

STUDENT AFFAIRS NOTABLES

August 2023

CORP OF CADETS

- O-Week was held from 9-13 August for 115 Cadets. This was the first time in over 4 years that the cadets actually lived on our newest addition, TS Kennedy. Completed with a sterling Pass-in review for Admiral Fossum.
- The 2023-2024 Corps of Cadets formed for the first time at 0715 on 21 August 2023.
- The Corps of Cadets and leadership participated in the ground-breaking on the Phase 1 of the infrastructure improvement.



CAREER SERVICES & COUNSELING

The Fall is off to a fast start in the Counseling, Career & Ability Services office with 196 students checked in between Aug 21 & Sept 13.



THE OFFICE HOSTED GIG 'EM GUIDEPOST OUTSIDE OF THE STUDENT CENTER ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF CLASSES HANDING OUT CAMPUS MAPS AND POINTING OVER 200 NEW STUDENTS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO GET TO THEIR FIRST CLASSES! IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

We have purchased over 50 cups of coffee for students at our “Coffee with a Counselor” events during Howdy Week and Suicide Prevention Month



**Gulf Coast Regional
Blood Center**

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Counseling

- During our first “Time Out Tuesdays” we had over a dozen students participate. A relaxing time of Knitting, Crocheting and Arts & Crafts.





MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND VISITED TEXAS A&M MARITIME ACADEMY HALL IN SEPTEMBER AND HOSTED A VERY SUCCESSFUL INFORMATION TABLE! THE \$35,000 SIGNING BONUSES FOR GRADUATING SENIORS DREW LOTS OF ATTENTION! (PIC 3)

FINALLY, WE ARE HAPPY TO SHARE OUR NEWEST FEATURE TO OUR RELAXATION ROOM, A FULL BODY MASSAGE CHAIR! STUDENTS CAN CHECK IN ANYTIME FOR A 30 MINUTE MASSAGE! (PIC 4)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Gig 'em Week

- Over the summer, student organizations, faculty, Student Affairs staff, and various academic departments partnered with the Office of Student Activities to put on 32 successful Gig 'Em Week events on and off campus. The events ranged from ice cream socials with the Foundational Sciences department, Aquarium Therapy with the Sea Life Facility, Study Skills with Mona & CALS, Goat Yoga, a movie night with the Student Government Association, breakfast tacos with the Student Association of Latino Leaders, Popsicles & Pop Culture with the Black Student Alliance, and more! There was a great turn out of students for the Paint the Town Maroon event at Saengerfest Park, where over 100 students gathered for a Yell Practice, community scavenger hunt, and networking opportunities with local businesses. In total, over 2,000 students checked in and attended the various events during Gig 'Em Week, we received positive feedback from students, faculty and staff on the overall experience, and cannot wait to see what next fall holds!



YELL PRACTICE IN SAENGERFEST PARK AND GIG'EM WEEK

Student Organizations

Organizations Night

- On August 24th, in the ASEC Ballroom, our Organization's Night drew an impressive crowd, with over 850 students and representatives from 75 student and community organizations in attendance. The data we collected from this event revealed that it was the most well-attended Organizations Night we've hosted in years.
- Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their delight at discovering previously unknown organizations and interacting with enthusiastic student leaders who showcased the capabilities of their respective groups. This event truly succeeded in connecting students with a wide array of opportunities and fostering a sense of excitement about campus involvement.

Officer Training

- Officer Training for Student Leaders is an essential part of preparing them for their roles and responsibilities for their Student Organizations. We had over 150 Student Leaders attend Officer Training which was scheduled on Monday, August 21st. These Officers will contribute significantly to their student organizations and club sports on campus.
- Freshman Leadership Organizations
- Our Freshman Leadership Organizations (FLO) received an impressive response, with more than 150 freshman students expressing interest in joining. After a thorough application and interview process, the Galveston Freshman Leadership Organization (GFLO) welcomed 52 members, while the Freshman Serving Humanity Through Texas (FreshTX) selected 50 outstanding first-year students for their group.

Howdy Week 2023

809 students attended Howdy Week in early-Mid August. Howdy Week was designed as an immersive experience for students to participate in activities that would connect them to faculty and staff within their academic discipline, familiarize them with academic support services that are offered within the Center for Academic Learning Support, teach them about Galveston Island, and meet other incoming students. Students also took part in community service projects ranging from building wheelchair ramps, to picking up nearly 300 pounds of trash off the beach. Thank you to all the faculty and staff who helped play a role in Howdy Week!





Camps!

SALT Camp

This August, SALT (Sea Aggies Learning Traditions) Camp hosted 2 sessions of new Aggies to teach them Aggie culture and values. 78 current student leaders coordinated the camp for 335 incoming students

Tiki Camp

Over 20 non-traditionally aged and transfer students attended TIKI Camp on August 19th. Rachel and I organized TIKI Camp and some had great help from the Student Veterans Association and Traditions Council with putting on the event. Students saw presentations from Donna Lang, CALS, and the Library regarding academic resources as well as a runthrough of all of the Aggie traditions with our traditions council. Students who attended got a full tour of campus as well as opportunities to meet other non-traditionally aged students. Our main goal for this camp was to provide a community building opportunity for older students who are starting college for the first time or who are returning to college after a long hiatus.





