

CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS

Back to the Future: Faculty Find Home in Campus Residence Halls

Perhaps “faculty living in the residence hall” sounds like a foreign idea; however, the earliest colonial colleges were built on the English model where faculty were intimately involved in all aspects of their students’ education, including living with them on campus. Baylor Professor Albert H. Newman and his wife lived with students in Georgia Burleson Hall, which served as a women’s residence hall when it opened in 1888.

During the past five years, Baylor’s faculty-in-residence initiative encouraged the return of faculty to residential life. Seven faculty members now call residence halls home. Dr. T. Laine Scales, professor of educational administration and associate dean of graduate studies and professional development, and her family moved into Kokernot Residence Hall in 2008.

Kimberly Gibson, a Kokernot resident from College Station, Texas, notes, “It is a brilliant idea to connect students personally with Baylor faculty in a comfortable setting. I have enjoyed getting to know Dr. Scales and her family through invitations to talk in their home, to attend book club discussions, and to take group trips to the theatre. The experience has been wonderful.”

While influencing students is the catalyst for the program, it makes an impact on faculty, too. “I have loved the difference living on campus makes for our family, particularly our teenage daughter,” Dr. Scales says. “It is a great way to experience first-hand the education of the whole student, and to extend our family to include 187 first-year residents.”



Faculty-in-residence Laine Scales, center, visits with students in her family's residence in Kokernot Hall

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Rainy Day Fund Sustains Many SOE Opportunities

By Courtney Dale Norwood

Restore and replenish, that’s what we do when it rains; and to keep up with the demands of providing excellence inside and out of the classroom, we rely on our “rainy day fund” to help along the way.

Summer is a time when we send students abroad to places such as Brazil, where they perform community health projects and share Christ. Making ends meet for these trips can be tricky, and for extra support, we look to our rainy day fund.

For students, professional conferences provide invigorating opportunities that enhance a Baylor education. Traveling to these conferences can be burdensome. To lighten the load, we look to our rainy day fund.

Our commitment to excellent education within the classroom often includes a dependence on technology. When we need to upgrade, we go to our rainy day fund.

Much like our faculty and students, our rainy day fund — better known as the School of Education’s Excellence Fund — must be replenished continually. In fact, recently you may have received a call from a Baylor student asking you to help replenish the School of Education’s Excellence Fund.



“Thank you” to those who supported this fund. Because of you, our students are building upon their calling through a Baylor education, and we hope others will join with you.

If you are interested in supporting the School of Education’s Excellence Fund, make your gift online at www.baylor.edu/give. For more detailed information about how you can support the School of Education, contact Cody Knowlton at 254-710-2561 or Cody_Knowlton@baylor.edu.



IMPACT TOMORROW

Discover more about ways to assist students or programs in the Baylor School of Education by contacting Cody Knowlton, senior executive director for university development, at: Cody_Knowlton@baylor.edu (254) 710-2561 or 800-BAYLOR-U, option 4



Cody Knowlton

The Baylor Impact is published four times a year by the School of Education at Baylor University to inform alumni and friends of the ongoing work and contributions of the School, its programs, faculty, staff, students, and graduates.

Our cover story was a result of feedback from readers like you. If you know of a story connected to Baylor’s School of Education that needs to be told, please let us know about it. Your story might be our next feature. Send your ideas and comments to Doug Rogers, editor, BaylorImpact@baylor.edu.