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Student Affairs Notables

July 2025



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Career Services



- Career Services met with representatives from Bechtel interested in recruiting MARE students. We plan to bring reps for a campus visit with faculty at the beginning of the fall semester.
 - Ken and Maya have officially stepped into their roles as President-Elect and Secretary of the Houston Area Consortium of Career Centers (HACCC).
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Counseling Services



- 98 check ins since the end of finals – most have been for personal counseling, but we have received some visits for accommodations and career guidance.
 - We had another successful blood drive with 11 donors, totaling 16 units of blood donated.
 - Congratulations to our counseling intern, Meredith Gardner as she wraps up the end of her degree at WCU! We appreciate her service in our department for the last year and look forward to watching her embark on her next steps as an LPCA.
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CORPS of Cadets



- The TS Kennedy arrived in Houston on July 23.
 - Family of upperclassman and other guests boarded the ship on July 24 for the trip between Houston and Galveston.
 - Between July 25-26, the cadets emptied and cleaned the vessel, and SST25 ended late morning on July 26.
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Campus Recreation



Aquatics

- Sea Camp wraps up August 1, 2025.
- Sams Adventure camp visited the pool for recreational activities with their OTs and PTs the 2nd and 3rd weeks of July.
- Wrapping up last week of Open Swim hours until the first week of school.
- Replaced the chairs around the pool deck.
- Purchased lounge chairs for the pool.

Intramural Sports & Club Sports

- Purchased the very first Tiny Mobile Robot field painter in the Texas A&M System.
- All training scheduled for the upcoming semester.

Outdoor Program

- Rented 5 paddleboards to UTMB students.
 - Hosted Sam's Adventure camp at the low ropes course.
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Fitness

- Fitness operations are on hold for summer.
- We have begun conversations about the new group fitness schedule for the fall semester.
- A new yoga instructor has been identified to teach classes in the fall.

Facilities

- Outside camps have continued to utilize and access recreation facilities.
- We have begun meeting with strength equipment vendors to explore options for replacing strength equipment in the rec center.

Green Dot

- 6 Green Dot overviews have been scheduled for the Corps of Cadets for the Fall 2025 semester. Our goal is to send 100 cadets through Green Dot this semester.
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Peer Educators

- Peer Educator operations are on hold for summer.
- Peer educator storage areas have been cleaned and prepped for return to operations in August.

Wellness

- Invitations for the Fall 2025 Health Fair have been sent. Health fair will be held in the Flag Room on 9/10/25 and 9/11/25.
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Student Activities



Student Organizations/Campus Activities

New Student Organization Spaces

- With the reopening of Hullabaloo Hall, we're excited to announce some fantastic new spaces for student organizations! SALT Camp now has a spacious new office that comfortably fits all of their supplies and materials used throughout camp (located in the Student Activities Office). Big Event has relocated to Hullabaloo, gaining access to a dedicated storage area for their service project supplies.
- In addition, Hullabaloo Hall now features a reservable conference room—available for student organizations to host meetings, planning sessions, and more.

Student Organization Recognition

- The “Renewing Recognition” time for our student orgs starts on August 1st. Emails to all student leaders and their advisors will be going out on August 4, detailing all the steps they need to take.

Howdy Week Service Project

- Interest in the 2025 Howdy Week Service Project has been outstanding! With 23 community partners confirmed, we've had such an overwhelming response that four additional sites have been added to a waitlist. We are looking forward to an impactful day of service.
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New Student & Family Programs

- While planning for Howdy Week and the final three NSCs in August is underway, NSFP and CALS are also planning a program called TIKI Camp. For the 5th year in a row, representatives from NSFP, CALS, and the Library are hosting TIKI Camp which is a one day extended orientation program for non-traditionally aged college students who intend to enroll at TAMUG for the first time. Most educational programming at the university is designed for traditionally aged college students which necessitates programs like TIKI Camp that are more designed for older students. We host specific presentations and activities for older students who are coming to college for the first time or for those returning to college after a long hiatus.
 - As of August 5th, 288 incoming students have registered for Howdy Week! Howdy Week is an extended orientation program that introduces students to campus resources and helps them get settled into college prior to their first day of classes later in August.
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Hazing Prevention

- The Student Activities team along with others from the Division of Student Affairs, attended the Hazing Prevention Institute on July 9-10. The institute helped the TAMUG team learn what prevention methods are most valuable in deterring hazing behaviors and provided opportunities to create a plan for how we will be preventing hazing at TAMUG.
- The team determined that we need to take a 3-pronged approach targeting faculty/staff, student organizations, and the Corps of Cadets. A list of task items was created for each population and a Student Affairs hazing prevention team is being created to begin work on implementing the plan.





