

Student Affairs Division

Notables April 2023

Campus Living & Learning

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De-Stress Around the World

- ▶ April 18, 2023
- ▶ Journey Learning Outcomes:
 - ▶ Learning Goal 3: Cultural Competence
 - ▶ Learning Outcome 3.2: Describe the Value of Other Cultures Perspectives
- ▶ Purpose:
 - ▶ With the semester winding down, students will be able to practice self care/ de-stress through 5 different activities from around the world
 - ▶ France - Take What You Need/Give What You Can
 - ▶ United Kingdom- Legos

De-Stress Around the World

- ▶ Australia - Painting
- ▶ Ghana - Sand Art



Assessment/Outcome:

What do you need right now? - Asked to attendees at the program in lieu of a google form assessment

Here are some of the responses:

Rest	Healing	Sleep
Change	Time	Peace
Joy	Encouragement	Love
Laughter	Comfort	Strength
Wisdom	Acceptance	Truth
Grace	Honesty	Smile
Self Control	Guidance	Hope
Trust	Adventure	A hug
Kindness	Motivation	Patience

Student Activities

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SGA Spring Election

► Between April 10th and 12th, 11 students campaigned and ran for various SGA Senate seats, voted on by the student body via online voting in Wheelhouse. The following students won their perspective seats, MARB Representative - Marr Carranza, MARA Representative - Lily Marcum, MARR Representative - Camron Chueca, Representative at Large - Sarah Riley, Senior Representative - Delia Magaña, and Sophomore Representative - Jenna Koch. On April 18th, the six new senators went through a senator training hosted by Vice President, Chris Pryor, and Vice President - Elect, Abigail McKenna.





Spring Fest/Pull Out Day

► On April 12th the Spring Fest Committee and Traditions Council hosted a combined Spring Fest and Pull Out Day. Students gathered around the Clock Tower to enjoy various attractions such as the dunk tank, petting zoo, inflatable obstacle course, a local farmers market, inflatable velcro wall, and the Pull Out Day Wild Cat ascension for each class. The event was one of the most successful Spring Fests in history, the student organizations who worked hard to put it all together deserve high praise!



Ring Day

► On April 14th, the Galveston campus presented 94 Aggie Rings to students who beat the hell out of 90 credit hours. At 9, 10, and 11am, families and friends of the ring recipients gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of their students and joined in on a Yell Practice. This was the first Ring Day where the campus's ring statue was available for students and families to take pictures with. Significant donors to the statue, Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney, were present for the Ring Day ceremonies and celebrated as well.



Ring Day



Aggie Muster

► On April 21st the Traditions Council hosted two Muster ceremonies for the community. First, they traveled to Friendswood, TX to provide an Aggie Muster for the residents at the Village at the Park retirement community. Several residents at Village at the Park honored family and friends who were absent from this year's roll call. The students enjoyed hearing stories from these Aggies about their times at A&M. One resident even showed her framed football tickets and date ticket from 1956.





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► Later that evening, the Traditions Council hosted a Muster for the Galveston campus and community. Approximately 300 Aggies gathered to honor our fallen comrades. The Galveston County Aggie Moms hosted a reception following the ceremony.

4/26 - Leadership & Awards Banquet

The Leadership and Awards Banquet at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) is an annual event that recognizes the outstanding achievements of student leaders, organizations, and advisors on campus. We hosted our Annual Leadership and Awards Banquet on Wednesday, April 26th in ASEC Ballroom where we had over 270 people in attendance and 60 students received over \$172,000.00 dollars in scholarships. Below are a few highlights from the Banquet:

