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Veteran Appreciation & Fellowship Gathering

In honor of Veterans, we invite all Veterans and anyone using benefits at Texas State Round Rock to a Veterans Appreciation and Fellowship Gathering on Monday, November 11 from 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. in Avery 256. At this informal gathering, a light supper will be served. This is a rich opportunity for Veterans to socialize and recognize each other while on campus. RSVP on or before Thursday, November 7 to Jessica Miller via email at jm2274@txstate.edu.

On behalf of Texas State Round Rock, Thank you for your service!

SLAC Workshop: Preparing for FINALS

Come learn strategies to help you prepare for your Final exams.

Thursday, November 14th

12 p.m.—1 p.m.

Avery 204

Food provided if you register at least one day prior to the event. Otherwise, walk-ins are welcome.

Career Services Workshops

Come join us for the Career Services Workshop on November 7, Room 256:

Link Up with LinkedIn 5 p.m.—7 p.m.

Hands-on workshop to help create your profile. Bring your laptop! Dress to impress and have your headshot taken!

Food provided if you register at least one day prior to the event. Otherwise, walk-ins are welcome.

Writing Center Workshops

APA Format:

Wednesday, Nov. 20th, 4 p.m.—5 p.m., Avery 204

Food provided if you register at least one day prior to the event. Otherwise, walk-ins are welcome.

GSP Review Session:

Monday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m.—4 p.m., Avery 204

Snacks provided. Click here to register. Otherwise, walk-ins are welcome.
**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 35 children and collected $1020 in gift cards that we gave to families in need!

Suggested minimum amount per card is $10. Look for the Christmas tree in the OSC after Thanksgiving that will have angel ornaments on it along with the child’s wish list or gift card amount.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please contact Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu.

Please bring all unwrapped items to the OSC on or before Monday, December 9th at 5 p.m.

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

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**Kappa Delta Pi**

*International Honor Society in Education*

A huge thank you to Professor Jodi Brooks for a fantastic TExES Tips PD seminar! Thank you to all who came out and made the seminar successful!

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the education majors who have taken their TExES certification exams, and GOOD LUCK to those of you who have them coming up this month!

What’s happening this month?

- **KDP Social at Old Settler’s Park** — Sat. Nov. 10th, 11 a.m.—3 p.m., Old Settler’s Park in Round Rock.
  KDP officers invite all current members, family, friends, and pets to join us for a fun-filled day at Old Settler’s Park in Round Rock! Bring your blankets, a picnic lunch, and a ball of your favorite sport!

- **Mini Convocation Gallery Walk** — Sat. Nov. 16th, 9 a.m.—11 a.m., Avery 256
  KDP officers attended the National Convocation in Dallas at the end of October and will share some of the wonderful information they gathered in a variety of presentation stations. BREAKFAST TACOS AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED! Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Email Pearl Chao-Hsu at p_c57@txstate.edu for more information.

- **KDP New Member Initiation** — Sun. Nov. 17th, 2 p.m., LBJ Student Center.
  New KDP members will be recognized and honored for their hard work and dedication. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

Questions? Email us anytime! Alexandra Peoples, ap1456@txstate.edu and /or Jennifer Gonzalez, jg1927@txstate.edu.

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

SLAO had a great time at the October social—picnic and volleyball. If you missed that one, come and join us for the next one on Nov. 16th for a football watching party—Texas State vs. Arkansas State! For details, email Jessica Anderson, jda56@txstate.edu. All are welcome!
Warning! Fake Student Loan Site Steals Identities

A warning from NASFAA in an article published on October 10, 2013: "Fake accounts for student lending giant Sallie Mae are popping up all over Instagram in an attempt to steal student identities, according to Scambook, a website dedicated to detecting bogus sites and warning consumers about using them," CBS MoneyWatch reports.

