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Dear Hardin-Simmons Family Member,

On behalf of Hardin-Simmons University, I want to extend a warm welcome to you and your family! You should be proud that your son, daughter, or relative has taken the collegiate step in his or her life’s journey…and we are fully invested in partnering with you on that journey! We will be there through the successes as well as through the more challenging experiences. We emphasize an education enlightened by faith, as we are committed to meeting your son or daughter “where they are.” In fact, our educators – faculty and staff – are working to create seamless learning environments where students can thrive and grow.

Specifically, Student Life is about...

- Promoting Engaged Student Learning
- Encouraging Spiritual Formation and Understanding Calling
- Cultivating an Integrated Perspective on Life
- Strengthening Campus Community
- Designing Intentional Pathways that Foster Leadership

We will help your son or daughter get plugged in and maximize his or her experience. We will build on the foundation that you have provided. This guide is one of a number of resources you will receive, and it is intended to help students and families identify how HSU will help students achieve their goals. I encourage you to spend as much time as you can in our warm community.

As a father of four children, I know the sacrifices that you have made, and I know how it feels to entrust your son or daughter to an institution where experiences will have such a marked influence on his or her adult life. As a parent, I can assure you that HSU is a place where your child will experience growth!

Sincerely,

Dr. Dave Rozeboom
Vice President for Student Life
Campus
The main HSU campus sits on 96 beautifully landscaped acres, with the total property encompassing 220. Composed of 33 major buildings, including eight classroom buildings, six residence halls, and two apartment complexes, the HSU campus is a place where students feel at home.

Faculty
Our 13:1 student-to-faculty ratio ensures that each student at HSU receives individualized attention and allows students to develop meaningful relationships with professors. More than 90 percent of our full-time faculty hold the highest available degree in their fields.

Technology
Wireless technology is accessible to 95 percent of the main campus with 235 computers available for student use in 14 labs and three communal areas.
Degrees Offered

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Behavioral Science
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Master of Arts
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Education
- Master of Music
- Master of Science
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Doctor of Education in Leadership
- Doctor of Ministry
- Doctor of Physical Therapy

Distinctive Programs

- Honors Program
- International Studies
- Leadership Studies
- Ethics Minor

Learn more about HSU by visiting our website: www.hsutx.edu/about
Beginning in the fall of 2014, we’ve partnered our 20-year tuition freeze guarantee with our new Block Tuition – a more cost-effective way to pay for college. It is designed to help your child graduate on time and save money. With Block Tuition, students may take up to **34 hours per year** (including May term and summer classes) for **$22,350**. Many universities offer block tuition plans, but they don’t cover as many hours AND they don’t include a tuition freeze. Partnering these **TWO BOLD MOVES** will reduce the cost of an HSU education while maintaining the remarkable value of an Education Enlightened by Faith.

**General and technology fees included; course-specific fees not included.**
History

HSU was established in 1891 as a private, coeducational, liberal arts university. Affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, students of all faiths, ethnicities, races, and walks of life are welcome.

The Bell Tower

The bell hanging in this tower originally served as a timepiece for the campus. Located in the tower of Old Main, the first building on campus, the bell was rung to awaken students and to remind them of class times. The 700-pound masterpiece was also rung on special occasions such as outstanding athletic victories, and it could be heard a mile away from campus. Mrs. Lucile Sandefer, the wife of long-time university president Dr. J.D. Sandefer, secured the building of the tower to preserve the history and significance of the bell.

The Cannon

The cannon, a.k.a. Arizona Bill, is a tribute to the HSU students who left the safety of their classrooms in the early 1900s to fight in World War I. It was christened Arizona Bill in memory of Kenneth Burns, an HSU student who was killed during WWI as he carried a message through heavy weapons fire. This cannon was used during the Spanish American War as well as WWI and was refurbished and dedicated in 1958. The paved area around the cannon makes up the Fort Babe Shaw Memorial and is inscribed with the names of 13 HSU alumni who died during WWI.

