

Success @ TLU

Welcome Bulldog Family & Friends to the spring edition of Success@TLU!

Spring 2015

TLU's National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)



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No, not the serpentine monster that may or may not reside in Loch Ness. It is the National Survey of Student Engagement.

First year and senior students received an email invitation on February 11 to participate in this survey. Survey results are confidential and reported only in the aggregate. TLU's student responses will be compared to various national groups and used to guide us as we strive to improve the TLU experience for our students. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FUN!

Take the Student Success Quiz



1. Which sports team had the highest team GPA for Fall 2014?
2. Which group of teams had the highest GPA, Women or Men?
3. Which team had a higher fall 2014 term GPA, Men's Basketball or Women's Basketball?
4. Which team had a higher fall 2014 term GPA, Men's Cross Country or Women's Cross Country?

(see answers below)

Check It Out! Congratulations Freshmen!

Good news.... the fall to spring freshmen retention rate this year is **90.9%** vs. 88.2% last year. In fact, it is the highest rate we have had in 9 years!



Free FAFSA Workshops

This year marks the second year the Office of First Year and Campus Programs and the Office of Financial Aid will be hosting free FAFSA workshops for all students. **Sessions will be held throughout March and April in Tschoepe Hall 103.** For more information and to reserve a seat at one of the sessions, contact Samira Lopez at salopez@tlu.edu.



Show Me the Money!!



- * For 2014-2015, a total of 1,282 students received **\$21,060,294** in federal, state, and institutional grants/scholarships.
- * For 2014-2015, there are 139 students who currently work on campus through the federal work study program.

(*) Courtesy of the TLU Office of Financial Aid

NO ONE WANTS TO MAKE A ROOKIE MOVE

Megan McBride, Hannah Liebman, Rene Dominguez, Alexandria Pruden and Jessica Brown want to prevent Rookie Moves from happening to TLU students. You know — the “helpful” tips you hear around campus from your peers.

How many of these have you heard?

1. “I don’t need to read the syllabus.”
2. “I don’t have to buy the books for this class. I will never use them.”
3. “I don’t need to attend class. I can just get notes.”
4. “I start all my assignments the night before they are due. I work best under pressure.”
5. “There’s nothing to do here.”



The purpose of the Rookie Move messages is to help dispel rumors and save students from making mistakes throughout their time at TLU. Have you seen these or other Rookie Moves that you want to prevent? Contact Dr. Sia (tsia@tlu.edu) to help create Rookie Moves to help our new students.

Would you like to include something in Success@TLU? Please send it to us at success@tlu.edu. We will be happy to hear about retention efforts that have taken place throughout the campus!

Student Success Quiz Answers: (1) Women's Softball with 3.41 (2) Women with 3.21 versus Men with 3.07 (3) Tied! (4) Men's Cross Country with 3.38 versus Women's Cross Country with 3.33