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# Student Affairs Notables

## April 2025



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# CORPS of Cadets



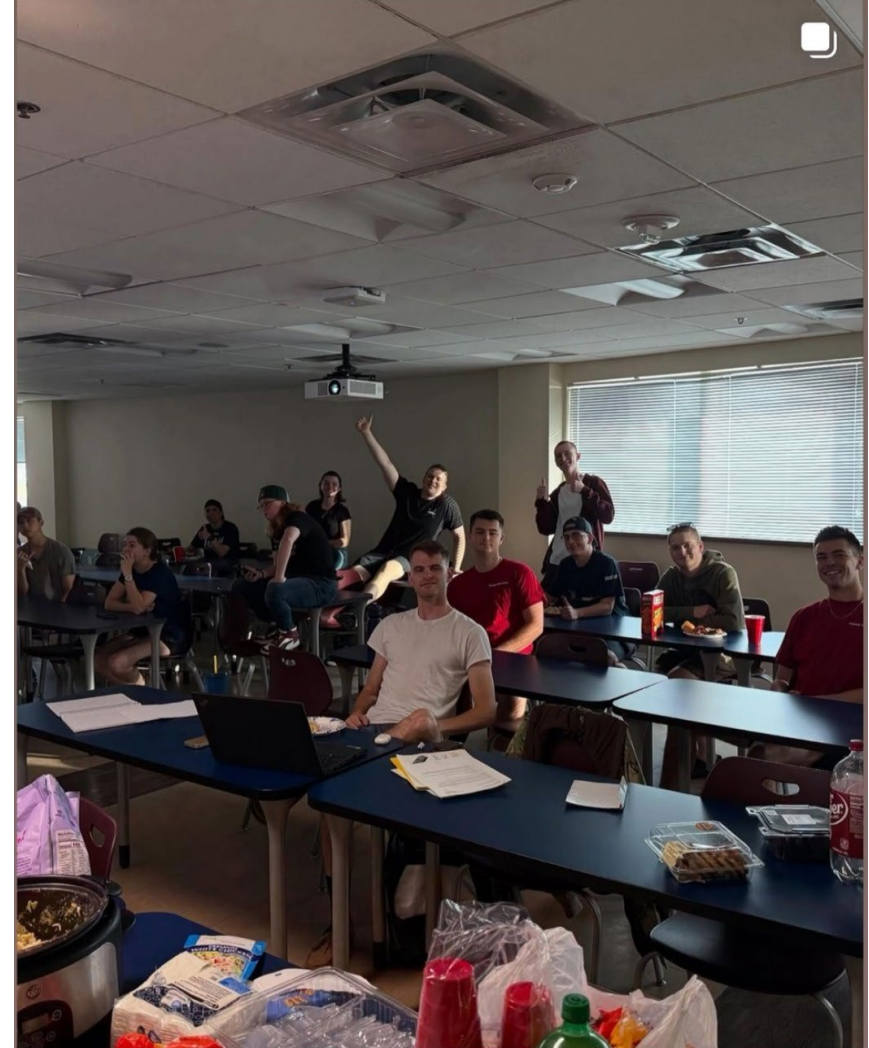
## Klenzcar Cup

- On April 2, the Corps of Cadets held its annual Klenzcar Cup. This event, recognizing the vision of Capt. Joseph Klenzcar (former Captain of the TS Kennedy), is the CORPS' Spring semester maritime games. From running around TAMMAH to water related fraternal competition, this cup is a way for all cadets to enjoy and have fun together, outside the normal boundaries of regimental life.



## Battalion Feud

- On April 16, the CORPS of Cadets held another friendly competition that cadets enjoy every Spring Semester. As the name suggests, it's a Family Feud-style game where the battalions go head-to-head in some friendly competition. This year's winner was Battalion 2.





## Muster

- Every year, on April 21, Aggies around the world remember those fellow Aggies that have passed within the last year. This annual event was held on campus, and the CORPS of Cadets' Drill Team had an active participation during this traditional honors ceremony, from presenting colors to rifle volleys (three shots fired simultaneously) performed by a firing party. This year's Aggie Muster was extra special for the CORPS, referring to LCDR Claude Davidson. This contribution to TAMUG and the Corps of Cadets justified honoring him during Aggie Muster, even though he did not attend or graduated from TAMU/TAMUG. Another fact to point out was the ceremonial weapons used by the Drill Team that evening. These weapons, procured under the supervision of LCDR Davidson, to date, these weapons have been used on just two occasions. LCDR Davidson's funeral and then Aggie Muster.



