

Student Affairs Notables

March 2024

Student Activities

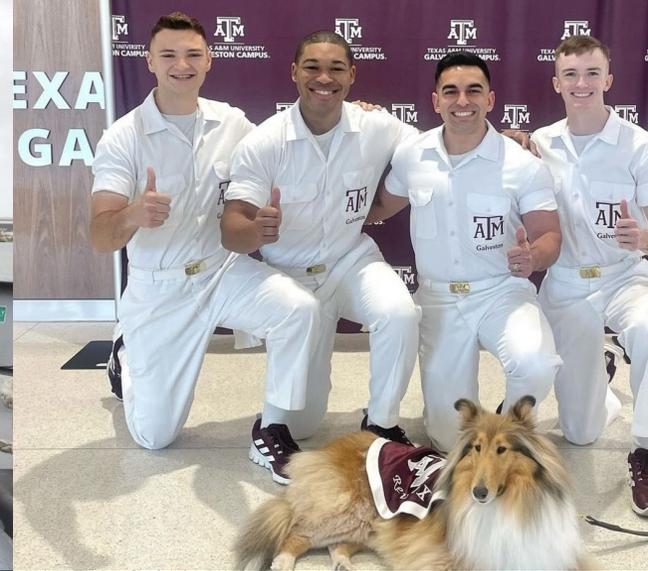
Go Texan Day

- GFLO, Aggie Dining, and the Heritage & History Culture Celebration Committee joined forces to host an engaging and lively event, inviting students to partake in a variety of activities on campus. From a delightful petting zoo to Texas Trivia challenges, yard games, and picturesque moments, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Aggie Dining delighted attendees with mouthwatering Texas BBQ, perfectly complemented by the soulful tunes of The Texas Remedy Country Music Band. The event served as a spirited kickoff to the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Additionally, students were encouraged to seize the opportunity to snag \$15 concert tickets to see Luke Bryan, generously provided by the Office of Student Activities.





Reveille Visit



- On March 7th Miss Reveille and her handlers visited the Galveston campus. They received a campus tour from the Maroon Delegates, and shared lunch with Col. Fossum and student leaders, they visited a MATH 151 classroom (she barked during the last minute of class), and the handlers provided a picture opportunity for over 250 students, staff and faculty with the queen of Aggieland. The day ended with a guided tour of the Training Ship Kennedy.



Relay for Life

- Lambda Kappa Alpha Honors Student Organization put on an impactful Relay for Life event the evening of March 27th at Mariners Lawn. A mix of 21 student organizations and corps companies came together to host tables full of games and informative resources. This volunteer-led experience united communities to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and raise funds to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families. The evening included speeches from survivors and caretakers, laps taken around the course by students and Galveston community members, a Yell Practice and Two-Step Performance, Luminaria Ceremony, and a silent auction. FreshTX logged over 800 laps that evening, and the GFLO table raised the most money that evening through their activity table. LKA Honors raised \$5,506.89 for the American Cancer Society through their Relay for Life event.





March Madness Food Drive for the TAMUG Food Pantry

- This year, for March Madness, the Office of Student Activities has organized a student organization competition to collect items for the TAMUG Food Pantry. Each week, student organizations are pitted against each other and the organization that donates the most items that week moves on to the next round. We are currently in the final week of March Madness and 480 items have been donated.



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March News

New Student and Family Programs

- Orientation & Transition Leaders (OTLs) for 2024 were chosen this month! Directors Sierra Hamlin and Elena Jarnot interviewed candidates and have hired 19 OTLs who will help facilitate programs like New Student Conference and Howdy Week. Being an orientation leader is a paid position for the month of June and play a vital role in assisting students and their families during their transition into Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Journey

- The Office of Student Activities has recently redesigned the Student Organization Awards criteria and applications to align with the Journey curriculum. Through the application process, student organizations will be asked to demonstrate how they have met the learning goals of Journey.
- On May 16, the Division of Student Affairs will be hosting a Journey Showcase for campus. Departments within the Division will display how they have utilized the curriculum to educate our students.