Campus Event Services

Newly hired in August, Juliane Swan, is our Manager of Campus Event Services. She has 20 years of experience and is a communication, event, and marketing strategist from Colorado State University. She looks forward to taking event services to the next level and being a member of the TAMUG Aggie Team.

Upcoming Events In October

- NAMI Mental Health Conference 10/20/2023 in ASEC
- Counseling department is sponsoring bringing back hope, the much anticipated Mental Health Conference at Texas A&M Galveston is expected to have 350 attendees.
- International Women Offshore Conference 10/26-27/23 in ASEC
- Maritime Academy is sponsoring the theme, "A World of Opportunity," this 2-day event organized by Women Offshore Foundation celebrates the unique possibilities available to women in careers on the water worldwide. They expect 300 in attendance.
- Looking ahead in November
- GISD Battle by the Beach, Robotics event 11/11-12/2023
- GEDP Summit 11/29/2023

Campus Recreation

- Intramurals:
 - All leagues had high turnout in team sign-up.
 - The new Nomad Policy has had a ton of usage which is decreasing forfeits significantly.
 - New official hires are doing extremely well.

- Club Sports:
 - All Club Sports Officers attended training.
 - They've all started practicing and have high interest from org night.
 - Soccer has started competing.

- Fitness & Wellness:
 - Goat Yoga was a hit! 40 participants enjoyed a free Gig'em Week Goat Yoga.
 - We have hosted 3 Donuts for Downloads events, giving away 144 donuts to students for downloading TELUS app or showing they continue to have the app on their phone.
 - Green Dot Pancake Event had 85 sign ins and we were able to host our first open call Green Dot presentation.
 - In the first two weeks of the semester, 1,113 unique students accessed either the Campus Recreation Center or Sea Aggie Fitness Center.

- Aquatics:
 - Completed a \$1.3 million renovation to the swimming pool and opened on 9/11

STUDENT INTERCULTURAL LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT

- The 1973 Center reframed our mission to better serve students on the Galveston campus through need driven resources. This Fall, we worked with Campus Living & Learning to move the Campus Food Pantry to the center from Atlantic Hall. This shift centralized the food pantry so more off campus students faculty and staff can take advantage of this amazing resource. The 1973 Center is also open for student organizations to utilize the space for ongoing meetings and socials. Our staff are also working hard to help with the TAMUG CARE Team initiative by providing case management for students who could use the space and resources that flow through the center.
- Comunidad is a program aimed at creating a welcoming environment for our first year students. The program matched groups of 3-5 new students with a seasoned faculty or staff member to go out into the Galveston community to share in a meal and conversation. The outcome of these meals was to create community among students to drive their success on our campus. In the first week of school, we were able to connect 45 students to resources and build community. We aim to continue the successes of this program with similar numbers throughout the first month of school.
- The staff for the 1973 Center worked with student activities to give the Veteran's Lounge an update this August. With a \$5000 update, we were able to get modular couches, new writing spaces, new lighting, and a study spaces for our vets that created a cozier and cleaner feel as they returned to campus.

CAMPUS LIVING & LEARNING

Summer Camps and Conferences, NSC

- 75 College students from UTMB and TAMU stayed on campus for different summer programs hosted in Galveston this year.
- 725 incoming students stayed overnight in the residence halls.
- 27 summer students; 5 visiting scholars; 1 university of miami grad student intern
- Sea Camp hosted over 1,000 students and staff who stayed in Oceans and Hullabaloo hall.

Assessment/Outcome: These are all recurring groups and have already reserved their space for summer 2024.





