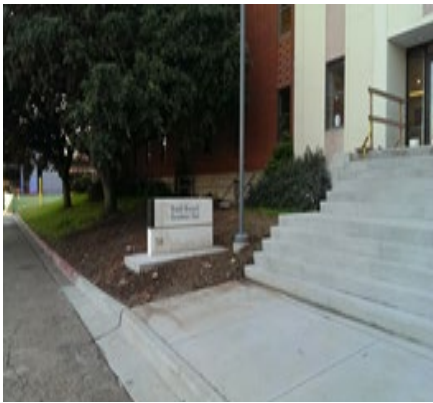
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## SOUTH RUSSELL REFURBISHMENT NEARS COMPLETION



Substantial “construction” completion of South Russell happened on June 30, with final completion on schedule for August 1. During July, installations of furniture, furnishings, and AV equipment will occur along with final inspections, final cleaning, and issuance of the certificate of occupancy. Here are photos of some current conditions:

- Monument sign re-installed at front entry; new ADA access ramp almost complete
- Hall office in lobby taking final shape
- 1st floor study alcove, also known as “fish bowl” study
- Staff apartment kitchen
- Upper floor corner study alcove
- Typical community bath







### NORTH RUSSELL REFURBISHMENT HAS BEGUN

#### Upcoming Events

Summer II  
July 9-Aug 12



### NORTH RUSSELL REFURBISHMENT HAS BEGUN

With the closing of North Russell Hall at the end of the spring semester, there were approximately two weeks of final “move out” of the live-in staff and of building “clean out” of all furniture, equipment, and other contents. Linbeck Construction moved in a new office trailer in front North Russell and began abatement and demolition phases of the project. Here are pictured various parts of the building under demolition!

- Residential corridor
- Former community bath
- Former community laundry-kitchen
- Former assistant director apartment
- 1st floor east wing residential corridor





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**Hold the Date!**

## 2015 McLennan Community College Emotional Intelligence Conference in Pursuit of Excellence

**When:** April 16-17, 2015

**Where:** McLennan Community College Conference Center, 4601 N. 19th St., Waco, Texas

We are very pleased to announce the 2015 Twelfth Annual Institute for Emotional Intelligence to be held on the campus of McLennan Community College. By integrating the skills and skills sets of transformative emotional intelligence (EI) in its institution's quality enhancement plan (QEP)-the Learning Environment Adaptability Project-LEAP, McLennan is modeling the way of using EI to pursue excellence in higher education, community support, and organizational development/culture. Staff at MCC hope we will join them April 16-17, 2015, and participate meaningfully in and help celebrate the pursuit of excellence using transformative EI to enhance teaching, learning, programs, and community initiatives.

Contact Andrew Cano, McLennan LEAP Analyst, at 254-299-8496 or [acano@mclennan.edu](mailto:acano@mclennan.edu) for more information.



Congratulations to Lamar Bryant, Associate Director of Student Activities-Campus Programs for his service as the Director of the 2014 Southeastern Greek Leadership Summit. Erica Urban, NPHC/MGC Graduate Apprentice-Student Activities, served as a Graduate Intern for the summit that was held in Atlanta, Georgia, March 28-30, 2014. The Southeastern Greek Leadership Summit (SEGLS) is an opportunity for undergraduate members of the Greek Community to assemble and discuss, analyze, and address the current realities existing within our culturally based Greek Organizations.



### Faculty-in-Residence

#### Jeffrey C. Peterson



Campus Living & Learning is pleased to announce Dr. Jeffrey C. Petersen as the next Faculty-in-Residence for Kokernot Hall. Dr. Petersen currently serves as an associate professor in the Department of Health, Human Performance, and Recreation, and acts as the program coordinator for the Sport Management Graduate Program, along with fulfilling the duties of the Graduate Program Director for the HHPR Department. He joined the Baylor faculty in 2009 following appointments at Ball State University (Muncie, IN) from 2004-09, where he was an assistant professor and director of the undergraduate Sport Administration Program, and Loras College (Dubuque, IA) where he was an assistant professor of Physical Education and Sport Studies, along with working as the division chairperson. Dr. Petersen has also worked in athletic administration, teaching and coaching at the secondary level in New Mexico. Dr. Petersen earned his B.S. in biology and secondary education from Taylor University (Upland, IN), his M.A. in human performance and sport from New Mexico Highlands University (Las Vegas, NM), and his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico (Albuquerque, NM) in health, physical education and recreation with an emphasis in sport administration. He has authored or co-authored over 60 peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters and made over

