

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Hello Student Life,

The semester is in full swing! The vibrancy students bring to Campus (and Waco) has returned, especially if you find yourself trying to navigate campus during the windows in-between classes. It's great to see campus so lively again!

IMPACT

Speaking of lively, this past Friday was a campus favorite, **Late Night**. **Well over 5000 people attended, including 5349 that came through the gates of the SLC.** We had an excellent showing from student organizations, with **280** organizations participating and creating opportunities for students to find communities of shared interest. **That level of student org participation was a 34% increase over the previous year** (209 organizations) which already was a strong showing. Another highlight this year was we were able to set up our academically focused student orgs in the BSB, creating synergy with a place where many of those student orgs already find belonging and community. One more fun fact about Late Night, students consumed over **200 pizzas and a full pallet of water bottles.**

Another exciting and signature student experience was also this past week, Mosaic Week. Every year Mosaic Week events give students an opportunity at the beginning of the year to get connected with different cultural organizations, coalitions, and other departments on campus. **This year over 1500 students participated in Mosaic Week events, including over 700 that attended the headline event Mosaic Mixer. The individual mixers (Black Student Welcome, LatinX Night, Mosaic Asian Night) were also well attended, each with over 200 attendees.**

UPDATES

This summer we spotlighted the new student leadership development model that has been emerging. **We are pleased to announce that Dr. Kimberly Black has been appointed as the Director of Leadership Development and Strategic Initiatives effective August 1, 2022.**

For the past year, she has worked in tandem with Dr. Hynes and other division partners to re-imagine our leadership efforts and has done extensive research and thoughtful design work around a newly formulated leadership initiative.

Dr. Black has distinguished herself with leadership development experiences here at Baylor, serving as the *Program Director for the LEAD Living Learning Program for the past 3 years, serving in the Department of New Student Programs with their student leadership selection and preparation efforts, and previously working at Wheaton College where she coordinated their Study Abroad area.* Dr. Black has her BA in Educational Ministry from Seattle Pacific University, her MATS in Biblical Studies from the Assemblies of God Theology Seminary, and her EdD from Regent University in Higher Education Leadership & Management.

Over the course of the next few weeks, the **Leadership Development area will make its home on the 2nd floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center** and we'll also be posting a Senior Coordinator position to help with the initiative. In the spring, we'll have one remaining staff member to select, an Assistant Director who will round out the team.

COMING UP

Lots coming up in the next two weeks, starting with [Stacycation Weekend \(click for full schedule\)](#) and our first [home football game](#) against the University at Albany Great Danes. Sic 'em Bears! As an aside, if you want to learn more about our leader, Coach Aranda, check out this [great feature ESPN did about him](#). Stacycation weekend offers a buffet of opportunities for students to engage on campus and in Waco this long weekend, getting them further connected and engaged with the campus community and Student Life.

Next week we have the Division of Student Life Kick-Off Breakfast. If you haven't RSVP'ed, please do so [here](#). We will launch our year together, celebrate, and share fellowship. We hope to see everyone there! Also, don't forget that [Family Weekend](#) is just around the corner, Sept 16-17th. More on that to come in the next Spotlight.

MOMENTS



Late Night was a massive success! You can almost feel the energy and hear the buzz of this many students all excited to find ways to get plugged in at Baylor.

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