The fake Sallie sites have a timely and attractive pitch: Due to the government shutdown, indebted graduates can apply for a loan "forgiveness" program that would wipe away their debt. However, students who attempt to be among the first 150,000 to take the bogus sites up on the offer are asked to provide private information, such as birth dates and Social Security Numbers, allowing the sites to steal their identities, according to Scambook. The real Sallie Mae has no Instagram presence and has been posting repeated messages this week on its real Facebook account warning consumers that it is not on Instagram, and it does not ask for personal information via social media.

Anyone who bought into the fake site's claims and plugged in personal information should quickly put a fraud alert on their credit file by either calling the three major credit bureaus: Experian (888-397-3742); Equifax (800-525-6285) and/or TransUnion (800-680-7289) or by visiting their websites or annualcreditreport.com. The fraud alert will stop creditors from granting new credit on your file for 90 days.


SLAC Study Tips: Preparing for Thanksgiving Break

One reason to give thanks: No homework over the break!

The days are getting shorter as your to-do list is getting longer. You might be tempted to postpone your class work until after Thanksgiving because you don’t want to be doing homework while visiting family and friends, eating turkey, and sleeping off the tryptophan! But if you put off your studies, you could find yourself neck-deep in homework — and facing low motivation because the semester is almost over. Plus you’ll have the added stress of studying for finals.

Choose a better course of action by doing homework ahead of time so you can relax over the Thanksgiving break. Here’s what we suggest:

Monday:
1. Write a rough outline for a paper or presentation.
2. Review notes about your 99 physics problems (or problems in any other class) and do related homework.
3. Read notes for other upcoming tests.

Tuesday:
1. Write the first paragraph of your paper and prepare the first slide of your presentation.
2. Continue working on homework that’s due after Thanksgiving.
3. Study your notes a little more.

Wednesday:
1. Go over your work to make sure it is written or presented in a professional manner.
2. Make necessary corrections to homework and to your notes.

During Thanksgiving, you can be worry-free because you are done with all your projects — or are finishing them in manageable amounts. Get started today. Once the ball is rolling, it’s easier to keep it in motion. Don’t sabotage yourself and your break by waiting until the last minute. Start getting the work done today so that this Thanksgiving is as restful as possible. — By: Texas State SLAC

The RRC Writing Center is now open on Fridays from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. with the addition of a fourth tutor!

To schedule an appointment, visit the RRC Writing Center website.
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

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 a barcode to take the TExES, one must first take the required practice exams.

Practice exams are scheduled at the Round Rock Campus, Avery 455 on the following dates: November 23, 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://signup.txstate.edu/topics/148-texes-practice-exam-at-round-rock-campus

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

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

Congratulations to Round Rock Campus students 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, please contact Jill Seidenberger to request your pen (while supplies last), and if you made a 4.0 GPA, request a 4.0 t-shirt (while supplies last). Please include the following: 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 it up.

Veterans Affairs
GI Bill—As soon as you register for Spring 2014, submit the VA Certification Request to Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu, Avery 201.

Save the date! You are invited to the Veteran Appreciation and Fellowship Gathering on Mon. Nov. 11, Avery 256, from 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. To RSVP, email Jessica Miller, jm2274@txstate.edu on or before November 8th.

Student Business Services (SBS) & Financial Aid
Tuition & Fee Payment Plan Deadlines: 3rd installment is due Nov. 1, 2013 by 5p.m. A $25 late payment fee will be assessed if installment payment is not paid in full by the due date.
Emergency Tuition Loans: Payment is due in full on Nov. 1 by 5 p.m. Emergency Tuition Loans are subject to $25/month late payment fee each month the loan is delinquent.
Short Term Loans: Payment is due in full by Nov. 1 by 5 p.m. Short term loans are subject to $5/ month late payment fee each month the loan is delinquent.

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.
### Spring 2014 Registration
- **Oct. 10 - Dec. 17**

### Veterans Appreciation Gathering
- **Nov. 11**
  - 5:30-6:30 p.m., Avery 256

### Withdrawal Deadline
- **Nov. 21**

### Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov. 27-29**

### Last Class Day
- **Dec. 5**
  - **Finals**
  - **Dec. 7-13**

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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 December 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 November 19th.