

Student Central

Snapshots of Online Students

Meet Mandra Chan



Major/Degree: **Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science**

Current Occupation: Stay at home mom

Current State: Texas

Class of (anticipated graduation year): 2016

Biggest win/success as an online student: I am overcoming my fear of taking tests. I am learning that I can achieve my goal even when I am scared about testing.

Best tool that helps me as an online student: Reach out. I learned the best tool for an online student is to reach out to your teachers they can help you as much as they can.

Biggest Challenge as an online student: The biggest challenge is not being able to see your teacher. Maybe the teachers can do a video of themselves when they do the lectures. It would be very helpful.

Important Semester Information

Getting Started with Blackboard Learn

Part of ensuring a successful experience as a student taking online classes is to become familiar with the Blackboard learning environment. Depending on how your instructor lays out his or her course, you may need to know how to post to a discussion forum, submit an assignment, join a virtual group, or check your grades. Whatever it is you're needing to work through, the Getting Started course will make it easy for you to quickly learn what you need in order to succeed as an online learner.

The Getting Started course layered with "mastery badges" throughout so that you can prove your skills and competency as you become a Blackboard Student Expert. [Click here](#) to check it out today!

Campus Resources for Online Students

Plug in to Campus Resources No Matter Where you Live!

Off-campus doesn't mean out of touch. Online students can access campus resources to support and enhance their education.

[Online Students Can Benefit from Membership in the Student Alumni Association](#)
Online students are connecting



with each other in new ways and with greater frequency every day. Whether it's through synchronous sessions, discussion boards, messaging or hangouts, they are establishing a community with their classmates and networking with future coworkers.

[Collaboration with Library to Offer New Resources for Online Students](#)

Erin Cassidy, Web Services Librarian and subject librarian in history, recently collaborated with SHSU Online to develop a specialized "Library" tab inside Blackboard, allowing online students to access library resources — from research guides to e-books — right at their point of need.

[NBC Learn HigherEd Enriches Course Content for SHSU Faculty and Students](#)

SHSU Online is now offering faculty and students a bountiful source of educational video content from NBC.

[Career Resources for Online Students](#)

Thanks to the university's Career Services office, online students have access to a multitude of resources to help them consider, choose, and pursue a career following graduation.

Student Spotlight: Peary Perry

SHSU Online MA History Student Proves It's Never Too Late to Learn!



The Sam Houston State University motto, "The Measure of a Life is Its Service," resonates deeply with SHSU Online student Peary Perry.

Perry, 73, a Houston resident, has lived a full life. He served his country in the United States Army as a tank commander, worked in the Houston Police Department as an undercover vice squad officer, and acted as president of several successful companies across a multitude of industries.

When it comes to pursuing his [online Master of Arts in History](#) degree, Perry makes the case for online learning, coupled with hard work and dedication, to help individuals overcome adversity to achieve their goals.

"I hear a lot of people say 'I'm too old to go back to school, or I should have gotten my degree but I didn't,' and what I'm trying to emphasize is that you're never too old to learn, you're never too old to get a degree, and there's always an opportunity out here for you if you want to take advantage of it," he says. "I'm not your normal master's student, but this is a professional opportunity and a challenge for me to pass on to others that you're never too old to learn."

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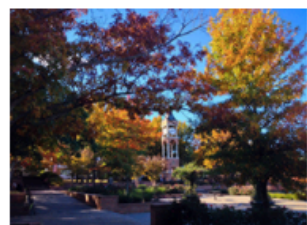
Financial Aid and Attendance



Are you a student receiving financial aid? Are you enrolled in online courses? If so, [please read about how what you do in your online courses](#), as well as what you don't do, can affect your financial aid award.

Life Around Campus

Check back often as we'll rotate pictures of different sections of campus! If you'd like to see a particular area of campus, email [Kim Mathie](#) with your suggestion!



Pictured: Clocktower and Bearkat Plaza, The Clock tower up close; Another view of the clock tower; the new sign for our school motto: The Measure of A Life is its Service."