



Fall 2016



The INSIDER Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S LETTER:

For all returning students, welcome back to UT Austin! We hope you had an amazing summer and are ready for an exciting year! We also want to welcome those of you who are new to campus and SSD. We have had a very busy summer planning for the upcoming academic year, and we are looking forward to working with you. We hope that you find the 25th edition of our newsletter, *The Insider*, useful and informative. In this newsletter, you will find important dates and deadlines, information from our student organization, upcoming events for Disability Awareness Month in October, the introduction of new SSD interns and staff, and much more.

Since going live with our new database last year, we are continuing to roll out different features. This semester is the first fall in which the online testing reservation system is available. We have also initiated a volunteer notetaking program in which students can receive service hours for serving as a volunteer notetaker. You will find more information about the program in this newsletter.

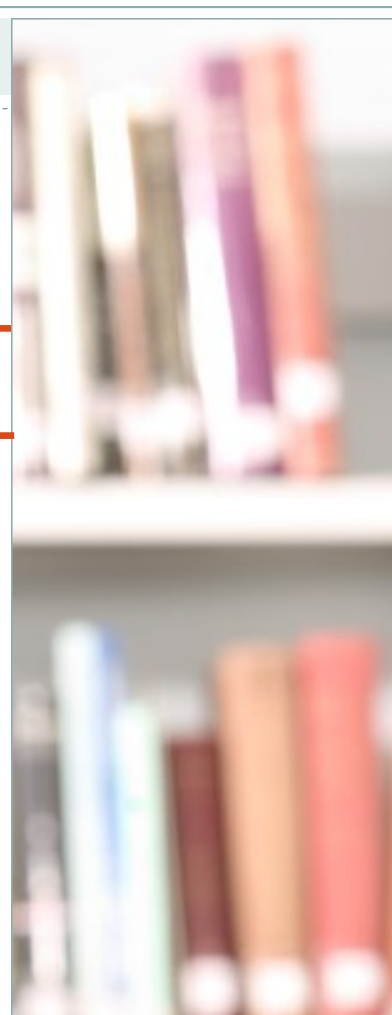
Overall, the response to the new online features has been tremendously positive from both students and professors. We appreciate everyone's patience as we make these changes and strive to improve the experiences of students using accommodations. Please continue to check your emails and our homepage for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

Once again, welcome back and best wishes for a successful semester!

Kelli Bradley, LMSW, MBA
Executive Director

EARN VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS IN CLASS!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER NOTE TAKER Being a volunteer notetaker requires consistent class attendance and a willingness to share your notes after every class if there is a student with a disability who needs your notes. If your services are needed, you will be eligible for service hours for the time you spend taking notes. The identity of the notetakers and students with disabilities will remain confidential within the SSD office. For more information and to apply, visit the SSD website: <http://diversity.utexas.edu/disability/student-notetakers/>



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SSD WALK-IN SERVICES 9:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

- Mondays: Emily Shryock
- Tuesdays: Kristen Anton
- Wednesdays: Stephanie Bullick
- Thursdays: Heather Kaplan
- Fridays: Lauren Kinast



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

October 20-21, 24-26

Academic advising for continuing and readmitted students for the spring semester.

October 24, (2:00 PM-12:00 AM)

Priority registration for Spring 2017 semester.

October 24–November 4

Daily Registration for the spring semester for continuing and readmitted students.

November 1

Couse Load Reduction Deadline

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 an undergraduate student may change registration in a class to or from the pass/fail basis.

November 21

Last day for undergraduates to submit a CLR application with medical documentation explaining why they are seeking to drop class(es) beyond the University drop deadline of **November 1**.

Graduate students must submit completed CLR application and supporting documentation.

November 23-26

Thanksgiving holidays.

December 5

Last class day. Medical Withdrawal Deadline

Last day an international student may submit a CLR application with medical documentation explaining why they are seeking to drop class(es) beyond the University drop deadline of **November 1**.

December 6-7, 11

No-class days.

December 7-10, 12-16

Fall semester final examinations in the School of Law.

December 8-10, 12-14

Fall semester final examinations except in the School of Law.

December 17

Official graduation date.

MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER: STEPHANIE BULLICK



Stephanie Bullick joined the SSD team as a Disability Services Coordinator in September 2016. Stephanie is originally from New Orleans, LA and has lived in Texas since 2011. She earned a bachelor's degree in Art Therapy from Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL. She attended graduate school at Texas A&M University where she obtained a Master of Science in Educational Psychology.

Following the completion of her graduate program she joined the staff in the Department of Disability Services at Texas A&M. She worked there for three years as an Access Coordinator where she worked with students who have disabilities while they pursued their academic goals. Stephanie met some of the UT SSD staff in the spring of 2016 while organizing an AHEAD in Texas conference on the UT campus. When a job became available at UT Austin she jumped at the change to join the team.

Leaving College Station at the end of August and beginning at UT on September 1st has been a whirlwind but Stephanie has been enjoying her new role and is excited to learn more about UT and meet with students. She is looking forward to exploring the Austin area. In her free time, Stephanie enjoys spending time with her family and cats, baking, playing kickball and soccer, and creating art.

Disability Awareness Month 2016

October 5th, 12:00—1:00p.m.
Accessibility Map Training
Services Building (SSB), Room G1.106

October 12th, Time/Location TBD
DASC Student Forum

October 13th, 6:00—7:00p.m.
Study Abroad Event with International Office
SAC 1.106

October 18th, 2:00—4:00p.m.
DAP Instructor Training
SSB Glenn Maloney

October 20th, 10:00a.m.—12:00 p.m.
DAP Open Training
SSB 4.212

October 24th, 6:30—9:00p.m.
Adapted Sports Night
6:30-9pm Recreational Sports Center Court 3

DISABILITY ADVOCACY STUDENT COALITION

Hello!

The Disability Advocacy Student Coalition (DASC) is a sponsored student organization of SSD.

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

All meetings take place in the Student Services Building (SSB) room 4.212 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Meetings during October:

October 3, 2016
October 10, 2016
October 17, 2016
October 24, 2016

For more information or to get involved:

Email: dascatut@gmail.com
Facebook: disABILITY Advocacy Student Coalition (DASC)
Website: <http://diversity.utexas.edu/disability/dasc/>

We hope to see you there!
Mariah Ramirez
DASC President



Dorothy White, SSD Intern, is originally from Maryland.

She is studying in the College of Education, within the Department of Educational Psychology. She is interested in working in a higher education setting, helping students achieve their academic goals. In her free time she enjoys, biking, yoga and baking.

Students on the Spectrum

Monthly Meetings

SSB G1.104

5:30—6:30p.m.

Thurs., October 6

Weds., November 9

Thurs., December 1