

# TALH Corner

*Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

DR. TED H. STUBERFIELD

*“If we did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves.”*

– Thomas A. Edison



The term “gifted and talented” is generally associated with individuals that have unique abilities that are showcased through intellectual, artistic, or athletic skill and technique. We are often reminded that everyone has a gift or talent and it’s what we do with it that makes it special. As the great inventor and businessman Thomas Edison pointed out, we would be amazed of our accomplishments if we just put our minds and efforts into the goals we seek. There’s no doubt that students at the Academy are sometime astonished at their own endeavors. I often wonder if students envisioned they would complete over 1,000 hours of community service in one semester, plan and participate in research for our annual symposium, attend unique field trips, hear our campus distinguished lecturer discuss the origins, dangers, and uses of mercury, share in clubs, committees, and organizations that spark their interests, and be challenged by renowned professors while being mentored and afforded the opportunities of undergraduate research. To astound ourselves gives way to a realization of true



**Best Costume - Avril Falgout  
TALH Halloween Party 2014**

accomplishment and a sense of knowing that more can be achieved. It is our continued belief that our efforts will produce a desired result thus building confidence in our ability yielding limitless possibilities.

The fall semester has been bustling with activity. Mr. Stevenson has provided much food for thought in the Humanities I and II seminars as well as a unique perspective to film through the Hitchcock movie events. If students have acquired a heightened interest in bacon, we can also credit Mr. Stevenson for the occasion “In Praise of Bacon” where unique bacon themed food items were explored by bacon enthusiast. Mr. Hodge traveled with students to the Alley Theatre in Houston to experience *Victor Victoria* and *Dracula: The Original Vampire Play*. Most recently,

the Texas Renaissance Festival was attended by a group of students with much merriment. Ms. Corwin hosted our annual Mentor Mixer where students invited their mentor to join them and discuss research opportunities as well as their mentorship role with TALH students. We are always pleased to hear how our students are representing TALH within the greater university community.

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In addition, TALH has had weekly community meetings, club meetings and activities, held the TALH Halloween Party (thank you Juliee Beaver for your kind and generous donation) and the H.E.L.P. Service Barbeque thanking our service representatives for allowing our students into their organization to volunteer in the community. We also hosted our Fall Preview Day where we presented our program to 36 prospective students and their families. In the weeks to come, we will celebrate the Holiday Season with a gathering featuring family traditional dishes from your cherished recipes. While breaking bread together, students want to provide entertainment in a "coffee house setting" expressing their "TALHents" in a variety of acts. In the tradition of the season, our students will also be purchasing gifts for a family in need through our local charity, "Some Other Place." This is special for our student in that they have an opportunity to support children who may not otherwise have gifts at Christmas. A component of service and leadership is the development of a compassionate heart. This event is another pathway to enhancing the spirit of our students further emphasizing the importance of service learning.

I am always elated to express the academic accomplishments of our students. The following students were recognized on the President's List for earning a 4.00 G.P.A. for the spring 2014 semester: **Emily Brown, Lydia Ford, Cynthia Lin, Jordyn Quirit, Kathryn Riley, and Chris York**. The following student achieved recognition on the Dean's List for a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher: **Yasmine Abdallah, James Acord, Jodi Erickson, Baylie Fox, Austin Howard, Michelle Howard, Ashton Lawrence, Skylor Matchett, Ahad Memon, and Allie Valentine**. The National Merit Corporation commended **Jodi Erickson** and **Chris York** for their 2013 PSAT performance. Chris York was awarded a research grant from the Office of

Undergraduate Research for his proposal "Enumerating kth Roots in the Symmetric Inverse Monoid." He will present his research at the Lamar Undergraduate Research Expo on April 20, 2015. **Chris and Luke Meyer** were recognized in Pi Mu Epsilon: Problems and Solution, fall 2014 for providing a solution to proposed **Problem 1288**.

Many of our students have begun to receive college acceptances for the fall 2015 academic year. We encourage all seniors to send a copy of these acceptances into Mrs. Colichia as soon as you receive them. **Emily Brown** and **Cynthia Lin** have continued undergraduate research with their mentor professors, Dr. Irwin and Dr. Wright. **Cynthia** and Junior, **Sydney Sanders** will represent TALH at the 2014 fall Junior Statesmen Association Convention. Junior, **Avril Falgout**, recently held an art show entitled *Paper in Pieces, Larger Than Life: The Art of Avril Falgout*. Junior, **Bodhi Demolay** is performing with the university wind ensemble. Students let us know as soon as possible if you have received or you are participating in an event of merit. We enjoy expressing our joy for your accomplishments.