## Everybody Needs a Cookie!

- Sponsored by the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Parents, cadets were handed cookies as part of this organizations newly established initiative “Everybody Needs a Cookie!”.

### “Everybody Needs A Cookie!”

April 22, 2025

3:30 pm TAMMA Hall, TAMUG

Cookies Sponsored By The  
Texas A&M Maritime Academy Parents



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## End of Spring Operations

- The Sea Aggie Former Student Network held its sixth annual Golf Tournament to raise funds to support students and cadet of the Galveston campus. Cadet Jacob Daniels volunteered on this event as a cadet of the CORPS of Cadets.
  - On April 26, the CORPS of Cadets held two annual events. During the morning, they held the Change of Command ceremony, where the outgoing cadet leadership transfer command of the CORPS to the incoming cadet leadership, and the CORPS salute Senior cadets that are close to completing their membership with the COPRS. Then, in the afternoon, the CORPS of Cadets held its award ceremony. Some 61 scholarships or awards from external donors or organizations were handed, and 18 received the Commandant's Award and 4 cadets received the Superintendent's Distinguished Cadet award.
  - April 27 – Following the Chain of Command, to prepare the new cadet leadership for their new roles, the CORPS held it retreat and training day.
  - April 28 – the CORPS of Cadets ended it normal operations, so cadets can focus on their finals for this semester and prepare for summer sea term onboard the TS Kennedy or onboard their selected commercial vessel.
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# Counseling Services





## General and Counseling Services

- 1639 check ins have been logged for our office. Top reasons are personal counseling, relaxation room and testing.
  - Blood drive received 30 donations
  - Thomala Walker and Meredith Gardner successfully wrapped up their Grief Support Group for the semester. The final meeting had snacks and opportunities for students to reflect on their experiences within the group. We are hopeful to continue this support group and potentially establish more in the fall
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# Career Services





## Programming

- Career Services participated in Grad Student Appreciation Week where we hosted open hours in the grad lounge and provided snacks.
  - Career Services participated in the Succeeding in Science Networking event during which we spoke with undergraduate students in the MARB/MCES majors about career opportunities and making the most of their time during school
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## Employer Engagement

- The Stolt Tanker Mentorship program has officially wrapped up for the year. High remarks were made by all involved. We are beginning the recruitment process for the next set of mentees and will have 4 spots for the 25-26 academic year.
  - APL has reached out to all maritime academies to develop an MOU to explore ways to support their recruitment needs and the needs of our cadets through possible scholarships, cadet shipping opportunities, sponsorships, etc.
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# Campus Rec



## Aquatics

- Attended NIRSA conference in Orlando.
- Solenoid valve was replaced as well as a fuse on the Acid- Rite system.
- Dive ended classes.
- We had the Lifeboat safety class at the pool doing drills this month.
- NOAA visited the pool for a Dive test out with their crew.
- Summer and Fall scheduling secured with lifeguards.
- Added a frog saving device to the pool to help with frog safety, we have saved one frog so far!
- Celebrated our staff with an end of the year dinner at Koops.

## Fitness

- Small Group Training is wrapping up for the semester. We are exploring being able to host some fitness classes in the summer.
- We are building relationships with new yoga instructors and should be able to have a full group fitness schedule for the fall semester.
- At the NIRSA conference and Expo we demoed lots options for new exercise equipment for our facilities improvement project. Joe has requested quotes for various pieces, and we will have the first phase of renovations complete for the Fall 2025 semester.





## Facilities

- We completed the hiring process for staffing in the Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 semesters. I interviewed 24 students and of that group, hired 8.
- Adriane Colon, Patrick Cizeck and Camryn Boyd have been promoted from Facilities Customer Service Assistants to Building Managers, effective August 2025.
- All outgoing and incoming building managers met for an informal training on Monday, 4/28.
- The facility hours will transition to intercession hours (M-F 12:00-6:00pm) on Wednesday, 5/7. Summer hours will begin on Tuesday, 5/27.

## Green Dot

- The Green Dot team participated in Spring Fest this year. We hosted a booth where students were able to do a “pickle taste test”. 41 students participated in this blind pickle tasting. Additionally, we gave out custom Green Dot Koozies, free Green snow cones and encouraged members of student organizations to register for a Green Dot Overview.
- NLOC and SOUL were selected to win a \$250 cash prize from Green Dot at Leadership Banquet.
- 2 Green Dot overviews were given at the Student Affairs student worker training on Saturday, 4/12. Roughly 20 student leaders were trained.



