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Student Affairs Notables February 2025



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Campus Recreation



Aquatics

- Motor at pool replaced.
- Heater is back up and running where it needs to be.
- CPR Audits were completed this month for facilities, Intramurals and Aquatics.
- Working on Spring Break schedule for the pool.

Intramural Sports & Club Sports

- Field sprinkler system was fully changed to a Hunter system from RainBird and all broken stations were repaired.
- Lacrosse will host their first official game in 3 years at TAMUG in March.

Fitness

- Small Group Training kicked off with full registration. Cara is the primary instructor, but Krissy is able to sub as needed to ensure continuity within the program.
- After low attendance for several weeks, we are currently pausing Group Fitness and shifting the class. We are considering offering Pilates or Indoor Spin instead of Cardio Sculpt.

Facilities

- All facilities staff were given new uniforms.
 - Aggie Alum and Super Bowl Champion Mike Evans visited the facility and played basketball with TAMUG students. In between games, he took photos and signed autographs for students.
 - We are exploring 2 cost-saving radio options for the department. Currently, we are in a free trial period of Soundtrack (by Spotify) and CloudCover (by Pandora).
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Green Dot

- A new organization incentive has been developed for Green Dot. If an organization requests a Green Dot Overview for their organization, they will be entered to win one of two \$250 cash prizes into their org account. The office of student activities is helping to promote this new incentive structure.
 - To promote the new org incentive, the Green Dot team partnered with Chartwells to host a cookie decorating event in Captains Landing on 2/11. Roughly 50 students stopped by to decorate cookies and hear about Green Dot.
 - Krissy facilitated a Green Dot Overview for TAMUG AUV team on 2/19 at their organization meeting.
 - We ordered and received 500 koozies to promote Green Dot. The koozies have a QR code that links to information about green dot, green dot overview request and local resources for reporting and care for victims of sexual abuse, assault or harassment.
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Peer Educators

- Peer Educators continued to host programming throughout the month. Most notably, they hosted their annual Valentines themed Safe Sex Bingo on 2/13. The terms used for safe sex bingo were thoroughly evaluated and updated to provide more education on healthy sexuality and disease prevention.
- Peer Educators hosted Safe Mardi Gras on 2/18 where they provided education about safe drinking habits and personal safety ahead of Mardi Gras.

Wellness (+SWAG)

- There was a productive meeting with Gulf Coast Centers about identifying a suicide prevention gatekeeper training to “saturate” the TAMUG community with. We are currently trying to identify a date to host a “train the trainer” for Talk Saves Lives with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention so we can provide this training in house. This training will be open to members of the JED team but may be expanded.
 - Krissy attended a Webinar about help seeking behaviors in eating disorders and disordered eating in athletics.
 - JED subcommittees have been organizing and meeting.
 - Krissy and Joe have been meeting to discuss takeaways from the NASPA strategies conference and ways to implement them. We are currently working to overhaul the wellness portion of our website.
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Student Assistance Services



- 12th Van Updates: We received funding to begin the procurement process for a 2025 Transit Passenger Van. We are ahead of schedule in ordering the 12th Van and having it scheduled to be online by Fall 2025.
 - Staff members attended NABITA training on Feb 24/25 to bring best practices to the CARE team processes.
 - On Friday Feb 28th, we took the ZOPT 100 (Freshmen) Cadets out on a boat trip around Galveston Bay for their career exploration week.
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CORPS of Cadets

MSC Student Conference On National Affairs (MSC SCONA 70)

- Between February 13-15, 4 cadets participated on the SCONA's annual conference, held at College Station. SCONA offered TAMUG's Cadets the opportunity to engage in a series of keynote speakers, roundtable discussions, and networking events that advances the participant's knowledge of prevalent national security issues and policy.



