Week Before Texas Tech: August 21 – August 27

August 21, Sunday
Welcome to Texas Tech University!

Residence Halls open for occupancy. Students may move in.

Questions may be directed to Housing and Residence Life at 806-742-2661.

Parents can help relieve some of the first time stress for students by being supportive and giving a hand in the moving process. Come prepared with anything on wheels to move items from the car to the elevator. Be patient with one another. Questions may be directed to Housing and Residence Life at 806-742-2661.

August 22, Monday
This is the last day to make full payment of tuition and fees or make payment arrangements. You may contact Student Business Services (SBS) in 163 Drane Hall or call them at 806-742-3272.

This is also the week to make transportation plans for the semester, especially Thanksgiving. Plan with your family on when trips will happen, and make reservations this week if reservations are required.

Parents can support students by reminding them to take care of the business side of attending college: check their TechSIS info such as Student Business Services (SBS), Financial Aid, and Registrar. Otherwise, students’ schedules are dropped, and they cannot always get back into their classes.

August 25 – 26, Thursday – Friday
It is a good idea to locate your classes before you begin — physically walk through your schedule as soon as possible so that you will know where to go on the first day of class. Note that buildings are often closed on the weekend.

It is also helpful to print a few copies of your schedule so that you have your class information in several places. Be sure that the listing prints the whole page and is not cut off on the right side where the class numbers and buildings are printed out.

First Generation College (FGC) students: note the date below for a Welcoming Event.

Students, remember that you will not be getting daily and weekly feedback from your professors in college like you did in high school. You may not have an opportunity to know where you stand or perform (test, paper, etc.) the first month or even the first two
months - until mid-term exams. It is imperative to stay up with your classes even though you do not have assignments. This is your opportunity to develop your independence and become an intentional, independent learner.

Some students treat college like an 8 to 5 job. It is a great time to begin your professional lifestyle. It leaves your evenings for play and allows you to study with a fresh mind.

Get your eRaider information all set. Design your TTU portal site. Remember: never (and we rarely say never) share your password and username.

Plan for 2-3 hours of study time outside of class for every hour spent in class. Class schedules should add up to 40-50 hour weeks. Yes, college is a fulltime job. Use a pencil in your planner; things change.

The Rec Center is a great place to work out as well as meet new people. From the climbing wall to the indoor track to the Aquatics Center, the Rec Center is a good place to hang out.

This week parents can be supportive by encouraging students to stay on their normal sleeping and eating schedule. It is a high-energy time on campus, and students need to remember the basics. Drinking plenty of water in this dry climate is a must throughout the semester. Remind your students to begin now to take care of themselves.

Parents, you will be thanked later if you’ll remind your students to use this time to plan their semester in their planners. Plan for 2-3 hours of study time outside of class for every hour spent in class. Class schedules should add up to 40-50 hour weeks. Yes, college is a fulltime job. Use a pencil in your planner; things change.

Parents, remind your students to schedule time to eat and time to play each day. It is a fact that students need gross motor activity each day to relieve stress and get their circulation going. The Rec Center is a great place to work out as well as meet new people. From the climbing wall to the indoor track to the Aquatics Center, the Rec Center is a good place to hang out.

Parents, remind your students that independence comes with responsibility. It is crucial that they learn to assign homework to themselves in order to learn the material in college classes. This is the time for your students to work on being an independent learner. They will quickly learn that they cannot ‘save this to the weekend.’ There are other things to do on the weekends.

**August 27, Saturday**
FGC Welcome Event: 11am-1pm.
Week 1: August 29 – September 4

August 29, Monday
Classes begin for fall 2004. Hooray! This is the day you have been waiting for, and we have been preparing for you!

For every class you will receive a syllabus on your first day. This is your ‘contract’ with your instructor.
1) Read through each syllabus.
2) Log the assignments and tests in your planner.
3) Then, working backwards, log in the specific time that you will work on each assignment and study for each test.

Also, from Monday (August 29) through Thursday (September 1) this week, students may add a class on the web by logging onto TechSIS at http://techsis.tosm.ttu.edu/student/.

