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# Student Affairs Notables September 2024



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# Campus Recreation



# Intramural Sports & Club Sports

The transition from IMLeagues to Fusion Play has pretty much lined itself out and is now much smoother experience for staff and participants

- We're seeing high participation in all our sports
  - Playoffs for the season starts the first week of October
  - Light pole on field is set to be repaired Thursday 9/26. They will be closing the road for a couple of hours to get to the top of the pole on a lift. The inside of the light pole's control box had several functions catch fire and several more actually combust, causing about a 90% burnup of the controls for that pole. It is so far isolated to just that pole.
  - Sand Volleyball Court got a much-needed face lift with new nets, line, and pads. We've made a request to Small Event to edge that up and level the backside mound to reduce tripping hazards and sticker burs in the sand pit.
  - Women's Soccer has a current record of 0-3. They have played Sam Houston State, Rice, and Texas State
  - Men's Soccer had a player break his ankle in their first home game of the season. He is having to have surgery on it.
  - Men's Soccer has a current record of 0-2 and travel to Louisiana to play 2 games the last weekend of September.
  - Women's Volleyball hosted a joint scrimmage with Men's Volleyball to promote their teams. The men won in 4 sets.
  - Women's Volleyball hosted UH and lost in 3 sets. They plan to host Rice on 10/19 at 11am.
  - Sailing has competed in 2 regattas so far and has placed 2nd of 3 teams in the Corpus Christi regatta and 3rd of 5 teams in the SEISA Match Race Champs. They have a trip scheduled to New York to compete in a regatta on the East Coast in October.
  - Crew will begin having on water practices once a week at Bay Area Rowing. They are allowing them to use the facility and the on-water course for free.
  - Lacrosse will host an alumni game on October 13th at the Rec Field at 11am.
  - Tennis Court restoration underway. Hoping for it to be wrapped up by first week of October.
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# Aquatics & Outdoor Program

## Aquatics

- Started the 20-mile swim challenge at the pool.
- Hired two lifeguards.
- The Health Inspector came and inspected the pool, we passed.

## Outdoor Program

- A student was issued a \$10 cleaning fee and \$100 damage fee for the condition he returned a rented kayak back to us.
  - The Outdoor Rental Shop has made \$400 as of 9/25.
  - The bouldering wall route setters will be hosting a student climbing competition at some point in the month of October.
  - After 9/29 we will have 7 trained student facilitators and 2 trained pro-staff members for the low ropes course.
  - We are scheduled to host a group of 40 minors from a swim team in the Friendswood area on 10/5. We have met with Cyn with risk management and CPM in College Station and are putting together our requirements to send to her for that.
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# Facilities & Green Dot

## Facilities

- Exploring facility improvement options like renovation of cardio room and possibly gymnasium improvements.
- FusionGo app has been launched and received ~500 downloads.

## Green Dot

- SOUL and AGS will be going through Green Dot Overview this semester.
  - Krissy is meeting with College Station Green Dot to review implementation and best practices.
  - College Station is hosting an in person Green Dot Institute in June – hopefully, we will be able to send potential facilitators through it.
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# Peer Educators

- 2 additional peer educators have been hired on
  - Peer Eds have hosted numerous well attended events so far:
    - Meet the Peer Eds.
    - Painting with Bob Ross
    - Enviorn-mental Health
  - Peer educators are working with JED campus to provide programming about the dangers of mixing prescription drugs and alcohol.
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## Fitness & Wellness (+SWAG)

### Fitness & Wellness

- Group Fitness Classes have begun (Indoor Cycling x2 & Yoga x2).
- Cara Cunningham has begun teaching small group training. There are two full sessions.

### Wellness (+SWAG)

- Health Fair changed formats and experienced success
    - 2 day event, where half of our vendors attended each day.
  - “Joshua Bench” was successfully installed on campus.
  - 9/10 was world suicide prevention day. We had to change plans for the Joshua Bench unveiling - hosted an indoor “swag grab” and awareness event with volunteers for AFSP.
  - We passed out 36 donuts to students who downloaded or had previously downloaded the TELUS health app.
  - Staff Council hosted a Talk Saves Lives Presentation with 29 attendees (virtual and in person).
  - Gulf Coast Center came to campus and hosted a Safety Planning Intervention Workshop where 21 faculty and staff attended.
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# Career Services