The topic of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Futurism Symposium is **The Future of Media**. Our Captains have chosen a particular focus in which they will lead their families in research. **Emily Brown** will examine **Desensitization**. **Lydia Ford** will concentrate on **Sensationalism**. The area of study for **Michelle Howard** will be **Saturation**. **Cynthia Lin** will evaluate **Sensory Overload**. **Skylor Matchett** will explore **Globalization of Information**. The issue under review for **Luke Meyer** will be **Privacy**. **Kathryn Riley** will posit **Dehumanization**. **Allie Valentine** will focus her research in the area of **Cyber Conflict**. Each of these individual areas of research will culminate around the positive and negative effects of media and possible

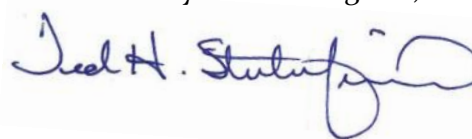
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implications for our society. The Symposium is scheduled for March 3-4, 2015 on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Mary and John Gray Library.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I reflect on what I'm thankful for. Obviously, I am thankful for my wife and family for their support and love. I am also thankful for our great staff, Mr. Stevenson, Ms. Corwin, Mr. Hodge, and Mrs. Colichia. In addendum, a special thanks is given to Mrs. Colichia for all the behind the scene work that she does making our daily routine much smoother. Moreover, I am thankful to all our students. I thoroughly enjoy the spirit and level of importance they place their education.

Always seek to be lifelong learners. Seniors, continue the hard work setting the example of leadership, service, and academia. Finally, I wish to convey a special expression of gratitude to all captains and student government members; your leadership is greatly appreciated! Remember, seek to astound yourself, you may just discover that "ah ha" moment you were looking for.

With my warmest regards,


**FALL PREVIEW DAY**

Fall Preview Day was a huge success! Over 100 students and parents from around the state attended the event held at the University Reception Center on the 8th Floor of the Mary and John Gray Library at Lamar University on Saturday, November 8. TALH students greeted attendees, served on panels, showed their rooms during dorm tours,



and acted as general ambassadors throughout the day. We hope the day was as informative and enjoyable to all attendees as it was a pleasure for all students and staff to welcome them and share their experience of the unique opportunities available to them at TALH and Lamar University.



**Lamar University will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.**  
**All TALH students must depart by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26**  
**and may return after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 30.**  
**Students are not allowed back in the dorms during the closed holiday period.**

# FALL 2014 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	
<b>M, W, F</b>	
Period 1:	8:00 - 8:55 a.m.
Period 2:	9:10 - 10:05 a.m.
Period 3:	10:20 - 11:15 a.m.
Period 4:	11:30 - 12:25 p.m.
Period 5:	12:40 - 1:35 p.m.
Period 11:	6:50 - 7:45 a.m.
<b>M, W</b>	
Period 6:	1:50 - 3:10 p.m.
Period 7:	3:50 - 5:10 p.m.
Period 8:	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.
Period 9:	7:05 - 8:25 p.m.
Period 10:	8:40 - 10:00 p.m.
<b>TR</b>	
Period A:	8:00 - 9:20 a.m.
Period B:	9:35 - 10:55 a.m.
Period C:	11:10 - 12:30 p.m.
Period D:	12:45 - 2:05 p.m.
Period E:	2:20 - 3:40 p.m.
Period F:	3:50 - 5:10 p.m.
Period G:	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.
Period H:	7:05 - 8:25 p.m.
Period I:	8:40 - 10:00 p.m.
Period J:	6:35 - 7:55 a.m.
<b>NIGHTS</b>	
Period K:	5:30 - 8:25 p.m. (includes 15 minute break)
<b>S</b>	
Period L:	9:00 - 11:55 a.m. (includes 15 minute break)
<b>MINI SESSIONS (MTWRF, 9-15 Class Days)</b>	
Period M1:	8:00 - 12:15 p.m.
Period M2:	12:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Period M3:	5:00 - 9:15 p.m.

