

# TALH Corner

*Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities*

*“Developing the Heart and Mind”*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR DR. TED H. STUBERFIELD

*“Don’t count the days, make the days count.”  
– Muhammad Ali*



The Holiday Season is upon us and as we take time out to reflect on what we are thankful for and spend quality time with family and friends, we cannot discount the need to make every day count. The late Muhammad Ali was not just known for being a professional boxer, but a courageous individual that stood tall in adversity and spoke out for humanitarian needs as well as for civil rights. Despite not necessarily enjoying the rigorous routine of training, he committed himself to accomplishing his goals each day. Even after his career was over and he became ill with Parkinson’s Disease, Muhammad Ali mustered strength setting an example, that no matter the difficulties one must face, determination and a willingness to make each day count will inevitably move the mountains that at times seem impossible to climb. His journey was truly a reflection on courageous determination that moves the spirit of humankind to be better each day of our lives. So therefore, not only should we be thankful

this season, but we should commit ourselves to making each day an opportunity to developing the heart and mind.

As I reflect on this year, I want to express my gratitude to a multitude of individuals. I am so very thankful for our wonderful staff at the Academy and the greater faculty and staff at Lamar University. Each year we have the opportunity to work with such wonderful



students that bring creative and intellectual discussion to us on a daily basis. How fabulous to engage the minds of our youth and help develop their

academic growth as well as adding the prospect of new learning. With that being said, my appreciation for our students is held in high regard. In my opinion, there’s no greater assembly of young people. As for parents, we thank you always for the opportunity you have provided us to work with your students and the kindness, support, and generosity that you share. In addition, I am truly thankful for my family, my wife Margaret, and three children, Will, Halle, and Nick. These individuals keep me going

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and bring much joy as family often does. Overall, thank you for the wonderfulness that each and all of you bring each day.

With the onset of the Holiday Season, it also means that the semester is coming to a quick and sudden end. Students should be finishing assignments, essays, and preparing for final exams. Also, they should have completed registration for spring 2017 and seniors are preparing for graduation. As a reminder, a representative from Graduate Sales will be on site this Monday, November 21, to provide students with their graduation ordering packets. Seniors should discuss with their parents what items they wish to order for graduation. We will meet the following Monday, November 28, to complete the ordering process. I can't believe we are nearing the last semester for our seniors. Again, make each day count!

I would like to say a special thank you to our student government, **President, Jacob Davis, Vice-President, Jesse Hang, and Secretary, Brittney McMillian.** These students have done a wonderful job representing their peers and providing excellent leadership. Also, our senior captains, **Elisabeth Barber, Amanda Chandler, Alex Colson, Jacob Davis, Jesse Hang, Govin Kaggal, Devin Moreno, and Dani Moses** took on the responsibility of being TALH representatives to the greater TALH community and have provided guidance to other members in their TALH families. In the spring the captains will lead our annual Futurism Symposium addressing current issues in Higher Education.

We are pleased to announce that the Academy will exceed its recommended 1,248 hours of community service for the fall of 2016. It is expected that our service hour contribution will be over 1,400 hours. Recently, we thanked

our service organization during our annual H.E.L.P. barbeque. Students spoke of each service organization in attendance at the event and expressed their experience and gratitude to assist at their establishments. We are very pleased that our students volunteer at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Humane Society, Southeast Texas Food Bank, Baptist Hospital, Jefferson County Court, Charlton-Pollard Elementary School, Lamar's Community Garden, Gladys City Spindletop, Some Other Place, and a host of other community organizations. We will also adopt a family in conjunction with Some Other Place. Our captains will begin this process by collecting gifts for the family and then delivering them to Some Other Place helping to make a joyous season of giving for a family in need of help. Keep up the great work!

Our students and staff welcomed our faculty mentors at the Mary and John Gray Library for our annual Mentor Mixer where students thanked their faculty mentors for their ongoing support. The social gathering is not only good for additional bonding between faculty and staff, but also provides a great opportunity to show our appreciation for such knowledgeable professors in their fields of interest. Our students truly benefit from the vast opportunities that faculty mentorship provides.

We would also like to highlight a few students for their academic and many gifts and talents. **Trevor Wieland** has been selected as a National Hispanic Scholar. Eligibility was extended to students who scored in the top 2.5% among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT takers in our region. Students also must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher by the middle of their junior year in high school. In the spring of 2016, seniors **Alex Colson, Jacob Davis, Collin George, Jesse Hang, Sarah Hubert, Govin**

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**Kaggal, Dani Moses, Sydney Seng and Allison Smith** were recognized on the President's List and **Elisabeth Barber, Autumn Boelen, Amanda Chandler, Chesney Forrest, Colton Johnstone, Hannah Meyer, Caleb Moore, and Trevor Wieland** were listed on the Dean's List. Congratulations to these students for extraordinary academic performance.

