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Student Affairs Notables Summer 2024



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Campus Recreation

June News

Campus Recreation:

- Joe Hoff attended the Campus Recreation Magazine Summit and Texas Collegiate Recreation Directors' meeting.
- We are in the process of renewing our contract with Innosoft Fusion for our recreation management software, which will include converting from TAMUG owned/operated servers to Fusion hosted servers as well as the creation of a Campus Rec mobile app. The mobile app will allow students and patrons to use a barcode in the app in place of their ID to gain access to the facility.

Facilities

- Mirrors were replaced in multipurpose & weight rooms.
 - Upholstery repaired on facility equipment
 - Neptune radio was reinstated at the Rec Green Dot.
 - Gig'em Week even has been planned for August.
 - New meeting time was established.
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June Outdoor Facilities & Intramurals

Outdoor Program

- Obtained several hundred units of GOFR outdoor and fishing gear to be given out to students as prizes and incentives in the future.

Aquatics

- The pool had some repairs done due to a broken pipe in the plumbing.
- Autofill valve was replaced.
- The pool deck was redone in certain areas due to deck cracking.
- We had Houston JROTC at the pool for a week and the group had a lot of fun.

Fitness & Wellness

- A mental health screening tool was identified for student workers.
- A 5 year campus well contract was established.
- New SWAG/JED meeting time was established.
- Krissy (and Ani) attended AS+K Train the Trainer at United Way and can now facilitate AS+K classes.

Intramural Sports & Club Sports

- Sprinkler System Box replaced on the rec field.
 - New Fusion Play app to be implemented in the Fall as a new way to run and schedule intramurals.
 - Order being processed for new Women's Soccer uniform kits.
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July News

Campus Recreation:

- Picked out the court and boundary area colors for the tennis court renovation
- Fusion Go, Fusion Play, and changeover to Fusion hosted servers projects continue to progress towards being ready for the start of the fall semester.

Fitness & Wellness

- The suicide prevention bench has been assembled and a work order for the concrete pad to put it on has been entered.
- Continued organizing an event for world suicide prevention day that will be the official unveiling for the Josh's Bench and feature Coffee with a Counselor as well.

Facilities

- Cleaned out and organized storage rooms in the Rec Center.
- Reviewed the Midnight Yell Practice supervision plan.
- Changing to different fitness preventative maintenance and repair company to hopefully see improved wait times on cardio and weight machine repair.

July Outdoor Program & Aquatics

Outdoor Program

- Scheduled Gig 'em Week open house to get the word out about the rental shop.
- Working to schedule facilitator training and the annual inspection for the ropes course.
- Ordered 4 new kayaks to replace the aging fleet of rental kayaks.

Aquatics

- Both motors were replaced at the pool due to damage from Hurricane Beryl.
 - Sams Adventure Camp rented the pool for an event for children with disabilities.
 - NOAA used the pool for dive practice.
 - Fort Bend Community Church had a rental in early July
 - We had some damage to the rock walls at the pool, they are both currently closed and are in the process of getting fixed.
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July Intramurals

Intramural Sports & Club Sports

- Officially have access to the Fusion Play App and currently going through training for that.
 - The Sprinkler System Box never got replaced and we are still waiting to hear when that will happen.
 - This has caused some delays in scheduled field maintenance.
 - All Club Safety Officers have been identified.
 - Ordering new uniforms for the women's soccer team for the upcoming season.
 - Started the process on ordering staff uniforms and intramural champ shirts.
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August News

Campus Recreation

- We continue to make progress towards our changeover from on premises hosted servers to fusion cloud based servers.
- FusionGO, our mobile app, launched on 8/23
- The renovation to half of the tennis courts began on 8/26 and is expected to be completed at the end of September.

Facilities

- Facilities staff have been on-boarded and trained
- We are currently exploring new options for housing climbing shoes.
- Rock wall use has seen tremendous increase
- New hours are in effect – 7am – 11pm most days.

