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## Campus Visitor's Guide

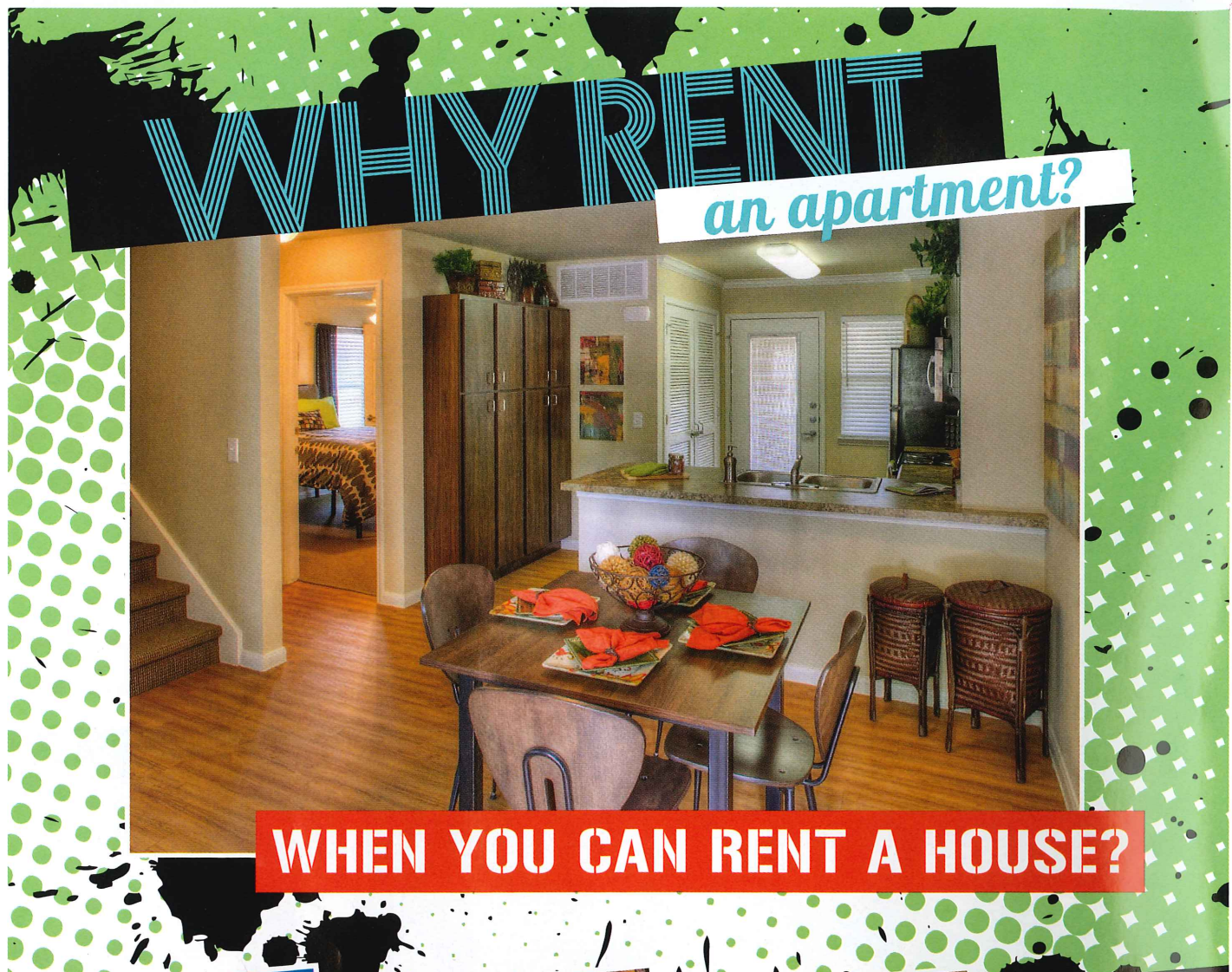
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# Welcome to Sam Houston State University



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For more than 130 years, Sam Houston State University has been preparing students for meaningful lives of achievement. Its motto, "The Measure of a Life is its Service," echoes across SHSU's seven colleges and beyond its Texas campus through student research, creative endeavors, service learning, volunteering and more.

Named for Sam Houston, Texas' greatest hero, SHSU continually strives to honor its historical roots through academic excellence that includes exceptional teaching from faculty members who care as much about their students' success as they do about furthering the knowledge of their fields.

For parents/family members: Your student is about to embark on a wonderful journey of education and self-growth. This journey will be exciting, fun, challenging, frightening, painful, and exhilarating. The student who begins this journey will come through a much different person in the end.

As parents and family members, you can make a difference in your student's transition to university life. Although the university provides a multitude of resources, students look to their parents and families for support and guidance, especially during their first year of college. As they become accustomed to the campus and become more independent, that reliance on family will lessen. This publication is designed to assist you in your support of your student during that critical first year of college.

The Division of Enrollment Management would like to welcome you and your student to the Bearkat Family. If you have any questions throughout the year, we invite you to call our office at (936) 294-1782.

