Hello Colleagues,

Today is the day! As this e-mail goes out many of our students have already walked across the stage at the Ferrell Center, and many more will have walked the stage by the end of the weekend. As our students launch into summer, we too approach a transition. For some this is the start of a very busy season. For others this is a respite after a busy season. For still others the pace doesn’t change but the nature of work shifts. Whatever your summer looks like, we hope it is a welcome transition.

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the reception yesterday honoring Dr. Liz Palacios and her 40 years of service to Baylor University. Dr. Palacios has served Baylor in many capacities, contributing both as an administrator and faculty member. She was named Dean for Student Development in the Division of Student Life in 2006 and has faithfully served as a senior leader since then. She also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for McLennan Community College, is a past president of the Texas Association of Chicano in Higher Education, and an inaugural faculty member for the NASPA Eireala Leadership Institute for Hispanic Student Affairs professionals. Liz and her late husband Robert met at Baylor in 1977 and together built lives and a legacy in service of others. Robert’s last wish was to leave a legacy for underrepresented students to attend college, and especially their alma mater, Baylor University. We hope you will read more about the legacy of Dr. Liz and Robert Palacios and consider donating to the [scholarship fund](#) in their honor.

While we won’t have a large number of students here all summer, we’ll have plenty of excited new students coming in waves throughout the summer. This year we have lined up all Line Camp sessions with Orientation sessions and so most students will be coming to campus for a four-day combined Orientation and Line Camp experience. To help give a snapshot of the summer and major dates, please see [this calendar](#) highlighting key summer dates.

As we move into summer, other than Orientation and Line Camp, there are not as many Student Life events that occur over the summer. That said, Spotlight this summer will look a little bit different. Instead of a broad survey of things happening across the Division, we will instead spend some time diving deeper with some specific new initiatives that are emerging in the Division. Be on the lookout for those deeper dive Spotlight e-mails this summer. In the meantime, we hope everyone enjoys some downtime in the break between the end of the spring semester and the start of the summer semester and activities.

This weekend, more than 3,000 students will cross the stage and fulfill the goal of years of hard work. Thank you for everything you do that has helped to make this achievement possible!

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