



# 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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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**April 18**  
Premiere

**April 18**  
Rock The Mall

**April 23**  
Diadeloso

**April 24**  
Transfer Orientation

**April 24**  
Deadline for Award Nominations for Student Life Awards

**May 1**  
Last Day of Classes

**May 2**  
Dead Week Begins

**May 4**  
Lift Up Your Hearts: A Service of Prayer and Worship for the Baylor Family

**May 4-5**  
Special Study Days

**May 5**  
Student Life End of Year Celebration

**May 5**  
Ring Out

**May 6-12**  
Final Exams

**May 15**  
Hooding Ceremony

**May 16**  
Commencement

## A Note From Dub

I'm mindful that there are fewer and fewer opportunities to communicate with you before I leave (and I'm hoping that I don't sound during these times as a lame duck quacking). It's not that I took lightly anything I have written in these columns over the years – I didn't. But, with fewer than 45 days left at Baylor, it makes me pause to think, "What are the most important things to communicate to people I care about so deeply?"

One of the things that is important for me to say is I'm sorry for the times that I failed you, the times I have fallen short. While it is true that there is no success without failure and no learning without mistakes, it is also true that a leader's mistakes and failures have consequences in the organization they serve and for the people they lead. My shortcomings as a Vice President and as a person have real consequences for you. There are things I have done and things I have failed to do; there are things I have said that I shouldn't have said and things I haven't said that I should have; there are times when I have been tough on others and times when I have been easy on myself.

I am sorry.

I have sought to learn from each failure and mistake.

I'm drawn again to one of the presuppositions of Baylor 2012 where we speak of the social environment in which we live and work. We talk about the importance of a community of colleagues who respect, love, forgive, and support one another. It's true that the social environment, not evident to the human eye, is readily apparent to the human heart.

I confess that I sometimes don't live up to this standard. Further, I know that sometimes I am tough to love, difficult to forgive, and not worthy of support. But in those moments a colleague extends grace, forgiveness, and love and God uses that to continue His redemptive work in my life (and by extension, our community). We must ever be about living life together that reflects our Christian commitment.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminds us in *Life Together* that God gives us community that we might indeed be respected, loved, forgiven and supported. I am deeply grateful that you have been such a community for me.

Dub

*"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 55:1-3, 10*

### STAFF AWARD NOMINATIONS DEADLINE—APRIL 24

Reminder: The deadline for Student Life Staff Award nominations is Friday, April 24. Award recipients will be announced at our End of the Year Celebration, so please mark your calendars for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, so you can be in attendance. Nominations may be submitted electronically at the link listed below. This link also provides information about past recipients and descriptions of each award to be presented.

[https://www.baylor.edu/student\\_life/index.php?id=27412](https://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=27412).

### WOMEN'S CLUB VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Our Women's Club Volleyball team, pictured with advisor Van Davis, recently competed in the NCCS National Volleyball Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 9-11. The team was successful finishing with a record of 8-2 and brought home a Division I Silver Bracket Championship plaque! Go Lady Bears!!!



### THE ACADEMY ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement will be hosting their third annual spring banquet on Monday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room in the SUB. Students from all facets of the Academy will be invited and recognized. Three Academy Fellow candidates will be receiving their Fellow medal. Those students are Yazmin Mancilla, Ben Collins, and Matthew Pierce. We look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments from this past year.



**Yazmin Mancilla**  
**Hometown:** Tyler, Texas  
**Class of:** 2009  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Community Partner:** Community Race Relations Coalition



**Ben Collins**  
**Hometown:** Yukon, Oklahoma  
**Class of:** 2009  
**Major:** Pre-Medicine  
**Community Partner:** Family Health Center of Waco



**Matthew Pierce**  
**Hometown:** The Woodlands, Texas  
**Class of:** 2009  
**Major:** Finance  
**Community Partner:** Doris Miller YMCA

### LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS:

#### A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP FOR THE BAYLOR FAMILY

The Provost's Office, Spiritual Life, and the Religious Affairs Committee are sponsoring a worship experience at the end of this school year. The service will be held at Truett Seminary Chapel on May 4, 11 a.m. and will be directed towards the entire Baylor family. Please join us for worship and the lunch to follow. You may go to the religious affairs Web site [http://www.baylor.edu/religious\\_affairs/index.php?id=36991](http://www.baylor.edu/religious_affairs/index.php?id=36991) to RSVP for lunch. The building only holds about 500 so RSVPs will help us as we plan and perhaps even consider moving to a larger venue if need be. This will be a more traditional service in nature with singing, various forms of prayer, and a short homily by Dub Oliver. It is hoped this will become a very important, powerful, and healing tradition for us and perhaps something we do more than once a year.