We also would like to recognize a few students that are participating in other activities. **T.J. Senters** is completing his second year in the Lamar University Marching Band. **Hannah Meyer** and **Jaedyn Moore** are also showing their musical prowess as members of Lamar University's Choir. Each student has performed in various venues and show great musical potential. Junior, **Lauren Ocnashek** will be performing this season in the holiday classic "The Nutcracker" placing her ballet talents at center stage. We commend these

students for going the extra-mile and continuing to develop their creative talents.

As the quote from Muhammad Ali above indicates, making each day count is important. All of us should strive to make each day the best that it can be, rather in the pursuit of academic excellence, practicing for perfection (or at least near perfection), and being the best person you can be by sharing of yourself and making others the benefactor of your gifts.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday Season. Students, as always...finish well.

With warm regards,

*Ted H. Stuberfield*

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Director

## FALL OPEN HOUSE



Fall Open House was a huge success! Students and parents from around the state attended the event held at the Richard L. Price Auditorium in the John Gray Center at Lamar

University on Saturday, October 8th. 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 during the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**All TALH students must depart by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23 and may return after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27. Students are not allowed back in the dorms during the closed holiday period.**



## RECRUITMENT

# Attention 9th and 10th Graders Start College Early

**TALH Spring Open House**

**Saturday, February 18, 2017**

**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Richard L. Price Auditorium**

**John Gray Center**

**Lamar University**



**“Developing the Heart and Mind”**



**Register early!**

**[www.lamar.edu/texasacademy](http://www.lamar.edu/texasacademy)  
(409) 839-2995**



Recruitment for the Class of 2019 is in full swing. TALH students and their parents are our best recruiters—consider this a fact! Please contact Mrs. Wilson in person, by phone at (409) 880-7104, or email at [jiselle.wilson@lamar.edu](mailto:jiselle.wilson@lamar.edu) with your

recommendation of any students, relatives, friends, et al who might be interested in TALH and whom you would like her 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 Mrs. Wilson 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 Mrs. Wilson to make the presentation, please contact him.

TALH's Spring Open House is Saturday, February 18th. Information is available on our website ([www.lamar.edu/texasacademy](http://www.lamar.edu/texasacademy)). Register now to attend!



**Give everyone a shout out  
about FALL Open House**

## SPRING 2017 ACADEMIC ADVISING

Students met with Ms. Corwin for advising to discuss their schedules for the spring 2017 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 teacher 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 \$4,940.70 will be applied to student accounts for 15 credit hours on or before January 16, 2017. 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 23 (after classes) through November 27. 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 2017



Graduation 2017 is scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2017 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, will meet with the seniors on Monday, November 21, to distribute the

graduation brochures and order forms. Graduate Sales will return to take your student's order on the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 28. 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.

## 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:

- **Amanda Chandler:** University of Houston.
- **Alex Colson:** Louisiana State University with Texas Tigers Scholarship and Flagship Scholars Non-Resident Award and Texas A&M University.
- **Jacob Davis:** Lamar University and University of Texas at Dallas.
- **Chesney Forrest:** Iowa State University, Lamar University, Midwestern State University, and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.
- **Jaedyn Moore:** University of Mary-Hardin Baylor.

### LET US KNOW!

*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 newsletters and graduation program. We want to highlight your child's achievements.*



## End of the Fall Semester Check Out Procedure

Students must depart within 24 hours of their last final exam. All students must be departed by no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 15.

All room keys must be turned in to Cardinal Village before departure.

Keys may be picked up from Community Assistants after 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2017.



# *Season's Greetings*

*Dear Parents,  
The highlight of exam week this year  
is a holiday brunch  
on December 7th for the  
students. If you would like to  
contribute a covered dish, dessert,  
drinks, etc., please contact  
Mr. Stevenson  
(409) 839-2993  
scott.stevenson@lamar.edu*



*We are truly thankful!*





*Our Mom is Ebony*

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*Girl, named Bliss, 10 months old*

*clothes size 18-24 months*

*would like noisey musical toys and riding toys*

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*Boy, named John, 8 years old*

*clothes size 8-10*

*likes legos, action figures or remote control car*

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*Boy, named Jasys, 12 years old*

*clothes size 14-16*

*likes art supplies, football, or remote control car*

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. The students are also collecting gifts for the mom. We ask that gifts be wrapped with the appropriate child's or mom's name on the gifts.



# FALL 2016 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 7, 2016</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 8, 2016</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.
	TH only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, December 9, 2016</b>	TU-TH	8:40 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	MWF	9:10 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
<b>Monday, December 12, 2016</b>	MWF	12:40 p.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	MWF	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
	MWF	10:20 a.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	MW	3:50 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	M only	5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 13, 2016</b>	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.
	TU-TH	9:35 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
	TU-TH	12:45 p.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
	TU-TH	2:20 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
	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.
<b>Wednesday, December 14, 2016</b>	TU only	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
	MWF	6:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
	MWF	11:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
	MW	1:50 p.m.	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



## 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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