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# Student Affairs Notables November 2024



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# CORPS of Cadets



- International WorkBoat Show, New Orleans, LA – November 12-14: This is a trade-only conference and expo for commercial vessel owners, operators, builders, vendors, and suppliers, produced by the same team that publish WorkBoat Magazine and WorkBoat.com. The Galveston campus was an exhibitor during this expo (booth #442). Along with staff and faculty, cadets were present during this event representing the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, the Corps of Cadets and the Galveston campus. In addition to speaking to potential new cadets and other industry attendees, the cadets networked with industry leaders and had the chance to learn more about the latest developments in the maritime industry.
  - Wallen Classic, Galveston Campus – November 13: An annual event held on campus every Fall semester by the Corps of Cadets, the Wallen Classic is a physical exercise competition between companies, intended at bringing all cadets together to participate or cheer their fellow cadets. This year, the winner was Charlie 1.
  - Texas A&M University Space Institute Groundbreaking Event, NASA's Johnson Space Center Exploration Park - November 15: This institute is a new \$200 million facility that will support training for missions, including simulated landings on the moon and Mars, as well as advanced research and development in aeronautics, robotics, and other fields. During the groundbreaking ceremony, the Corps of Cadets' William C. Hearn Honor Guard presented colors. The William C. Hearn Honor Guard is an organization within the Texas A&M Maritime Academy comprised of upperclassmen that specializes in honor guard during ceremonial events on campus and around the community.
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# Career Services



## Programming

- Career Services guest lectured at an HU to discuss career search strategies in honor of Career Development Month.

## Blue Economy Leadership Institute

- Planning for the 3rd annual Blue Economy Leadership Institute (BELI) is underway.
  - Shell, Bertling Logistics, Marathon and Gulf Copper have committed to sponsoring the event.
  - Working on receiving sponsorships/grants from Chevron, Pasha and the Houston Area Consortium of Career Centers (HACCC).
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## Employer Engagement

- Representatives from TRC visited campus to share internship and job opportunities for students from all our majors.
- Career Services took several students to the International Workboat Show. Many great connections were made with potential employers and the students that travelled with us represented the university very well.





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# Counseling Services



## General

- Our office has had 1647 check ins this semester. Our highest numbers are for testing, personal counseling, and the relaxation room. Projected to have over 1700 visitors total for the semester.
- We had another blood drive on campus on Nov 5th and received 34 donations.

## Counseling Services

- One of our Professional Interns, Meredith Gardner, has agreed to stay on the team for another semester!
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# Campus Living & Learning



**Keith HC Program - RHA Friendsgiving**

**Date:** RHA Friendsgiving

**Location:** Atlantic

**Assessment/Outcome:** Successfully reached 20+ students who did not have a holiday meal to attend and created conversation and bonding at the event.





Presentation at ATIXA 2024

**Date:** 10.28-29.2024

**Location:** Philadelphia, PA

**Journey Learning Outcomes:** 2.3 innovate to improve communities and 4.4 engage in local, national and international communities.

**Assessment/Outcome:** Neil E. Golemo, PhD. was a featured panelist at the Association of Title IX Administrators National Conference in Philadelphia. His work on reporting practices of sexual minority students in higher education was highlighted as well as was his experience as a Title IX investigator and administrator. His presentation “Compliance Culture and Lip Service: Why Your Queer Students Don’t Trust You to Help Them” was the most heavily attended session in their slot and received much positive feedback. Additional sessions attended by Dr. Golemo (free of charge) included best practices for CARE Team coordination with Title IX as well as a round table discussion about changes in student culture post COVID.

## BADGE OF RECOGNITION



**Neil E. Golemo, PhD.**

Speaker

*Celebrating your speaking contribution to*  
**13th Annual ATIXA Conference**





**Title of Event/Project: Smashing Stress**

**Date: December 3rd, 2024**

**Location: Gazebo**

**Journey Learning Outcomes:**

Learning Goal 2: Lifelong Learning

Learning Outcome: 2.2 Adapt to Change

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**SMASH!**  
**STRESS**

Dec. 3rd, 2024  
Outside Pacific Hall  
3PM-4PM

Come out and smash some tiles  
while relieving stress!

**Assessment/Outcome:**

Smashing Stress provided students with an opportunity to physically and symbolically address their stressors. Participants wrote down their stress-inducing factors on tiles and then smashed the tiles, engaging in a cathartic activity to relieve tension. The event also included a component where students learned about healthy stress management techniques, such as mindfulness, physical activity, and seeking campus resources.







