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# Student Affairs Notables

## May 2024



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# Campus Recreation

# May News

## Symposium:

- Two professional staff members attended the 2024 TAMUS Student Affairs Symposium to discuss topics with colleagues within collegiate recreation and attend a variety of educational sessions.

## Green Dot:

- Regular Green Dot Committee meetings will resume this month to begin planning for Gig'em Week.

## Aquatics:

- Getting pool ready for Summer Sea Camp and other camps. This includes a deep clean of deck and moving all furniture back in place.
  - Acid-rite system was repaired following barge strike incident.
  - The pool is currently leaking slightly more than two garden hoses worth of water, and the cause has been identified as one of the skimmer basket suction lines.
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# Sports

## Intramural Sports:

- 503 unique participants, 1204 participations, 3797 participations, 144 teams, and 318 games played in leagues.
- 96 unique participants, 141 participations, 73 teams in the Small Sports Tournament
- 5 current officials graduated with their bachelor degrees

## Club Sports:

- All clubs have elected new officers and had transition meetings with me (including lacrosse).
  - The new jersey check-out system was an overall success. Received all jerseys back that were checked out.
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# Activities & Facilities

## Fitness & Wellness:

- Peer educators hosted de-stress fest
- Campus recreation hosted a cook-out for students, faculty and staff on Monday, May 20 as an opportunity to serve those who may have been negatively impacted by bridge closure and to provide a relaxation opportunity.
- Group fitness classes ended for the semester. Tamara Donahoe is no longer teaching yoga but connected us with a new fitness instructor, Cece Rodriguez, who will be starting in the fall with Campus Recreation.

## Facilities:

- 2 building managers graduated in May along with several other facility staff members
  - Facility summer hours began
  - Large scale cleaning and organization has been occurring.
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# Campus Living & Learning

# Summer Moving

## Spring 2024 Move-Out:

- Date:** May 1-12th
- Location:** All residence halls

## **Journey Learning Outcomes:**

Over 1300 residential students moved out of the residence halls successfully after completing Spring 2024 coursework.

**Assessment/Outcome:** 96 approved late stays to accommodate graduating seniors, cadets taking their license exams, those waiting to move into their summer assignments, and those with delayed travel plans.

## Summer 2024 Move-In (10-Week & Summer 1 Sessions):

- Date:** May 26 & 27th
- Location:** All residence halls

## **Journey Learning Outcomes:**

Summer 2024 residents are largely being housed in Albatross Hall.