<b>FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE</b>			
EXAM DATE	CLASS PERIOD		TIME OF EXAM
<b>Wednesday, December 3, 2014</b>	<b>Final Exam Prep Day (no finals before 5 pm)</b>		
	W only	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	MW	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	W only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	MW	8:40 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, December 4, 2014</b>	S	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
	TU-TH	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
	TU-TH	11:10 a.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	3:50 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	TH only	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, December 5, 2014</b>	TH only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	8:40 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, December 8, 2014</b>	Friday,	MWF	9:10 a.m.
	December 5, 2014	MWF	12:40 p.m.
	Monday,	MWF	8:00 a.m.
	December 8, 2014	MWF	10:20 a.m.
	MW	3:50 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 9, 2014</b>	M only	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	MW	7:05 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	M only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	Tuesday,	TU-TH	9:35 a.m.
	December 9, 2014	TU-TH	12:45 p.m.
	TU-TH	2:20 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, December 10, 2014</b>	TU only	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	7:05 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	TU only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	Wednesday,	MWF	6:50 a.m.
	December 10, 2014	MWF	11:30 a.m.
MW	1:50 p.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	

## SPRING 2015 ACADEMIC ADVISING

Students met with Dr. Stuberfield and Ms. Corwin for advising to discuss their schedules for the spring 2015 semester. Please review your child's schedule and call us if you have any questions or concerns. We always welcome parental input. Remember that each student's graduation plan is an individual plan that is determined by the individual student's previous courses, grades, test scores, and teach-

er recommendations. Our first priority is to determine the courses that remain for each student to complete our program. Electives are selected from courses required for the university core. These core courses are generally easily transferable to other universities.

All registration holds (unpaid account balances, parking tickets, etc.) must be removed before students may

register for spring classes

TALH Tuition Scholarships in the amount of \$4,670.70 will be applied to student accounts for 15 credit hours on or before January 16, 2015. Parents are responsible for all room, board, and tuition and fees in excess of 15 credit hours. Parents are also responsible for tuition and fees for any courses that are repeated.

## WEEKEND TRAVEL

Thank you parents for submitting your weekend travel passes! We appreciate your help in keeping your children safe. Please remember that passes are due by Wednesday at 4:00 PM. We count on you to submit travel

requests by the deadline so that we have enough time to keep our security staff informed. If your plans change during the weekend, please remember that the TALH Security Office number is 409-880-8482. Our next closed holiday and week-

end will be Thanksgiving, November 26 (after classes) through November 30. Because our security staff is off on closed holidays and closed weekends, students are not permitted to stay at the dorms on these dates.

## GRADUATION 2015



Graduation 2015 is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the University Theater at Lamar University. We do not limit your number of guests because we all want to celebrate your student's success.

Graduate Sales, our graduation supplier, met with the seniors on Monday, November 17, to distribute the graduation

brochures and order forms. Graduate Sales will return to take your student's order on the Monday after Thanksgiving, December 1. This will enable you to peruse the material that your student brings home over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Your student's order, including invitations and caps and gowns, will be delivered to the TALH Office in the spring. We will notify the students

when the items arrive. TALH keeps the caps and gowns in the office for safekeeping. We appreciate that some parents would like to have formal graduation photos taken. We use black caps and gowns and most photographers stock these items. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Hodge at (409) 839-2993.

## STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports are mailed to the Lamar faculty at the beginning of each month. Please remember that although we strongly encourage the Lamar faculty to return the notices, this is a university and some professors do not respond to our inquiries. Mrs. Colichia will contact parents immediately if we receive a progress notice with a grade

or absence concern. You may, however, contact our counselor, Ms. Corwin, at any time to inquire about your child's progress. She may be reached by phone at (409) 839-2992 or by email at: karen.westgate@lamar.edu.

We encourage you to visit with your child regularly regarding his/her classes. Your child is the best source of in-

formation. Each student receives a syllabus in every class. The syllabus contains contact information for the professor and course requirements. Please ask to see your child's syllabus. One purpose of the monthly closed weekends is to give you an opportunity to visit with your child about classes and discuss any issues that he/she may be dealing with.

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS



Our students are now receiving college acceptances and scholarship offers. Please join us in celebrating the acceptances and scholarships that we have officially been informed of:

**Carrington Barfield:** Texas

A&M University-Corpus Christi and University of Texas at San Antonio

**Austin Howard:** Lamar University, Lamar University, Mary Hardin-Baylor University with Honor Scholarship, University of Missouri, and West Texas A&M University

**Michelle Howard:** Texas

State University.

