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Message from Kevin:



Giving Thanks

Earlier this month the Junior Class, in partnership with Student Government, hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for students, faculty, and staff. This has become an annual all-campus event replete with the traditional Thanksgiving fare served outdoors in the beautiful Burleson Quad.

I spent a good portion of my time during the evening visiting with groups of individuals huddled together enjoying the good food and warm fellowship. The overall tone of the evening was one of appreciation and anticipation. Numerous students spoke of their plans for the holidays—being with family, seeing friends, and catching up on sleep. They also acknowledged how quickly the semester had gone by and the many wonderful memories that they had made. As I took it all in—members of the Baylor family gathered in a spirit of thanksgiving—I was mindful of the many blessings we have received both as a university and a division. Blessings of favor and resources that make it possible to help our students, and ourselves, grow in wisdom, compassion, and influence. I was also reminded of how fortunate we are to be a part of a caring community of believers. Though not perfect, we seek to love and support one another placing others' needs ahead of our own. For all of this, I give thanks.



May your Thanksgiving be filled with wonderful moments and a sense of gratitude for all that we have received.

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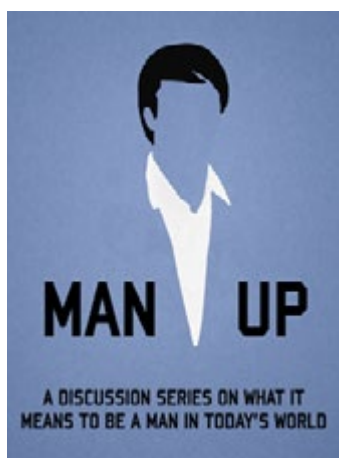


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Once a month, the men of Teal Residential College gather for one hour in the Teal classroom to talk about what it means to be a man in today's world. The Man Up series was started in the spring of 2014 by Teal Community Leader Travis Scott, and a modified version continues today. This past summer, Teal Community Leaders Mason Everett and Samuel Taylor worked with Dr. Kevin Jackson, Vice President of Student Life, to decide on three goals for the series. Man Up serves to connect residents to male role models, educate students on biblical principles without imposing judgment or a certain worldview, and to provide interesting content for self-improvement and to incite discussion around the hall.

The first two discussions, Planning for Success and Why and How We Serve, led respectively by Dr. Adam Ecklund, Associate Vice President of Constituent Engagement, and Dr. Jimmy Dorrell, Founder of Mission Waco, were very engaging and served as a wonderful start to the series. For the first two events there were about 60 residents who participated. Future events will include discussions on finding one's calling, relationships, and artful listening led by speakers such as Nick Florence (Director of Develop-

ment) Dr. Jackson, and Judge Starr. For additional information, contact Katelyn Hiatt, Residence Hall Director of Teal Residential College, at Katelyn_Hiatt@baylor.edu.

Baylor University Matriculation Dates for 2015

Welcome Weekend (Spring Freshman and Transfer Students):

January 9-11 (Friday-Sunday)

Orientation (Fall Freshman Students)

Please note: All Campus Orientation Workshops will be held Friday, June 5

Session 1	June 9-10	Tuesday-Wednesday
Session 2	June 10-11	Wednesday-Thursday
Session 3	June 11-12	Thursday-Friday
Session 4	June 15-16	Monday-Tuesday
Session 5	June 16-17	Tuesday-Wednesday
Session 6	June 22-23	Monday-Tuesday
Session 7	June 23-24	Tuesday-Wednesday
Session 8	June 29-30	Monday-Tuesday
Session 9	June 30-July 1	Tuesday-Wednesday
Session 10	July 1-2	Wednesday-Thursday
August Orientation:	August 19	Wednesday

Move-In Dates

Wednesday, August 19
Thursday, August 20

Baylor Line Camp

Outdoor Adventure TBA

Session 1	June 16-19	Tuesday-Friday
Session 2	June 17-20	Wednesday-Saturday
Session 3	June 23-26	Tuesday-Friday
Session 4	June 24-27	Wednesday-Saturday
Session 5	July 14-17	Tuesday-Friday
Session 6	July 15-18	Wednesday-Saturday
Session 7	July 21-24	Tuesday-Friday
Session 8	July 22-25	Wednesday-Saturday
Session ECS	TBA	
Session Honors	TBA	

