A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

DR. TED STUBERFIELD

“Successful adaptation to world change and the continued civilization and enrichment of our world depend on creative endeavors.” – Dr. E. Paul Torrance

BACK TO THE FUTURE

One of my most favorite movies as a kid and still to this day is the 1985 Science Fiction time travel adventure Back to the Future. In my opinion, you can’t go wrong with a film directed by Robert Zemeckis, produced by Stephen Spielberg starring the likes of Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, and a host of other great cast members. I knew that time travel was impossible, but the idea of altering or controlling past events to effect current and future outcomes was intriguing. As entertaining as I thought the movie was, I gained the perspective of how important it is not just to let life happen, but to openly seek opportunities to change our destiny. Again, I know there’s no such thing as time travel, but students in TALH have a unique life changing opportunity. Our students, through dedication to academia, commitment to service, and openness to leadership experiences, can propel their future selves developing college savvy skills and knowledge to meet educational and career challenges in the 21st century. They may not travel in the past like “Marty McFly,” but their success at the Academy could embark them on a journey of life-long learning with positive returns. Welcome back seniors and greetings juniors. Let’s get back to your future.

Over the summer we began the process of rebuilding our website to align with the current university design. The process required hands-on training, weeks of collaboration, and think tanks designed to consider content and appearance. After weeks of work and the inclusion of various pictures and content, we went live on June 26. I would like to applaud the efforts of Mr. Bruce Hodge, Student Service Coordinator and Mrs. Cindy Colichia, Administrative Coordinator for their daily toil to complete this project. In addition, Mrs. Charla Pate and Mrs. Stacey Haynes were instrumental in assisting our department with training and technical matters. We would also like to express our gratitude to our university president, Dr. Kenneth Evans. After meeting with Dr. Evans, our website project was given priority and was completed in an efficient, timely manner. Information about TALH is easier to obtain for current students and parents and moreover, provides a great resource for potential students as they explore their early college options. We most definitely enjoy the new, more engaging presentation and the ability to express our great learning community here at TALH and Lamar University.

STUDENT LEADERS

Our class of 2015 student government consists of co-presidents’ Cynthia Lin (captain) and Luke Meyer (captain), vice-president, Emily Brown (captain), and secretary, Ashton Lawrence. I had the pleasure of working with them over the summer to plan our opening week of student activities. I am elated to say that the opening activities were a success due to the creative ideas and collaboration of our student government leaders. Other senior leaders are Lydia Ford (captain), Michelle Howard...
(captain), Skylor Matchett (captain), Kathryn Riley (captain), and Allie Valentine (captain). Each captain was assigned a presentation specific to student life and our learning community in which they presented at our orientation. In addition, the captains also facilitated all activities which consisted of ice-breakers, leadership games, and even a campus-wide scavenger hunt. I was pleased to observe the time and energy each captain took to ensure that new students were welcomed and part of our learning community. A unique feature about TALH is that leadership is shown in many different ways. Seniors who are not captains also participated by assisting with new student move-in day by either serving as guides, taking pictures, working as movers, and of course hospitality. I contend that the goal of opening week was fulfilled through the active participation of our students in building unity, making new friends, assisting new students, and an overall orientation to our learning environment at TALH and Lamar University. I commend your good work.

A key component of orientation is the guest speaker. This year for our convocation we invited Oney D. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Ph.D. Dr. Fitzpatrick is Associate Provost for Student Retention in the Center for Academic Success at Lamar University. He provided our students and parents with an informative and entertaining presentation on how to be successful in college. The presentation was indeed successful as the senior leaders reiterated Dr. Fitzpatrick’s words throughout the opening activities. I would be remiss if not to show my gratitude to our fabulous TALH staff: Mrs. Cindy Colichia, Administrative Coordinator, Ms. Karen Corwin, Counselor, Mr. Bruce Hodge, Student Service Coordinator, and Mr. Scott Stevenson, Assistant Director. In addition, our security officers Ms. Melissa Hebert and Mr. William Jones plus our community leaders Bethany Davis, Zachary Defrancis, and Chassidy Mayo are greatly appreciated for their service to our community.

