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OSU experience provides value and pride for students

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Anthony J. D'Angelo once said, "Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow." Each and every day, students at Oklahoma State University embrace the mindset that D'Angelo possessed. In the coming weeks, schools across the country will begin fall classes, and students of all ages will be eager to start a new adventure through their education.

More and more individuals are taking part in the opportunity to experience higher education, and it seems that OSU is a premiere institution for that to happen. OSU students are excited about the opportunities afforded to them, and the possibility of acquiring a quality education.

"I am excited about coming to OSU because of how knowledgeable the professors and faculty are about the agriculture industry and beyond," said Amanda Bacon, an agricultural communications freshman from Siloam Springs, Arkansas. "I know this will help me become a successful graduate from Oklahoma State."

According to the Office of Institutional Research and Information Management, OSU has experienced a 5.3 percent increase in enrollment over the past five years, which pushed the total enrollment for 2011 to 24,231 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels.

What has sparked this consistent growth in enrollment at OSU? Much of the growth has been attributed to the success of the athletics teams, especially in football, wrestling, women's soccer, golf, and cross country. The Cowboys are the proud recipients of 50 NCAA National Championships, which makes OSU one of the most decorated schools in the country. Students also choose to come to OSU because of the sense of community, pride, and family atmosphere that both the campus and city of Stillwater has to offer. Many students appreciate the close knit community in Stillwater and at OSU.

"It's hard to find a place that has a better community than what we have here in Stillwater," said Taylor Hampton, a strategic communications sophomore from Dibble, Oklahoma. "I love the support people give to the school, and in return the school gives back to the students."

Another cause in this enrollment spike is due to the fact that OSU offers great value in education to each of their students. OSU has consistently attracted both in-state and out-of-state students to the university because of the affordable cost of education, as well as a low cost of living in Stillwater. In comparison to states surrounding Oklahoma with Division I research institutions, OSU can be an average of \$3,000 to \$7,000 cheaper per year according to Kiplinger's Best, a research institution for business and economic value. In 2011, OSU was ranked in the top 100 of Kiplinger's Best Values in Public Colleges.

Possibly the most important reason why students choose to come to OSU is their understanding of working toward a quality education. Once in Stillwater, students quickly realize that OSU is a prime destination for not only a great college experience, but also a fantastic place to gain a valuable education at an affordable price. Cowboys everywhere take great pride in their education and even more pride in their university. With great excitement, any one of them will tell you "Go Pokes!"

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Family and Graduate Student Housing Office

A note from the FGSH Assistant Director

Greetings! Welcome to a new semester in Family and Graduate Student Housing! Your Apartment Assistants (AAs) and the Family Resource Center (FRC) staff wish you the best in your academic and personal/family endeavors while living in our community--we want you to feel like you are part of our "family" because you are!

Our community has residents from many different countries and cultures, yet we all have things in common. You and your neighbors alike strive to better yourselves and your families by reaching your academic goals while at OSU. Also, you and your neighbors want to get to know new people who will help support you personally and professionally during your time at OSU and for years to come. It is these commonalities, among numerous others, that makes us family. I encourage you to make an effort to get to know your neighbors and make friendships that will last forever.

This newsletter, along with your Apartment Assistant's newsletter, are the best sources of information related to FRC activities, FGSH reminders, and neighborhood functions. Please take advantage of the programming offered by the FRC and your AA's and participate or volunteer when you can. If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind, please don't hesitate to call the FRC, the FGSH office, or your neighborhood AA. Also, feel free send me an e-mail (sarah.wilkey@okstate.edu) or come by my office at the FRC—my door is always open!



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Apartment Maintenance

The Facilities Management Office is the office that handles maintenance issues. If your apartment requires maintenance you should contact the FMO at 744-8510. The FMO is open 8am-5pm. In case of a maintenance emergency after 8pm or on weekends, contact the Physical Plant Action Desk at 744-7154.