Professional Development

- March 18-21, 7 members of the Student Affairs team traveled to Chicago for the Association of College Personnel Administrators national conference. Picture below is all TAMU and TAMUG Student Affairs staff at the conference.





Big Event 2024

- 405 volunteers participated at 26 different volunteer sites.



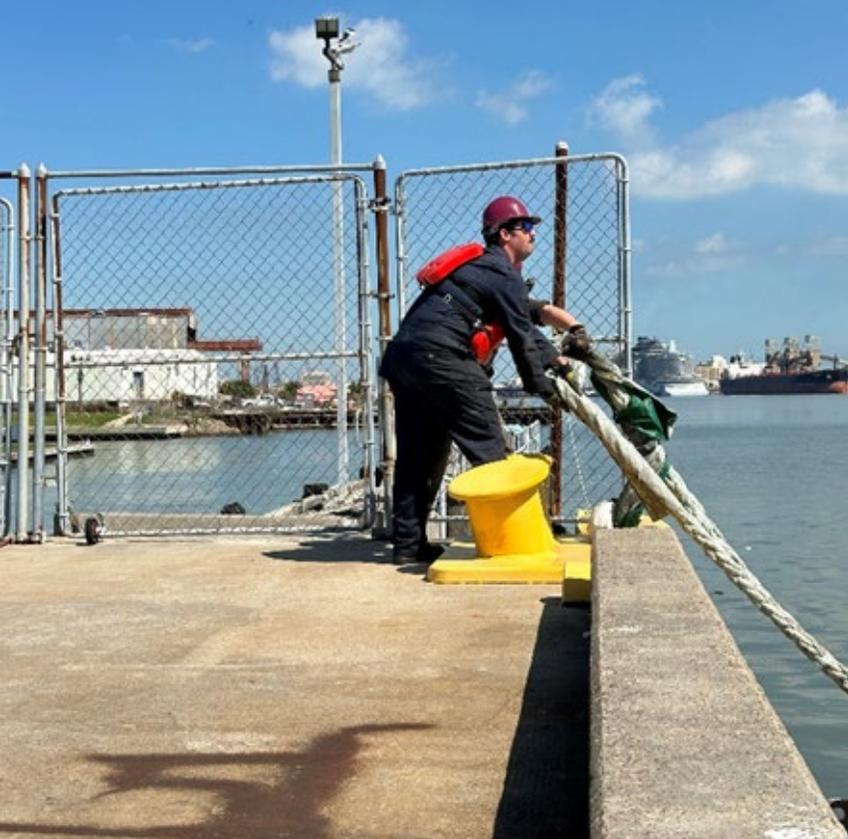
CORP of Cadets



Women on the Water Conference

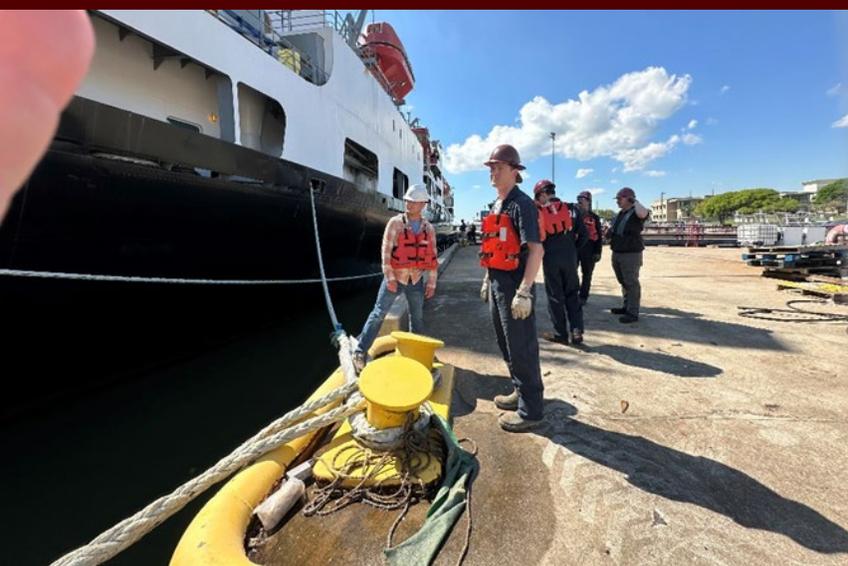
The Women on the Water (WoW) Conference is an annual event hosted by the Maritime Administration in collaboration with one of the seven maritime academies. The main purpose of the conference is to encourage friendship and networking among maritime professionals, faculty, and cadets. LCDR Currens accompanied Cadets Alexandria Kemsley, Tyler Heffernan, Genesis Gobellan, Samantha Smitherman to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for to celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments and vital contributions of women to the maritime workforce of the United States. Panel discussions, keynote presentations, professional headshots, and networking events were all part of the conference's plan to prepare female cadets ready for the dynamic maritime sector.