Fitness & Wellness

- Group fitness instructors have been assigned classes to start teaching first week of September.
- Group fitness classes will still be provided at no cost to campus rec members.
- Cara Cunningham will begin teaching Small Group Training
- Registration for small group training is available on FusionGO, our new mobile app.
- SWAG hosted a successful event where we were able to promote health fair and engage with students.
- We partnered with 1973 Center for Reload The Pantry event
- We are in the middle of a search for a new peer educator.
- Work has begun on installing the suicide prevention bench donated by Josh's Benches.

August Outdoor Program

Outdoor Program

- Hosted an open house for the rental center. We had over 100 people come through for our giveaways.
- Replaced the broken Blackstone with a new one and it's already been rented 4 times this semester.
- In following with processes from College Station, implemented a renter's agreement for the center.
- 3 new kayaks arrived to replace the old ones that had started taking on water.
- Hired 2 new low ropes facilitators and brought on a few more pro staff members to be facilitators.
- Low ropes facilitator training is September 27th – 29th.
- Hired a new route setter to fill the vacant position left by a student who graduated.

Aquatics

- Rock wall repairs are complete from Beryl damage.
- Pool opened to campus and community.
- Lifeguards now have mister fans for their stations to keep them cool during the heat.

Green Dot

- Green Dot team hosted a successful snow cone event where we interacted with students for 2 hours and provided lots of snow cones.
 - We will begin attending organization meetings to provide green dot overviews.
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August Intramurals

Intramural Sports & Club Sports

- Sprinkler System on field finally working. One zone needs to be fixed but we have full water coverage now. This will require some minimal digging along the edges of the field to run a new wire.
 - Musco sent electricians to assess our sand volleyball light problem and determined there was a fried wire somewhere. Waiting for a quote back to see when we can resolve that for good.
 - Fusion Play is underway. We've had some hiccups but the majority of students are having no issues with the app.
 - Hired 6 new intramural officials for the year. Training is the last week in August.
 - Season 1 of sports starts Tuesday Sept. 2.
 - All 9 clubs sports have trained officers and CPR certified safety officers.
 - Soccer games start in September.
 - Waiting for new sand court equipment to arrive. New lines, nets, and pads.
 - Sailing and Crew are working on contingency plans for practice since they don't have docks and there's no clear picture of how that looks moving forward at the moment.
 - Clubs started having interest meetings and holding practices following Org Night.
 - Women's Soccer should have new uniforms arriving soon.
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Campus Living & Learning

Housed NSC students, tabled and presented to parents and guardians

Date: Throughout June

Journey Learning Outcomes:

We welcomed and housed a little over 700 incoming students during the month of June and worked with parents and guardians to make sure that students were informed about selecting housing if they hadn't already done so. We also helped them plan their move in and assisted with overall housing questions.



JROTC Houston External Camp Group

- **Date: June 16-22**
- **Location: Maritime Hall**

Journey Learning Outcomes: Over 250 high school students from the Houston area spent almost a week on our campus learning about navigation and other skills. The JROTC program emphasizes character education, student achievement, wellness and leadership. It is also a great opportunity for these high school students to be on our campus and to see somewhat of what it would be like to attend college here.

Housing Assignments

- **Date:** June
- **Location:** Online Housing Portal

Journey Learning Outcomes: In June 2024, 123 students applied for housing, bringing the total 24-25 application use to 1,993 (including off-campus requests, indication of not returning, and cancellations. To date, there are 1,226 room reservations for Fall 2024.

Fort Bend Retreat

- **Date:** July 3-7
- **Location:** Tammah and Atlantic Residence Halls

Journey Learning Outcomes: Housed over 650 people for a 4th of July leadership retreat weekend.

Hurricane Beryl

- Information:** Managed the ongoing Hurricane and the impacts that it had on power being out on campus for almost a week. Worked with UTMB to house some of our on campus students as well as full time staff members.





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Career Services

Maritime Academy Career Services Professionals Summit

- In career services news, Maya Sandy was joined by Patrick Zimmer, Director of Texas A&M Maritime Academy Commercial Sea Term, for a summit of Maritime Academy Career Services professionals in Norfolk, VA. The 6 state maritime academies met for a day to discuss topics relevant to maritime career service work. The following day, participants in the summit attended the headquarters of Military Sealift Command where they discussed recruiting challenges with MSC representatives.



