



# Student Life Newsletter

The mission of the Division of Student Life is to enhance the Baylor experience through life changing programs and services resulting in an integrated education known for leadership, service, Christian faith, and the total development of students.

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## A NOTE FROM DUB

Sometimes, God seems to put two things together that are seemingly disparate – juxtaposed in just such a way that He reveals something to me that I otherwise would not have seen or understood. Last Tuesday I had such an experience. I was in a meeting with the Executive Council. There we were in the President's Conference Room in Pat Neff Hall. An important place where important decisions are discussed, debated, and decided. Some would describe it as a room of power.

There I was participating in a discussion about a particular item on the agenda when I looked up and saw something quite special outside the window. This Tuesday I had selected a seat that allowed me to see outside. And there on the lawn between Pat Neff and Neill Morris Hall are a few small children who have come outside to play with their speech therapist. There is one little boy in particular who catches my eye. He is red headed and has a green t-shirt with Baylor in gold lettering across his chest. He is having the time of his life – running, laughing, playing, enjoying, living. I smile to myself.

That young boy probably doesn't know yet what a special place this is. He may already be falling in love with the University as he plays on the grass under the gold dome. He may or may not remember that this was a place that had people who cared about him enough to make sure that he overcame his stuttering or other speech impediment, a small thing that makes a huge difference as he goes through life.

This young boy does know what a special place this is. He is reminded as he runs, laughs, plays, enjoys, and lives every day.

I know, my meeting doesn't have exactly the same character of what is happening outside, but the joy each of us has in doing what we are doing I hope is just as evident to all.

## INCOMING RESIDENT APPLICATIONS

Campus Living and Learning has a total of 3,009 applications on file for incoming residents! Students who have accepted continue to apply, and as well, cancellations have increased as the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to receive a deposit refund draws near.

## BAYLORBOUND LEADERS

BaylorBound Leaders have been selected to serve this summer to provide student leadership to Orientation, Baylor Line Camp, and Welcome Week. This is the first year we have had one core group to work on all of our summer initiatives. We are thrilled to announce these outstanding students to the division and will create opportunities for you to know them better this summer.

*The BaylorBound Leaders for 2006 are:*

Audrey Burris Sophomore from Arlington, TX;  
Major: Undecided

Luis Esquivel Sophomore from Arlington, TX;  
Major: Neuroscience Pre-Med

Emily Griffin Junior from Germantown, TN;  
Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders

Kayla Hart Junior from Missouri City, TX;  
Major: Accounting/International Business

Julia Johnson Sophomore from Fort Worth, TX;  
Major: Communication Specialist

Carissa Jones Junior Transfer from Placerville, CA;  
Major: Church Recreation

Matt Lowe Sophomore from Chapel Hill, TN;  
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Marcus McDaniel Senior from Baytown, TX;  
Major: Accounting

Johnna McGill Sophomore from Devine, TX;  
Major: Communication Specialist

Eric Piper Junior from Arvada, CO;  
Major: Business Administration

Olga Rodriguez Junior from Eagle Pass, TX;  
Major: Biochemistry, Pre-Med

Star Tiko-Okoye Junior from Sugar Land, TX;  
Major: University Scholars; Pre-Med/German

## ORIENTATION INFORMATION

Orientation will be here in two months! So far, 1,462 new students have placed reservations in one of the sessions. For more information on the Orientation program, please visit [www.baylor.edu/baylorbound](http://www.baylor.edu/baylorbound).

## THE RIDE

With all the safety concerns around campus, please be aware of the shuttle service provided for our students. **The RIDE**, our evening campus shuttle service, runs from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. Students may ride to different locations around campus, including to and from home. They should call 710-3211, or after midnight call 709-2694.

### TAVIS SMILEY COMES TO WACO

Tavis Smiley, host of The Tavis Smiley Show on KWBU-FM and Tavis Smiley on KWBU-TV, is coming to Waco on June 16 for a special event with KWBU. Mr. Smiley's most recent book, **The Covenant**, is about the hope and future of the African American life and culture. If you are interested in forming a book



group to read **The Covenant**, please contact Ramona Curtis, Director for Leader Development and Civic Engagement at [Ramona\\_curtis@baylor.edu](mailto:Ramona_curtis@baylor.edu) or 710-1294. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please contact Ronda Kruse. For more information regarding Tavis Smiley and the book **The Covenant**, click on: <http://www.covenantwithblackamerica.com/>

### SLC PARTICIPATION AS STEPPIN' OUT TEAM

The SLC student facility staff and spirit squads both participated as teams in Steppin' Out 2006. Each had about 18-20 students working alongside each other for the benefit of the community.

### BROOKS HALL "FUNERAL"

The men of Brooks Hall are preparing for the Brooks Hall "Funeral." The men have put together a time for remembrance incorporating ceremonial aspects from various cultures as well as a time of celebrating the last class of men to live in Brooks Hall. The celebration will be April 23, 2006.

### OPEN WEEKEND AT SLC FOR SPRING PREMIERE

Spring Premiere is this weekend, which makes the SLC an "open weekend." This means that there are no guest fee charges for guests of university students, faculty, or staff.

### RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INTERVIEWING

One of the most critical endeavors Campus Living and Learning undertakes is the selection of professional staff members to lead residential communities. Recently, on-campus interviews were conducted for candidates in consideration for the Assistant Director for Resident Learning and for Residence Hall Directors.