SERVICE

As TALH tenets go, service is of utmost importance. The service goal for the 2014-15 academic year is 2,100 service hours. Each year, TALH students choose service organizations in which they will volunteer weekly to meet their service requirements. These service commitments are more than just time served at a local non-profit. These commitments represent a pedagogical perspective that emphasizes learning through assisting and helping others. With strong conviction I assert that the service tenet of TALH is indicative of our maxim “Developing the Heart and Mind.” Here, students continue to embrace and further develop their commitment to serving others thus enhancing a spirit of compassion. It is with great gratitude that we welcome the service organizations of Habitat for Humanity, Garth House, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Humane Society, Community Garden, Southeast Texas Food Bank, Spindletop Gladys City Museum, Stable Spirits, Charlton-Pollard Elementary School, Some Other Place, Lamar Alive, Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital and Herman Memorial Baptist Hospital. Our students have chosen their service organization and will begin volunteering the first week of September. In addition, our seniors will sponsor a service project in the spring 2015 semester in which they will develop, plan, implement, and facilitate a service event. Last year, many of our students participated in our first elementary school leadership day in which students from a local elementary school participated in leadership activities that emphasized college-readiness. We look forward to our senior service projects this academic year.

FUTURISM SYMPOSIUM

Students are currently engaged in the planning phase of our Futurism Symposium. We have reserved the dates of March 3-4, 2015 for the event in which student families will present research on a specific topic(s) relating to issues that will more than likely affect our future. This year students are examining electronic media and its effects on youths within an array of areas. The intriguing aspect of this topic is the changing effects that electronic media is having on a global scale and its future implications on our society.

SUMMER ACADEMICS AND LEADERSHIP

Over the summer, some students took advantage of opportunities to advance their education through academic and leadership activities. Cynthia Lin, student body co-president and TALH family captain, was accepted into the BASF Science Academy among twenty high school seniors who demonstrat-
ed a record of academic excellence and strong interest in the sciences.” Students at the BASF Science Academy focused on a two-week learning experience where they learned advanced level science, interacted with BASF scientists and business leaders, took part in hands-on learning experiments and field trips. **Cynthia** was accepted and participated in CAMP L.E.A.D. at Texas Tech University where students participated in “leadership lessons and activities for personal growth.” In addition, **Cynthia** attended the Houston Youth Leadership Conference at Rice University. **Chris York** serves as the Lamar University Math Club President and has been vetted to work as a Teacher’s Assistant (TA) in the Lamar University Math Department for the fall 2014 semester. This is a special honor because **Chris** is classified as a senior (12th grade) in the early college program and this position is generally bestowed upon upper class undergraduate students or master level students. We wish continued success to these young people as well as to all TALHies in their educational journeys.

With my warmest regards,

Ted H. Stuberfield, Ed.D

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**Communications**

As you know, our primary method of communication with parents and students is by email. We will send weekly community meeting notes, monthly newsletters, monthly progress notices, and calendar updates. Our newsletter will also be posted on the TALH website at [www.lamar.edu/texasacademy](http://www.lamar.edu/texasacademy). Please check your email often to ensure that you are receiving these communications. If you are not receiving these emails, please email or phone Mrs. Colichia to verify that we have your correct contact information. Please remember to always update Mrs. Colichia with any change of address, phone number, email, etc. It is vital that our contact information is up-to-date for your child so that we may communicate with you in case of an emergency. Mrs. Colichia may be reached by phone at (409) 880-2377 or by email at cindy.colichia@lamar.edu.

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**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.
Recruitment

WE WANT YOU!