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# Student Activities

# 11/1 Ring Day

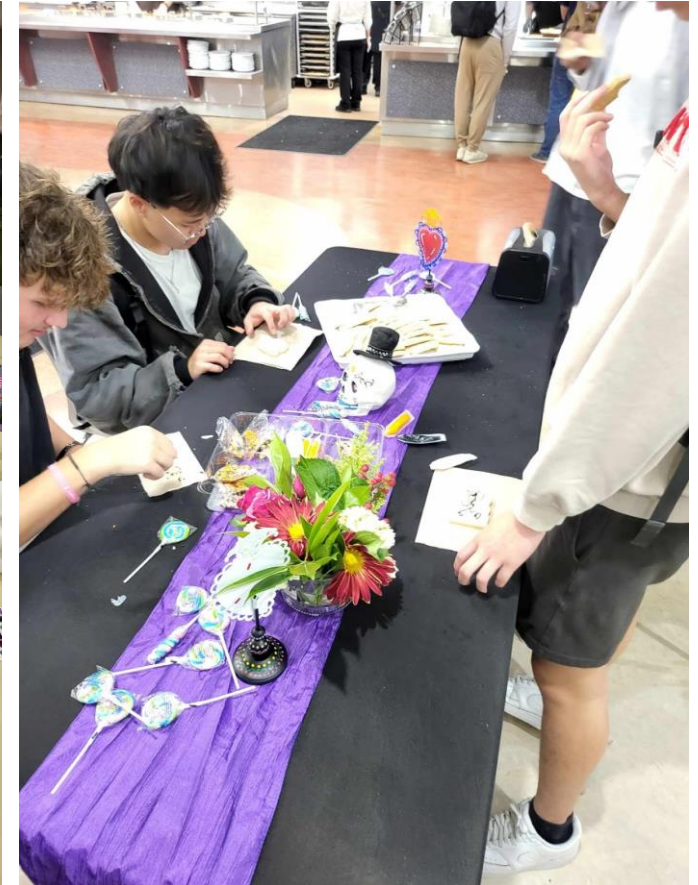
- Forty-two Aggies celebrated receiving their Aggie Rings in the presence of friends and family. The Mahoney family graciously provided a photography opportunity at the iconic Ring Statue, allowing attendees to capture this memorable moment. The event concluded with a spirited Fightin' Texas Aggie Yell Practice, creating an atmosphere of tradition and camaraderie for all who attended.





## Día de los Muertos Celebration: Friday November 1st

- The Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration, hosted by Aggie Dining and Student Activities, brought the campus community together to honor this vibrant and meaningful cultural tradition. Participants engaged in creative activities such as sugar skull painting and decorating DIY skull cookies, showcasing their artistic talents while learning about the significance of the holiday. The event created a warm and welcoming atmosphere, filled with cultural music and festive décor, providing students with an opportunity to connect, celebrate, and immerse themselves in the traditions of Día de los Muertos.



## TAMUG Election Night Watch Party Event: Tuesday, November 5th

- The TAMUG Election Night Watch Party provided a dynamic and engaging environment for students to gather and witness the unfolding of the national elections. Hosted by Student Activities, the event featured live streaming of election results, interactive discussions, and themed activities to promote civic awareness and participation.
- Students enjoyed refreshments, connected with peers, and explored the importance of voting and informed citizenship in a relaxed and inclusive setting. The event emphasized TAMUG's commitment to fostering self-discovery and active citizenship, offering participants an opportunity to reflect on their role in shaping the future while building a sense of community.





## TAMUG Burn Bevo BBQ Dinner Event

- Sponsored by Student Activities and Aggie Dining, the TAMUG Burn Bevo BBQ Dinner brought students, faculty, and staff together to celebrate Aggie pride in anticipation of the Texas A&M vs. University of Texas football game. This spirited event featured a delicious Texas BBQ meal served to the TAMUG community, fostering camaraderie and school spirit.
- As part of the festivities, 100 "Saw 'Em Off" towels were distributed to attendees, creating a strong visual representation of Aggie pride. Additionally, a "Saw 'Em Off" painting activity, hosted by Clay Cup Studios, provided participants the opportunity to showcase their creativity while honoring Aggie traditions.
- The Burn Bevo BBQ Dinner successfully united the campus community and reinforced the enduring Aggie spirit.



