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Message from Kevin:



Countdown to Fall 2016

Countdown to the fall semester is underway and with it all the energy and excitement that comes with welcoming a new class to campus and reconnecting with our returning Baylor Bears. Below you will find a list of events, trainings, and programs, leading up to and ending with our first week. Please accept my thanks for all the planning and work you have completed this summer—including a fantastic New Student Orientation, Line Camp, summer programming series, and summer conference program. As our attention turns to the fall, do know that I consider it a privilege and honor to serve alongside you. Here's to a great year!

Best,

Orientation - Wednesday, August 17

Move-In (Residence Halls open for selected halls) - Wednesday, August 17, and Thursday, August 18

Campus Recreation Staff Training - Wednesday, August 17, to Friday, August 19

Campus Recreation Student Training - Thursday, August 18

All sessions will be held in the Baylor Sciences Building, Room 110

- Working with Minors with Reggie Miller, 2:30-3 p.m.
- Title IX with Patty Crawford, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Interpersonal Violence with Kandy Knowles, 4:30-5 p.m.

Dining Halls Open - Thursday, August 18

Welcome Week - Thursday, August 18, to Sunday, August 21

- **Thursday, August 18:** Festival at the Fountain, 6:30 p.m. at 5th Street and Rosenbalm Fountain

- **Friday, August 19:**

-Academic Convocation, 10 a.m. at the Ferrell Center

-Spirit Rally, 8 p.m. at the Ferrell Center

-CL&L Tradition, 9:30 p.m. at the Ferrell Center

- **Saturday, August 20:**

-Celebration of Community and Faith, 1 p.m. at the Vara Martin Daniel Plaza

-The Big Event, 8 p.m. at the Ferrell Center

- **Sunday, August 21:** Welcome Week Worship Service, 7 p.m. at the Ferrell Center

Move-In (Apartments) - Friday, August 19

First Day of Classes - Monday, August 22

First Week of Class Events

- **Monday, August 22:** It's On Us, 7 p.m. at the Ferrell Center

- **Tuesday, August 23:** Out of State Mixer, 7 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room of the SUB

- **Wednesday, August 24:** Mosaic Mixer, 6:30 p.m. at the Vara Martin Daniel Plaza

- **Thursday, August 25:** Black Student Welcome, 6 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room of the SUB

- **Friday, August 26:**

-Transfer Student Mixer, 7 p.m. at the Paul L. Foster Campus for Business and Innovation, Room 143/144

-Late Night, 9 p.m. at various campus locations





Division of Student Life

New (Full-Time) VETS Program Manager



Kevin Davis is the new VETS Program Manager. *"I joined the Marine Corps immediately following graduation from high school. I served four years in the Marines and completed a deployment to Iraq in 2005. After my time in the Marine Corps was over, I moved from my childhood home in Colorado to Waco and got engaged to the love of my life, Lizzy Davis. Lizzy is a proud Baylor grad and the Coordinator for Leadership Development here on campus. I then began my undergraduate studies at McLennan Community College (MCC) and then transferred to Baylor University mid-way through. While taking on full-time academic hours, I was a non-traditional student in every sense-juggling full-time work hours, being a husband and preparing for the arrival of our son (Cohen).*

After graduating from Baylor with my BA in psychology, I began working as a veterans service representative at the local VA Regional Office where I adjudicated and promulgated veterans' claims for service-connected compensation benefits. I know personally how difficult transition from a military career to an educational career can be. I know the vital importance of establishing a new and engaged support structure around veterans in transition. My military experience gave me insight into both the tremendous life lessons learned as well as the challenges associated with the military lifestyle and transition out. And I am passionate about serving each and every one of our veterans as they navigate their challenging yet transformative journey through Baylor."

Intergroup Dialogue Team



In the Spring 2016, 21 staff members from Student Life participated in an eight-week intergroup dialogue gender pilot. Over eight departments were represented in this professional development opportunity addressing various dialogic theories and pedagogies such as active listening, differences between dialogue, debate, and discussion, systems of oppression, and social identity groups. Dr. Kelley Kimple served as the pilot director and observer, and Austin Hayes and Jorge Burmicky as the co-facilitators. Dean Elizabeth Palacios will continue to lead additional intergroup dialogue initiatives in the near future as the team continue to work towards our cultural

competency Acts of Determination.

