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RRC Graduation Reception

Congratulations Graduates! The Round Rock Campus faculty, administration and staff will celebrate the educational accomplishments of the graduating students who attended classes at Texas State University’s Round Rock location. Texas State students who applied for graduation for Summer 2013, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 are invited. The Graduation Reception is on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 6—7:30 p.m., Avery Building, Round Rock Campus. Courtesy of an RSVP by May 2nd is required. RSVP here. For more info., contact Arrisa Dinges, amd76@txstate.edu or call 512-716-4001.

Associated Student Government

Seeking Round Rock Campus Liaison for the 2014 – 2015 Academic Year

In the Fall 2011, the Associated Student Government (ASG) added a 15th position on the Executive Cabinet for a student representative from the Round Rock Campus. We are currently seeking a Round Rock student to fill the position. The Associated Student Government acts as the voice for every Bobcat. The Senate consists of sixty senators that represent the on-campus, off-campus and academic college constituency.

The responsibilities of the RRC Liaison include: must be enrolled in at least one class at the Round Rock campus, commit to two long semesters, represent the RRC student body at ASG functions, meetings, etc., attend required meetings in San Marcos, be available to RRC students and collect feedback, suggestions, praise, etc., remain in communication with ASG officers and RRC staff members, and attend RRC events as schedule allows. This position will provide valuable leadership experience that will truly enhance your resume. ASG meetings are open to all students.

For more information about ASG at the Round Rock Campus, visit: http://www.rrc.txstate.edu/current/ASG.html. If you are interested in this leadership position, contact Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu.

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.
**Student Leadership & Activities Organization (SLAO)**

**Summer Social** – Saturday, May 31 – Tubing the Guadalupe River @ Rockin ‘R’ River Rides

**Agenda:**

10 a.m. – Meet at the RRC – near the windmill/pond & we’ll caravan to New Braunfels OR meet us at Rockin ‘R’ River Rides at 11:20 a.m.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Float the River

Check out the following website for possible tubing deals!

Bring plenty of sunscreen, water, snacks, etc. Please be sure to check the website to determine what you can and cannot bring. Family, friends, & significant others are welcome! Come one, come ALL! RSVP to Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu with your email address and telephone number by Wed., May 28 at 5 p.m.

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**SLAC Study Tip: Food for Thought**

By: Texas State SLAC

Does your all-night studying including all-night snacking? Do you keep your brain and body going by working your way through packages of Oreos, bags of hot Cheetos, Dr. Peppers, Red Bulls, and a thick crust pepperoni pizza . . . one chapter at a time? Do you overeat to cope with the stress of last-minute studying?

Filling up with junk food can actually sabotage your efforts to prepare for final exams. Foods with high sugar content (cookies, cakes, candies, pies, sodas, energy drinks, etc.) can cause your blood sugar level to spike and then crash . . . which can spell catastrophe for the clear thinking and mental energy required to tackle finals. Students following this “cramming menu” have also been known to fall asleep . . . and sleep right through their finals. No kidding!

Add those bottomless cups of caffeine to this Hell’s Kitchen menu, and you may “jitter” yourself out of a good performance no matter how long you have studied. Big meals and high fat foods make your body work hard at digesting and can make you feel tired and lazy. When your blood sugar level spikes and drops, it can also leave you with a serious headache and fuel your anxiety instead of your brainpower.

What’s a late-night cramming student to do?

* Eat small, light meals that are high in protein, low in fat, and include whole grains.
* Skip the 3Cs (cookies, cakes, candies).
* Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated. If you do drink coffee or sodas, try to alternate those beverages with water.
* Take breaks and go for a walk instead of grabbing another package of Twinkies.

Some nutritionists suggest eating something small about 10 minutes before a test to give you a sustained energy boost: a banana or an orange, a bowl of granola, or nuts and raisins. These foods will be digested slowly enough to give you brain power that actually keeps you going!

For more tips on establishing good learning habits, read our previous study tips blog posts or stop by the Student Learning Assistance Center on the fourth floor of the Alkek Library. Good luck with FINALS!

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**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, June 14, 2014 10 a.m.–12:30 p.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.rcc.txstate.edu/bobcatday](http://www.rcc.txstate.edu/bobcatday)! For more information, call 512-716-4001.
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 Spring 2015 is September 1, 2014. Information and applications are available online at: [http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html](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 more information about the policies, test dates/deadlines, practice tests and reviews, study guides, and registration for the exam go to: [http://education.txstate.edu/opep](http://education.txstate.edu/opep) 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](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 August 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: [http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/compex.html](http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/compex.html).

T-CERT Modules:
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.

- 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/opep/opep-links/texas-certification-testing-announcements/Gain-approval-to-test.html](http://www.education.txstate.edu/opep/opep-links/texas-certification-testing-announcements/Gain-approval-to-test.html)

- Use the following link to register and log into the TCERT Module website to complete your PPR practice module: [http://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/](http://pact.tarleton.edu/tcert/). You must have a TEA ID number to register for an exam and to do the TCERT modules.

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](http://www.education.txstate.edu/opep/opep-links/texas/texes-certificate-testing-announcements/Gain-approval-to-test.html). 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](http://www.education.txstate.edu/opep/opep-links/texas/texes-certificate-testing-announcements/Gain-approval-to-test.html) or contact Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu.

- Hazlewood Exemption and Legacy: Paperwork is due by the 12th Class day if using the benefits for the first time. Students must now use the new [VA Certification Request Application](http://www.education.txstate.edu/opep/opep-links/texas/texes-certificate-testing-announcements/Gain-approval-to-test.html). For more info. regarding what to submit, click [here](http://www.education.txstate.edu/opep/opep-links/texas/texes-certificate-testing-announcements/Gain-approval-to-test.html) or contact Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu.

- Disabled Veterans—Parking Permit fees are waived but you must provide documentation to Parking Services.

Student Business Services (SBS) & Financial Aid
SUMMER 2014 - Student Account Deadlines
Bills Post: May 1, 2014
Tuition & Fee Payment Plan: Registration for students is due by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 29, 2014
Emergency Tuition Loans & Tuition & Fee Payment Plan: Will be available on May 26, 2014
FA Disbursement: Will disburse on May 23, 2014

**For summer, financial aid that is ready will also disburse 10 days prior to the start of your courses provided you are enrolled in at least a half-time status (as with fall and spring). As in previous summers, however, your enrollment status will not include those courses for which you have registered but not yet begun (i.e., those courses that start at a later date). Students may contact Autumn by calling 512-716-4007 or by email at abg35@txstate.edu or visit the Student Business Services website: [http://www.sbs.txstate.edu/](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 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](http://www.ods.txstate.edu/about/RRC.html).
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- **Summer 2014 Registration:** March 24—May 26
- **Final Exams:** May 1—7
- **Fall 2014 Registration:** March 24—August 7
- **Spring 2014 Grades Available:** May 13
- **Diploma Pick-up:** May 27—June 13 (San Marcos)
- **University closed in observance of Memorial Day:** May 26
- **First day of Summer Classes:** June 2

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**Avery Building Hours**
- Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- CLOSED Sunday

**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 June 2. 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 May 16th.