TS KENNEDY sailing

- Cadets turned out on Friday, 22 March to handle the lines for the departure of the Training Ship KENNEDY. This is the kind of hands-on working experiences that greatly enhance our academic programs. Cadets get to do first-hand what they learn about in basic seamanship classes.





Drill Team

- The Drill Team posted Colors at TxDOT's christening ceremony for the new Galveston Ferry ESPERANZA HOPE ANDRADE at the Galveston Bolivar dock, March 8, 2024

Counseling Services

Programming

- TELUS Marketing in March
 - Coffee w/a Counselor – 93 Students
 - Coloring w/a Counselor - 8
 - Downloads for Donuts – 72
- Time Out Tuesdays – 27 students
- Suicide Prevention Training – 70 students

March News

- Professional Collaborations
 - Counseling Staff (Ken, Thomala & Daisey) met virtually with other Maritime Academy Counseling staff to discuss needs, highlights, best practices and how to better serve during our summer term terms. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 8th.
- Counseling Office Visits in March
 - Counseling Appts (scheduled & walk-ins) – 271
 - Relaxation Room – 93

Staff News

- Thomala Walker - Thomala serves as a volunteer on the Survivors Support Network under The Jesse Tree in partnership with the Galveston Island Beach Patrol. SSN utilizes an integrated process to provide holistic care to the family/friends in crisis. The team offers translation, ministry, grief counseling, accommodations, meals, and negotiations with the County Coroner, foreign consulates, and funeral directors have all become standard procedures. Recently, as a SSN representative, Thomala was selected to serve on the Galveston Beach Patrol Advisory Committee under guidance of Galveston Park Board to help steer and identify needs for future facilities.

Career Services

Programming

- Crash Course with Career Services is a series of workshops designed to help students with every step of the job search/career fair preparation process. We have hosted workshops on the following subjects:
 - Researching Employers
 - Elevator Pitch
- Career Services partnered with the SAMA and the Writing Lab & Studio to host Project Standout, a one-stop shop for career fair preparation. Students that attended received free professional headshots, and assistance with their resumes, LinkedIn, business cards, and elevator pitches.
- A Resume Workshop was held for the Sisterhood of University Leaders (SOUL) ahead of the Spring 2024 Career Fair
- Career Services continues to partner with faculty on campus to provide guest lectures on a variety of career preparedness topics. We presented to the following groups:
 - First Gen: AI in the Job Search
 - Transfer Student HU: Career Services Resources & Elevator Pitches

Employers Come to TAMUG

Employer Visits

- Port of Vancouver hosted interviews on campus for their Summer 2024 Internship program.
- Camp Peniel hosted a recruitment table for their part-time summer positions.

Employer comments:

- “In true Texas A&M fashion, you deliver the best of the best.”
- “TAMUG is a very impressive university.”

