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Student Affairs Notables August 2025



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CORPS of Cadets



- On Sunday, August 10, the halls and some rooms of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Hall (TAMMAH) was filled with just over 200 new cadets and families for the beginning of the 2025 Fall O-week. For a week, these new cadets moved into TAMMAH to begin their journey into the Corps of Cadets. Events during this week included general presentation about campus and Corps' resources, training sessions, visiting the TS Kennedy and spending time in the DC simulator. As part of their start and adjustment of regimental life, the new cadets also learned about military etiquette, formation, marching as a unit, wearing military uniforms, etc.
 - O-week ended on August 16, with pass-and-review before the senior Corps' staff leadership and the culmination event, where parents and families were invited to pin the new cadets as they are welcomed into the Corps of Cadets in Galveston.
 - On August 25, with the start of the Fall semester, the Corps of Cadets began operations.
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Career Services



- Stolt Tankers, a leading operator of deep-sea and regional chemical tankers, with 162 ships transporting more than 26 million tonnes of cargo annually across Europe, the Middle East, Asia Pacific, the Caribbean, the US and Latin America, has selected interns for the 25-26 school year. Congratulations to Paul Knapschaefer (MMAL), Esra Konak (MMAL), Sevil Basharan (MCMS) and Starla Niccum (MMAL) for being selected as this year's cohort!
 - Career Fair has 60 employers currently registered with many more expected to join. Student registration will start in late September.
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Counseling Services



- Counseling services hosted Coffee with a Counselor during Gig 'Em Week with 62 students stopping by to chat with our counselors.
 - 119 check ins since the start of the semester with an even spread between mental health counseling, career counseling, accommodations and relaxation room usage.
 - We had a record-breaking blood drive with 76 total donations during Gig 'Em Week!
 - Gig 'Em Guidepost had 193 confirmed check ins, but we estimate around 220 total points of contact made with students starting the semester. We provided giveaways, answered questions and made valuable connections!
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Campus Recreation



Facilities

- New equipment for SAFC, Multi-Purpose Room, and Cardio & Recovery Room delivered on 8/28 including new cardio equipment, massage chair, sauna, and weight equipment.
- Facility staff training took place on Saturday 8/23. All staff were trained or retrained in daily operations and everyone was trained on our new software, Connect2Concepts.
- New facilities staff attended CPR training on Sunday, 8/24.
- The Campus Recreation Center and the Sea Aggie Fitness Center have both reopened for the fall semester. We are already seeing high numbers of access.
- Equipment available for student check out has been updated and added into circulation.

Green Dot

- 4 Green Dot Overviews were given to Salt Camp staff as a part of their staff training.
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Outdoor Program

- Low Ropes course training scheduled for October
- ORC cleaned out of all GOFR products

Fitness

- Group fitness classes begin in September.

Peer Educators

- Sadie Acosta was hired as a 4th Peer Educator, completing the Peer Educator staff.
 - Peer Educators have submitted their individual schedules and will be releasing their programming calendar soon.
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Aquatics

- O-Week Cadets did swim tests at the pool
- Completed orientation for Fall lifeguards
- Conducted two CPR classes for Recreation and Club/Intramural sports safety officers.
- Deep cleaning of the pool to prepare for Fall.

Intramural Sports & Club Sports

- Intramural Supervisors trained.
 - Club Sports Officers trained with 100% attendance.
 - Safety Officers for club sports trained and CPR certified.
 - Registration for intramurals open.
 - Hiring 8-10 new officials on Thursday night after organizations night.
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Wellness

- A rough draft of the “Not Another Aggie” Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month calendar has been created and will be finalized.
 - A Talk Saves Lives trainer meeting was held, and we identified several priorities for the implementation of Talk Saves Lives. We will begin implementing TSL on campus in September as a part of the Faculty/ Staff Lunch N Learn Series.
 - Krissy and Joe attended the Department of Prevention and Population Health retreat in College Station at the beginning of the month. We were able to network with colleagues from main campus, share resources and identify ways our campuses can continue to partner in wellbeing, especially for students who transfer from Galveston to college station.
 - Gulf Coast Center has provided a new “Safety Planning Intervention” presentation to us that we will be able to host on campus at no cost.
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Campus Living & Learning



Emily V. Rasch serves as the Housing Coordinator for Atlantic, Polaris, and Albatross Halls. Prior to joining Campus Living & Learning in August 2025, she dabbled in various functional areas in higher education, including in assessment and admissions. Emily obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Southern Mississippi, followed by her Master of Education degree in Higher Education from Southern Methodist University. She is an accomplished scholar-practitioner, with research interests that include student belonging, neurodiversity, and mental health concerns on college campuses. A native of New Orleans, Emily enjoys spending time with her two cats, Maisy and Piper, and listening to Taylor Swift in her Subaru.



Campus Living and Learning hosted Community Leader and Company Commander training.

- During this time, they covered topics related to job expectations and duties, student rules and hazing prevention, event planning and purchasing guidelines, fire safety, and departmental operational processes.
- Over 20 CLs and COs were trained formally during this period, with others being trained later due to conflicts with Commercial Sea Term appointments.



Howdy Week Presentations - CL&L Townhall

- **Date:** August 21st
- **Location:** CLB 100 & ASEC Ballroom
- The 3 Housing Coordinators gave two presentations to the first-year Howdy Week participants, discussing life on campus.



