

## Student Life

# BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Hello Student Life Colleagues,

We hope everyone had a great 4th of July weekend! Summer is a little past halfway over (at least by the academic calendar). This spotlight we have for you both some smaller updates and a deep dive.

## CONGRATULATIONS

In Student Life we have the privilege of working with colleagues committed to furthering their knowledge in our field. This week we have not one but two colleagues who we'd particularly like to commend for their accomplishments. **Please join us in congratulating the newly minted Dr. Rob Engblom and Dr. Geoffrey Griggs.** They both recently defended their dissertations. If you see them, be sure to congratulate them. **Bravo Dr. Engblom and Dr. Griggs!**

## SUPPLY SWAP

*Do you have way too many dry erase markers and not enough sticky notes?* We have a solution for you! **Spiritual Life has graciously agreed to host a supply swap.** They will be collecting surplus office supplies in the Bobo July 18-22nd, and then you can visit them July 25-27th to "shop" for (free) office supplies. Please see the below graphic for more info and consider participating!

## HAVE TRAILER, WILL TRAVEL

When a global pandemic shut down 90% of Missions and Public Life's programming, they found themselves in need of a new purpose, if only for the short-term. Upon hearing the need to deliver meals, mail and medicine to students in isolation and quarantine, **BearAid was born.** For a year, MPL served as the primary point for meal delivery. **At the end of Summer 2021, over 17,000 meals had been delivered (and one suit for a virtual formal).**

Although the Baylor campus need was short-lived (fingers crossed, prayers said), the idea of helping neighbors following a disaster began to resonate with MPL staff. After all, mobilizing student volunteers and coordinating logistics is in their wheelhouse. And then, before borders opened for travel, Hurricane Ida hit the Gulf Coast. After traveling to Houma, LA to deliver urgent supplies, a question began to form. ***"What if we had the means to travel with students to provide aid to communities following disasters? We would need a way to feed our own students, plus communities that had little to no access to power and clean water."***

Fast forward nine months. Missions, Service and Public Life (new name) has a 22' trailer/toy hauler that is equipped to cook for large crowds, thanks to the generosity of Baylor alumni Mark Davis '81, (BBA and BA, Political Science). *The BearAid trailer is outfitted with rolling grill, griddle, refrigerator, warming box and plenty of commercial grade pans. It also has a generator and solar plan should it need to go "off grid."*

Beginning Fall 2022, students will have an opportunity to serve on a Disaster Relief Team that will work in collaboration with relief agencies, such as Texans on Mission (formerly Texas Baptist Men) and Cajun Navy. They will be trained and prepared to respond to communities in need within a certain radius of Waco and after sites have been stabilized by partners.

We are excited about this new chapter.

For a picture of the trailer check out our last Spotlight e-mail (*you can view past Spotlights by clicking the link at the bottom of this e-mail*).

## UPCOMING



**STUDENT LIFE  
SUPPLY SWAP**

Have 10 extra staplers? 14 paper baskets? Bring any usable surplus office items to the Bobo and pick up items your office needs!

<b>Supply Drop Off:</b> July 18 - 22 @ the Bobo 9 - 5	<b>Shopping:</b> July 25 - 27 @ the Bobo 9 - 5
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**All remaining items will be donated.**

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