ACCESSIBILITY IN ACTION
The Newsletter of the Office of Disability Services at Texas State University
April 2018

Request Your Accommodation Letter
1) Go to ods.txstate.edu (section pictured below)
2) Click the icon labeled “Accommodation Letter”
3) Request your Accommodation Letter through iCat
4) Come to the ODS office within 3 to 5 business days to pick up your letter
5) Have all your professors sign your Accommodation Letter and return the letter to ODS

Scheduling Tests With ATSD
1) If you have testing accommodations, you can schedule all of your tests for the semester with ATSD
2) Go to ods.txstate.edu (pictured below)
3) Click the icon labeled “Schedule A Test With ATSD”
4) Under the Student tab at the top, select Request a Test
5) Using all of your syllabi, schedule all your tests for the semester early on to avoid future schedule conflicts; including conflicts with your usual class schedule
6) There is a 3 business day advance scheduling requirement for testing

Spring Semester Conclusion!
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ODS MISSION & VISION
Please visit our Mission & Vision Statements

REGISTER WITH ODS
Begin the Registration process with the Office of Disability Services here.

ACCOMMODATION LETTER
Request your semester Academic Accommodation Letter here.

SCHEDULE A TEST WITH ATSD
Log in to schedule your tests and quizzes with the Academic Testing for Students with...
Office of Disability Services Fact Sheet 2017

1500 Students Registered

- 7% Student Veterans
- 5% First-Generation Students
- 61% Female
- 39% Male

Common Disabilities with ODS

You are not alone . . .

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Psychological Disabilities
- Learning Disabilities
- Chronic Illnesses
- Mobility/Physical Disabilities
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Blind and Visually Impaired
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Top Accommodations in ODS

We can help!

- Assistive Technology/Audiobooks
- Extended Time on Exams
- Reduced Distraction Environment
- Early Registration for Classes
- Preferential Seating
- Volunteer Note Takers
- ASL Interpreters

Cats On The Go

Transportation Service for Temporary Disabilities

Spring 2017: 73 Students Registered

80 Events Presented by ODS
Average of 55 Attendees per Event

Students Tested for HIV 180
Testing in Partnership with Community Action, Inc.

470 Staff and Faculty Trained
In Disability Advocacy and Etiquette

14 ODS Students Inducted Into D.A.P. In 2017

65.6% White
6.9% Black/African American
21.5% Hispanic
3.2% American Indian/Alaskan Native
2.1% Asian
0.7% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

LGBTQIA SAFE OFFICE

VETERAN FRIENDLY OFFICE

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Disability Services
A Seat at the Table with Nikki Giovanni
On Wednesday, March 28th, world renowned poet, Nikki Giovanni, visited Texas State University to share the wisdom from her life’s story, read some of her original poems, and sign copies of her book, *A Good Cry*. To the right a photos from the event:

1) Nikki Giovanni sharing her life experiences and reading some of her original poems to members of the Texas State community in the LBJ Student Center Teaching Theater
2) Nikki Giovanni poses with ODS staff members immediately following her book signing

Office of Disability Services Appreciation Luncheon 2018
On Thursday, April 5th, the Office of Disability Services held its annual luncheon to recognize our students who have earned scholarships for their academic efforts. This year Dr. Danielle Thompson-Ochoa from Gallaudet University served as the Keynote Speaker. Below are photos from the event:

1) Karen Gonzales poses with ODS Assistant Director, Bruce Coonce, after receiving the Richard Ross Nesenholtz Memorial Scholarship
2) Dr. Danielle Thompson-Ochoa posing with Dr. Sherri Benn, Dr. Skyller Walkes, and Amalie Wheat
3) Dr. Danielle Thompson-Ochoa presenting on Universal Design at the ODS Luncheon

Upcoming SDI Graduation Ceremonies
RSVP at [http://www.sdi.txstate.edu/Graduation-Celebrations.html](http://www.sdi.txstate.edu/Graduation-Celebrations.html)

**Time**: 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
**Location**: LBJSC Ballroom  

- **Veterans Graduation**: Monday, May 07, 2018  
- **Lavender Graduation**: Tuesday, May 08, 2018  
- **Multicultural Graduation**: Wednesday, May 09, 2018
Tips for Getting Ready for Finals

Tips for Finals Preparation

**Form a study group** - The other students in your class can be some of the best resources available to you. Studying in a group gives you an opportunity to help each other with difficult concepts, compare notes, and help identify correct answers from previous tests and quizzes as a team.

**Create study cards** - Study cards are great for studying on the go! Testing yourself with key dates, terms, definitions, and concepts in rapid succession helps strengthen your ability to recall the material.

