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Student Affairs Notables January 2025



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CORPS of Cadets

O Week 2025

- The Corps of Cadets held its 2025 Spring semester orientation week (O-week) for new cadets between January 6-11. Under the direction of 4 upperclassmen, 19 new cadets participated of O-week. On January 11, before friend and family, the new cadets were welcomed to the Corps of Cadets by RADM Fossum and CDR Gompper.
- Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce's 179th Annual Meeting – On Saturday, January 25, the Corps of Cadet's Drill Team presented colors during the opening of the annual meeting held at the Galveston Island Convention Center.



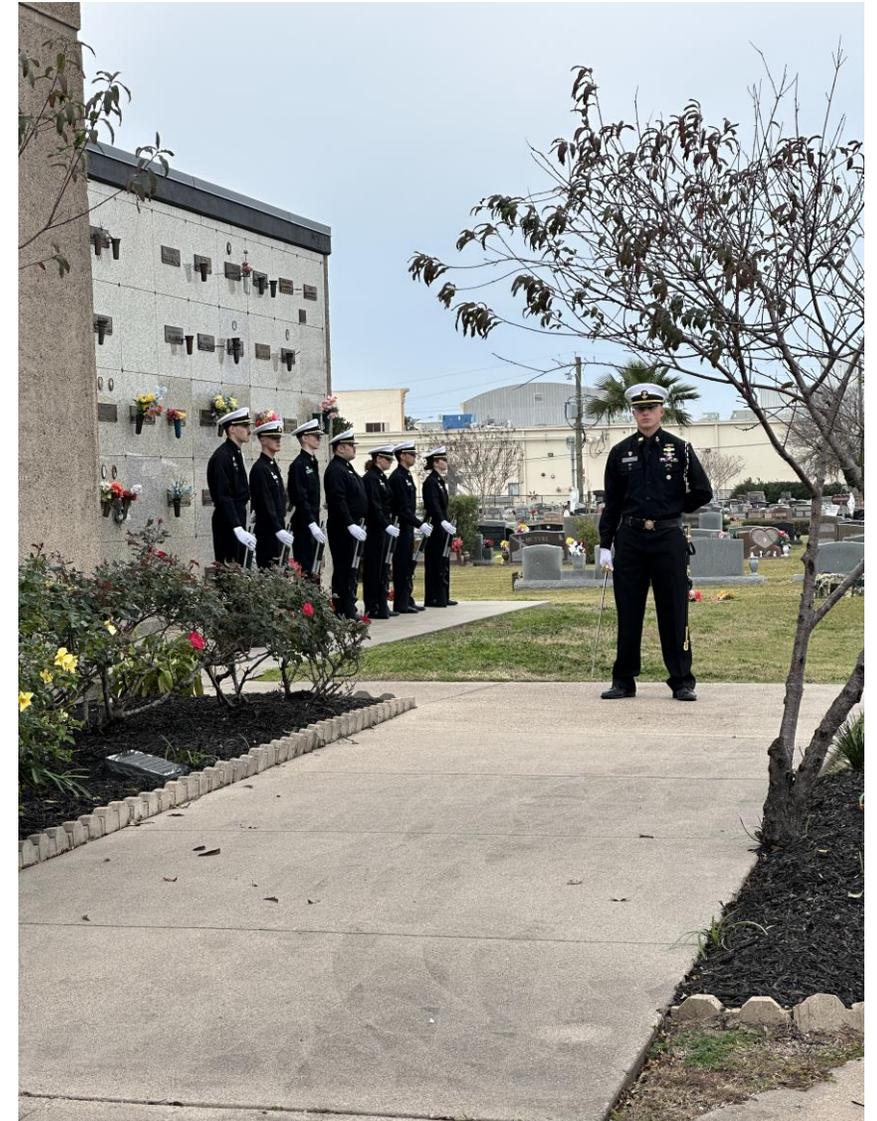
Holocaust March of Remembrance

- The March of Remembrance is a memorial walk taken annually since 2007 to commemorate Holocaust and Genocide Awareness month. This year, the march was held on Sunday, January 26. According to its organizers, the Galveston Corps of Cadets was first university in the country to get involved in supporting this annual event. As in year's past, the Corps of Cadet's Honor Guard led the official walk.