100 scholarly presentations related to his research lines in sport facility design and management, sport marketing and sponsorship, the Youth Olympic Games, and sport management pedagogical methods. Joining him in this faculty-in-residence endeavor is his wife, Sherry, who is also an avid runner and an active volunteer leader of women's ministries at their church. They also have three children (Jeremy, Baylor sophomore; Joel, junior at Midway High School; and Jadie, 8th grader at Midway Middle School), and a miniature dachshund named Dash. The faculty-in-residence program has tremendous potential for adding to a vibrant campus community as a part of the living and learning components within Baylor University's residential life initiatives," Petersen stated. "This promises to be a tremendous adventure for our entire family, and we are looking forward to forming strong connections with the students of the Kokernot residential community. The ability to take an active role within the Baylor campus community on a 24/7 basis and to enhance the educational experience of these students is indeed an honor and blessing."

#### Brian Elliott



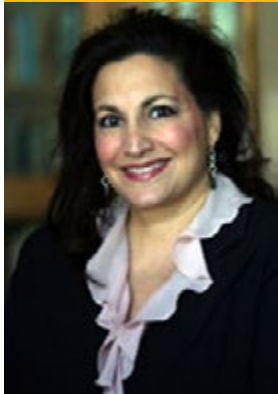
CL&L is pleased to present Mr. Brian Elliott as the Faculty-in-Residence for Texana House located in the North Village Residential Community. Brian has served for over 20 years as a Senior Lecturer and the Director of Interns in the Film & Digital Media Division of the Communication Studies Department. His primary teaching interests focus on film/TV production, screenwriting, entertainment management, and faith and media. In addition to his work at Baylor, Brian is an award-winning producer-writer-director whose projects have taken him to 11 countries and 5 continents. His most recent feature screenplay, *Blur Circle*, is currently shooting in and around Central Texas. Mr. Elliott is also in development with the project *The Time It Never Rained*, an adaptation of the novel written by western writer Elmer Kelton. He received both his B.A. and M.A. from Baylor University. Throughout the years he has served on various committees, but it was his involvement with the Board of Advisors for the Fine Arts Living-Learning Center that spurred his interest in being a faculty-in-residence. "When people ask why I want to serve in this position, the answer is fairly simple. My life was extraordinarily changed because a few mentors sacrificed their time to invest in me. I consider it an honor to have the opportunity to give away in some small measure what was given to me." Mr. Elliott considers it his greatest honor to share life with his wife Susan and his two

sons, Tim (21) and Ben (18).

Dr. Jeff Doyle said "Student Life and the Provost's Office have been impressed with the quality and quantity of the faculty-in-residence candidates in recent years. Both of these hires will only serve to highlight further the formative role Baylor faculty have on students living in our residential communities. Students are going to find it easy to get to know Brian Elliott. His calm demeanor and heart for learning from others will enable him to build strong bonds with students that will ultimately play a part in transforming their lives. Jeff Petersen also possesses several key ingredients for a person to be successful in the faculty-in-residence role. His desire to help students succeed, his inquisitive approach to learning, and his love for our Lord will guide him and his family in becoming an integral piece of the Kokernot community."



### Mona Choucair



Campus Living & Learning also announced Dr. Mona Choucair as the first faculty-in-residence for South Russell. Beginning Fall 2015, South Russell will be the home to the new Education Living-Learning Center. Dr. Choucair is a senior lecturer with dual appointments in the departments of Curriculum & Instruction and English. She teaches American Literature survey courses as well as an advanced grammar course in the English department. Within the School of Education, Dr. Choucair teaches Young Adult Literature and Secondary Methods and supervises secondary interns. She returned to her alma mater, Baylor University, for her Ph.D. in 1998 and counts herself blessed to be teaching here years later. A native of Munday, TX, Dr. Choucair received her B.A. in English, as well as a secondary teaching certificate from Baylor, and then taught public school at Waxahachie High School for a number of years. She received her M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies of English & Humanities from The University of Dallas. Dr. Choucair has been a Councilor for the Council for College Teachers of English (CCTE), remains an active