Programming

- Career Services Staff provided presentations to all incoming students at Howdy Week about the resources available through the department. Students had the opportunity to practice their networking skills and participate in a guided networking bingo activity which was met with great feedback from those that participated.
 - Career Services partnered with SGA and SACC to provide a resume workshop as a follow up to the April 2024 Online Resources Workshop. Students that attended were preparing for the Fall 2024 Engineering Career Fair in College Station.
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Employer Engagement & Career Fair

- 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. The call for applications has been sent out, and the review process will begin in September to select two students to participate in the program.
 - Over 64 employers are registered. Noteworthy names include Chevron, Valero, Marathon and Exxon. Conversations are happening with other groups like AgriLife Extension and NASA
 - Website has been updated so students can now access the employer list 24/7 with links to their respective websites.
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Counseling Services

Summer Sea Term 2024

- During the Summer Sea Term 24 the Counseling team of Daisey McCloud and Thomala Walker hosted mental health focused programs while sailing with the TS Kennedy. Events were held during some classes and during the evening hours to remind cadets and promote the importance of self-care during the 2-month marathon of SST 24. Programs included stress relievers such as blowing bubbles (focus on breathing) coloring for shifting focus and stress relief and strengthening the mind for long journey and time away from loved ones.









August Counseling

- Two professional interns have started! Meredith and Kristin are working on their clinical hours for their master's program at UHCL.
 - Coffee with a counselor had 80 students check in and participate. Stress points indicated by students included housing issues at TAMMAH.
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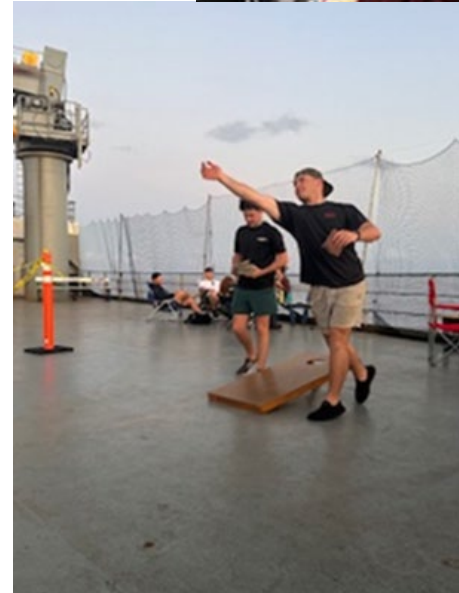
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Student Activities

Summer Sea Term 2024

- The month of June on TS Kennedy was filled with fun evenings of activities and exciting excursions in the ports of Ft. Lauderdale and Quebec City. Evening activities included game nights, ping pong tournaments, corn hole, karaoke, movie nights, spa nights, basketball, and more, as well as excursions to the Miami Seaquarium, and a historical city tour of Quebec City.





Student Organization Preparations for 2024-2025

Hurricane Beryl Service

- Lauren Bothwell's summer internship with the Galveston Chamber of Commerce provided a connection with councilwoman Lewis, together they brought a group of TAMUG students together to borrow Big Event's tools to serve and clean up local homes affected by Hurricane Beryl.



Student Organization Preparations for 2024-2025

Officer Training & StuAct

- Student organizations are preparing for the fall semester's trainings during the month of August. The office of Student Activities will be hosting an in-person training for all officers during the first week of classes, followed by online training modules through College Station's online platform StuAct. Recognizing four new organizations for the fall semester, there are currently 74 recognized student organizations and club sports at TAMUG.

Student Organization Updates for Fall

- New Organizations: Golf Club, Basics of Finance, Sea Aggie Coding Club, and Women in Maritime Operations.
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Student Organization Preparations for 2024-2025