Centennial Square

The Centennial Square was built to celebrate the 100th birthday of HSU. The senior class of 1991 placed a time capsule under the plaza. Written on the bricks embedded in the plaza are the names of many proud HSU alumni and friends. It is encircled by the Alumni Wall which displays the names of all HSU graduates since 1895.
Fire Hydrant

The purple and gold fire hydrant stands in memory of Fritz, better known as “Dam-it,” the dog that served as the unofficial college mascot from 1916 to 1920. Fritz belonged to Gib Sandefer, son of President Sandefer. When Fritz died in 1920, a funeral service was held on campus, which drew national media attention.

Olsen House

In 1902, shortly after earning his PhD from Yale University, Dr. Julius Olsen came to Simmons College with the intention of teaching on the “frontier” only briefly. However, he remained at HSU for 40 years. He served as the first dean of arts and sciences and was also a professor of sciences and mathematics. Olsen became known as one of the most distinguished scholars and scientists of the Southwest.

Built in the 1920s by Dr. Olsen for his family, the Olsen House is now an Abilene Historic Landmark. Dr. Olsen’s father, a cabinetmaker from Norway, assisted in the construction of the home. Family members lived in the home until the 1990s when it was turned over to HSU.

Hardin-Simmons Anthem

The Hardin-Simmons Anthem was written in 1917. Though the school was little known then, those words were prophetic, as through the years, HSU has indeed become famous through the accomplishments of her students, alumni, faculty, and staff, both on and off the campus.

Hardin-Simmons Anthem

Hardin-Simmons, hail to thee,
for famous are thy halls;
Long may thy worth increase,
long live thy noble cause.
Great are thy victories
o’er land and over sea;
Fair daughter of the West,
we love and honor thee.
Since the 1920s, new students have gone through beanie-capping ceremonies including the tradition of having classmates autograph their beanies. In more recent years, faculty and staff have joined the fun. Today’s first-year students still enjoy this very special tradition.

The beanies, distinguishing freshmen from other students, allow the HSU family to readily identify the newest additions to the student body. Upperclassmen take time to meet new students and sign their beanies.

Beanie Week is a new student’s chance to find his or her place on campus. Many new students over the years have extended this tradition by wearing their beanies the entire week before classes begin.
Dear Parents,

We are so grateful that you have entrusted Hardin-Simmons as the university for your family. We are so proud of each and every one of your students, and we are here to inspire, applaud, and walk alongside them in the hard times.

You have done a wonderful job of developing your child emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually; and now we are here to partner with you as he or she matures into adult life.

Our goal is for the baton handoff to be as smooth as possible as you leave them here with us at Hardin-Simmons. It has been my passion and calling to live with college students and see them develop and grow over the past 20 years. I also will be dropping my daughter off at college this year, so I understand personally all the hopes and fears of parents in your shoes. Here is some advice on how you can support your student over the next year:

**Don’t allow them home for the first month!**

If a student is lonely and gets into the pattern of going home on the weekends to connect with you and old friends, he or she will never go through the normal adjustment period of making new friends and bonding together with other students going through the same transition issues. I promise that we will have so much going on during the first month, including every weekend, that all students will have a great time together. It is very important that they start at Stampede Week, and I would like to connect with you at the parent orientation in August to tell you about the programs we have for your student.

**Listen without solving:**

Students will interact with faculty, staff, and peers here every day, but will still turn to you with all types of situations. Try not to solve your student’s issues, but allow him or her to mature by asking about possible solutions. Try moving from the role of parent to that of coach and cheerleader.
Don’t panic when they panic:
It is not unusual to receive a frantic text or late night phone call with panic or fear in your student’s voice. Students tend to share their fears and apprehensions with their parents and their joys with their peers. They will be stressed about academic load, loneliness, dating, and pressures of life. They are turning to you to let out their fears, apprehensions, and sometimes tears so they can lighten their load and tell someone about it. They will feel much better, and you will then carry the stress of wondering how they are doing. As their stress level is going up, show your love even more by sending them a hand written letter of encouragement, or a care package, coming for a visit and attending a sporting event, or posting a picture on Facebook of your family pet that tells them how much they are missed and loved.