## SHSU At a Glance

- Founded in 1879 and named after Texas' greatest hero, General Sam Houston
- Enrollment of approximately 19,214 (Fall 2013)
- Seven colleges within the university: Sciences, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Education, Fine Arts and Mass Communication, Humanities and Social Sciences, and College of Health Sciences.
- Over 80 undergraduate degree programs, more than 50 Master's programs, and 6 doctoral programs in Criminal Justice, Educational Leadership, Counselor Education, Clinical Psychology, Developmental Education Administration and Reading
- 72% of faculty members hold doctoral or terminal degrees
- A diverse student body with students from over 60 countries
- NCAA Division I athletic program
- Average class size of 34 students with a faculty to student ratio of 1:25
- Unofficial mascot, Tripod the dog, is buried on Old Main Hill

### Alma Mater

Hail to Sam Houston	Hail Alma Mater
School we love best	Hats off to you
Mighty in battle	Ever you'll find us
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Ever we'll be	Ever we'll be
Orange and white	Here's to the school we love
Will lead us to victory	Here's a toast to thee

### Fight Song

Fight, fight you Bearkats  
 Fight on through  
 We're here in back of you  
 You know again we're  
 here to win  
 So fight on till the end  
 Fight, fight, fight  
 Loyal we'll ever be and true  
 To SHSU  
 We'll fight and fight with  
 all our might  
 For Sam Houston's  
 Orange and White





# Academic Colleges



## Humanities & Social Sciences

www.shsu.edu/chss  
(936) 294-2200  
College of Humanities & Social Sciences (CHSS) 290

### Academic Departments:

- Communication Studies
- English
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Foreign Languages
- History
- Mass Communications
- Political Science
- Psychology and Philosophy
- Sociology

## Criminal Justice

www.cjcenter.org  
(936) 294-1632  
Criminal Justice Center  
(CJ) A254

### Academic Departments:

- Criminal Justice
- Victim Studies

## Business Administration

www.shsu.edu/coba  
(936) 294-1254  
Smith-Hutson (SHB) 100

### Academic Departments:

- Accounting
- Banking & Financial Institutions
- Economics
- Finance
- General Business Administration
- Human Resources Management
- International Business Management
- Management Informational Systems
- Marketing

## Fine Arts & Mass Communication

www.shsu.edu/cofamc  
(936) 294-2340  
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### Academic Departments:

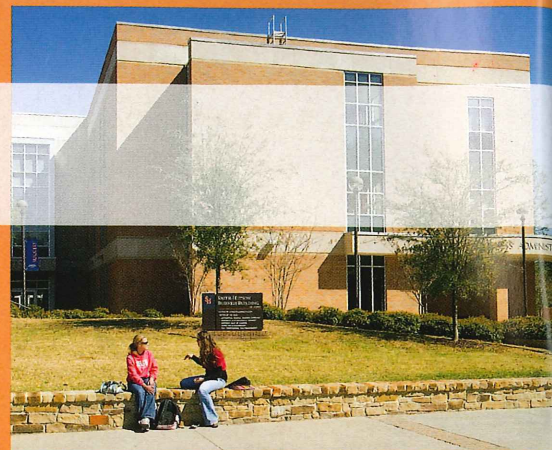
- Art
- Dance
- Music
- Mass Communication
- Theatre

## Sciences

www.shsu.edu/coas  
(936) 294-1401  
Lee Drain (LDB) 200

### Academic Departments:

- Agricultural Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Sciences
- Geography & Geology
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Nursing
- Physics



## Education

www.shsu.edu/education  
(936) 294-1101  
Teacher Education Center

### Academic Departments:

- Curriculum & Instruction
- Educational Leadership & Counseling
- Language, Literacy & Special Populations
- Library Science

\*Teacher certification is also under the administrative purview of the College of Education.

## Health Sciences

www.shsu.edu/see/healthsciences  
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- Health Services & Promotion
- Kinesiology
- Nursing



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## COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES



Sam Houston State University's **College of Health Sciences (COHS)** offers undergraduate and graduate degrees emphasizing clinical training and work-based learning. Internships are available in prestigious healthcare and sport organizations, as well as volunteer agencies, for many of the degree fields and opportunities will continue to expand for all students in the health sciences.



The COHS has academic programs in the **Department of Health Services and Promotion; Department of Kinesiology; School of Nursing; and Medical & Allied Health Programs.** Please visit [shsu.edu/see/healthsciences](http://shsu.edu/see/healthsciences) for a complete list of available programs, as well as future degree programs.



### Recognition and Highlights

- 94% of Health and Kinesiology students are offered a job with their internship site upon degree completion.
- Our accredited School of Nursing has an 88% success rate for nursing students sitting for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).
- Over the past four years, Medical & Allied Health Program students have had an 87% success rate for acceptance of SHSU students into graduate health professional programs.



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# First Year Experience

The First-Year Experience programs are designed to help first-year students make a successful transition to the academic demands of university life. Select courses are reserved for students interested in a strong academic start and in making connections on campus early in the college experience. Spaces in these classes fill quickly so it is advisable to contact us for approval to register in either Freshman Learning Community courses or in one stand-alone section of University 1301 as early as possible.