Newsline Online

Interested in receiving your newsletter electronically? Send an email to sarah.wilkey@okstate.edu with your name and email address.
You will still receive a paper version.



Keep up with the FRC on Facebook! Search "OSU Family Resource Center" and like our page. Make sure to check daily to find important FGSH information and for chances to win prizes!

Staff Spotlight

Each month, we will highlight staff members from the Family Resource Center.

Name: Jason Culp

Hometown: Duncan, OK

Education: Master's student in Teaching English as a Second Language

Role at the FRC: Community Relations Assistant Residence Director

Favorite Food: "Nothing beats a good steak for me!"

Favorite Activities: Spending time with my wife

Future Plans: "I'd like to get my master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language, and move to the Middle East to open my own language center."

Favorite movie: "Equilibrium"

Favorite thing about the FRC: "I love getting to help our international and FGSU residents feel at home here in Stillwater."

Interesting Fact: "I speak Arabic and am always looking for someone to practice speaking it with."

Favorite Quote: "Follow me!" - Jesus

Name: Chetana Musapeta

Hometown: Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh (India)

Education: Undergraduate student studying Psychology with a physician's assistant emphasis.

Role at the FRC: Community Relations Desk Staff

Favorite Food: "Nothing gets better than homemade Biryani."

Favorite Activities: Hanging out with friends and cooking

Future Plans: "In the future, I want to run my own private practice (family clinic)."

Favorite book: *Silent Echoes* by Carla Jablonski

Favorite thing about the FRC: Meeting people from all over the world and being able to help them.

Interesting Fact: "I am part of the Executive Coordinating Committee for the Midwestern Asian American Students Union (MAASU), which is a non-profit organization started in response for political unity among Asian American students in the Midwest."

Favorite Quote: "Be a part of something BIGGER than yourself." - Anonymous

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If you enjoy learning more about current FGSU staff members, be on the lookout for more spotlights and interesting facts in the upcoming *Newline* editions!

Apartment Assistant News

Neighborhood Gatherings

WEST

Saturday, August 18 • 7-8:30pm at the playground area
Gate prize / Asian food, cake & drinks.

STEVENS

Saturday, August 18 • 7-8:30pm at the playground area
Horse shoes / Asian food.

BRUMLEY

Sunday, August 19 • 7-8:30pm at Brumley Community Center
Kites / Sandwiches and chips, fruit & drinks.

PROSSER

Saturday, August 25 • 6-7:30pm at playground / E Side of 21N
Games for kids / Chicken, rice & veggies.

WILLIAMS

Saturday, August 25 • 6:30-7:30pm at the playground area
Soccer / Ice cream, donuts & drinks.

MORRISON

Sunday, August 26 • 7-8:30pm at the Gazebo
Frisbee football / Hamburgers.

DEMAREE

Sunday, August 26 • 7:30-8:30pm at the picnic tables
People bingo / Pizza & drinks.

**Please help us in welcoming two new
Apartment Assistants to the FRC:**

*Sara Cheriki - Brumley A.A.
Farag Mewafy and Mona Nafea - Williams A.A.*

Please help us make them feel welcome to
the FGSH community!

Brumley
Neighborhood

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Neighborhood

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S42

Morrison
Neighborhood

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Prosser
Neighborhood

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N16, N17, N18, N19, N20,
N21, N22, N23, N24, N25,
N26, N27, N28

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Neighborhood

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S76, S90, S91, S92

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S86, S87, S88, S89

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N12, N13, N14, N15, N101,
N102, N103, N104, N105

FGSH News

The FRC is excited to welcome our new Community Development Residence Director, Catherine Molleno, and new Community Relations Assistant Residence Director, Mahmoud Mistarihi. Please welcome them as they start their new positions.

