

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Hello Division Colleagues,

We are approaching the final stretch of the semester. May God bless and strengthen us to the tasks we have ahead to finish the semester strong!

IMPACT

When it comes to impacting the lives of students, one of the groups that is of greatest importance to our campus vibrancy is our student leaders. We are all very thankful for the amazing student leaders we get to work with, and it is important that we take time to acknowledge them. One example of that is this past week was/is **Community Leader (CL) Appreciation week**. Please join us as we say thank you to the Community Leaders in Campus Living & Learning. If you know or see a CL, please take a moment to share your appreciation. **We publicly want to thank them for all the hard work they do to build relationships and cultivate authentic Christian community within our residence halls. They play a special part in the lives of our residents, and we thank them and are grateful for the joy they bring to this work!**



This past week also was/is **Collegiate Recovery Week** hosted by the **Beauchamp Addiction Recovery Center (BARC)** here on campus. If you were anywhere near East Village this week, you may have seen the large inflatables they had. It is rumored some staff even took the courses for a spin! In addition to the inflatables, all week Wellness and BARC staff offered **opportunities** for students to build fellowship, eat good food, raise awareness for the services we offer, and to let people know that “Recovery is for Everyone!” They even raised enough awareness that Channel 25 took notice. If you turn on your TV this evening (4/14) a feature on Collegiate Recovery Week at Baylor will be airing. Students took notice of all of the programming also. Over 500 unique students attended one or more events throughout the week, and there was even more engagement online boosting the follower count of the BARC social media accounts.

UPDATES

We have an exciting announcement: **“Baylor University Counseling Center has been accredited by the International Accreditation of Counseling Services (IACS), the premier leader in setting the benchmark for the full range of professional counseling services on college and university campuses worldwide.”** That is an excerpt from a press release provided by IACS announcing this important accomplishment. It has always been evident that our Counseling Center provides first rate services to our student body, but this accreditation represents a strong public affirmation of the quality of work being done. If you see a member of the counseling center, please congratulate them. This accreditation is not only an affirmation of their good work, but also represents a lot of work on their part in demonstrating the high level of care we provide. As described by IACS, their **“rigorous accreditation process involves detailed documentation, a comprehensive site visit evaluation, and multiple peer reviews in five areas: counseling and clinical services, ethical standards, personnel, and resources/infrastructure... The Baylor Counseling Center was evaluated by IACS and was found to offer competent and reliable professional services.”** We are proud of the Counseling Center for their work on behalf of students, and this represents a strong affirmation of both their work and the top tier student experience and holistic care that we offer to Baylor students.

COMING UP

Join the Hispanic Student Association and Baylor Activities Council this evening (4/14) for **iFiesta 2023!** This event was originally scheduled for a couple weeks ago, was rescheduled due to weather. **Fiesta is a showcase of culture, food, music, and other aspects of the Hispanic culture.** Consider swinging by Fountain Mall 6pm-9pm to enjoy a chance to win prizes, eat yummy food, play games, and enjoy the goods from local Hispanic vendors as you immerse yourself in this event.

Also this weekend is a cherished Baylor Tradition **Steppin’ Out**. Twice a year, Baylor students “step out” together across Waco to serve the community and meet the tangible needs of our neighbors, local organizations, schools, churches, and more. More to come in a future Spotlight highlighting the good work that will be done this weekend.

It is a busy weekend and Student Government Elections are also currently underway. The polls close this evening and the newly elected Student Body Officers will be announced on the **SGA Instagram page**.

Looking a little further ahead to May, we have just been made aware of a phenomenal professional development opportunity being provided by Baylor Marketing to hear from **nationally renowned GenZ/Millennials speaker and generational research expert Jason Dorsey**. Jason is the co-founder and president of the Center for Generational Kinetics out of Austin. He published his first best-selling book at age 18 and has another on **GenZ**, a #1 new release on Amazon, which includes a chapter on Baylor’s work with Brooklyn&Bailey. Jason speaks internationally and is a favorite resource for top-line media and many big consumer brands. **Jason Dorsey is coming to speak on Monday May 1st 9-10:15am in Cashion 506. If you’d like to attend you can RSVP here.** This is a great opportunity and we hope you will consider attending. A divisional invite with more details will be going out next week.

Also be sure to mark your calendars in May for **Lift Up Your Hearts on Friday May 5th at 11am**, a service of prayer and worship for the Baylor family. More information will be forthcoming, as well as an RSVP for the free lunch afterwards.



Lastly, **don’t forget to RSVP to the email invitation you received for our annual Division of Student Life End-of-Year Celebration luncheon.** Held in Barfield at noon on Thursday, May 4, this celebratory event is a sit-down catered meal, so we need to have an accurate headcount for Aramark. Accepting the Outlook calendar appointment does **NOT** reserve your place so please répondez s’il vous plaît through the link in the email invite. See you there!!!

MOMENTS



More than 500 students visited events held by the BARC this week to learn about the services that they offer and that Recovery is for Everyone!

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