member of South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA), and continues her annual role as an invited grader and question leader for Advanced Placement language exams. She is currently working on a book project that suggests that Young Adult Literature must be added to the traditional English curriculum used in secondary schools. An active member of First United Methodist Church, Dr. Choucair enjoys volunteer activities ranging from tutoring in the LEAF literacy project in Waco to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, as well as the One Book One Waco initiatives. Dr. Choucair's greatest joy comes from daily interactions with her students. In 2008, the senior class of Baylor University honored her with the Collins Outstanding Professor of the Year Award. She recently directed the Baylor Fall 2013 Study Abroad Program in Maastricht, Netherlands, where she was a visiting professor at the University of Maastricht. Dr. Choucair is honored to be chosen as a faculty-in-residence for the Education Living-Learning Center. "I see this important role as a natural extension of what I love to do already—getting to know students. *Pro Futuris* calls for a unique place for community; I believe our LLC will do just that. I look forward to a transformational experience for both the residents and myself." Of Dr. Choucair, Dr. Doyle states "Baylor has been blessed to have Dr. Choucair's wisdom, experience, passion, and love for students working full-time at Baylor for 16 years. Now, a select group of approximately 200 students will get the opportunity to know her on a more personal level as she moves into her on-campus apartment and becomes a core component of the South Russell community. I am confident that she will be a transformative presence in the lives of our students and a strong member of a team of faculty-in-residence committed to improving the quality and quantity of the on-campus living experience."

Gratitude is expressed for the diligent service provided by the following search committee members:

- Dr. Brooke Blevins, Assistant Professor, Curriculum & Instruction
- Dr. Leanne Howell, Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor, Curriculum & Instruction
- Dr. Larry Browning, Chair, Curriculum & Instruction and the Conwell G. Strickland Professor of Education
- Dr. Joel Porter, Director of Academic Advisement & Enrollment Management, SOE
- Professor Steven Pounders, North Village Heritage House Faculty-in-Residence
- Jasmine Wilson, Assistant Director for Resident Learning
- Julia Bales, South Russell Residence Hall Director
- Katherine Crouch, Secondary English/Education LLC Graduate Assistant



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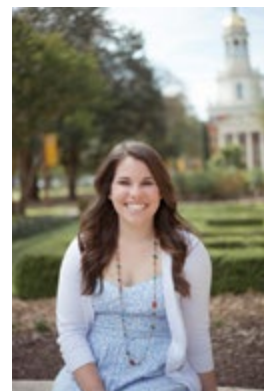
### New Staff

#### Sharyl Loeung



Sharyl Loeung joins us as the Resource Specialist in Multicultural Affairs. She is a native Texan from Farmers Branch, Texas. She moved to Waco from Grapevine, Texas in 2007 to pursue her Masters of Divinity at Truett Seminary. Prior to receiving her masters she received her bachelor's degree in communication theory from Dallas Baptist University. She is the oldest of four siblings all currently living in Abilene, Texas. Sharyl and her husband, Rath, attend University Baptist Church in Waco. She also serves as a supply preacher in the area. They enjoy living outside of Waco with their cats, dog, and new son.

The office of Student Learning & Engagement welcomes Melinda Zanner, 2014 Baylor alumna, as a VISTA program associate working specifically with first-year generation students. Melinda has a B.A. in International Studies with a focus in public relations. Melinda has studied abroad for two semesters (Argentina and Netherlands) and speaks Spanish. She received the Distinguished Student Award from the International Studies Department and achieved the highest rank possible as a Girl Scout. While serving as an ambassador for Baylor University for two years, Melinda lobbied and served as a student liaison between the state government and Baylor. Melinda also interned with the World Affairs Council of Houston and served on the Student Union Board. She began work on July 15 and will be with us in this role until the following July of 2015. She will office in the Student Learning & Engagement office suite. We are confident that Melinda will be an effective partner in being an advocate for first generation students and ways to help make their college education a reality and a success.



Melinda Zanner



Abbie Lawson

Abbie Lawson, originally from Fort Worth, began her journey in Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports her freshman year at Baylor. She worked as an official throughout her undergraduate years and loved every minute of it. She continued her employment in Campus Recreation as a GA while earning her masters degree in sports management. She then moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for a year-long internship with intramural sports. She then moved back to Texas and took a job with the city of Fort Worth as a recreation programmer for a community center. She ran their after school program, summer camps, and fitness classes. In June, she returned to Baylor as the Intramural Sports coordinator and is excited to be back in Waco and to begin another chapter with the Campus Rec family!