Get involved and stay informed:
Please stay informed through our academic calendar and events page. We will send out occasional newsletters, and I will share other ways to stay connected at our parents orientation meeting. Facebook is a great way to stay connected, but I encourage you to talk in advance with them about healthy boundaries in this area. Students will be far more open to you knowing what is going on if you are not responding to every post or trying to stalk them and every new friend they have.

Expect change:
As they grow and mature, it is normal for your son or daughter to become his or her own person and test new thoughts and ideas. It is important to talk about your expectations for them in the areas of money, rules of your house when they come home, academics, and much more. There are some great books and resources that I recommend, including:

1. Letting Go: A Parent’s Guide to Understanding the College Years
   by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger
2. Don’t Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to College
   by Helen E. Johnson and Christine Schelhas-Miller
3. You’re On Your Own (But I’m Here If You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child During the College Years
   by Marjorie Savage
Consult with us when there is a problem:
University professionals are available at every juncture of your student’s life and we are here to help with both academic and personal development. Encourage your student to speak directly with professors, a Residence Director, or the many other staff here to help with college life. If you have a concern that you believe is more serious, please don’t hesitate to contact me at 325-670-1250 or at bdawson@hsutx.edu. If there is an immediate problem, please call our police department at 325-670-1461.

FERPA:
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that protects the rights of students by defining who has access to student educational records. Now that your student is in college, FERPA laws transfer ownership of the educational records directly to the student; therefore, parents have no inherent rights to view, change, or control the student’s educational records. In general, unless your child gives you access to her/his academic and or financial records, we will not be able to share any related information with you. Academic records include registration, schedule, and grades. The best way to get this information is to ask your child to grant you access to her or his account. If there is a medical emergency or your child goes to the hospital, we will contact you immediately. Make sure that we have the best phone numbers to reach you in case a medical emergency arises.

Hardin-Simmons University is an institution of outstanding education and Christian values. I want every student to feel like they belong here and we will cultivate a place where they can grow and thrive. I look forward to meeting you and hope to partner with you on this next chapter of your student’s life.

Sincerely,

Brian Dawson
Dean of Students
Financial Aid

Hardin-Simmons University is committed to providing excellence in education that is affordable for our students, regardless of their personal financial status or background. Approximately 90 percent of students receive some form of financial assistance through various scholarship, grant, loan, and work programs.

Working with you, we will put together the best program of financial assistance for which you qualify. Combined with what you and your family can provide, this assistance should make your student’s college career a wise and affordable investment. For more information, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Business Office

Billing and Payments:
Monthly statements are available through CASHNet Online Bill Pay

Payment plans:
Fall and Spring semesters offer a four-payment plan, beginning Fall 2012. The first payment equal to 1/4 of the balance is due a month before the semester begins, with the next three quarterly payments due the following three months. A finance charge of 1.5 percent will be added to any outstanding balance after the fourth payment date. May Term, Summer I, and Summer II payment is due in full or must be covered by financial aid.
Method of payment:
The only method of payment accepted in the Business Office is check or cash. A fee of $30 will be charged on any returned checks. Credit card payments may be made on CASHNet by using MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express.

HSU One Card:
Also known as your HSU ID card, your student’s One Card serves as ID, library card, chapel card, building access card, meal ticket, and debit card for Cowboy Cash. Students may put up to $200 in Cowboy Cash on their One Card to use in the bookstore, the POD, or the cafeteria.

Registrar’s Office:
Can we help your student with his or her degree? Degree plans should be filed with the Registrar’s Office with the accumulation of 30 hours or more. The Declaring a Degree form can be obtained in this office. Once it has been processed, a printed degree plan can be issued, which will greatly assist your student and his or her advisor in planning upcoming terms.

The Registrar’s office can assist you with Enrollment Verifications, Transcripts, Transfer Evaluations, AP & CLEP scores, VA issues, Degree Audits, and much more.
Academic Foundation Advising Center

Our mission is to serve the needs of undeclared undergraduate students, transfer students who do not have a major, and students considering changing their field of study. The Advising Center is prepared to make your student’s college career as smooth as possible by explaining the general core requirements, helping to schedule classes, or clarifying your student’s goals and options. The Center provides one-on-one help for making decisions about changing majors in cooperation with the Office of Career Services.

