

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Hello Division Colleagues,

It's official, the 2022-2023 academic year is in the books! This past weekend, our May 2023 graduates walked the Ferrell Center stage for Commencement. Sic 'Em Class of 2023!

IMPACT

Thank you to all that were able to join for the Division of Student Life End-of-Year Celebration on May 4th (it was also Star Wars Day). **We had over 175 people in Barfield for our plated meal, including several Regents.** We got to hear remarks from Divisional leaders, as well as our Student Government Association President, Graduate Student Association President, and Chair of the Regent Student Life Committee, Melissa Mines. It was a wonderful celebration, and once again **THANK YOU for all the hard work you did to make this year a success!**

That same evening, we held the **Excellence in Student Leadership Awards Celebration and had over 250 attendees** in the Baylor Club Ballroom at McLane Stadium. Special guests included President Livingstone and the First Gent, Tom@Baylor, Bruiser and Marigold, and Baylor Regents. As we celebrated all student leaders and their important contributions to our campus, we had **57 student awardees in various categories and representing student leadership positions from across the Division.**

One week later, on May 11th, we had another celebration, the **Kente Ceremony**, hosted by Multicultural Affairs. **We had 105 students who registered to participate.** In addition to the festivities, each graduate received a Baylor Kente Cloth to be worn at their graduation ceremony and they got to choose a faculty or staff member who was meaningful to them during their Baylor experience to present it to them.

UPDATES

As we go into summer, the pace of work changes significantly. For most it is a slowdown but shout out New Student Programs who are just ramping up! The rhythm and flow of campus also changes during the summer, such that there is not as much content for our "standard" Spotlight format. So, over the summer instead of a broad Spotlight that shines across the Division, we will transition to deeper dive Spotlights highlighting specific and big things happening in the Division. You may remember last year we Spotlit things like the launching of our new *Student Leadership Development model*, *changes we made to Orientation and Line Camp*, and *The BearAid trailer run by MSPL*. We have some exciting things happening in the Division to Spotlight over the summer, so stay tuned for more to come.

COMING UP

We hope you enjoyed the Professional Development opportunities offered this past year on the theme of *Human Flourishing*. If you missed any, fret not, you can find recordings of past events [here](#). As we wrap up this year, just a reminder that **the Professional Development Committee is looking for your feedback to help shape the direction of our professional development offerings and opportunities.** They sent out an e-mail on May 4th inviting you to complete a brief survey. If you have not done that yet, we ask that you please take a moment to do so. You can find that survey link in the e-mail they sent, or below.

[Survey Link](#)



We also hope that you will join us next year as we explore ideas around our new theme, *Wellbeing in Practice*, and we pursue together toward this good and beautiful goal!

MOMENTS



Special Guests President Livingstone, the First Gent, Bruiser, and Marigold posing for a photo at the Excellence in Student Leadership Awards

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