PROJECT ANGEL TREE

Make a difference in a child’s life this holiday season

Participate in bringing smiles to the faces of Caldwell Heights Elementary (CHE) children and their families through our annual Project Angel Tree drive. Last year, the RRC students and staff sponsored 30 children and collected $260 in gift cards to donate to families in need! We look forward to continuing our partnership with CHE, and providing assistance to these children and their families this holiday season.

The Texas State Round Rock Campus has collected needs and wish lists from CHE. Angel Trees displaying these needs/wishes on ornaments are located in the Student Services Office (Avery 201) and School of Nursing.

Please bring all unwrapped items and gift cards to the Student Services Office (Avery 201) on or before Monday, December 5. Suggested minimum amount per gift card is $10. Thank you for your support and participation! For additional information, contact Alyssa Kroeker at ae1164@txstate.edu.

SLAO Hot Chocolate & Cookie Social

Join SLAO for the last event of the Fall semester. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies with fellow students and SLAO members. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided while supplies last. Contact Alyssa Kroeker at ae1164@txstate.edu for additional information.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
5:30PM - 6:30PM, AVERY TBD

VIRTUAL CAREER SERVICES ADVISING

Wednesday, December 7, 2:00pm - 6:30pm

A Texas State Career Services Advisor will be available virtually from the San Marcos Campus to meet with students and alumni at the Round Rock Campus.

Advising appointments are a great resource for resume critiques, job-search strategies, and interview prep.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Alyssa Kroeker at ae1164@txstate.edu.
CONGRATULATIONS
ROUND ROCK CAMPUS GRADUATES!
Fall Commencement is Friday, December 16, 2016 and Saturday, December 17 at the Strahan Coliseum on the San Marcos Campus. Click here for the schedule and additional information about commencement. Watch the commencement live from the Bobcat Stadium Jumbotron in San Marcos! Web-based streams of the ceremonies are also available here.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
presented by the RRC WRITING CENTER

APA FORMATTING
Discuss the elements of this style, focusing on in-text citation, works cited, and general formatting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 5:00PM-6:00PM, AVERY 454

PUG REVIEW
An opportunity to improve in specific areas of punctuation, usage, and grammar in preparation for the PUG Exam.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 5:00PM-6:00PM, AVERY 454

These workshops are FREE and each student is entered to win a Texas State door prize. Snacks are provided for all attendees. To register for these workshops, please visit the RRC Workshops Page at rrc.txstate.edu/resources/osc/workshops.html. Otherwise, walk-ins are welcome. If you require a special accommodation, contact the RRC Office of Disability Services at bl1191@txstate.edu.

STARS MENTOR PROGRAM
Want to make a positive & lasting difference in a young child’s life?

30 minutes a week at Caldwell Heights Elementary can make that difference! The STARS Mentor Program is a RRISD school-based program encompassing students in grades K-12. The Mentor Program provides an opportunity for business and community volunteers to improve student academic attitude and enhance their school experience by acting as a positive role model, building a friendship, and exploring college and career opportunities. For more information about the program, click here or contact Alyssa Kroeker, ae1164@txstate.edu.

FINAL EXAMS WEEK
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
Best wishes on your final exams, Bobcats! To view the final exam schedule please visit:

registrar.txstate.edu/final-exam-schedule

RRC Study Rooms:
Avery 206, Avery 264, *Avery 255C, **Avery 454, and non-occupied classrooms.

*located inside the Library (access only during library hours)
**equipped with projector screen and white boards

ALL ROOMS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.
VISION: We will STRIVE to become a model program SERVING students with disabilities in higher education.

MISSION: We will ENSURE that students with disabilities have EQUAL ACCESS to all university programs and activities and provide students the opportunity to reach their FULL POTENTIAL.

AFFORDABLE COUNSELING SERVICES

Texas State University RRC is offering affordable counseling for people in the community.

This includes individual adults, couples (including same sex, married, & non-married partners), children, adolescents, and families.

This is a teaching clinic and services are provided by advanced Master's level counseling students under the supervision of a faculty member with an earned doctorate in counseling and psychotherapy.

Services are provided during the Fall term on Tuesdays from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, and Wednesdays from 3:00pm - 7:00pm. Spring times will be available soon.