**Assessment/Outcome:** 20 summer students applied for summer 2024 housing for the 10-week and Summer 1 term sessions.

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# Summer Moving

## Summer Student Move In

- Date:** May 27th
- Location:** Albatross Hall

## **Journey Learning Outcomes:** 2.2 Adapt to Change

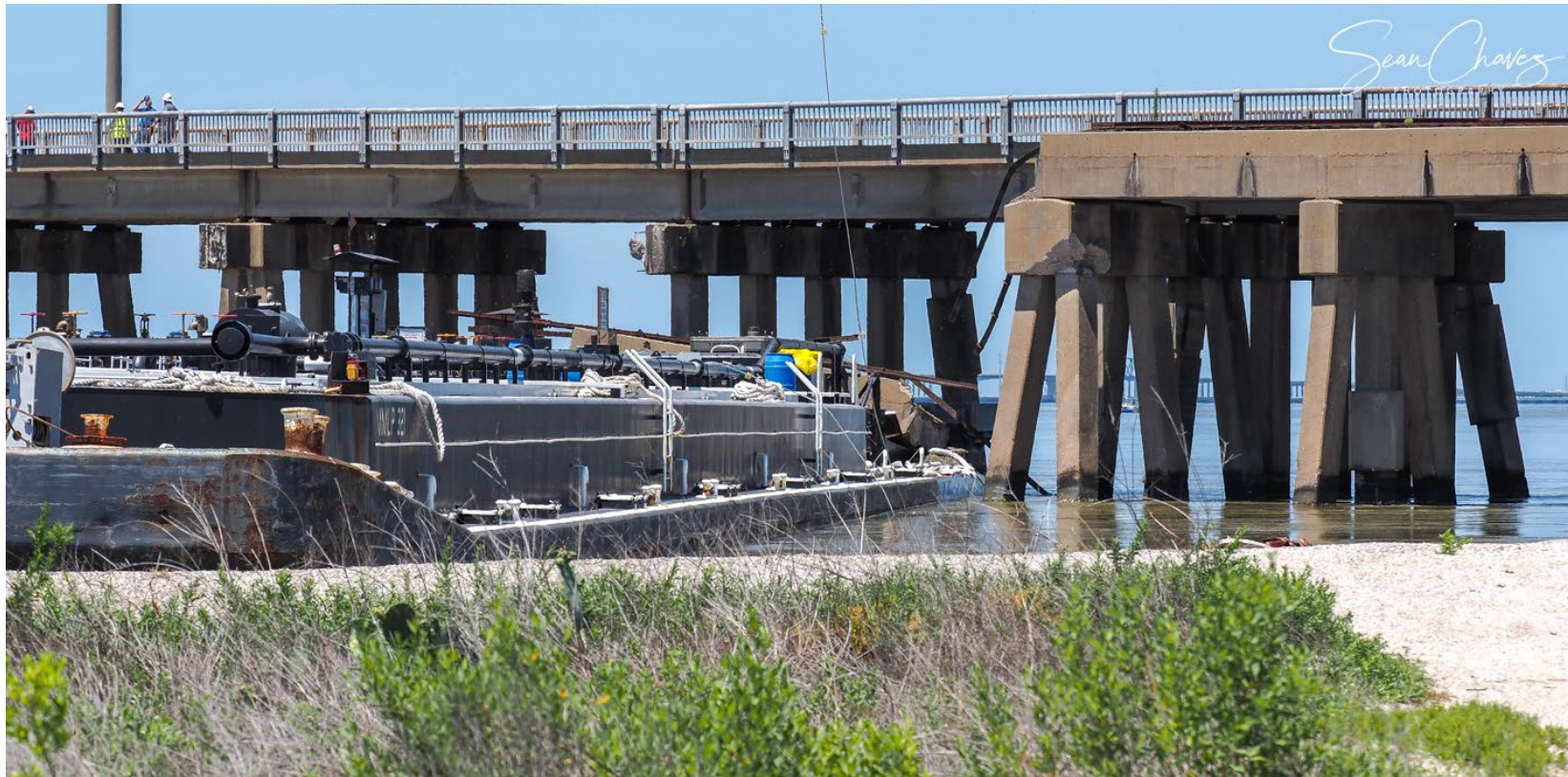
**Assessment/Outcome:** On May 27th, summer students eagerly moved into their summer assignments, with many experiencing Albatross Hall for the first time. The hall buzzed with activity as students transported their belongings to their new rooms. Some were fortunate enough to have vehicles, making the process of hauling suitcases, boxes, and dorm essentials more manageable. Others, however, demonstrated remarkable resilience and resourcefulness, carrying their possessions by hand through the bustling corridors and up the stairs. The mix of excitement and determination was palpable as students settled into their summer home, ready to embark on a new chapter of their academic journey.

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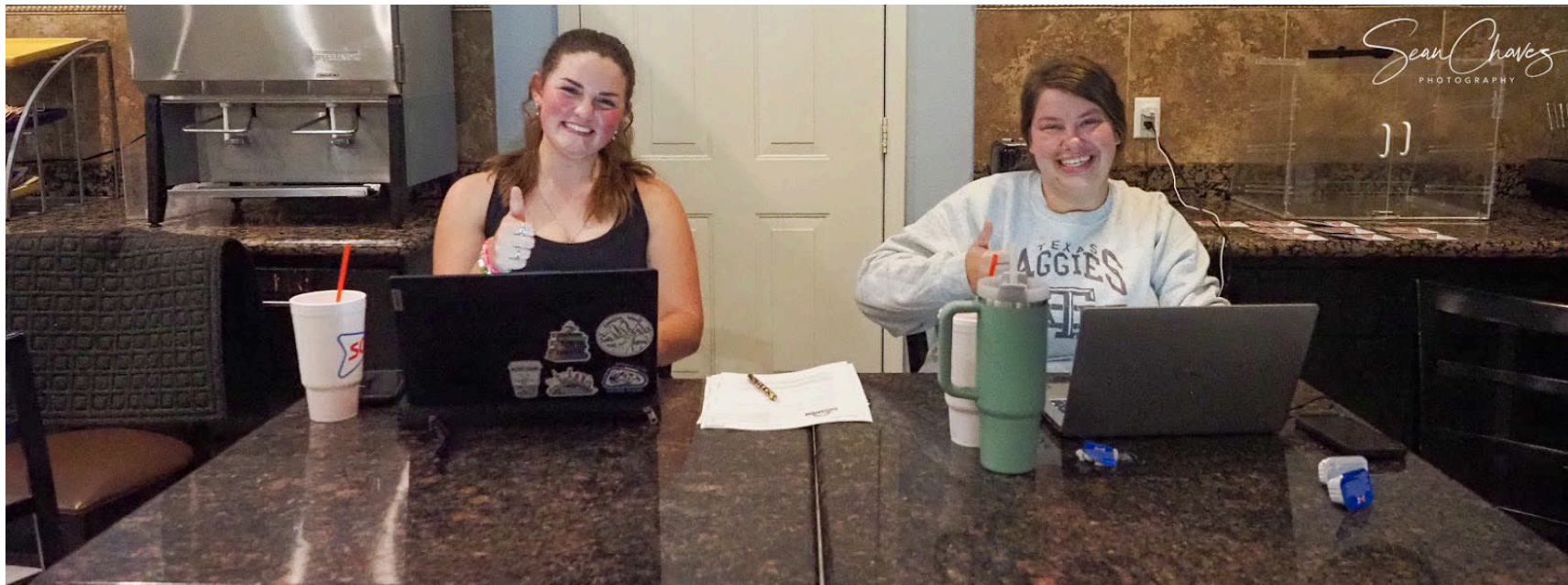
# Bridge Evacuation

