

INSIDER NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Director

Happy spring semester! As I write this, the winter break seems a distant memory, particularly since we seem to have bypassed any winter weather and moved right into spring. We hope you have been able to enjoy the sunshine and that your classes are going well.

We are in the midst many transitions in SSD and wanted to provide you with an update. We were very sad to say goodbye to the former executive director, Stephani Wolfe, at the end of the fall term. She received a job opportunity she could not refuse in her hometown of Phoenix, Arizona. We were sorry to see her go, but are excited about the opportunities she has ahead of her. It was a tough decision for her to make, particularly because of all of you- the wonderful students we are able to work with every day. I am serving as the interim head of SSD and we are currently searching for a new executive director. We anticipate scheduling interviews sometime after spring break and hope that you will be able to meet the candidates and provide input. Please look for emails with times and dates for

the interview sessions later in the semester.

We are also in the process of filling the currently vacant Assistive Technology Equipment Center (ATEC) manager position as well as a NEW disability services coordinator position! The latter is an additional staff position that will help us decrease appointment wait times and better serve your needs. Again, we welcome you to provide input into both search processes. We are hoping to have both positions filled sometime during this semester.

As you can tell, it will be a busy semester, but we are confident it will go well. Continue reading for important dates, deadlines, and information. Have a great spring!

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SPRING 2013 Walk-In Schedule

Hours:
9am-4pm:

MONDAYS:
Emily Shryock

TUESDAYS:
Rotates among
SSD Staff

WEDNESDAYS:
Cathleen Collins

THURSDAYS:
Kelli Bradley

FRIDAYS:
Lauren Kinast

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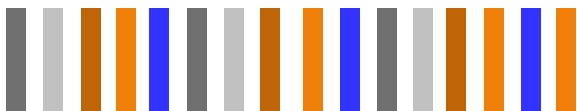
SSD Student Forums

SSD will host two student forums during the Spring 2013 semester. These forums allow students to directly connect with those responsible for accommodating students and keeping the university in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This is an opportunity for students to ask questions, share ideas, and provide constructive criticisms to organizational groups designed to accommodate students with disabilities.

Wednesday, April 3rd from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the SSD Office, SSB 4.206

Wednesday, March 27th from 4:00–5:00 p.m. in SSB 4.212

Pizza will be provided. Come join us for some dinner and discussion.



IMPORTANT DATES

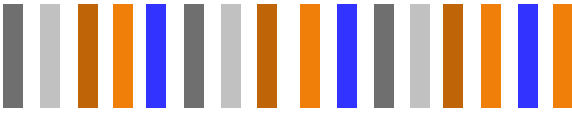
March 11–16	SPRING BREAK
April 1	Last day an undergraduate student may, with the dean's approval, withdraw from the University or drop a class except for urgent and substantiated, nonacademic reasons. Last day a student may change registration in a class to or from the pass/fail or credit/no credit basis.
April 10-12, & 15-19	Academic advising for continuing and readmitted students for the summer session and the fall semester.
April 19	Last day students can submit course load reduction application (for time-sensitive or extenuating circumstances), with supporting documentation required.
April 15-26	Daily Registration for the summer session and the fall semester for continuing & readmitted students.
April 29	Last class day in the School of Law.
May 1-4, 6-11, & 13-14	Spring semester final exams in the School of Law.
May 3	Last class day except in the School of Law. Last day to submit master's report, recital, thesis, doctoral dissertation, or treatise to the graduate dean. Last day a <u>graduate</u> student may, with the required approvals, drop a class or withdraw from the University. <i>Last day students can submit medical and mental health withdrawal application, with supporting documentation required.</i>
May 6-7, 12	No-class days.
May 8-11, 13-14	Spring semester final examinations except in the School of Law.
May 17-18	Graduation ceremonies in the colleges and schools.
May 17	Commissioning of ROTC graduates.
May 18	Commencement (official graduation date).

Two Videophones and an Ubi-Duo Available to Deaf & Hard of Hearing Individuals on Campus

Looking for a videophone? The University of Texas at Austin has two videophones available for use. There is a Sorenson VP-100 located in the Services for Students with Disabilities office, SSB 4.206 available Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm. There is a P3/Purple Videophone kiosk located in the Student Activity Center (SAC) on the first floor in the northeast hallway

just across from Taco Cabana, leading out to College of Liberal Arts (CLA) building. **Want to stop by Student Financial Services or University Health Center quickly for a follow-up question?** Check out the Ubi-Duo (2-way computer connected for conversation) from the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office, SSB 4.206 from 8:-00 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.





REMINDER: SCHOLARSHIPS

[Will Rogers Memorial Scholarship](#)

The Will Rogers Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a limited number of qualified students registered at The University of Texas at Austin. This scholarship is intended for students with disabilities or students studying to work with people with disabilities, especially children with disabilities. "Disabled" in this context shall refer to students who have a physical or non-physical disability, including mental hardships and obstacles caused by the environment and lack of opportunity. Financial need may be used to distinguish among applicants. For more information visit: <http://www.texasscholarships.org/types/osfs/rogers.html>

for the endowment to help educate more people who overcome visual disabilities and exhibit real potential for making a difference in the world.

At least one scholarship for a minimum of \$500 will be awarded in 2013. If funding is available, additional scholarships and/or scholarships of a larger monetary value will be awarded. Further information about scholarship qualifications and applications for the Lois Ford LaBauve and Louise Saxon Endowed Scholarship will be sent out during the spring semester.


[Carole L. Patterson Endowed Scholarship](#)

The Carole L. Patterson Endowed Scholarship is awarded to a limited number of qualified students registered at The University of Texas at Austin. This scholarship is intended for students with physical disabilities enrolled in at least six hours at UT Austin, with preference given to students with a mobility disability. Applicants must have at least a 2.5 UT GPA. Financial need may be used to distinguish among applicants. For more information visit: <http://www.texasscholarships.org/types/osfs/patterson.html>


If you have any questions regarding scholarships, contact Emily Shryock at: Emily.S@austin.utexas.edu

[Lois Ford LaBauve Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is given in memory of Lois Ford LaBauve, and in honor of Ms. LaBauve's daughter, Louise Saxon. Ms. LaBauve was a Texas schoolteacher for many years and always displayed a passion for learning. From 1961-1972 LaBauve was the Director of Services for the Blind and Disabled at the Texas State Library. During her tenure with the library system, LaBauve founded the Texas Talking Book program. In later life, LaBauve lost most of her sight and thus had personal experience with visual disabilities. In 2002, when LaBauve created the endowment, her daughter, Louise Saxon, said "My mother would like



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