



Student Life Newsletter

The mission of the Division of Student Life is to enrich 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

Last month I attended the final Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation (PTEV) conference hosted by the Lilly Endowment. You know well of our efforts through Baylor Horizons, of our original grant in 2000 for \$2 million, and last year of our receiving an extension grant for an additional \$500,000. However, the dollar amounts don't tell the whole story of how the grant influenced our Division and University.

The grant allowed us to add a Director for New Student Programs, a Director for University Missions, an Associate Director for Worship and Media, a part-time Sports Chaplain, and Resident Chaplains in all of our residence halls. It provided resources for staff retreats, enhanced Chapel programming, support for mission trips, and funding for the establishment of our high school Christian Leadership Institute. All of these are now permanent parts of our ongoing resources at Baylor. Baylor Horizons also strengthened a number of other programs at the University including Ministry Guidance, Cranes Scholars, and the Institute for Faith and Learning.

Perhaps more than anything else it has helped us define our central organizing principle of helping students understand God's call on their lives through the Baylor experience. As we help students understand who they are (strengths, gifts, passions, abilities, interests) and how they can be influenced for good, they will live in their strengths and have the courage to live their lives in a way that is honoring to God and makes a difference in the world.

Being at a conference with the 87 other colleges and universities that received a PTEV grant was especially gratifying. Thinking of the collective efforts of all of these institutions engaging students in meaningful conversations about vocation and calling gave me a sense of the larger impact on society. I also returned to campus with great pride about what we are doing. The depth of our programs, the work that we are all doing, and the commitment that we have as a Division and a University help our students to lead lives that matter combine to make Baylor a unique learning experience for our students. It is a privilege to work with you.

STAFF TRANSITIONS



*Jayne Nichols,
Highland
Insurance Clerk*

MARCH STAFF DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 27

Cashion 5th floor Banquet Room

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

Buffet line will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Please plan to attend our March Staff Development program as we learn more about customer service and how it relates to our various roles in Student Life.

Our guest speaker for this event is **Ms. Cheryl Gochis**. Cheryl is currently Senior People Services



Advisor for USAA, located in San Antonio. She has extensive experience in training and motivating groups to perform and to meet their goals. You may remember Cheryl from her Baylor days when she served from 1992-1996 as the Coordinator of Student Leadership Development. You will not want to miss this

opportunity to learn with other friends in the division. Plus – a free lunch!

To reserve your spot in the luncheon, please accept the Outlook invitation that will be e-mailed to you this week.

INVOLVEMENT-ENGAGEMENT WORK TEAM

Baylor's goal to move into the upper echelon of higher education institutions in terms of engagement requires a challenging academic environment for students. The NSSE 2006 study discovered that Baylor consistently outperformed its Carnegie peers and the overall NSSE averages in level of academic challenge. However, we failed to score in the NSSE top 50% for this benchmark. Baylor senior students reported they face challenges at or above that of our selected and Carnegie peers in all areas except for the number of written papers and coursework relating to theory. On the other hand, our freshman students scored below our selected peers in six of nine major items related to academic challenge. This benchmark, more than any other, is the most difficult for student life educators to have direct impact on each student. While student services does impact the learning environment, very few of us have a say in the number of textbooks, written papers, and other coursework allotted to students. Yet, we do have a hand in helping students through the challenges they face. It is important for each of us to remain conscious of the challenges faced by our students and create a campus environment emphasizing study time and academic work. As educators, we need to work closer with our faculty to find ways of creating a transformative learning environment for our students.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN APRIL

The BUCC Outreach and Psychology/Neuroscience Doctoral student Melissa Auringer are observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April by presenting "Keeping Baylor Safe: Prevent Sexual Violence In Our Community." Topics to be discussed are:

- Prevalence of sexual assault
- Why talk about sexual assault here at Baylor
- Experience and consequences of sexual assault
- Resources available
- What can I do: Victim or friend of victim

Please contact Dr. Susan Matlock-Hetzel at 710-2467 if interested.