**Freshman Learning Communities** –The Freshman Learning Communities (FLC) at Sam Houston State University give freshmen a unique opportunity to take two to three courses each semester with students who have the same interests or major. Students can choose from residential and non-residential learning community options. The goal of all of our learning communities is to provide a smooth academic and social transition to college, to promote academic success, and to help students develop a supportive community at SHSU. Additionally, our research shows that students who participate in learning communities have higher graduation rates than those who do not.

The 2014-2015 Freshman Learning Communities are

#### Non-Residential:

- Advance
- Business
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Pre-Law
- Reading and Writing

#### Residential:

- Bearkat Learning Community
- Criminal Justice Living-Learning Community

Apply today online at [www.shsu.edu/fye/flc](http://www.shsu.edu/fye/flc) or in person at the Student Success Initiatives Office in AB 4, Room 202. For help finding out which learning community is a good fit for you, contact the First-Year Experience Office at [fye@shsu.edu](mailto:fye@shsu.edu) or (936) 294.3422.

**UNIV 1301** – Introduction to Collegiate Studies – is a three-hour, writing-enhanced elective for first-year students. Coursework provides an introduction to Sam Houston State University (SHSU) as an academic community, explores fields of study and areas of interest available to students, and acquaints students with learning tools and resources available at SHSU. The course is designed to engage students in learning and orient them to the university community from the outset of their undergraduate studies in a way that will bridge to later experiences in their chosen majors. Each section of UNIV 1301 is limited to 25 students to foster student-based support and study groups. Interested students should register for this class under the University-Wide link in the registration menu or please contact the First-Year Experience Office at [fye@shsu.edu](mailto:fye@shsu.edu) or (936) 294.3422 for information on major-based select reserved sections.

# S.A.M. Center

The SAM Center offers academic counseling and enrichment services to all undergraduate students. It is a resource dedicated to helping students adjust to academic life at SHSU.

#### Services include:

- Undergraduate Academic Advising
- Study Skills Seminar
- Aid in preparing for taking the GRE
- First Alert program for students with problems in academics
- Help Eliminate Probation (HELP) program for students on probation
- Monitored Academic Progress (MAP) program for students on suspension
- Voluntary Progress (VIP) program for students wanting individual help in academics
- Grassroots special speaker program (focus on leadership), for all students

The SAM Center provides academic advising for most departments on campus. All students are encouraged to confer with advisors before registering. The following undergraduate students are mandated to meet with an advisor before registering for classes:

- Those who do not have a SHSU GPA, i.e., new freshman and new transfer students
- Those subject to TSI regulations
- Those whose current overall SHSU GPA is below 2.50
- Those with 90 or more hours toward graduation

**First-Year Experience**  
[www.shsu.edu/fye](http://www.shsu.edu/fye)  
 (936) 294-3422  
 Academic Building 4  
 Room 202

**Student Advising & Mentoring Center**  
[www.shsu.edu/samcenter](http://www.shsu.edu/samcenter)  
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 Toll free: 1-866-364-5211  
 Email: [samcenter@shsu.edu](mailto:samcenter@shsu.edu)  
 College of Humanities & Social Sciences  
 Suites 170 and 190



# Residence Life

We believe that residence hall living greatly enhances the total educational experience. Research shows that students who live in a residence hall generally have a higher grade point average, have a higher degree of satisfaction with their college careers and are more likely to graduate than students who choose other living arrangements.

One of our goals in Residence Life is to enhance your students' growth by allowing them the opportunity to solve their own conflicts, rather than "fix" the problem for them. We encourage you to be a resource for your student. In essence, we want parents to "help us help your student help themselves." When conflicts occur, please ask your student questions (who could they talk with?) instead of offering to call and fix the problem yourself. In addition, please help the student understand that by solving their own conflicts, they are in fact learning an important skill to becoming independent. It will soon make your student empowered to undertake other challenges with confidence.

## Student Growth and Development

Living in a residence hall will provide many new experiences for you at SHSU. Residential life provides many opportunities for student growth outside the classroom. Communication, social interaction and conflict management are specific life skills that you can develop by living in the residence halls. The opportunity to join student groups like the Residence Halls Association offers the opportunity for students to interact with each other and enhances students' leadership skills.

## First-Year Housing Policy

In an effort to enhance student success, beginning first-year students are required to live in university residence halls and participate in a meal plan during their first year (normally includes Fall and Spring semesters). A "beginning" first-year student is defined as a student who has graduated from high school within the previous year to attending SHSU.

## Why do students choose to live on-campus at SHSU?

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# Campus Involvement

## Student Activities

Student Activities provides students with involvement opportunities that promote and support academic and co-curricular learning. Making connections with fellow peers, professors, university staff and the community is important to a student's development as a productive citizen and life-long learner. Many of these learning and developmental opportunities exist outside the classroom. Students can engage and connect with others through several of our programs: Multicultural Student Services, Program Council, Spirit Programs and a variety of Special Events. So don't wait...get involved today!

## Leadership Initiatives

Contrary to popular belief, great leaders are made, not born. Within each of us beats the heart of a leader, we just need the right environment and support for it to emerge. Why develop your leadership capabilities? Because the world you live in today and especially the one you will inhabit tomorrow, will require you to assume a leadership role regardless of official titles or positions. Discover how you can begin your leadership development at SHSU. Through involvement with our Center for Leadership & Service or over 235 student organizations (categories listed below), we can help you achieve your goals as an effective person, student leader, and member of society.

