

Student Life

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Hello Division Colleagues,

Spring is coming to Waco and Spring break for students is upon us. As we go into a quieter week on campus, we hope you are able to enjoy some quiet, or time off, or maybe just a chance to catch up a little.

IMPACT

The 70th edition of All-University Sing was a hit! Our 2300 student participants gave **six sold performances to a total in-person audience of over 13,000 people.** In addition to the in-person show, this year we offered virtual sing tickets so Baylor Bears far and wide could partake in the show. *We had 2400 households tune in, allowing an estimated 7500 additional people to watch the performances.* Sing is now a statewide and global attraction! We had people join virtually from 46 states and 17 countries, representing every continent except for Antarctica. Anyone want to volunteer to tune in from the South Pole next year?

This past week the Counseling Center hosted their signature **Hope Peace and Love, mental health awareness event**. Counseling center staff (and other offices too) posted up in the BSB and provided students a break from the semester stress for food, fun activities and games, prizes and giveaways. We hope you stopped by and got one of their awesome "Mental Health Matters" t-shirts. You can see highlights from the event on their <u>Instagram page</u> or below in our Student Life Moment.

Also, this week was <u>Baylor Giving Day</u>. Final totals have not been released yet, but overall, \$1,655,991 was raised for Baylor in one day and Student Life was in the top three for number of donors that supported us! Be on the lookout for a further update in the next Spotlight.

UPDATES

As you may know, our beloved colleague, friend, and former Business Officer Sandra Northern retired in May. Since then, we've had some help from Huron Consulting supporting our business needs while we have been working with the Baylor Central Budget Office to be part of a revisioning of the role and model of Business Officers campus-wide. The Central Budget Office has committed resources and intentional support to build our business infrastructure on campus to ultimately further and support our work. The Division of Student Life, along with The Business School and the College of Arts & Sciences, are three of the first units who will get to hire Business Officers under this new model. The Central Office is running a combined search for Business Officer candidates looking for candidates with both strong business acumen and that would be a good fit for each unit in need of a business officer. That said, we are excited to announce that information will be coming out very soon about on-campus interviews for a Student Life Business Officer candidate. This will be a senior leadership position in the Division, and we want to be sure everyone has a chance to hear from and provide feedback about this candidate. In addition to interviews with various groups, we have asked the candidate to give a presentation and Q&A that will be open to the entire Division. A calendar invite will be forthcoming shortly. We hope to see you there as we discern this important next step for our Division!

COMING UP

Join us in less than two weeks at our fourth **Student Life Professional Development Event** scheduled for **Thursday, March 16, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in Barfield**. Last semester, we had three sessions devoted to the theme of Human Flourishing followed by our annual Christmas breakfast in December. After a weather-forced cancellation in February, we'll now pick back up our Human Flourishing theme this month. Previous sessions are available on our <u>Student Life Staff Development webpage</u> for those who missed some.

Be sure to mark your calendars (or just keep up with the calendar invites sent out) for our remaining staff professional development events this semester. Emails providing more details for each event will go out closer to each event but, in the meantime, here are the dates, times, and locations:

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Fourth Student Life Professional Development Event Exploring Gender and Human Flourishing with Dr. Beth Allison Barr *March 16, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Cashion 5th Floor*

Fifth Student Life Professional Development Event Seeing the World Through the Eyes of The Other: Intercultural Engagement and Human Flourishing *April 13, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Cashion 5th Floor*

MOMENTS



We hope you joined President Livingstone and the Baylor Counseling Center in the BSB for Hope, Peace, Love, raising awareness for mental health.

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