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How to register with ODS

1) Go to ods.txstate.edu

2) Click the paw print icon labeled “Register With ODS”

3) Fill out the Confidential Student Information Form. Registration for services with ODS requires this form.

4) Send any additional documentation of the student's disability to our office, email ODS, or fax at 512.245.3452.

5) ODS will review the need for accommodations and support services based on the student's disability documentation and disability-based need. ODS has up to 30 business days of receipt of the documentation to decide appropriate accommodations.

6) ODS will notify the student to set up an appointment via email after determining appropriate accommodations.

7) After meeting with an ODS specialist, the student can sign up for Special Group Registration and request their Accommodation Letter here in our office. The Accommodation Letter will be ready within 72 hours.
Recent Events

Top Left: Dr. Reynaldo Lozano (Radiation Therapy Program) & Joshua Love, Outreach Coordinator (ODS) in an on-air interview with KTSW’s Other Side Drive for World Cancer Day (January 31st)

Top Right: Texas State’s World Cancer Day Observance Panelists and Keynote speaker; from left to right, Dr. Reynaldo Lozano (Radiation Therapy Program & CAMCO), Nate Hertz (Radiation Therapy Program), Daniel Guerrero (Assistant Dean of Students), Joshua Love (ODS), Ryan Kessinger (Transcend at Texas State). (February 1st)

Pictured Above: ODS Outreach event Tips and Tricks: Passport to Academic Success for students in the LBJ Student Center HUB (January 23rd)

Pictured Above: Members of the Office of Disability Services and Student Diversity and Inclusion at the Texas State University Observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Texas State partnered for the second semester with Community Action, Inc. to provide free HIV testing to more than 70 members of our community. Special thanks to Healthy Cats, Transcend at Texas State and volunteers from the Department of Housing of Residential and Life. (February 20)

Pictured Right: Students, Staff, and Faculty engage in an in-depth panel discussions around the concept of whiteness, power, and privilege at How Whiteness Got Lost in Diversity. (February 21st)

How Whiteness Got Lost in Diversity:
Where does whiteness fit into the diversity talk?
Please Join us for a panel discussion on perceptions of White privilege and responsibility as it relates to White identity in the current sociopolitical climate.

Where: LBJ Student Center
Room 3 - 15.1
When: February 21, 2017
4:30 - 6:00p.m.
Refreshments will be served
For questions regarding this event please contact Skylar Walker at walkers@txstate.edu
Office of Student Diversity & Inclusion
If you require accommodations due to a disability please contact ODS at 512.245.3017
Staff Spotlight:
April Buentello-Srock
Case Manager

Q: How long have you worked with ODS?
A: I officially joined the Office of Disability Services team on November 1, 2016 as the Case Manager, but had been working in an interim capacity since August.

Q: What responsibilities do you have with your position in ODS?
A: My responsibilities include meeting with current and prospective students inquiring about the services offered through our office. I also provide consultation for students encountering barriers to securing documentation and as well as pre-screen for eligibility for ADHD/LD screening through our office. My role includes serving as liaison for students with both on and off campus resources as part of the seamless referral process. Additionally, I assist students with concerns around accommodations.

Q: What advice do you have for student success?
A: Surround yourself with people who push you, who challenge you, who make you laugh, who make you better, and who make you happy. Know when to ask for help or get someone to ask for you or with you.

Q: What is your favorite thing about working with ODS?
A: My favorite thing about working for ODS is getting to meet with students and working in an office that advocates on behalf of students and recognizes the intersectionality of all the issues surrounding living with a disability.

Q: What is one thing your coworkers do not know about you?
A: Outside of the office you can find me on outdoor adventures with my two beagles, Hunter and Brownie, and my partner, snuggled up reading a book, planning fun activities for my nephews and nieces. Or cooking for family and friends.
Student Worker Spotlight:
Russell Boyd

Q: What is your classification and major?
A: I am a junior Public Administration major with a minor in Mass Communication.