Welcome Week – August 20-23

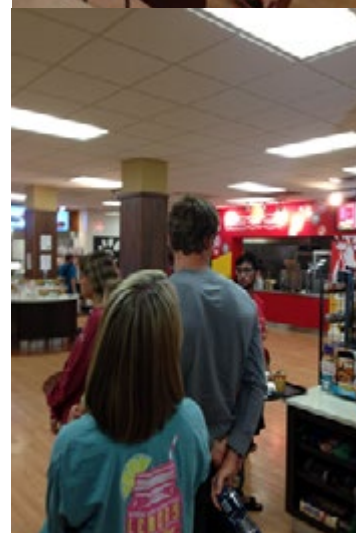
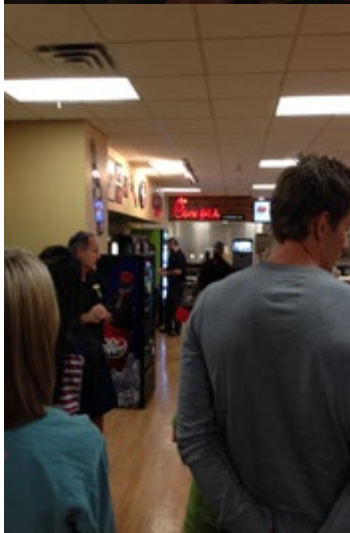
Schedules for transfer students and freshman students



STUDENT DINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The monthly meeting of the advisory committee was held on Thursday, October 16, in the Student Organization Conference Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center (SUB). For that meeting, they were joined by Aramark Dining staff Sean McMahan (Director of Baylor Dining Services), Stefanie Tyson (Interim Director of Marketing), and Jerry Weatherman (Director of Retail Operations) as well as by Baylor staff Angie McGregor (Director of University Operations) and Karl McNair (Assistant Vice President of Real Estate Operations and Campus Services). Mr. Weatherman provided an overview of new and expanded retail offerings that occurred over the summer, took the group on a tour of BDSC retail spaces, and answered Q&A throughout his presentation. Ms. Tyson gave an overview of upcoming programs and points of emphasis (Pumpkin Painting, World Food Day, Dining Scavenger Hunt, annual dining survey), and the meeting concluded with group feedback and more Q&A.



Special Recognition

Katie Styles, Graduate Apprentice for Student Organizations, recently completed an internship with the NACA Conference (Central Region) in Dallas, Texas. Katie served alongside the planning committee over the past few months, was an integral part of the day-to-day logistics, and presented two educational sessions. Student Activities is very proud of Katie and the way she represented Student Activities and Baylor University.

Treat Night



On Tuesday, October 28, the Residential Community Council in conjunction with individual residence halls hosted Campus Living and Learning's annual Treat Night event for children of Baylor faculty and staff. Over 250 families from around campus were able to Trick-or-Treat through halls with various themes such as Wizard of Oz, Frozen, and Baylor Football. Other halls also put on carnival-like games for the children which included a variety of prizes. As a result of collecting canned goods and cash donations from attendees, over 700 pounds of canned goods and upwards of \$500 in cash was given to Caritas in Waco to help with their community efforts! Thanks to all who helped make this generous donation possible!



2014 Annual Residence Hall Homecoming Pallet Competition Winners

1st Place: South Russell



2nd Place: Brooks Flats



3rd Place: University Parks



4th Place: Collins



Baylor Public Deliberation Initiative

On Thursday, October 23, staff and students from Baylor and members of the local community met for the first forum of the Public Deliberation Initiative (PDI), a collaboration between the Formation Department and the office of Community Engagement and Service. The topic for the evening was Immigration in America. Three options, each with their respective pros and cons, were presented and small group discussion followed. The objective of the PDI is not to vote and decide upon a solution but rather to hear the opinions of the community and better understand the issue from different angles. Participants walked away with ideas of what citizens might do differently as a result of this type of forum: Make better informed decisions, be more receptive to others who hold different viewpoints, be more vocal about issues in the community. The Immigration Forum was a formative evening, and we look forward to hosting more conversations about issues that our nation and local community face. For specific information on the options discussed and the opinions of the participants, visit www.baylorpdi.wordpress.com.

Baylor Formation Fall Break Hike on the Goodwater Trail

During fall break, October 17-19, the department of Formation and the Outdoor Adventure Department teamed up to take nine students on a beautiful 21 mile trek on the Goodwater Loop Trail. We camped under the stars, cooled off in the lake, and hiked through a pristine and rocky trail in order to be refreshed from the demands of everyday life.

Enneagram Workshops

Baylor Formation hosted Suzanne Stabile from Life in the Trinity Ministries to lead two workshops on November 5th and 6th. Over 170 undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty joined us as we learned about this ancient personality type system that can be used as a wonderful spiritual practice and tool for spiritual formation. Due to increasing interest from the Baylor community over the past few years, we will begin to host more frequent workshops and events related to the Enneagram. Their first event occurred on November 20. For additional information and other events, join Baylor Enneagram Facebook group.