Reasons to Visit the Center

✈ If your student needs information about class requirements for HSU’s core curriculum
✈ If your student needs help scheduling classes (for example, around job hours)
✈ If your student is a part-time student who needs to take day/night classes
✈ If your student is a transfer student who needs advice on how to complete a major
✈ If your student wants to change majors and isn’t sure about the options
✈ If your student is placed on academic suspension and needs academic advising regardless of your major
✈ If your student is thinking about withdrawing (dropping all classes) from the university
✈ If you have questions concerning any academic policy or procedure

Office for Students with Disabilities

Hardin-Simmons University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 regarding students with disabilities.
In order for new students to receive accommodations for a disability, they must apply with the Office for Students with Disabilities. Current (within the past three years, or as an adult) and comprehensive documentation of the disability must be provided to the Coordinator for Students with Disabilities. Information concerning a student’s disability is treated confidentially in accordance with University policies as well as state and federal laws.

Documentation submitted to the Coordinator shall be reviewed to verify the existence of a disability. If the documentation provided by the student is determined to be insufficient by the Coordinator, Hardin-Simmons University reserves the right to request additional documentation considered reasonably necessary to determine appropriate and effective accommodations on the college level.

**Typical accommodations may include, but are not limited to:**
- Extra test time
- Testing in a separate room
- Use of a tape recorder or other assistive technology/software
- Note-taking assistance
- Use of a reader

College students typically experience a greater level of autonomy in comparison to secondary education and must develop as individuals and learn to employ their own skills in self-advocacy.

**Some expectations of students entering a university setting include:**
- Develop routines and structured environments to achieve the greatest potential for success
- Develop effective time-management skills
- Work closely with academic advisors to determine an appropriate course load
- Know and follow attendance policies and understand the consequences for the choice to not attend class
- Seek out resources and assistance to manage disability and coursework
- Eligible students seeking accommodations should contact the Coordinator as soon as possible in the academic term (preferably during the first two weeks of a long semester) for which they are seeking accommodations.
Office of Student Engagement

The Office of Student Engagement provides a variety of academic support services to our students through ACE – Academic Coaching & Enrichment opportunities. These opportunities include: Centralized Tutoring, Brain Storm events, individual tutoring appointments, math lab and writing center. This office is also tasked with the retention and persistence of students through graduation. Many activities are planned throughout the students’ time on the 40+ acres to continue their quest for the official HSU ring, which they will receive during their graduating semester at HSU.

Career Services

The Office of Career Services provides a variety of career development opportunities for students and alumni. Services include, but are not limited to: individual career counseling and career exploration, administration and interpretation of career assessments, exclusive access to our online Career Connection system that contains job and internship listings and electronic resources, résumé and cover letter critiques, interviewing skills assistance, career fairs, etiquette dinner and other career-related events, and guidance in graduate school planning.

Additionally, the Office of Career Services facilitates employer contact with students and faculty through on-campus interviews and other career events. We strive to assist, support, and engage our students throughout the career-development process. Through early and repeated interactions, we aim to help students identify realistic career choices and develop relevant job search skills that will contribute to their success beyond HSU.
Life
At HSU

University Residence Life

Residence Life:
As an evolving community, Residence Life enhances the education experience through personal development, intellectual engagement, and spiritual formation.

What is an RD?
Residence Directors (RDs) are professional staff members who live in the residence halls and are responsible for maintaining a positive academic and social environment. RDs supervise the RAs in each residential community and provide guidance and support to the staff team to foster student learning and growth. RDs can assist parents and families with on-going problems or difficult situations that require specialized care. RDs, rather than RAs, are the preferred contact for parents and families due to the sensitive nature of student concerns and the professional training that RDs have received.

What is an RA?
Residence Assistants (RAs) are student workers who live on your student’s hall and are available to help connect your student to any resource he or she may need on campus.

