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Message from Kevin:



Welcoming Our Baylor Bears to Campus

The energy level on campus continues to rise as the start of the fall semester is a handful of days away. Residence hall assignments have been made, Move-In volunteers are being recruited (if you have not signed up, please do so by going online to: <http://www.baylor.edu/cll/move2bu/index.php?id=38629>). Welcome Week plans are in place, and our opening football game against SMU is on the horizon. All indications are we will have an entering class of 3,375 plus freshmen and just north of 400 transfer students. Our first to second year retention rate is trending right at 90 percent—one of the highest in our university's history. Further, this entering class will be one of the best academically prepared and most ethnically and geographically diverse. Their faith experiences transcend numerous denominations and their life experiences reflect characteristics of a generation raised with instant access to information and services made available through touch technology and the internet. As we look to welcoming our wonderful students to campus, I want to remind us of our vision, what we aspire to become: Student Life will be a transformative presence in all our students' lives: equipping them to make a positive impact on society. And, to encourage us to seek to accomplish this vision through meeting each student where he or she is and then walking alongside them in the journey ahead helping them to become more and more the person God has designed them to be. In doing so, let us draw strength from Colossians 2:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for man" (NIV).

Blessings to you in the upcoming year,



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Elliston Chapel

Elliston Chapel is open 7 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. To reserve the space, email Elliston_Chapel@baylor.edu or request through Outlook by adding Elliston_Chapel.

Campus Living and Learning - 2015 Golden Bear Awards!

Campus Living and Learning hosted their annual "Golden Bear Awards" during the End of Year Reception this past May.

Twenty-seven awards were presented to students and staff in recognition of the hard work accomplishments related to CL&L's Learning Goals. Please join CL&L in celebrating these individuals and the rest of Campus Living and Learning for a wonderful 2014-15!

CLM of the Year	CL of the Year - AFG
Stephen Spees	Amanda Okoli
CL - of the Year - Residential Experiences	CL of the Year - Allen/Dawson
Amber Hemmie	Alex Reachi
CL of the Year - Faith	CL of the Year, Brooks College
Dequawn Johnson	TJ Neathery
CL of the Year - Inclusivity	CL of the Year - Brooks Flats
Reiss McAniff	Diana Castillo
CL of the Year - Self Advocacy	CL of the Year - Collins
Courtney Moore	Brianna Childs
CL of the Year - Intellect	CL of the Year - Earle
Danae Gleason	Joyce McRae
Faculty Member of the Year	CL of the Year - HRC
Todd Buras	Landon McGee
Contribution to the Field	CL of the Year - Kokernot
Melissa McLevain	Jessie Mara Trespeses
Student Advocate	CL of the Year - Martin
Philip Johnson	Taylor Trepinski
Impactful Supervision	CL of the Year - North Village
Lisa Murphy	Josh Dietert
Contribution to CL&L	CL of the Year - Penland
Beth Ingram	Zach Plunk
Community Development	CL of the Year - South Russell
Lauren Weber	Jessica Hagen
Facilities Management	CL of the Year - Teal
Julia Bales	Danae Gleason
	CL of the Year - U Parks
	Heath Holland





THE CAMPUS KITCHEN AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

On top of the Baylor Campus Kitchen recovering 9,118 pounds of food, and serving 5,352 meals this school year, there have been many opportunities for development and growth. Spring has been an exciting and busy time for the Baylor Campus Kitchen. Kathleen Lokey, Community HealthCorps member serving as the Baylor Community Garden Coordinator, and Caroline McLain, AmeriCorps VISTA serving as the Campus Kitchen Coordinator, have actively sought new ways to approach hunger and overall wellness issues in the Waco community.



Late March they implemented a five-week Junior Master Gardener course for kindergarten through 5th grade students. From harvesting their own salad from the garden to hunting down pests eating the vegetables, the children have learned and experienced new and exciting things while adventuring in the Baylor Community Garden located at 9th and James.

This past December, the Baylor Campus Kitchen was awarded a grant through the Campus Kitchen Project, funded by AARP, to address senior hunger in their city.