- Academic/Honorary
- Cultural
- Greek Life+
- Mentoring programs
- Recreational\*
- Religious
- Residence Hall Association
- Service
- Special Interest
- Student Government Association

\* Recreational Sports offers many non-NCAA competitive teams ([www.shsu.edu/recsports](http://www.shsu.edu/recsports)).  
 + Advised by the Dean of Students' Office ([www.shsu.edu/deanofstudents](http://www.shsu.edu/deanofstudents)).

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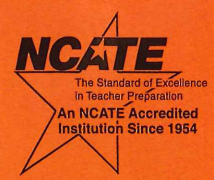


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# Academic Success Center

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Farrington 111  
wctr@shsu.edu

**TESTING CENTER**  
www.shsu.edu/testing  
(936) 294-1025  
Academic Building IV  
Room 102

**MATH C.A.M.P.**  
(936) 294-3357  
Farrington Building 104

**READING CENTER**  
www.shsu.edu/~rdg\_www  
(936) 294-3114  
Farrington Building 109

The Academic Success Center offers a variety of academic support for SHSU students. These services include CRLA-certified peer tutoring programs for writing, math, and reading; an online writing lab; and a supplemental instruction program. The ASC's services are available for all undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in SHSU.

The ASC's Writing Center offers one-on-one tutoring sessions and small group instruction designed to help individuals become more successful, more confident writers. Students may seek assistance for any type of writing, ranging from freshman essays and research papers to theses, dissertations, and resumes. The ASC also features an online writing lab for students in online classes, tutoring designed to improve college-level reading strategies, and computer-based tutorials for many teacher certification tests. Additionally, the ASC's math tutoring program provides drop-in, small-group, and one-on-one assistance for students seeking help in math and statistics.

On the main campus, the Academic Success Center is located in the Farrington Building; the ASC also offers services online and at The Woodlands Center. The ASC can be contacted by calling (936) 294-3680.





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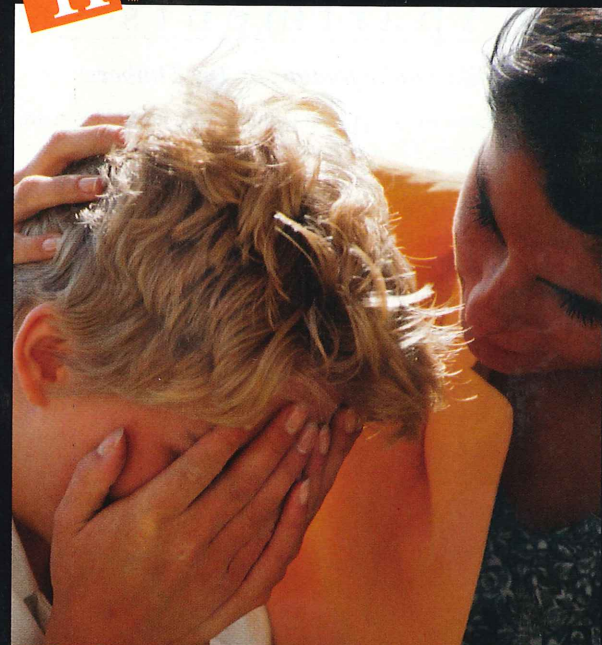
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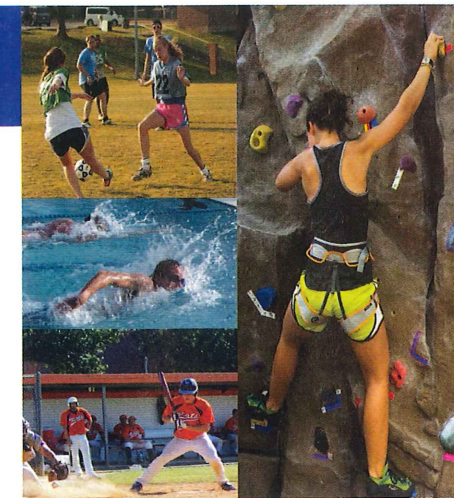


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# Recreational Sports

The Mission of the Department of Recreational Sports and Activities is to advance and enrich the collegiate experience. The friendships, leadership and wellbeing skills established through involvement in sport and recreation can be some of the best parts of the college experience. Studies have even shown that students that participate in campus recreation often have better grades. The Department of Recreational Sports and Activities invites you to enjoy as many activities as you can.



## Programming

As a student, you'll enjoy the Informal Recreation program by participating in self-directed recreational pursuits such as drop-in basketball, weight-lifting, cardio, racquetball or swimming. Our seasonally heated 182,000 gallon pool has four 25-yard lap lanes and a leisure area which you can use for water sports or merely relaxing in the sun.

The Fitness Program offers comprehensive wellness programming for the Bearkat community. Programs include: group fitness classes, yoga, personal training, as well as fitness and wellbeing events such as Celebrate EveryBODY Week. Instructor Training is also available. You can purchase a semester-long group fitness passport which lets you join any one of over 40 group fitness classes per week.