Remembering LCDR Claude Davidson

- On Monday, January 13, the Galveston campus was informed of the passing on Sunday, January 12, of LCDR Claude Davidson, who served the Corps of Cadets as Assistant Commandant, after having served in the U.S. Army and being honorably discharged. LCDR Davidson was liked by many and respected by all cadets. To show Corps of Cadets' respect, many cadets actively participated during the funeral services and then burial held on January 17, serving as Pallbearers and the Firing Party, or by attending and standing on attention. The Corps of Cadets will be holding another event on campus in the near future to further show its respect and recognize LCDR Davidson's contribution to the Corps of Cadets and the Galveston campus.





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Campus Living & Learning



CL Training

•**Date:** Jan. 7-9

Journey Learning Outcomes: Lifelong Learning

Assessment/Outcome: CL's had three days of continuous training on topics such as system overviews, facilities updates, how to have difficult conversations, checking room spaces and incident and report writing.

Hull/ Oceans Closer/ Residential Move (Cloe)

- Date:** January 9th -13th
 - Location:** Hullabaloo and Ocean Halls
- Journey Learning Outcomes:**

•**Lifelong Learning 2.2 Adapt to Change:** The move provided an opportunity to embrace change and innovate solutions during the relocation process. Residents and staff demonstrated adaptability and applied their learning to effectively manage decisions.

Assessment/Outcome:

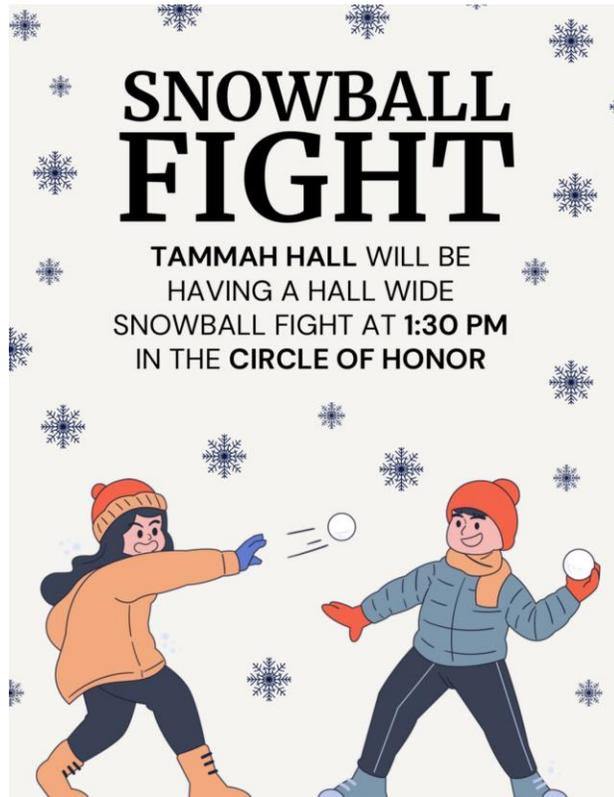
- Successfully relocated all residents from Hull and Oceans buildings to other residential spaces across campus.
- Received positive feedback from residents regarding the clarity of communication and support provided during the move.
- No significant issues or delays were reported during the transition process.
- Ensured all vacated spaces were cleared, cleaned, and prepared for closure.
- Enhanced team skills in managing large-scale residential moves, setting a precedent for future closures or transitions.





TAMMA Hall CL Caleb Ward hosted a snowball fight on our Snow Day! Event was open to all campus residents and they had a blast! See attached flyer and photos.