Recruitment for the Class of 2016 commences. TALH students and their parents are our best recruiters—consider this a fact! Please contact Mr. Stevenson in person, by phone at (409) 839-2990, or email at scott.stevenson@lamar.edu with your recommendation of any students, relatives, friends, et al who might be interested in TALH and whom you would like him to contact.

We encourage students and parents to visit their home high schools and middle schools to make presentations on the TALH experience. You needn’t restrict yourself to humanities classes; indeed, discuss the valuable foundation that the humanities uniquely provide in scientific and medical careers. Please contact Mr. Stevenson should you need recruitment brochures, etc.

If you would like to make a presentation on TALH at a local civic organization, school, church, temple, etc., or if you’d like for Mr. Stevenson to make the presentation, please contact him.

TALH’s Fall Preview Day is Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Spread the word! There is an announcement on TALH’s home page, www.texasacademy.org. Prospective students and their families are able to RSVP by e-mail, telephone, and regular mail.

Ten Steps for Academic Success

1. Take each class personally. Imagine that you are the only student in class. You should create a relationship with your professor so that you know the professor’s office hours and that he/she knows your name.

2. Follow your syllabus. Be prepared for class.

3. Finish your assignments at least two days before they are due to allow for last minute insights which improve your grades.

4. Live by your calendar. Use a planner to work out your long term study schedule. Enter in all due dates. Count backwards from those due dates to schedule adequate learning and assignment completion time.

5. Develop good note taking skills.

6. Never miss class.

7. Practice quality studying including mastery learning, avoid study groups, rehearse your answers for the tests.

8. Create a study environment that promotes positive mastery learning skills.

9. Evaluate your success and adjust your mastery studying techniques.

10. Do your best. Aim to leave each class knowing there is nothing more you could do to succeed.

Closed Weekends

As our handbook states on page 13, “TALH recognizes the benefits of positive family involvement in a student’s academic and personal success. Consequently, TALH has initiated a ‘closed weekend’ policy to support the close and beneficial relationship between students and their families.” For your convenience, we are listing the dates of our required closed weekends and holiday breaks. Students may leave after their classes on departure day and may return after 2:00 p.m. on return day.

FALL CLOSED WEEKENDS

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First Day at College!

Photos: Karen Corwin
New Friends

Fun Times

Smiling Faces!

Family

Old Friends
The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures:

- Critical reading skills
- Math problem-solving skills
- Writing skills

You have developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school. This test doesn't require you to recall specific facts from your classes.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (Class of 2016).
- Help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.

**SAT Test Dates**

| October 11, 19 | September 12 |
| November 8, 9 | October 9 |
| December 6, 7 | November 6 |
| January 24, 25 | December 29 |
| March 14, 15 | February 13 |
| May 2, 3 | April 6 |
| June 6, 7 | May 8 |

**SAT Registration Deadlines**

| Paper: September 26 |
| Paper: October 24 |
| Paper: November 21 |
| Paper: January 9 |
| Paper: February 27 |
| Paper: April 17 |
| Paper: May 22 |

**Late Registration Deadlines (fee applies)**

| Online/Phone: September 30 |
| Online/Phone: October 28 |
| Online/Phone: November 24 |
| Online/Phone: January 13 |
| Online/Phone: March 3 |
| Online/Phone: April 21 |
| Online/Phone: May 27 |

**ACT Test Dates**

| September 13 | August 8 |
| October 25 | September 19 |
| December 13 | November 7 |
| February 7 | January 9 |
| April 18 | March 13 |
| June 13 | May 8 |

**ACT Registration Deadlines**

| August 9-22 |
| September 20-October 3 |
| November 8-21 |
| January 10-6 |
| March 14-27 |
| May 9-22 |

**Late Registration Deadlines (fee applies)**

| Lamar University will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2015 for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Students may pick up their room keys from the CA on duty after 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2015. Spring classes begin on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.**
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top 10 STUDENT RESOURCES
for college financial aid & admissions