The Intramural Sports program offers a variety of team, dual, and individual activities with both competitive and recreational divisions. The Club Sports program consists of recognized student organizations established to promote and develop common sport or recreation-related interests. All of our 22 active clubs have been founded, organized, managed, and maintained by volunteer student leaders.

Outdoor Recreation is a multi-faceted program consisting of six primary components; Trips, Workshops, the Climbing Center, equipment rental (tents, sleeping bags, kayaks, etc.), Bearkat Camp (a four day, three night experience for incoming freshmen), and our 345-acre University camp and retreat center.

Special Events are hosted by recreational sports throughout the year. Past activities have included Sammypoza, a musical festival with multiple musical acts, Bearkat Breakout, the largest bouncy-house party ever, as well as Demo Days, Sweat the Stress, and Earth Week. Most programs are offered free of charge to SHSU students.

The Recreational Sports department also provides numerous employment opportunities for students who are interested in part-time work. Over 200 student positions are filled annually in the areas of intramural officiating, facility supervision, operations, aquatics, marketing, and fitness. Please refer to Jobs for Kats for a current and complete list of student work opportunities.

For more information, please stop by the administrative offices located on the first floor of the Recreation Complex, call (936) 294-1985, or visit [www.shsu.edu/recsports](http://www.shsu.edu/recsports).

### Recreational Sports

[www.shsu.edu/recsports](http://www.shsu.edu/recsports)  
(936) 294-1985  
Health & Kinesiology Center (HKC)



# Health Center, Counseling Center, & Disability Services

## Health and Wellness:

The stress of college life can take its toll on a student's health. Students are encouraged to be proactive when it comes to stress management, making healthy food choices, getting exercise, and taking care of their overall health when they do get sick. Sam Houston State University has many programs for student health and wellness.

- Students requiring medical attention should contact the Student Health Center. Licensed physicians and nurses are available to diagnose and treat common medical problems. For appointment times and services, visit their web site at [www.shsu.edu/healthcenter](http://www.shsu.edu/healthcenter)
- The SHSU Counseling Center is available for students wanting help with stress management, personal problems, or just needing someone to talk to. All services are confidential, to the extent provided by law, and are not linked to the student's educational record. [www.shsu.edu/counsel](http://www.shsu.edu/counsel)
- The mission of Services for Students with Disabilities is to provide academic adjustments and auxiliary aids to students with disabilities. Accommodation decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, as supported by the student's documented educational needs. Additional information on documentation guidelines and the intake process can be found at [www.shsu.edu/dept/disability/](http://www.shsu.edu/dept/disability/)
- The SHSU Alcohol and Drug Abuse Initiative provides year-round, interactive educational opportunities for students to learn about the effects of drug and alcohol abuse. The ADAI also works with local restaurants and entertainment establishments to provide incentives for students who are serving as designated drivers (iDrive program). The annual Alcohol and Drug Summit takes place the Friday and Saturday of Bearkat Family Weekend. Parents are encouraged to attend Saturday mornings. [www.shsu.edu/aai](http://www.shsu.edu/aai)

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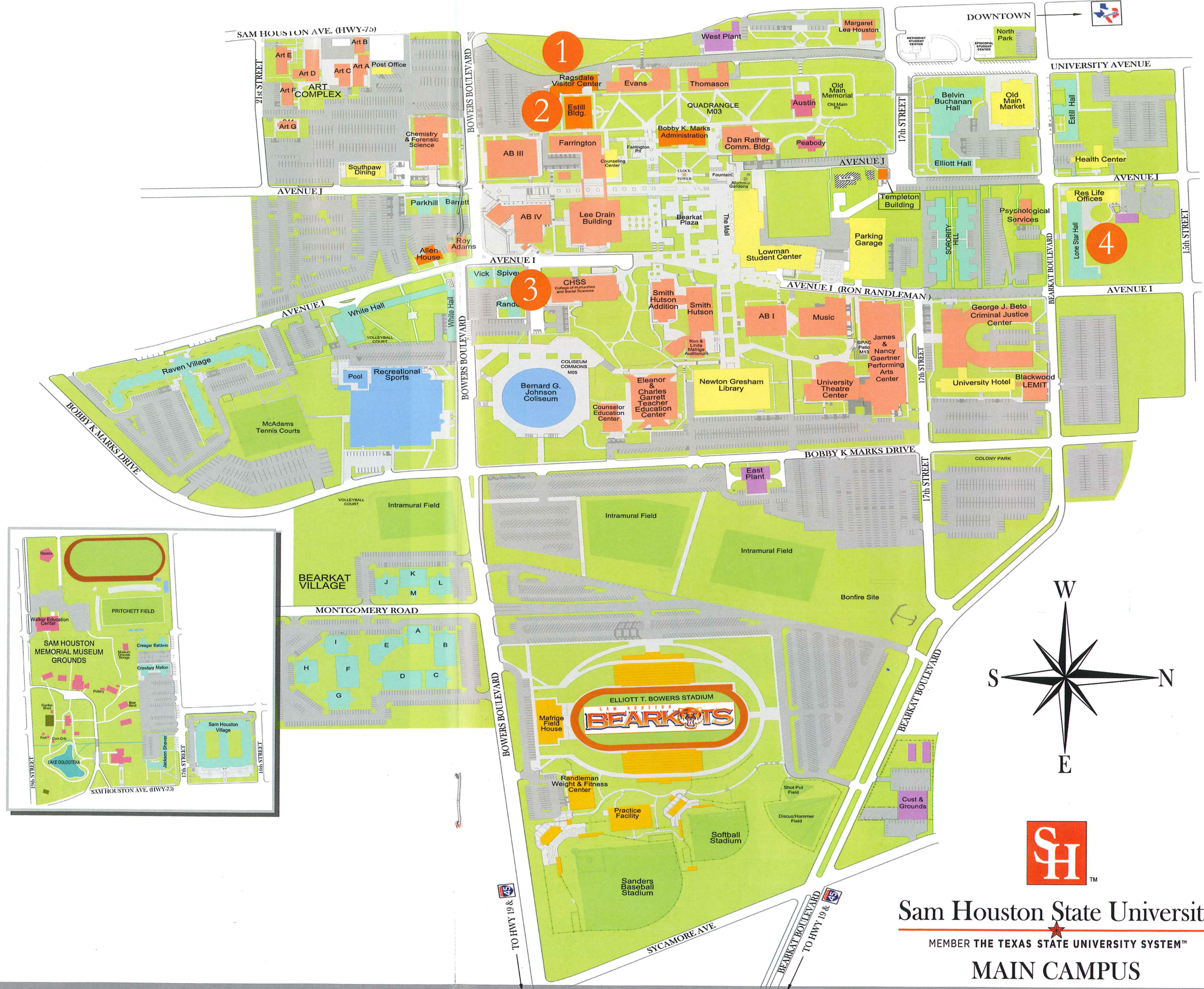
# First Year Essentials

