

# Success @ TLU

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Welcome Bulldog Family & Friends to the spring edition of Success@TLU! This edition will highlight support initiatives taking place both inside and outside of the classroom.

## Here's What We Learned from the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI):

**Strengths:** TLU's top five strengths are centered on quality of classroom instruction. TLU students are more satisfied with their academic advisors' knowledge about requirements in their majors than others who responded to the survey nationally. **Go TLU Faculty!!**

**Challenge:** Adequate financial aid available for most students.

**Next step:** : As of Spring 12<sup>th</sup> class day, the Office of Financial Aid awarded a total of **\$32,229,220** to 1,332 TLU students of which **\$21,216,315** was from scholarships and grants! The office also offers GRE Fee Reduction Certificates for seniors wanting to take the GRE. Students can check the Financial Aid page on the portal for more information. Need additional money to help pay for school? Information about external scholarships and links to free scholarship search sites are available on [www.tlu.edu/funding](http://www.tlu.edu/funding) by clicking on External Scholarships. Also check local organizations and your parents' employers for scholarship opportunities.

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FUN!

Take the Student Success Quiz



1. Did athletes or non-athletes get a higher GPA last fall?
2. Which female sports team had the highest GPA last fall?
3. Which male sports team had the highest GPA last fall?
4. Did Greeks or Non-Greeks have a higher GPA last fall?
5. Which fraternity had the highest GPA last fall?
6. Which sorority had the highest GPA last fall?

(answers below)



## CHECK OUT SOME GREAT RETENTION EFFORTS TAKING PLACE.....

**Library:** The TLU library has recently implemented a chat reference service to help students who are off-campus or unable to get to the library to talk with a librarian about their research. The staff can help navigate the library databases, begin or expand a search for sources, as well as cite sources. To chat with a librarian, visit [bulldogs.tlu.edu/library/chat.html](http://bulldogs.tlu.edu/library/chat.html), or go the library resources page and click Chat with a Librarian. They are also available for face-to-face reference sessions.

**Academic Support:** Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction (SI) offer help to students in several subject areas. Sessions are led by fellow students who can offer new and different insights on the topics, as well as foster new study techniques that allow students to thrive.

**English Composition:** Prof. Barry's Write to Serve partnership with Briesemeister Middle School was recognized at the Seguin ISD school board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Center for Servant Leadership:** First-year students in 100-level TLU service-learning courses from 2009-2012 retained from fall to fall at a higher level (73%) compared to their overall first-year cohorts (69%).

**Conference Presentations:**

- Five summer research students from the chemistry department presented their work at the regional American Chemical Society conference in Waco this past November. Machel Petri won second place in the undergraduate oral presentations, and Nicole Pollok and Sioned Kirkpatrick were asked to write up their project for inclusion in the ASC blog.
- Sally Amaye presented a poster on her research at the Weston Ranch at the Texas Academy of Science meeting in Galveston on March 7-8. She is a junior Environmental Biology major.
- In April, the following participants will present 9 posters and 3 presentations at the Southwestern Psychological Associations' Conference: **(Alumni)** Andrew Serafino, Kelsie Theiss, and Zachary Gottleib; **(Students)** Skyler Baker, Justin Jolivet, Desiree Supulver, Kenna Neitch, Tim Sanchez, Lizeth Felix, Blake Hubbard, Emily Rennert, Will Hudgins, Jennifer Kopetic, Jacob Kane, Leon Wagner and Amber Duelm; **(Faculty)** Dr. Scott Bailey, Dr. Michael Czuchry, and Dr. Tiffany Sia.

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