- Date: 1/21/25
- Location: Circle of Honor





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Student Activities

Student Organizations

- Organizations Night
 - On January 16th, we held Organizations Night in the Aggie Special Events Center where we had 341 students check into the event with the TAMUG Mobile App. Even though the power went out on campus within the first hour of the event, we still managed to increase the number of attendees when compared to last year by nearly 80 students and also increased the satisfaction rating of the event as well. Participants told us that the organizations who attended were very friendly and had a great time meeting the representatives from each organization.
- SOUL Mix & Mingle Networking workshop
 - On January 29, Sisterhood of University Leaders hosted a networking workshop to allow students to practice conversing with professionals in a low-stakes environment. SOUL had 27 invited professionals and approximately 85 students in attendance. Participants were also provided an opportunity to get an updated headshot. This event was held in partnership with the Office of Student Activities, Career Counseling, and the Studio.





Student Organizations

- Officer/Advisor Training OR Recognition announcements
 - We kicked off the semester strong with New Officer Training on January 15th, where 102 student leaders got the tools they needed to lead their organizations to success this semester! On January 27th, we welcomed five new advisors at our Advisor Training, ensuring our student orgs have the guidance they need. With training complete, many organizations are geared up and ready for an incredible semester ahead!
 - Yell Leader, Student Body President, and Vice President Election Season
 - The race for Student Body President, Vice President, and Yell Leader is officially underway! As of January 27th, three Presidential/Vice Presidential campaigns are in motion, and 10 candidates are campaigning for Yell Leader! Don't miss out on upcoming events like Meet Your Candidates, the Traditions Test, and the Yell Fitness Preview—great opportunities to engage with the election process. Voting runs February 24th-26th, so get ready to make your voice heard!
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New Student & Family Programs

- On January 9th, 29 incoming students came to campus for the New Student Conference and participated in a variety of activities and presentations designed to facilitate an effective transition into the Galveston Campus. These students and their guests had a chance to meet with professionals around campus such as faculty, academic advisors, financial aid officers, the TAMUG yell leaders, and more. We were even able to connect 6 incoming student veterans to our Student Veterans Association. While our New Student Conferences in January typically serve students transferring into Galveston from other campuses, the ultimate goal is to work with students to eliminate any holds they are bringing with them and connect them with faculty and staff who will best assist them as they continue their pursuit of a bachelor's degree.
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Campus Event Services

- Event Coordinating
 - Campus Event Services met with the president of the Ball High School Band Booster Club on January 27th to go over details for the Ball High School Band Banquet that is scheduled for May 9th in the Waterfront Pavilion. On January 29th, Campus Event Services met with Sarah Schendzelos to review residential space needs for upcoming external events.
 - External Events in the Works
 - NMERPAC Meeting
 - Ball High School Band Banquet
 - Odyssey Academy Graduation
 - ORRC Workshop
 - TPWD Meeting
 - Sam's Adventure Camp
 - Noon Optimist Club Oratorical Contest
 - Jostens Communications Workshop
 - Texas Square Dance Festival
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Mark your Calendars!

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| February 1-2: | SALT Camp Retreat |
| February 5: | Lunar New Year Celebration
President's Council
Deadline for Buck Weirus Applications |
| February 10: | Maroon Delegates Informational Meeting |
| February 12: | Yell Leader Candidates: Traditions Test |
| February 15: | Aggieland Saturday by the Sea |
| February 16: | SALT Camp Training |
| February 19: | Yell Leader Candidates: Fitness Preview |
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Campus Recreation



Aquatics

- Hired two new lifeguards
- Heater is under maintenance and should be back to full capacity by Jan. 31.
- Conducting a CPR class for the TAMMA Admin office/Ship Jan. 31.
- Pool is open and is de-winterized post snow storm.
- Replaced equipment on deck including the Buoy and Water hose.
- New signs were added to the front gate of the pool.
- All lifeguards have been through there Spring orientation, apart from the two new hires.

Intramural Sports & Club Sports

- Promoted 1 official to supervisor.
- Hired 2 new officials.
- Sport registration closes on 1/31 for the current season. We will be running 4 sports.
- Currently cleaning up club sports waivers from each club.
- All new officers were able to attend training.

Outdoor Program

- Operations continue as normal.
- Planning a new training for the staff of the outdoor shop.