They are also helpful with maintenance, any room or roommate issues, and educational or social needs. We would like these student workers to be mentors in your student’s transition to college life.
Tips to remember as your student moves into our communities:

Academic scheduling is different in college:

- Ask questions about your student’s schedule so you are aware of his or her commitments before trying to call. He or she might be sleeping, eating, or in class.
- React with curiosity when discussing new courses and professors.
- Understand that study habits, homework amounts, test options, and all that you knew about high school academics may change.
- Encourage your student to seek out professors, academic advisors, tutors, reference librarians, and other supportive academic consultants.

Making friends and getting involved is a vital part of the college experience

- Encourage involvement as a healthy form of balance. Everyone needs an outlet.
- Social groups may evolve quickly as students move from orientation into residential community and student organizations. Support trying new things and meeting new types of people.
- Finding friends to study with may actually improve a student’s academic performance.

Roommate conflicts and academic problems are natural bumps in the road to a degree:

- Focus on the problem as your student presents it, not as you think you see it. Reflect what you are hearing back to your student to see if he or she is accurately stating concerns (versus emotions).
- Try your best not to immediately fix roommate conflicts. Learning to solve problems is a vital social and professional skill that students do not necessarily learn in the classroom.
- Failing a paper or test, experiencing the realities of dysfunctional group projects, and other academic situations are not career-ending. Focus on finding resources to recharge, review, and repair the problem at hand.
P.O. Box Information
The Campus Post Office provides many services of the U.S. Postal Service, including purchase of stamps and money orders, priority and express mail services, certified and insured services, and mailing of packages.

Post office boxes are located in the Moody Center and are available to all registered and pre-registered students. All students living in a residence hall are required to have a campus mailbox. A student is welcome to keep a campus mailbox as long as he or she is a student here. If, for any reason, the student wishes to close the box, he or she must tell the Campus Post Office to do so by filling out a change of address. Then notify the business office to drop the fee.

HSU’s physical address (for UPS and FedEx shipments) is:
2200 Hickory St,
# (___),
Abilene, TX 79601

For U.S. Postal Service mailing, use:
Student’s Name
HSU Box Number
Abilene, TX 79698

Post Office Hours
Fall and Spring Semesters:
Mon-Fri: 8 am - 5 pm
Sat: Closed
Summer Months:
Mon-Fri: 8 am - noon, 1 pm - 5 pm
Christmas:
Mon-Fri: Closed
(mail delivered)
Mail arrives around 9:30 am and is usually posted by 11 am. We receive most of our deliveries in the morning. UPS ground deliveries usually come in the afternoon. When you receive a package, you’ll also receive a purple notice in your box. For complete information on Hardin-Simmons University Post Office services, please visit www.hsutx.edu/offices/postoffice or, from the HSU homepage, go to “Offices,” then “Other Offices,” and choose “Post Office” from the list.

Moody Dining Center
The Dining Center, also known as the Caf to our Hardin-Simmons family, is located in the Moody Center. This is an all-you-care-to-eat dining venue, with several presentation made-to-order stations.

The Grille Worx features not only burgers and grilled chicken sandwiches, but rotating daily specials are offered as well, including Philly cheese steak sandwiches, cajun catfish, and barbecue pork sandwiches. This is also where your student can go to get his or her fresh-made omelet every morning. Designed By You features induction heat to finish an array of dishes, such as stir-fried rice with a variety of sauces, quesadillas, and the pasta bar, also changing daily.

The Deli has great panini sandwiches as well as made-to-order sub sandwiches, found right beside our extensive salad bar. There is also the Home Zone with the hot entrée of the day, vegetarian and Mexican selections, and a dessert bar with the popular Bluebell Ice Cream.

Meal Plans:

10 Meal Plan
10 all-you-care-to-eat meals a week
$1,512.25 / Semester

14 Meal Plan
14 all-you-can-eat meals a week
$1,846.74 / Semester

Unlimited Meal Plan
Unlimited all-you-care-to-eat meals a week
$1,966.90 / Semester

Meal plans can be changed the first eight days of a semester by going to the Business Office and completing a meal plan change form.
Cowboy Cash
Cowboy Cash may be purchased in the Business Office and will be put on the student ID.

