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.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- August 20 Orientation
- August 20-21 Move-In Days
- August 21-24 Welcome Week
- August 22 New Student Convocation
- August 25 First Class Day
- August 27 New Staff Orientation
- September 2 Student Worker Staff Development
- September 3 Fall Staff Kick-Off
- September 6 Presidential Summit
- September 8 Fall Election Day 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

Find the full calendar for 2008-09 on the Student Life Intranet.

A Note From Dub

Is it just me, or did the summer pass by faster that a Michael Phelps’ swim?

I’d say there are only a couple of days left until our students start moving into the residence halls, but the reality is that a bunch have already done so (CLs and Welcome Week Leaders first and now folks for early Move-In). Out my window I see people carrying stacks of Move-In t-shirts getting prepared for our showing Baylor hospitality and a truly distinctive welcome to our new students…and the tents are starting to go up…and the pace of the day is a bit quicker, as is the pace of my heart. The excitement for the new academic year is building.

I don’t remember a lot from my Dr. Packard Physics class at Baylor, but I do remember Newton’s first law from which we understand that it takes more energy to get an object in motion than it does to keep it in motion. Over the next few days we’ll exert a lot of energy helping to get the academic year in motion. By this time next week over 14,000 students will be in classes, 4,700 will be settled in residence halls, and the plans you have thoughtfully and carefully made will be unfolding to the benefit of our students. This week is like watching Baylor go from a small bud to full flower in super motion.

In the blur of activity that is the beginning of school, I hope you get a glimpse of the value you bring to what we do, the difference you make in students’ lives, and the graciousness of being a part of a community that loves and cares for one another.

See you at Move-In!

Dub

Welcome to MOVE-IN DAY!!

A very special welcome to our new students who will be joining our Baylor community on Wednesday, August 20 and Thursday, August 21. And a very HUGE thank you to our volunteers who will make the Move-In experience for our new students a great one!
**UPDATE ON STUDENT LIFE POSITIONS**

**Dr. Sharon Stern,** who has served as Interim Medical Director since April, has accepted our invitation to become Medical Director of Health Services, effective September 1. Dr. Stern first came to Baylor in 1995 as a part-time family physician in the Health Center. She completed her bachelor’s degree at The University of Texas in Austin, her graduate education at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Medical School, and her postgraduate training in the Family Practice Residency Program at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston/Memorial Southwest Hospital. Please offer Dr. Stern your support in the days ahead as she transitions into these new responsibilities as full-time Medical Director.

**Kelley Kimple** will serve as the Coordinator of Multicultural Activities, effective July 21.

**Matt Burchett** has been named Director of Student Activities, effective September 2.

**Patti Uptmore** will begin September 2 in the Health Center as the Registered Nurse.

**Lara Conrad** has been named Assistant Director of Resident Learning, Living-Learning Programs, effective September 2.
NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE WEB SITE

The area of Spiritual Life is experiencing a lot of changes as we begin this new school year. Many of you know that we are settling into a new home in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center located on 500 Speight Avenue (corner of 5th Street and Speight). However, what you may not know is that we are also settling into a new virtual home.

Over the last several years, the “University Ministries” Web site has become increasingly outdated and lacked usability. We have experienced less usage from students and determined that the site was not functional. Therefore, in the spirit of Extreme Home Make-Over...we tore down the old site and built a brand new one. Students are now able to check their Chapel attendance, learn about and sign up for mission opportunities, plug in to a small group or ministry team, schedule a meeting with a chaplain, and explore many more exciting features more easily.

We hope you will stop by our new office in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center and also visit our Web site by clicking on http://www.baylor.edu/spirituallife. After you do so, drop us an e-mail and let us know what you think. We welcome your insight, and we need your constructive critiques. We hope to hear from you soon.

JOINT APPOINTMENT FOR FRANK SHUSHOK

This fall, Frank will begin a joint appointment between the School of Education and the Division of Student Life. He will continue to serve in his role as Dean for Student Learning and Engagement, but he will also serve as an assistant professor of higher education as well as the graduate director for the student affairs master’s degree program. Martha Lou Scott will continue leadership for the Student Life Educators Apprentice Program (a new name for our assistantship component). Frank will coordinate issues like the admissions process, curriculum questions and concerns, as well as other academic components. Martha Lou will coordinate all things related to the apprentice/assistantship process (selection, supervision and evaluation of the graduate apprentices).

The Master’s Program in Student Affairs Administration represents an important partnership between the School of Education and the Division of Student Life. This joint appointment is a direct result of the cooperation between Dr. Dub Oliver in Student Life and Dr. Jon Engelhardt, in the School of Education.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY WEB SITE

Baylor’s Academic Integrity Web site and Honor Code Policy and Procedures Web site have been added to the national Center for Academic Integrity’s Web site. For additional information, please view the links below:

http://www.academicintegrity.org/
educational_resources/ai_websites.php

http://www.academicintegrity.org/codes_and_policies/index.php

SLC ACTIVITY AREAS CLOSED

The activity areas in the McLane Student Life Center will be closed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, through Sunday, August 24. It will re-open at 6 a.m. on Monday, August 25, the first class day. The closure will ensure that maintenance has time to complete their projects and to allow time for training over 100 student staff on the new software. Signs have previously been posted announcing the closure of the fitness center, pool, and courts. All offices, the Health Center, Pharmacy, and Physical Therapy will not be affected—only activity areas.