PRICE IS $1-$20 A SESSION.

For more information call 512.716.4250 and ask for or leave a message for Dr. Calley.

STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES

IMPORTANT DATES

FALL 2016

Final Exams are Friday, December 9 through Friday, December 16. Final schedule is here.

Commencement ceremonies are December 16 and 17. Ceremony schedule is here.

University closes on December 22 for the holiday break.

SPRING 2017

Spring 2017 Registration, October 6 - December 21

Spring 2017 Late Registration, January 2 - January 12

Spring 2017 Semester Begins January 17

For additional assistance, RRC students may contact Bryttne Lowden at 512.716.4007 or email at bl1191@txstate.edu or visit the Student Business Services website: sbs.txstate.edu/.
KAPPA DELTA PI

This has been an amazing semester for KDP. In September, KDP hosted an ice cream social to kick off the new semester. We also completed our first outreach project, creating bookmarks for local children. We finished the month with a Traveling Trunks exhibit from the Williamson Museum.

October saw KDP complete a double feature Saturday, having our TExES ESL Certification exam preparation seminar in the morning and running a stop at the Seton Trunk or Treat that evening. In November, we welcomed new members to KDP and Texas State Student Teachers provided valuable information about their experiences during a Professional Development—Student Teacher Panel. KDP looks forward to providing outstanding professional development and service opportunities in the future.

SLAO

Student Leadership & Activities Organization

Make The Most of Your School Experience with SLAO!

Join SLAO Today! Details at tiny.cc/slaoinfo!

This has been a great semester for SLAO! We thank everyone who has attended and worked so hard to put our events together.

In September, we had our second Hot Dog cookout for the entire school. In October, we had our week-long bake sale to benefit Project Angel Tree as well as our Banana Splits and Apple Bobbing party on Halloween.

In November, we helped with the Veteran’s Appreciation Dinner and we’ll finish our semester with our Hot Chocolate and Cookies night.

We look forward to more events again in the Spring semester!

Are you interested in becoming an officer? Contact Esther Sandoval at ems103@txstate.edu.

Make sure that you know everything going on in SLAO! Don’t miss an event or outing! Text the message @slaotxs to the number 81010 to stay updated on all SLAO events. Find us on:
**SPRING 2017** Registration to submit Spring 2017 online certification requests for both GI Bill and Hazelwood became available on October 6. Registration for benefits should be completed immediately following Spring 2017 class registration.

Billing Deadline for Spring 2017 was November 13

**VA Certification Process** Texas State VA Office does not accept paper documents. Student must use the online **VA Certification Request Application**. Please be prepared to upload all required documents directly into Texas State’s secure document management system at the end of your application. **BE SURE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH SEMESTER IN WHICH YOU HAVE REGISTERED ALONG WITH YOUR MOST RECENT COE.** For more information regarding what to submit: [va.txstate.edu/timeline/required-documents.html](http://va.txstate.edu/timeline/required-documents.html) or contact Alyssa Kroeker, [ae1164@txstate.edu](mailto:ae1164@txstate.edu).

**Disabled Veterans** Parking Permit fees are waived but you must provide documentation to Parking Services (Avery 205).

**Hazelwood Exemption and Legacy** Paperwork is due by the 12th class day if using these benefits for the first time.

**SPRING 2017**

**COUNSELING CENTER SERVICES**

**ROUND ROCK CAMPUS**

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The Texas State Student Health Center provides primary, women’s and psychiatric healthcare services to university students. All services are offered by appointment. The Student Health Center is nationally accredited by the AAAHC. Located within the Nursing Building (behind the Avery building), room 116.

**Call for appointments at 512.245.2161**

**Hours of Service:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

CCS include brief individual, group, and couples counseling, consultation and crisis response, and workshops about coping with stress and other mental health topics. Services are free and confidential to currently enrolled Texas State students.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Each year, Financial Aid and Scholarships help over 25,000 Bobcats finance their education. A variety of assistance including grants, work-study, student and parent loans, scholarships and nonresident tuition and fee waivers are available. Regardless of your financial resources, attending Texas State is possible. Scholarship applications are available at the following website: [finaid.txstate.edu/scholarships](http://finaid.txstate.edu/scholarships). Additional college scholarships and contests, are available at: [everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/aid](http://everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/aid).