Aggie Saturday by the Sea

- Texas A&M University Galveston held its Aggie Saturday by the Sea, spring semester edition, on February 15. Aggie Saturday is an all-access campus open hour that offers the public the opportunity to explore the marine and maritime fields offered at the Galveston campus. The Corps of Cadets assisted this campus-wide effort, by having cadets volunteer to give their perspective of student life, being a member of the Corps of Cadets and of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, and their respective degrees, and aided with the movement of attendees throughout campus, including managing stations onboard the USTS Kennedy during the self-guided tours.





AMCSUS 2025 Annual Conference

- Between February 23-25, The Association of Military Colleges & Schools of the United States held its annual conference in Alexandria, VA. During this conference, TAMUG staff, from the Texas A&M University's Admission and Corps of Cadets, and the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, and other Heads of School, Deans, Commandants, CFOs, Marketing and Admissions representatives, Counselors, Athletic Directors, and other key staff members of AMCSUS came together to discuss topics of mutual interest. Topics discussed included Artificial Intelligence, cadets' emotional intelligence, and cadet's safety and security.
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Campus Living & Learning

Maintenance Matchmaker

- Date: 2/14
- Location: Virtual

Journey Learning Outcomes

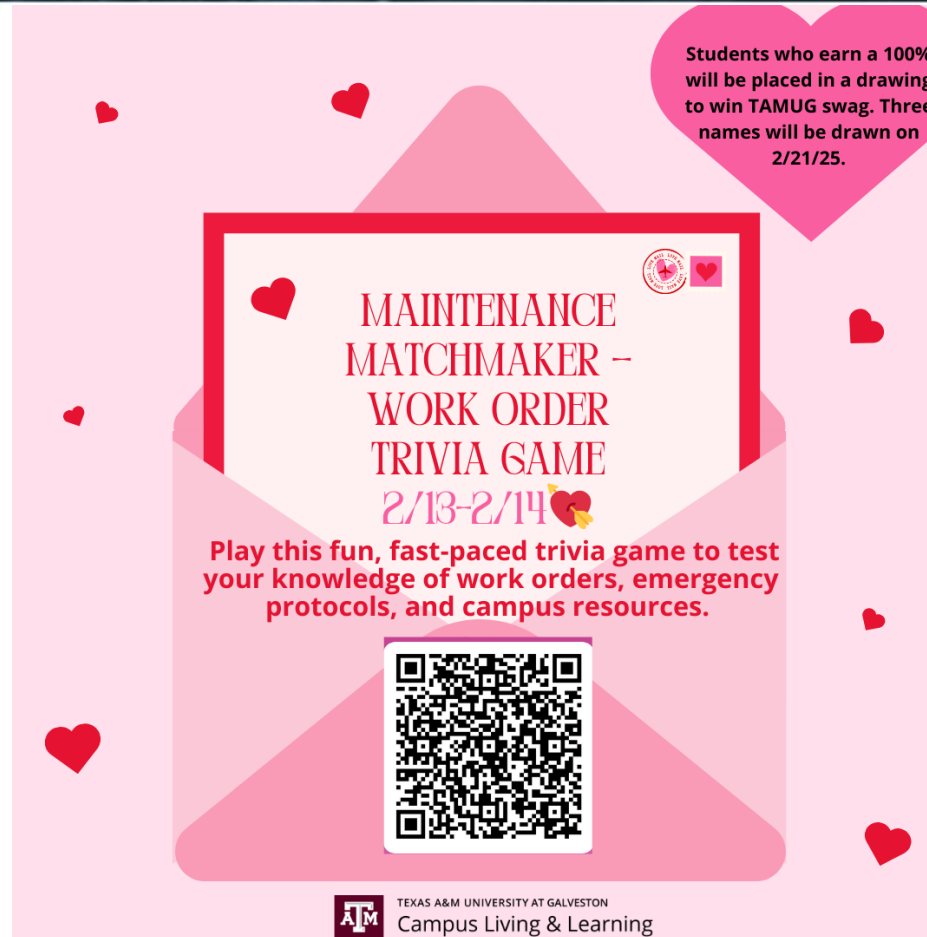
Learning Goal 1: Self-Discovery

- 1.1 Articulate who they are.
- 1.2 Identify their purpose and passions.
- 1.3 Describe their personal core values.
- 1.4 Demonstrate character by acting with integrity.