# General

- Our office has had 642 check ins this semester. Our highest numbers are for testing, personal counseling, the relaxation room and events such as Coffee With a Counselor. As the Career Fair approaches, check ins for career counseling are beginning to increase.
  - The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center visited campus again so that individuals who were unable to donate in August due to bad weather could donate. Donations received brought our fall semester total up to 86 donations!
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# I Programming

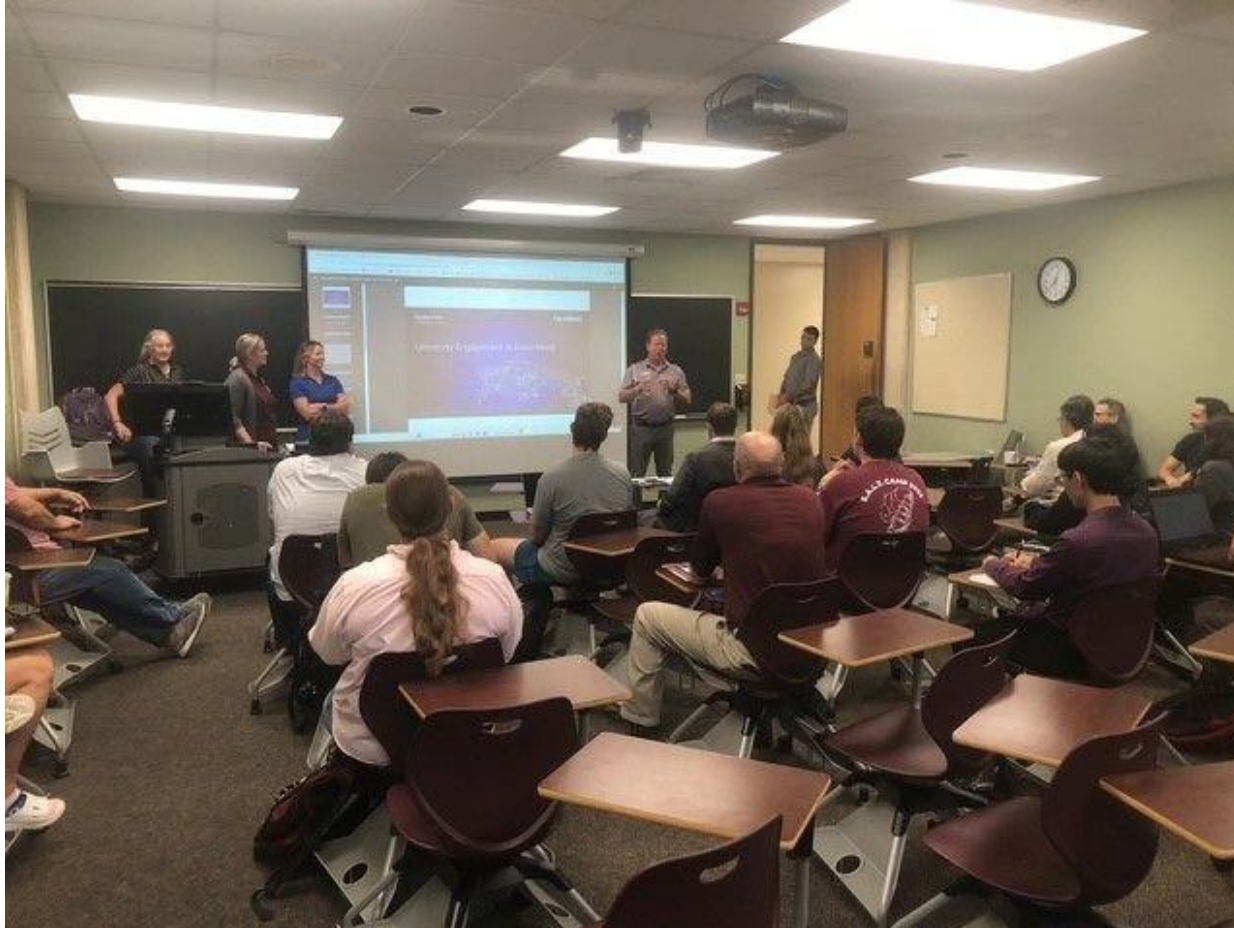
- Career Services partnered with CALS to provide resources and tips for students graduating during the 24-25 academic year.
  - Career Services guest lectured in the First Gen Junior class to assist first generation students with marketing their unique skillsets to employers.
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# Career Fair

- Over 90 employers are registered. Noteworthy names include Chevron, Valero, Marathon and Exxon, NASA and the TAMUCC Harte Research Institute
  - Student registration was launched and over 100 students registered within 12 hours.
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# Employer Engagement