**Cynthia Lin:** Texas Tech University.

**Jordyn Quirit:** University of Houston

**Christopher York:** Lamar University.



## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

*Please send information regarding college acceptances, awards, honors, and scholarship offers to Ms. Corwin. She will forward the information to Mrs. Colichia for inclusion in our monthly newsletters and graduation program. We want to highlight your child's achievements.*

## COLLEGE PREVIEW DAYS

### Abilene Christian University

Wildcat Premier Weekends

<http://www.acu.edu/admissions/visit/wildcat-preview-day.html>

### Baylor University

Spring Premier

April 11, 2015

<http://www.baylor.edu/visit/index.php?id=81925>

### East Texas Baptist University

Tiger Day

March 21

<http://www.etbu.edu/admissions/freshman-admissions/visit/tiger-day/>

### Howard Payne University

Yellow Jacket Mondays

November 24, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 27

<http://www.hputx.edu/campus-offices/admissions/yellow-jacket-mondays/>

### Houston Baptist University

Experience HBU

February 4, March 4

HBU Preview Weekend

February 20-21

Preview Saturday: April 11

<http://www.hbu.edu/Choosing-HBU/Admissions/Visit-Campus.aspx>

### Sam Houston State University

Saturdays at SAM

March 28

[www.shsu.edu/~visitor/saturday.html](http://www.shsu.edu/~visitor/saturday.html)

### Southern Methodist University

Mustang Spring Fest

[www.smu.edu/Admission/Visit/SpringFest](http://www.smu.edu/Admission/Visit/SpringFest)

### Stephen F. Austin State University

Showcase Saturday

February 28, March 28

<http://www.sfasu.edu/admissions/visitsfa/showcase.asp>

### Southwestern University

Pirate Preview Days for Seniors

February 16

Showcase for Juniors

April 11

<http://www.southwestern.edu/admission/campusvisits/events.php>

### Texas A&M University College Station

Freshman Information Day for Seniors

November 24

[www.tamu.edu](http://www.tamu.edu)

### Texas A&M University Galveston

Come SEA us

February 20

<http://www.tamug.edu/admrc/index.html>

### Texas A&M University Kingsville

Javelina Preview Days

January 31, April 25

<http://www.tamuk.edu/preview/>

### Texas Christian University

Mondays at TCU

February 16, March 2, 30, April 27

<http://www.admissions.tcu.edu/visit/>

### Texas State University

Bobcat Day

February 28, April 11

<http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/visit/bobcat-days/bcdsign-up.html>

### Texas Tech University

Individual Appointments

<http://www.ttu.edu>

### Trinity University

Trinity in Focus

November 22, January 31, February 14

<http://new.trinity.edu/admissions-aid/campus-visits-programs/trinity-focus>

### University of Houston

Cougar Preview

March 21

<http://www.uh.edu/admissions/connect/schedule-visit/cougar-preview/index.php>

### University of St. Thomas

Open House

TBA

[http://www.stthom.edu/Admissions/Visit\\_Campus/Events/UST\\_Open\\_House.aqf#.UoZddFfAaMO](http://www.stthom.edu/Admissions/Visit_Campus/Events/UST_Open_House.aqf#.UoZddFfAaMO)

