The Campus Connection

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Now You Know

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- IT Business Analyst
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Compliance News
The President recently approved new University Procedure (UP) 13.04.99.H1.01, Student Travel. As required by System Policy 13.04, this procedure provides safety expectations for all student travel that exceeds 25 miles from campus for an activity that is organized, sponsored and funded by the University and travel is undertaken using a vehicle owned or leased by the University or by an organization properly registered at the University. This rule applies to travel by car, truck, van, bus, and airplane.

Campus Activities Board Wins Big At APCA

The weekend of November 14th, our Campus Activities Board officers attended the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) South Central Regional Programming Conference in Houston, Texas.

While there they won the following awards:
- Graphics Competition-Printed Advertising-2nd Place
- Graphics Competition-Facebook Page- 1st Place
- South Central Region Event of the Year-De-Stress for Finals Day 2014
- South Central Region Student Programmer of the Year-Amber Spence

The Regional Awards are a HUGE deal! Our region consists of New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, & Mississippi. The conference hosts well over 50 schools with over 400 students in attendance. We are also performing consistently well in our region—Dustin Nix was named Student Programmer of the Year last year & in 2012 we won the National Award for Campus Event of the Year. But, this is the first time we have ever taken TWO Regional Awards at a single conference. We really do have an exceptional group of students that represent us at this conference and provides programming for our campus. The students that attended are: Dustin Nix, Misty Jade Ruth, Kris London, Garrett Wilson, Chesney Spears, Marina Garza, & Amber Spence.
The University Drama Department in partnership with the Campus Activities Board is excited to invite you to its production of Charles Dickens’s *Gabriel Grub*. The story is, in a way, Dickens’s first draft of the *Christmas Carol*. It was originally published as part of the *Pickwick Papers* seven years before the *Christmas Carol* came out.

This event will be a musical dinner play (think back to the Madrigal Dinner from last year) on Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th at 6pm in Eagle Hall. Tickets are FREE to current students and cost $15 to faculty, staff, and members of the community at large. Seating is limited and tickets are required.

Tickets are available at the Welcome Desk with Sheri Brady from Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. You may pay for them with cash or check there. A link will be released later this week to accommodate online payment by credit/debit card.
Robert Hernandez is deserving of the title Employee of the Month for many reasons. For starters, no one upholds the integrity of the University quite the way Robert does. He takes pride in himself, in our students, in our institution, and therefore in our goals. I have never felt a hesitation to come to Robert for help or assistance (knowing he’d have the right answer for me), only to be greeted with an eternally cheerful spirit and a ready-and-willing attitude to help at any capacity—with the exact same urgency he gives to each and every student (not just Veterans) with which he comes in contact. His knowledge of A&M Texarkana’s inner workings combined with his expertise in Veteran Services is a huge plus as well, especially from the standpoint of our students, who have shared this with me upon many occasions.
**Employee Recognition Luncheon**
The 2015 Employee Recognition Luncheon is planned for January 29th, 2015. In this year’s program, we will recognize over twenty employees’ service, all our Employees of the Month and our Employee, Administrator, and Faculty of the Year, plus bid a farewell to all our retirees of 2014. Additionally, we would like to personalize the program with some family pictures of our employee’s families. If you are willing to have a picture added to our show, please submit it to either Tina Tindal or Ayla Baldwin in Human Resources. We are looking for kids, grandkids, or even brothers and sisters, moms and dads. We plan to set up a slideshow to run while lunch is served and have everyone enjoy. Participation in the picture sharing is voluntary. Please mark your calendars for the luncheon date – January 29, 2015 – and expect more to come later announcing the particulars.

**Christmas Tree Decorating**
Christmas tree decorating will take place on December 5th, from 3pm to 5pm. Drinks and cookies will be provided.

**University Closed**
Don’t forget the university will be closed: December 24th to January 2nd.

**SSC Project Planning**
There will be a recurring meeting in UC 114 every Thursday for SSC Project Planning and Event set up and planning. Anyone who will be requesting assistance from SSC will need to attend. SSC is developing a plan on how far out a notice must be received for Events and Projects, but for now, they need to be notified 2 weeks in advance to ensure the appropriate resources are available.