With the grant allocations, they have created and organized creative programming to be implemented this year in order to address food insecurity among senior adults. Their kick-off event was a community fair for senior adults and their families hosted at the Waco Multipurpose Center. Vendors from around Waco tabled the event and brought resources for seniors. There they held cooking demonstrations, garden demonstrations and fun activities for the entire family. At this event, seniors were given the opportunity to sign up for a free four-week gardening course at the Baylor Community Garden, where the Vistas plan to dive more into nutrition education, gardening skills and knowledge, and an understanding of the importance of whole body wellness.

With the allocation of this grant, Vistas Lokey and McLain are also implementing a summer cooking shift that will provide meals for food insecure senior adults in the Waco community who do not necessarily qualify for the Meals onWheels program. The Baylor Campus Kitchen is partnering with Shepherd's Heart, a local food pantry, whom presently delivers bagged groceries to 450 food insecure senior adults across the Waco area. The Vistas have coordinated with Shepherd's Heart to deliver meals with their groceries that the seniors will be able to heat in their homes when it is most convenient. These meals will be prepared by student volunteers, using the produce harvested from the Baylor Community Garden. These creative solutions are being used to address hunger in Waco in sustainable ways so future AmeriCorps members can build upon their work in the years to come.



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Baylor Formation Updates

This I Believe:

This past year, Baylor Formation shared a number of stories on our *This I Believe* blog. We began this project a little over a year ago, and we are hoping that it continues to pick up steam. From simple reminders to insightful connections, students, staff, faculty, and alumni are sharing their stories of what they believe to be true about life, religion, community, education, and culture. This blog is about reflecting, writing (storytelling via words, pictures, video), creating, and community. We hope that you join in by reading and then submitting your own story. Learn more and start reading at <http://baylorthisibelieve.wordpress.com>.

Artist-in-Residence:

Baylor Formation is excited about our Artist-in-Residence, Stefan Robinson. His projects this year will center around the theme of "Ways of Praying," exploring prayer through art and trying new disciplines to expand our view of God, self, and others. During finals week, Stefan created a prayer labyrinth for students and staff to use as a tool for reflection during a stressful time. Watch him create the labyrinth here: <http://www.baylor.edu/spirituallife/index.php?id=873317>. This summer, he continued his incredible work by building portable prayer walls that can be taken on retreats or place around campus to offer students the opportunity to pray for campus needs, personal needs, and world needs. This Fall he hopes to offer a showing of his work as well as a special topics lecture. Read more about Stefan and his hope for this residency, and feel free to reach out to him if you have an idea! <http://www.baylor.edu/spirituallife/index.php?id=871760>

Borderlands:

BU Borderlands has a new look, with new hopes to engage students from our vast array of cultures in community and in dialogue with one another. As an extension of our Cross Cultural Ministry program, we engage in practicing cultural humility and religious literacy, and this blog serves as a site to share all of our stories and as a space to enlighten and to enrich one another, to share with each other different ways of seeing and understanding the world. This site also serves to comfort and to encourage students who may feel like they don't have a sense of place or who feel like they're on the margins or in a borderland space religiously, theologically, spiritually, culturally, or socio-economically. Come share with us on this journey into and through the different borderlands experiences of our lives

We hope that you will not only take a look at but also engage with and share this site with the students you work with to foster further the vibrant and diverse community here on campus.

<http://buborderlands.wordpress.com/>

Enneagram Things:

Have you heard of the Enneagram yet? The knowledge of this personality system/spiritual tool is rapidly spreading, and we are proud to bring in local Enneagram teachers to help our students, faculty, and staff learn more about themselves and become more self-aware. This past semester, we had over 200 members from the Baylor community attend workshops on stress, security, relationships, and Enneagram subtypes; and we are already hard at work scheduling for the fall, full of more workshops and Know Your Number introduction lunches. Make sure you follow their Facebook group for the most up-to-date information! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BaylorEnneagram/>

Freshman Retreat and Transfer Retreat:

Mark your calendars for the Baylor Freshman Retreat and the Baylor Transfer Retreat! On September 4-5, Baylor Formation will be taking first-year students to the Pine Cove Towers in East Texas to connect and grow within their new communities. Through group worship, small group times led by upperclassmen, and breakout sessions led by faculty and staff, we hope to connect students to meaningful ways of understanding their faiths and development as they begin their year at Baylor. We also will spend time hanging out and getting to know these amazing students. Please encourage your students to consider coming with us. Registration is now open: <http://www.baylor.edu/spirituallife/index.php?id=870522>.