### University of Texas at Arlington

Preview Day

February 7, April 18

<https://www.uta.edu/admissions/events/preview-day/>

### University of Texas at Austin

Explore UT, March 7

<http://www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut/>

### University of Texas at Dallas

Scholar's Day—Check site for Spring date

<http://www.utdallas.edu/enroll/visit/scholarsday.php>

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOAN PROGRAMS



- ABE AND ANNIE SEIBEL FOUNDATION:** ([www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/aid/scholarship/scaasf.php](http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/aid/scholarship/scaasf.php)) PO Box 8210 Galveston, TX 77553-8210 Phone (409) 770-5665; The Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation is a zero-interest educational loan program available through Frost National Bank in Galveston, Texas. Qualified applicants may contact the Foundation by telephone or mail after November 1 each year to request an application packet for the upcoming fall/spring long-term school year. Applicant must be a USA citizen and Texas resident, graduate of a Texas high school, enrolled full-time at a Texas college or university, and working toward a first undergraduate degree. Application deadline is February 28.
- CHARLES, LELA AND MARY SLOUGH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** ([www.midland.edu/slough](http://www.midland.edu/slough)): Scholarship awards up to \$5,000 per year (\$2,500 per Fall and Spring semesters) for a total of 5 years or the completion of a Bachelor's Degree or total accumulation of 136 semester hours or 36 credits, whichever comes first. Smaller amounts may be awarded on a one-time basis with no guarantee of future awards. Applications begin January 1 and deadline to submit an application is March 29. Applicants must submit application online.
- DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP** ([www.dmwtscholarship.org](http://www.dmwtscholarship.org)): The 2015 Don't mess with Texas® Scholarship, sponsored by Forestar and in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, recognizes the achievements of high school seniors who have taken leadership roles to prevent litter in their schools and/or communities in Texas. One \$6,000 scholarship and two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded in May 2015 to students planning to pursue a two- or four-year degree at an accredited university or college in Texas. Applications must be received by online submission or postmarked by April 4, 2015, Midnight (CST). Both digital and mailed applications will be accepted, and will be judged based on student essays detailing creative solutions to litter problems.
- GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS** ([www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)): The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS), also known as the Bill Gates Scholarship, aims to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for thousands of outstanding students with significant financial need to reach their fullest potential. Eligible students must be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American. Online applications must be submitted by January 14, 2015
- THE HARALDSON FOUNDATION** ([www.haraldsonfoundation.org](http://www.haraldsonfoundation.org)): Haraldson Foundation need-based scholarships are awarded the University of Texas-bound high school seniors who have high SAT or ACT scores, are graduating in the top 10% of their graduation class, and who demonstrate leadership in extra curricular activities, community service, and moral characters. Award amount is \$20,000 over 4 years. Deadline for application is December 1.
- ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION 2015 MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP** ([www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars)): The Elks National Foundation provides more than \$3.75 million in college scholarships each year through its three scholarship programs. The application process and deadlines vary for each program. All applications must go through a local Elks Lodge before reaching the Elks National Foundation office. Awards are 500 4-year scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$60,000.



*Hmmm.... I've been accepted to one of the colleges I applied to.*

*Hmmm.... I've just received a scholarship.*

*What do I do now?*

*Tell us all about it. Please let us know when you receive acceptance notifications (even if you don't plan to attend). We also want to know about all scholarship offers you receive (even if you do not accept). Please give Ms. Corwin a copy of the notification letter. We keep a record in our office. We are proud of you and want to share your accomplishments!*

**Contact Ms. Corwin at (409) 839-2992 for further information.**



# Halloween Party

## 2014







HAPPY HALLOWEEN



# Field Trips





*Our Mom is Ciara*

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*Boy, Tayshaun, 9 years old, size 12  
would like remote control car or Legos*

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*Boy, Willie, 6 years old, size 10  
would like remote control car or action figures*

*\*\*\*\*\**

*Girl, Ryen, 5 years old, size 8  
would like Crayola activity set or drawing materials*

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*TALH families have divided the gift responsibilities. Parents, if you would like to assist our TALH students in this service opportunity, please ask your student which child he/she is providing for. We ask that gifts be wrapped with the appropriate child's name on the gifts.*



## MONTHLY REMINDERS

- We welcome your calls. If you ever have a concern about your student or just want to keep in touch with us, please call.
- Weekend travel forms are due to Mr. Hodge by 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Mr. Hodge will confirm that students have permission to travel by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. Weekend travel information is distributed to TALH administrators, TALH community leaders and TALH security every Friday morning, so we ask that travel plans be finalized by Wednesday afternoon. Your help is appreciated!
- **CLOSED WEEKENDS:** Reminder: All students are required to vacate the dorm for closed weekends and required holidays by 4:00 p.m., Friday. Students may return after 2:00 p.m. on Sundays (or Mondays if Monday is a holiday).
- **TEA VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT:** The Texas Education Agency (TEA) states, "School enrollment and attendance as a condition of licensing a student to operate a motor vehicle applies to persons under 18 years of age unless a high school diploma or its equivalent has been obtained." In order to obtain or renew student driver's licenses, students must obtain a Verification of Enrollment form from Mrs. Colichia.
- SAT and ACT fee waivers are available. Students must meet qualifications. Please contact Ms. Corwin for more information.
- Students and parents are reminded that when applying to other colleges, both TALH and LAMAR UNIVERSITY transcripts are required. TALH transcripts may be requested by sending an email to Mrs. Colichia at: [texas.academy@lamar.edu](mailto:texas.academy@lamar.edu). Lamar University transcripts may be requested from the Lamar Records Office located in the Wimberly Building Room 112.
- Students are reminded that a two-week turnaround is required for letters of recommendation from TALH administrators. Students needing letters of recommendation must fill out a request form (available from each administrator or Mrs. Colichia) and turn it in to the administrator from whom you are requesting a recommendation, along with all pertinent information and/or attachments. Updated resumes must accompany each request. Please be courteous and ask the administrator in person PRIOR to filling out the request form.



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