Pictured: Austin Hayes, Jorge Burmicky, Kourtney Gray, Geoffrey Griggs, Curtis Odle, Tripp Purks, Aakash Bhuta, Jeff Walter, Joshua Ritter, Lamar Bryant, Don Arterburn, Dominique Hill, Lizzy Davis, Cheryl Mathis, Holly Brown, Tranquility Gordon, Jasmine Wilson, Katelyn Hiatt, Melissa Morie, Sharyl Loeung, Lee Ann Robelia, Van Davis, and Jordy Dickey

Not Pictured: Kelley Kimple and Liz Palacios

Martin Hall Refurbishment Begins

Construction fences have gone up around Martin Residence Hall, and the demolition phase of the yearlong refurbishment has begun. Design is being led by Marmok-Mok Architects; and construction is being led by Whiting-Turner, both of San Antonio.



Former lobby office



Former hall director apartment with private entry door in rear



2nd floor residential hallway



2nd floor residential hallway with former community bath/shower room visible—original green wall tile visible, at least 3rd generation white tile with dark blue trim



Former Green & Gold Gym will become a full residential floor—part of former 1st floor residential hallway visible in left rear with original pink hallway tile that will soon be no more!

Penland Nearing Completion

Pardon the last of our dust...



After a major 14-month refurbishment, Penland is nearing 100% completion to reopen for Fall 2016. Photos below are from July 14, the first week of the three-week furniture installation. After 15 months in the “Castellaw Annex” double-wide trailers, the Campus Living & Learning central office staff moved into their renovated and expanded offices on July 19. Faculty and professional staff move into their private residences around August 1, Community Leader student staff arrive August 4-5, and everyone gets ready to welcome the first residents of the new Penland Hall arrive soon thereafter.

Penland Nearing Completion Cont.



Lobby entrance into new Campus Living & Learning offices



Reception area of new Campus Living & Learning offices



Lobby with furniture move-in still in full swing



Community kitchen adjacent to lobby



A typical student room—only mattresses remain to be installed



Cub Corner



The Campus Recreation family has grown!

Daniel and Kelly Ezell welcomed Hazel Grace Ezell to the world in the early morning hours of Wednesday, July 13. Hazel weighed 6 lbs., 8.3 oz., and was a full 20 inches long. Daniel, Kelly, and Hazel are doing well!



Division of Student Life

Summer Emphasis Program Highlights Health and Nutrition

The office of Community Engagement and Service highlights an important topic over an eight-week learning initiative over the summer break each year. The focus of the Summer Emphasis Training for 2016 is on Public Health and Nutrition. A group of our employees and members of the community have gathered once a week to discuss cultural implications of food, biology of nutrition, urban gardening, and more! As they began planning for the course they aimed to highlight how food and tradition go hand in hand. They especially wanted to create a space for discussing how their modern food culture is so far removed from the process of growing, cooking, and sharing our meals. Throughout their conversations, they've evaluated the work that is being done by organizations in the forefront of fighting for equal distribution of food and health of all communities. Their field trip to the World Hunger Relief Farm allowed for their group to see food production first hand and ask questions about the difficulties in working to alleviate issues of poor public health and nutrition. By tying together all of these pertinent topics they have opened their minds to the possibilities of their work in community engagement and community service to address these issues. They see their role as not only educators in this realm, but key players that may influence a future generation to live healthier. Staff cannot wait to continue to lead discussions on this topic on campus this fall through community chats on and off campus, documentary screenings, and much more. Thank you to all who have made this program so enriching for the entirety of the group!

CES Summer Associate Program

For the past six weeks, the Campus Kitchen at Baylor University (CKBU) and the Office for Community Engagement and Service (CES) have hosted six VISTA summer associates. The summer associate program was started last summer, allowing Campus Kitchens to operate year-round for the first time in our program's then-seven year history. Now in their eighth year, they are operating the summer associate program for the second time.