1. Action Plan For High School Students
   www.scholarships.com/APS
2. Why Go To College?
   www.scholarships.com/WGC
3. 10 Ways To Jumpstart College Planning
   www.scholarships.com/TWJ
4. College Search
   www.scholarships.com/CSE
5. 10 Things To Consider Before Choosing Your Major
   www.scholarships.com/FTH
6. 20 Questions To Ask Your Guidance Counselor
   www.scholarships.com/TQA
7. The SAT and ACT: You’ve Got Questions, We’ve Got Answers
   www.scholarships.com/SAT
8. Scholarship FAQ
   www.scholarships.com/FAQ
9. Commonly Asked Financial Aid Questions
   www.scholarships.com/CFA
10. College Costs
    www.scholarships.com/CCO

For a free college scholarship search and more information, just visit: www.scholarships.com
Top Twelve Tips on Winning a Scholarship

1. Start searching for scholarships as soon as possible. Don't wait until the spring of your senior year in high school to start searching, or you'll miss half the deadlines. There are many scholarships available to students in grades K-11, not just high school seniors. Continue searching for scholarships even after you are enrolled in college.

2. Use a free scholarship matching service like Fastweb. The Fastweb database is updated daily and the site will email you notifications of new scholarships that match your personal background profile.

3. Answer all of the optional questions on a scholarship matching web site for about twice as many matches.

4. Look for local scholarships on bulletin boards near the guidance counselor or financial aid offices, or the library’s jobs and careers section. Also look in the coupon section of the Sunday newspaper. Improve grades for more matches.

5. To win more scholarships, apply to every scholarship for which you are eligible. It’s a numbers game. Even among talented students, winning involves a bit of luck, not just skill. Pursue less competitive scholarships, such as small awards and essay contests. They are easier to win and help you win bigger scholarships. You can't win if you don’t apply. It gets easier after your first 6 applications. Essays can be reused and tailored to each new application.

6. Don't miss deadlines. Use checklists to get organized.

7. Tailor your application to the sponsor's goals. Read and follow the instructions carefully.

8. If you have difficulty writing essays, record yourself as you answer the question out loud and transcribe the recording. Most people think and speak faster than they can write or type. Write an outline afterward to organize your thoughts.

9. Personalize your essay and be passionate. Write about something of interest to you. Make your application stand out from the crowd. Talk about your impact on other people. Give examples and be specific.

10. Google your name to ensure that you have a professional online presence. Use a clean email address, such as firstname.lastname@gmail.com. Review your Facebook account, removing inappropriate and immature material.

11. Proofread a printed copy of your essay and the application for spelling and grammar errors.

12. Make a photocopy of your application before mailing it. Send the application by certified mail, return receipt requested or with delivery confirmation.

Preview of Secrets to Winning a Scholarship

This quick reference guide is a preview of Fastweb's new book, Secrets to Winning a Scholarship. This book provides practical, clear and concise advice about how to find and win scholarships and fellowships.

Brought to you by Fastweb, the leading free scholarship matching service, Secrets to Winning a Scholarship gives you the insider insights and expert tips you need to improve your chances of winning a scholarship. Learn strategies for increasing the number of scholarship matches, writing more memorable scholarship essays, acing the scholarship interview and maximizing your chances of winning a scholarship. Secrets to Winning a Scholarship will help you go for the gold with unique information and advice about winning scholarships from one of the nation's leading experts on planning and paying for college.

Secrets to Winning a Scholarship is available through Amazon.com in both paperback and Kindle formats. Visit www.fastweb.com/scholarshipsecrets for more information.

