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Congratulations on becoming a Lumberjack!!

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about Summer Highlights in Math and Science (SMASH) Camp. SMASH Camp is offered to incoming freshmen July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 on the SFA campus. During this camp, students will live in the dorms, participate in classroom and laboratory experiences, eat in the dining halls, enjoy social activities, become informed about student services and support, and much more! It's a fun and exciting way to get a jump-start for the fall semester at SFA!

There are four areas that are highlighted during SMASH Camp; chemistry, biology, engineering/physics, and mathematics. In addition to classroom lecture and discussion, you will be working in the chemistry, biology, and physics laboratories participating in research and hands-on, problem solving investigations. Students interested in nursing will have the opportunity to visit the Dewitt School of Nursing and see first-hand the simulation lab which houses state of the art patient simulators. A near space project and working with 3-D printers should be hit for those interested in physics and engineering. In the evenings there are outings planned, such as the SFA observatory, a planetarium show, competitions and more! We also have social events planned, including bowling against the faculty and a movie night.

SMASH Camp is an excellent way to make the transition from high school to college and we will introduce you to the resources you need to be a successful STEM major! We hope you will consider joining us during the camp. To register for SMASH Camp, go to [www.smash.sfasu.edu](http://www.smash.sfasu.edu).

STEM Majors make GREAT Lumberjacks!

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