- Date:** May 15-20th
- Location:** On Campus



## Journey Learning Outcomes:

A barge slammed into the bridge in Galveston, Texas, on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, spilling oil into the bay and forcing a shutdown of the span and prompting us to evacuate around 60 students both living in TAMUG housing and also in University Apartments. These students stayed at a hotel in Galveston where CL&L staff as well as staff in the Division of Student Affairs assisted in making sure these students had housing, food and activities to help with the stress level while waiting to hear of the results of the impact of the collision.



**Pictured:** CL&L and other TAMUG staff overseeing the relocation of dorm residents with the assistance of student volunteers.



# UTMB Jamp

- Date:** 5/29-6/22
- Location:** Atlantic Hall

## **Journey Learning Outcomes:**

Since 2015 (minus a few COVID years), TAMUG has hosted UTMB JAMP - otherwise known as Joint Admission Medical Program - an undergraduate pipeline program created by the Texas Legislature to close the gaps between participation and success for economically disadvantaged Texans pursuing their dreams of becoming a doctor. We will be housing 19 students this year.

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# TAMUS Symposium at Prairie View A&M University

- Date:** May 22-24
- Time:**
- Location:** Prairie View, Tx

## Journey Learning Outcomes:

Galveston Division of Student Affairs took on Prairie View A&M University, as we connected with our system colleagues at a symposium geared towards Honoring, Building, Collaborating, & Unifying through Enrichment, Engagement and Enrollment.



# New Faces: Summer Intern Ja'Naylah Johnson Takes on Texas!

- Date: 5/20
- Location: Pacific Hall

## Journey Learning

### Outcomes:

Ja'Naylah Johnson is joining the CL&L team this summer as our ACUHO-I Intern from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro! Her internship will focus on Student Conduct, CARE Team, Student Support Initiatives, and In-Hall support.



## **New Faces:** New Staff Member Keith Harrison

•**Date:** 5/20

•**Location:** Atlantic Hall

### **Journey Learning Outcomes:**

Keith joined TAMUG in May 2024, bringing with him years of higher education experience and housing knowledge. Keith achieved a bachelor's degree in English and languages at Arkansas Tech University, afterwards he achieved a Master of Science in Student Affairs Administration. Having worked in multiple fields of higher education before finding a passion for Campus Living, he has experience living abroad, as well as all over the United States. Keith is invested in the holistic growth of students, from personal, to mental, and professional. When not at work, Keith enjoys playing video games, taking fishing trips, petting his cat Jojo, and rooting for his favorite football team: The Kansas City Chiefs.



## New Faces: New Assistant Director of Community Standards

With many years of experience in higher education, Shelby is a passionate scholar practitioner who joins us from Texas A&M University College Station where she oversaw The Big Event, also known as the nation's largest student-run service project. With a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Master of Science in Educational Administration with an emphasis on Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education (SAAHE) from Texas A&M University, she is committed to lifelong learning. In addition to her professional role, she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Administration in Higher Education at Texas A&M University. Her research interests include women in higher education, religious minority students in secular organizations, restorative justice, student affairs professionals, student engagement, campus traditions, and organizational culture. She is also an active member and leader in the Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA), where she serves as the Vice President of Membership & Marketing, promoting the professional development and networking of student affairs practitioners in Texas. Her passion for learning, supporting the holistic development of students, and enhancing the student experience, drives her work and research as she aspires to continue contributing to advancing higher education.





# STAND Up Trauma-Informed Care

- Date:** May 14-15th
- Time:** 8:30AM-5PM
- Location:** Texas A&M University College Station

## Journey Learning Outcomes:

Shelby Hearn (center), the new Assistant Director of Community Standards attended The STAND Up Trauma-Informed Care Facilitator Training. This initiative was created by experts at Texas A&M University to align with this campaign, providing individuals with the knowledge and skill to have supportive conversations with anyone impacted by sexual assault, dating abuse, domestic abuse, and stalking.



# STAND Up Trauma-Informed Care

## Assessment/Outcome:

As a trained facilitator Shelby will be able to bring this training to life here at Texas A&M University Galveston.