It can be used at:
- Bookstore
- Caf
- POD (Moody Center)
- Laundry facilities in the residence halls

The POD
The POD, located in the Moody Center, is the place to go for a quick bite to eat or drink. There are a wide variety of grab-n-go snacks, drinks, fresh-made salads, and sandwiches, as well as the Java Express. Your student can also get blended coffee beverages here, and breakfast burritos are available in the morning.

HSU Bookstore’s Top Tips for New Students
- RENT NOW. Save up to 50 percent off the new price. Sign up at rent-a-text.com
- KEEP RECEIPTS. No receipt, no refund. Your student might need it for taxes. Copy it. Scan it. Keep it.
- ID EVERY BOOK. If your student loses a book, how will he or she identify it?
- BE PREPARED. Books are organized by number. Bring a class schedule.
- STOCK UP. Get scantrons and blue books now to avoid being late for that 8 am test.
- PLAN AHEAD. Planners are available for less than $6. How much does it cost to re-take a class?
- BUY USED. If your student doesn’t rent books, he or she can buy used and save 25 percent off the new price.
- GET SOME COWBOY CASH. Bookstore charges will close. Cowboy Cash can be used anytime for anything.
- BUY IT NOW. Bookstore charges are available only for the first two weeks of school. And the used books sell out first.
- ASK US. We’ve been doing this for a while. Stop by anytime, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, or visit www.hsutx.bkstr.com.
Fitness Center
The HSU Fitness Center, located on the second floor of the Mabee Athletic Complex is available to all HSU students, faculty and staff. The Center includes a wide variety of cardiovascular machines as well as numerous weight machines. A staff member is on-hand at all times to assist in any way.

Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday
6-7:45 am, noon-10 pm
Saturday-Sunday
1-5 pm

Student Athletes
All students who represent the university in athletics must be concurrently enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and making satisfactory progress toward graduation. They must have attained at least a 1.60 GPA if they have attempted 12-32 semester hours, a 1.80 GPA if they have attempted 33-48 semester hours, or a 2.00 GPA if they have attempted 49 or more semester hours. In order for a student to continue to represent the university in any of the above-mentioned activities, a student must have completed 21 hours in the past academic year.

Absences for athletic- or school-related participation are counted as any other absence, and all absences, whether athletic-related or not, should not exceed 25 percent of the class meetings and laboratory sessions scheduled for a course. Regular and punctual attendance, therefore, is expected and essential for success in a course. Accordingly, absence from more than 25 percent of class meetings or laboratory sessions scheduled for a course (including absences because of athletic-related participation) is regarded as excessive, and a grade of F may be assigned as deemed appropriate by the professor. Students may be required to make up any classwork or assignments missed due to absence. Any student whose absence was caused by (1) personal illness, (2) a death in the family, or (3) authorized participation in official school functions will be given an opportunity to rectify, in a manner acceptable to the professor, any deficiencies which may have resulted from such absence.
HSU Student Activities

The mission of Hardin-Simmons Student Activities seeks to engage students in stress-free campus activities to foster relationships among the student body and create a sense of belonging to the HSU community. We strive to serve the physical, emotional, and social needs of the student body. Students have the opportunity to grow in responsibilities as leaders and individuals through the planning and implementation of campus activities.

The Student Activities Office is located in the Student Organization Center (SOC) in the basement of the Moody Center.

Student Activities is all about creating an unforgettable experience for students at HSU. Our desire is that the campus life at Hardin-Simmons will create memories that will last beyond your student’s school years. We want to promote an environment that will encourage your student to experience HSU to the fullest.

Student Activities is passionate about creating new and exciting events and maintaining traditions that HSU students love. The HSU campus is full of life, and there is a place for everyone to plug in and get involved at HSU.

HSU Student Activities Leadership Teams

SABERS
Student Activities Board

The SABERS are the main activities group members that help plan every event of the semester. They are the face of HSU Student Activities and take the lead in running events. They help plan, advertise, set-up, and execute the entire year’s events. These students have had prior experience in one of the other Student Activities Leadership groups and are then interviewed and chosen to be a SABER.
SAMmies
Student Activities Minions
The Student Activities Minions consists of students who help run multiple events throughout the semester. The purpose of SAMmies is to open up Student Activities and give more HSU students an opportunity to get involved in planning events that happen on their campus. It also allows students to share their ideas and see them come about for the whole campus to enjoy. Students who participate in SAMmies will learn skills in advertising, planning, and implementing campus-wide events. This will also help enhance participation in HSU Student Activities.