# 11/13 Canva Crash Course Development Workshop

- 18 student leaders gathered to listen to student speakers, Lauren Bothwell and Holly Pawlowski, give an engaging presentation on how student organizations can capitalize on resources like Canva and AI for creating engaging marketing materials.





# 11/18 Bonfire Remembrance

- Over 200 student gathered at 2:42am to remember the 12 aggies who perished in the Bonfire Tragedy on Nov. 18th 1999. Traditions Council led an informative and compassionate ceremony for students to attend at the Clock Tower.





# 11/19 Refresh Before the Rest

The Office of Student Activities, Campus Rec, The 1973 Center, and Peer Educators partnered to put on an educational and relaxing event for students to attend before going home for Thanksgiving break. Activities included “Sips & Successes,” “Hotdogs of Opportunity,” “Popcorn & Ponder” where students could stop by and get a snack such as a hot dog, hot chocolate, or popcorn and learn about resources available such as the Food Pantry, mental health resources, getting involved in the Office of Student Activities and learning about their Journey curriculum.





## Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities(APCA)

- The Galveston Freshman Leadership Organization took six students to the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) 2024 Fall South Central Conference on Thursday, November 7th – Sunday, November 9th . This conference offers an intensive Leadership curriculum, stellar live showcase line-up, novelty vendors, well-known and recognizable speakers, student government training, networking opportunities and community service components. Samuel Gee, John Fitzgerald, Alexandra Westby and Rylee Sheetz received their Certified Student Programmer Certification for completing a vigorous training program during the conference. This year Derrick Ford was named APCA's 2024 Regional Advisor of the Year!





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# Campus Recreation



## Campus Recreation

- The JED Campus Team hosted our JED Advisor, TAMUS rep, and another person from JED for a two-day listening and strategic planning session. We should be receiving our strategic plan recommendations soon.
- Campus Rec participated in the F1st Gen Fest and allowed students to use the passing nets.
- Campus Recreation hosted our first “Gig’em Gridiron Games” to commemorate the re-instatement of the Texas A&M vs. Tu rivalry. 35 students participated in the “punt-pass-kick” competition.

## Aquatics

- Gate fence was fixed on the side facing the Recreation Center.
- Gate fence was fixed on the side facing Hullabaloo.
- Pool closed until Spring semester.

## Intramural Sports & Club Sports

- Intramurals have pretty much wrapped up. Trying to get the Ultimate Frisbee championship played.
- Club Sports fall season have wrapped up. In the process of getting uniforms returned.
- We will be changing over the sprinkler system on the field soon to hopefully improve repairability and functionality.
- Rye was planted on the field to give us nice grass for the spring.

## Outdoor Program

- Rentals continue to come in.
- Working on some new processes to help with better returns.

## Fitness

- Organized group fitness classes / small group training concluded the week before thanksgiving.

## Facilities

- Putting together a plan for a revamp of the Cardio Room & Sea Aggie Fitness Center to better serve student needs and interests.
- Hiring for the Spring 2025 has been completed. 9 new staff members will be brought on board.

## Green Dot

- The entire AGS organization participated in a Green Dot Overview.
- The Green Dot facilitator team hosted a Hot Chocolate event in the 1973 Center to raise awareness of Green Dot and promote organizations requesting overviews.

## Peer Educators

- The peer educators partnered with the office of Student Activities and Student assistant services for “Refresh before the rest”. They used the JED lifeskills inventory to select a topic to provide education on the provided resources to help students learn “distress tolerance” skills.
- Peer educators hosted Gig’em Thanks, where they educated students on the benefits of expressing gratitude. Participants made a large “thanks chain” that was displayed in the flag room until Thanksgiving break.

## Wellness (+SWAG)

- Krissy and Ani are partnering to host an AS+K training.
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# Student Assistance Services



## Rest and Refresh

- Ani was able to collaborate with Malarie in Student Activities to put on a free event for students, staff, and faculty. There was an opportunity to roast hot dogs, get hot chocolate, learn about the 1973 Center's quarantine kits, and discover ways to stay academically mindful during the upcoming holiday breaks. Ani was able to sign more folks up for the Community Builder program and hand out shirts, in addition to 50 of the Healthy Ag Bags.





# Thanksgiving & Football

- Thanksgiving Dessert Potluck- In collaboration with the First Gen Office, the 1973 Center hosted a dessert potluck for all TAMUG community members. The event was well-attended and very few leftovers were left following the festivities. The center's student workers were key in helping setting up, tearing down, and supervising the center during the event.
  - Lone Star Showdown Watch Party - In the much-anticipated battle.
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