# Student Affairs Notables

January 2024

# Campus Recreation

### Fitness, Wellness, & Health Promotion:

- Health Fair brought 21 vendors onto campus to help connect the campus community with local health and wellness resources.
- Weekly free Yoga classes resumed at the Rec.
- Peer Educators hosted Safe Mardi Gras where students were able to enjoy Mocktails and participate in an alcohol awareness obstacle course.
- The Green Dot team participated in Mardi Gras Mixology where we spoke with students about how alcohol can play a part in violence on Campus and in the community.
- Green Dot also hosted a pancake event and we have created a new "Overview request form" in hopes of making it easier for student groups to request a Green Dot Overview.

## Intramural & Club Sports & Aquatics:

- Women's Volleyball placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool at their tournament for SIVA
- Sailing hosting their home Regatta
- Lacrosse is recognized once again
- Pool opened for the semester and now has Saturday hours

# Counseling Services

#### Relaxation Office:



OThe relaxation room in the Counseling office has hosted 305 students during the fall semester. The new massage chair has proven to be a major attraction for students needing to unwind. The room is all snacked up once again and ready for a busy spring!

# Career Services

## General Dynamics Presentation

OFormer Ocean Engineering student Virginia Limon returned to campus to present a career information session to 12 interested engineering students about opportunities with her employer, General Dynamics. Virginia has been employed with their Electric Boat division in Connecticut for over two years and is now helping recruit new talent.



# **CORP of Cadets**

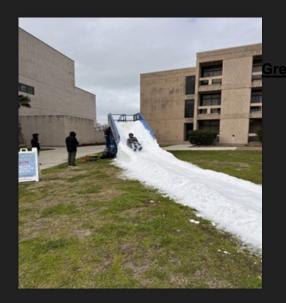
## Cadets Bring in 2024

- The Corps of Cadets welcomed 10 new cadets during the Spring 2024 O-Week.
- Ten new cadets joined the corps this month and went through O-Week, completing their training with a pass and review before the Commandant, CDR James P. Gompper, and Dr. Todd Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent of TAMMA. Parents and friends pinned (placed collar brass) their cadets after the pass and review.
- The Corps of Cadets started normal operations on 20 January with room inspections—after a two day delay due to weather. In preparation for Mardi Gras, cadets had a choice of three options for training. Additionally, the selection of next year's leadership has begun. The Office of the Commandant expects to announce the new Corps of Cadets Commander and Deputy Commander along with the Summer Sea Term Commander, Lead Deck Officer, and Lead Engine Officer the week of 5 February.

# **Student Activities**

### Food & Fun

#### Winter Welcome Back Bash





#### Green Dot - Green Pancakes Event



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#### **SGA Senate Elections**

- Congratulations to the following Senate Seat winners!
- O Computer Science Jeremiah Hermosillo & Paul Guardiola
- O Foundational Science Mauricio Rosales & Melton "Bubba" Nelson
- General Engineering Anusree Quiriyal & Aspen White
- Liberal Studies Lily Chabot
- Maritime Business Administration Scott Lyons
- Marine Engineering & Technology Tyler Heffernan
- On-Campus Jordan Lynch
- Senior Diego Martinez
- Sophomore Lake Kobs





# Organizations Night

### **Lunar Festival**

OTraditional Lion Dancers were brought to campus to celebrate the lunar new year, an event which is observed by many East Asian cultures represented in our campus community.



# Presidents Council Dinner





# Mardi Gras Volunteering

## Campus Events Services

- O IT'S LIVE! Campus Event Services has launched NEW web pages for event services and the Event Portal has moved to these pages. The Event Portal will no longer be available through the Admin/Auxiliary home page and will now be available through the Student Affairs home page. The navigation bar at the top of the Student Affairs page has a tab for 'Campus Event Services'. Once clicked on, the new Campus Event Services web pages will open with a plethora of event resources for faculty, staff, and external event clients. Bookmark it now!
- These new web pages have pertinent information on the venue facilities and event submission instructions for both external events and TAMUG internal events. Neither the submission process nor any of the documents have changed. Everything remains the same, except for where the web pages are being housed.
- We have created a NEW document: TAMUG Event Venues Guidelines and Procedures Moving forward, everyone who uses the ASEC and Waterfront Pavilion will be asked to follow these guidelines and procedures. Please take a moment to review.

## Busy Start of the Year for Student Orgs!

- Presidents Council Dinner on January 24th. Over 50 of our student leaders attended this dinner in our ASEC Ballroom. We brought a leadership speaker to campus named Dave Kelly who spoke about topics regarding leadership within student organizations in college.
- 300 students attended Org Night on January 18th with over 60 student organizations and community partners participating in booths.
- FreshTX (our freshman leadership organization that focuses on volunteering) hosted a Lunar Year Festival on January 24th. The organization partnered with Soaring Phoenix, a community organization based that raises awareness and generates funds for impoverished people around the world through the traditional art of lion and dragon dancing. 40 students enjoyed the lion dances and some free food in McCloy Arena!

# Campus Living & Learning

#### Spring Move-In 2024

- Journey Learning Outcomes:
- 2. Adapt to change.
- 4. Apply learning to decision-making.
- Assessment/Outcome: 1365 students moved into the 7 residence halls for the Spring 2024 semester.

#### Move-in Floor Meetings

- Journey Learning Outcomes:
- 1.1 Articulate who they are
- 1.2 Identify their purpose and passions
- 3.1 Articulate their own cultures and impact
- O Assessment/Outcome: On January 15, 16, &17 floor meetings were held within the residence halls for the Spring Academic semester. Within the floor meeting policies and expectations were discussed and residents got the opportunity to ask questions.

#### Community Leader Training

- O Journey Learning Outcomes:
- 2.4 Apply learning to decision making
- O Assessment/Outcome:
- Community Leaders who attended training effectively used material learned to complete tasks to prepare for Spring residents' arrival.
- Community Leaders also reviewed incidents and proper procedures for responding to crisis events as they may encounter in the residence halls.

Increased security - ALB/Polaris and Oceans/Hullabaloo hallways

Assessment/Outcome: In order to increase security, 6 card readers (replacing the keypads from the previous owners of the facilities) were installed on the exterior doors of Albatross and Polaris Halls. Additionally, 5 card readers were installed in the hallways of Oceans and Hullabaloo Halls to equalize security throughout these buildings.

#### Internet refresh



OAssessment/Outcome: This refresh project served to significantly upgrade the internet within the residence halls. Scope of Project: Apogee will procure, install, configure and maintain a high-density network solution in partnership with Texas A&M University at Galveston. We will deploy Core switches, APs, and Network switches to provide a wired and wireless networking solution in the residence halls and common areas. We will be using the existing in building copper wiring and the inter and intra building fiber optic cabling made available by Texas A&M University at Galveston. Per the SLA Apogee will provide 150M download and 100M upload and up to 10 devices per user using the PAN (personal area network) in the residence halls and common areas. The guest network will provide speeds of 25M download and 5M upload for a 48 hour lease time. The PAN will provide the users a path to connect personal devices to the network similar to a home network.

# 1973 Center

#### New Mission, Same Service

- O Shifted our mission to better suit the needs of our campus and provide basic needs to our campus community by offering resources to combat food insecurity and isolation.
- Began our search for new staff members for the center focusing on our food pantry navigation and community building. We hope to have staff start before the end of the semester.
- Presented "Welcome Back" presentations to international graduate students and new students starting this spring.
- Presented the new mission at the TAMUG Academic Forum on Jan 19th to all academic advisors and faculty members.