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New Staff



Kim Littleton

Residential Community Space Associate

Campus Living & Learning is pleased to announce the hire of Kim Littleton for the position of Residential Community Space Associate. While originally from Texas, Kim recently moved to Waco from Chicago to attend Truett Seminary in the fall. She attended Baylor for a time, living in Alexander and Kokernot, before transferring to Texas Women's University where she earned a bachelor's degree in music. Kim also has significant experience in project and process management, and we are excited to have her on the CL&L team. Within the residential communities, there are a variety of spaces that we want to make available for students. These include dining halls used for studying after hours, exterior classrooms, and the new Elliston Chapel, etc. The Space Associate will help manage these spaces. In addition, the space associate will assist the department with safety initiatives and facilities projects. Kim started on June 1.



Sara Watkins

Residence Hall Director for the Arbors/Fairmont/Gables Apartments

Sara is originally from Oklahoma and completed her undergraduate work at the University of Central Oklahoma where she was heavily involved in their campus activities office. She completed her Master's degree in student affairs administration this spring from Texas A&M and also served as an ACUHO-I intern at the University of North Texas in their orientation office in the summer of 2014. We are excited to welcome Sara to CL&L and the Baylor family and look forward to her leadership within the AFG community!



Ashley Wheeler

Medical Billing and Appointment Clerk, Counseling Center

Ashley comes to us from Texas Tech University where she served as Advisor/Recruiter for their Off-Site Waco programs. Ashley has her associates degree from McLennan Community College and a business degree from Tarleton State University. Ashley is a native of Waco, born and reared in China Spring, TX. Ashley is married to Brett, and have a fantastic little girl, Landri. Ashley became a permeneant team member for the BUCC in May 2015.



Katy Grissom

Mental Health Billing and Appointment Clerk, Counseling Center

Prior to working for the Counseling Center, Katy worked as a temporary administrative associate at The Piper Child Development Center and at the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Katy is married to Justin, and they have the perfect little boy named Grady. Katy and her family will be welcoming their second child in December. Katy has lived in Waco for the past eight years and she and her family are members at Meadowbrook Baptist Church.

Faculty-in-Residence for Fall 2015

Allen & Dawson Halls, LEAD LLC – Dr. Karon LeCompte



Dr. Karon LeCompte currently serves as an assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction within Baylor's School of Education. She joined the Baylor faculty in 2010, following appointments at Vanderbilt University, where she was an assistant clinical professor, and at Southwestern University where she served as an instructor. Dr. LeCompte has also worked with students in the gifted program of Round Rock Independent School District.

Dr. LeCompte earned her B.S. in elementary education and English and M.A. in gifted education from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. She earned her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Texas at Austin. Her teaching interests are in social studies education and leadership theory. Dr. LeCompte's research interest is in civics education. She has authored or co-authored over 25 book chapters and articles on topics related to civics education and leadership. She has presented her work at state, national, and international conferences. Dr. LeCompte was named the Baylor iCivics Fellow in 2012, when she spent six weeks in Washington, DC working with the national iCivics team formed by retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Joining Dr. LeCompte in this endeavor is her husband, Randy, who is an avid golfer. They are both active members of Trinity Lutheran Church at Badger Ranch and have three adult children, Philip, Alison, and Brandon, and a beagle named Ozzy. Of this FIR appointment, Dr. LeCompte says, "I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to live and work as Allen-Dawson LEAD LLC faculty-in-residence. One of my favorite songs is Kat Edmonson's "be the change that you want to see," based on a Gandhi quote. I look forward to building rich, rewarding relationships with students, staff, and faculty in the LEAD LLC program. Leadership is a process that promotes positive changes in people and communities. Randy and I are excited to begin a journey based on leadership and service."