- Best Student Organization Social Event of the Year: Her Campus (Uplift Her)
- Best Student Organization Educational Event of the Year: SGA & WEO (ETAM Workshops)
- Best Fundraiser of The Year: Honors (Relay For Life)
- Best Community Service Project of The Year: The Big Event (Big & Small Event)
- Best Diversity and Inclusion Event of The Year: Central College Ministries (Pizza & Pronouns)
- Most Hours Volunteered By A Student Organization: The Aggie Gentleman Society (829Hrs.)
- Most Hours Volunteered By an Individual: Charles Morrison IV (429 Hrs.)
- Most Improved Student Organization of The Year: Catholic Sea Aggies
- New Student Organization of The Year: Democracy on Campus Coalition
- Most Outstanding Student Organization of The Year: HER Campus
- Most Outstanding Advisor of The Year: Ken Bailey (Student Veterans Association)
- Emerging Student Leader of The Year: Diya Rauser
- Outstanding Officer of The Year: Cadence Housmans & Kase Whitten

CORP OF CADETS

Out & About in April

- ▶ Above: Cadet Ryan Nguyen participated in the TAMUG Galveston “The Port of the Future Conference.”
- ▶ Below: - Engineering Cadets went up to College Station to participate in Texas A&M Physics and Engineering Festival.



On Campus

- ▶ - Above: Cadet Jacob Badough was an integral participant in the dedication of the new Baby Grand Piano.
- ▶ - Cadet Cameron Henderson was honored as a Buck Weirus Spirit Award winner. Cadet Henderson, front Left.





Muster

- ▶ The Honor Guard, drill team and many other members of the Corps of Cadets participated in the annual Muster celebration on April 21st.

Welcome USS Kennedy!

- ▶ 20 Cadets volunteered to work at the Tall Ships in Galveston. Many accolades were bestowed upon the cadets for their professionalism, kindness and hard work.
- ▶ - Over 30 Cadets came out and help welcome and tie up the Kennedy to its new home.



Student Intercultural Learning & Engagement

- ▶ Our office has a lot to celebrate and reflect on;
- We sponsored an iftar dinner at our local mosque here in Galveston (many more collaborations in the future).
- Completed our second heritage festival this year!
- Display a traveling art display name A is for Arab inside the library.
- Successfully hosted 8 events celebrating AAPI heritage.
- Successfully finished our affinity spaces.

Counseling, Career, & Ability Services

- Our office staff is collaborating with our Faculty to present a series Fall 2023 Workshop Series for our students around topics of mental health, time management, passing strategies for Math courses. Collaborations so far include faculty members Jamie Steichen, Lin Qiu, Adam Haney, as well as other mental health providers in the community.
- Partnering with Rec Sports, CALS and Student Activities to connect, engage and retain students in a program modeled after Texas Christian University's "Frogs Connect" program.
- Counseling Staff attended Galveston's launch (roundtable discussion) of COAST (**C**ompassionate **O**pen **A**ccess to **S**ervices and **T**reatment) a fourth option to the Mental Health needs on the island through the dispatchers. Treatment team consisting of EMS, Fire Dept, Police and Mental Health provider. The goal being to provide on-site mental health assistance and connecting patients with ongoing care.
- Career Services staff presented to our Board of Visitors at their spring meeting on the success of the Blue Economy Leadership Institute and implementing the Maritime Wellness program into our maritime academy program.

Campus Recreation

▶ Intramurals:

- Basketball Intramurals were completely full and had to add additional time slots.
- Partnering with SILE to host a badminton tournament for AAPI Heritage Month.
- Intramural Athlete of the Year is a close race for the first time in a few years.



▶ Club Sports:

- All active clubs have officially competed in at least 1 competition for the year.
- Barbell Crew competed for the first time in over a year.

▶ Fitness & Wellness:

- Green Dot promotional pancake event was largely successful. Green Dot committee passed out 4 box mixes worth of pancakes and raised awareness, interest, and knowledge in Green Dot.
- 19 additional cadets participated in a Green Dot Overview (additional overview scheduled for 4.11).
- First ever Faculty/Staff Green Dot Overview was provided at Staff Council
- Relationships have been established through the Higher Education Suicide Prevention Cohort that will widen available resources to students and provide more support to students in times of crisis.
- Group Fitness classes have grown in size, and we have recruited new instructors to begin in the Fall 2023.