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Student Affairs Notables January 2026



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Campus Recreation



Peer Educators

- Joe attended NASPA Strategies conference and completed the Certified Peer Educator train-the-trainer course.

Intramural Sports & Club Sports

- 22 teams registered for the intramural season
 - All club officers are trained and cleared
 - 4 clubs have started competing this semester
 - Sailing hosts their Harris Kempner regatta the last weekend of January at Lakewood Yacht Club
 - Sailing and Crew are in the final stages of dock repair. Which means, crew should be getting back on the water for the first time since spring 2024.
 - Field has sprung a leak at the main valve. Waiting on SSC to repair.
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CORPS of Cadets



2026 Spring O-week

– Between January 5-10, the Corps of Cadets held its 2025 Spring semester orientation week (O-week) for new cadets. Under the direction of 7 upperclassmen (cadres), 19 new cadets participated and completed O-week. On January 10, before friend and family, RADM Fossum welcomed the new cadets into the Corps.



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Student Activities

Student Organizations

EVENT SCHEDULE

Welcome Back Week 

MONDAY 1/12	There's Snow Place Like TAMUG	First day of class picture in a snow globe! 9AM-12PM, Oceans Lawn
TUESDAY 1/13	Secure the Bag	Learn how to apply for university scholarships & connect with financial resources 11AM-1PM, Flag Room
	Meet the FLO's Free DIY Key Chain Event	2-4PM Flag Room
WEDNESDAY 1/14	BTHO Burnout	11AM-1PM Flag Room
	Monthly Movie Night	First 100 students to sign up in Student Activities Office get a free movie ticket!
THURSDAY 1/15	Volunteer Fair	11AM-1PM ASEC Ballroom
	Maritime Ball Hot Cocoa Fundraiser	2PM-4PM Flag Room
	Organizations Night	6-8PM ASEC Ballroom
FRIDAY 1/16	Stuff A Plush Event	Come Build-A-Bear 11am - 1pm, Flag Room 

January 12

There's Snow Place Like TAMUG

Students stepped inside a giant snow globe to take first-day-of-classes photos while also learning about our office and the many ways to get involved on campus.

Officer Training

Newly elected student organization officers attended a training designed to familiarize them with office policies and highlight the resources available to support their success.

January 13

DIY Keychain Event with the FLOs

GFLO and FreSHTX partnered with FunPhotosToGo to host a DIY keychain event. Students took photos in front of a themed backdrop, which were then turned into personalized keychains. The event was a major success, with approximately 80 keychains distributed.





Secure the Bag

In collaboration with Student Assistance Services, Financial Aid & Scholarships, Student Government Association, and AMOCO Federal Credit Union, this event provided students with valuable financial resources. Attendees learned how to apply for university scholarships, request funding for their organizations, and develop stronger financial management skills.



BTHO Burnout

- Campus partners tabled in the flag room to promote healthy habits and choices to kick off the spring semester.

Volunteer Fair

- Thirty community organizations from the Galveston area participated in our second volunteer fair. Students had the opportunity to explore various service opportunities and sign up to get involved. Approximately 55 students attended.



Stuff-A-Plush Event (with Green Dot Team)

- Students were invited to create their own plush bears while learning about Green Dot initiatives. Scheduled from 11 AM to 1 PM, the event saw overwhelming enthusiasm, students began lining up as early as 10:30 AM, and all plush bears were claimed by 11:12 AM. The turnout was amazing.
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New Student & Family Programs

- On January 8th, TAMUG NSFP held a New Student Conference for 40 incoming transfer students and first-time-in-college students. Our NSFP staff along with 5 orientation transition leaders hosted presentations to these incoming students about financial aid, student business services, counseling and career services, along with meetings with academic advisors and faculty to help students register for coursework. This year, we saw a boost in the number of registrations for this particular NSC. Every January, we hold a one day NSC to accommodate transfer students and other new students who deferred their start of college from the fall to spring semester. Last year, for NSC on January 9, 2025, we had 30 students register for this NSC. For 2026, 44 students registered for the January 8th NSC!
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Campus Events Services

Event Coordination

- On January 12, Emily held a virtual External Event Detail Meeting to review all event details prior to the Texas Gulf Coast Infrastructure Coalition Annual Conference.
- Emily met with individuals from the Texas Gulf Coast Infrastructure Coalition as well as TAMUG IT Support for a venue walkthrough on January 13. On January 14, Emily was present throughout the day of the Annual Conference to ensure all event services ran smoothly.
- On January 30, Emily facilitated a Campus tour with individuals from Schlitterbahn Galveston as they are interested in holding their Spring 2026 Schlitterbahn Lifeguard Training on campus.