The BUS--Campus and Community Transit

The BUS is the campus and community transit service operated by the Department of Parking and Transit Services at OSU. The BUS provides fixed-route transit services throughout Stillwater and the OSU campus. Two routes provide service on the main campus every 7 minutes from 6 am to 7pm and every 15 minutes after 7pm. The BUS also provides public transportation in Stillwater to all citizens from 6:30am to 7pm Monday through Friday. The BUS fares are as follows:

OSU Students, Faculty, and Staff	Free with ID
General Public	50 cents (\$0.50)
Child Under 5	Free when accompanied by paying passenger
Child/Young Adult age 5-18; Seniors age 60+	25 cents (\$0.25)
Persons with ADA Disability Card & Persons with Medicare Card	25 cents (\$0.25)

Exact fare required; fares are for one-way trips. Return trips require additional payment.
For route information, visit www.transit.okstate.edu.

Shopping Shuttle (free for all FGSH residents)

Sign up for the shuttle at the Laundry Mart 30 minutes prior to the shuttle's departure.

Monday & Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry)	To Sultan International Market
6:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry)	To Walmart & Food Pyramid
7pm (Pick Up @ Brumley Office)	To Walmart & Food Pyramid
7:10pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)	Return to FGSH Apartments
7:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry)	To Walmart & Food Pyramid
7:40pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)	Return to FGSH Apartments
8:10pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)	Return to FGSH Apartments
8:40pm (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)	Return to FGSH Apartments

Saturday Schedule

9am (Pick Up @ Laundry)	To Walmart & Food Pyramid
9:30am (Pick Up @ Brumley Office)	To Walmart & Food Pyramid
9:40am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)	Return to FGSH Apartments
10am (Pick Up @ Laundry)	To Walmart & Food Pyramid
10:10am & 11am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)	Return to FGSH Apartments
11:40am (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)	Return to FGSH Apartments

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Youth & Family Programs

Youth and Family Programs Schedule Fall 2012

Toddler Time (ages 2-3)	Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30-11:30 am
Kindergarten Kids Club (age 5):.....	Monday-Friday, 4-6 pm
Teen Club (ages 12-17):	Tuesday & Thursday, 6-8 pm
Practical Parenting (childcare provided).....	Friday, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Family Story Hour (ages 0-4):	Friday, 10-11 am

Our new programming schedule for Fall 2012 will be coming soon! Please come by the FRC to pick up a fall programming bulletin. Programs for the Fall Semester begin on Monday, August 20, 2012.

At this time, the Cowboy & Cowgirl 4-H Club is full for Summer 2012 programs and not accepting any new enrollees. For those children previously enrolled in 4-H Club in the Spring 2012 semester, there will be Garden Days. These days will be spent working with an adult on the 4-H Club gardens.

2012-2013 Enrollment Announcements

During the month of August, the Youth & Family Programs Staff will be assisting all parents in completing new enrollment forms for children in order to participate in Fall 2012 & Spring 2013 programs. All parents who would like their child to participate in fall and spring programs must fill out a new enrollment form regardless of whether or not your child was previously enrolled.

For the fall and spring semesters, children will be enrolled in programs on a priority basis; those residents who have lived in the Family and Graduate Student Housing Community for the longest amount of time will have first priority in signing up their children for programs. Enrollment for most of our programs will be limited; refer to information below, so you may enroll your child on the appropriate day.

Additionally, in order to enroll children for programs, parents are now required to bring their apartment key and their photo identification card. If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process, please contact Amie.

***Residents may enroll their children on their specified days during the following times:
9 - 11am; 1 - 3pm; 5 - 7pm***

Wednesday, August 1st ~ Residents who moved into the Family and Graduate Student Housing Community prior to September 1st, 2009 may enroll their children on this day during the times listed above.

Thursday, August 2nd ~ Residents who moved into the Family and Graduate Student Housing Community from September 2nd, 2009 to September 1st, 2011 may enroll their children on this day during the times listed above.

Friday, August 3rd ~ Residents who moved into the Family and Graduate Student Housing Community from September 2nd, 2011 to the present may enroll their children on this day during the times listed above.

