



# 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

At the end of each academic year we are asked to compile an annual report for the Board of Regents. While a report like this never is able to capture the excellent work done day in and day out throughout our departments and the University, I thought you might be interested in reading the report that has been submitted for Student Life. We have kept the newsletter a bit briefer this time so that you might have that time to read and know more about your colleagues in the Division.

<http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php?id=46502>

With a grateful heart,

Dub

## STAFF TRANSITIONS



*Randy Boldt,  
Staff Psychologist, Counseling Center*

## SUMMER CONFERENCES

Summer Conferences, under Erica Spencer's leadership, are well under way! Over 14 groups have already stayed with us so far, with 48 more to come! It is anticipated that we will host over 10,000 individuals in on-campus housing this summer through summer conferences.

## ENGAGED LEARNING GROUPS

Students have been sent information regarding the opportunity to participate in an Engaged Learning Group. This special program offers incoming freshmen the opportunity to work closely with a team of three faculty members while earning credit hours toward graduation. They will have opportunities to develop extraordinary friendships and gain expertise about a unique issue facing the world, while working with faculty and peers in the residential setting (either Penland or Collins Hall).

This is the first time this program has been offered. Up to 147 students will participate in the [Engaged Learning Group](#) (ELG) and will live and study with a cohort of freshmen interested in one of three special topics listed below.

1. Energy and Society: The Costs and Benefits of an Energy-Dependent Civilization
2. Film and Global Culture
3. Hispanic Families in Transition: A Study of Literacy and Education

## HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Housing assignments for incoming freshmen and transfers were e-mailed to Baylor student accounts on Thursday, May 31. A total of 2,704 assignments were sent to entering students!

## COUNSELING CENTER GIFT

Counseling Services, in partnership with the Counseling Centers from UMHB, TSTC, and MCC, has received a gift from the Meyer Foundation for training in the QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) Gatekeeper Trainer Certification Course. This gift will enable the staff members in Counseling Services to receive training and certification this summer in the QPR Gatekeeper Trainer Certification Course. Upon completion of this course, they will be certified to train Baylor faculty, staff, and students on the process of talking to someone about suicide and making appropriate referrals. This gift makes the special training possible, and we are grateful for this gift and to Counseling Services for their efforts in providing excellent counseling and psychological services to the entire Baylor family

### 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](http://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=34407).

### VOCATION: INTEGRATING FAITH, LEARNING, AND LIVING

It was great to be able to spend time together during the latter part of May with our faculty colleagues and invited guests at Laity Lodge to build relationships, consider afresh the topic of vocation, be renewed by rest and recreation, and challenge ourselves to put our good thinking to action as we serve at Baylor.

The reality of being away from the office for a week settled in shortly after we returned to Waco. Hopefully, these pictures, along with others on the Student Life Intranet, will serve to remind all of us who attended about the experiences we shared and help expand the “companionship of beatitude” of Baylor.



Trey Guinn and Terri Garrett



Jeff Walter, Bethany McCraw, and Terri Garrett



Liz Palacios and other participants in background



Terri Garrett, Bethany McCraw, Martha Lou Scott, Karin Klinger, Sandra Northern, Keane Tarbell

### PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

**Adam Brock** and **Dave Rozeboom** in Campus Living and Learning were recently published in a resource entitled *Best Practices for Leveraging Online Social Networking Communities*.

**Joe Bruner**, Assistant Director for Resident Learning, was accepted to attend the annual National Housing Training Institute (NHTI) held at the University of Maryland, July 11-15. This selective institute seeks to provide housing professionals with the necessary skills and competencies to meet the current and future demands of the profession and further one's career in student housing.

**Scott Wade**, **Karin Klinger**, and **Leslie Poe** made a presentation in June on *Student Organization Development* at the Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) National Conference held at Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota.