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Student Affairs Notables

April 2024

Campus Recreation

The image features a dark, reddish-brown background with a silhouette of a campus scene. In the foreground, there are palm trees and a walkway with a railing. In the background, there are buildings and a large structure that looks like a ship or a large building. The text "Campus Recreation" is centered in white. There are two vertical yellow bars on the left and right sides of the image.

Department Activities

Conference

- Four professional staff members traveled to Phoenix, AZ for the 2024 Annual NIRSA conference for collegiate recreation taking in educational sessions on pool operations, intramural sports, club sports, facility operations, and wellness/well-being.

Aquatics

- Dive classes are winding down for the semester.
- We hosted several different events at the pool:
 - CLL organized Jaws movie night
 - GFLO pool party
 - 1973 Center, SGA, & GFLO block party
- The MART lifeboat class conducted their training in the pool using the lifeboat and immersible suits.

Intramural Sports

- This semester Intramural Sports organized 143 games, had 63 teams, and had 266 unique participants.
- The popular Small Sports Tournament made its return following a brief hiatus this fall due to rain outs extending the regular intramural schedule.

Club Sports

- Men's Volleyball qualified for the national tournament in Kansas City and hosted two scrimmages on campus against UHCL and UHD.
- Sailing was two points from qualifying for nationals at the SEISA Champs regatta.
- Crew hosted an indoor rowing competition open to the whole campus.

Fitness & Wellness

- The Peer Educators hosted a lot of programs in April including a very successful Random Acts of Kindness Week, Painting with Bob Ross, and Earth Day events.
- We added two new group fitness classes in April – Cycling and circuit training. These have proven popular, and we plan to continue with them in the coming fall semester.
- We hosted a Talk Saves Lives suicide prevention lunch & learn session on April 24th.



Facilities & Green Dot

- We interviewed 30 applicants for the facilities Customer Service Assistant (CSA) position and selected eight new CSAs from that pool.
 - We interviewed and selected five new Building Managers.
 - The Green Dot team provided three overviews for the Corps of Cadets.
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Campus Living & Learning

Jaws Pool Movie Night

- **Date:** April 18th, 2024
- **Time:** 7pm-10pm
- **Location:** TAMUG Pool

Journey Learning Outcomes: 1.2 Identify their purpose and passions.

Watching the movie "Jaws" and activities like playing trivia about the movie and sharks can align with the learning goal of identifying one's purpose and passions in several ways:

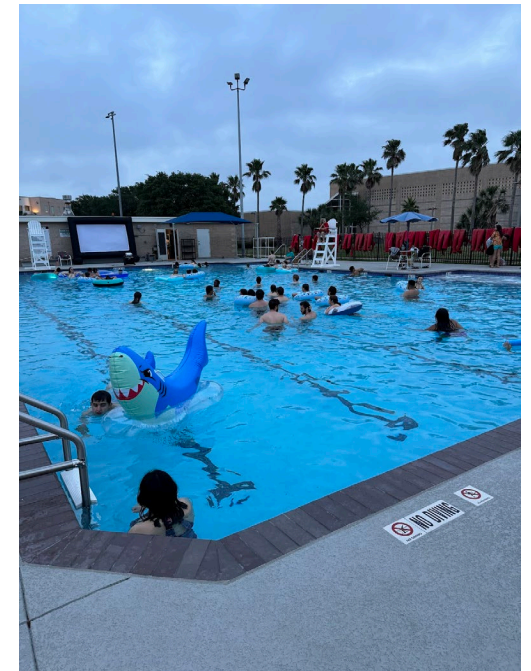
1. **Exploration of Interest:** Watching "Jaws" and engaging in related activities can spark an interest in marine biology, conservation, filmmaking, or storytelling. By delving into trivia about the movie and sharks, individuals may discover a passion for a particular aspect of these subjects.
2. **Career Exploration:** For those interested in filmmaking, studying the production of "Jaws" and its impact on cinema history can provide insights into potential career paths. Similarly, learning about sharks and marine ecosystems could inspire a passion for environmental science or marine conservation work.
3. **Community Engagement:** Participating in trivia nights or discussions about "Jaws" and sharks can connect individuals with like-minded people who share their interests. Building a community around shared passions can provide support and encouragement as individuals explore their purpose and pursue their interests further.