Common Scholarship Application Mistakes

- Missing deadlines
- Failing to proofread the application
- Failing to follow directions, especially regarding essay length and the number of recommendations
- Omitting required information
- Applying for an award when you don't qualify
- Failing to apply for an award for which you are eligible
- Failing to tailor the application to the sponsor
- Writing a boring essay
- Writing an essay that may offend the reviewer
- Including exaggerations or lies on your application

Beware of Scholarship Scams

- If you have to pay money to get money, it's probably a scam.
- Never invest more than a postage stamp to get information about scholarships or to apply for a scholarship.
- Nobody can guarantee that you'll win a scholarship.
- Do not give out personal information like bank account, credit card or Social Security numbers.
- Beware of the unclaimed aid myth. The only money that goes unclaimed is money that can't be claimed.
Winning a Scholarship
Quick Reference Guide

Top Ten Most Unusual Scholarships
1. Scholarship for Left-Handed Students
2. Duck Brand Duct Tape Stuck at Prom Contest
3. David Letterman Telecommunications Scholarships
4. Zoë Scholarships
5. Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarships
6. Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year Award
7. National Marbles Tournament Scholarships
8. Klingon Language Institute Scholarships
9. National Beef Ambassador Program
10. Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarships

Top Ten Scholarships for Age 13 and Under
1. National Spelling Bee
2. National Geography Bee
3. National History Day Contest
4. Jif Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich Contest
5. Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
6. Christopher Columbus Community Service Awards
7. Dick Blick Linoleum Block Print Contest
8. Gloria Barron Prize for Your Heroes
9. Patriot’s Pen
10. Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Top Ten Most Prestigious Scholarships
1. Marshall Scholarships
2. Rhodes Scholarships
3. Winston Churchill Scholarship Program
4. Harry S. Truman Scholarships
5. Henry Luce Foundation Scholarships
6. Morris K. Udall Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships
7. Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program
8. Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships
9. Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest
10. National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Top Ten Scholarships for Community Service
1. Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards
2. The Do Something Awards
3. Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarships
4. Discover Card Tribute Awards
5. Echoing Green Fellowships
6. The Heart of America Christopher Reeve Awards
7. Kohl’s Kids Who Care Program
8. Samuel Huntington Public Service Awards
9. National Caring Awards
10. Youth Action Net

Top Ten Most Generous Scholarships
1. Intel Science Talent Search
2. Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology
3. NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program
4. Elks Nat’l Foundation Most Valuable Student Competition
5. Davidson Fellows
6. Intel International Science and Engineering Fair
7. Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships
8. Collegiate Inventors Competition
9. Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarships
10. Gates Millennium Scholars

Top Ten Scholarships that Don’t Need an A
1. US Department of Education (Federal Student Aid)
2. AXA Achievement Scholarship Program
3. Horatio Alger Association Scholarships
4. Ayn Rand Institute
5. Girls Going Places Scholarships
6. Holocaust Remembrance Project Essay Contest
7. Americanism Essay Contest
8. AFSA National Scholarship Essay Contest
9. Red Vines Drawing Contest
10. Community Foundation Scholarships

Key Scholarship Resources
Fastweb Free Scholarship Matching Service
www.fastweb.com

FinAid’s Scholarships Section
www.finaid.org/scholarships

Search for Scholarships on the Web
www.finaid.org/websearch
Beware of Scholarship Scams
www.finaid.org/scholarshipscams
www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

Education Tax Benefits
www.finaid.org/taxbenefits

Federal Student Financial Aid
www.fafsa.ed.gov

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### Scholarship Scams

#### Scam Warning Signs
- You have to pay a fee
- Money-back offers or guarantees
- Credit card or bank account information required
- Provides “exclusive” information

#### Scams: “Phishing” & “Pharming”

“Phishing”
- Unsolicited emails that bear the logo of your bank or credit card
- Appear legitimate but are traps to lure you into giving out your personal or account information

“Pharming”
- Unsolicited emails that encourage you to visit a website or click on suspicious links
- Make sure your inbox spam filters are up to date

BE CAREFUL about giving out your contact information or email address

#### Reporting Scams

National Fraud Information Center (NFIC) File an online complaint at www.fraud.org

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) File an online complaint at www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams. call 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4537), or write to Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20580

