It's about rolling down the hill outside of Austin Hall with my friends. It's about getting to know my professors so well that they became my friends. I cannot say enough about my experience at TSU. What I have learned here, I know I couldn't get anywhere else.

I have diversified my life and the things that I study. I have met my best friends. I have let my dreams come into focus. I know that when I leave, I will be a better person because of this school.

I have come full circle.
**WHO IS A BEARKAT?**

Daniel
Sophomore / Marketing

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**THE MIND.**
- Over 79 undergraduate degrees.
- Over 45 Master's degrees.
- Highly skilled, experienced faculty; 70% of faculty members hold doctoral or terminal degrees.
- Personal attention and access; 1:20 faculty to student ratio.
- Small class sizes; average class is 30 students.
- Classrooms equipped with high-speed internet connection.
- Preprofessional programs ranging from dental to veterinary medicine.
- Two agricultural complexes - a teaching & research farm and rodeo arena.
- One of the nation's largest programs in criminal justice.
- Top 5 in the state for music and top 25 in the U.S. for theater and dance.
- Only accredited bachelor degree in the U.S. for Banking and Financial Institutions.
- Only school in Texas to offer a degree in professional golf management.

**THE BODY.**
- NCAA Division I athletic program and a wide variety of informal sports and recreational activities.
- New Recreational Sports Aquatic expansion featuring heated pool and spa, lap lanes, water aerobics, sunbathing, and leisure activities.
- Comprehensive wellness programs for students, faculty, and staff.

**THE SPIRIT.**
- A diverse student body representing 53 countries.
- 276-acre main campus surrounded by forests, lakes, and ranch lands.
- Located in Huntsville, Texas between Houston and Dallas.
- More than 200 student organizations.
- Student-operated cable television and radio stations.
- Student-published newspaper.

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I'm always on a bike. Motocross, Mountain biking - it doesn't matter. I love it all. That's why when I fell in love with SHSU, I also fell in love with the bears around Huntsville. There are so many areas for me to ride and enjoy the things that make me who I am. I can be a unique individual and still see people who like the things I do. People just like me. This place is just awesome.
WHO IS A BEARKAT?

Aaron
Senior/Banking

Basketball

Who is a Bearkat? I have the best job ever. I am a problem solver and there is never a dull day. As a staff advisor, helping students and their way through the college experience is very rewarding. I see all kinds of things that students may have, and I love this community. This SUM Center is so central to the students' lives that we really feel like part of their world. This is a beautiful place to work.

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Academic and Student Services

FYE - First-Year Experience

Adjusting to college life can sometimes be challenging. While you have more individual freedom, you also have to shoulder more responsibility. To help make your transition to college life go more easily, SHSU has developed the First-Year Experience Program. This program includes a variety of courses and support services designed to help you, as a first-year student, make a successful transition to the demands of university life. The program is comprised of the following options:

- Orientation sessions
- Freshman Seminar (SAM 135)
- Residential and non-residential cohort groups
- Academic centers/tutorials
- Personalized academic advising
- Counseling and mentoring
- Career guidance

The First-Year Experience not only taught me how to survive as a college student, but it gave me the best friends I've ever had. Learning about the campus and the skills I needed to succeed was made easy during FYE. I learned about other cultures, college rule taking, and just how easy it could be to make new friends. From the moment I stepped on campus, FYE gave me a chance to get involved, and to this day, I haven't stopped.

The Student Advising and Mentoring Center provides multiple support services to help students succeed at Sam Houston State University. In addition to advising students for class schedules, they also provide answers to these commonly asked questions:

- How can I make better grades? Predict my GPA?
- Where can I find free tutoring?
- How do I choose a major if I don't know what I want to do?
- How and when should I drop a class? Resign?
- How many hours should I take?
- What happens if I'm on probation? Suspended?
- What is a First Alert?
- What should I do to prepare for graduation?
- How do I find out about Grad school? Getting a job?

Help is available to you in person at the SAM Center in Suite 210 in AB4, by phone toll free (866) 364-3211 or direct at (936) 234-4444, and e-mail at SAMCenter@shsu.edu.
**ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

**BEGINNING FRESHMAN STUDENTS SUBMIT:**

1. Completed online application for admission with a nonrefundable $40 application fee.
2. Official ACT or SAT I scores required regardless of class rank.
3. Official high school transcript showing date of graduation and class rank.

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**BEGINNING FRESHMAN STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:**

Eligible beginning freshmen students must graduate from an accredited* high school and meet one of the following:

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*Students graduating from a non-accredited high school must meet requirements as listed in the SHSU Undergraduate Catalog.

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**TRANSFER STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:**

Eligible students transferring from other colleges and universities must:

1. Have earned a minimum of 12 transferable accredited semester hours of college level coursework.
2. Have a minimum overall transfer grade point average of 2.0, and
3. Not be on suspension from any other college or university.

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**WHO IS A BEARKAT?**

I have the best of both worlds: A great school to attend and a rock-climbing wall right on campus. College life is never boring. Crazy, in fact. Which is why I'm so glad SHSU provides excellent athletic facilities for their students. Keeping myself healthy is important and rock-climbing is my outlet. As part of the rock wall staff, I get to work while feeding my passion. I love it.

David
Senior/Political Science

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**ERIC/CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Transfer Student
**ESTIMATED COST BY SEMESTER**

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Based on Fall '21. Subject to change. Costs fees will vary depending on department.

**FINANCIAL AID:**

Approximately 50% of the student body receives financial assistance through federal, state, and local programs administered by the Student Financial Aid Office: Grants, loans, scholarships, college work-study programs, and a tuition payment plan are available to qualified students. To apply for financial aid at SHSU, students must submit the most current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.ed.gov), designated supplemental applications, and forms to the address indicated on each individual form. The Title IV Code for SHSU is 003906. Call (936) 294-1774 for more information.

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**RESIDENCE LIFE**

SHSU offers 32 different residence halls with male, female, coed, academic, and sorority housing. To assist in the transition from high school to college, all freshmen students who have been out of high school for less than a year are required to live in university residence halls and participate in the university meal plan. Housing applications, virtual tours of the residence halls, and other valuable information can be found on the Residence Life website at www.shsu.edu/reallife.

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Dorm life at SHSU was the best! I'm loving every minute of it. I have formed lasting relationships in a community full of great people to hang out with. I can look right out my window and see the beautiful nature that surrounds our campus. Plus, I'm within walking distance of any academic building. Lucky? I think so.

**Brittany & Ashley**
Freshmen/Roommates

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From seventh grade science class to being freshman year roommates, we do everything together. That's why the decision to attend SHSU was such an easy one. We got to share so many things. Studying to be teachers. Staying up all night talking. Joining organizations. There is no better place for making friends. Or for keeping them.

**Michael/Banking**
*Raven Village Resident*
I was given the opportunity for growth and an experience to find the job of my dreams. I chose SHSU because of the family and the speed because of the well-rounded education. I was provided with the foundation for success and a college experience that I will never forget. I love SHSU and the everyday and have SHSU to thank.
1-866-BEARKAT
WWW.SHSU.EDU
CAMPUS TOURS
To make an appointment for a weekday tour, call the Visitor Center at (936) 294-1844.
SATURDAYS @SAM
Campus Preview Days
November 17, 2007
March 29, 2008
Learn more and sign up for this event online at www.shsu.edu/saturday