Brooks Flats – Dr. Scott Wilde



Dr. Scott Wilde is a senior lecturer with the Mathematics Department where he has taught all of the freshman and sophomore level classes for the last 11 years, including the entire calculus and business Calculus sequences and linear algebra and statistics. Prior to Baylor, he taught at UT Arlington and has worked as a construction project manager. Dr. Wilde received his Ph.D. and M.S. in mathematics from Washington State University and B.A. in mathematics from Eastern Washington University.

Dr. Wilde has served as a faculty advisor to the Baylor Math Club for three years and has been a faculty partner in Penland Hall in 2014-15. Joining him is his wife of 22 years, Shari, who is a registered nurse who currently works at Bell's Hill Elementary School in Waco. They have four children: Laura, a junior, secondary math education major at Baylor; Jeffrey, a freshman, aeronautical engineering major at Texas A&M; Tamara, a 7th grader; and Zackery, a 3rd grader. Dr. Wilde enjoys playing basketball in his spare time and going camping and fishing anytime and anywhere the weather cools off. Of this FIR appointment, Dr. Wilde says, "We are excited to become part of the Baylor community outside of normal school hours and interacting with students in their daily lives while they follow the path that our God has for them."

Faculty-in-Residence for Fall 2015 Continued

Texana House, North Village – Dr. Clay Butler



Dr. Clay Butler serves as a senior lecturer in the English Department. He teaches courses for the linguistics major, such as Language in Society, Cross-Cultural Linguistics, and Modern English Grammar. Dr. Butler earned a B.A. in foreign service from Baylor University in 1988 and worked as a computer programmer for a few years before joining a mission team to help start a church in Siberia, Russia. After returning to the U.S. in 1993, he earned his Ph.D. from University of Texas at Austin and moved back to Waco to start teaching at his alma mater in 2002.

Joining Dr. Butler in this endeavor is his wife, Susan, who graduated from Baylor in 1989 and teaches Spanish at Midway High School. Their children are Ellen, a junior at Ouachita Baptist University; Nathan, a freshman at Baylor; Dan, a junior in high school; and Beth, an 8th grader. Of this FIR appointment, Dr. Butler says, "I'm very excited about becoming a Faculty-in-Residence at the North Village, Texana House. As I reflect on my own college years and watch my children enter theirs, I realize the tremendous amount of self-discovery and formation that occurs at this critical stage of life. The young people I've met during my time at Baylor are full of ambition, passion, and fun. I look forward to supporting and encouraging them as they realize their gifts and callings and transition to

young adulthood."

University Parks – Dr. Bob Kane



Dr. Bob Kane currently serves as an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry and as director for the Institute of Biomedical Studies. Dr. Kane earned his B.S. in chemistry at Texas Lutheran College and his Ph.D. at Texas Tech in organic chemistry and joined the Baylor faculty in 1996 after completing a postdoc at the University of California Los Angeles. Dr. Kane's research is focused on specialized applications of synthetic chemistry in areas such as vaccine development and islet transplantation. His lab works closely with immunologists and transplant biologists in Dallas at the Baylor Scott & White Health Care System, where he is an adjunct investigator at the Baylor Institute for Immunology Research. Dr. Kane has six patents, 43 publications, and has made over 100 scholarly presentations related to his research. During his time at Baylor, his lab has received over \$2.5 million in research funding, which has supported the work of six doctoral and six masters graduates, as well as numerous undergraduate researchers.

Joining him in this Faculty-in-Residence endeavor is his wife, Deb, who grew up in Chicago and earned her B.A. in marketing and International Management at Georgetown University. Between them they have five children between 20 and 25 years of age, who are currently scattered between Texas, Alaska, and Massachusetts. In addition to taking advantage of all the great opportunities at Baylor – from the BU Theater to concerts at the School of Music to all the great sporting events, Bob and Deb love to travel, attend music festivals, and play tennis. Of this FIR appointment, Dr. Kane says, "I have always valued my relationships with students in my classes, research lab, and the student organizations I advise; and I am pleased to have this chance to serve as a FIR at University Parks. As an undergraduate I experienced the challenges of being a transfer student, and so I am especially excited to get to work with the great people at the Transfer Year Experience LLC. Deb and I look forward to this opportunity to make a real contribution to the campus community at University Parks."