Learning Goal 2: Lifelong Learning

- Students will develop a deeper understanding of their residential environment and their role in maintaining a safe and functional living space.
- Students will learn how to navigate campus maintenance processes and take responsibility for their residential experience.


Assessment/Outcome: After this assessment, I learned that I need to send out more frequent reminders on how to submit maintenance issues (ssc, csc, and internet). Most students did not know which maintenance request belonged to each category.



Students who earn a 100% will be placed in a drawing to win TAMUG swag. Three names will be drawn on 2/21/25.

MAINTENANCE MATCHMAKER – WORK ORDER TRIVIA GAME
2/13-2/14

Play this fun, fast-paced trivia game to test your knowledge of work orders, emergency protocols, and campus resources.



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Campus Living & Learning



Mardi Gras

- **Date:** February 21 and 22, February 28 and March 1

- **Location:** Campus Wide

Journey Learning Outcomes:

Learning Goal 2: Lifelong Learning

- Students will develop a deeper understanding of their residential environment and their role in maintaining a safe and functional living space.
- Students will learn how to navigate campus maintenance processes and take responsibility for their residential experience.

Assessment/Outcome: Students were informed about Mardi Gras campus policies ahead of the festivities via bulletin boards, half sheets on their doors, and emails concerning guest policies. Both students who chose to partake in the festivities and those who did not, were kept safe by the CL&L team by having their IDs checked as they entered the building, ensuring guests were registered through the correct process and easily identifiable, as well as an increased presence of student staff members throughout the two weekends.

- **Date:** February 24-25th, 2025

- **Location:** Galveston, Texas

Journey Learning Outcomes: 1.4 Demonstrate character by acting with integrity.



Assessment/Outcome: Texas A&M University at Galveston recently welcomed 60 administrators from across the A&M System as well as Galveston County from institutions across Texas for the NABITA Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) Standards and Best Practices Training and Certification Program. This training enhanced participants' ability to holistically support students by equipping their BIT with skills in threat assessment, case management, and early intervention strategies. By attending this program on our campus, staff gained valuable expertise to take back to their institutions, strengthening their ability to foster safer, more supportive learning environments.



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Career Services



General

- 597 check ins have been logged for our office. Top reasons are personal counseling, relaxation room and testing.
- Congratulations to Dana Keenan for securing the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center's College of the Year Award.
 - Awarded to a university/blood drive coordinator for going above and beyond for blood drive donations and supporting their cause.

Programming

- Career Services guest lectured in the following courses:
 - Career Exploration – First Generation Sophomores.
 - Interview Prep – First Generation Seniors.
- Career Services tabled at the Grad Fair and spoke with graduating students about career preparedness and the upcoming Career Fair.

Career Fair

- Employer registration is well underway with over 85 employers registered.
 - Student registration opened February 24th with over 100 students registering in the first 24 hours.
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Employer Engagement

- The following employers tabled on campus to promote full time and seasonal opportunities.
 - Galveston Beach Patrol.
 - US Marine Corps.
 - Dallas Police Department.
- Career Services partnered with RGSO to host the Navy METOC and discuss avenues for partnerships.
 - METOC gave a presentation (pictured right) to students about career opportunities, scholarships and internships.
- Career Services met with the following organizations
 - Katoen Natie – management trainee program, career fair registration.
 - Mustang Cat – Campus visit and tour of engineering facilities.
 - Ports America – Corporate recruiting team introductions.
 - MARAD – SIP program reps/collaboration with Core Group Consulting.