## Peer Education

- Peer Educators hosted a successful Earth Day event on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Students were able to decorate a terracotta pot and plant a seedling.
- Peer Educators hosted De-stress Fest on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We provided water and Gatorade to students, allowed students to build their own study bags, hosted free ear acupuncture, and gave students an opportunity to relax outside.
- McKenzie Bancroft will be graduating, leaving a vacancy in the role. We need to hire a new peer educator to start in the Fall 2025 semester.
- Peer Educators set up a Denim Day Display at the Pool to show support to survivors of sexual assault.

## Wellness

- The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and Gulf Coast Center came to campus to provide a Talk Saves Lives Train the Trainer. We had 16 professional staff members go through this intensive training so they will be prepared to give Talk Saves Lives presentations on campus.
  - The JED Early intervention team is continuing to meet regularly. We have tentative plans to spend the summer working on a social norming campaign and providing information to parents about substance misuse and help seeking behaviors.
  - We have had long discussions about the distribution of long time resource “Campus Well”. We are working diligently with Campus Well staff and TAMU officials to ensure the continued adherence of state policies and distribution of wellness content to students.
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# Campus Living & Learning





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# Division of Student Affairs Student Staff Training

- **Date:** 4/12/2025
- **Location:** ASEC/Main







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# Leadership Series

- **Date:** 4/17/2025





# Hazing Prevention Workshop

- **Date:** 4/17/2025
- **Location:** ASEC

**Journey Learning Outcomes:** Active Learning.

## Assessment/Outcome:

- Define hazing and identify different forms of hazing
- Understand the PREFF Model and how hazing contributes to multiple risk factors.
- Reflect on personal responsibility & ethical decision-making.
- Connect hazing prevention with Aggie Core Values
- Learn alternative methods of team-building & organizational bonding.
- Develop a personal action plan to prevent future hazing.





# Ship Recreational Spaces Revamp

- **Date:** 4/29/2025
- **Location:** TS Kennedy

**Assessment/Outcome:** The StuAct sailing team was able to get couches on the ship to the game room to have updated seating options for their free time! Some of the furniture was donated by Campus Living & Learning as well as the 1973 Center! Excited to see how this space gets used by our cadets!





# HOP HC Program

- **Date:** 4/30/2025
  - **Location:** Mariner Lawn
- Journey Learning Outcomes:** Destress before finals.







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# Student Activities

# Grad Student Appreciation Booth

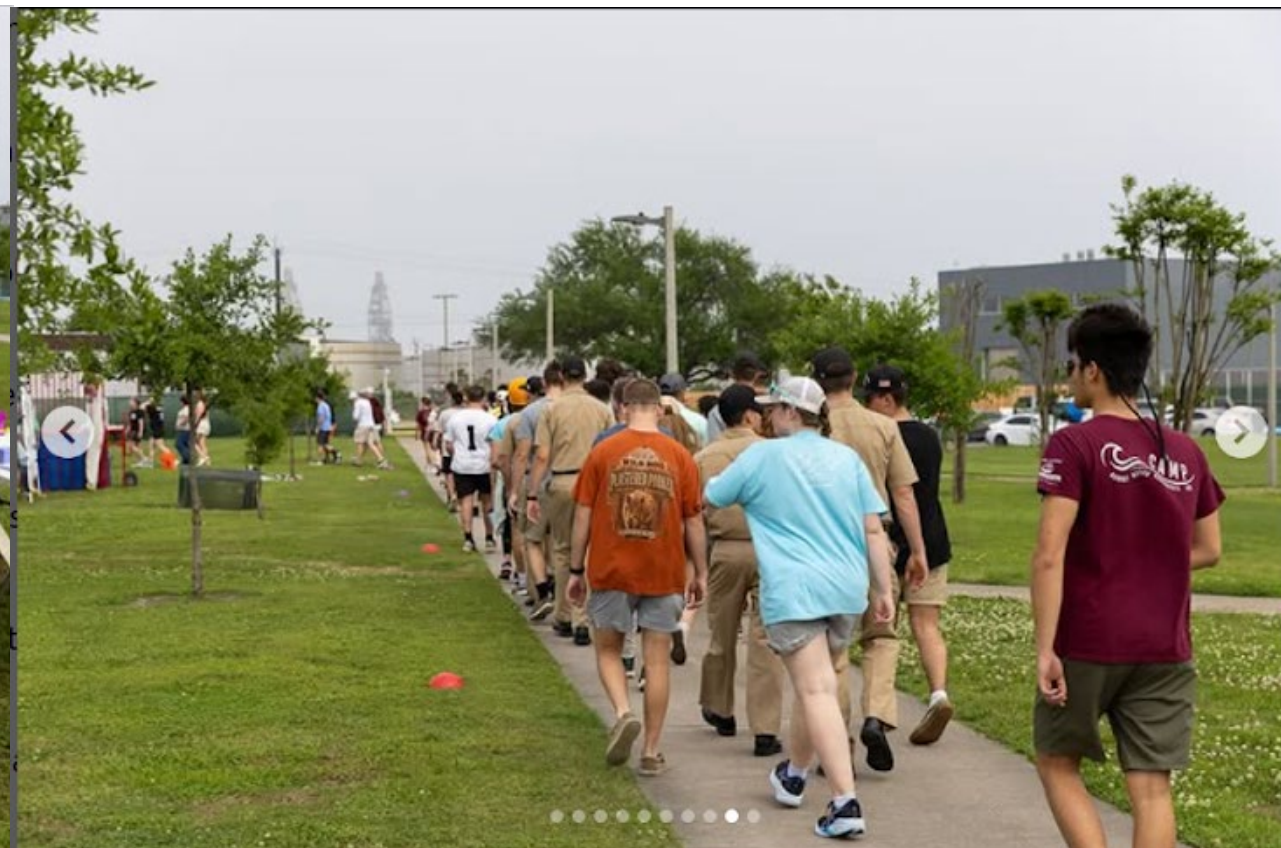
- On April 2, 2025, we set up a “Pop-in with Student Activities” event for Graduate Appreciation Week. We passed out popcorn, root beer, and pamphlets about our office!