Networking/Professional Development

- Emily led a campus tour on July 9 for David Miller (Jostens High School Communication Workshop) to show the event venues available at Texas A&M University at Galveston as well as the Recreational Facilities and Residence Halls for their potential event on campus next summer.
 - On July 17, Emily met with Cyn Olvera (Compliance Officer, University Youth Programs), Nicole and Joe from Campus Recreation to discuss the risk and requirements as well as the possibility of hosting external client birthday parties at the pool. A follow up meeting to solidify requirements and go through the planned process took place on July 30.
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Event Coordination

- Emily facilitated the External Events Detail Meeting for July 2025 on July 2 to go over all details for the July 2025 external events. This meeting includes representatives from the departments across campus that are involved with External Events.
 - On July 22, Emily met with Debbie Kirby, the GEDP event planner to look at the ASEC Ballroom again and work on finalizing the new floorplan layout for the 2025 GEDP Summit.
 - Emily spoke with Debra Ling of Katy Christian Community Church on a details phone call to go over the planning process and answer questions about the potential to hold a retreat for the Katy Christian Community Church at TAMUG in Summer 2026 or Summer 2027.
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Campus Event Services

- Sam's Adventure Camp, July 5-9, 15-18 2026
 - Jostens High School Communications Workshop, Summer 2026
 - Katy Christian Community Church Retreat, Summer 2026
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External Events in the Works

- Highland Park United Methodist Church High School Mission Trip, July 13-18
 - Camp PossAbilities Fishing Camp, July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 - Service Academy Day 2025, September 20th
 - Ocean Conservation Book Release Event, October 2025
 - GEDP Summit, October 29th
 - Galveston NBL-US Team, November 2025-May 2026
 - Square Dance Spectacular, February 2026
 - Wonder Voyage HCC Youth Mission Trip, June 2026
 - District 9 4-H Leadership Lab, June 2026
 - TIKI Camp August, 23, 2025 & Gig'em Week, August 24-31
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Campus Living & Learning



New Staff Member

- **Date:** July 1, 2025
- **Location:** Pacific Hall

Journey Learning Outcomes: 4.1-4.4 - Identify opportunities to engage in communities, practice selfless Service, mentor others, and actively participate in your community.

- **Assessment/Outcome:** Briana Taylor joined the Department of Campus Living & Learning at Texas A&M University at Galveston in July 2025 and currently serves as a Housing Coordinator. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development and a Master of Arts in Special Education from California State University Northridge. Briana began her housing journey as a student staff member in Conference Services and later worked in early childhood and special education. In 2022, she returned to student housing at CSUN before relocating from Los Angeles to Texas to pursue her passion for student development and Campus Living. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, cooking, and spending time with friends.



New Staff Member

- **Date:** July 21, 2025
- **Location:** TAMMA Hall

Journey Learning Outcomes: 4.1-4.4 - Identify opportunities to engage in communities, practice selfless Service, mentor others, and actively participate in your community.

- **Assessment/Outcome:** Robert Carpenter joins Campus Living & Learning after 5 years of housing professional work at Stephen F. Austin University. Robert is originally from Pennsylvania and holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Special Education from Thiel College, and is looking forward to completing his Master's Degree in Higher Education from Westminster College in the near future. A colleague said about Robert: "Think proactive, not reactive," a phrase that Robert emphasizes to his team in times of uncertainty. From late night office hours, to holding personal meetings with his staff at any and all times to match their needs, Robert makes sure that both departmental and individual needs and goals are met to the highest standard." Robert is a free spirit and hard worker. He loves seeing people meet their potential and is a coach at heart. It's no wonder that he is a huge "Ted Lasso" fan!





