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STUDENT AFFAIRS *MONTHLY NOTABLES*



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APRIL 2017**

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LIFE IN AGGIELAND

When Sea Aggies speak of "The Other Education," they are talking about leadership training, clubs, intramurals, traditions, student government and all the other aspects of the TAMUG experience. Many elements converge to create the campus atmosphere: the student newspaper (NAUTILUS), the drama club, and more than 60 student organizations, which include academic, professional, community and campus service, religious, and just-for-fun student groups.



Who said college was going to be easy?

Each year, the Office of Student Counseling provides services to undergraduate and graduate students at TAMUG. The Office is staffed by licensed counselors and the services rendered to students are free, voluntary, and confidential. The Office staff is dedicated to assisting students in their pursuit of personal and academic growth, to help students gain a better understanding and appreciation of themselves, and to supporting students as they make important decisions about their lives.





Division of Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs is responsible for the social, moral, and intellectual development of TAMUG students through their involvement in student organizations, leadership activities, recreational sports, and other co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Student Affairs also oversees housing, judicial services, multicultural services, counseling & career services, and residence life programs as well as advises student organizations about program planning, university rules, risk management and the function of organizations to students throughout their college career. Furthermore, they allocate funding for eligible student organizations and aid in campus wide events such as Aggie Muster, Maritime Ball, Family Weekend, and Spring Fest. In addition to providing students an avenue to participate in several club activities, Student Affairs is also responsible for dispersing football tickets and ordering the highly honored Aggie Ring!

The staff of the Division of Student Affairs encourage all students to take advantage of their many opportunities available through “the other education” activity programs.

Find out more by visiting our webpage:
www.tamug.edu/campuslife/

*“Wherever I am,
whatever I am doing,
as long as I live I will
bleed Maroon.”*

- Dr. Robert M. Gates,
US Secretary of Defense



Student Activities: Notables

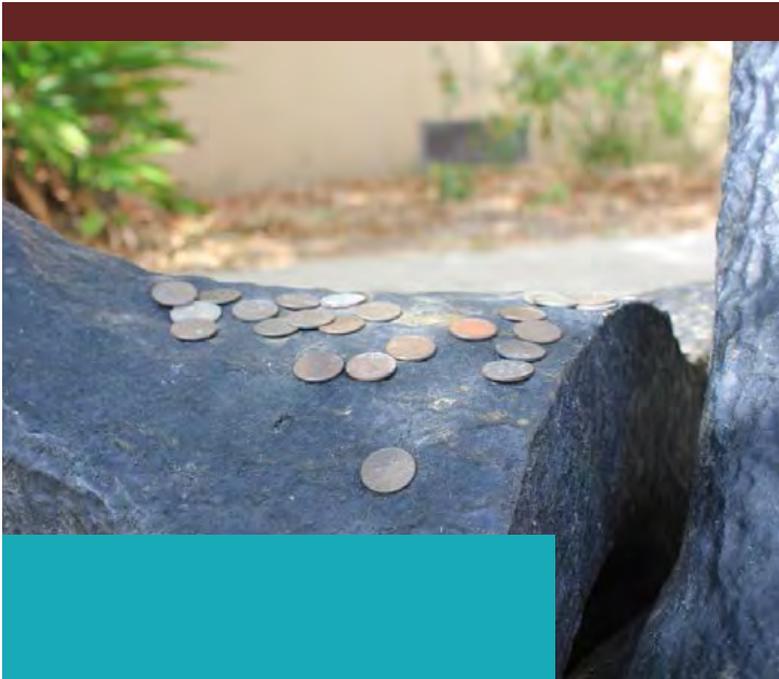
www.tamug.edu/stuact/

1. Some top campus leadership roles have been selected Student Body President – Danielle Thompson Head Senior Yell Leader – Cole Farine
2. Largest Big Event in TAMUG history with 509 actual participants. Big Event is continuing to serve the community after the event – they have adopted the shell beach on campus and will be cleaning up next Saturday.
3. Largest Aggie Ring Day in Galveston history on April 7th with 172 students receiving their rings. We held 3 ring ceremonies to disperse the crowd.
4. Had our annual efficacy report presentation with Oohlala, the campus ap. We had some very interesting stats come from that. I hope to have the final copy soon and am excited to share some highlights.
5. Spring Fest brought in over \$2,000 in sponsorships and had door prizes for participants from The Houston Rockets Foundation and Houston Astros Foundation.
6. Aggie Gentlemen Society has established a relationship with the Galveston Historic Foundation where the Aggie Gentlemen Society will work with GHF to help them rebuild and restore some of the beautiful homes in the community. While they are partnering with them the GHF has shown their gratitude by allowing the Aggie Gentlemen Society to use their facility to host events free of charge.
7. Student Activities has collaborated with the Houston Astros Foundation to set up Volunteer Opportunities for Student Organizations on campus and Received 240 Charity tickets to distribute to our students between 4 games: Tuesday, April 18th, Thursday, August 31st, Friday, September 1st and Friday, September 15th. This was a part of the Astros Charity Ticket Give-away.
8. Aggie Muster will be held April 21 and Bill Hearn, longtime Chief Student Affairs Officer for the campus, will be the speaker. Mr. Hearn will be hosting 25 students for a leadership luncheon the following afternoon. The Student Leadership Banquet will be held April 26.



