

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Hello Division Colleagues,

Fall is officially upon us (as of September 22nd) and although in Texas that is not always a guarantee of cooler weather, this week has provided some much welcomed cooler days. As things cool off here are some things happening in the Division.

IMPACT

Two weekends ago we welcomed parents, siblings, grandparents, and more for Family Weekend at Baylor. Campus was a buzz all weekend as families took in a little snapshot of their student's Baylor experience. Thanks to all that helped as it was a great success! **Taste of Waco, the food truck extravaganza on Fountain Mall, had over 1,500 ticketed meals sold**, and even more meals that were bought directly from food trucks. This year we hosted the first Faculty Family Luncheon with Dr. Livingstone at the Baylor Club, and 250 people attended. A campus favorite, **After Dark, hosted by First Gent Brad Livingstone, was a big hit and over 2,000 people attended across the two show times**. The weekend was capped off by a decisive football win against Texas State.

This past week was **Missions Week** which brought **30 global missions organizations and 15 local organizations to campus to engage students in a variety of opportunities on Fountain Mall and across the residence halls**. Organizations presented students with information about the work they do, ways students can get involved, and even job and internship opportunities. One of the most notable and visible aspects of Missions Week was the Habitat for Humanity home build. **If you walked by Fountain Mall this week, you likely saw the walls of the 4-bedroom home that students and staff built**. Habitat for Humanity is able to transport that build to a spot in Waco where it will become the new home of a local family.

UPDATES

This week we are excited to announce that we are launching a new "For Staff" page on the **Student Life website!** Once upon a time there was a staff intranet with resources for staff, but like the term "intranet" it fell out of date and so we closed it and now are revamping it. There are just a couple resources up now, but in the coming weeks we will be adding more to the staff page, stay tuned! In future, the goal is that it will be an easy-to-find place (just Google it) where key resources and forms will be housed. Please note, this resource is meant to be just for staff (i.e., not for students or the public) and so you do have to login with your BearID to access the For Staff pages. You can find the new For Staff page as a dedicated tab on our website (right beside "We're Hiring") or click **HERE**.

COMING UP

Yesterday we had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Byron Johnson for our first professional development event of the semester. Dr. Johnson is the (founding) Director of the Institute for the Studies of Religion, and Distinguished Professor of Social Sciences at Baylor. He presented to us on the **Global Flourishing Study** that he is co-leading with researchers at Harvard and that is supported by over \$43 million in grant funding. It is truly astounding the work they are doing and it was a joy to hear him speak. If you missed it, don't fret, we recorded the talk and it is available **HERE** on the new "For Staff" page mentioned above on our website.

Be sure to mark your calendars (or just keep up with the calendar invites we sent) for our remaining staff professional development events this semester. E-mails providing more details for each event will also go out closer to each event.

**2nd Student Life Professional Development Event
October 27, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**3rd Student Life Professional Development Event
November 17, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Student Life Christmas Party
December 14, 8:30-10 a.m.**

For an additional professional development opportunity on Human Flourishing, check out this great opportunity from Baylor in Washington:

Facing Fragility: America's Youth and Their Future

October 11, 6 p.m. (CT)

The Baylor in Washington team is sponsoring a panel conversation about Gen Z's fragility and the virtue of resilience on October 11th, 2022. The event will take place in-person at the National Press Club and over livestream. This important topic is directly relevant to our discussions this year on Human Flourishing. The event is free and we encourage you to participate. To learn more, click **HERE**.

MOMENTS



This past week, as a part of Missions Emphasis Week, Baylor students built a house on Fountain Mall.

To view past Spotlight E-mails, click

[HERE](#).

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