Greetings Colleagues,

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year! We've been busy with new students眼光 is now on the horizon for some of you. Have a great week ahead!

**IMPACT**

These past few weeks we've had one too many major birthdays in the Division. On Tuesday the 24th Dr Pepper Hour turned 70 years old! We celebrated in style in partnership with the Dr Pepper Museum who brought Dr Pepper with real cane sugar and Blue Bell ice cream for floats. "Dr Pepper Hour" started at Baylor in 1953, although back then it was actually "Coke Hour" (shh don't tell Dr Pepper). In 1997 Dr Pepper became the official soft drink of Baylor and it has been Dr Pepper Hour ever since.

On Wednesday January 31st we had our second major birthday, our beloved mascot Lady turned 21! Due to the ice we had to reschedule her birthday party, but next time you are nearby the habitat stop and wish Lady a happy birthday!

Have you ever been in a situation where you were hiking, hunting, or fishing in the woods and something bad happened? Every year Campus Recreation’s Outdoor Adventure program offers a Wilderness Medicine course. The course is designed to help students understand how to respond in situations such as these. At the beginning of January, we offered Dr. Ellen Martinez’s Wilderness First Responder course at Baylor’s Lenore Lab that featured top-notch learning. Training just like this could be a once in a lifetime opportunity, and it could make the difference between life and death. With the right preparation, participants can be better prepared to respond, and we want all students to be prepared to respond when the time calls. The program is free and open to any student or staff member who is interested in learning more about wilderness medicine.

Recently we announced that Dr. Beth Allison Barr completed her doctorate! Congratulations again! Dr. Barr’s dissertation was on the role of residence hall directors in student spiritual development, and her topic was endorsed and featured by ACUHO-I (the largest professional association relating to university housing). She recently hosted a webinar for ACUHO-I membership on this important topic. Thanks Dr. Barr for sharing this important work!

This Wednesday kicked off Black History Month and all February we’ll be hosting events to celebrate and deepen our understanding of Black Americans’ important contributions to our country’s history. Multicultural Affairs along with many other groups both at Baylor and in the Waco community will be hosting events all month. You can find a centralized list of events HERE. Keep checking back as this list will be updated throughout the month.

Also in February, on Thursday the 16th we’ll be hosting Dr. Beth Allison Barr and Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez as part of our Student Leadership Speaker Series. Here is the flyer for the event:

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**COMING UP**

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**LEADERSHIP SPEAKER SERIES**

Greetings and Larson - Expanding the Conversation of Disability and Leadership

**FEBRUARY 15TH 6:30-7:30PM**

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY -- POOL 304**

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**MOMENTS**

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Eighteen members of our Baylor family are newly minted as Wilderness First Responders. If you ever need help, you know who to call!