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### CES Summer Emphasis: Education



The Office of Community Engagement & Service recently kicked off our 2nd Annual Summer Emphasis Study! Last year's inaugural summer study focusing on poverty garnered excellent reviews, and another strong lineups scheduled this year on education. Staff members from across the division are invited to join us as we embark on a ten-week exploration of educational tools, learning environments, resources, and much more! This interactive series is designed to provide a broad overview of the topic and highlight campus and community resources. The focus is on learning about some of the hot topics in education and spotlight some exciting practices in our community.

The Summer Emphasis study is a CES initiative for staff to practice informed engagement through active communal learning in an effort to build collective expertise and thoughtful professional reflection. The

Summer Emphasis meets on Mondays, 1-2:30 p.m., through August 11. To register or view the schedule, contact Aspen Clemons, VISTA for Education & Advocacy at [Aspen\\_Clemons@baylor.edu](mailto:Aspen_Clemons@baylor.edu) or (254)-710-4624.

### Celebrating Service and Giving Back: 2013-14 Service Hours Division of Student Life

2013-14 Service Hours	# Hours	Money Raised	# Students
Student Organizations – General	44922.9	\$190731.63	6269
Student Organizations – Service	41360.0	\$4504.00	7090
Ministry Teams - Urban Missions	4914.0		685
Living & Learning Programs	820.0		170
New Student Programs	2614.5		1743
Total Reported	94631.4	\$195235.63	15957

\*Based on self-reported data. For complete breakdown, contact CES.

Thank you to all the departments and programs tracking and reporting their service hours to CES! Wow! Look at the tremendous number of students that are serving our community! The CES office serves as a collection point for this information for a number of internal and external purposes. This information enables Baylor to demonstrate its commitment to informed engagement and to celebrate and guide the great work, learning, and impact that our students have in the community. If you are just getting started in your efforts, please contact [Erin\\_Payseur@baylor.edu](mailto:Erin_Payseur@baylor.edu) or [Alexis\\_Carlsson@baylor.edu](mailto:Alexis_Carlsson@baylor.edu) for assistance. Tools to assist with collecting data and provide access to training, support, and resources to help you develop your efforts in the community are available!







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### Reframing Service and Building Community Line Campers Collect Books and Celebrate Waco

This summer, as over 1800 students arrived on campus for Line Camp, they will get to experience community in a new way. New Student Programs, in partnership with Urban Missions and the Office of Community Engagement & Service, moved away from a direct service model to create a community-focused morning featuring several small group exercises and a larger conversation about the Waco community. This approach allows students to learn about exciting work going on in our community and to reflect on ways they want to be involved. The goal is to inspire students to embrace Waco as their community while they are here and to introduce them to multiple ways they can serve, engage and love the city throughout their college careers.



We are grateful to a number of community partners and Baylor students who have shared their stories of service and leadership in the Waco community. Incoming students watch two short videos and hear first-hand accounts of people working together to make a difference in our community – community partners who are using their professional gifts and expertise and talented students who are finding their niche through service and ministry to others.

Although we are not building gardens or taking to the streets, students still have the opportunity to make a tangible difference. Line Camp participants are invited to bring new or gently used children's books for local book banks; a number of books have come in. These books are a valuable resource for children and families to promote early literacy and time together. If you want to support the project by donating books yourself, feel free to drop them off at the Urban Missions office in Bobo or the office of Community Engagement & Service in the Martin House.

This new session and the partnerships it represents have helped to create a broader picture of community engagement for students – from ministry teams to volunteer programs, from service to education and advocacy, Baylor has a number of valuable opportunities, resources, and connection points to guide students in connecting to the larger community. Students can find the best place for themselves, opportunities where they can use their gifts to love and care for others and where they can be transformed as they begin to see themselves as part of the larger community.