### SLC INTERIM AND SUMMER HOURS

**Interim hours of the SLC** will begin on May 11<sup>th</sup> and continue through May 29<sup>th</sup>.

8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Friday

9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday

Sunday May 14, 21, 28 - CLOSED

**Summer hours of the SLC** will begin on May 30<sup>th</sup> and continue through August 19<sup>th</sup>.

6 a.m. – 10 p.m. Monday – Friday

9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday

1 p.m. – 10 p.m. Sunday

### MARINA HOURS

The Marina will be back in business Thursday, April 20, when water finally re-enters Lake Brazos! Hours are 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. weekdays and 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. weekends. Come use the canoes, kayaks, sailboats, or paddleboats. All you need is your Baylor ID card.



### LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

Campus Living and Learning's "Living in Community" work group is launching an "Impact Your..." initiative. Three critical issues, poverty, homelessness, and injustice, are targeted as focus efforts. Students will see posters/banners and be provided resource information as well as have discussions led by community leaders. Our desire is to stimulate students to impact their own community systemically and recognize their responsibility as educated citizens.

### COMMUNITY LEADER STAFF TEAMS

Campus Living and Learning has selected the 2006-2007 Community Leader Staff teams. Our staff spent Wednesday, April 12, thoughtfully developing staff teams that will serve our residential students with excellence and that mirror our diverse world.

### END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

Our End-of-the-Year Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Be sure to contact Maria Rodriguez at 710-6407 if you plan to attend. *Remember award nominations are due at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 19!*

### GA GRADUATION

Second-Year Graduate Students will graduate Saturday, May 13. During these next few weeks be sure to take a moment to visit with those individuals with whom you have worked and wish them well.

### NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

Fifteen applicants have been admitted into the Master of Science in Student Services Administration Program. Others may be added to the list as decisions continue to be processed. Please join me in welcoming these individuals into the Division and

Baylor. Listed below is their name, hometown, degree and university, assistantship, and e-mail address.

**Carrie Anderson** from Sioux Falls, SD  
B.A. in Theology and Philosophy  
University of Sioux Falls (USF), Sioux Falls, SD  
New Student Programs  
carrie.anderson@usioxfordfalls.edu

**Kristen Balderas** from Waco, TX  
B.B.A. in Financial Services and Planning  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
School of Education, Advisement  
kristen\_balderas@baylor.edu

**Candace Bullard** from Ada, OK  
B.A. Human Services Counseling  
East Central University, Ada, OK  
New Student Programs  
candicebullard@gmail.com

**Courtney Dale** from Waco, TX  
B.B.A. in Business Journalism  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
Full-Time Employee in Student Foundation  
Courtney\_Dale@baylor.edu

**Melissa Gruver** from Clarksville, TN  
B.A. in Philosophy and Christian Studies  
Union University, Jackson, TN  
Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement  
melissadgruver@yahoo.com

**Lyndsy Henkleman** from Portland, OR  
B.A. Religion and Christian Ministry  
Warner Pacific, Portland, OR  
Baylor Success Center  
lhenkelmann@warnerpacific.edu

**Kari Kayworth** from Lorena, TX  
B.B.A. in Management  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
Career Services  
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**Jonathan Manz** from Indianapolis, IN  
B.A. in Computer Science  
Mercer University, Macon, GA  
Campus Living and Learning  
jmanz@ato.org

**Ashley McCafferty** from Little Rock, AR  
B.A. in Sociology  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
Baylor Success Center  
Ashley\_McCafferty@baylor.edu

**Jennifer Perkins** from Collinsville, IL  
B.S. in Education  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville,  
Edwardsville, IL  
Campus Living and Learning  
japerk1@hotmail.com

**Tiffani Riggers** from Greenville, IL  
B.S. in Fashion Merchandising  
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ  
University Ministries

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**Trinity Robb** from Nazareth, TX  
B.S. in Education  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement  
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**Brittany Temple** from Arlington, TX  
B.A. in Speech Communication  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
Student Activities, Special Performances  
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**Katie Treadwell** from Oklahoma City, OK  
B.A. in Journalism  
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Baylor Counseling Center  
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**Kathryn Wheatley** from Austin, TX  
B.A. in Journalism/Public Relations  
Baylor University, Waco, TX  
Student Activities, Panhellenic  
kathrynpwheatley@yahoo.com

#### PRESENTATIONS

***Elizabeth Wallace, Gary Stout and Meghan Becker*** are preparing their presentation “*Entertaining vs. Engaging*” which will be presented in early summer at the national housing conference.

***Terri Garrett***, will present “*Dreaming of a New Way of Living: Creating a Culture where Academia and Residence Life Unite*” at the national housing conference. This session will highlight all Living-Learning Centers.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Ron English** has been accepted to attend The National Housing Training Institute at University of Maryland this summer. NHTI is an intense four-day professional development experience for housing officers.

#### FAMILY CORNER

Robert and Jenn Graham are the proud parents of ***Jude Tobin Graham***, adopted through Generations of Hope. Four-year old, Claire, and two-year old, Emma, have already begun demonstrating their “maternal instincts.”

Congratulations to ***Pam Richardson*** who is the proud mother of two members of the China Spring State Basketball Championship Team.

Campus Living and Learning proudly welcomes back ***Gene Mandel***, Safety and Security Education Officer. Gene has returned after five months off resulting from a horrific fall from a roof.

Please join us in celebrating with Scott and Jill Wade on the arrival of *Avlynn “Avy” Wade*.



She was born March 30<sup>th</sup> and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Baby Avy was a pre-term baby and experienced a slight lung problem at birth but is now home and doing great.