# Relay for Life

- Relay for Life was held on April 3rd. They had a great turnout - with a two-step performance, a yell practice, and a luminaria ceremony. Student organizations put together booths themed around awareness of different types of cancer to raise awareness and fund funds that will be donated to the American Cancer Society.







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## Ring Day

- 121 rings were received by Galveston students. The ceremonies consisted of a welcome and tips for taking care of your ring by Dr. Sutherland, AVP of Student Affairs, a Yell Practice by our Yell Leaders, and a free photo opportunity by the Ring Statue - donated by the Mahoney family.





## Spring Fest/Pull Out Day

- Spring Fest/Pull Out Day was an exciting experience this year! Chartwells brought in 25 local businesses for a Farmer's Market event, Traditions Council and the Spring Fest Committee gave out free t-shirts and towels, Chartwells provided a BBQ lunch, and the Yell Leaders lead the classes in moving up to their new wild cat. Student organizations provided inflatables, a dunk tank, and petting zoo for fun as well. Over 300 students participated in Spring Fest!

## Maritime Ball

- 100 students attended the 40th annual Maritime Ball held at Ashton Villa and catered by Benno's. The evening consisted of a lovely evening of dancing, a great meal, and a Yell Practice.
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## SGA Senate Elections

Congratulations to the following senate seat winners!

- Representative at Large
    - Brook Varnum
  - Marine Engineering Technology
    - Diego Roha De Leon & Emilia Sosa
  - Maritime Transportation (MART)
    - Mason Watthuber & Tillman Horn
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## Leadership Banquet

- Congratulations and Gig 'em to all of our Student Leadership Award recipients! Earlier this month at our annual Student Leadership and Awards Banquet we gave out 14 awards based on the Division of Student Affairs' Journey Curriculum, focusing on the learning goals of active citizenship, self discovery, life-long Learning, and global competence - featuring the Outstanding Organization award for The Big Event, Outstanding Officer award for Adin Tyger, and the Outstanding Advisor award for Chloe Smith. We awarded a total of \$25,000 in scholarships, featuring our first ever TAMUG Yell Leader Scholarship!







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## Midnight Breakfast

- SGA hosted another great Midnight Breakfast with Chartwells. Students enjoyed jello, hard candy, and prune juice in theme with “A Night At The Senior Center.” Activities included Bingo, Band Performances, and a Yell practice.



## Crawfish Boil

- 600 pounds of crawfish was served by student leaders to over 300 students attending the Student Activities' Crawfish Boil. Students took a break from studying on their reading day to enjoy some zydeco music and a great meal.







