



First-Year Experience

STEP INTO SUCCESS

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Welcome Home Bearkats!

Welcome to the first edition of *Step into Success!* With a variety of information, *Step into Success* will help you succeed during your first year as a Bearkat. There are many articles containing valuable information along with a calendar of events to keep you informed of all exciting activities that are taking place on campus. And don't forget: quarter's equal laundry!

What is the Bearkats Read to Succeed Author's Forum?

Every year Bearkats Read To Succeed sponsors a common reader for all incoming freshmen. The book is selected by a committee consisting of faculty, staff, and students. The book for that particular year is then used by many departments. This allows students all across campus, regardless of major or other differences, to have one common thread.

The Author's Forum is an opportunity for interaction with the author by the campus community. This allows the author questions to gain a better understanding of the author's views. This semester the BRTS committee has asked Dr. Joe Schwarz to give numerous presentations about his book: "*The Fly in the Ointment*". The Fall 2009 Author's Forum will take place on Monday, October 26th, and Tuesday October 27th, 2009. For schedule details and more information, please visit www.shsu.edu/fye/read.htm.

Former Science Editor of the Washington Post, Curt Supplee, had this to say about the book: "Joe Schwarcz has done it again. In fact, he has outdone it. This book is every bit as entertaining, informative and authoritative as his previous celebrated collections, but contains enriched social fiber and 10 percent more attitude per chapter. Whether he's reassessing the legacy of Rachel Carson, coping with penile underachievement in alligators, or revealing the curdling secrets of cheese, Schwarcz never fails to fascinate."

October Events at SAM!

10/13 Around the World in 50 Minutes, 4pm, LSC Theatre
10/13 Open Mic Night, 8 pm, Farrington Pitt

10/14 Tobacco Awareness, 12 pm, LSC Mall Area

10/16 Bearkat Spirit Friday, 10 am-11 am, LSC Mall Area
10/16 PC Dinner & Harry Potter - The Halfblood Prince, 7 pm, LSC Ballroom

10/21 Culture Mingle, 11 am, LSC Mall Area

10/22 Fire Fest, 7 pm, Intramural Field 3

10/23 Career Expo 2009, 10 am-3 pm, Johnson Coliseum

10/23 Bearkat Spirit Friday, 10 am-11 am, LSC Mall Area

10/24 BEARKAT ALLEY (VS. SFA - Bus Trip), 9:30 am, TBA

10/26 & 27 BRTS Author's Forum featuring Dr. Joe Schwarcz, author of *The Fly in the Ointment*

10/26 PC Grab-n-Go, 12 pm, LSC Mall Area

10/26 Domestic Violence Awareness on Campus, 12 pm, LSC Mall Area

10/28 MISSConceptions: Crime and Prejudice, 11 am, LSC 304

10/28 Pumpkin Carving Contest, 12-2 pm, LSC Mall Area

10/28 LSC Takeover, 8 pm, LSC

10/29 Think-Tank Breakfast: Gender & Society, 10 am, LSC 307

10/30 Bearkat Spirit Friday, 10 am-11 am, LSC Mall Area

10/30 Dia De Los Muertos Celebration, 11 am, LSC Mall Area

10/31 Bearkat Alley (SHSU vs. Northwestern St), 4-6 pm, Bowers Stadium Parking Lot

For a complete list of the calendar of events, visit www.shsu.edu/studentactivities.

New Student Convocation Deems in a New Class of Bearkats!

The Bearkat Class of 2013 received their official Sam Houston State University “welcome” on Saturday, August 22nd, during the First-Year Experience’s fifth annual New Student Convocation. “The New Student Convocation is a celebration that welcomes new students to campus with just the right balance of formality and entertainment,” said Keri Rogers, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. “It’s our opportunity to help”.

During the event, motivational speaker, Dr. Kozhi Makai, encouraged students to make the most of their college experience with a keynote address. He began his education at Lone Star College and later transferred to and graduated from SHSU with a degree in speech communication and psychology. Soon after, he completed his master's degree in business communication from Jones International University and his doctorate in applied management and decision sciences from Walden University.

The ceremony had a graduation-like atmosphere, with faculty, staff and administration members dressed in caps and gowns and the traditional processions. All of the freshmen attending the ceremony were given a Sam Houston backpack filled with freebies and useful information. This was followed by a hamburger & hot dog dinner for the students and their parents. Students joined the Recreational Sports Block Party following the activities at the coliseum.

Campus Resource Monthly Highlights!

[SAM Center](#) - The Student Advising Center is now advising for the Spring 2010 semester. Advisement is mandatory for all first-year students. Since Registration will take place at the beginning of November, all students should be advised as early as possible to avoid the last minute rush during preregistration. Once a student is advised and cleared, the student is ready to register at the appropriate time. If you have any questions, students call 294-4444 or just walk-in to be advised.

Places to Know!

The Writing Center

Mon-Thu: 8am-7pm

Fri: 10am-3pm

Sun: 2pm-7pm

936.294.3680

Farrington 111

wctr@shsu.edu

Appointments are encouraged.

Career Services

Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm
936.294.1713
AB4 210
careerservices@shsu.edu

The Reading Center

Mon-Thu: 8am-7pm
Fri: 8am-3pm
Sun: 2pm-7pm
936.294.3114
Farrington 109
rdg_www@shsu.edu

Math Help Lab

Mon-Thu: 10am-5pm
Fri: 10am-2pm
936.294.1565
Farrington 104

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