Welcome Week

Welcome to the Spring 2014 semester! Stop by the Avery building, 2nd Floor Atrium on January 13 –16 from 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. to pick up a free Texas State planner/handbook and free popcorn. A Student Organization Fair will also be taking place! Discover ways to GET INVOLVED! Networking opportunities, resume enhancement events, and life-long friends are just a few of the many things that these organizations have to offer you as a student at Texas State University. The student organization fair is the perfect way to learn about all the great organizations all at once!

RRC Writing Center
Spring 2014 Hours

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*Hours are subject to change.*

Please check the RRC Writing Center website for changes and updates.

Student Organization
Open House

Join us for a student organization open house sponsored by SLAO on January 27th from 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m., Avery 4th Floor. FOOD PROVIDED—while supplies last! For more information, please contact Jill Seidenberger at js213@txstate.edu.

Student Health Center-Round Rock

The Student Health Center—Round Rock will be offering extended hours for services from Jan.13th—March 7th. During this time, the clinic will be open until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Clinic hours will be:

MWF 1-5 p.m. & T TH 1-6 p.m.

Get your flu shot at the Student Health Center-Round Rock! Call 512-245-2161, option 3 to make an appointment. Cost is $15.
CHE Holiday Assistance Program was a great success this year!

Each year, Caldwell Heights Elementary (CHE) identifies children and families in need to “adopt” as part of their holiday assistance program.

This year all of the children and families were adopted by the generous support of the whole Round Rock Campus!

Thank You RRC!!

For more information, Contact Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu

Caldwell Heights Elementary Mentor Opportunities

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. For more info., contact Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu.

RRC Workshops

FREE workshops are available to help you succeed or improve your academic performance. Want to know what all workshops are being offered at the RRC? Go to our new link at http://www.rrc.txstate.edu/resources/osc/workshops.html to sign up for upcoming workshops. Past workshops include:

Career Services  Lunch & Learn
Writing Center  Study Skills

Financial Aid

Don’t forget to submit your FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA by the Priority Deadline (March 15) to maximize your financial aid.

T.G.’s Milton G. Wright Scholarship Drawing

Enter to win a $500 Scholarship

The Milton G. Wright Scholarship awards thousands of dollars each year to students through TG events and special promotions on TG’s Adventures in Education website. Students may enter for a chance to receive one of the monthly $500 scholarships awards! Good luck!


Bobcat Day—Round Rock Campus

Know someone who would benefit from continuing their education at the Round Rock Campus (RRC)? Have a friend or family member wanting to learn more about programs offered at the RRC? Encourage them, or better yet, accompany them to Bobcat Day—Round Rock on:

Saturday, March 22, 2014, 10 a.m.—12p.m.

Bobcat Day Round Rock Campus is the perfect opportunity to gather information on admissions and the application, degree requirements, financial aid, veterans affairs, student services and development opportunities. Meet expert program representatives, get questions answered and find solutions for educational goals!

Get them to register TODAY at http://www.rrc.txstate.edu/bobcatday! For more information, call 512-716-4001.

GMAT

FREE GMAT STRATEGY SESSION
Wednesday, February 12, 2014
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  Avery 204

HOW TO REGISTER:
- Visit www.princetonreview.com/events
- Choose GMAT from the test types.
- Select find out more >>
- Enter 78665 or 78664 as the zip code

If you require an accommodation (information in alternate formats, sign language interpretation) due to a disability, contact Autumn Guel at 512-716-3087 or aguel@txstate.edu. Accommodation requests should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the program start time to ensure availability.

MBA INFORMATION SESSION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
AVERY 204

Please join us for an information session to learn more about the Texas State MBA Program. For more info., http://graduate.necctan.edu/programs/mba/info/ or contact mpiantar@txstate.edu.
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 2014 is March 1, 2014. Information and applications are available online at: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html

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

Attention CMED and TRP Students
If you are planning to graduate in May 2014, 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

TExES Practice Exam Information
Texas law requires that individuals seeking to become teachers in Texas must pass the TExES in order to become certified. In order to receive approval to take the TExES, one must first take the required test preparation (T-CERT) modules and the required practice exams.

T-CERT Modules:
- In order to complete the required modules you must first set up your account. You may access instructions from the following website: http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/oep-links/texes/texes-certificate-testing-announcements/Gain-approval-to-test.html
- Use the following link to register and log into the TExES website to complete your PPR practice module: http://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/. You must have a TEA ID number to register for an exam and to do the T-CERT modules.

Practice exams are scheduled at the Round Rock Campus, Avery 455 on the following dates: February 22, March 29, and April 19. Practice exams are also scheduled at the San Marcos campus and a schedule is available from the OEP website http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/oep-links/texes.html. You may take the practice exams at the location that is most convenient for you. There is no charge for the practice exam, but you must register online in advance at this address: http://www.signup.txstate.edu

Scholarship Seekers
For more information about privately funded scholarships through the College of Education, please go to our Frequently Asked Questions page at http://www.education.txstate.edu/Scholarship-FAQ.html For other scholarship opportunities, go to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/

Veterans Affairs
If you are using the GI Bill, please submit the VA Certification Request for Spring 2014 as soon as possible after you register. Hazelwood Exemption and Legacy: If you attended Fall 2013, there is no need to submit paperwork for Hazelwood benefits. If you DO NOT plan to use the benefit, please email js213@txstate.edu, as soon as possible. Check your bill prior to the payment deadlines to make sure your benefits are showing and to pay for any portion that your benefits do not cover.

Student Business Services (SBS) & Financial Aid
Spring 2014 Student Account Deadlines
Tuition & Fee Payment Plan: A $25 late payment fee will be assessed if installment is not paid in full by the due date. Payments are due as follows:
- Payment for students was due at 6 p.m., Thursday, January 9, 2014.
- 2nd Installment for students enrolled in a plan is due by 5 p.m., Friday, March 7, 2014.
- 3rd Installment for students enrolled in a plan is due by 5 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2014.

Emergency Tuition Loans: Payment is due in full by 5 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2014. Emergency Tuition Loans are subject to $25/month late fee each month the loan is delinquent.

Short Term Loans: Payment is due in full by 5 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2014. Short Term Loans are subject to $5/month late payment fee each month the loan is delinquent.

IMPORTANT: Information regarding due dates for schedule changes and fees can be found here.

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 upon request) and provide a copy of your disability documentation to Autumn Guel, ODS Liaison, Avery 201. Students may contact Autumn by calling 512-716-4007 or by email at abg35@txstate.edu. For more information please view the website at http://www.ods.txstate.edu/about/RRC.html.
**Welcome Back Bobcats**

Welcome to the new season! Enjoy your Spring semester!

**The University will be closed on Mon. Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

12th Class Day

Jan. 29

**Spring 2014 Schedule Changes**

Jan. 13 – 22

Ends at 3 p.m. on Jan. 22

**Student Organization Open House**

Jan. 27

5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Avery 4th Floor

**12th Class Day**

Jan. 29

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### January 2014 ROUND ROCK EVENTS CALENDAR

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- **First Day of Classes**
- **Welcome Week 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Avery 2nd Floor Atrium**
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Classes do not meet**
- **Round Rock Campus Writing Center Opens**
- **TRP Info. Session, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m., Avery 454**
- **MBA Info. Session, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Avery 204**

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The next student newsletter publication date is February 3, 2014. In order to promote your student organization, all submissions (information, articles, photos, etc.) must be emailed to jm2274@txstate.edu (Subject: Student Newsletter) by 5 p.m. on January 22, 2014.