## Networking/Professional Development

- Campus Event Services attended the Spring Speed Networking Event on April 1st, the C-Crewe Luncheon on April 2nd, Good Morning Mainland networking event on April 3rd, and a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 10th that were all put on by the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce. My goal in attending these networking events was to take advantage of the networking opportunity by creating connections with local professionals and marketing the event venues at Texas A&M University at Galveston. Additionally, I attended the STOVA Event Management Demo as professional development to see if this program could be implemented in my role.
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## Event Coordinating

- On April 14th, I gave a campus tour to the leader of the South Houston Fellowship of Christian Athletes to show the event venues available at Texas A&M University at Galveston as well as the Recreational Facilities in preparation for the planned South Houston FCA Sports Camp this summer.
  - On April 28<sup>th</sup>, I met with all necessary Texas A&M University at Galveston stakeholders to discuss all details and approvals needed for the upcoming Galveston County Celebrity Sports Reunion.
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## External Events in the Works

- Odyssey Academy Graduation, 5/30
  - Salvation Home Youth Camp, July 2025
  - Sam's Adventure Camp, July 2025
  - Highland Park United Methodist Church High School Mission Trip, July 2025
  - Galveston County Celebrity Sports Reunion, 7/19
  - TPWD Meeting, TBD
  - GEDP Summit, October 2025
  - Texas Square Dance Festival, February 2026
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# Student Assistance Services





## Presentations & Workshops

- All professional staff of Student Assistance Services attended and became trainer-certified in Talk Saves Lives. Danny Roe provided Case Study Leadership workshops and Jillian Sanchez provided two Talk Saves Lives presentations for student leaders and employees during the Student Affairs Student Employee Division Training. Both Danny and Jillian also presented at the Community College Student Government Association Annual Conference held at Moody Gardens on the same day!



TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
2025 State Convention | Galveston, Texas

12 APRIL 2025 – DAY 3

08:30 AM – 11:00 PM  
Dress Code: Business Casual

8:30 A.M. —  
10:30 A.M.

Breakfast  
& General Assembly  
Moody Ballroom

10:40 A.M. —  
12:15 P.M.

Committees & Advisor  
Association Meeting  
Ivy Room  
& Workshops

12:30 P.M. —  
2:30 P.M.

Lunch On Your Own

## WORKSHOP LEADERS

10:45 A.M. – 11:25 A.M.

11:35 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

Each speaker will present in both time slots  
—attend in any order you choose.



JILLIAN SANCHEZ

Jillian Sanchez is a dedicated staff member at Texas A&M University - Galveston, who graduated from that campus in May of 2024 with a B.S. in Maritime Business Administration and a Minor in Economics. With a strong background in student affairs, leadership development, and event coordination, Jillian has made impactful contributions through professional roles like Resource Education Specialist. Recognized with awards such as the Buck Weir Spirit Award, Jillian is passionate about fostering student success, promoting inclusivity, and enhancing campus life.



DANNY ROE

Mr. Danny Roe, a native of Rowlett, Texas who charted his journey to the coast of Galveston in 2009, is driven by a commitment to justice and community building, shaped by personal experiences with navigating universities that were not built with him in mind. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Administration, with a focus on higher education, underpinned by a focus on underserved student populations and the maritime field. Danny holds a Master's in Higher Education Administration, where his academic work centered on addressing educational access disparities for underrepresented populations. He now serves as the Director of Student Assistance Services at Texas A&M Galveston where he meets with at-risk students to map them to resources in their communities.

## Spring Finals Pocket Pantries

- The TAMUG Food Pantry partnered with Beacon of Hope and Aggie Dining to provide snacks and supplies for two locations known to be food deserts across campus; the library and OCSB. We provided healthy snacks to make our Aggie Family food secure during finals.
- Also, Danny Roe participated in the annual dunk tank during Spring Fest to allow students to blow off steam and dunk the director. Many students were successful in both blowing off steam and making sure Danny got cooled off in the Galveston sun!





## Fare-WHALE Jillian

- We said farewell to Jillian, our Resource Education Specialist, as she set sail for grad school. The 1973 Center will miss the incredible impact she made on our students and the pantry over the past year.



## Semester Wrap Up

- The 1973 Center took our student staff to lunch to discuss our impact this year. Wins for this year included adding new staff, creating one space that people could go to for resources, including clothing, professional clothing, food security, socializing over video games and billiards, game nights, student org socials, and more. We are looking forward to continuing the successful initiatives by adding in the 12th Van, coming this fall, to offer transportation to basic needs across Galveston Island for our students without transportation.