Q: What career opportunities do you want to pursue after graduation?
A: I plan to further my studies and pursue a degree in Urban Administration and work in community redevelopment and education reform. I then plan to work in HBCU higher education and eventually run for public office.

Q: What advice do you have for students preparing for their first round of Spring exams?
A: I would recommend reaching out to university resources. Texas State has incredible resources for students in various aspects such as tutoring, test preparations, advice and tips for studying.

Q: What hobbies do you enjoy doing outside of work and the classroom?
A: I am a dedicated activist and thoroughly enjoy working with movements that call for equity and equality for ALL oppressed peoples.

Q: What are some of the ways you have found involvement at Texas State?
A: I was very involved in high school and wanted to continue being involved in my collegiate career so I hit the ground running my freshman year. I started off as an event coordinator for Student Organizations Council, member of NAACP Unit 6875-B, and The Honors College. I went into my sophomore year as an Outreach Chair for Student Organizations, Member of The Honors College and NAACP 6875-B, and Founder and Executive Chair of my The Talented Tenth Project. I currently remain in all my organizations, however I now serve as the President of Student Organizations Council, and CO-Founder of Black Lives Movement: San Marcos in addition to a host of committees and boards.

Q: What is your favorite thing about working with ODS?
A: I enjoy working with and learning from diverse students. I enjoy helping people with disabilities and learning how I can be a better advocate.

Welcome to Our New Graphic Designer:
Madeline Jamnik

We would like to recognize one of our student workers, Madeline Jamnik, for her incredible work helping advertise our outreach events. Madeline will now take on responsibilities as our in-house graphic designer and work with others in the office to design posters and flyers for on-campus events. Many of the event flyers featured in this edition are due to her hard work. We look forward to seeing more of her amazing designs in the future.
Now Hiring for Fall 2017!

STUDENT CAPTIONISTS

Office of Disability Services

Qualifications:
- Flexibility
- Adaptability
- Listening skills
- Enrolled in 6+ hours for fall and spring
- Typing test score of 65+ words per minute (wpm)

How to Apply
Submit resume and course schedule via Jobs4Cats or to Amalie Wheat at ods.captionists@txstate.edu or aw15@txstate.edu
With Black History Month coming to a close, and Women’s History Month approaching, we are excited to announce an upcoming event featuring renowned scholar, intersectional activist, and icon, Dr. Angela Davis. Dr. Davis is known internationally for her ongoing work to combat all forms of oppression in the U.S. and abroad. Over the years she has been active as a student, teacher, writer, scholar, and activist/organizer. She is a living witness to the historical struggles of the contemporary era. In 1994, she received the distinguished honor of an appointment to the University of California Presidential Chair in African American and Feminist Studies. Today she is Distinguished Professor Emerita in the History of Consciousness and Feminist Studies Departments at the University of California, Santa Cruz.
A Message from our Associate Director, Skyller Walkes

Reframing the way we understand disability was critical to the work that I do in the Office of Disability Services. Because our office assumes a social justice frame in the way in which we serve all students, we wanted a theoretical perspective that would inform and support our practices. Intersectionality was a brilliant way to understand and educate others in their understanding that ability/disability is a singular notion of one's identity. Being a person who lives with a disability or who is temporarily abled, does not capture all of the unique complexities around a person's lived reality, as we embody many identities - some of which are visible or easily perceptible and others are not. Nevertheless, the multiplicities of disAbility, race, gender, sexual orientation, and so much more, influence how others engage us and alternatively, how we engage the world. Truthfully, those engagements aren't always positive and can be misinformed, thus, impacting access and equity. Therefore, highlighting those very intersections was an intentional effort on our part as an office in the hopes of providing a service to as many students as possible who may benefit, while both recognizing and celebrating their holistic selves.

-Skyller Walkes (swalkes@txstate.edu)

We are excited to announce another upcoming guest speaker, acclaimed transgender activist, bestselling author, and TV host, Janet Mock.

Janet will be visiting Texas State to discuss topics addressed in her upcoming book, *Surpassing Certainty*, as well as signing copies of her previous work for all of her fans.