TAMUG Student Activities

Student life at TAMUG is often centered around the ocean. Many clubs and sports often involve water, but we have numerous active student organizations including many professional organizations that cover a wide variety of interests.





Counseling & Career Services: Notables

www.tamug.edu/counsel/

www.tamug.edu/career/

1. The Counseling Dept and Peer Educators are sponsoring a number of events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. An outdoor Kick Off event was held April 3, where calendars were given out and students signed the Step In, Stand up pledge. On April 10, Peer Educators and GSA showed the film "Yeah Maybe No" and led a discussion about consent. April 12 the Resource Crisis Center (RCC) was on campus and Peer Educators led Step UP training for students. April 13, Take Back the Night is held on the Sea Wall and our office and the Corps are partnering with RCC for the event. Rape Aggression Defense training is offered students April 18-20.
2. The Career Services dept along with TAMMA organized the Shell Maritime Leadership weekend where nearly 30 students participated in leadership development breakout sessions and competed in a case study challenge. Four students won \$500 each as members of the case study challenge team.
3. Counseling staff mitigated 5 cases of suicidal ideation in a 5 day period (April 3-7), two of which involved students requiring extended psychiatric hospitalizations. Two of the five these cases were seen and discharged in the same day by UTMB returning to campus with safety plans. One of these situations was mitigated and diffused in house with regular follow up appointments scheduled. The University of Texas Medical Branch has been an invaluable partner this year in assisting students obtain timely and appropriate mental health care referrals.
4. Career Services will host a Summer Job Fair on April 13 where 10 local employers will recruit students for summer jobs in Galveston.

What is counseling?

Counseling, most simply stated, is an interaction between a person who is "stuck" in some way and in need of help, and another person who is trained in helping people get "unstuck".

If you feel uncertain about whether counseling is for you, we encourage you to make an initial appointment and discuss any reservations you might have with one of our counselors. There is no obligation to continue.

Student Diversity Initiatives: Notables

www.tamug.edu/diversity/students/

1. On Monday April 10, the office of Student Diversity Initiatives, Peer Educators, and the Gay Straight Alliance hosted a movie screening of *Yeah Maybe, No* and followed with a discussion with Dr. Sutherland on consent and healthy relationships. We had about 20 students attend and the discussion covered important areas about sexual assault awareness, the CARE TEAM, and Step In, Stand Up.
2. This month has been filled with profession development. April 3-5, the LIST department hosted the first TAMUG Inclusion & Diversity Conference at the Galvez. Among the presenters were Dr. Mayen Udoetuk, former student Alex Hersperger, and Danny Roe. In the same week, staff members Diane Manley, Danny Roe, and students Cat Currens, and Katie Moffitt attended the "U In The Driver's Seat" Conference in Austin, Texas. Katie Moffitt presented on Holistic Wellness while Danny Roe and Cat Currens presented on Inclusive Language for Peer Education presentations.
3. Aggies United will host discussions on topics covering Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month on Tuesday, April 18th from 12-1, and Thursday, April 20th from 5:30-7.
4. The Student Employees in our office have been working hard on our end-of-the-year events. They had a painting session on April 11 for a wonderful Cherry Blossom Painting. They will also host a photo booth in the Flag Room on Thursday April 27th from 12-2 showcasing the diversity in our student body. Come join us to end the year with creative celebrations!
5. With the end of the year fast approaching, the office of Student Diversity Initiatives is working closely with the International Student Services (ISS) Office in College Station to make sure our international students' travel is completed. ISS has gone through a reorganization so we are meeting and working with new people.



Our Mission

We provide programs and services that encourages members of our community to gain a deeper understanding, awareness, and appreciation for their own culture, as well as embracing the dignity of all cultures from our global society.

We are committed to creating an inclusive community of respect that positively encourages and attracts diverse populations to join and contribute to the university community as a student, faculty, and/or staff member.