**Review prior tests, quizzes, and homework assignments** - Usually most of the material on a comprehensive final exam includes similar questions to those you have already seen throughout the semester. If a concept was important enough to test you on the first time around, it’s probably important enough to be on the final as well.

**Explain the course material to a friend** - Talking about the material and having an opportunity to recite it and explain it to other people helps strengthen your depth of knowledge regarding the material. Sometimes the best way to learn is to teach!

**Take care of yourself** - Proper sleep and eating habits do wonders with keeping your head in the game. Try to avoid all-nighters and plan your schedule in a way that includes looking out for your own self-care.

**DO NOT PROCRASTINATE** - Waiting until the night before to study for an exam is a surefire way to ensure that you won’t do as well as you potentially could. Set up a study schedule for yourself and follow through with it. You’ll be happy you did.

Catalog Corner . . . *Our space to share current events and interesting finds.*


Staff Spotlight: Jeremy Salinas

Q: What have been your responsibilities as an Intern and what have you learned from your time with ODS?
As an Intern I am responsible for gaining understanding of all positions within ODS. I have helped with projects and assignments as they came, but I also am working on my own tasked project of analyzing the Case Management Framework, in an effort to make it more efficient and to find room for improvement. I have learned all about what ODS does and how they do it, and I have also learned just how intertwined all the university departments are with each other.

Q: What career opportunities do you plan to pursue after graduating next month?
After graduation I will pursue finding a job. However, I plan on attending graduate school here at Texas State University, so I plan to work for a bit and try to attend graduate school while adhering to my schedule.

Q: What advice do you have for students preparing for Spring final exams?
For spring final exams I believe the best advice I can give to students is to not try to cram and start studying early, the stress caused by cramming can create the opportunity for mistakes.

Q: What hobbies do you enjoy doing outside of work and the classroom?
I enjoy being outdoors, whether it be at the river or just going for a walk. I am a sports fan so often my hobbies include sitting back with my friends and enjoying a game together.

Q: What has been your favorite thing about working with ODS?
My favorite thing about working with ODS is the firsthand insight and experience this department has given me in helping students achieve their goals. All of the students who come to the office looking for guidance, assistance, or just someone to talk to will find it one way or another. I enjoy being part of a team that focuses on students as a priority.

The Office of Disability Services would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to all the students graduating this Spring and Summer, especially the near 300 students registered with ODS. This is the culmination of years of hard work, and our office is incredibly proud of all of you. Good luck with all of your future endeavors Class of 2018!
Useful Campus Resources

**Academic Support Services**

- **Academic Advising Offices**
  advising.txstate.edu

- **Student Support Services**
  sdi.txstate.edu/sss
  512.245.2275

- **Student Learning and Assistance Center**
  Offers free tutoring to students
  txstate.edu/slac
  Aklek Library, 4th Floor  512.245.2515

- **The Writing Center**
  writingcenter.txstate.edu
  ASBN 100  512.245.3018

- **The Math Lab**
  math.txstate.edu/resources/lab.html
  Derrick Hall 233  512.245.2074

- **PACE MAC Academic Coaching**
  Connecting students to academic tools
  pace.txstate.edu/mac
  Commons Hall, 2nd Floor  512.245.7223

- **Collaborative Learning Center**
  STEM tutoring for students
  hlsamp.cose.txstate.edu/clc/clc-tutoring.html
  RF Mitte #4205  512.245.7464

- **Tutor Corps**
  Free tutoring for veterans from veterans
  txstate.edu/tutorcorps
  Alkek Library, 4th Floor  512.245.2515

**Additional Support Services**

- **Career Services**
  Free career preparation services
  careerservices.txstate.edu
  LBJ Student Center, 5th Floor (5-7.1)  512.245.2645

- **The Counseling Center**
  Free counseling services to students
  counseling.txstate.edu
  LBJ Student Center, 5th Floor (5-4.1)  512.245.2208

- **Attorney for Students**
  Legal services for students
  attorney.dos.txstate.edu
  LBJ Student Center, 5th Floor (5-1.5)  512.245.2370

- **Financial Aid and Scholarships**
  Office of financial aid services on campus
  finaid.txstate.edu
  J.C. Kellam, 240  512.245.2315

- **iTAC**
  Information Technology Assistance
  tr.txstate.edu/itac.html
  Math Computer Science (MCS), 2nd Floor  512.245.4822

- **Bobcat Bond**
  Request a peer mentor
  studentsuccess.txstate.edu/programs/bobcat-bond.html
  RMP Center for Student Retention  512.245.5500