COMMENCEMENT

Congratulations to all students graduating this Fall! Commencement will take place December 12–13 at Strahan Coliseum. The schedule consists of:

**Friday, December 12**
- 3 p.m. - College of Fine Arts and Communication
- 6 p.m. - College of Applied Arts & College of Health Professions
- College of Science and Engineering

**Saturday, December 13**
- 10 a.m. - McCoy College of Business Administration & College of Science and Engineering
- 2 p.m. - College of Education, & University College
- 6 p.m. - College of Liberal Arts

Can’t attend the ceremony? Listen Live! Audio of the commencement ceremonies can be streamed via the internet or on the iPhone using the Texas State Mobile iPhone App.

RRC Writing Center

The Round Rock Campus Writing Center will be open during their regular hours the week of December 1-5.

The Round Rock Campus Writing Center will be closed during Finals Week (December 8-12).

http://rrc.writingcenter.txstate.edu/

PROJECT ANGEL TREE

Each year, Caldwell Heights Elementary (CHE) identifies children and families in need to “adopt” as part of their holiday assistance program. As part of our continued partnership with CHE, Texas State Round Rock Campus will participate again this year by collecting needs/wish list items and gift cards. Last year, we sponsored 26 children and collected $470 in gift cards that we gave to families in need! Suggested minimum amount per card is $10.

Look for the Angel Trees in the One Stop Center and the Faculty Suite that have the child’s wish list or gift cards. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please contact Alyssa Kroecker, ae1164@txstate.edu. Please bring all unwrapped items to the OSC on or before Monday, December 8th at 5 p.m.

Thank you for making a child’s Christmas merry and bright!

Texas State University-San Marcos is an equal opportunity educational institution.

This information is available in alternate format upon request from the Office of Disability Services.
Study Abroad Scholarships to open soon!

One main reason students usually don’t study abroad is because they think they won’t be able to cover the cost, but with the IEF Scholarship there is a whole new world of opportunities.

Eligible students have the opportunity to receive anywhere from $750 to $3,500 toward their study abroad program. Applications are simple, go to our website beginning January 6, 2014 at www.studyabroad.txstate.edu, to answer a few quick questions and apply!

We have more than 30 faculty-led programs to choose from, as well as exchange and affiliated programs. We are currently accepting online applications for summer 2015.

The Texas State Study Abroad Office is thrilled to announce significant growth in student involvement numbers this year. So far this semester, we have met with more than 2,500 students interested in studying abroad.

’Tis the season, give yourself the gift of studying abroad. For more information, contact our office at studyabroad@txstate.edu or 512-245-1967.
Attention Elementary and Secondary Education Graduate Students:
If you are planning to graduate in May 2015, with your Masters degree, you must pass a written comprehensive exam. The exam is free, but you must pre-register. Go to this link for exam registration information: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/comps.html.

For information on how to apply for graduation, graduation application deadlines, etc. go to: http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/Current_Students/Graduation.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 deadline for Fall 2015 is March 1. Information and applications are available online at: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html.

Veterans Affairs

***NEW 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 new 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 info. regarding what to submit, click here or contact Alyssa Kroeker, ae1164@txstate.edu.

Hazlewood Exemption and Legacy: Paperwork is due by the 12th class day if using these benefits for the first time. Students must now use the new VA Certification Request Application. For more info. 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).

Student Business Services (SBS) & Financial Aid

- Spring 2015 bills will be available the first week in December.
- Payment for Spring 2015 classes is due January 15, 2015 by 6 p.m.

For additional assistance, RRC students may contact Autumn Guel by calling 512-716-4007 or by email at abg35@txstate.edu or visit the Student Business Services website: http://www.sbs.txstate.edu.

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 available here. For more information, students may contact Autumn by calling 512-716-4007 or by email at abg35@txstate.edu.
December 2014

Dec. 4

Last Class Day

Dec. 8—12

Finals

Dec. 12 - 13

Spring 2015 Registration

Ends Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

Late Registration begins Jan. 5 at 7 a.m.

Fall 2014 Commencement

Dec. 19

Round Rock Campus closed December 20, 2014 — January 4, 2015

If you require an accommodation (information in alternate format, sign language interpreting), due to a disability, please call 716-4001. Accommodation requests should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the program start time to ensure availability.

The next student newsletter publication date is January 20, 2015. In order to promote your student organization, all submissions (information, articles, photos, etc.) must be emailed to ae1164@txstate.edu (Subject: Student Newsletter) by 5 p.m. on January 6, 2015.