

# AccessAbility

DASS Newsletter

Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies

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## Community Outreach Opportunity

Every year in August, before school starts, Highland Park Independent School District hosts an event for all students with dyslexia in their district. This year, they'd like to invite an SMU student with dyslexia as a guest speaker to talk about their journey and then have a Q&A time.

The date is August 1st, from 8:30-3:30, but they are happy if someone could be available for just 8:30-11:30 or 12:30-3:30.

Please call or email us (ph. 214-768-1470; [dass@smu.edu](mailto:dass@smu.edu)) if you'll be in Dallas at that time and want to be an inspiration to local students!

## Fall 24 Semester Requests

**August 12th** is the earliest the DASS office will accept semester requests. BEFORE you submit your request make sure your fall semester classes are set and any adding or dropping of classes is done. Remember to read over your request before submitting, making sure all classes are correct and checked off in the boxes to the left. ONLY checked classes are included in the submitted request.

### NEED A REFRESHER ON THE PROCESS?

Login to your DASS Link account and submit a "Semester Request". Here is your log in:

<https://shibboleth-smu-accommodate.symplicity.com/sso/>.

Once you are on your home page; click Accommodation>>Semester Request>>Add new. Make sure you select the correct semester before your click "Renew the Renewal". For each accommodation listed, make sure the only classes checked are the classes you are currently enrolled.

## Technology for All

Kurzweil 3000 can benefit any student who is looking to engage with their digitized reading more comprehensively  
*What are the benefits of Kurzweil?*

- \* Boosts Reading Fluency
- \* Increases Comprehension
- \* Assists with Writing and Adjustments
- \* Improves Test Taking



Kurzweil read and translates text aloud, and has a text highlighter, talking spell checker, note-taking capabilities, and dictionary

## Kurzweil Survey

As the fall 24 semester gets nearer, the DASS Office will be sending DASS students a survey about the Kurzweil technology app to gather information on how it is being used and benefits its users. It's very short! Please take minute to share your thoughts.

## ACADEMIC COACHING

Continuing students..... If you are interested in academic coaching for the fall, email David Tylicki to get on his calendar at [dtylicki@smu.edu](mailto:dtylicki@smu.edu)

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