Elliston Chapel

In April, a new on-campus sacred space, Elliston Chapel, was dedicated. The chapel is designed to accommodate up to 125 guests and contains a beautiful stained glass window depicting “the dayspring from on high” as described in Luke 1:74 – 79. The dedication of Elliston Chapel marked the completion of the original design for the East Village Residential Complex. The chapel, which bears the name of the family of Gary and Molli Elliston, provides a serene and worshipful setting for all to enjoy in what is becoming one of the most active parts of campus. During the dedication ceremony, Gary Elliston, a former regent, noted that the impetus behind their gift to the university came from a desire to change students’ lives and that he hoped Elliston Chapel would be space where this transformation occurs. For more information about Elliston Chapel, including when the facility is open for student, faculty, and staff use and procedures for reserving the space, please contact Heather_Foit@baylor.edu.
The Academy for Leader Development recognized outstanding leaders at its annual year-end celebration banquet. Robert Callahan, a local attorney, was the speaker and remarked upon the importance of living a life where your work is completely intertwined with your faith. Students who were graduating with the leadership minor, the LEAD LLC executive team, the Peer Leader Steering Committee, and Peer Leaders of the Year were recognized at this event. It was a wonderful evening celebrating a year of much accomplishment and student leader development.
Baylor Students Continue to Step Out in Service to Waco Community

On April 11, over 1,700 Baylor students participated in our Steppin’ Out Day of Service, sponsored by the Steppin’ Out planning committee, the Office of Community Engagement & Service, and Student Government.

Students worked at over 50 different sites throughout the community, serving individual homeowners and non-profit agencies throughout the community. Steppin’ Out continued a long-term partnership with Keep Waco Beautiful and sent over 200 students to six different sites, including river cleanup in kayaks. Baylor students also assisted with several large scale community events including the Art on Elm festival, Farm Day sponsored by World Hunger Relief, and the Healthy Soul Food Cooking Demonstration.

In lieu of the traditional block party, Steppin’ Out participants met on campus to enjoy free breakfast compliments of Aramark Dining, music, and encouraging words from Dr. Jackson, Vice President for Student Life. After students completed their service experience, they were encouraged to have lunch together at local Waco restaurants to reflect and debrief their service experience.

2015 marks the 30th anniversary of Steppin’ Out and continues the long-standing tradition of service to the Waco community.

SUMMER DINING ON CAMPUS

Baylor Dining Services has provided a list of what to expect for summer dining on campus. Be sure to check their website for further details:
• Memorial (RFOC) closed for renovation on May 1 and remain closed all summer.
• POD Market in the Speight parking garage will close permanently on Tuesday May 12.
• McMullen-Connally Faculty Center will close after lunch on May 12 and re-open the first day of summer classes.
• Penland Crossroads will be open for summer camps, orientation, and students with summer meal plans. Faculty and staff may dine here as well - if you dare!

East Village dining commons will be open for Line Camps only.
Division of Student Life Awards Recipients

**James Huckins Award for Outstanding Graduate Assistant** - Kristin Abbott, Anika Strand, Cassandra Thompson

**Outstanding Service Award** - Matthew Kwiatkowski

**Outstanding Student Assistant Award** - Jessie-Mara Trespeses and Jonathon Gross

**Outstanding Faculty Partner Award** - Steven Pounders

**Pillar of Baylor Award** - Sharon Stern

**Rising Star Award for Outstanding New Professional** - Holly Widick and Nathan Shelburne

**Student Advocate** - John Garrison

**Student Life Torchbearer** - Kristen Richardson

**Team Award**

*Sexual Assault Work Team*

- Kristin Abbott
- Eddie Labid
- Don Arterburn
- Lisa MacMaster
- Lizzy Davis
- Leslie Moore
- Sarah Dorrell-Ritter
- Lisa Murphy
- Tam Dunn
- Gabriela Olaguibel
- Anna Freeo
- Megan Patterson
- Kelley Kimple
- Erin Payseur
- Kandy Knowles
- Lauri Rogers
- Ronda Kruse
- Cheryl Wooten

**To Light the Ways Award for Contributions to the Profession** - Kelley Kimple

**William Tryon Award for Outstanding Support Staff** - Tanesha Ward

To view all photos from the event, click https://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=85029.
Another Baylor Bear born, Sofia Luz Palacios, born April 20, 5:45 p.m., 5 lbs, 1.1 oz, 17 inches long. Born to son, Aaron and daughter-in-law, Adriana Palacios, both Baylor grads.

Ada Marie Cunningham, granddaughter of Sandra Northern, was born on March 26. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long. Parents, Kayleigh and Craig Cunningham, are both Baylor graduates and live in Austin.