INTERVIEW PLACEMENT

Twenty-two applicants to the Student Services Administration program were on campus March 1 and 2 to interview for assistantships. Thanks to everyone who participated in the interview process and in helping each applicant feel welcome as they learned more about Baylor and the opportunity to study here.

NEWSFLASH

The Graduate School Curriculum Committee has approved a change in name for the Master of Science in Student Services Administration program. Effective June 1, 2008, it officially becomes the Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration.

RESIDENT CHAPLAINS FOR 2007-08

Campus Living and Learning and University Ministries are pleased to announce the newly selected Resident Chaplains for 2007-08. This year's applicant pool was one of our largest yet and yielded many highly qualified candidates. Placements are still to be determined and will be announced soon. Thanks is extended to the Resident Chaplain committee members who served diligently in the selection process and interviews. These members included: Doug Henry, Frank Shushok, Ryan Richardson, Kenny Byler, Christopher Mack, Ramona Curtis, and Joe Bruner.

Resident Chaplains selected include:

Joey Armstrong: Joey is from Oklahoma Baptist University and graduated with a B.A. in Religion.

Collin Bullard: Collin is also from Oklahoma Baptist University and graduated with a B.A. in Religion.

Jonathan Hyde: Jonathan is from Arkansas State University and graduated with a B.S. in Radio-Television.

Meredith Pillion: Meredith is from Howard Payne University and graduated with a B.A. in Cross Cultural Studies.

Michelle Wildes: Michelle graduated with a B.A. in English Secondary Education from Shorter College in Rome, Georgia.

Blake Williamson: Blake is a graduate of Mary Hardin-Baylor with a B.A. in Communication.

This fine incoming group will become team members with the following Resident Chaplains who are returning:

Kessa Alderson
Marquette Bugg
Brett Gibson
Christopher Mack
Christie Soparas
Morgan Woodard

Special thanks to our Chaplains leaving their positions after school ends:

Kenny Byler
Sarah Montoya
Carrie McCarver
Tim Ivey

**BAYLOR RANKED NUMBER ONE BY
RELEVANT MAGAZINE**

Baylor has been ranked number one by *Relevant Magazine*. The heading on page 36 states "Relevant's Top Five Colleges" with the rankings listed below. The RELEVANT editorial team considered three main qualities: academics, spiritual life, and student life. Here are the rankings:

1. BAYLOR
2. Calvin College
3. Pepperdine University
4. Wheaton College
5. Biola University

For additional information, go to

http://www.relevantmagazine.com/beta/issue_25_colleges.php

**STUDENT LIFE STAFF DEVELOPMENT
WORK TEAM**

Remaining staff development dates for spring 2007

March 27 (Topic: Customer Service)
12 noon - 1:15 p.m. Luncheon
Cashion Academic Center, Room 500

April 24 (Topic: Student Life Summer Reading)
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Armstrong Browning Library

May 1 (End of Year Celebration)
12 noon - 2 p.m. Luncheon
Galloway Suite at Floyd Casey Stadium

The evaluations submitted after the January and February staff development activities have been recorded. You may view this information on the Student Life Staff Intranet Web site or use this link, https://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=45196.

BEST WISHES TO JOHN SALAZAR

John Salazar, Penland Co-Director, in Campus Living and Learning, has been accepted into the College Student Personnel Master's program at the University of Maryland for fall, 2007. John's graduate assistantship will be in the office of student conduct for which he will serve as a campus advocate.

PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to *Dr. Dana Lee Haines*, Associate Director for Student Activities. Her case study entitled, "Baylor University: Redesigning the Old into the New Union for Students" was published and featured in the February 2007 issue of *College Planning and Management* magazine.

FAMILY CORNER

Jim Broaddus, Assistant Dean for Student Learning and Engagement, is the proud grandfather of a new baby granddaughter, Darcy Lynn Broaddus. Darcy was born on March 1 and her parents, Kelly and Matt, along with all four grandparents, are so happy to have her here. Congratulations to Jim and his family on the precious gift from God.



STUDENT LIFE WEB SITE

Remember that all Student Life Newsletters may be viewed on our Student Life Web site. The address is http://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=34407.

