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Students for New Learning

SNL is an organization for students with ADHD or LD, run by students with ADHD or LD.

**SEPTEMBER 13TH at
5:00 PM rm 217 ALEC**

Come to our first meeting of the semester and help chart the course of SNL for the whole year. Food, drinks, and student leadership opportunities will be provided!

Connect, Learn, Help, Grow
SNL makes a difference.

Kurzweil – Firefly

DASS has partnered with Central University Libraries and ADSA to continue another year membership with Kurzweil-Firefly. Go to: <https://www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS/Resources/ForStudents/OnCampusResources>

This powerful text-to-speech software is now available to ALL SMU students.



ACCOMMODATION LETTERS

To order your letters of accommodation go to:

<https://www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS/DisabilityAccommodations/Forms>

Allow **3** days for the letters to be processed.

Pick up your letters from Candy in **202M**.

Meet with your professor privately to discuss how the accommodations will be implemented. *Letters should ideally be given to professors the first 2 weeks of classes.*

Off to a Good Start: Semester at a Glance

Whether it's, "Welcome to SMU!" or, "Welcome back!" I hope that y'all had wonderful summers, and that you're excited to be here in Dallas, ready to learn. My first "Coach's Corner" of the year always talks about getting off to a good start. This means different things to different students, but it only means one thing to me – the ALEC's **Semester at a Glance (SAAG)** calendar.

Research suggests that the number one predictor of college success isn't a student's high school grades or SAT/ACT scores; it's how well a student manages their time. ALEC's **Semester at a Glance** calendar can help you do just that. Plus, it's quick and easy to complete. I hear students say, "I don't have the time to keep up a calendar. It's so much work!" Never mind that that line of thinking is just plain wrong – managing your time makes you more productive and saves time in the long run – it also fails when you realize that the **Semester at a Glance** takes just 15 minutes to fill out, and you can use it through the whole semester.

So how does it work? First, come to the ALEC during the first or second week of classes and pick up a **Semester at a Glance** calendar. Later, gather up all of your course syllabi and identify all of the exams, papers, and projects and their due dates, including final exams. Add them in pencil to the calendar along with major events and times when you'll be out of town. Don't put in regular quizzes, homework, social engagements, or weekly meetings— the **Semester at a Glance** is only for the big stuff. Color code for quick reference and, *voila!* You're done. You have a one-sheet roadmap for the entire semester that shows your times of high demand and helps you make better choices with your time. With its ease of use and broad scope, the **Semester at a Glance** will be the single most important time management tool you use here at SMU.

David Tylicki, Academic Coach



WORKSHOPS

If you want help completing the **SAAG**, we have you covered: just make an appointment with an ALEC Academic Counselor; **OR** you could attend one of the ALEC time management workshops on 8/23, 8/29, 8/31, or 9/1.