CAS REVIEW

Student Activities will have guests from CAS (Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education) on campus September 8 and 9. This special group of eight will be conducting the external review, the concluding step of their comprehensive department review. Take time to meet these individuals and support our colleagues in Student Activities as you have opportunity to do so.
Welcome to Graduate Students in the Student Affairs Administration Program

Sam Binkley is returning to his studies at Baylor University as a graduate apprentice in Academic Initiatives in Campus Living and Learning. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Language and Linguistics in 2006.

Suzanne Brittain will also be joining the Campus Living and Learning family as a graduate apprentice in North Village. She is a Baylor alumna who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in General Family and Consumer Sciences in 2007.

Crystal Diaz comes to us as a graduate apprentice in the School of Engineering and Computer Science Living-Learning Center. Crystal graduated from the Baylor Great Texts program in 2006.

Steve Dickemper is a graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange College in Missouri. Holding a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications he earned in December of 2007, Steve will undoubtedly be a valuable new member of Campus Living and Learning where he will serve as a graduate apprentice at Speight-Jenkins.

Zaragosa "Mito" Espinoza graduated in 2000 from Texas A&M University and will be serving in Student Activities with National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council. Besides his degree in history, Mito will also be bringing with him a wealth of higher education experience from both the community college and university levels as well as from his work with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Nesha Evans comes to us from Illinois State University where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Public Relations in 2004 and will be serving her apprenticeship in Spiritual Life (formerly University Ministries). Joining Nesha here in Waco will be her husband, Jason Evans.

Caitlin Forehand earned her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism in May of this year. A very active undergraduate student, Caitlin is looking to continue her involvement with Baylor by joining Student Activities as the graduate apprentice for Panhellenic.

Estee Hernandez is a recent graduate of Baylor with degrees in both French and economics. During her time here, she held multiple leadership roles, including president of both Kappa Delta Chi and Multicultural Greek Council. Estee will be a graduate apprentice in the GEAR UP Waco program.

Allison Kuty will be one of our new graduate apprentice in Student Activities, specifically for the Student Union. She comes to us from McMurry University where she recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication.

Cheryl Mathis will be serving as a graduate in Student Activities in the Special Performances apprenticeship. She is also a recent graduate of Baylor, earning her Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication.

Paul Miller is a graduate of Geneva College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Student Ministries in 2003. He and his wife, Heather, will be moving into the North Village as he takes on the role of graduate apprentice for the Baylor Outdoor Adventure Program. Congratulations to them both as they just celebrated the birth of their daughter, Ilana Christine Miller, on April 18th!

Emily Rodgers is a recent Baylor alumna who graduated as a university scholar. After spending the last year as a student leader of Brooks Residential College, Emily will continue to serve Campus Living and Learning as the graduate apprentice for the Global Living-Learning Center.

Olga Rodriguez is a Baylor alumna who just graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Biology. She will be taking advantage of the unique opportunity to be one of the very first people our incoming freshman will meet and interact with as the graduate apprentice in New Student Programs.

Dustin Thompson is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where he earned both a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish in 2006. He will be joining the Paul L. Foster Success Center as an Academic Mentor in Academic Support Programs.

Jamie Wilson graduated from Texas A&M University in 2005 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies. After having spent the last several years as a teacher, she is coming to us to serve as a graduate apprentice in the GEAR UP Waco program.

Toby Tull is a 2007 graduate of Baylor with a degree in information systems. He is joining the program as a full-time employee, currently serving in Campus Living and Learning as the Coordinator for Residential Technologies.
**Family Corner**

Congratulations to **Kathy Reich** in Judicial Affairs on her daughter’s graduation. Kelly Nicole Reich graduated from Mary-Hardin Baylor in August with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Sport and Science from the College of Education.

Congratulations to **Katherine Johnson** and husband Ben on the birth of their precious baby girl, *Ava Claire*. Ava was born on July 23 and weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz., and was 19 ½ inches long. Thank God from whom all blessings flow!!

In awe of the miracle of life, **Scott Wade**, wife Jill, and daughter Avy announce the birth of their newest family member, *Jackson Ray Wade*. Baby Jackson was born August 12, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz., and was 19 ½ inches long. Congratulations to the Wade family on this special gift from God!

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**Home Sweet Home**

**FOR THE ALIVE CAMPAIGN TEAM**

Comments below are from the Alive Campaign blog:

*We made it! We’re home! As we crossed the Texas line today, we couldn’t have been more excited; and then as we saw the Green and Gold from the Baylor tower, the feeling of completion started to resonate. This has to be one of the happiest days of our summer.*

On behalf of the team, we want to say thank you to everyone that has supported us and helped make this trip possible. The bike trip was for our friend who sparked this adventure, the people on our Facebook group, our families, our friends, our sponsors—Ford Direct, everyone in Itasca, staff, students, and administrators at Baylor, and everyone else who has been with us. The list is long, and every day it grows. We are so blessed to have such loving and selfless people in our lives.

Nathan Lloyd, Justin Brown, Kyle Ferguson, Alyson Erikson, and Andi Nakasone.

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**Student Life Web Site**

http://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=34407