**1 VISITOR CENTER**  
The John R. Ragsdale Visitor & Alumni Center – The Visitor Center offers daily tours Monday – Friday and hosts Saturdays @ Sam, the University bi-annual campus preview event. Saturdays @ Sam will be held on November 15, 2014 and on March 28, 2015. The SHSU Alumni Office is a great place for alumni to visit and get connected to their alma mater. To schedule a tour contact 1.866.BEARKAT

**2 ESTILL BUILDING**  
Estill Building – Named after Harry F Estill, the University's fifth president, the Estill Building is great for first time student to visit with Undergraduate Admissions, Graduate Admissions, the Bursar's Office, Financial Aid, the Bearkat OneCard Office, the Registrar's Office, and New Student Orientation.

**3 COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
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**4 LONE STAR HALL**  
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- Football
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News, schedules, ticket information and opportunities to watch live video of Bearkat sports events are available on the SHSU athletic web site at [www.gobearkats.com](http://www.gobearkats.com).

## Student Tickets

Sam Houston students are admitted to all home regular season athletic events on presentation of a current and valid Bearkat OneCard. Simply swipe your Bearkat OneCard at the designated student gates the day of the event for admission. Bearkat OneCards must be active and you must be currently enrolled.

The Bearkats play their home athletic events in first class facilities including Elliott T. Bowers Stadium (football, track & field), Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum (basketball & volleyball), Don Sanders Stadium (baseball), Bearkat Softball Complex, Joseph Pritchett Field (soccer) and McAdams Tennis Center.

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## Success-In the Classroom

Sam Houston student-athletes are just as successful in the class room as on the playing field. The overall grade point average for the more than 400 Bearkat student-athletes annually is a mark higher than the general student population at the university. Fifteen times in the past seven years, Bearkats have been recognized as the outstanding student-athlete in their individual sports, receiving the Southland "Student-Athlete of the Year" award.

## Success-On the Field

With NCAA playoff appearances in football, basketball, bowling and baseball in the past four years, the Bearkats have become a regular fixture on national television sports networks including ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN3, CBS, Fox Sports and Comcast.

Sam Houston sports teams have made NCAA Division I postseason appearance 18 times since 2000. Most recent successes include the NCAA National Championship in women's bowling in 2014 and back-to-back appearances in the NCAA FCS National Championship game in 2011 and 2012.

The Bearkats have won 22 Southland Conference regular season championships and six league post-season tournament titles since 2000.

Sam Houston State is only team in Southland Conference history to win SLC Commissioner's Cup trophies three years in a row and is the only current member to earn the league's all-sports title four times. The trophy is awarded annually to the overall athletic program ranked as the best in the league.

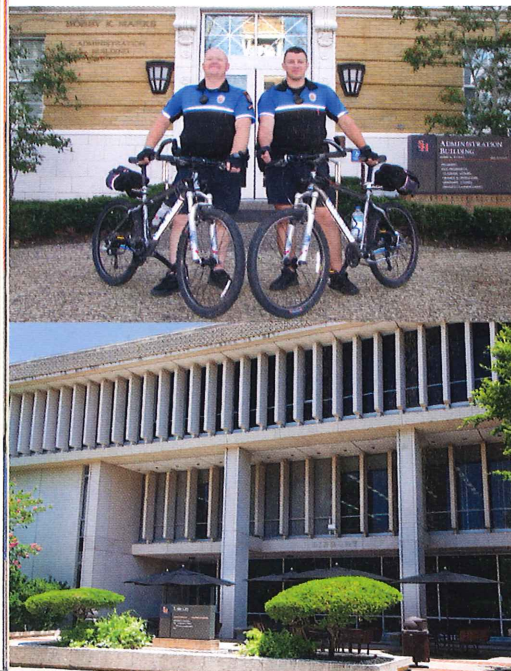
The Bearkats play a nationally competitive schedule in all sports with games against top teams from the Big 12 and SEC including Texas A&M, Baylor, Texas and Arkansas.