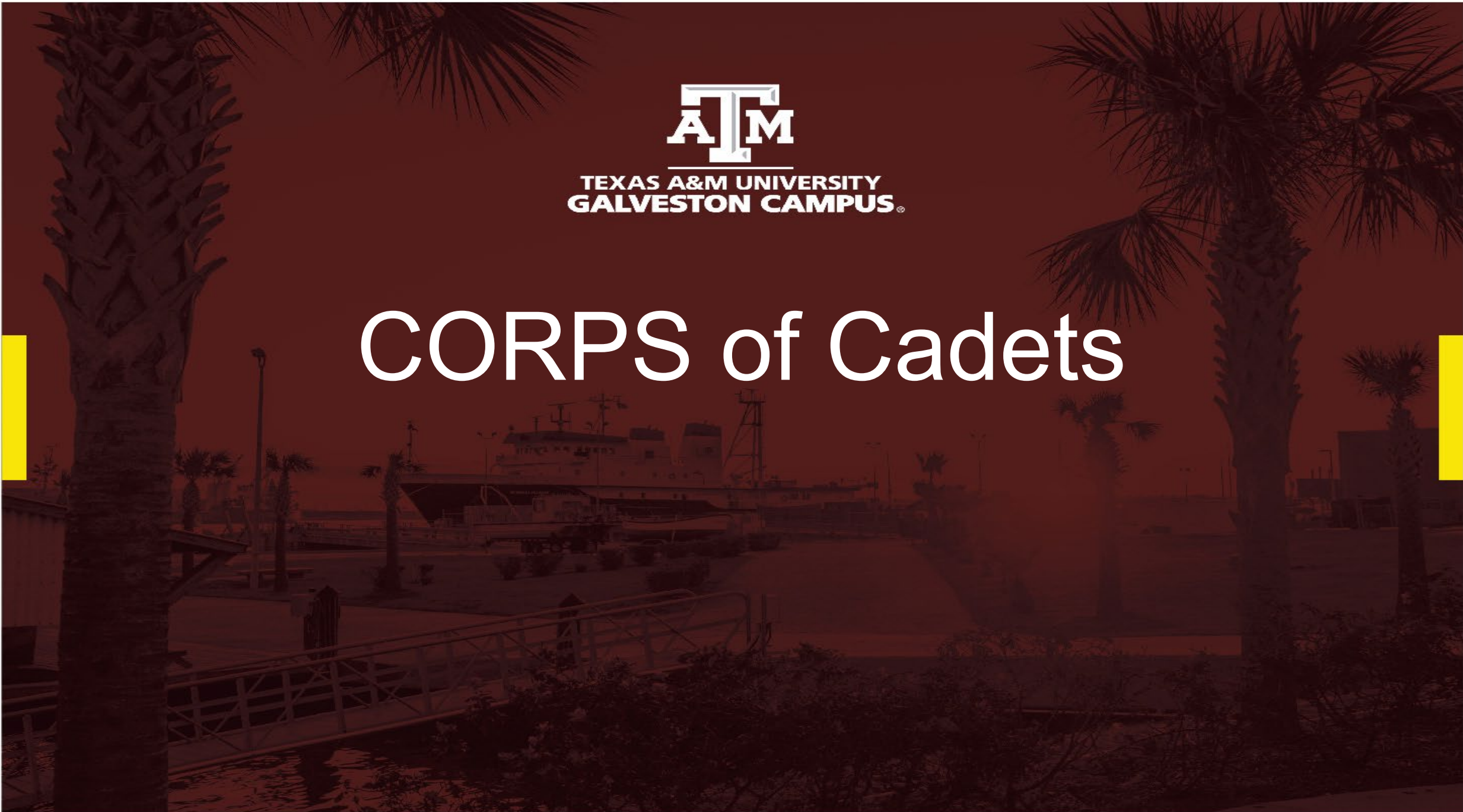
Gig 'Em Week

- Student organizations are partnering with the office of Student Activities' Gig 'Em Week programming to welcome students to campus Aug. 19-30th. Students will be able to pick between 40+ events to attend such as pickleball tournaments, movie nights, academic department open houses, coffee with the counselors, and more to acclimate with campus, connect with resources, and build community.
 - A new Gig 'Em Week event to look forward to will be the Galveston College Student social on Aug. 24th hosted by TAMUG, UTMB, and Galveston College at Saengerfest Park from 1:30-3:30pm. This event will a great opportunity to welcome all students back to school on Galveston Island with opportunities to connect with the community through a large scale scavenger hunt on the Strand, live music, and local food.
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CORPS of Cadets