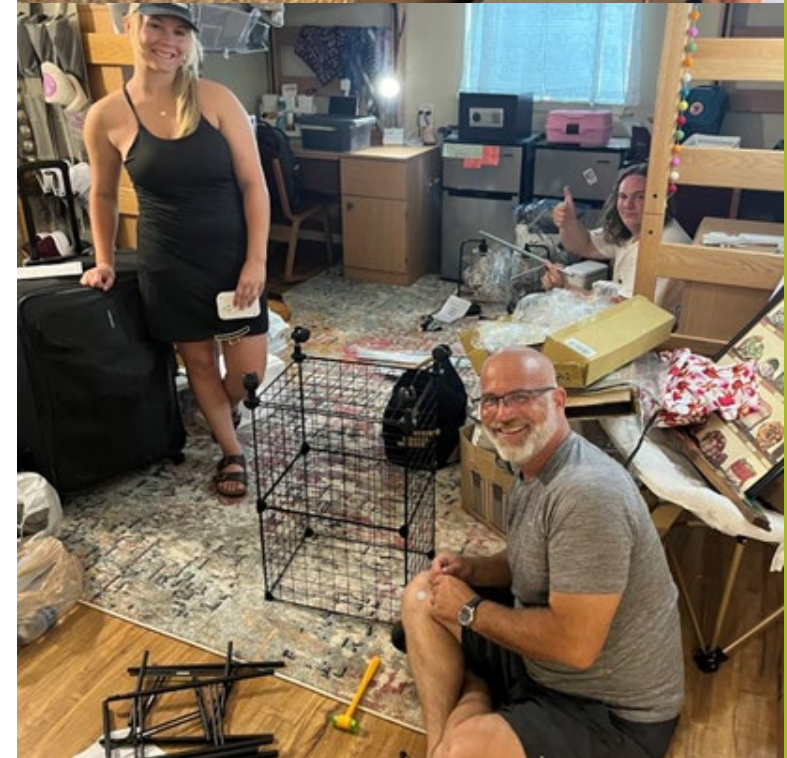
Summer BOOST Series

Purpose/Information: Staff will be able to refocus their summer energy and gain a boost for the rest of the summer through a series of meetings and planned development activities.

- 7 BOOST meetings were hosted by the Assistant Directors of Campus Living & Learning in different locations in Galveston to provide development opportunities to the Housing Coordinators and Graduate Summer Interns.
- Topics included self reflection, goal setting, personality tests to discover natural strengths and weaknesses, job searching and next steps development and distress sessions.
- It also included a trip to College Station to tour the residence halls and meet and discuss with our counterparts.

Move-In 2023

- This year, there was a record number of housing applications and room reservations with the addition of two efficiency apartment buildings (Albatross and Polaris Halls) being purchased over the summer. Over the course of five major move-in days (for Howdy Weeks 1 & 2 for new students and General Move-In), students moved in with the assistance of their families as well as Movin & Groovin' volunteers. For the first time for our camps, room condition reports for spaces were completed digitally.
- **Assessment/Outcome:** 1595 students were assigned to on-campus room spaces and moved into our seven residence halls.



Summer Facilities Projects

There were several major facilities-related projects this summer:

- At the beginning of the summer, new bed furniture was obtained from the College Station campus, and all beds in Oceans and Hullabaloo were replaced prior to summer camp use.
- Two buildings (Albatross and Polaris Halls) were purchased by the university to add 211 beds to our on-campus population.
- A complete repainting of Pacific Hall was completed.
- TAMMA Hall parking lot was repaved and repainted in July.
- Hullabaloo Hall lobby had a refresh as the result of new window treatments.

Assessment/Outcome: All intended projects were completed, and plans for being started for summer 2024.



CL&L Undergraduate and Graduate Interns



APPLY



MOVE-IN



RESIDENCE HALLS



RESOURCES

- Lifelong Learning 1.2
- Purpose/Information: This year, CL&L had 3 undergraduate interns and 2 graduate interns. The graduate interns assisted in projects including department website design and CARE Team practices, assisted in testing new StarRez features, and helped with prepping and turning over spaces for summer use and new student arrival. The undergraduate interns were each supervised by a Housing Coordinator and assisted in completing projects in each of their areas as well as helping preparing and turning over spaces.
- Assessment/Outcome: Interns completed projects that allowed CL&L to benchmark both CARE methods and website designs from other institutions that led to departmental changes.

New Student Conferences & Student Staff Training

student staff fall 2023

THURS TRAINING

8-9 am	Breakfast	Captains Landing
9:00 am	Residence Hall Manual and Incident Response Introduction	TAMMAH
10:00 am	RCR Training	TAMMAH
11:30 am	Emergency Response	Main IH
12 pm	Lunch	Captains Landing
1:00 pm	Green Dot	Main IH
2:00 pm	Conduct and Student Rules	Main IH
3:00 pm	Office Overview	Main IH
4:00 pm	Programming & Journey	Main IH
5:00 pm	Dinner	Captains Landing
6:30-9 pm	Check in with HC for Evening Task	Captains Landing

- Purpose/Information:
 - We served over 866 student visitors to campus.
 - Provided housing for 750
 - Tabled for 7 conferences (6 within 4 weeks)
- Campus Living and Learning hosted Community Leader and Company Commander training.
 - During this time, they covered topics such as mental health, Title IX, student rules and conduct, job expectations and duties, etc. All this was made possible due to the HC team and AD Team as well as partnerships with Dasiey McCloud, the 1973 Center Staff, and EHS. Approximately 30 plus CLs and COs were trained over the course of these two sessions.



Summer Programming

2 summer programs were held in Atlantic Hall. One during summer 1 on June 20, 2023 and the other during summer 2 on July 24, 2023. Both events were tye dying and allowed for engagement to occur between Atlantic Summer term residents and other groups that were staying in the hall at the same time such as UTMB Jamp and TAMU REU. Between both events there was a total of 30 residents who came and tye dyed bandanas and shirts.