**RRC VETERANS ALLIANCE**

The mission of the RRC Veteran Alliance is to provide a connection between student veterans, the university, and the community. As student veterans, we are aware of the challenges faced when returning to the academic setting and strive for an engaging support network that all fellow veterans can relate to and benefit from.

Contact Alyssa Kroeker, [ae1164@txstate.edu](mailto:ae1164@txstate.edu), for additional information on how to join.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook: “RRC Veteran Alliance”

**DECEMBER 2016**
**MSIS & MED GRADUATE ADVISING SESSIONS**

Students who have been admitted to the MSIS & MEd programs can request an individual appointment with Dr. Steve Springer to discuss individualizing the degree plan. To request an appointment, email pg02@txstate.edu.

**Thursday, December 8, 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Avery 456**

**MSIS & MED INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Learn about the two options offered through the Department of Occupational, Workforce, and Leadership Studies and get help identifying which direction you would like to move toward in your career. All students are welcome to attend. For more information, email pg02@txstate.edu.

To RSVP for a session, click here.

**Thursday, December 8, 5:00pm - 6:00pm, Avery 456**

**BAAS INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Prospective students needing in formation about the BAAS degree through the Department of Occupational, Workforce, and Leadership Studies should attend an information session. RSVP for a session at rrc.txstate.edu/prospective/infosessions.html. For more information, contact jso25@txstate.edu.

**Friday, December 2, 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Avery 454**

**Tuesday, December 6, 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Avery 454**

**BAAS DEGREE PLANNING SESSIONS**

Recently admitted Texas State students pursuing a BAAS degree must meet with the general advisor in the Student Services Office and then make an appointment to attend a BAAS degree planning session. For more information or to RSVP, contact jso25@txstate.edu.

**Friday, December 2, 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Avery 454**

**Tuesday, December 6, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, Avery 454**

**BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Information session regarding requirements and criteria needed to successfully enter and complete the major. For more information or to RSVP, click here.

**Friday, December 2, 12:30pm - 1:00pm, Avery 204**

**Wednesday, December 7, 5:30pm - 6:00pm, Avery 204**

**TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAM INFORMATION**

Texas law requires every person seeking educator certification to perform satisfactorily on comprehensive exams. The purpose of these exams is to ensure that each educator has the necessary content and professional knowledge to perform effectively in Texas public schools. For information about the policies, test dates/deadlines, practice tests and reviews, study guides, and registration for the exam go to education.txstate.edu/oep and click on the “Certification Tests” tab at the top of the page.

**INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE POST-BACCAULAUREATE STUDENTS SEEKING TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

Information Sessions regarding the teacher preparation program are held throughout each semester. For more information go to: education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html.

**ATTENTION CMED AND TRP STUDENTS**

If you are planning to graduate December 2016, with your Masters degree, you must pass a FREE, written comprehensive exam. The deadline for the exam registration to graduate this semester was October 14. Information regarding the next registration period will be coming soon. Go to this link for exam registration information: education.txstate.edu/ci/resources/comps.html. For information on how to apply for graduation, graduation application deadlines, etc. go to: gradcollege.txstate.edu/Current_Students/Graduation.html.

**TEACHER RECRUITMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION**

**Thursday, December 1**

**5:00pm - 6:00pm, Avery 455**

Designed for mid-career adults who hold a baccalaureate degree & desire an accelerated program to attain teacher certification. Three degree-seeking and non-degree seeking options will be explained, as well as the application and interview process.

Register at: education.txstate.edu. For more information, contact Dr. Cheryll Dennis at cd22@txstate.edu.
## DECEMBER 2016 ROUND ROCK CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO [rrc.txstate.edu/about/upcomingevents](http://rrc.txstate.edu/about/upcomingevents)

TO VIEW AVERY BUILDING HOURS OF OPERATION, GO TO [rrc.txstate.edu/about/hours/regularhours](http://rrc.txstate.edu/about/hours/regularhours)

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The next student newsletter publication date is January 1. In order to promote your student organization, all submissions (information, articles, photos, etc.) must be emailed to [ae1164@txstate.edu](mailto:ae1164@txstate.edu) (Subject: Student Magazine) by 5:00pm on December 15, 2016.