### 2014 HESA Cohort

<u>Name</u>	<u>Apprenticeship</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Undergraduate</u>
Jessica Bellomy	Greek Life-Panhellenic	Ravenna, OH	Bowling Green State
Amiee Brassart	CL&L, for Community Development	Madison, AL	Union University
Chelsea Brown	Multicultural Affairs	Birmingham, AL	Samford University
Sarah Caldwell	Engineering and Computer Science	Seymour, TN	Furman University
Zandra Cook	Campus Visits	Live Oaks, TX	Baylor University
Marie Crommett	Student Activities, Greek Life	La Jolla, CA	Baylor University
Molly Depew	CL&L, North Village	Interlochen, MI	Grove City College
Allison Everett	Spiritual Life	Burnet, TX	Southwestern University
Katy Flinn	Global Community and Fine Arts LLC	Carrollton, GA	Samford University
Lauren Gray	New Student Programs	Humble, TX	Midland College
Megan Lamb	CL&L, North Village	Nashville, TN	Belmont University
Brandon Lokey	Student Activities, Student Productions	Columbia, TN	Union University
Lisa Perry	Student Activities, Student Campus Programs-Traditional Programs	Monmouth, OR	George Fox University
Pierce Shivers	Student Activities, Student Student Union	Waco, TX	Baylor University
Justin Hardegree	Admissions	Waco, TX	Baylor University



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Baylor Campus Recreation presents:

# Fun in the Sun!

June 30th  
6:00pm - 8:30pm  
@ the Baylor Marina



**FREE food, activities, Games & Prizes  
BRING YOUR BAYLOR ID & COME JOIN US!**

6:00pm: Event opens with food, BINGO, music  
tournament sign-ups, paddling & inflatables  
6:30-8pm: Canoe races & tournaments  
8-8:30pm: Zumba & Pilates on the beach  
8:30pm: Door prizes

Fun in the Sun was held on June 30th and was flush with 350 students, faculty, and staff. Aramark Dining Services donated food. Friendly competition occurred among friends both new and old. Bingo, canoe races, beach volleyball and inflatables were the order of the day. The evening concluded with some zumba on the Marina beach. To see pictures of all the fun, please visit the Baylor University Campus Recreation Facebook page. The next Fun in the Sun is scheduled for the back porch of the SLC on July 23rd. Come and bring some students who need to connect.

### Ghana Leadership Team has Another Successful Trip



The Ghana Leadership Team took their third mission trip to Kumasi, Ghana. The Gye Nyame\* Team, led by Dr. Monique Marsh-Bell, served eight teachers, taught 166 students in six classrooms, and served over 300 students in activities such as soccer, cleaning the school, and learning other cultural and spiritual practices at Okyerekrom Village R/C Primary School. The most exciting donation made to the school this year was to replace the school's broken computer. The SanKofa\* Team, led by Ramona Curtis, worked at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Medical Center. The team served over 50 patients ministering to them and leaving them with toiletries and bottled water. Students also shadowed doctors in surgery, maternity, child welfare, pharmacy, male and female wards, and the children's ward. While in Ghana students gathered souvenir monies to help Okyerekrom R/C Primary pay for one of their student's emergency surgery. Baylor students, leaders and KNUST host and medical director, Dr. Fred "Yaw" Bio will be using the collective impact model to continue the discussion on the implementation of a dietary unit in the hospital. The 2016 trip will involve taking community partners to Ghana during spring break to implement



the hospital initiative further. Both teams had the opportunity to work in the hospital and at the school throughout the trip and painted Okyerekrom R/C Primary School. The team completed 816 total hours of direct service. The students spent intentional time touring the Elmina Slave castle and the WEB Dubois Museum going deeper into reflection of the intersections of American and Ghanaian culture.

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SanKofa  
"Return and get it"

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Gye Nyame  
"Except God"





### Student Life Director Receives Fellowship with the CDC



Team is shown here with Larry Cohen, Executive Director

Ramona Curtis, Director for Civic Engagement & Educational Development, was selected to participate in the National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health (NLAPH), funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. NLAPH is a national program focused on improving population health by working with multi-sector leadership teams to train them through an applied, team-based collaborative leadership development model. The program is implemented by the Center for Health Leadership and Practice (CHLP), a center of the Public Health Institute, and will provide training and support for a period of one year. "This program will impart population health teams with the skills to lead across sectors and collaboratively solve complex population health problems in innovative ways," said Carmen Rita Nevarez MD, MPH, Vice President for External Relations and CHLP's Director. "These are the types of leaders who will ultimately be able to drive critical efforts, such as the adoption of evidence-based policies and practices at the community level, which can have a tangible impact on health outcomes." The four member Waco team also includes Kahler Stone, Epidemiologist, Waco-McLennan County Health District; Natalie Kelinske, Major Gifts Officer/Media Representative, Planned Parenthood; and Ashley Thornton, Act Locally Waco.

### Welcome Psy.D. Practicum Students



Left to right, back to front: Stephanie Jernigan, Elizabeth Coe, Amelia Yu, Kimberly Hickman, Kelsi Umekubo