



The SSD INSIDER

Letter from the Executive Director

SPRING 2017 Walk-In Schedule

Hours:
9am-4pm:

MONDAYS:
Emily Shryock

TUESDAYS:
Kristen Anton

WEDNESDAYS:
Stephanie
Bullick

THURSDAYS:
Heather Kaplan

FRIDAYS:
Rotates

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For returning students, welcome back to UT Austin! We hope you had a relaxing winter break! Welcome as well to those of you who are new to campus and to SSD. We hope you find the 26th edition of our newsletter, the *Insider*, useful and informative. In this newsletter you will discover: important dates and deadlines, information from our student organization: Disability Advocate Student Coalition (DASC), upcoming events, and the introduction of SSD's Educational Psychology and Social Work interns.

As we have mentioned to you throughout the year, our new database continues to allow us to streamline many of our processes and services. As a result, accommodation letters are now downloadable from the SSD Web Portal, exam reservations are made online, and we have more students participating in our volunteer notetaking program

The response to these changes has been tremendously positive from both students and professors. We appreciate everyone's patience as we make these changes and strive to improve the experiences of students using accommodations. Please continue to check your emails and our homepage for the latest updates about any changes in policies and procedures.

We are excited to welcome MarloJo Scroggins as the new SSD Associate Director! We hope you will have the chance to welcome her to UT as she begins working with faculty, staff, students and interpreters.

Once again, welcome back and best wishes for a successful semester!
Kelli Bradley,
LMSW, MBA
Executive Director

SSD Web Portal

The SSD Web Portal provides a variety of features to allow students to use their accommodations more efficiently.

<http://ssdportal.ddce.utexas.edu/ClockWork/custom/misc/home.aspx>

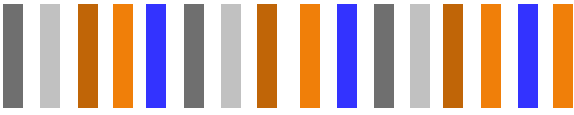
Download Accommodation Letters

View Upcoming Appointments/Exams

Reserve Testing Space at SSD

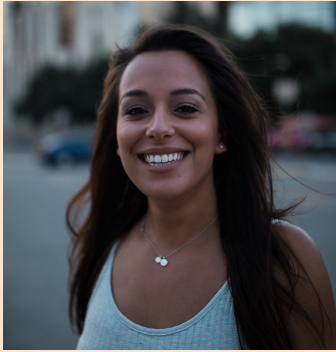
Request a Notetaker/Download Notes





Educational Psychology Intern:

Eden Stone



Eden Stone is from Dallas, Texas, but has lived in Austin for four years. Although she is a new graduate student intern at SSD, she has spent over three years working for SSD while completing her Bachelor's degree at UT. Now, Eden is a first year master's student in the Counselor Education program. She is passionate about disability advocacy and helping students achieve their academic and professional goals. In her spare time, you can find Eden doing yoga, painting, or cuddled up on the couch with hot tea and a good movie.

Social Work Intern: Kay Coleman



Kay Coleman is excited to serve this semester as an SSD's Intern! She is currently in her last semester at UT in the Bachelor of Social Work program. While here, Kay is ready to spread awareness, work with students to set up accommodations, and promote events supporting disability diversity. In her free time, she likes to play guitar, hike, go to poetry slams, and drink tea .

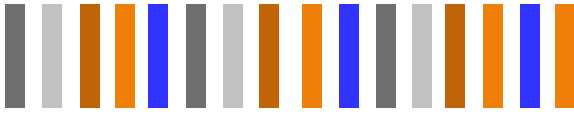


Do you have questions about accommodations in the work place? Do you know your rights as an employee with a disability?

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is the leading source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues. Working toward practical solutions that benefit both employer and employee, JAN helps people with disabilities enhance their employability, and shows employers how to capitalize on the value and talent that people with disabilities add to the workplace.

JAN's trusted consultants offer one-on-one guidance on workplace accommodations, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related legislation, and self-employment and entrepreneurship options for people with disabilities. Assistance is available both over the phone and online at <https://askjan.org/>





IMPORTANT DATES



March 13–17	SPRING BREAK
April 1	Last day to submit a test reservation request to reserve testing space at SSD
April 3	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 17	Priority Registration for the summer session and the fall semester for continuing & readmitted students
April 21	Last day students can submit course load reduction application (for time-sensitive or extenuating circumstances), with supporting documentation required.
May 5	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 8-9	No-class days.
May 10-12, 15-16	Spring semester final examinations except in the School of Law.
May 19-20	Graduation ceremonies in the colleges and schools.
May 20	Commencement (official graduation date).

Students on the Spectrum

A support group for UT students with Asperger's Syndrome and other autism-spectrum diagnoses

Monthly Meetings in SSB 4.212

6-7 p.m.

Thurs., March 9th

Weds., April 5th

Thurs., May 4th

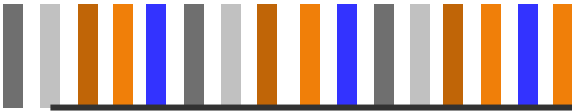
DisABILITY Advocacy Student Coalition (DASC)

The Disability Advocacy Student Coalition is a student organization with the purpose of promoting awareness, advocacy and education about disabilities. Our organization hosts events to raise awareness about disabilities on UT's campus. Our members do not have to have a disability of any sort but must have a passion for advocacy!

Email: dascatut@gmail.com

Facebook: [disABILITY Advocacy Student Coalition \(DASC\)](#)

Website: <http://diversity.utexas.edu/disability/dasc/>



**Don't forget to find
SSD on Facebook and
Twitter for more
timely updates and
opportunities!**

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/UTAustinServicesForStudentsWithDisabilities/>

Twitter: [@UT_SSDisability](https://twitter.com/UT_SSDisability)

Employment/Internship Resources

Did you know many companies are looking to hire more employees with disabilities as part of their diversity initiatives?

United States Business Leadership Networkk (USBLN)

The US Business Leadership Network® (USBLN®) is a national non-profit that helps business drive performance by leveraging disability inclusion in the workplace, supply chain, and marketplace. <http://www.usbln.org/>

Career Opportunities for Students with Disabilities

COSD's mission is to assist you, a college student or a recent graduate with a disability, in gaining the tools and knowledge necessary to secure the career of your choice. <http://www.cosdonline.org/home>

Lime Connect

Lime Connect is leading the way as the premier resource for top talent in the disability space by attracting, preparing and connecting highly accomplished individuals with disabilities for careers with the world's leading corporations. <http://www.limeconnect.com/>

For additional resources visit

<http://versity.utexas.edu/disability/employment-resources/>



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Virtual Career Fair Date: March 15, 2017

Are you looking for a career opportunity or internship?

This Virtual Career Fair is FREE for students with disabilities!

Register at www.careereco.com/register/disability

For information: bender@careereco.com or [770.980.0088](tel:770.980.0088)