Student Learning & Engagement and Academic Affairs have partnered with Community Engagement & Service to bring AmeriCorps VISTA workers to Baylor to focus on First Generation College Students (FGCS). AmeriCorps VISTAs, Capri Woolridge and Melinda Zanner, have developed the First In Line Summer Advantage Program. First In Line is a support services program to foster the growth and development of First Generation College Students at Baylor. Through the collaborative effort of various departments across campus, Baylor now has FGCS financial aid counselors, peer leaders, and the First In Line Summer Advantage bridge program.

First In Line is designed to equip incoming students who will be the first in their families to earn a college degree, the resources and tools necessary for them to thrive during their first fall semester. These students will have the unique opportunity of taking two summer courses, and meeting regularly with Peer Mentors and Academic Mentors, who are eager to form relationships to help them succeed. Mentors will assist students with things such as how to use a syllabus, planning a study calendar, taking notes, preparing for tests, analyzing a graded test, and accessing university resources such as tutoring, office hours, counseling, fitness programs, and student organizations.

In addition to this, students will also have the opportunity for academic and personal success through tutoring, and seminars on various success topics, led by Baylor faculty and staff. These programs will help students continue to develop habits for academic and personal success at Baylor and beyond.

Throughout the week, students will enjoy fun, extra-curricular activities, both on campus and in the Waco community. They will learn about Baylor traditions, student organizations, and campus resources. By forming a strong community with other students who are also the first in their families to earn a college degree, students will have a network of support and a fellowship of friends as they begin their studies at Baylor in the fall.

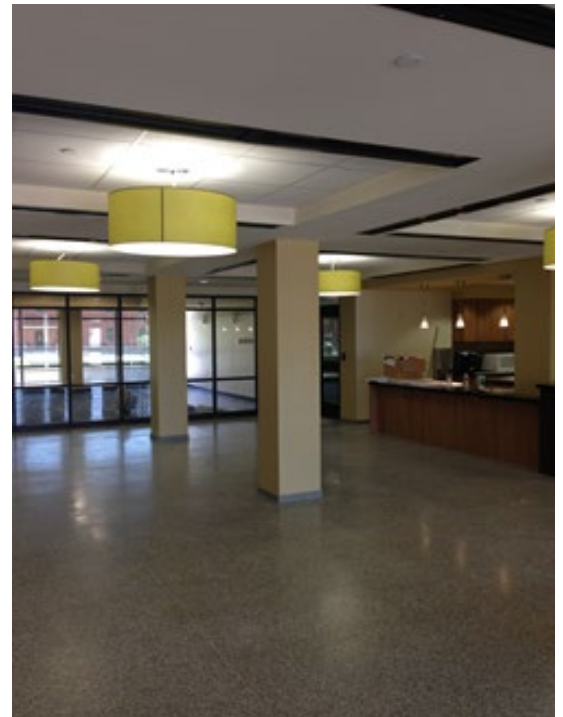


North Russell Refurbishment Wrapping Up



Entry re-landscaped

The year-long refurbishment of North Russell is nearing completion. Punchlists (mostly touch-up painting), furniture installation, and final cleaning occurred in July. Live-in faculty and staff started moving into their apartments on July 31 with official re-opening of the building on Move-In Day #1, Wednesday, August 19.



Re-designed lobby-kitchen to right, classroom door right rear, gameroom and patio in rear



Courtyard re-landscaped and patio retored



The National Residence Hall Honorary at Baylor

This past fall, Campus Living & Learning colonized a chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) at Baylor. NRHH is a national honors society for the top 1% of students who reside in college and university on-campus housing. The values of NRHH are leadership and service. Since the spring, members have served at the Family Abuse Center and attended regional and national student housing conferences. Additionally, NRHH has won three regional Of-the-Month (OTMs) awards. OTMs are short written awards that can be won on a campus, regional, or national level. Here are the winning awards:



Month	Year	Category	Nominee	Nominator
February	2015	Passive Program	Real Life Princesses	Brianna Childs
March	2015	Residence Life Faculty/Staff	Emmanuel Roldan	Diana Castillo
April	2015	First Year Student	Rachel Southward	Diana Castillo

If you were a member of NRHH at your undergrad or graduate institution, we would love to hear from you! Email NRHH_CLL@baylor.edu to get involved with the Baylor chapter of NRHH.

