

Get Involved

Lunch is Served! Six Ninety One Resumes Day Time Hours

By Joanna Bryant, Lead Chef Instructor, Culinary Arts

Six Ninety One Restaurant at Grayson College will return to our lunch schedule on Wednesdays and Fridays (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) beginning Wednesday, January 23, 2019. We are excited to share with you that we are moving to accepting reservations online through Tableagent.com.

On the Table Agent website, you will be able to check days that the restaurant is open and its availability. You can also book and confirm your reservations easily through the website. For those of you who do not want to use the website, I will still take reservations by email at BryantJ@grayson.edu.

In addition, we already have our Valentine’s Dinner (Friday, February 15) listed on Table Agent for guests to make their reservations. Reservations for the entire semester are already available. We are hoping that this service will make reserving a table much easier for our guests!

Here is the direct link to our page on Table Agent, or you can go to tableagent.com and search in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex:


Six Ninety One will be closed for some weeks at the end of March and beginning of April as the sponsors and students travel to competitions in Minnesota. We are representing the state of Texas in the Baron H. Galand Knowledge Bowl Competition and the American Culinary Federation student team competition (yes we are the Texas team!).

Sarah Dilling (Student Chef of the Year - Texas 2018) has been chosen as a finalist in the Central Region and will be competing for the Student Chef of the Year for the Central Region.

The Spring Mix salad surprised the palate with sweet and sour hazelnut brittle was as delightful to eat as it was to look at.

The Chocolate Cheesecake with Chantilly cream and toasted hazelnuts just oozed deliciousness.

By Cynthia Perez, Administrative Assistant III

The Foundation scholarship program is open to all eligible applicants who plan to continue their higher education journey at Grayson College.

When applying for any of the endowed or annual scholarships, the applicant must meet/follow the following criteria:

1. Apply to and be accepted to Grayson College. The online application process requires the applicant to provide a Grayson College student identification number. Applying without a GC ID will delay the review/awarding process.

2. Current high school students will need to apply to Grayson College and obtain a GC student identification number to apply for any Foundation scholarship assistance. They must follow the following criteria:

• Priority Application Deadline – March 22, 2019
• Final Application Deadline – June 28, 2019

Applications received after March 22, 2019 will be considered as funds are available.

Grayson College, the Grayson College Foundation staff, and the Foundation’s Board of Directors are committed to providing scholarship assistance to eligible applicants who strive to further their education while enrolled at Grayson College. The Foundation provides scholarship assistance from over 250 endowed funds and various annual scholarships. Visit www.grayson.edu; Admission and Aid / Scholarship

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By Todd Ellis, Director of Teaching and Learning

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Meet Austin Lambert, BSM Director
By Austin Lambert, Baptist Student Ministry Director

Howdy Grayson College!

My name is Austin Lambert and I am honored to join Grayson College as the new Director of Baptist Student Ministry (BSM). I am a graduate of Texas A&M Commerce with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and earned a master’s degree in Christian Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. My lovely wife Amanda and I have lived in Grayson County for the last five years as I have served as the Student Pastor to the First Baptist Church of Sherman. God has given me a deep passion for college ministry, and I look forward to many years of serving students on this campus.

We are located inside the Baptist Student Center, which is between the Gymnasium and the Police Station on the main Grayson campus. The BSM is designed to enrich the spiritual lives of all college students by providing opportunities for fellowship, worship, Bible study, mentoring and so much more. Every Wednesday the BSM offers a free lunch for students and faculty members on the campus. Please come by, grab some lunch, and help us continue to get connected with our fantastic ministry in these days ahead.

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Austin Lambert
Baptist Student Ministry Director

Communication ‘Key’ for Speech Prof. Sarah Collins
By Marlea Treviño, Professor of English

Collins places most of her course content online so that students can use the video software Camtasia to develop that connection. She uses this tool to integrate parts of her PowerPoints and for video conferencing, which she finds more effective than typed messages.

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"Then get in my car," I said. 

You refused. 

I asked you to please listen to me — but you told me to listen to you...  
"I’m fine and live down the road," you said. 

The begging turned into a crying-induced panic. You see, there was a reason I begged you to listen to me. I don’t know about you, but I don’t make it a habit of begging people for things. But I had something important to say to you. 

So, because you refused to listen to me, I’m saying it now. 

I was three years old when my mother was killed in a car accident. She was the drunk driver. 

I’m sure my mother thought she was “fine” when she left whatever party she was at and decided to get behind the wheel. Did you know that most accidents occur within just a few miles of the driver’s home? 

No father was also “just down the road” when she got into her car accident. 

Her decision cost her her life at the young age of 22. 

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Regardless of whether or not someone else is in the car with you, regardless of how drunk you’ve been, if you are under the influence, then you are putting other people’s lives in danger. 

So please, for the love of God, for the respect of another life, for your own family, for your loved one, for yourself, GET A RIDE HOME. 

Sincerely, 

A concerned citizen.

Correction: Jeffery Smith, private pilot, was misidentified on pg. 5 in the November 27, 2018 issue of The Viking as American Airlines pilot David Brayer.