This year's summer associates have a wide variety of affiliations with Baylor. The team consists of current undergrad and graduate students, and both bachelor's and master's program graduates. These summer associates have dedicated their summer to working in the Waco community to promote food resources and health and nutrition education. In partnership with Waco ISD, La Vega ISD, and Texas Hunger Initiative, the VISTAs have already served over 2,500 meals to children in the city on mobile feeding routes. These routes serve to bridge the gap between school years, providing children in the city with healthy meals during their summer breaks. The summer associates also spend about three hours a week preparing meals in Penland Residential Dining Hall; the meals are donated to Shepherd's Heart, a local faith-based food pantry that delivers the meals to senior citizens who live in poverty.

In addition to preparing and serving meals, the summer associates are working with two local organizations to promote health, nutrition, and gardening education to local children. Once a week, at Calvary Baptist Church and Restoration Haven, the VISTAs divide into teams to teach these free classes to kids.

The final piece of the summer associate program is the organization of a community event. This year's event, Sprouts Day, was held in partnership with the City of Waco Parks and Recreation Department and take place on July 27 from 2-5 p.m. at the new Dewey Park Community Center. Sprouts Day was a community health fair for children and their families and serve as a wrap up for the various health and nutrition programs that have been held throughout the summer all over the city.

To keep up with the latest on the summer associate program, like The Campus Kitchen at Baylor University on Facebook.



Staff Changes in CL&L



Holly Brown

Residence Hall Director
for North Russell Hall



Lauren Gray

Residence Hall Director
for Allen and Dawson
Halls



Emily First

Interim Residence Hall
Director for South Rus-
sell Hall



J.D. Newman

Residence Hall Director
for Kokernot Hall



Brittany Graves

Graduate Apprentice
Residence Hall Director
for Penland Hall



Courtney Streat

Assistant Residence Hall
Director for Collins Hall



Joyce McRae

Assistant Residence Hall
Director for University Parks

New Title for Residential College Leadership

Campus Living & Learning is pleased to announce the new title, Residential College Faculty Steward, that takes effect immediately. Residential College Faculty Steward was selected because it best conveys the shepherding role that is expected of our live-in faculty leaders who have been designated for this time and place. Specifically, the Faculty Steward role references the teachings of Christ and the title presents Baylor with the opportunity to delineate our residential college system as unique and reflective of Baylor's Christian heritage, not duplicated from the Ivy League. Finally, the term "steward" conveys that the residential college is bigger than the sum of its parts and that it will flourish through generations of members and leaders.

STARS College Conference



This July, Jamarcus Ransom, a Community Leader Mentor in North Russell Hall, attended the prestigious STARS College conference, an event held by the Association for College and University Housing Officers International (ACUHO-I) aimed at encouraging undergraduates in residence hall leadership positions to pursue a career in student affairs and residence life. Attendance at STARS College is competitive, as not every applicant is accepted because of the limited number of openings available. Jamarcus was one of a small handful of students selected from across the country!

The conference, held this year in Seattle, Washington, enabled Jamarcus to meet fellow student leaders from many different institution types. The sessions he attended were led by seasoned housing professionals and included interactive activities, lectures, small group work, and personal reflections. Jamarcus even got to attend the opening sessions of the ACUHO-I Annual Conference to conclude his experience.

Jamarcus loved the experience and is even more excited now to enter the field of higher education. He represented Baylor and Campus Living & Learning well (you can see him rocking the green and gold in the second row from the top of this picture!) and is better prepared to begin his graduate school application process and apply his new leadership skills in his third year as a Community Leader.

Fun in the Sun

Fun in the Sun, a summer event hosted by the Wellness Department, took place in July. This event was free and open to the Baylor community. The event included free food, activities, sand volleyball, game for kids, and door prizes. In addition, this event is a great opportunity to meet other Baylor students, staff, and faculty from other disciplines. Fun in the Sun is usually held at the Baylor Marina in June and at the SLC Outdoor Courts in July. Contact Van_Davis@baylor.edu for more information.



2016-17 NASPA Lead Initiative

Baylor joins national civic engagement efforts. Baylor University has once again been selected as a member of the NASPA Lead Initiative for the 2016-17 year, a group of nearly 100 institutions dedicated to promoting civic learning and democratic engagement as a core function of the division of student affairs. This will be the second year that Baylor has received this recognition which has opened up opportunities for us to learn, share, and contribute to the larger conversation around civic engagement in higher education. This fall, Baylor will also participate in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE). This study offers colleges and universities an opportunity to learn their student registration and voting rates and, for interested campuses, a closer examination of their campus climate for political learning and engagement as well as correlations between specific student learning experiences and voting. For more information on either of these initiatives, contact Erin_Payseur@baylor.edu.

