

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Hello Division Colleagues,

We hope everyone is feeling rested after spring break and has adjusted from springing the clocks forward for Daylight Savings.

IMPACT

Although for many Spring Break was a chance to wind down, for our Missions, Service, and Public Life team it was an opportunity to step out. After several years of impacted ability to do international missions work, this spring break the team was able to coordinate a more robust set of missions trip offerings and to lead our students in truly *worldwide leadership and service*. **Overall, we had 7 Baylor groups go out over Spring Break** to fling their green and gold far and wide and share the good news of the gospel through tangible service and missions. **All told, 97 students and 16 leaders went on trips to places like Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Mayfield, KY, and LaPlace, LA.**

Yesterday we had the joy of gathering for our fourth Divisional professional development event featuring [Dr. Beth Allison Barr](#), speaking on the topic of Gender and Human Flourishing. We had wonderful conversation and Q&A and were encouraged to think deeply about what it means to create environments where all may flourish, and particularly how we can do that in our work with and for students. If you were not able to join, the recording of the session will soon be accessible in video format on our [For Staff page](#). On that page you can also find recordings of other past Staff Development sessions.

UPDATES

Last Spotlight we announced that coming up on March 23rd we will be hosting an on-campus candidate for our new Business Officer position.

Hopefully you have received a calendar invite for his presentation to the Division (let us know if not). We hope you will join us for that if you are able and provide your feedback as we seek to discern the right person for this important role. If you have not received that calendar invite or have any questions, please e-mail zach_mills@baylor.edu.

Yesterday at our professional development event we were able to share a little more about how the hiring of our new business officer is actually just the start of a new business officer model being rolled out in Student Life and across the campus (The School of Business & The College of Arts and Sciences are in similar searches right now). This new model represents an investment of resources from the Central Budget Office to provide greater business support embedded into each division/area. A specific goal of this new model is to both increase our business capabilities while simultaneously increasing customer service. For those not in business-type roles, this new model will provide everyone with more support and more dedicated people we can go to, to walk us through our business needs.

Ultimately, once fully staffed, the model will consist of nine people supporting business operations in Student Life. There will be: one Business Officer, a member of our senior leadership team, providing supervision to the business team and big-picture strategic vision; two financial managers, supporting the planning and strategy needs of the Division; and six financial administrators, embedded in and providing daily operational support for one or more Student Life offices (based upon need by volume of business transactions). We are excited for the increased capability this new model will add to our Division!

COMING UP

There are a lot of exciting things coming up in the next two weeks!

FM72

Going into its fifth consecutive year, it is almost time for FM72. Sunday, March 19th, through Wednesday, March 22nd, Baylor students will be gathering under Jesus' name for 72 hours of prayer on Fountain Mall, asking that God would bring revival and renewal to our campus and city. Each night will be punctuated by an 8PM gathering for worship, prayer, and to hear from God's Word. Throughout the 72 hours there is also a large tent that has been erected on Fountain Mall to be a dedicated house of prayer, providing space for both individual prayer and guided prayers led by various local churches. For more information check out the [FM72 website](#) or their [Instagram page](#).

Dia del Rio

Join us the day before Diadeloso for Dia Del Rio on The River from 4pm-Sunset Monday March 27th at the Pullin Family Marina. Head over the Pullin Family Marina, grab a popsicle from the cooler, enjoy beach games, and paddle out on the beautiful Brazos to earn your FREE DiaDelRio tank top featuring Sailor Bear. (A limited quantity of tank tops will be given out on the hour or 4pm, 5pm, and 6pm). We look forward to seeing you there!!

Diadeloso

It is that time of year again for one of Baylor's most cherished traditions, Diadeloso (the Day of the Bear). There is an exciting and long list of activities, games, live music, food, attractions, and so much more that punctuate one of the most fun days in the Baylor calendar. You can learn about all the fun on our dedicated [Dia website](#). For the full schedule of events click [here](#) or a list of ongoing attractions click [here](#). **Dia is not just for students**, so please be sure to check out the festivities and participate in the revelry. **If nothing else, be sure to come out for the FREE All-University meal on Fountain Mall at Noon.**

BFSA x Athletics Panel

Black Faculty Staff Association (BFSA) and Baylor Athletics are hosting a joint conversation on Supporting Student Athletes of Color. See the flyer below for more details.

BAYLOR BLACK FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Supporting Our Student Athletes of Color

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21 AT 11:45 AM
FOSTER 144**

Join us for a conversation on how faculty and staff can better support our student-athletes while addressing the specific needs of student athletes of color.

CORI BOLTS
Sr. Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Success

RAMONE COOPER
Associate Athletics Director for Academic Services

JOSH HAMBE
Associate Character Coach & Chaplain for Men's Basketball

MOLLY PANSELL
Learning Specialist

JOSH YOUNG
Assistant Athletics Director for Academic Services

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BLACK FACULTY & STAFF ASSOCIATION

Leadership Speaker Series

Join us for our last Leadership Speaker Series of the semester with Dr. Marc Cortez.

LEADERSHIP SPEAKER SERIES

Dignity, Vocation, and the Image of God

with **Dr. Marc Cortez**

**MARCH 23RD
6:30-7:30 PM**

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
FOSTER 240**

MOMENTS



In honor of Women's History Month, we celebrate all of the wonderful women who lead and work in the Division of Student Life. Pictured is Dr. Sharra Hynes with Faculty-in-Residence Dr. Beth Allison Barr and author Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez.

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