### A NEW SERVICE-LEARNING PARTNERSHIP ESTABLISHED

The Academy celebrated a new service-learning partnership established this year with six elementary schools in the Waco school district. Principals from Sul Ross, Mountainview, J.H. Hines, West Avenue, Brook Avenue, and Dean Highland and servant leadership course instructors came together this week for an appreciation luncheon to celebrate the good work completed by the leadership living-learning students who served as mentors and tutors on a weekly basis this spring while learning about community leadership, civic engagement, and active citizenship.

### THE ACADEMY CAS REVIEW

Congratulations to staff members in the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement who recently completed their CAS Review (Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education). The report from the External Review Team is now available on the Student Life Intranet. The link is listed here for your convenience:

<http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/85683>

### BAYLOR STUDENTS' ALL-CAMPUS FITNESS CHALLENGE

About 100 Baylor students took part in an All-Campus Fitness Challenge on March 28, 2009. Students arrived at 9 a.m. and immediately began sizing up their competition. The prize: an all-expense paid trip to Colorado Springs to participate in the ACIS National Fitness Challenge. Participants competed in five events: 1 min. sit ups, 1 min. push ups, standing broad jump, agility sprints, and an obstacle course. Despite the array of amazing athletes, four stood above the rest: a sophomore, Tristan Sikora took first place for the men, and Kyle McGallion, a junior, took second. Ashley Armstrong, fitness graduate assistant, took first for the women, with Colleen Bauer, a freshman, taking second. These students will head to Colorado Springs to win the gold for Baylor on April 24. Wish them luck!



Our winners: left to right...

Tristan Sikora  
Colleen Bauer  
Ashley Armstrong  
Kyle McGallion

Our Fitness Staff who assisted with the event





### THE BODY IQ WORK TEAM

The Body IQ work team was busy with their annual *Know Your Body IQ ~ Eating Disorders Awareness Week*, March 2-5. The week highlighted several presentations and events such as, *Trash the Fat Talk Walk*, *Diagnosing and Treating Eating Disorders and Related Body Image Issues*, *Eaten Alive*, *Your Mirror is a Liar: Male Body Image and the Unattainable Superman*, and *Eat Well-Live Well Cooking Demonstration*. Team Body IQ's mission is to promote a healthy lifestyle through education and outreach efforts on campus and to serve as a resource to the Baylor community for those seeking information and assistance with disordered eating and body image concerns. The Body IQ work team members for this school year include: Van Davis-facilitator, Sandra Northern-co-facilitator, Cynthia Wall, Randal Boldt, Tam Dunn, Dana Lee Haines, Carlene Jensen, Karen Hall, Regina Mastin, Lisa MacMaster, Brooke Sanders, Allison Kutty, and Steve Dickemper.



Cynthia and Karen: Students checking in at the beginning of a presentation



Body IQ team members pictured here with Eva van Dok, Eaten Alive presenter. Front row left to right: Van Davis, Eva van Dok, Lisa MacMaster, Regina Mastin, Karen Hall, Sandra Northern. Back row l to rt: Randal Boldt and Carlene Jensen.



Body IQ Walk: Trash the Fat Talk Walk

### STUDENT LIFE STAFF DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 28, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. to attend the monthly Student Life Staff Development Luncheon. Our location this month will be in the Cashion 5th floor banquet room. The program will feature student groups who will share how they are serving others. An invitation will be e-mailed to you through Outlook with detailed information. For additional information, contact [Ryan\\_Richardson@baylor.edu](mailto:Ryan_Richardson@baylor.edu).

### GREETINGS FROM THE CALLING WORK TEAM

"In order to become myself I must cease to be what I always thought I wanted to be, and in order to find myself I must go out of myself, and in order to live I have to die." (Thomas Merton, *New Seeds of Contemplation*)

"Jesus didn't move from Jesus to the Christ without death and resurrection. And we don't move from our independent, historical body to Christ consciousness without dying to our false self. We, like Jesus himself, have to let go of who we think we are, and who we think we need to be. We have to let go of the ego names by which we have named ourselves and become the naked self before the naked God. That will always feel like dying. We need to know, experientially, that 'I am who I am who I am,' and *that* naked, undecorated self is already and forever the beloved child of God." (Richard Rohr, *The Cosmic Christ*)

What would it look like for *you* to become yourself by ceasing to be what you always thought you wanted to be?

What would it look like for *you* to find yourself by going out of yourself?

What would it look like for *you* to die in order to live?

What "ego names" have *you* used to define yourself? What would it look like for *you* to let go of these ego names and be naked before God?

And what does all of this mean for how *you* live out your calling?

