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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
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## Insider Newsletter

### Letter from Director

For returning students, welcome back to UT Austin! We hope you had a wonderful summer! Welcome as well to those of you who are new to campus and to SSD. We have had a busy summer planning for the upcoming academic year and look forward to working with you.

We hope you find the 17th edition of our newsletter, the *Insider*, useful and informative. In this newsletter you will discover important dates and deadlines, a feature on UT's Longhorn College Bowl Team, information on time management workshops and accommodation orientation sessions, and more!

SSD continues to focus attention on creating fun and exciting activities during October, which is Disability Awareness Month. Activities include a co-sponsored event with Voices Against Violence, an Open House with AISD, disABILITY Advocate training opportunities and more! Be sure to check our website or your e-mail for details.

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

**Stephani Wolfe, LCSW**

*Executive Director, Services for Students with Disabilities*

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### Disability Awareness Month Events

In October, SSD will be sponsoring two different internship organizations that are specifically interested in hiring students who receive services from SSD. Watch your email for notice about *Entrypoint!* and the *Workforce Recruitment Program* interview dates. It is time to update your resume, unpack your interview clothes, and brush up on your interview skills!

The student organization, Disability Awareness Student Coalition (DASC) will host a BEEP-BALL Expo on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Come watch the Austin Blackhawks currently ranked #1 in the US and #2 in the world as they fly like superman through the air into the beepball bases! Stay tuned for more!



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### FALL 2012 WALK-IN SCHEDULE HOURS: 9AM-4PM

**MONDAYS:**  
EMILY SHRYOCK

**TUESDAYS:**  
CATHLEEN COLLINS

**WEDNESDAYS:**  
ROTATES AMONG SSD  
STAFF

**THURSDAYS:**  
KELLI BRADLEY

**FRIDAYS:**  
LAUREN KINAST

## *Time Management Workshop Dates:*



Tuesday,  
September 25,  
3:30-5pm, SSB 4.212

Wednesday,  
October 10,  
3:30-5, SSB 4.212

RSVP to Kelli Bradley:  
[kelli.bradley@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:kelli.bradley@austin.utexas.edu)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Sept 4** (Tuesday) Last day of the official add/drop period; after this date, changes in registration require the approval of the department chair and usually the student's dean.
- Sept 14** (Friday) Twelfth class day; this is the date the official enrollment count is taken. Last day an undergraduate student may add a class except for rare and extenuating circumstances.
- Oct 24** (Wednesday) Last day a graduate student may change registration in a class to or from a credit/no credit basis.
- Oct 25-26,  
29-31** (Thursday–Friday, Monday–Wednesday) Academic advising for continuing and readmitted students for the spring semester.
- Oct 29** (Monday, 2:00-12:00) Priority registration
- Oct 29 -  
Nov 9** Daily Registration for the spring semester for continuing and readmitted students
- Nov 6** (Tuesday, by 5:00PM) Course Load Reduction Deadline
- Nov 22-24** (Thursday–Saturday) Thanksgiving holidays.
- Dec 7** (Friday) Last class day.  
Last day a graduate student or a law student may, with the required approvals, drop a class or withdraw from the University.
- Dec 8-9** (Saturday–Sunday) Fall graduation ceremonies in the colleges and schools.
- Dec 10-11,  
& 16** (Monday–Tuesday, Sunday) No-class days.
- Dec 10-15,  
17-21** (Wednesday–Saturday, Monday–Tuesday) Fall semester final examinations in the School of Law.
- Dec 12-15,  
& 17-18** (Wednesday–Saturday, Monday–Tuesday) Fall semester final examinations except in the School of Law.
- Dec 22** (Saturday) Official graduation date. (No public exercises.)



## SSD Website Launch

As we continue to provide our students with varying and engaging ways to stay connected with our office SSD has completed a refresh of our website <http://ddce.utexas.edu/disability/> and created a presence on Facebook [www.facebook.com/UTAustinServicesForStudentsWithDisabilities](http://www.facebook.com/UTAustinServicesForStudentsWithDisabilities).

In looking at the new website you will notice that the information is now organized by user:

- *Prospective Students*
- *Current Students*
- *Faculty/Staff*
- *Deaf/HH*

with additional sections providing general information about SSD and Campus Resources.