Overall, "Jaws" and related activities offer opportunities for self-discovery and exploration, helping individuals identify their passions and purpose by engaging with themes, interests, and communities related to the movie and sharks.



Jaws Pool Movie Night

Assessment/Outcome: Approximately 110 people attended the program. About 20 people competed in trivia which was hosted by Mona Hochman and Ash Reyes.



New Staff Members

- This April, two staff members joined the Campus Living & Learning team. Shelby Hearn (center back), who comes to us from TAMU - College Station, has filled the Assistant Director of Community Standards role and will oversee conduct processes for our campus. Lonzha Dowthard (far left), joining us most recently from Houston ISD, has filled our brand-new Housing Operations Coordinator role, which will focus on maintaining our campus facilities in collaboration with SSC and bringing an educational mindset to housing operations.



Hall Olympics

- **Date:** April 2-10, 2024
- **Location:** Residence Halls/Campus

Journey Learning Outcomes:

- Students were able to collaborate across organizations, residence halls and multiple events happening over a week and a half.
- 17 different events
- Across building collaboration and community building.

RHA Hall Olympics 2024

TUE 02	WATER BALLOON FIGHT & WIPEOUT COURSE @MARINER LAWN 5-8PM
WED 03	ART COMPETITION W/ SEASPRAY @FLAG ROOM 6-7:30PM
THU 04	KICKBALL W/ FRESHTX @SOCCER FIELD 4:30-6:30PM & TRIVIA NIGHT W/ GAME CLUB @MAIN 212 8-10PM
MON 08	DODGEBALL @REC CENTER GYM 7-10PM
TUE 09	BAKE-OFF W/ BAKING CLUB & AGGIE DINING @CAPTAIN'S LANDING 3-5PM
WED 10	TAMUG'S GOT TALENT W/CHOIR/BAND/TWO-STEP @CLB100 5-6:30 & TRADITIONS TRIVIA & KAHOOT W/TRADCO @MAIN 114 7-8PM

FIND MR. BEAR EVERYDAY @10AM ON THE TAMUG APP

For more information: rha@tamug.edu

Company Commander OTY Award

- **Date:** Apr 24, 2024
- **Time:** 7am
- **Location:** Maritime Hall

Journey Learning Outcomes:

- 1.4 Demonstrate character by acting with integrity.
- 2.3 Innovate to improve their communities
- 4.1 Identify opportunities for engagement in communities.
- 4.2 Practice selfless service.
- 4.3 Mentor others.



Company Commander OTY Award

Assessment/Outcome:

- We made a few changes to this process this year, the biggest being where we announced this award. This award has previously been announced only at the leadership banquet but this year we felt it was important to be announced at morning formation so that the winning Company Commander received their award surrounded by both their company as well as their staff peers.
- This change was well received by many members of the Corps. The Company Commander staff agreed that it was important for their companies to see them win the award as well as a few cadets commented on how nice both the award and presentation were. I think this form of announcement, in addition to the leadership banquet, should continue in the future.



CORPS Of Cadets

The image features a dark, monochromatic reddish-brown background. In the center, the text "CORPS Of Cadets" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. The background image shows a coastal scene with palm trees in the foreground and a large ship docked at a pier in the distance. The ship has a complex superstructure with various masts and antennas. The overall mood is somber and formal. Two vertical yellow bars are positioned on the left and right sides of the image, partially overlapping the dark background.

Klenczar Cup

The annual Klenczar Cup competition was conducted on April 10th and featured athletic competitions between companies including relay races, an egg toss, kayak tug of war, cardboard and duct tape boat races and much more. This year, the coveted Klenczar cup was awarded to Company Delta 1, whose Company commander, Madeleine Cushman's total commitment to the CO belly flop contest put her company over the line. The Klenczar Cup competition is an annual opportunity for the cadets to unwind in friendly competition and camaraderie.



Company Delta 1 posing with their hard-won trophy!



Klenczar Cup Tug of War.



Cardboard and Duct Tape Boat Race.



Commander Gompper enjoying the pool.