### 2009 STRENGTHS RETREAT

Friday, May 8, 2009

8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Barfield Drawing Room

Do you know your strengths? Do you know how to help your students develop their strengths?

The Calling Work Team invites you to participate in the “2009 Strengths Retreat” on Friday, May 8, 2009!

Baylor is committed to helping students discover a sense of calling by discovering their natural talents and strengths. To fulfill this commitment, all incoming undergraduate students are asked to complete an online strengths assessment called StrengthsQuest. We are best equipped to help our students in this process not only by knowing the StrengthsQuest program, but also by knowing and living our own strengths.

All Student Life staff and graduate assistants are encouraged to attend this full-day training retreat on strengths education and development. Whether you are brand new to strengths, or have been working with strengths for many years, this retreat is designed for both beginners and experts! Retreat participants will receive the latest information about the StrengthsQuest program, including handouts and resources to use for strengths programming in their departments.

Please contact [Rod Hetzel@baylor.edu](mailto:Rod.Hetzel@baylor.edu) or [Melissa Shehane@baylor.edu](mailto:Melissa.Shehane@baylor.edu) if you have any questions regarding your recent e-mail with instructions for sending in your RSVP. We look forward to seeing all of you at the retreat!

#### SCHEDULE

8– 8:30 a.m.

#### **Registration and Coffee**

#### Part 1

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

#### **Welcome and Introduction to StrengthsQuest**

This session provides an overview of the 34 Signature Themes. It is intentionally designed for those who are brand new or need a refresher to StrengthsQuest, but everyone is encouraged to attend.

#### Part 2

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

#### **Strengths as a Spiritual Quest**

This session discusses strengths philosophy and practice within the context of the Baylor calling model. The process of discovering, developing, and applying your strengths is presented as an important part of our lifelong faith journey.

11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

#### **Lunch and Small Group Discussions**

12 – 1:30 p.m.

#### **How to Talk With Students about Strengths**

This session provides participants with practical resources and strategies for talking with students about strengths and developing strengths-based programs in their departments.

#### Part 3

1:45 – 2:30 p.m.

#### **Orientation to Baylor Strengths Network**

The Baylor Strengths Network is a community of staff, faculty, and students who are committed to strengths education and development at Baylor University. The mission of the Baylor Strengths Network is to help all students discover, develop, and apply their strengths as a unique expression of their vocation. This session provides an opportunity to learn more about the Baylor Strengths Network.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Dr. Liz Palacios** and P. Trivedi co-authored a chapter in J. Jones' book *The Psychology of Multiculturalism in the Schools: A Primer for Practice, Training, and Research on Increasing Cultural Literacy*. Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists. Their chapter is titled *Increasing Cultural Literacy: Historical Perspectives and Cultural Characteristics of Minority Groups* (pp. 17-48).

**Dr. Dana Lee Haines** presented an educational session: *Success for Students, Academics, and the Union* at the annual conference for the Association of College Unions International which was held in Anaheim, California, in early April.

**Dr. Dana Lee Haines** and Baylor graduates *Kim Appel Turner* (TCU) and *Kyle Voyles* (TWU) were part of ACUI Region 12 representation which secured the 2009 national championship in the *Battle of the Regions* at the Association of College Unions International annual conference held in Anaheim, California.



ACUI Region 12 National Champs, April 2009.

**Bethany McCraw** is co-presenting in an audio conference on April 22 with Dr. Brian Van Brunt from Western Kentucky University. The title of the audio conference is *At-Risk Student Referrals: Counseling and Judicial Affairs Partnerships*. The link to the information about the audio conference is

<http://www.paper-clip.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=&nm=&type=Commerce&mod=GenComProductCatalog&mid=BB900C9FBBC442A19C2B38D104F64A21&tier=3&id=0F0B7A0CFB0849DAAA73A16AC4E63D0A>

## FAMILY CORNER

**Larry Correll-Hughes**, director for Brooks Residential College, received the good news that he was accepted to the Ph.D. program in College Student Services Administration at the University of Georgia. He will have a doctoral assistantship in Housing Administration starting in the fall of 2009. Congratulations to Larry. Wishing him all the best!

Congratulations to **Katy Chenoweth**, Campus Living and Learning Central Office student worker, on her acceptance into the Graduate School at the University of Colorado, Boulder, for the fall. Katy will be pursuing a master's degree in classics with an emphasis on classical warfare. Katy plans to continue her education towards a Ph.D. Also, Katy was awarded a coveted a full summer-study scholarship to The American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece. She will be participating in an academic program that takes her to different historical sites around the country of Greece (Corinth, Thessalonica, and the island of Crete). Katy leaves June 17 for the program. We're so proud!