Mandatory Parent Meeting

Parents of children enrolled in programs are required to attend the informational meeting regarding fall and spring programs on Thursday, August 16 from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Parents must attend this meeting in order for their children to attend fall and spring programs. At this informational meeting, parents will have the opportunity to meet the Youth & Family Programming Staff, become aware of children's programming policies and procedures, learn about special programs and field trips, and ask questions. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided. Please note this meeting is mandatory; your child will not be allowed to participate in this program if you do not attend this meeting.

Amie Allen, Youth & Family Programs Coordinator, may be reached by phone at 405-744-6539 or by e-mail at amie.allen@okstate.edu

Community Development

Please Come to the FRC to Pick up the Community Development Fall Class Schedule

The Community Development area provides fun and educational activities for adults living in the FGSH community. Examples of Community Development programs include: English classes, cooking demonstrations, craft classes, personal wellness classes, diversity/cultural activities, Women's/Men's/Couple's events and much more!

All classes will begin on Monday, August 20, 2012.

Friendzy Event

New to the neighborhood? Join us on Friday, August 17 at 5pm for an FRC Friendzy party where you will have the opportunity to mingle with other residents and students and make new friends! Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Due to the nature of this event, you must be 18 or older to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Mayor's Welcome

The Mayor's Welcome is an annual event hosted by the International Friendship Committee of Stillwater that allows various community and campus organizations that provide specific services of interest to international students to exhibit their services. The Mayor's Welcome also serves to welcome new and returning international students to the community and acquaint them with all the activities the community has to offer. Refreshments will be served and Mayor John Bartley will be present to address the guests. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 18, from 6 - 9pm in the Wes Watkins Center.

Welcome Night

Come enjoy good company, refreshments and snacks as we introduce the new members of the FRC Community Development fall staff on Wednesday, August 29 from 7-8pm in the FRC Great Room. This is a great chance to ask questions, meet the new staff, and get information about all of the classes offered at the FRC this fall.

Residential Life Bash 2012

Come take a stroll along the boardwalk! Join the department of Housing and Residential Life as they celebrate the beginning of the fall semester. Everyone is welcome to take part in this boardwalk-themed event. Enjoy free food, live music, henna tattoos, games, roommate challenges, a bit of OSU spirit, and much more. Admission is free, and the event will take place on Saturday, August 18, from 6pm - 12am on Library Lawn.

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services provided by
Family and Graduate
Student Housing, OSU
Student Activity Board
Fee, the Stillwater
Literacy Council, and
the Biosystems and
Agricultural Engineering
Graduate Student
Association.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30pm SS <i>YFP Enrollment 9am; 1pm; 5pm</i>	2 <i>YFP Enrollment 9am; 1pm; 5pm</i>	3 <i>YFP Enrollment 9am; 1pm; 5pm</i>	4 9am SS 6pm Survival English 7:30pm Intermediate English
5	6 5:30pm SS	7	8 5:30pm SS	9	10	11 9am SS 6pm Survival English 7:30pm Intermediate English
12	13 5:30pm SS	14	15 5:30pm SS	16 <i>Mandatory Parent Meeting 6:30pm</i>	17 <i>Friendly Event 5pm</i>	18 9am SS 6pm Survival English 7:30pm Intermediate English <i>West 7pm Stevens 7pm</i> Mayor's Welcome 6pm ResLife Bash 6pm
19 <i>Brunley 7pm</i>	20 4pm KKC 4pm ASA 5:30pm SS	21 9:30am TT 4pm KKC 4pm ASA 6:30pm TC	22 4pm KKC 4pm ASA 5:30pm SS	23 9:30am TT 4pm KKC 4pm ASA 6:30pm TC	24 10am FSH 11:30am PP 4pm KKC 4pm ASA	25 9am SS 6pm Survival English 7:30pm Intermediate English <i>Prosser 6pm Williams 6:30pm</i>
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FSH-Family Story Hour

KKC-Kindergarten Kids Club

TT-Toddler Time

ASA-After School Adventure

SS-Shopping Shuttle

TC-Teen Club

PP-Practical Parenting