First time students should contact their academic advisors for assistance before changing their schedules. Students may drop a class beginning Monday, August 30.

If you do not know who your advisor is, contact the Advising Center at Texas Tech, and we will assist you. ACTT is located in 79 Holden Hall or 806-742-2189.

Parents, it is important that students use their syllabus from each class to log the assignments and tests in their planner AND to pencil in when they will complete each assignment and study for each test. This is important. If they have trouble doing this, get them to go to their advisor or ACTT.

August 30, Tuesday
FGC Workshop: Understanding Course Syllabi, 2-3 pm, 106 Holden Hall

September 1, Thursday
FGC Workshop: The Most for Your Money, 3:30-4:30 pm, Holden Hall 127

September 4, Saturday
If you are a First Generation College (FGC) student or a friend of one, join the PEGASUS program. You need to RSVP at ACTT by calling 742-2189.

Week 2: September 5 – 11

September 5, Monday
TTU is closed to observe the Labor Day Holiday.

Classes just started, and we have a university holiday already? Yes, classes will not be held on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

ACTT students, schedule appointments with your advisors for Weeks 3-8 if you have not already done so.
Parents check-in with your students to see how their first week went. Ask specific questions that are open ended or require a specific piece of information.

**September 6, Tuesday**
FGC Workshop: Diet & Exercise, 3:30-4:30 pm, 127 Holden Hall

**September 7, Wednesday**
FGC Workshop: Learning Styles, (90 minutes) 6-7:30 pm, 127 Holden Hall

**September 8, Thursday**
Prelaw Workshop I: All classifications for a Guest Speaker on the 7 Habits of Highly Successful College Students

FGC Workshop: Understanding Your Course Syllabi, 11am-12 pm

**September 9, Friday**
FGC Workshop: Getting Involved, 2-3 pm, 233 Holden Hall

**Week 3: September 12 – 18**

**September 12, Monday**
FGC Workshop: Getting the Most for Your Money, 6-7 pm, 127 Holden Hall

**September 13, Tuesday**
FGC Workshop: Diet & Exercise, 10-11 am

Prelaw Workshop: SILO for Junior/Senior, 3:30-5pm

**September 14, Wednesday**
FGC Workshop: Learning Styles, (90 minutes) 3-4:30 pm, 233 Holden Hall

If you feel a class is not working for you, this is your last chance to make changes to your schedule. Drop ends on Wednesday, September 15. Check with your academic advisor.

This is the last day students can drop a course and receive a partial refund. However, this does not apply to students who drop to zero hours. Students who drop to zero hours will need to visit the Office of the Registrar located in 103 West Hall.

Parents, remind your students to talk with their professor and/or academic advisor before dropping a class. There is free academic assistance for just about every class at TTU.

Parents, remind your students about email security. Remind them that TTU’s email server is secure and many TTU offices will not use a commercial email address because
of the confidential information that we may need to communicate with them. Remind your students to point their personal email to their TTU instead of the other way around.

**September 15, Thursday**
FGC Workshop: Understanding Course Syllabi, 6-7pm, 127 Holden Hall

**September 16, Friday**
FGC Workshop: Getting Involved, 11 am-12 pm, 255 Holden Hall

**September 17, Saturday**
FGC Workshops: 7 Habits of Highly Effective College Students Part 1, 9am-3pm-ish, 001 Education Building

**Week 4: September 19 – 25**

**September 19, Monday**
Classes continue.

FGC Workshop: Getting the Most for Your Money 10-11 am, 127 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop I: 2-3pm, 05 Holden Hall

If you are beginning to feel a bit behind, it is not too late at this point to buckle under, re-arrange your schedule to support academic success versus social success, and come out a winner. Remember your goals. Walk your talk.

Check-in with your academic advisor. Your academic advisor can be a good resource and provide answers to many of your questions.

**Parents**, this is the time you may hear some of the previous adrenaline-supplied energy draining from your students’ voices. The end of the first month of being on campus is here, and students who have not kept up with their classes will begin to feel the crunch.

**Parents**, coach your students, and ask very specific questions if you want answers. Your students need to hear your support, and communication usually begins to shift around this time. Be supportive and keep an open line of communication.

