Congratulations to Texas State University Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Sharon O’Neal, who was named the 2012 “College Teacher of the Year” at the 47th annual Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts Conference and Exhibition on Jan. 20.

The *Nurturing Lifelong Learning* Conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Antonio Jan. 20-22.

O’Neal teaches undergraduate and graduate courses at the Texas State University Round Rock Campus and leads the Central Texas Writing Project Summer Institute. She received a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Texas in 1972, a master’s degree in reading education from the University of Alabama in 1977 and in 1982 gained a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Texas.

She has served as a leader of teacher-educators in Texas through her work with TCTELA, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas State Reading Association and the Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading.

For more information, contact Dr. Edna Rehbein at (512) 716-4422 or at edna@txstate.edu.

Creative Writing Workshops

The Writing Center will host a workshop March 6 at 5:15 p.m. that promotes the more enjoyable aspects of writing by focusing on the creative process.

The workshop will consist of an open forum where participants are encouraged to share with fellow students their own works of fiction and non-fiction, which includes: poetry, short stories, screenplays, memoirs, excerpts from novels, nature writing, etc.

Attendees will receive positive feedback on their writing and can also make contributions to the group through their own critiques. The workshops are free and are open to all students who attend Texas State University. Tuesday, March 6 will be the first of four creative writing sessions the Writing Center will host throughout the rest of the spring semester. If you would like additional information about the Creative Writing workshops, please contact Chris Muse at cm1913@txstate.edu.

Want to polish your interviewing skills? Have you thought about how to make the most of your major? How important is networking, anyway?

Join classmates on April 3 for an interactive presentation by Career Services. Food will be served while supplies last. RSVP to js213@txstate.edu with your name, ID# and name of the session(s) you plan to attend at least one day prior.
**Student Learning Assistance Center**

Interested in learning more about HOW you learn? Want more test-taking and test preparation strategies? Have you considered ways to better manage your time? Join fellow classmates for food, fellowship, and workshops. Food will be provided for those who RSVP to js213@txstate.edu at least one day prior to the workshop.

3/1 - Test Prep. and Test Taking Strategies, 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Avery 419

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**MBA Student Association**

Join us for the next Informal Public Outing (I.P.O.)

Tuesday, March 20 Following Evening Classes Taco Market 1151 University Blvd. (just a few blocks WEST of RRC)

Don’t forget to keep up to date by joining us on Facebook. The group name is Texas State MBA Student Association. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

For more information, contact Robin Jhaveri, r_k38@txstate.edu or Gail Davenport, d1058@txstate.edu.

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**Kappa Delta Pi**

*International Honor Society in Education*

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Kappa Delta Pi hosted a Professional Development workshop on Feb. 29, where participants were provided information on bullying prevention and cyber bullying. We would like to thank Dr. Nancy Langerock for her time and great presentation!

**Upcoming events:**
- Student Teacher Panel, March 1
- New Member Initiation, April 1
- Special Olympics Track Meet (volunteer), April 7
- Technology Workshop, April 28
  (Non-members are welcome to attend KDP events.)

E-mail a KDP Officer with any questions:
- Niyoshi Mehta, nm1172@txstate.edu
- Kelley Hicks, ks1452@txstate.edu
- Rylee Frazier, rmfrazier@txstate.edu
- Chad Harris, wch2@txstate.edu
- Rachel Perez, rcp39@txstate.edu

Applications to join KDP are available outside Professor Ligon’s Office in Round Rock, Avery, 464T or Dr. Nathan Bond in San Marcos, ED Bldg., RM 3021.

Join our Facebook Group!  
KDP Eta Zeta  
RRHEC

Follow us on Twitter!

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**Registration**

**Summer I and II Registration is March 6-April 5.**

**Fall 2012 Registration is April 9 - 25.**

For more information about registration, visit [http://www.rrc.txstate.edu/current/registration.html](http://www.rrc.txstate.edu/current/registration.html).

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**Psychology Association**

Greetings, fellow Bobcats! The Round Rock Psychology Association hosted a Valentine’s Day bake sale. Thanks to you, it was a resounding success! All proceeds went to the Caring Family Network, a non-profit organization supporting over 150 adoptive and foster families across Texas. The Association would like to thank everyone who made this bake sale possible: From those who donated their time and baked goodies, those who worked the table, and those who organized it all. From the Association, we say a big “thank you!”

Interested in Psychology, meeting new people, and networking? Join us for our March 7 meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Avery, 252. For more information, e-mail Molly Foster, mf1237@txstate.edu.

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**Apple At-Home Advisor**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** - Apple is now hiring students to work part-time from home! As an Apple At-Home Advisor, you’ll support products that have made Apple the iconic technology company that it is.

