PROJECT ANGEL TREE

Want to make a difference in a child’s life this holiday season?

Help RRC bring smiles to the faces of Caldwell Heights Elementary (CHE) children and their families by participating in our annual Project Angel Tree drive.

Last year, the RRC sponsored 35 children and collected $70 in gift cards to give 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 in the One Stop Center (Avery Suite 201) and School of Nursing. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, pick up a wish list ornament from one of the Angle Tree locations or contact Alyssa Kroeker, ae1164@txstate.edu. Please bring all unwrapped items and gift cards to the One Stop Center, Avery Suite 201 on or before Friday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. Suggested minimum amount per gift card is $10. Thank you for your support and participation!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES ORGANIZATION

SLAO HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIE SOCIAL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M., AVERY 211

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 ae1164@txstate.edu for more information.

RRC VETERAN FELLOWSHIP

The RRC Veteran Fellowship is a new, student organization. This organization exists to provide a space and opportunity for RRC Veterans to come together for fellowship, help each other navigate their return home from combat, and address veteran issues. Meet RRC Veteran Fellowship members to learn more about the organization and discuss their goals and objectives.

• MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M., AVERY 367
• MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M., AVERY 367

Light food and refreshments will be provided. RRC Veterans are welcome to come at any time they are available, as this is an informal come and go gathering. If you have any questions please contact Alyssa Kroeker, ae1164@txstate.edu.
GREETINGS BOBCATS!

Is there a staff or faculty member at Texas State that has made an impact during your time as a student? Have they helped you with your courses or provided support while you’ve been here? Looking for a way to say ‘Thank you’?

It’s time again for Bobcat Preview’s annual Namesake Nomination Drive. This is an opportunity for students to nominate faculty and staff to be honored for their incredible commitment to Texas State students! Seven individuals will be selected to serve as Namesakes during the 2016 Bobcat Preview Program. During Bobcat Preview, staff and students are split into 7 groups or "Dens" that bear the name of their namesake. Namesakes are also recognized and honored at New Student Convocation in front of the entire incoming freshmen class and the President’s Cabinet.

To submit a nomination online, you can use the form located at http://www.bobcatpreview.txstate.edu/namesake/nomination-form.html. Nominations will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2015. Nominations can be submitted by any student, staff, or faculty member and there is no limit to how many nominations you may submit.

We encourage you to think about all the wonderful professionals here at Texas State and nominate those who have made an impact on you! If you have any questions, please visit the Bobcat Preview website at http://www.bobcatpreview.txstate.edu/ or contact Tony Ghinelli at 512.245.8295 or tonyg@txstate.edu.

Boots to Roots
Texas State departments of Agriculture, Geography, & Occupational, Workforce and Leadership Studies

Don’t just take classes - grow your career while you earn your degree! Boots to Roots is a career development opportunity designed to enable female and/or Hispanic military veterans to prepare for careers in agriculture and food systems by earning undergraduate degrees in agriculture and related sciences. In addition to earning their bachelor of science degrees, Boots to Roots students enjoy a wide variety of career support services:

• Paid internships with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and with regional agriculture and food systems companies
• Service learning opportunities at farms, ranches, and food systems sites in Texas, including the Texas State University Student Sustainable Farm
• Student-designed research projects with dedicated faculty advising.
• Research and industry conference attendance

For more information contact:
Dr. Ken Mix, km77@txstate.edu
Dr. Ron Hagelman, rh46@txstate.edu
Dr. Matthew Eichler, me21@txstate.edu

Final Exams Week
Friday, December 4 - Friday, December 11
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, and **Avery 454
*located inside the Library (access only during library hours)
**equipped with projector screen and white boards

ALL ROOMS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.
NEW RRC COURSES

*CIS 3317: E-Business* explores the constantly changing world of e-Business from an international perspective. This course will emphasize e-Business challenges and opportunities in the worldwide marketplace, while focusing on global issues of management, implementation, and integration of IT resources. CIS 3317 will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. - 6:20 p.m. in Avery 252. Instructor: Dr. Byron Morgan.

*This class is required for Business minors and serves as an elective for other majors.*

MC 4308: Women, Minorities, and Media
MC5309: Gender, Race, Class, and Media
Both courses are hybrid classes that meet every other Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Round Rock Campus, and alternate weeks online. For more information contact Dr. Kate Peirce, Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, kateP@txstate.edu.

STARS MENTOR PROGRAM
Want to make a positive 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.

Texas State University
Class of 2015

Fall commencement is
Friday, December 11, 2015 &
Saturday, December 12, 2015,
Strahan Coliseum in San Marcos.

Web-based streams of each ceremony will be available at the following link: txstate.edu/commencement.
Click “Watch Live”

Congratulations RRC Graduates and best wishes on your future endeavors!

TEXAS STATE IN CAMBODIA

SUMMER II · 2016 · JULY 9 - AUGUST 11

Classes will meet two days per week at Royal University and one day per week in field experience. Students will tour an array of historical and culturally significant places including: temples of Angkor, villages on Southeast Asia’s largest freshwater lake, Phnom Penh schools, Tuol Sleng Prison and the Killing Field.

If you are an undergraduate student enrolled at Texas State University with a GPA of 2.75 or higher or a graduate student with a Texas State GPA of 3.5 or higher, you can apply for the International Education Fee Scholarship (IEFS). Apply here.