Career Fair

- Employer Attendance: 122 companies
- Student/Alumni Attendance: 462 students/alumni
- Information Sessions were held by the following employers:
 - Military Sealift Command
 - National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
 - Naval Oceanographic Office

1973 Center

Conferences & New Plans

- ❖ International Student Services Visit: We welcomed in Amanda Brinlee, the Assistant Director of ISSS, to our campus to hold interest meetings and walk in appointments with our students March 27-28th.
- ❖ Student Leadership Weekend: The center partnered with other student affairs departments to host a division wide training from student leaders including SALT Camp, Community Leaders, Peer Educators, and Student Employees. Our sessions covered Conversation tools (Living Room Conversations) and a Leadership Case Study session. Out of the 82 attendees, we welcomed 48 students into our sessions.
- ❖ Staff Hiring: We announced our new Student Development Specialist, Jillian Sanchez to the team. She will start with us in April! We are also beginning interviews for the SDS II position.
- ❖ The 1973 Center partnered with many departments around campus to promote and attend the *Powerful Women Transforming Higher Education* event held on March 1st.

ACPA Conference

- The Center Director (Danny Roe) traveled with 6 other staff members to the 100th meeting of ACPA in Chicago March 18-21. While networking and attending sessions, Danny brought back several ideas and will work with staff over the next few months to bring in initiatives for the Fall.



Campus Recreation

- **Campus Recreation**

- We hosted a March Madness viewing event in the Rec Center for the first day of round 1 games. Despite it being very poor weather outside, we had around 25-30 students come and go for the event and participate in our half time skills competitions for prizes.

- **Aquatics**

- Pool deck was repaired to improve drainage and eliminate ponding.
- Started water aerobics- being held on Saturdays
- NOAA rented the pool out for two days and did some dive trainings
- Added a foot washing station behind the pool house next to the volley ball courts
- Repainted the fence around the pool for a more updated look.

- **Intramural Sports**

- Season two registration went really well with high turnout for several sports.

- **Club Sports**

- Crew did well in their regatta in Waco.
- Men's and Women's Volleyball are still in season and competing. Their last tournament of the season was Easter weekend.

- **Fitness & Wellness**

- A new group fitness instructor has been brought in to add two fitness classes for the remainder of the semester
- Peer Educators hosted a successful safe spring break event in partnership with Crime Stoppers Houston and BACODA.

Facilities

- Replaced the industrial grey painted walls in the cardio room, bouldering wall, weight room, and multi-purpose room with maroon as we look to give the Rec Center a more school spirit vibe.
- Replaced the six basketball backboards, rims, and padding with all new ones and changed to maroon padding. The previous backboards were no longer consistently holding padding on them.
- Replaced the dated looking aqua accented room signs with black and brush silver signs.
- Replaced the old, worn heavy bag with a new one.

Green Dot

- March Green Dot Overviews were provided for the following groups:
 - Corps of Cadets (x2)
 - Student Government Association
 - Student Affairs student worker and leadership training

Campus Living & Learning

Fire Drills

- Date: March 27
- Time: 3pm
- Location: All Residence Halls

- Journey Learning Outcomes:
 - Lifelong Learning: 2.4 Apply learning to decision making.
 - Active Citizenship: 4.2 Practice Selfless Service
- Assessment/Outcome:
 - Students evacuated all buildings in an efficient manner with great attitudes.

Division Student Staff Training

- Date: March 24
- Time: 1-6 pm
- Location: ASEC/MAIN
- Journey Learning Outcomes:
 - Active Citizenship: 4.3 Mentor Others
 - Global Competence: 3.3 Discuss barriers to opportunities.
 - Lifelong Learning: 2.4 Apply learning to decision making.
- Assessment/Outcome:
 - 87 students in attendance
 - Training sessions completed in 5 hours.
 - Students were trained on: QPR-Suicide Prevention, Green Dot, Title IX and Student Rules, Child Protection, Leadership Trainings and Staff Development time.
 - Divisional collaboration among student leaders and professional staff members.

Expressing S'More Values

- Date: March 25, 2024
- Time: 8:30pm
- Location: TAMMA Hall Back Patio / Grill

- Journey Learning Outcomes:
Self Discovery: 1.3 Describe their personal core values.
- Assessment/Outcome:
 - 52 students in attendance