“How are things going?” usually results in a “fine” response. If you want more specific responses, ask questions such as, “You mentioned last week that you had a test yesterday. When do you get your results?” If copies of each course’s syllabus would help you, ask your student for a copy.

**September 20, Tuesday**
FGC Workshop: Diet & Exercise, 6-7pm, 127 Holden Hall
**September 21, Wednesday**
DISCOVERY! Workshop II:  282 MCOM, 2-3pm

**September 22, Thursday**
Prelaw Workshop II: All Classifications for Guest Speaker from TTU School of Law

FGC Workshop: Learning Styles, 11am-12:30pm (90 minutes)

**September 23, Friday**
FGC Workshop: Goal Setting, 2-3 pm, 226 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop III: 282 MCOM, 2-3pm

**September 24, Saturday**
FGC Workshop: 7 Habits of Highly Effective College Students, Part 2, 9am-3pm-ish) 001 Education Building

**Week 5: September 26 – October 2**

**September 26, Monday**
FGC Workshop: Seasons of the Semester, 10-11am, 127 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop: 05 Holden Hall, 2-3pm

By now you have gotten into the groove and are feeling more at home. Call your family and let them know how it feels to be a RED RAIDER!

Your first exams may be held during this week, the week before, or the week after. Be sure to stay up with and ahead of your classes.

**September 27, Tuesday**
FGC Workshop: Money Management 6-7:30pm (90 minutes), 127 Holden Hall

Prelaw Workshop: SILO for Freshman and Sophomore students, 3:30-5pm

DISCOVERY! Workshop II: 05 Holden Hall, 4-5pm

**September 28, Wednesday**
FGC Workshop: Communication Skills, 3-4 pm, 233 Holden Hall

**September 29, Thursday**
DISCOVERY! Workshop III, 05 Holden Hall, 4-5pm

FGC Workshop: DISCOVERY! for FGC Students, 6-7pm, 233 Holden Hall
September 30, Friday
FGC Workshop: Goal Setting 11am-12 pm, 255 Holden Hall

Week 6: October 3 – 9
October 3 Monday
FGC Workshop: Seasons of the Semester, 6-7pm, 127 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop I: 05 Holden Hall, 2-3pm

Classes continue.

Mid terms are just around the corner.

Parents, go back to the reminders above. What deserves repeating at this time? What can you add to your list?

October 4, Tuesday
FGC Workshop: Money Management, 10-11:30am (90 minutes)

Prelaw Workshop III: All Classification, Guest Speaker will be a Practicing Attorney

Week 7: October 10 – 16
October 10, Monday
Last day to declare Pass/Fail intentions. The Office of the Registrar is located in 103 West Hall.

ACTT students, if you have not already learned about the registration process, check in with your advisor. Registration for Spring Semester at TTU is coming up.

University Day in the United Spirit Arena. Several thousand prospective students and their families visit the campus.

Parents, this is when the sniffles and colds erupt on campus if students have not been taking care of themselves. Send a care package with cough drops and tissues. Remind your students to stay on their sleep and study schedule.

October 11, Tuesday
FGC Workshop: Communication Skills, 6-7 pm, 127 Holden Hall

Prelaw Workshop: SILO for Junior and Senior students from 3:30-5pm

October 12, Wednesday
FGC Workshop: DISCOVERY! for First Generation College Students 11 am-12 pm, 155 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop II: 2-3pm, 282 MCOM
**October 13, Thursday**
FGC Workshop: Goal Setting, 6-7pm, 127 Holden Hall

**October 14, Friday**
FGC Workshop: Seasons of the Semester, 2-3 pm, 226 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop II: 282 MCOM, 2-3pm

**Week 8: October 17 – 23**

**October 17, Monday**
WOW, mid-semester has arrived! Many classes hold mid-semester exams. Check with each of your instructors to determine if they plan on giving a test. Some instructors post grades in the classroom or at the instructors’ offices while others put grades online via TechSIS.

Plan your week differently than a week when you are just attending classes.