If you are interested email Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu, with your name, ID#, Texas State email address and then mark your calendar for an Information Session on Monday, March 26, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Avery 252. For more information, visit [Jobs at Apple](http://www.rrc.txstate.edu/current/registration.html).

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**Student Leadership and Activities Organization**

SLAO would like to THANK everyone who baked, brought, bought, or contributed in one way shape or form to the February Fundraiser. We raised $361!!! Funds will be used to cover a few events/items such as a 3 on 3 Basketball tournament with CD Fulkes Middle School and a diploma frame to be given away as a door prize at the Round Rock Graduation Reception.

Join us for upcoming meetings and social:
- March 7, Meeting - 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m., Avery 368
- March 16, Social - TBD
- March 22, Meeting - 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m., Avery 453

For more information, contact Saadia Bobsaith, sb1499@txstate.edu.

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**Dry erase boards at RRC library**

Have you ever been working with others and wanted to draw out an image or write an equation for all to see easily? Well RRC Library Services has what you need: portable dry erase boards. These double sided boards can be used in the library, Avery 255. Multiple pen color is available. These are wonderful for group discussions, preparing for an exam, or completing homework.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us (Avery Building 255), 512.716.4700, [rrclibrary@txstate.edu](mailto:rrclibrary@txstate.edu).

RRC Library Services. Come in and find out more.
Texas State RRC Blog

The Texas State University Round Rock Campus has recently created a blog! We will bring you updates about the campus, event news and more. E-mail km1745@txstate.edu for more information.

Dean's List - Fall 2012

Congratulations to those who made the Dean’s List! Your name is displayed on the bulletin board in the student lounge. If you were unable to attend the Dean’s List Reception, email Jill Sedenberger js213@txstate.edu to request your pen. If you made a 4.0 GPA, you may request a 4.0 t-shirt (while supplies last) by sending an email to Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu, and Lynn Wehr, lynn@txstate.edu. Please include: Full Name, Texas State ID#, t-shirt size, Subject: Dean’s List Request. Once the items arrive, Jill will email you. Bring your picture ID with you when you come to pick up your items.

College of Education Announcements

Attention CMED and TRP Students
If you are planning to graduate in May 2012, 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

TEXES Practice Exam Information
In order to receive a barcode to take the TExES, one must first take the required practice exams. Spring 2012 TExES Practice Examinations will be held at RRC, 9:30 a.m.-Noon in Avery 455, March 24, and April 28. There is no charge for the practice exams.

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

Teacher Recruitment Program
The Teacher Recruitment Program (TRP) is designed for mid-career adults who hold a baccalaureate degree and desire an accelerated program teacher certification. The application deadline for Fall 2012 is March 1, 2012. 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 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/opep/ and click on the appropriate tab at the top of the page.

Scholarship Seekers
Education students who are seeking scholarships from the College of Education or departments within the College of Education will find information at this website: http://www.education.txstate.edu/Scholarship-FAQ.html

College of Education Announcements

Student Business Services

Installment Due Dates - Spring 2012
- Second Installment Due - Friday, March 2
- Third Installment Due - Friday, April 6
- If you choose to enroll in a payment plan, the 1st installment is due upon enrollment.

Veterans Affairs

In honor of Veterans and their families, we invite all Veterans and anyone using benefits to the Spring 2012 Veterans Appreciation Gathering April 12 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Avery 256.

At this informal gathering, a light supper will be served while a guest speaker shares words of wisdom. This is a rich opportunity for Veterans to socialize, be recognized and recognize each other while on campus. RSVP on or before Monday, April 9 to Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu. On behalf of the Texas State Round Rock Campus, THANK YOU for your service.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid office is now accepting applications for the Osher Reentry Scholarship. Click here to view eligibility requirements. Applications are due June 1, 2012.

Office of Disability Services

Don’t forget to request your Accommodation Letter to show your professors that you are registered with ODS. If you wish to receive accommodations in the classroom or for testing you must have the forms signed by your professors and turned back in to ODS by Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Login to the ODS System for Students to sign-up. Sign up for Special Groups registration by Monday, March 5 at 11:59pm.
**Register for Summer I and Summer II 2012:**
- Summer I: March 26 - April 5
- Summer II: April 9 - May 25
- Visit: [www.registrar.txstate.edu](http://www.registrar.txstate.edu)

**Deadlines For Installments**
The Spring 2012 tuition installment is due March 3, 2012.
For more information, please visit [Student Business Services](http://www.registrar.txstate.edu).

**Spring Break**
Spring break is March 11-18!
Classes meet March 10.
We hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe break!

**Bobcat Day**
March 31
10 a.m. - Noon
Encourage your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers to come and learn about the bachelor's and master's programs offered in Round Rock.

**Lunch and Learn Series**
- Noon — 1 p.m., Avery 451
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