Change of Command

The 2023-2024 Corps leadership was relieved by the 2024-2025 leadership cadre in a traditional Change of Command ceremony held on campus. The 23-24 Corps conducted a traditional Pass in Review maneuver led by outgoing Corps Commander Gunnar Pierson. After the first Pass, incoming Corps, Battalion and Company Commanders were present with swords, a symbol of duty, responsibility and leadership by Mr. Christopher Johnson. This was followed by Presentation of the four coveted annual company awards as follows: Admiral's award - Bravo 2, Service Award - Delta 2, Scholastic Award - Charlie 2, and Most Improved - Delta 2. Each new leader then formally took command of his or her portion of the Corps. Finally, with the graduating seniors acting as the reviewing party, the Corps did a second Pass in Review under their new leadership.



Cadets ready for Change of Command



First Pass.



Presentation of swords to new command.



Pass in Review under their new leadership.



Honors

Fifty-six members of the Corp of Cadets received 68 honors and scholarships at the joint NROTC and Corps of Cadets award ceremony held on Saturday, 27 April 2024 in ASEC. Thirty-four cadets were awarded over \$129,500 in scholarships from individual and corporate donors. Additionally, each of the nine companies selected an outstanding 4/C and 3/C cadets, those who demonstrated qualities of leadership, academic proficiency, conduct, and participation in University programs, for the Commandant's Award. The Superintendent's Distinguished Cadet Award was presented to a freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior cadets who uphold the highest traditions of the sea and exceptional performance. Cadets Eleanor LaVire, Brett Pearson, Ian Stinson, and Patrick Kelly received this prestigious award.



Cadet Eleanor LaVire receiving the Superintendent's Distinguished Cadet Award for Top Freshman.



Cadet Ian Stinson receiving the Superintendent's Distinguished Cadet Award for Top Junior Award.



Cadet Cole Young receiving The Dresner Endwoment Maritime Transportation Scholarship. This award is given to a License Option Cadet who has maintained good standing in the CORP while achieving academic success & embracing extra-curricular activities. Cadet Young is receiving the award from Brenda (class of '69) & Dustin (class of '02) Dresner, for whom the scholarship is named.



Career Services

Programming

- An Online Resources workshop was held for the Computer Science students to help them begin to research employers ahead of the Fall 2024 Computer Science Career Fair in College Station. We will follow up again with a resume workshop in the fall.
- Career Services continues to partner with faculty on campus to provide guest lectures on a variety of career preparedness topics. We presented to the following groups:
 - First Gen: AI in the Job Search
 - Pathways: Marketing Yourself While on Academic Probation



Employer Visits

- The Career Services Team visited the Houston Terminal and toured their facilities. The terminal was happy to inform us that they have three students interning with them this summer.
- Career Services is working with the A&M Foundation and representatives from MARA, MART & MCES to develop a mentorship program with Stolt Tankers.
- The North American Marine Environment Protection Agency is working alongside Career Services to develop a student chapter at TAMUG.
- BP, Great Circle and Scorpio Tankers held information sessions for students looking to participate in jobs, internships, and mentorship programs.





Counseling Services

Programming

April Events

- **TELUS Marketing in April**
 - Coffee w/a Counselor – 84 Students
- **Time Out Tuesdays** – 35 students
- **DE-Stress Massages & Yoga** – 54 students
- **Dinner, Sunday Evening w/BSA** – 7 students

Professional Collaborations

- Counseling Staff (Ken, Thomala & Daisey) met virtually with other Maritime Academy Counseling staff to discuss needs, highlights, best practices and how to better serve during our summer term terms. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 2024.

Counseling Office Visits in April

- Counseling Appts (scheduled & walk-ins) – 232
- Relaxation Room – 56
- Testing Center administered 614 exams during the spring semester

Staff News

- Graduate intern, Julie Harper spoke to Muster student volunteers prior to serving families that evening.



