D A T E S  T O  R E M E M B E R:
Jan 1: FAFSA Available Online
Jan 2: Holiday Break Ends
Jan 5: University Administrative Offices Reopen
Jan 13: New Resident Hall Checkin
Jan 15: Spring Tuition Due By 5pm
Jan 18: Residence Halls Reopen
Jan 19: MLK Holiday (Classes Do Not Meet)
Jan 20: Spring Classes Begin
Jan 21: Resident Assistant Applications Due By 5pm
Jan 28: Late Schedule Changes End
Jan 29: Spring On-Campus Job Fair 12:30pm-2pm LBJ Ballroom

P E R F O R M I N G  A R T S
Jan 20: Faculty Exhibition, School of Art and Design. Joann Cole Mitte Galleries I and II
Jan 20: Faculty Artists: Ames Asbell, viola and Karla Hamelin, cello (Duos for Viola and Cello)

A T H L E T I C S
Jan 15: Texas State vs. South Alabama Men's Basketball
Jan 22: Texas State vs. Georgia Southern Women's Basketball
Jan 24: Texas State vs. TAMU Ice Hockey

O U T D O O R  C E N T E R
Jan 9-18: Big Bend National Park - Rio Grande Canoe Trip
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A Message From The Health Center

If your student visits the Student Health Center this spring semester (most common issues are during cold and flu season), please help them to remember to bring their current health insurance card to their visit. Many health insurance plans operate on a calendar year cycle and issue new cards each January. So, even if your student provided their information last year, they will need to provide a copy of the new card at their visit. The previous card will no longer be active and their insurance claim could be denied.

Also, you may want to take a minute to educate your student about the insurance cards and how they are used. At the Health Center, we have many students who try to present a dental card or prescription card, instead of their health plan card. Insurance is a new world to your student and they won’t know how to navigate it without some help and guidance. You may want to review each card you give your student and let them know what to expect when they are used, such as the common co-pay for an office visit or prescription.

Please visit the Student Health Center for more information on the Health Center and what health insurance plans we accept. Remember that even if your plan is out of network or if your student is uninsured, we can take care of them at the Health Center for an affordable price. We are here to serve all students and help them to be healthy and successful.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

The time for renewing financial aid for the next academic year is nearing, and our friends at Financial Aid and Scholarships have a few words of wisdom as you begin to make financial preparations for summer and Fall 2015/Spring 2016 tuition.

The Summer Financial Aid Application is now online. If your student plans to attend school during the summer, they need to turn this in so we know they are attending. The online application is found under our headlines section. However, funds are limited for summer grants, so hurry!

The FAFSA for Fall 2015/Spring 2016 is available as of January 1, 2015. File before our priority deadline of March 15. Filing early gives your student an opportunity to receive the best aid possible. We will be helping students fill out the FAFSA on campus in February, so keep your eyes open for dates and times when our financial aid professionals will help your student file for next year.

What Can Your Student Do During Winter Break

Most college students look forward to winter break as a time to rest and relax, a chance to escape their busy college lives. With almost 5 weeks of break between the end of finals and the first day of classes on January 20, students have a lot of time in their hands to be productive.

First and foremost, your student may just need some time to rest and recharge. It is normal if your Bobcat is returning home a little worn out. They did just finish finals exams afterall, no small feat!

Winter break is a great opportunity for your student to make some extra money. Encourage them to revisit their summer employer, or take advantage of the many stores offering seasonal work. This is also a good chance to start researching employment for the following summer. They may even be interested in researching short-term internships.

Your student may want to spend their break shadowing someone in a field they are considering as a career, or by spending some time volunteering. Not only will they gain experience, but they will also feel good about the use of their time.

Winter break is also a good opportunity for students to catch up on FAFSA paperwork or scholarship applications.

Help your student to find a balance between making time to recharge, but also focusing time on being productive. How can your Bobcat maximize their winter break experience?

Dean’s List and Academic Probation

The Dean’s List honors outstanding academic achievement by undergraduate students who earned at least a 3.5 GPA at the end of any Fall or Spring semester.

Each semester, the names of Dean’s List recipients are displayed on a printed list on the 3rd floor of the LBJ Student Center. Students and family are also invited to attend a special reception in their honor. Deans from each of the colleges attend to take photos with recipients.

Students with a GPA of 2.00 or less at the end of a fall or spring semester face a warning by the university known as academic probation. Students who are placed on academic probation are given two probationary semesters to raise their GPA above 2.00. Students who fail to raise their GPA above 2.00 will then be placed on their first academic suspension.

If your Bobcat is struggling to maintain a desired GPA, the university offers several resources designed around effective study habits and successful test taking strategies. Some of these resources include Brilliant Bobcats, PACE mentoring, SLAP, and Math Lab. All of these resources are free to your student!

Be sure to follow future newsletters as we promote specific events and dates for academic workshop series and other campus tutoring resources.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Celebration

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion (SDI) provides and sponsors a MLK Freedom March and Celebration Program to honor the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an American civil rights leader. Also known as MLK Day of Service, this day is a United States federal holiday observed nationally on third Monday of January each year. Each year, Americans are encouraged to participate in service to their communities and neighborhoods.

The MLK Freedom March at Texas State begins at Old Main and concludes in LBJ Student Center Ballroom. Local high school and Texas State students, organizations, faculty and staff reenact a march similar to those conducted during the Civil Rights Movement. Upon conclusion of the march, participants enjoy a celebration program held in the LBSC Ballroom that honors Dr. King, Civil Rights leaders and their impact on our civil liberties.