Blue Economy Leadership Institute

- The 3rd annual Blue Economy Leadership Institute took place on February 7th and 8th. 37 undergraduate and graduate students participated.
 - Event was sponsored by Shell, Chevron, Marathon, Gulf Copper and Bertling Logistics.
 - Students underwent professional development workshops while tasked with finding a solution to a complex maritime scenario.
- The first and second place teams took home prizes of \$2500 and \$1250.
 - First Place Team: Alli DeYoung (MART), August Berckmueller (OCEN), Paul Knapschafer (MARA), Alex Bourdiuzhenko (MARE) and Natalie Meklenberg (MARB)
 - Second Place Team: Miranda Palmarez (MARE), Reagan Robinson (MARA), Amanda Yanas (MARA), Md Ikramul Hossain (MARA), and Emily Gaskins (MELP).





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Counseling Services

Transfer Student Mix & Mingle

- Hosted Transfer Student Mix & Mingle with the 1973 Center.
 - Provided contacts/resource information for various offices on campus (CALs, Student Activities, Campus Rec, Counseling, Career & Disability Resources, 1973 Center, Maritime Academy).
 - ***Social media outreach for this event was so wide that a prospective transfer student drove in all the way from Austin, TX to attend the event!***
- Thomala Walker is working on launching a grief support group to provide students with support/skills to navigate grief.
 - Program will launch in March and consist of six sessions.





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Student Activities

Presidents Council Dinner

- 40 student organization and club sports presidents attended the Presidents Council Dinner to discuss the upcoming semester, refresh themselves on SGA Allocations opportunities, Get Involved/Wheelhouse Operations, applying for Student Leadership Awards, and they listened to a panel discussion from five well rounded and involved presidents on the importance of communication, accountability, delegation, and mental health.



Leadership Awards Workshop

- Awards applications opened early this month via the Student Activities website. Students can apply for and nominate other leaders for up to 14 awards offered by the Office of Student Activities. The first of two workshops took place on February 11th to help students understand the application process, and to provide any guidance on preparing for their applications.

**LEADERSHIP &
AWARDS BANQUET
2025**

AWARD APPLICATION
WORKSHOPS WITH MAL

**TUESDAY, FEB. 11TH, 3-5PM
SEIBEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 5TH, 11:30-1:30PM
SEIBEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

APPLICATIONS OPEN SOON
LEARN HOW TO APPLY

Meet Your Candidates

- The Election Commission, Traditions Council, and the Office of Student Activities partnered to bring a thought-provoking and fun experience for the student body to learn about the candidates running for Student Body President, Vice President, and Yell Leader. Candidates answered timed questions, gave engaging presentations, and promoted their campaigns for campus leadership.

SBP/VP/Yell Elections

- Student Body President Candidates: Jenna Koch, Lily Chabot, and Holly Pawlowski.
- Student Body Vice President Candidates: Alex Mapula, Deacon Fortenberry, and Mattias Kotz.
- Winners will be announced March 5th at 5pm.
- Yell Leaders Chosen 2025-2026:
 - S- Scott Lyons
 - S- Joshua Swasey
 - S- Patrick Cizek
 - J- Wyatt Mills
 - J- Anthony Garza



Orange and Maroon Legislative Day

- Lauren Bothwell and Abigail McKenna were chosen to represent Texas A&M University to advocate for the shared goals of TAMU and UT at the Texas Capitol in support of public higher education in Texas. They ran into Former Student Body President, Hope McFarlin, who now works at the capitol.



Reveille Visit

- Reveille enjoyed a campus tour of TS Kennedy, the ship simulators, the Sea Life Facility, and a physics classroom. A handful of TAMUG's premiere student leaders enjoyed lunch with Reveille, her handlers, and Col. Fossum, followed by an afternoon of pictures with hundreds of TAMUG students in ASEC.



SALT Camp Retreat

- On February 1-2, SALT Camp staff traveled to Camp Mohawk in Brazoria County for a staff training retreat. This retreat kicked off the SALT Camp 2025 training season.

