Lunch & Learn Series

Join us this fall for the Lunch & Learn Series presented by Dr. Steve Springer and guest speaker, Barbara Herdmann (Oct. 18 session). We will be tackling some of the latest issues facing today’s society. Lunch provided to those who RSVP (js213@txstate.edu) at least two days prior to the session you plan to attend. Walk-ins are welcome to bring lunch.

What are we Doing to our Children?

How societal pressures are affecting our schools and workplaces

October 4, 2011 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Telecast in Avery Building - Round Rock, Room 252
OR main campus - LBJ Student Center, 4th Floor Teaching Theatre

Dr. Marcy Guddemi, Executive Director of the Gesell Institute, and former Texas State University Professor, is a widely recognized expert in early education and assessment. The Gesell Institute, located at the Yale campus, is focused on educating and supporting teachers and parents in order to ensure the future success of all children, in the United States and abroad. For more information, please contact Jessica Ligon, jl50@txstate.edu.

Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC)

Need tips on how to better MANAGE your TIME?
Interested in learning more about HOW you learn?
Want more test taking and test preparation strategies? Join fellow classmates for these dynamic workshops.

For more information about Student Learning Assistance Center and their variety of academic support programs, please visit http://www.txstate.edu/slac/

We encourage you to take advantage of these FREE workshops remaining in the fall semester.

Food will be provided for those who RSVP to Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu at least two days before the workshop you plan to attend.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Test Preparation and Test Taking Strategies
Oct. 6 - Avery 210, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Time Management
Oct. 13 - Avery 210, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Learning Styles
Nov. 3 - Avery 210, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Test Preparation and Test Taking Strategies
Nov. 15 - Avery 414, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

More information will be posted on the bulletin boards, plasma screen, web page, Facebook and Twitter pages.

Order your Texas State Ring - Oct. 17

Mark your calendars! A Balfour representative will be at the RRHEC to take your class ring order on Monday, October 17, 3:30-6:30 p.m., Avery Bldg., 2nd Floor Atrium. Meet with the representatives from Balfour to order your Texas State ring made especially for you. If you have 75 hours of academic coursework, you are eligible to order the official ring of Texas State University. Congratulations!
International Honor Society in Education

Kappa Delta Pi members met on September 20 to learn more about Autism from Resource Intensive Needs Teacher and Texas State grad, Mrs. Becky Hernandez. We want to offer a special thanks to everyone who walked and supported the Cougars Care Team at the Walk Now for Autism Speaks benefit walk on September 24.

Questions? E-mail a KDP Officer!
Niyoshi Mehta (nm1172@txstate.edu), Kelley Hicks (ks1452@txstate.edu), Jill Oslick (j01194@txstate.edu), Rylee Frazier (rmfrazier@txstate.edu), Tamara Crawford (tc1310@txstate.edu).

Join our Facebook Group!
KDP Eta Zeta RRHEC
Follow us on Twitter!
@KDP_RRHEC

Student Leadership and Activities Organization (SLAO)

The Student Leadership and Activities Organization (SLAO) has 17 new members! Welcome ALL new and returning members.

SLAO raised just shy of $500 at the recent bake sale and wooden flower fundraiser. A portion of the proceeds will go into the SLAO charity fund to benefit the recent fire victims. Thank you to everyone who contributed in one way or another to make this fundraiser a success!

2011-2012 Officers are: Saadia Bobsaith, President; Joe Cook, Vice President; Ashley Grimes, Secretary; Jared Manor, Treasurer. Congratulations to ALL!

For information about SLAO, join us for the next meeting/social this Thurs., Oct. 6, 5:30-8 p.m., at Showplace Lanes. Like us on Facebook (Student Leadership & Activities Organization (SLAO)) and Follow us on Twitter.

Upcoming Events:

10/6: SLAO Meeting
5:30-8:00 pm
Showplace Lanes

10/20: SLAO Meeting
5:30-6:15 pm Avery 453

Congratulations to ALL new and returning members!

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Are you an undergrad preparing for grad school? Looking to meet new and interesting people through networking and volunteer work in the community? Just want to have some fun and make new friends?

Then the Round Rock Psychology Association is for you!
We are participating in a charity walk for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on October the 8, and we have already raised over $850! Join us for this and other great events this semester:

October 4 Dr. Guddemi Telecast, 6-7:30pm in Avery 252
October 23 KDP Fall Initiation, LBJ Student Ballroom
November Service Opportunities TBA

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Follow us on Twitter!
@KDP_RRHEC

Veterans Support Group

Who knows the emotional needs of Veterans better than a fellow Veteran? The answer is only a Veteran.

Veterans Peer to Peer Counseling is a nontraditional, nonclinical opportunity for Veterans to seek counseling for the issues that only Veterans and returning service members understand. Sometimes the best way to bring about healing and understanding comes by knowing that the person listening has had the same experiences. Your experience can make the difference.

We invite our brothers and sisters to participate. Peer to Peer Meetings are held on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Avery 367. Please contact Jarod Myers, Certified Peer Specialist at 512-550-6653 or jarod.myers@bbtrails.org with any questions. For additional information, please visit: https://www.texvet.org/peer-peer-support/what-peer-peer-support

October 4 Dr. Guddemi Telecast, 6-7:30pm in Avery 252
October 8 National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk-Austin
October 25-27 Bake Sale, 5:30-6:30pm in Avery Atrium
November 2 Stress Seminar, 5:15-6:15pm in Avery 252

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Molly Foster, mf1237@txstate.edu.

OSC Student Services

Karen Ripley - Transfer and Graduate Coordinator
Congratulations to Karen Ripley for her promotion to Transfer and Graduate Coordinator. In her new role, Karen will be instrumental in assisting prospective students, coordinating Bobcat Days- Round Rock and New Student Orientation among many other responsibilities.