Residence Life: Notables

www.tamug.edu/cll/

1. Implementation of new StarRez Housing program
 - a. Culmination of 4 month implementation process (CS has been in various stages of implementation for nearly two years)
 - b. Same program College Station has signed onto (leaving their homegrown program they've had in place literally as long as they've had computers)
 - c. Aligning business practices MUCH more with College Station, while serving our specific needs.
 - d. Students will be able to do MUCH more with this program
 - i. Search by name *or* by compatibility (basically how they were matched before, but they have control –which should lead to better efficacy and concentration on “what matters”) This is supported within Residential Curriculum (RC)
 - ii. Coordinating the freshman application with Admissions to drive applications. (those that apply by May1st get to choose roommates and rooms for the first time ever; which should help drive fence-sitters to let us know earlier).
 - iii. Housing applications are already at 105% of where we were at the April 20th point of last year's record numbers.
 - iv. Students will be able to choose room and roommate, and sign housing contract at same time on same application.
2. HIV/Syphilis Testing
 - a. 168 cadets and leadership participated and received free testing
 - b. Nearly all the top cadet student leadership participated publicly to help end the stigma with testing.
 - c. Information will be given out about safety in Port/STD awareness and safety.
 - d. Survey being developed to glean efficacy in education of the program.
3. Residential Curriculum extended to Professional Staff training
 - a. Bringing training under the RC umbrella to encourage synergy
 - i. Recommendation letter
 - ii. ACEN training/coaching
4. Academic High-Impact Practices curriculum being added as a new domain to work in concert with 12th Man Leaders as well as opening new LLC for First Scholars/developing LC's for revamped-Gateway program.



HOWDY!

TAMUG's residential community consists of more than 1200 residents from throughout Texas, the United States, and even overseas!

The residence halls are a dynamic and diverse community that provide a healthy living and learning community and encourage both scholastic and personal development.

Cadet Life: Notables

www.tamug.edu/corps/

1. Former US Ambassador Chase Untermeyer spoke to the Corps about global impact of leadership. The new SBP of TAMU was hosted on campus as well.
2. 2017-2018 Corps Commander and Deputy Corps Commander selected
 - a. Cole Farine, Corps commander
 - b. Patrick Bohdan, Corps XO
3. Company E-1 for took first place in the Corps' inaugural annual gumbo cook-off on Saturday, April 1. The event, hosted by the Corps and sponsored by Bay Houston Towing, was held on Saturday, April 1 at the Circle of Honor and involved seven of the Corps' twelve companies. The judges (COL Mike Fossum, CAPT Gussie Roth, and Mr. Alex Crouse) evaluated and tasted recipes that included traditional roux to the rarely seen light roux. In addition to faculty, staff, and students being able to sample the different entries, NROTC Midshipmen assisting with an FTX also brought samples to their brethren visiting from main campus.
4. Eight (8) Cadet leaders participated in the Leadership Challenge Workshop for the Texas A&M Maritime Academy. Facilitators for the workshop included Dr. Todd Sutherland, CDR Buzz Refugio, and Mr. Danny Roe. The workshop was held on Sunday, April 2 and Sunday, April 9.



The mission of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy is to provide the maritime industries of the State of Texas and the US with highly trained and professional US Coast Guard licensed Merchant Officers to serve on ocean-going and inland waterways vessels.



Our Mission

The Department of Recreational Sports is to provide safe and inclusive activities that promote a healthy and physically active lifestyle while developing social, leadership, and other life skills which will enrich the education of our students and the campus community.



Recreational Sports & Outdoors: Notables

www.tamug.edu/campusrec/

1. Crew team sent a men's 4 boat to the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association, a national regatta in Tennessee. They won 1st by a long shot in our C final and had the 9th (or 10th) fastest time of any collegiate male 4 boat competing against over 60 different boats from more than 40 universities. (They would have competed in a higher competition bracket but had equipment issues slow them in their initial trial run)
2. Sailing will be competing in college nationals in Charleston, South Carolina in May.
3. Lacrosse, a fairly new student club, missed playoffs this year by only a 3 goal point differential. They are rapidly becoming very competitive in their division.
4. Field renovations are tentatively scheduled to start in May/June with the goal of having the field back up and running for fall semester. Amongst other improvements, this renovation will allow for better drainage after rain events and result in less rescheduled games and practices. Volleyball court renovations will occur immediately after and will result in doubling court space and lighting for nighttime play.
5. Outdoors 101 is teaching free clinics covering various outdoor skills to students every Monday post spring break. This will allow students to feel more comfortable as they plan their own trips into the back or front country. Some topics include map and compass navigation, general trip planning, and Dutch oven cooking.





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