Each of the past four seasons, Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin have played their annual "Battle of the Piney Woods" rivalry game at Reliant Stadium in Houston, putting more than 25,000 fans in the seats at the NFL Texans' venue annually.



# Tips for Staying Safe On Campus

- Be aware of your surroundings. If you are concerned about your safety, ask a friend to accompany you or utilize the University Police Department's Escort Program by contacting the department. The University Police Department offers escorts 24 hours a day for students, staff or faculty to walk with them to their on-campus locations. Safety is best achieved when you travel in numbers, either with a friend, group or a UPD escort.
- Students are reminded to lock their car and room doors, even when they are home. Theft is the most reported crime at Sam Houston State University, but many of these crimes can be averted when you eliminate temptation. When possible, take your valuables with you or secure them out of sight in a locked compartment or trunk. Laptops, computers, purses, briefcases, wallets, cell phones and other small electronics are easy and popular targets for thieves.
- Register your valuables with the University Police Department on MySam. Anything that enables the University Police Department to identify an item as belonging to a particular student helps with the property recovery. Engraving your student Sam ID number or Driver's License number (ex. TX- xxxxxxxx) on the back of the valuable item with help to the owner of the property.
- Do not prop exterior doors to residence halls open. Access to residence halls is restricted to only students that reside in their prospective hall.



- Whether staying on or off campus, learn the emergency evacuation plan and routes for your new home. Pay attention to any announcements or emergency notifications that could occur.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave the area.
- Keep your friends and family informed about where you are and who you are with. It is important that you know and trust the people you will be living with. Get acquainted with your roommate(s) and exchange phone numbers, and also let them know who your emergency contacts are.
- Always carry a charged cell phone or a way to contact someone in case of emergencies. Know whom to call. Preprogram the University Police Department's phone number into your phone.
- Be observant. Make sure that you are aware of your environment. It is advisable that you familiarize yourself with buildings and landmarks on/off campus.
- Report suspicious activity immediately to the University Police Department at (936)294-1794, or the UPD emergency line (936)294-1000.
- In the event of an emergency on campus, students should contact the University Police Department via the emergency line at (936)294-1000 or (936)294-1794, or the Huntsville/Walker County Emergency Communications Center via 911. Emergency call boxes are also located on campus and provide a direct line to the University Police Department.





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## Jr. Bearkats

Children ages 1-13 can join this interactive and hands-on program to learn about higher education and get involved with Sam Houston State University. This group of young Bearkats gets together throughout the year for lots of fun activities including parades, SHSU sporting events, and on-campus traditions and service projects. Members receive fun newsletters and contests throughout the year, as well as a personalized birthday card! For an added bonus, members can sign up for our Elite membership! For just \$25 a year they receive an official Jr. Bearkats membership card, a t-shirt, free admission to all non-football SHSU sporting events, and admission to our special events such as Jr. Bearkats at the Houston Zoo or Skating at the Ice Rink. Don't miss this opportunity to make your involvement with SHSU a family affair – get your youngest Bearkats on board! For more information visit our website or give us a call! We can't wait to welcome you to the Bearkat family!

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On behalf of the SHSU students, faculty and staff, we welcome you to SHSU and look forward to assisting you in reaching your academic goals. Your leadership and military experience serves to further enhance the character of our great institution.

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# New Student Orientation

Already accepted? Whether a freshman or if you're transferring in the New Student Orientation Program hosts organized, purposeful, and positive introduction sessions for all new SHSU students and their families. These sessions help you become familiar with services and programs vital to your transition as full and active members of the SHSU community. Partnering collaboratively with other university offices and departments, these sessions help students gain the skills, information and meaningful relationships important to successful long-term academic and personal outcome.

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The Visitor Center Staff and Bearkat Student Ambassadors are the "Welcoming Committee" for visitors and prospective students. Our staff is knowledgeable and provides good customer-service while reflecting an enthusiastic "Bearkat Spirit" at all times.

The Visitor Center offers campus maps, SHSU information packets, Huntsville information, city maps, directions, and responds to a host of questions about SHSU and Huntsville. In essence, we provide a widely-encompassing "information center" for the campus and the Huntsville area.

The Visitor Center offers regular weekday tours and tours on select Saturdays. Schedule a campus tour today!