ACUHO-I Case Study Winner

Congratulations to Allen and Dawson Hall Director Sakina Trevathan on winning the Association of College and University Housing Officers International (ACUHO-I) case study competition this June in Orlando, Florida. Sakina competed on team with colleagues from the College of William and Mary and the University of West Florida.



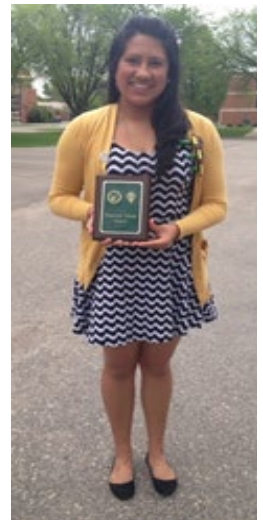
National Association of College and University Residence Halls Conference



In May, student housing leaders from the Residential Community Council (RCC) and the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) traveled to North Dakota State University for the annual National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) Conference. Our students connected with on-campus housing leaders from numerous institutions across the country and from Canada, Mexico, Qatar, China, and South

Africa. Over the three days of workshops, they collected multiple ideas for campus programs and leadership development, and are excited to bring their knowledge back to their organizations in the fall.

Our NRHH President, Diana Castillo, won a Southwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SWACURH) Diamond Award for her outstanding contributions to the Baylor NRHH Chapter. She also received an On Campus Marketing pin from the Regional SWACURH NRHH director for her work. Congratulations, Diana!



Baylor Summer Events Make Summer Courses More Fun

This year Baylor Student Activities created fun activities for Baylor students all summer long.

To help organize events, Student Activities hired five full time Summer Programming Interns, Rebecca Langford, Diego Paredes, Elijah Rangel, Onyinye Nweze, and Rachael Larson, to create fun events on campus that students will enjoy.

In June, Student Activities kicked off the summer right with fun events like a traditional Dr Pepper Hour and a Game Night where students were encouraged to have friendly competition in checkers and Mario-Kart. Also in June, Student Activities organized a summer cook out with free food and an excursion to Hawaiian Falls where Baylor students were able to enjoy the water park for free.

In July, interns kept the fun and energetic events going. A summer movie night with free breakfast and a showing of the *Breakfast Club* was a big hit among students. Other students were able to take an excursion to Six Flags, where Baylor provided students with free transportation and a ticket to all the exciting rides at Six Flags over Texas in Arlington.

To finish out July, students were able to slip and slide down Fountain Mall in The Cool Down event, and enjoy Kona Ice snow cones to relax a bit before finals.

Fun in the Sun

Fun in the Sun, held Wednesday, July 29, provided a relaxing break to the summer heat for students, staff, and faculty and their families. Under the direction of Van Davis, with the support of the Health, Equanimity, and Wellness Committee and Campus Recreation staff members, attendees enjoyed bingo, sand volleyball, and mingling with friends while eating delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, and cold watermelon.

Thank you Van and colleagues for a fun celebration—and great door prizes.



Family Corner

The Division of Student Life extends sympathies to these Health Center staff members:

Ron Bradshaw lost his father, Donald Bradshaw, in June.

Patricia Fuentes lost her mother, Linda Jacinto, in July.

Barbara Carbajal lost her mother, Paula Ballesteros, in July.

Cub Corner



Eliana Belén Palacios was born to René and Romana Palacios on July 13, 2015, at 9 lbs. 8 oz., 21 inches long. She joins her two older brothers, Emilio and Mateo. Proud grandparents are Liz and Robert Palacios.



Arrow Grace Stephens, granddaughter of Sandra Northern, was born on July 21, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 ¼ inches long. Proud parents are Bethany and Dustin Stephens, both Baylor graduates who live in Waco.