There were several major facilities-related projects this summer in Oceans and Hullabaloo Halls:

- The 7 month project to replace the AC system and thermostats in Oceans and Hullabaloo Halls was completed.
- Vintage vertical blinds in Oceans and Hullabaloo were replaced with black-out curtains.



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Student Activities



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SALT Camp

On August 17-19, SALT Camp welcomed 327 new students to the Aggie Family. The 3-day camp, held at Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston, TX is where our new students learn what it means to be an Aggie from current student leaders. SALT Camp hosted guest speakers like Col. Mike Fossum, Dr. Todd Sutherland, Dr. Jamie Steichen, Dr. Debbie Thomas, Brandon Chapman, and Dr. Christopher Smith.





New Student Conference

- August was a busy month for New Student and Family Programs as three separate New Student Conferences were hosted this month! In total, our Orientation Transition Leader staff and dozens of faculty and staff worked with 280 incoming students, many of whom were transferring from another institution or who were arriving from overseas to campus for the first time. Our Orientation Leader Staff led fun activities in the evening that allowed first year students to get to know one another and also hosted a tour of campus for these students that gave them a chance to find where important campus resources were located.
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Howdy Week

- Our annual Howdy Week was held from August 21-23 in which 430 students participated in a wide variety of activities designed to help educate them about campus and its resources. Howdy Week is an opportunity for all first-year students to move to campus early and participate in activities in partnership with our academic departments, Center for Academic Learning Support, and the Division of Student Affairs that helped to prepare them as they start their first semester of college. Students had an opportunity to learn the structure of academics in college and how to utilize a syllabus. They also heard from a variety of professionals with counseling and career services and campus living and learning about life as an independent college student and how to find resources to best advocate for their needs. This was all done in an environment where there were no classes or homework, meaning that their sole focus was to familiarize themselves with the campus and be prepared to hit the ground running for their first day of college.

Howdy Week Service Project

- We had an outstanding turn out when it came to outside organizations and businesses signing up to be sites for this year's Howdy Week Service Project. With 23 sites (and 4 on the waitlist), we could provide 430 students to these sites. Unfortunately, due to weather, we were unable to send the students out, but with the help from the Big Event officer team, we are working to send students out to these sites and still have the projects completed this fall!
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Officer Training

- On August 25th, a total of 478 student officers representing 86 student organizations participated in an in-person training session. The training covered key topics, including risk management, financial management, and the resources provided by the Office of Student Activities.

Org. Night

- On August 28th, 855 students enthusiastically participated in Organizations Night, held in the ASEC Ballroom. The event featured approximately 90 tables hosted by student organizations, and local Galveston volunteer groups, non-profits, and churches. Attendees had the opportunity to explore various avenues for campus involvement and community engagement. The evening's highlights included a yell practice and a performance by the Two-Step Team.
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Fall Firsts

During the first two weeks of the semester, organization presidents and treasurers have been completing their online training through Get Involved. As students finalize their training, they are preparing to host their initial meetings and events for the semester. Notable upcoming events include the Student Government Association's first senate meeting, Sea Aggie Pride's inaugural Mugdown event before Midnight Yell where students can enjoy coffee and snacks before the evening's festivities, and preparations for Two-Step's tryouts.





Gig 'Em Week

- We were thrilled to welcome our students back to campus with an exciting lineup of over 38 events held from August 24th through August 30th. During this period, we had an impressive turnout, with more than 2,200 students participating in various activities hosted by the Office of Student Activities, academic departments, and student organizations.
 - Our events included signature programs such as the Welcome Back Movie Night, a Gig 'Em Week Concert, Aggie Vendor Showcase, Dodgeball Tournament, Gig 'Em Guidepost, Cupcakes with the C-Suite, MARB Open House, and much more.
 - Additionally, several events were hosted by our student organizations, contributing to the dynamic campus atmosphere. These included the Coastal College Movie Night, SAP's Pin Your Pride, and Taco Bout Traditions.
 - The success of these events reflects our commitment to fostering a welcoming and engaging campus environment. We look forward to building on this momentum as the academic year progresses.
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CHARLIE *Gig Em Week Concert* MCCABE

LIVE
ACOUSTIC
SHOW

LISTEN TO SOME OF
HIS TOP SONGS:

- TWO STEPPIN'
- AMIGO
- LOCOMOTIVE

CHECK OUT HIS
MUSIC NOW!



**FREE ENTRY
FOR STUDENTS**

AUGUST 27TH
6-8PM, ASEC
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Campus Event Services

Networking/Professional Development

- On August 7th, Emily attended the Good Morning Galveston networking event to create valuable connections with local professionals and promote the Event Venues at Texas A&M University at Galveston.
- Emily held a meeting with the new owner of the Galveston Discovery Map on August 20th in order to learn more about how to get Texas A&M University at Galveston on the map in an effort to promote the University and Event Venues to the local community and visitors to the island.

Event Coordination

- As part of the Commencement Committee, Emily attended the Commencement Walkthrough as well as helped with the Texas A&M University at Galveston Commencement Ceremony on August 8th.
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Student Assistance Services



- Student Assistance Services held 3 howdy week events to welcome students back. Our Open house, Silent Disco and first Aggie Football Watch party hosted over 100 students in our spaces!
 - In partnership with International student & Scholar Services, we hosted the International Student check in & Welcome Party on August 15th
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