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# 1973 Center



## May News

- Ani Vierkant started working for the 1973 Center as a Student Development Specialist II making the Center fully staffed for the first time since July 2023.
  - TAMU System Symposium Travel: The entire staff of the 1973 Center traveled with additional Student Affairs Staff to Prairie View A&M to Attend the 2024 TAMU Student Affairs System Symposium at PVAM. During this travel, we also met with delegates from CSTAT departments including the Department of Multicultural Services, Student Veteran Office, International Student & Scholar Services Department and the Student Assistant Services Department.
  - Bridge Incident Assistance: During the bridge incident taking out travel capabilities to and from campus, the 1973 Center staff sprung into action to connect students affected to local resources for food and hygiene supplies. We spent time to support the Campus Living and Learning Department as they provided vital necessities of shelter and round the clock support.
  - Began Center Move out: We are currently working on moving the physical location from Hullabaloo Hall to the Clubhouse Building. More updates in our June notables!
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# Student Activities



# TAMUS Symposium

12 staff members from the Division of Student Affairs attended the TAMU System Student Affairs Symposium at TAMU Prairie View on May 22-24 to connect with colleagues from across the TAMU System. Additionally, student Abigail McKenna attended as TAMUG's representative to the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council.



# Good Bull Funding

- There were a number of TAMU Galveston student organizations who applied for and were granted Good Bull Funding for fall 2024:

Traditions Council	\$2,000	Bonfire Remembrance
G-FLO	\$2,750	APCA Conference attendance
TAMUG Buddies	\$3,000	Conducting STEM Projects in area schools
TAMUG SNAME/MTS	\$3,000	SNAME Annual Maritime Convention: Norfolk
Sword & History Club	\$2,025	Historical European Martial Arts Tournaments
Women's Soccer Club	\$3,000	Home and away game expenses

# Midnight Breakfast





# Student Organizations

## Transition Meetings:

- At the end of each academic year, student organization leadership (current and incoming for the next year) meet with their organization advisors to wrap up business for the current year and create goals for the next. This year, 75% of organizations completed their transition meetings. This was one of the highest completion rates we have ever had.

## Student Organization Updates for Fall 2024:

- Student Organizations should currently be re-registering through Wheelhouse. This process will walk them through several recognition steps. They will be able to update their organization leadership and organization information. This will also serve as the advisor's agreement to serve as their advisor for 2024-2025.
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# Upcoming Events

## June:

- 5-6 ENGE NSC
- 10-11 ENGE NSC
- 12-13 Galveston Majors NSC
- 17-18 ENGE NSC
- 24-25 Galveston Majors NSC
- 27-28 ENGE NSC

## July:

- 16 SALT Camp Professional Staff Training

## August:

- 1-2 Galveston Majors NSC
- 6 Transfer Student NSC
- 6-10 TAMMA Orientation Week
- 11-13 SALT Camp
- 14 Final NSC - All majors
- 15-17 Howdy Week
- 17 Tiki Camp
- 19 First Day of Fall Semester
- 22 Organizations Night

## September:

- 9 Student Organization Advisor Training
  - 11 Student Organization Advisor Training
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# Career Services

## May News

- The Career Services staff is partnering with several maritime industry focused academic departments and Stolt to create a mentorship program that will benefit students in maritime industry careers. Former student and current Stolt employee Chris Stickney '14 has been very helpful in this effort.
  - Career Services staff is also providing consultation with BOV President Johnathan Whitworth '90 on the early stages of forming an advisory board for the Texas A&M Maritime Academy. Several companies in the various maritime sectors, offshore supply, blue water, brown water companies, cruise ships and tug industries are all included as recommended participants.
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# Counseling Services

## May News

- Counseling & Career Services staff provided Optimum Performance training with the nearly 200 Texas A&M Maritime Academy Cadets taking part in the 2024 Summer Sea Term Program. The focus of this training is maintaining health & wellness physically and mentally throughout the grueling 2 months at sea. Healthy choices around decision making pertaining to alcohol and other drugs was targeted specifically as all too often, one bad decision can quickly wreck up to 4 years of training and education for a young merchant mariner. The maritime industry needs highly trained and healthy mariners!
  - The Disability Resources department at the main campus begins its transition to case management of all Galveston students using academic accommodations starting in June 2024. Our Ability Services staff are in the process of learning the AIM operating system and actively participating in weekly case management reviews for all TAMU affiliated satellites.
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# CORPS of Cadets

# Summer Sea Term 2024

The TAMMA Corps embarked on Summer Sea Term 24 on 28 May. TS KENNEDY got underway for sea term on 2 June, headed for a summer in the Atlantic ocean with ports calls at Ft Lauderdale, Quebec City, Canada, Boston, and Philadelphia. KENNEDY will return to Galveston on 3 August. Sea term will end on 5 August.