State Attorney General’s Office File your complaint with the Consumer Protection Division in your state. Visit www.naag.org to find your state Attorney General’s Office

US Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) File an online complaint involving mail fraud at postalinspectors.usps.gov, call the Crime Hotline at 877-876-2455 or write to Inspection Service Support Group 222 S. Riverside Plaza, Ste. 1250 Chicago, IL 60606-6100

Better Business Bureau (BBB) File an online complaint about a business at www.bbb.org or call 703-276-0100

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### 2014–2015 Calendar

#### August 2014
- 26 – LSAT Registration Deadline for 9/27 Test

#### September 2014
- National College Savings Month
- 5 – LSAT Late Registration Deadline for 9/27 Test
- 12 – GRE Registration Deadline for 10/18 Test
- 17 – 18 – NCAC National Conference
- 19 – 20 – NCAC National Conference
- 19 – GRE Late Registration Deadline for 10/18 Test
- 27 – LSAT Test

#### October 2014
- 3 – GRE Registration Deadline for 11/15 Test
- 10 – GRE Late Registration Deadline for 11/15 Test
- 16 – NSFAA National Conference
- 18 – GRE Test
- 27 – 29 – College Board National Forum

#### November 2014
- National Scholarship Month
- 4 – LSAT Registration Deadline for 12/8 Test
- 4 – GRE Test
- 10 – 14 – National Distance Learning Week
- 14 – LSAT Late Registration Deadline for 12/8 Test

#### December 2014
- 6 – LSAT Test

#### January 2015
- Remind students to complete FAFSA and submit ASAP to maximize chances for aid
- 2 – GRE Registration Deadline for 2/7 Test
- 7 – LSAT Test
- 9 – GRE Late Registration Deadline for 2/7 Test
- 16 – LSAT Late Registration Deadline for 2/7 Test

#### February 2015
- Financial Aid Awareness Month
- Remind students to submit 2014-2015 FAFSA
- 7 – LSAT and GRE Tests

#### March 2015
- 15 – Financial Aid award letter distribution begins

#### April 2015
- National Financial Literacy Month
- 15 – Federal income tax due for 2014

#### May 2015
- 1 – National Candidate’s Reply Date

#### June 2015
- 30 – Last day to submit 2014-2015 FAFSA

#### Summer 2015
- July 15 – 21 – NASA/SEAl Conference

### Test Information Links
- GMAT testing information: www.mba.com/gmat
- GRE testing information: www.ets.org/gre
- LSAT testing information: www.lsac.org
- MCAT testing information: www.aamc.org

### Have a Question or Comment?

**Email:** memberservices@fastweb.com

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### Web Resources

#### Sources of Aid
- Scholarship Search www.fastweb.com
- College Savings Plan Network www.collegesavings.org
- AmeriCorps www.americorps.gov
- City Year www.cityyear.org
- JobCorps www.jobcorps.gov
- State Resources www.finaid.org/state
- State Residence Requirements www.finaid.org/stateresidency
- Student Tax Info www.irs.gov/individuals/students

#### Financial Aid Applications
- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE profileonline.collegeboard.com
- FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov
- FAFSA PIN Registration www.pin.ed.gov
- FAFSA 4caster www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
- Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration www.uscis.gov
- Selective Service System www.sss.gov
- Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov

#### Student Loans and Grants
- Common Origination and Disbursement www.cod.ed.gov
- Direct Loans www.ed.gov/loans
- Direct Loan Servicing www.dlssonline.com
- Direct Consolidation Loan www.studentloans.gov
- Federal Student Loans www.studentloans.gov
- National Student Loan Data System www.nslds.ed.gov
- Project on Student Debt www.projectonstudentdebt.org
- Student Loan Borrower Assistance www.studentloanborrowerassistance.org
- Default Management flap.ed.gov/DefaultManagement
- Total & Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge www.disabilitydischarge.com
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. 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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