Networking/Professional Development

- On January 7, Emily met with Susan Lee, Debbie Dell, and Shelly Fordyce to review recent Event Policy changes.
 - Emily met with Debbie Dell to go over planning and next steps for an Event Process Compliance Review Committee on January 15.
 - On January 27, Emily worked with Andrea Davis to help with preparation for the TAMUG Mardi Gras Event.
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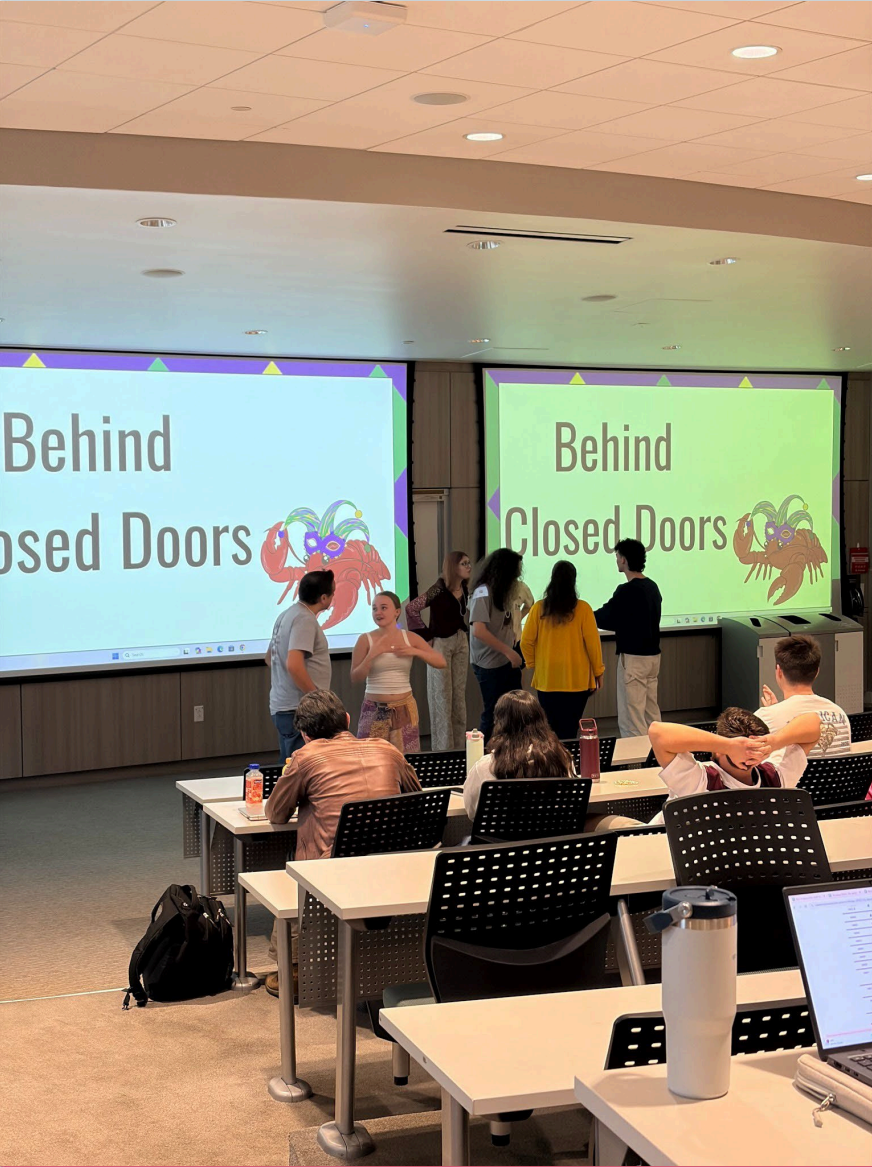
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Campus Living & Learning



Exterior Work of TAMMA Hall Renovation Begins – January 5th

Assessment/Outcome: Exterior siding work began at TAMMA Hall, following the partial closure of one-quarter of the building, and will continue through Spring 2028



Spring CL Training



Spring Fire Drills - Peyton

Date and Location: January 22, 2026 at 2pm (All Halls except TAMMAH) AND February 2, 2026 at 11am (TAMMA Hall)

Journey Learning Outcomes: Residents will understand and demonstrate proper fire drill and emergency evacuation procedures within campus residence halls. By the end of the fire drill, residents will be able to safely and efficiently evacuate their residence hall using designated exits and assemble at the assigned meeting location in accordance with campus safety protocols.



Assessment/Outcome: Post-assessment will be determined by whether each residence hall successfully passed the fire drill based on evacuation compliance, timeliness, and adherence to established fire safety procedures. Results will be reviewed by Campus Living & Learning Staff and EHS Staff to identify any concerns or areas for improvement.

Following the completion of all fire drills, the HOC will send a campus-wide email to all residential students reinforcing the importance of fire safety, proper evacuation procedures, and compliance during emergency situations. This communication will serve as a reinforcement of expectations and provide additional educational support to promote resident safety.



Winter Weather Event: Hot Cocoa Bar

•Date: 1/25/26

•Location: Pac Lobby



Assessment/Outcome: Student residents gathered during winter freeze weather for hot cocoa and popcorn. Many stayed to watch the NFL game and play board games with other residents.

Winter Weather Event: Mario Party - Robert

- Date: Sunday; January 25th at 9PM
- Location: TAMMA Hall Lobby



Assessment/Outcome: Nintendo Switch games were provided as an opportunity to beat the cold and the boredom during this event, and about 30 students attended.

Winter Weather Event: Craft Your Own LEGO Figurine - Robert

- Date: Sunday; January 25th at 9PM
- Location: TAMMA Hall Lobby



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