FGC Workshop: Money Management, 3-4:30pm (90 minutes), 127 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop I: 2-3 pm, 05 Holden Hall

**Parents**, remind your students that their advisors can help them if they are struggling. Advisors also enjoy celebrating the successes with students, even if by email.

**October 18, Tuesday**
FGC Workshop: Communication Skills, 10-11am

DISCOVERY! Workshop I: 05 Holden Hall, 4-5pm

**October 19, Wednesday**
FGC Workshop: DISCOVERY! for First Generation College Students 2-3 pm, 233 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop II: 2-3pm, 282 MCOM

**October 20, Thursday**
FGC Workshop: Study Skills, 11am-12pm

Prelaw Workshop IV: All Classifications with a Law Student Guest Speaker from the TTU School of Law

DISCOVERY! Workshop III: 4-5pm, 05 Holden Hall

**October 21, Friday**
DISCOVERY! Workshop II: 282 MCOM, 2-3pm
Week 9: October 24 – 30

October 24, Monday
Mid-semester grade rolls are due to the Office of the Registrar. Students can check to see how they are doing academically by logging onto TechSIS web for students at http://techsis.tosm.ttu.edu/student/ Instructors are not required to list mid-semester grade rolls, only freshmen students may have grades posted.

FGC Workshop: The Campus Community, 10-11am, 127 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop I: 2-3pm, 05 Holden Hall

Parents, is the time to be supportive of your students’ successes as well as challenges. It is also a slump time for many students because of the push to mid terms. Students begin looking forward to Thanksgiving.

October 25, Tuesday
Prelaw Workshop: SILO for Freshman and Sophomore students, 3:30-5pm

DISCOVERY! Workshop II: 4-5pm, 05 Holden Hall

October 26, Wednesday
FGC Workshop: Financial Aid for FGC Students, 11am-12 pm, 155 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop III: 2-3 pm, 282 MCOM

October 27, Thursday
FGC Workshop: Stress Management, 6-7pm, 127 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop I: 4-5pm, 05 Holden Hall

October 28, Friday
FGC Workshop: Transitioning from college student to entry level jobs, 3-4 pm, 233 Holden Hall

DISCOVERY! Workshop III: 2-3 pm, 282 MCOM

Week 10: October 31 – November 6
Classes continue.

October 31, Monday
Last day to drop a course, transfer between colleges, or withdraw from the university.

Regroup from mid terms. Refocus. Use your advisor to help you plan your last 4 weeks to even better support your last month of classes. Live differently the last 4 weeks of the semester.
FGC Workshop: Study Skills 6-7 pm, Holden Hall 127

Parents, this is a good time to send another care package full of toys from the dollar store or homemade food.

**November 1, Tuesday**
FGC Workshop: The Campus Community, 3-4pm, 155 Holden Hall

**November 2, Wednesday**
FGC Workshop: Financial Aid for FGC Students, 6-7pm, 127 Holden Hall

**November 3, Thursday**
Prelaw Workshop V: All Classifications for a professional with a Law Degree

**November 4, Friday**
FGC Workshop: Stress Management, 2-3 pm, 233 Holden Hall

**Week 11: November 7 – 13**
**November 7, Monday – November 22, Tuesday**
Registration for Spring 2006 begins for currently enrolled students. Students should take this opportunity to register early for their best class selections. Students should contact their academic advisor for assistance. Parents can mark your calendars for this date to remind their student to register for Spring before they go home for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Parents, remind students to make appointments with their advisors if they have not already done so.

**November 7, Monday**
FGC Workshop: Transitioning from college student to entry level jobs, 10-11 am, 127 Holden Hall

**November 8, Tuesday**
Prelaw Workshop Special: SILO, the LAST Preparation

**November 9, Wednesday**
FGC Workshop: Study Skills, 3-4pm, 233 Holden Hall

**November 10, Thursday**
FGC Workshop: The Campus Community, 6-7 pm, 127 Holden Hall

**November 11, Friday**
FGC Workshop: Financial Aid for FGC Students, 2-3 pm, 233 Holden Hall
**Week 12: November 14 – 20**

**November 14, Monday**
Classes continue.

Students, remember about the Success Center is open 2pm-midnight most nights. The staff members are good resources, and some tutoring is available.