- The Career Services team has continued to work hard with the A&M Foundation, MARA, & MCES departments to officially launch a Student Mentorship Program with Stolt Tankers. Interviews have been conducted and two students from the MARA department were selected as this year's mentees.
  - Career Services hosted NASA's Aggie Envoy team to discuss ways NASA can partner with our campus via research, internship and co-op opportunities. Great connections were made between NASA and our academic department heads and as a result, NASA has registered for our upcoming Fall Career Fair
  - Former students Sarah Butler '01, Samantha Anderson '15 and Andrea Dixon '01 returned to campus to speak with our MARA students about employment and company culture at ExxonMobil. They will return during the Career Fair and conduct interviews for their supply chain opportunities.
  - Representatives from ConocoPhillips visited with junior and senior cadets to discuss career opportunities.
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Exxon Mobile speaks with MARA students.



NASA's Aggie Envoy Team



Conoco Phillips Representatives speak with Cadets.



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# Counseling Services

## Programming

- Counseling Services partnered with the Rec Center to deliver impactful programming for Suicide Prevention Month. Two sessions of Coffee With a Counselor were held and students were eager to mingle with our counseling team.
- Counseling Services tabled at the Fall Health Fair and made great connections with community partners while educating students about our resources.
- Coffee with Counselor had 86 Students in September.
- Personal Counseling Appointments/Drop-ins: 79.







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# CORPS of Cadets

# March-In

- Sept. 21 – 248 Cadets by the Sea marched in along with their fellows from the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets through the College Station campus, before the football game between Texas A&M University and Bowling Green. This march in included performance of a pass in review for both Corp of Cadet's Commandants. Cadets' performance during the passing in review, military appearance and march execution were graded. The Cadets are already preparing for their next march in, scheduled for October 26, prior to the game between Texas A&M University against LSU.



## AMCSUS SMC Conference

Sept. 23-25 – Commandant James P. Gompper, Corp Commander Jason Elliot and Deputy Corp Commander Cole Young attended the Senior Military College (SMC) Conference of the Association of Military Colleges & Schools of the United States, hosted at the Virginia Military Institute. The conference included commandants, senior leadership, and cadets from the six SMC's (including Texas A&M University) and representatives from other educational institutions, including TAMUG. Cadets from all the schools networked with their peers through activities, such as, physical training and team-building exercises. In addition, they shared about their schools' history, tradition, organizational structure, systems of leadership and daily life. Leadership, on the other hand, also networked, shared ideas, and discussed common problems and solutions. Given our Corps of Cadets' unique mission, when compared to the other attending institutions, Commander Gompper's presentation focused on the present national security challenges related to the shortage of merchant mariners and the current career opportunities for cadets.





CDR Gompper presenting on the opportunities the CORPS provides for cadets.



Students presenting on the traditions of their unique institutions at the AMCSUS Conference.



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# Campus Living & Learning



## Opioid Education & Naloxone Administration Training

- **Date:** September 19th, 2024
- **Time:** 8-9 PM
- **Location:** Main 117

### Journey Learning Outcomes:

- 2.4 Apply learning to decision-making
- 4.2 Practice selfless service



Community Overdose Response and Recovery Effort (CORRE) Presents:

**OPIOID EDUCATION AND NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION TRAINING**

Texas A&M University at Galveston  
**You can save a life!**

September 19, 2024  
8 - 9pm Main 117

Scan to Register



Participants will learn how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose. Naloxone kits will be provided.

For More Information Contact  
[correapp.info@gmail.com](mailto:correapp.info@gmail.com)

# Opioid Education & Naloxone Administration Training

## Assessment & Outcome

- Understand the fundamental principles of how opioids interact with the body, including their effects on the central nervous system and potential for dependency.
  - Analyze current opioid overdose statistics and trends, exploring the scope of the opioid crisis at local, national, and global levels.
  - Articulate the function of naloxone in reversing opioid overdoses and how it is utilized in various settings to save lives.
  - Recognize key individual and environmental risk factors that increase the likelihood of opioid overdose, including co-occurring substance use and health conditions.
  - Identify critical signs of opioid overdose, such as respiratory depression, pinpoint pupils, and unconsciousness, and understand their clinical significance.
  - Demonstrate the steps involved in an opioid overdose prevention plan, including how to administer naloxone and provide emergency care.
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# HC Program (Keith)

- **Date:** 9/26
- **Time:** 5-8pm
- **Location:** Atlantic Hall

**Journey Learning Outcomes:** Students will be able to identify ways to serve their community and environment through green initiatives.