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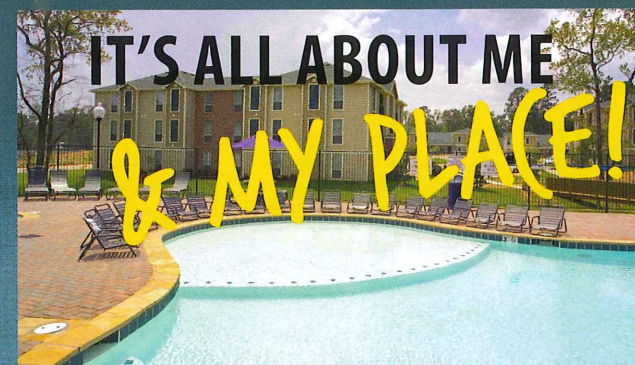
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Students should apply for financial assistance using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The priority deadline for aid is March 15th.

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Career planning is an ongoing process for your student. There is no such thing as the "right" major or the "right job." Some students know early in their college career what they want to do and stay with that through to their first job after graduation. Other students need time to explore the possibilities and decide what major/career they want to pursue. The SHSU Career Services office provides positive support for all students regardless of where they are in the career decision-making process.

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Explore your interests, skills and personal values.

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- Learn about majors and careers
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## STEP TWO - Explore the World of Work

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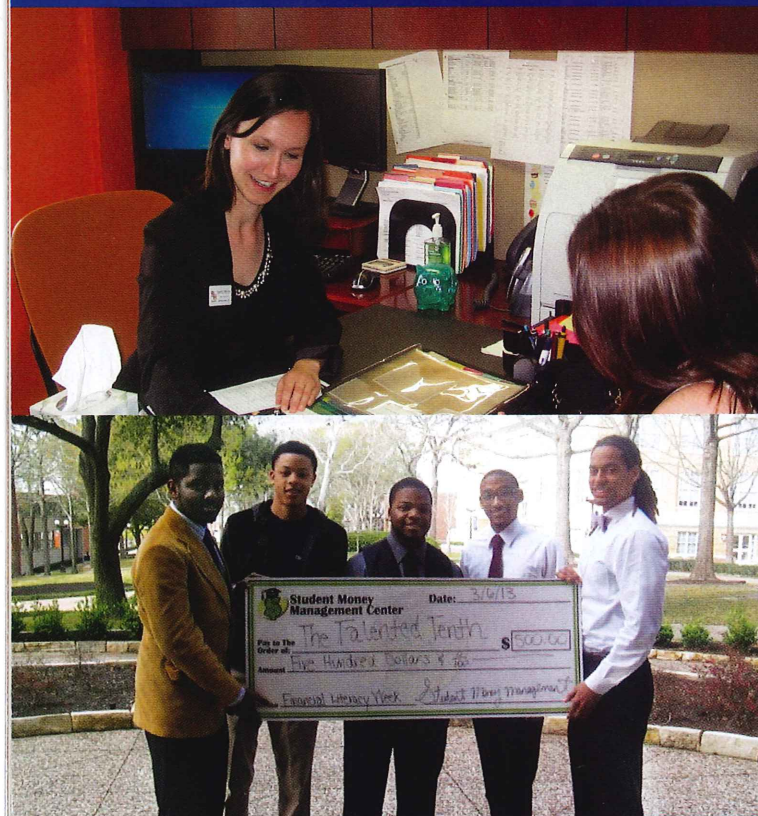
## STEP THREE - Make Decisions and Set Goals

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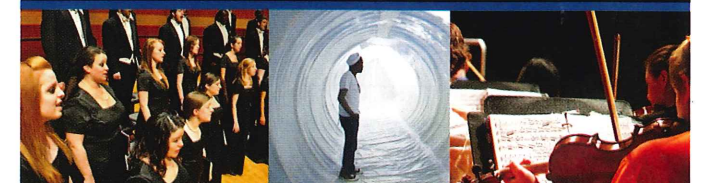
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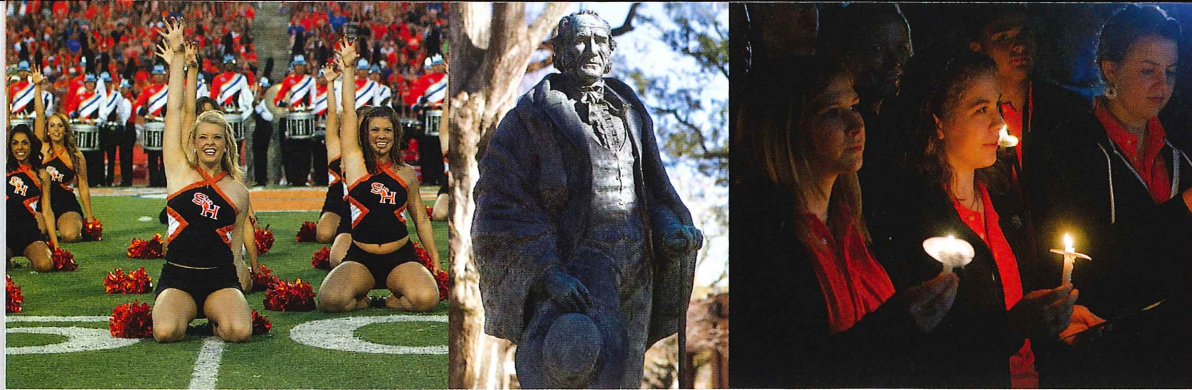
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