Freshmen Activities Team
The Freshmen Activities Team is a group of freshmen who work together to plan an HSU student event. Each Spring, this group of freshmen are led by two members of the Student Activities Board to plan our end-of-the-year event, May Day.

HSU Green
This student-based group, also known as the Green Team, raises ecological awareness on campus in order for others to learn how lifestyle changes geared toward helping the environment can make a difference in the world around them.

The Mission of HSU Green is to:

- Impact the campus, community, and world by confronting through a Christian perspective, the environmental, economic, and social justice issues of our day.
- Educate faculty, staff, and students in sustainability and the ethical responsibility we have in impacting our campus and community.
- Implement practices and changes that contribute to a sustainable and high quality of life on campus, in Abilene, and around the world.

Student Congress
Student Congress is a group of elected officers and attending members who work to create a space for students to share ideas and concerns about life at Hardin-Simmons University. Student Congress helps open communication between students, organizations, and the administration to form a more unified and proactive university experience.
Clubs and Organizations
Membership in more than 50 clubs and organizations is available to students. These include departmental, honor, and service fraternities, societies, and social groups.

Intramurals
Intramurals provide structured sports and sports-related events to the community of Hardin-Simmons. We offer more than 20 individual and dual events, as well as numerous team sports. The goal of intramural sports is to encourage participation through fun, social interaction, and good Christian competition. Intramural sports are a great place for students to try new sports and meet new friends. There is always something for everyone.

Fall line-up
- Flag football
- Dodgeball
- Volleyball
- Sand volleyball
- Racquetball
- Tennis
- Badminton
- Fantasy football
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Bowling

Spring line-up
- 5-on-5 basketball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Disc golf
- Wally ball
- 2-on-2 co-ed basketball
- March Madness
- Homerun derby
- Ping pong
- Sand volleyball
HSU Chapel
The purpose of chapel is to enlighten the Hardin-Simmons community through worship, service, and dialogue as we encourage a love for God and others.

HSU students are required to accumulate 80 chapel credits in order to graduate. This averages to about 10 chapels per semester. In addition to attendance at chapel services, credit can be earned by attending plays, recitals, assemblies, concerts, and various lectures. Students can also earn credit through community service.

The chapel requirement must be met by the deadline for diploma cards during each student’s senior year. If the student has not accrued 80 credits by this time, he or she must make arrangements with the Registrar’s Office. Failure to do so may result in financial penalties, having his or her card pulled, or the inability to graduate until this requirement is met.

For more information on chapel, contact:
Office of the University Chaplain at 325-671-2190

Baptist Student Ministries
The HSU BSM exists to minister to the spiritual needs of the students of Hardin-Simmons University. We seek to provide a context for spiritual engagement, growth, and renewal with the hope that all HSU students might have a fully developed relationship with Jesus Christ. We are called to love students, to serve students, and to walk alongside them during their time at HSU. Students involved in the BSM do not have to be Baptist (or any other denomination). We provide opportunities for small group Bible studies, community service, mission trips, and on-campus worship services in addition to a variety of other ministries facilitated by a student leadership team.

New students at Hardin-Simmons will find opportunities created just for them. Our Freshmen Leadership Council is composed of new students who are looking for campus leadership opportunities. Our New Student Bible Studies attempt to address the spiritual needs of students making the transition from high school to college and from home life to campus life.
As a parent, we know it is important for you to stay connected to your student, so we offer several ways to stay in touch:

- **Cookie-Gram** - A Cookie-Gram can be given at any time throughout the year and is a favorite for birthdays. It consists of six large cookies, candy, a drink, and balloons.
- **Survival Kits** for students during finals week. A Survival Kit includes a variety of snacks (some healthy, some not so healthy) and a personal message from you to help your student make it through the last week of the semester.