## Assessment/Outcome:

- Identify ways to serve community through green initiatives
- Identify impact to the environment plants contribute
- Demonstrate knowledge of plants and sustainable methods of keeping them.



## Succulents 4 U

*Discover the Beauty of Plants*

**Why Plants?**

- Purify the Air
- Boost Productivity
- Create a Serene Environment

**Atlantic Hall First floor lobby**  
Sep 26 5:00 pm

Come paint your own succulent pot and plant one for your room! Learn about the importance of keeping plants and their impact on the environment.

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# Fire Drills

- **Date:** September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- **Time:** 1:30-3M
- **Location:** All Residence Halls

## Assessment/Outcome:

- Residents will be able to identify and understand the emergency evacuation procedures specific to their residence hall.
  - Residents will practice timely and efficient evacuation, quantified by the state-required evacuation times provided by EHS.
  - Residents will understand the roles of Community Leaders (CL's) and emergency personnel during a fire drill and real emergency situations.
  - All buildings passed the state-required evacuation times in coordination with TAMUG Environmental Health & Safety and the CL&L professional student staff teams. A follow-up email regarding evacuation procedures will be sent to students to re-enforce safety information.
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# Student Activities

# Presidents Council Dinner

- Sixty-five presidents of our student organizations convened to listen to speakers, Mona Hochman and Dr. Sutherland, discuss inspiring topics and the power of developing leaders. Presidents Council fostered a sense of encouragement and support for the presidents as they prepared for the upcoming semester. The event also provided an opportunity for networking, allowing participants to discuss potential collaborations on events, service projects, and more. This gathering established a positive foundation for our leaders, equipping them for a busy and exciting year ahead, while reinforcing the commitment of the Office of Student Activities to support their initiatives.



# Training & Election

## 9/9 Advisor Training

- In-person advisor training took place in the Private Dining Room, where advisors gathered to explore their advising styles, gain insights into Wheelhouse operations, and understand the centralization efforts with College Station as we move towards using the StuAct/Get Involved software. The session provided comprehensive guidance on effectively leading their student organizations toward success.
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# SGA Senate Election

The senate is filled with 60 seats representing the majors, classes, and student populations of the TAMUG campus. Their election lasted three days over Wheelhouse voting online, and the following weekend the new senate and executive team had a retreat to prepare the class of student leaders for the new semester. Senators are being assigned various committees on campus to serve on such as the Council of Built Environment, Executive Team Meetings, Food & Dining and more.





## Student Development Programming - Lunch & Learn “Budget Like A Boss”

This semester we are starting a new program structure of development-focused events to grow our student leaders and support them in their operations. Our first program was a lunch and learn session, “Budget Like A Boss,” led by Shelly Fordyce. Although there was a low turn out, we were able to gauge better techniques for a successful program, and look forward to our next event on Oct. 15th “Dinner with Derrick,” where Derrick will share his expertise on fundraising and connecting with donors for support. More development opportunities will focus on creating elevator pitches, public speaking, marketing with Canva, team-building, large scale event planning, and more!

LUNCH & LEARN

# BUDGET LIKE A BOSS

WITH SHELLY FORDYCE

SEPTEMBER 18TH

PRIVATE DINING ROOM

12:30-1:30

LEARN ABOUT CREATING A BUDGET, DONATIONS, AND SMART SPENDING FOR YOUR STUDENT ORGANIZATION!



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# Student Assistance Services

# Food Pantry

- Began volunteer shifts with the Food Pantry weekly on Fridays for 2 hours. Volunteers helped with restocking, inventorying, and reorganizing the food pantry. All volunteers were also able to learn more about the food pantry and how to inform others of our services as well as what food insecurity looks like.
- Successfully picked up leftovers from GOFM twice in partnership with Food Recovery Network at TAMUG. This partnership provides students who use the food pantry with a more diverse selection and the opportunity to have pre-made items they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to get.





# Fall Events

- Continued our TAMU Football watch parties with the TAMU vs. Florida game!
- Ani was fortunate enough to get the opportunity to take part in the Texas Suicide Prevention Collective's conference in Mesquite, TX. The symposium took place over two days and provided valuable information and resources for the TAMUG community.
- The 1973 Center was also graced by the First-Gen Office in a unique collaboration event in late September. The center held an afternoon of BINGO, turning out First-Gen resources and fabulous prizes to the attending students.