Peer Educators

- Peer Educators are being more intentional with incorporating the “wellness wheel” into their programming. Events are being planned for the semester to focus on each dimension of wellness and connecting students with resources for every area.
 - The Peer Educators have set tentative dates for their Spring 2025 programs.
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Facilities

- 13 new Customer service assistants were trained and on-boarded to begin working in the Rec and Sea Aggie Fitness Center for the Fall 2025 semester.
- The Campus Recreation center did not close at any point due to the inclement weather situation earlier this month. During the “snow days” we had almost 200 site visits, highlighting the importance of maintaining hours of operation during campus closures or variable situations.
- The facilities staff has begun work on facility improvements that were identified in our December audits.

Green Dot

- To incentivize organizations participating in Green Dot Overviews, the Green Dot Team has agreed to allocate two, \$250 cash awards to organizations who register for and attend a Green Dot Overview.
 - Two Green Dot Overviews for the Corps of Cadets have been planned for 1/28 and 1/29. Cadets who attend this overview will be awarded 3 merits.
 - Krissy attended a Green Dot presentation at NASPA Strategies conference. Lessons learned in this session will inform the direction of Green Dot for the upcoming calendar year.
 - TAMUG has been granted permission to join the main campus Green Dot Implementation Committee. Krissy will make a visit to main campus in the Spring to network and learn more strategic implementation strategies.
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Wellness (+SWAG)

- Health Fair took place on 1/29 & 1/30. The following vendors were in attendance:
 - 1/29
 - TAMUG Counseling, Career and Ability Services
 - University Federal Credit Union
 - Crime Stoppers of Houston
 - University of Texas Medical Branch
 - University of Texas Medical Branch (Immunizations department)
 - University of Texas Medical Branch (Poison Control)
 - Teen Health Clinic
 - Aggie Dining
 - Kifferie Corely (LPC)
 - 1/30
 - Resource Crisis Center
 - District 81 Alcoholics Anonymous
 - Family Service Center
 - Campus Recreation
 - Gulf Coast Center
 - Gulf Coast Center Substance Misuse Department
 - Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
 - Student Assistance Services / 1973 Center
 - Access Care of Coastal Texas
 - Sealy Institute for Vaccine Research Clinical Trials
 - Joe and Krissy attended the 2025 NASPA Strategies Conference in Boston. We came back with a wealth of new knowledge, ideas and connections and look forward to implement and incorporate those in the coming semester(s).
 - SWAG (Student Wellness Action Group) is transitioning to being a JED Subcommittee. Moving forward, our programming efforts will be directly tied to the JED strategic plan.
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Career Services



General

- We have already had 153 students check into our office for our services.

Career Services

Programming

- Career Services supported the Sisterhood of University Leaders (SOUL) in a networking event to prepare students for the upcoming spring career fair.

Employer Engagement

- Career Services met with a representative from Fairwater to discuss their recruitment needs.

Blue Economy Leadership Institute

- Sponsors are Shell, Chevron, Marathon, Gulf Copper and Bertling Logistics.
 - Case Study has been finalized and judges have been identified.
 - All student spots are currently filled. Each team has an equal distribution of majors and at least one returning student.
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Counseling Services



General

- Our department tabled at the Health Fair and met with students to raise awareness about our resources.

Counseling Services

- Counseling interns for the semester are Meredith Gardner and Tammy Stewart
- Working on adding a part time counselor to the team, Nicolas English

Disability Resources

- Testing Center is hosting multiple open house days in February to allow students to visit the center, destress, and ensure they know proper accommodations procedures
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Student Assistance Services



- We said goodbye to Ani Vierkant as we look for our next Student Assistance Case Manager
 - Our staff learned a new skill as we took apart the pool table and refurbished the felt.
 - Prepping for the frozen tundra, the Campus food pantry put in pocket pantries across the resident halls to help students who could not leave due to bad icy weather.
 - Late January staff members traveled to College Station to pick up 450 Health Agg Packs for the food pantry and Student Health Fair on Jan 30th.
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