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I will use my talents to enrich the human experience.

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Student Center Dedicated in Memory of Jimmie A. Ferrell

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SDES Holiday Celebration

December 14 • 2-4 p.m.
Student Union, Pegasus Ballroom (D.E.F.)

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Current and past Orientation books were on display at the dedication.

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