Summer Sea Term

The *TS Kennedy*, callsign KVMU, IMO number 6621662, is a former commercial freighter and a current training vessel of the United States Maritime Service. One hundred and sixty-nine cadets boarded on 28 May and were released on 5 August. Snippets of life on board the *TS Kennedy* during Summer Sea Term 2024 (2 June - 3 August) with ports of call in Fort Lauderdale, Quebec City, Boston, and Philadelphia include:

1. Deck cadets working, learning, and relaxing
2. Engineers at work welding and snaking drains
3. Each summer the cadets design, prepare the deck, and paint a new emblem on the helo deck
4. The foreign port for SST 24 was Quebec City
5. Cadets toured the Philly Shipyard, where the Lone Star State is being built.

The Corps of Cadets began Orientation Week for 131 incoming first year cadets on 6 August. Parents of 129 cadets pinned brass on their cadets' collars and watched a pass in review ceremony as part of the Culmination Ceremony.

6. From the Circle of Honor to the pinning collar brass to the pass in review.

The first day of classes for the Corps of Cadets begins with formation. Three hundred and sixty-four cadets formed up on the Circle of Honor prior to the first day of classes on 19 August at 07:00.

Summer Sea Term



Cadets gaining valuable experience and class credit working the lines and welding aboard the ship.

Summer Sea Term



Cadets checking lifeboat supplies (left) and manning the rails (above).

Summer Sea Term



Working on the new Helo Pad emblem.

Summer Sea Term



Quebec City.



Celestial Navigation Course Work



Finished Helo Pad

Summer Sea Term



Admiral Fossoum, Cole Young, & Commandant Gompper on the Lone Star State.



Cadets visit the Lone Star State.

Start of the School Year



Culmination Ceremony.



Company Pass in Review

Pinning Brass





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Student Assistance Services

MAXFEST

- Danny attended MaxFEST in Phoenix AZ this June to bring back knowledge to expand our reach in CARE using the Maxient software.



Other June Activities

Visited Food Pantries

- Visited the University of Houston Clearlake, University of Houston Downtown, University of Texas Medical Branch, and San Jac's food pantries to grow our outreach and partnerships while also building on our ideas of the food pantry in the new space.

Outreach to community partners

- Jillian met with Galveston's own Farmer's market to build volunteering events with students and food recovery to come back to the food pantry twice a month.
 - Galveston Food bank- We began talks to get food delivery to the campus pantry in partnership with Galveston Food Bank.
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Serving Students in July

- ASK+ Suicide Prevention Training & Facilitator Training
 - Ani attended the training and followed up with the facilitator to become trained to give suicide prevention training to our campus.
- SST
 - Danny served on the Summer Sea Term doing student activities and non-clinical counseling for students from July 10-August 3rd.



SALT Camp

- The full SAS team attended Salt Camp this year and Danny Roe was honored to be one of this year's namesakes "Camp Roe"



International Student Welcome

- We welcomed in 50 new first-year international students to our campus this fall. We had a welcome event with multiple campus resources, early check in, tours of campus, and a representative from international student services attend with incoming students on August 9th.
- In partnership with International Student and Scholar Services and our office, we took students to the Global Welcome Party at TAMU.



Gig'Em Week & Howdy Week

- Student Employee Training- Our student staff was trained on customer service, client intake, and reporting during this fall's Student employee training
- HOWDY Week volunteering- we had 8 students come in to show a bit of their artwork on our walls creating a wonderful A&M block art wall and creating new programming with Jillian Sanchez.



Open House

- We had an open house for our new space where we showed off new games, our goals for the year, and ways for students to get involved.



**1973 Center
Open House**

**JOIN US IN
OUR NEW
LOCATION!**

**GIVEAWAYS
& GAMES**

**1PM
- 4PM** Building 3028: Offices
in Cabo

**Aug
22**

We can't wait to see you!

Food Pantry

- We hosted a reload the food pantry event with yell leaders, Galveston's Farmer's Market, and Chartwells encouraging the campus community to restock our pantry. We will continue this each semester.



Aggie Football Watch Party

- We hosted a watch party for students staying on campus over the weekend. With its success, we will continue to host these throughout the fall.