FGC Workshop: Stress Management, 11am-12pm, 155 Holden Hall

Prelaw Workshop Special: SILO, the Law School Application Process

Parents, remind students to have their term papers completed before going home for the holiday.

**November 15, Tuesday**

FGC Workshop: Resumes and Cover Letters for Summer Internships, 6-7pm

**November 16, Wednesday**

FGC Workshop: Conflict Mediation, 3-4 pm, 233 Holden Hall

Prelaw Workshop VI: All Classifications for a Guest Speaker on What to Expect as a Law Student and as a Lawyer

**November 18, Friday**

FGC Workshop: Scholarship Search, 10-11 am, 255 Holden Hall

**Week 13: November 21 – 27**

**November 21, Monday**

FGC Workshop: Scholarship Search, 6-7 pm, 127 Holden Hall

Prelaw Workshop Special: SILO, Financing Law School

**November 23 – 27, Wednesday – Sunday**

Students go home for the holiday.

Students, if you are driving home for the holidays, remember to pick up the TTU guide that lists parents and alums from across the state. These folks are eager to help you if you have car trouble between campus and home.

Parents, students typically are ready for some home cooking and sleeping in their own bed at this time of their semester. Be prepared for sleep taking priority over visiting friends from high school and family outings.
Parents may want to ensure that students who are driving back to campus leave earlier than planned. Double check the tires and car maintenance.

Parents, now is a good opportunity for parents to check if their students have registered for Spring, 2006. If your students have not taken advantage of advance registration, remind them to contact their academic advisor as soon as they return to TTU after the holiday.

**Week 14: November 28 – December 3**  
**November 28, Monday**  
Classes resume after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Open registration begins.

FGC Workshop: Barnga, 11am-12pm, 001 Education Building

Parents, this is the time when the stress of finals begins to hit. A care package with cough drops and reminders to drink water is again appropriate.

**November 29, Tuesday, 30, Wednesday**  
FGC Workshop: Reality Store, 3-5:30pm (2.5 hours), 001 Education Building

**November 30, Wednesday**  
FGC Workshop: Conflict Mediation, 6-7pm, 127 Holden Hall

**December 1, Thursday**  
FGC Workshop: Reality Store 10am-1pm (2.5 hours), 001 Education Building

Prelaw Workshop VII: All Classifications for Guest Speakers on Financial Aid and filling out the FAFSA for next year

**December 2, Friday**  
FGC Workshop: Barnga, 10-11am, 001 Education Building

**Week 15: December 5 – 11**  
**December 5, Monday**  
FGC Workshop: Gear Up for Finals, 11am-12 pm, 155 Holden Hall

**December 6, Tuesday**  
FGC Workshop: Gear Up for Finals, 6-7pm, 127 Holden Hall

**December 7, Wednesday**  
Last day of classes.

FGC Workshop: Gear Up for Finals, 2-3pm, 233 Holden Hall
Parents may remind students to plan their time before and during finals differently than other weeks in the semester. Check with ACTT advisors if you have questions.

**December 8, Thursday**

STUDY DAY!!

Students will be studying for final exams. Students should confirm when and where their finals for each class will be. The exam schedule is available on the TechSIS website at [http://techsis.tosm.ttu.edu/student/](http://techsis.tosm.ttu.edu/student/)

Parents show your support for your students during finals by mailing a card of encouragement the week before or send a box of their favorite candy or a gift from the dollar store. Anything that reminds your college student that they are special will work.

**December 9 -14, Friday – Saturday and Monday – Wednesday**

Final examinations begin. Good luck to our students!

Remember to talk with your professors if you have questions about what is on your finals or how to study for them. Your academic advisors are also good resources.

Parents, support your students with email messages and phone calls. Remind them that this is their time to shine by doing well on their finals.

**Week 16: December 12 – 18**

**December 15, Thursday**

Fall semester ends. Good job, Students!

Have a wonderful break, and we will see you January 11, 2006, for the beginning of the spring semester!

Parents, enjoy your successful students! They worked hard during their first semester at college. Remember to ask specific questions if you want answers.