You will also notice that some of the most commonly requested information and functions:

- *Contact Us*
- *Accommodation Letter Request*
- *Request a Presentation*
- *Walk-in Hours*

have been provided in the right hand column and will remain available as you navigate throughout the rest of the website. Additionally there is information about the disABILITY Advocate Program and the Campus Climate Response Team (CCRT) as these are branded resources within DDCE.

Both the SSD website and our Facebook page are works in progress. We will continue adding content and streamlining the information, be sure to check back and “Like” us on Facebook.

## SSD's Newest Staff Member: Cathleen Collins

Cathleen Collins recently began work as a disabilities services coordinator with SSD, where she will be primarily assisting students with attentional, learning or psychological disabilities. Cathleen has worked in the student services field since 1992. Prior to working at UT, she worked for Harvard University, where she also earned her master's degree in Education with a concentration in Human Development and Psychology. Cathleen en-

joys working with students and helping to provide access to the excellent education UT offers. She is very happy to be part of the SSD team.



*Cathleen Collins,  
Disabilities  
Services  
Coordinator*

**We would like to thank our sponsors for their contributions to the UT Deaf/HH Longhorn college bowl team, without their support, the team would not have been able to participate!**

*Belinda Dominguez*

*Services for Students with Disabilities*

*Texas Closed Captioning*

*Communication by Hand*

*Sorenson*

*Texas Association for the Deaf*

*Powell & Leon LLP*

*University CO-OP*

*Intercollegiate Athletics*

*Sharon Ploeger*

*David Simmons*

**THANK YOU!**

## UT Longhorn Deaf/HH College Bowl Team

For the first time ever, a team consisting of five Deaf/HH Longhorns competed in the National Association of the Deaf's bi-annual College Bowl competition this past summer in Louisville, Kentucky. The competition, held since 1988, has traditionally been a competition among three legacy universities: California State University Northridge, Gallaudet University, and National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology. The competition was opened up in 2012 to allow non-legacy universities with a team to participate. Three new university teams joined: University of Minnesota, Howard College, and The University of Texas at Austin. The UT Longhorn team including Duggan Baker, Lisa Guerra, Christy Hediger, Kalie Kubes, and Jordan Nussbaum was formed in February. The team spent Spring Semester studying trivia and practicing mock games. With the help of the team members, SSD and the DDCE development office, we secured funding to support the team's conference and travel costs and began our journey to Louisville!

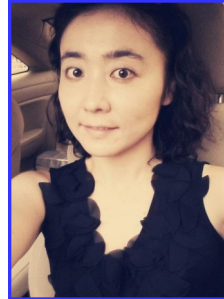
During the preliminaries, the six teams fought for the top three positions to move onto the Finals. UT placed in the top three during specific segments of the competition. In the end, however, with other teams taking on challenges to gain points to propel them into the top three, UT finished in fifth place. Even with the short amount of time to prepare and plan for this competition, the Longhorns enjoyed the competition very much and look forward to competing in 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia! For more information about this, check out blogs on NAD's website at: <http://www.nad.org/blogs/nad-conference/college-bowl-finals-are-tonight>. Thank you for all your support—Hook Em' Horns!



## SSD's Graduate Intern: Eun Ji

Originally from Seoul, Korea, Eun has been at UT Austin as a doctoral student majoring in rehabilitation counseling since 2009 and started working on the SSD team in 2012. She is very interested in career counseling for young adults with disabilities, so she hopes to expand her interests here in SSD! When asked what she likes most in her life, Eun said she enjoys travelling around the world where she

can learn from people with various experiences and knowledge. According to her, the best adventure destinations are the Canadian Rockies and India.



*Eun Ji,  
SSD Intern*

*"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." - James Baldwin*

## SSD Accommodation Orientation Sessions:

Tuesday, September 18, 4-5pm in SSB 4.212

**OR**

Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 5-6pm in SSB G1.104

(you only need to attend ONE of these sessions)

At these sessions we will cover the following topics:

- Requesting and delivering accommodation letters
- Approaching professors to discuss and coordinate your accommodations
- How to reserve testing space at SSD
- Rights, responsibilities, and expectations of both students AND professors
- Opportunity to speak with past students and ask questions about their experiences

Space is limited, RSVP to Kelli Bradley at [kelli.bradley@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:kelli.bradley@austin.utexas.edu)