IEFS applications are due by 12/13/2015

For more information contact:
Dr. Gail Dickinson - gd14@txstate.edu
Dr. Heather Galloway - hg02@txstate.edu
Ms. Maureen Lemke - ml43@txstate.edu
Facebook - Texas State Study Abroad in Cambodia
INFORMATION SESSIONS

BAAS INFORMATION SESSION
Prospective students needing information about the BAAS degree through Occupational Education should attend an information session. RSVP for a session here. For more information, contact bw07@txstate.edu.
Tuesday, December 1, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Avery 419
Thursday, December 3, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Avery 419

BAAS DEGREE PLANNING SESSION
Recently admitted Texas State students pursuing a BAAS degree must meet with the general advisor in the One Stop Center and then make an appointment to attend a BAAS degree planning session. For more info or to RSVP, bw07@txstate.edu.
Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Avery 419
Thursday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Avery 419

TEACHER RECRUITMENT PROGRAM (TRP) INFO SESSION
This session is for degreeed individuals seeking to become certified teachers. Three degree-seeking and non-degree seeking options will be explained, as well as the application and interview process. Register here. For more info contact, cd22@txstate.edu.
Thursday, December 3, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Avery 453

RRC WRITING CENTER

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
APA Format
• Thursday, 12/03/2015, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Avery 451

Punctuation, Usage, and Grammar (PUG) Workshops
• Monday, 12/07/2015, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Avery 204

*The Round Rock Campus Writing Center will be open during their regular hours the week of December 1 - 5. The Writing Center will be closed during finals week, December 1—11. Please check the RRC Writing Center website for center hours and changes.

KAPPA DELTA PI

This has been an amazing semester for KDP. In October, the Texas State chapter of Kappa Delta Pi received its fifth consecutive Achieving Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award during the organization’s national conference in Orlando, Florida. The award is given each biennium to chapters that provide outstanding professional development and service opportunities to its members.

In November, members of KDP volunteered to help in the annual Day of The Dead Celebration in Round Rock. It was a wonderful experience celebrating culture and connecting with the community. New KDP members were inducted on Sunday, November 15 in San Marcos.

Congratulations and welcome to KDP! Also, in November, 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.

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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: finalad.txstate.edu/scholarships. Additional college scholarships and contests, are available at: everychanceeverytexas.org/funding/aid.

OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES

If you have documentation of a disability and want to register with the Office of Disability Services (ODS), you will need to complete a Confidential Student Information Form available here.

RRC Office of Disability by calling 512.716.4007 or by email at abg35@txstate.edu.

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.

STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES (SBS) & FINANCIAL AID

Spring 2016

Advanced registration ends December 22

Late Registration
- January 4 - 14, $25 fee
- January 16 - 27, 2016, $100 fee
- **January 28 - February 3**, $200 fee
  ** Requires Dean Approval

Payment Plan Deadlines
- 1st installment is due upon enrollment
- 2nd installment - Friday, March 4, 5:00 p.m.
- 3rd installment - Friday, April 1, 5:00 p.m.

University Loan Payment Deadlines
- Emergency Loan - Friday, April 1, 5:00 p.m.
- Short Term Loan - Friday, April 1, 5:00 p.m.

1098 - T Forms Available Online

Texas State University will no longer mail paper 1098-T forms. Two options are available to view or print your 1098-T form and financial addendum online.

For additional assistance, RRC students may contact Autumn Guel at 512.716.4007 or email at abg35@txstate.edu or visit the Student Business Services website: http://www.sbs.txstate.edu.

Join us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/TexasStateRRHEC

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 http://education.txstate.edu/oep and click on the appropriate tab at the top of the page.

Information Sessions for Prospective Post-Baccalaureate Students Seeking Teacher Certification

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

Teacher Recruitment Program

The Teacher Recruitment Program (TRP) is designed for mid-career adults who hold a baccalaureate degree and desire an accelerated program to attain teacher certification. The application deadline for Fall 2016 is March 1, 2016. Information and applications are available online at: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html.

Attention CMED and TRP Students

If you are planning to graduate in December 2015, with your Masters degree, you must pass a written comprehensive exam. The exam is held throughout each semester. For more information go to: http://education.txstate.edu/oep and click on the appropriate tab at the top of the page.

VETERAN AFFAIRS

- **VA Certification Process** In an effort to reduce paper consumption, the Texas State VA Office is no longer accepting paper documents. Students must now use the 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, click here or contact Alyssa Kroeker, ae1164@txstate.edu.
- Disabled Veterans - Parking Permit fees are waived but you must provide documentation to Parking Services (Avery 250).
- Hazelwood Exemption and Legacy: Paperwork is due by the 12th class day if using these benefits for the first time.

Fall 2015 Hazelwood Submission Deadline
Final Deadline - Friday, December 11, 2015

Spring 2016 Hazelwood and GI Bill Submission Deadlines
Priority Deadline - Friday, November 13, 2015

Join us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/TexasStateRRHEC
## December 2015 Round Rock Campus Events Calendar

**All events subject to change. For more information, go to [www.rrc.txstate.edu/about/upcomingevents/featuredevents](http://www.rrc.txstate.edu/about/upcomingevents/featuredevents).**

**To view Avery Building hours of operation, go to [www.rrc.txstate.edu/about/hours/regularhours](http://www.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 (Subject: Student Magazine) by 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2015.