Red Folder Initiative

- **Date: Project Completion 7/30/2025**

- **Location: Campus-Wide Initiative**

Journey Learning Outcomes: Life-Long Learning

- **Assessment/Outcome:** Although the Red Folder Initiative is designed for faculty and staff, its primary aim is to support student well-being—an essential foundation for student success. By equipping campus partners with the tools to recognize, respond to, and refer students in distress, the initiative fosters a more responsive and compassionate campus community. Students benefit from a culture where their mental health and academic success are actively supported by informed and engaged university personnel. This aligns with the Journey curriculum by modeling active citizenship, demonstrating how every member of the community plays a role in creating an environment where students can thrive.

2. RESPOND

Use these important tips to determine the most appropriate response for a distressed student.

SAY WHAT YOU SEE

Conversation tips:

- Be direct
- Stick to the facts
- Don't make assumptions
- Describe the changes you have noticed
- Ask open-ended questions - try to avoid yes/no questions
- Listen!

I have missed you in class lately. Is everything okay?

You have seemed down the last few classes. Is there anything you want to talk about?

SHOW YOU CARE

Conversation tips:

- Be patient & listen
- Maintain eye contact
- Offer help where you can
- Ask what they need
- Remove distractions
- Summarize what they say

I'm hearing you describe that you've been struggling

It sounds like you are really overwhelmed! Is there anything I can do to help out?

HEAR THEM OUT

Conversation tips:

- Listen
- Provide a space to be heard
- Be curious - ask questions
- Be present & patient
- Let them know they are not alone
- Affirm their feelings

I would like to hear more about how you've been feeling.

That sounds really challenging.

CONNECT TO HELP

Conversation tips:

- Determine the need & resources
- Reaffirm your support & care
- Connect them to resources
- Follow up

It sounds like you've really been struggling, have you thought about utilizing the counseling center? I have heard great things from students.

Thank you for sharing your experience. I am not an expert in this area, but I know someone who might be able to help. Would it be okay if I put you in contact with them?

RESOURCES

On-Campus Resources

Student Assistance Services & 1973 Center - (409) 740-4836
Division of Student Affairs - (409) 740-4544
TAMUG Counseling Services - (409)-740-4736
Office of Community Standards - (409)-740-4829
Center for Academic Learning Support - (409) 741-4343

Emergency Situations

If this is an emergency situation call 911
University Police Department - (409)-740-4545

Reporting Options

Care Team Report - tamug.edu/care
Student Conduct Report - tx.ag/tamugreport

Other Resources

National Suicide Hotline - Call or text 988
Gulf Coast Center - tx.ag/GulfCoast
Maritime Wellbeing App - Download via App Store

TELUS Health Student Support App

Download via App Store -

Resources:

Talk Now: Chat or call a counselor anytime — no appointment needed.

Peer Community: Connect anonymously with students worldwide.

Ongoing Support: Schedule short-term phone or video sessions with the same counselor.

Multilingual Support: Available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, & French.

Virtual Fitness: Use the free LIFT app for online workouts. Multilingual Support: Available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, & French.

Self-Assessments: Screen for depression, anxiety, & substance use.

Financial Tips: Watch a 5-part video series on budgeting, debt, & goals.

Wellness Library: Access videos, articles, & podcasts on mental health topics.

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initiative

A guide to help recognize, respond to, and refer distressed students at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

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Hazing Prevention Institute

- **Date:** 7/9/2025
- **Location:** College Station, TX
- **Journey Learning Outcomes:** Active Citizenship
- **Assessment/Outcome:** Texas A&M University at Galveston participated in the Hazing Prevention Institute (HPI) hosted in College Station, joining student affairs professionals and campus leaders from across the Texas A&M System. During this institute, our team collaborated to create a campus-specific implementation plan focused on preventing hazing, fostering a culture of safety, accountability, and mutual respect.





NTER Training

- **Date:** 7/16/2025
 - **Location:** Online
 - **Assessment/Outcome:** As a continuation of the NTER (National Threat Evaluation and Reporting) training series, Part Two engaged participants in a case study scenario walk-through designed to reinforce and apply previously learned threat assessment concepts. Faculty, staff, and campus partners collaborated in real-time to evaluate behavioral indicators, discuss intervention strategies, and strengthen interdisciplinary response efforts.
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Student Assistance Services



- The 12th Van is finally here and our office is finalizing everything to make it ready to assist students in basic needs this fall. More to come with scheduling use of the van.
 - Student Assistance Services is proud to bring in Mack Jobe, our new Resource Education Specialist. He's a Galveston local well connected with the Galveston community and ready to assist students in finding a space to call home here at TAMUG.
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