De-Stress Event



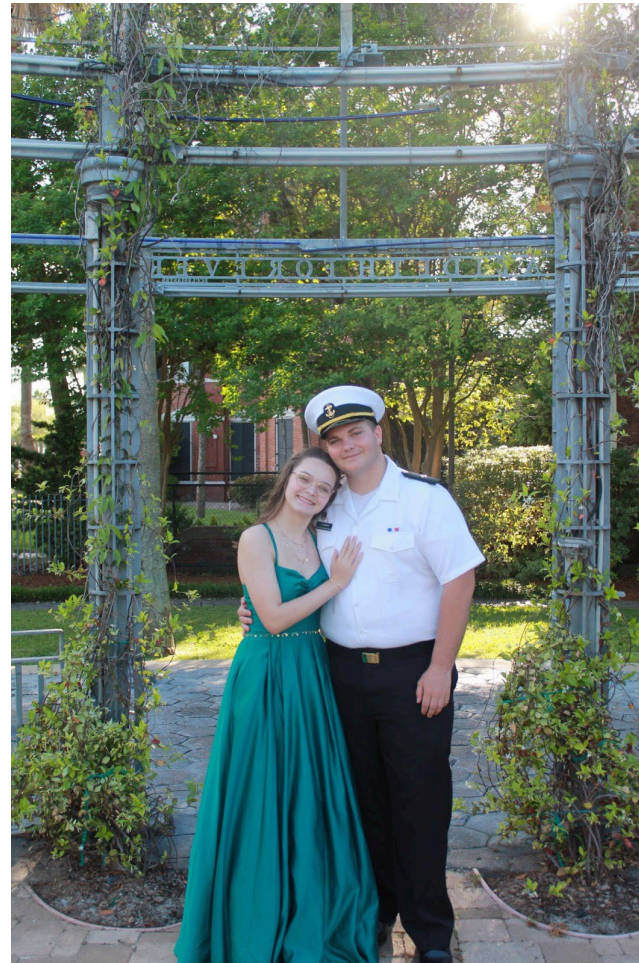
Dinner hosted by the Black Student Alliance.



Student Activities

Maritime Ball

- 150 students gathered at Ashton Villa on April 5th for a night of elegance, dancing, and celebration of the end of the semester. The Student Events Council planned a successful event, partnering with local businesses to provide a night of entertainment and wishing the best of luck to our cadets before Summer Sea Term.



Spring Fest/Pull Out Day

- The Office of Student Activities, SGA, and Traditions Council partnered to put on a successful day of activities, give aways, A Taste of Galveston, dunking the Yell Leaders, and an opportunity for students to move up in their wildcats. It was a day of fun and relaxation for the student body.



Ring Day

- 120 Sea Aggies received their aggie gold during the April Ring Day. Sweet moments of celebration and excitement took place at the Waterfront Pavilion, including a student surprising his father (class of '86) with an Aggie Ring



Leadership Banquet

- Our student organizations, advisors, and scholarship recipients gathered at the Garten Verein for an evening to highlight leadership, service, and scholarship. Through the award ceremony, organizations and students were celebrated for their commitment to the Aggie Core Values, and Journey Curriculum Learning Goals: Self Discovery, Life-long Learning, Global Competence, and Active Citizenship.



Midnight Breakfast

- SGA, TAMUG Choir, Game Club, and Chartwells collaborated to put on another successful Midnight Breakfast. The theme “slumber party” brought students together in pajamas ready to enjoy a donut bar, gaming tables, performances from the Sea Aggie Band, and a final Yell Practice.





Orientation Prep for NSC

- Our Orientation Leader staff has been chosen for the summer 2024 season of New Student Conferences and have begun planning and preparation for the Class of 2028 to arrive on campus. Orientation Leader staff held two meetings in the month of April and are currently in the process of assigning Orientation Leader partners and making preparations for the Orientation Leader retreat that will take place on June 3-4.
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1973 Center



Orientation Prep for NSC

- New staff: We welcomed in Jillian Sanchez to the center staff as a student development specialist.
 - Pop Up Pantries- For finals week, the TAMUG food pantry took all items that were close to expiration and healthy brain foods were brought to “food deserts” across campus. These included the library and 2nd floor OCSB to meet the needs of students in these spaces.
 - Late night study hours in the center: We extended student hours in the center for the few days leading up to finals and all of finals week.
 - Community Partnership Meetings: We met with Galveston’s Own Farmers Market and the Future is Us about Summer and Fall program planning
 - Mental Health First Aid Training: The center director went to MHFA training and will be a facilitator for our campus.
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