Joyce Purtle - Front Desk Staff
Joyce will join One Stop Center team at the front desk on a part time basis. Joyce has a rich background serving as executive assistant to CEOs in private companies. You will be taken in by her sunny smile and engaging personality. We are thrilled to welcome Joyce to our crew in Student Services.

Megan Weatherly - McCoy Business Academic Advisor
Megan has joined One Stop Center team as the new McCoy Business Advisor. Megan hosts her office hours at both campuses in San Marcos and Round Rock. If students need to schedule an appointment with Megan, please call 512.245.1993, or email mw51@txstate.edu.
**Trade Up Days**

Want a FREE Texas State T-shirt? The Student Alumni Chapter (SAC) at Texas State University will hold their annual Trade Up Days in Round Rock from October 24-27, 2nd Floor Atrium, 5:30–6:30 pm., while supplies last. Trade Up is an event when Texas State students will have the opportunity to trade up another college or university t-shirt or make a $5 contribution to the Lighting the Way Campaign in exchange for a new Student Alumni Chapter Texas State T-shirt.

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**College of Education Announcements**

**Attention CMED and TRP Students**
If you are planning to graduate in December 2011, with your Masters degree, you must pass a written comprehensive exam. You must pre-register for this exam. Go to this link for exam registration information: [http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/comps.html](http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/comps.html)

**TExES Practice Exam Information**
In order to receive a barcode to take the TExES, one must first take the required practice exams. Fall 2011 TExES Practice Examinations will be held at RRHEC, 9:30 a.m.–Noon in Avery 455, September 17, October 22, and November 19. There is no charge for the practice exam, but you must register online in advance at this address: [http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/forms/TExES-registration.html](http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/forms/TExES-registration.html).

**Information Sessions for Prospective Post-Baccalaureate Students Seeking Teacher Certification**
Information sessions regarding the Teacher Preparation Program are held throughout each semester. In order to be accepted into a teacher preparation program in the College of Education, you must first attend an information session. Call the Office of Educator Preparation 512-245-7880 to sign up for the next available session. For more information go to: [http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/)

**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 certification. The deadline for Spring 2012 is October 1, 2011. Information and applications are available online at: [http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/teacher-recruitment-program.html](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/teacher-recruitment-program.html)

**Teacher Certification Exam Information**
Texas law requires every person seeking educator certification to perform satisfactorily on comprehensive examinations. The purpose of these examinations 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://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/) and click on Teacher Certification Exam Information.

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**Volunteer Opportunity:**

**RRISD STARS Mentor**

Want to be a mentor for a student at Caldwell Heights Elementary? Just 30 minutes a week during the 2011-2012 academic could make a difference in the life of an elementary school student. If interested in volunteering, email Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu with your contact information.

The STARS Mentor Program is a 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, visit the Stars Mentor Program website at [http://www.roundrockisd.org/index.aspx?page=3694](http://www.roundrockisd.org/index.aspx?page=3694).

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**Texas State Mentor Program**
The Mentoring Program is a student service provided by the Vice President for Student Affairs Office. The program pairs incoming freshmen and transfer students with staff, faculty, and peer/student mentors. The commitment to help new Texas State students acclimate to campus has resulted in higher GPAs and increased retention. The Mentoring Program gives new students opportunities to have a successful first year and supports students through academic and social activities. For information about the mentoring program, visit: [Texas State Mentor Program](http://www.txstate.edu/mentors/).

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**Office of Disability Services**
Student’s receiving accommodations may now request their Academic Accommodation Letter and sign up for Special Groups registration for Spring 2012 before Sunday, October 2 at 11:59 p.m. Sign up at [https://sa.txstate.edu/ods/](https://sa.txstate.edu/ods/).

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**Graduation Application Deadline-Oct 7**
The application for graduation deadline has been extended to October 7. If you are planning on graduating in the Fall 2011 (this semester) then you MUST apply for graduation before October 7. The application for Fall Graduation is now available in the Self Service menu (SSB) of the new [Student Information System](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/). Please visit [Apply for Graduation Instructions](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/) now for more information.

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**RRHEC Tour Guides**

A special THANK YOU to all students who have signed up to become an Avery Building Tour Guide!
**Bobcat Day Round Rock**
Invite your friends to the upcoming Bobcat Day Round Rock! They will discover everything they need to know about Texas State and the RRHEC. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22 from 9:30 a.m.-Noon at the RRHEC.

**Texas State Twitter & Facebook**
Stay up-to-date on the latest happenings by following Texas State University at Round Rock on social networking websites. Here you will find events, discussions, and everything related to Texas State Round Rock.

**Payment Installment Due Dates**
The first payment installment was due at registration and the remaining two installments will be due: Sept. 30 and Nov. 4. For more information, please visit [http://www.sbs.txstate.edu/](http://www.sbs.txstate.edu/)

**Early Registration October 17 - November 4**
Log onto Catsweb now to view the schedule of classes for Spring 2012. Check for any holds on your registration at [Registration Holds and Eligibility](http://www.sbs.txstate.edu/)

**RRHEC Counseling Practicum Clinic**
RRHEC offers affordable mental health services to the community and students. For more information, please visit [RRHEC Counseling Clinic](http://www.sbs.txstate.edu/).

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**If you require an accommodation (information in alternate format, sign language interpreting), due to a disability, contact Cecilia Ortiz, co18@txstate.edu or 716-4007. 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 November 1. In order to promote your student organization, all submissions (information, articles, photos, etc.) must be emailed to sara.moore@txstate.edu (Subject: Student Newsletter) by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18.