Order forms for Cookie-Grams and Survival Kits can be found on our webpage. Simply go to www.hsutx.edu, click on the “Offices” tab at the top of the page, then click on “Baptist Student Ministries.” All proceeds from Cookie-Grams and Survival Kits go to student missions.

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**Campus Safety**

**HSU Police Department**

325-670-1461

Campus safety and security are coordinated by the Hardin-Simmons University Police Department. This department provides a dedicated, uniformed law enforcement presence that responds to the safety needs of students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The department is composed of highly trained Texas Peace Officers who are armed and commissioned with full enforcement and investigative powers. Officers have the authority to make arrests for all criminal violations and are authorized to enforce all city, state, and campus rules and statues.

HSU Police work collaboratively with a host of other enforcement agencies, including:

- Abilene Police Department
- Taylor County Sheriff’s Department
- Fire and Rescue
- Other enforcement agencies
Our campus is well-lit, with lights in parking lots, in areas with heavy landscaping and trees, and along high-traffic pathways. There are six emergency phones strategically located throughout campus. These phones are connected directly to the University Police.

Emergency phone locations include:
- Northwest side of Simmons Parking Lot
- Behrens & Lange Resident Hall Parking Lot
- Southwest corner of University Police Department
- Northeast corner of Dyess Welcome Center
- Northeast corner of Ferguson Residence Hall
- Inside Physical Therapy Building on the north side of campus

**Student Health Services**
The Student Health Office is located in Moody Center Room 208 and is staffed by a registered nurse Monday - Friday from 8 am – noon and from 1 pm - 3 pm during long semesters. During summer semesters, the office is open Monday - Thursday from 8 am – noon and from 1 pm – 2 pm. Services are free and include assessment of minor illnesses, first-aid, and over-the-counter medications. The student may see the nurse on a drop-in basis. There is no physician on campus. The nurse can assist the student in securing a physician’s appointment off campus should the student need to see a physician.

The flu vaccine is available during flu season for a nominal fee. Students needing allergy injections may receive them in the Student Health Office with permission from the student’s allergist.

It is important that your student have a copy of his or her insurance card (front and back). It is good to tell your student to carry the copy in his or her wallet should the student need to see a physician while at college. You might want to explain to your student that he or she may need to pay a co-payment for medical appointments and prescriptions.

Hardin-Simmons University does not offer an insurance plan for domestic students. However, the nurse has websites of some college health plans should you desire that information.
Students must complete a **Student Health Form** prior to coming to Hardin-Simmons University. This form can be found on our website at www.hsutx.edu/student-life/health. This form includes insurance information, health history and immunization record. A copy of the childhood immunization record may be submitted with the Health Form. The immunization record includes two MMRs (Mumps, Measles, Rubella Vaccine), the Varicella Vaccine or a statement of the student having had the chickenpox disease, a Td or Tdap (Tetanus Diphtheria Vaccine) within the past 10 years, the Hepatitis B series, Polio Vaccine, and the state-mandated Meningitis Vaccine (within the five year period prior to the first college class day). The new student under 22 years of age has to show proof of having the Meningitis Vaccine before registering for class. Exceptions to this would be a signed affidavit for health reasons or conscientious objections. This information is on the Hardin-Simmons University website under Bacterial Meningitis.

It would be beneficial to talk to your student before he or she leaves home about the importance of a healthy diet, getting regular exercise and getting enough sleep. Also, the most important thing a student can do to prevent getting sick and prevent the spread of disease is good hand-washing.

College can be stressful. If your student becomes overwhelmed with class, please encourage him or her to discuss this with professors. Counseling can help students during some stressful times. Encourage your student to contact the nurse for assistance in seeking a counselor.

**Student Handbook**
The Student Handbook contains guidelines, policies, and procedures that are intended to assist students in their overall development and to foster an environment conducive to learning. The handbook does not constitute a contract between the university and its students. The plans, policies, and procedures described in the handbook are subject to change by the university at any time.

To view the HSU Student Handbook, visit: www.hsutx.edu/includes/publications/studenthandbook
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