It's On Us

The It's On Us event is mandatory for all incoming freshman and transfer students, focused on interpersonal violence awareness and prevention. The goal of the event is to present incoming students with essential information on reporting and receiving help around instances of interpersonal violence and discrimination, as well as to equip students with practical bystander intervention tools they can use to help keep our community safe. The goal is to continue Baylor's mission of creating a caring Christian community. This event will be held at the Ferrell Center on Monday, August 22, at 7 p.m. For additional information or details, contact Sarah McPherson at S_McPherson@baylor.edu or Sarah Ritter at Sarah_Ritter@baylor.edu.

MOVE2BU

MOVE2BU is in the organization stage of things. TXDOT has assured us that the exits around University Parks will be open. Traffic patterns and signage have been finalized; volunteers have signed up and will receive their assignment within the next week. It is only two weeks until 3,000 plus volunteers welcome the class of 2020.



The 2016 class of the Christian Leadership Institute saw the largest participation ever. This year, over 180 high school rising seniors come to campus to learn how to identify strengths, passions, refine communication tools, and team-building with their senior year in mind. CLI is a unique experience that combines the best of Baylor: student leaders, programming, and gaining confidence on campus.



Outdoor Adventure



The Outdoor Adventure area of Campus Recreation piloted a summer program with students from Indian Springs Middle School. Former graduate assistant, Stephanie Davis worked with Kattina Bryant (wife of Lamar Bryant) to devise a plan that would bring the summer enrichment program students to campus to experience the college campus through the eyes of active discovery. They spent a day on the ropes course, the rock, the marina, and various other campus activities. This was a first experience for most of them and hopefully planted a seed that college is within reach and the discovery of new people, places, and activities may be unfamiliar but can also be rewarding. This summer's pilot program was a pre-cursor to a \$50,000 grant project called BEAR ADVENTURES awarded by the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the upcoming year. Stephanie Davis wrote the grant and will oversee

the program, under the supervision of Cody Schrank. BEAR ADVENTURES served the Waco youth community by partnering with Waco organizations to provide an opportunity for the youth to participate in outdoor activities. It was a fun and exciting way for youth to practice skill building, leadership skills, gain respect and appreciation for nature, and sharpen character in an outdoor setting. BEAR ADVENTURES provided after-school programming for youth ages 10 to 18 in an outdoor recreational setting. Stephanie and student leaders took students to selected Baylor sites, Texas State Parks, and our local city park, Cameron Park. The Baylor sites included the Marina and Bike Shop and the Rock Wall, both on campus. Students participated in kayaking, stand up paddleboard, canoeing, and sailing at the Baylor Marina on the Brazos River. They also learned about bike maintenance and repairs at the Bike Shop. Students top-rope climbed and bouldered at the Baylor Rock Wall. Students experienced mountain biking, hiking, fishing, camping, and backpacking nearby Texas parks such as Cameron Park, Mother Neff State Park, Meridian State Park, Lake Whitney State Park, and Mineral Wells State Park. Other partners for BEAR ADVENTURES included Mission Waco, Indian Springs Middle School, and Rapoport High School. All total, this program has the capacity to reach more than 125 youth from the Waco Community throughout the next year.



As many of you know, John Sharp, Program Technician in Campus Recreation, suffered a tragic loss when his 103 year old farmhouse caught fire in the middle of the night and burned to the ground back in May of this year. He and his wife escaped unharmed but without any of their things. Campus Recreation held a benefit lunch for the Sharps, helped Pete Warlick (husband of the late Beverly Warlick from Campus Recreation) get a fundraiser together off-campus, and then hosted a garage sale at Price's Flea Market.



The Baylor community pitched in and collectively raised over \$10,000 to help John and Pat get a jump start on their new home, which was delivered on last Monday. Please continue to pray for them as they reassemble their lives. Also, please know they are grateful for the love and support poured out by the Baylor family over these past few months.

