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!

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 held 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 select a faculty or staff member who was meaningful to them during their Baylor experience to present it to them. 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. We encourage you to visit our spotlight page to check out what is happening and to request content for it. You can also visit our spotlight page to request content for it. You can also visit our spotlight page to request content for it. You can also visit our spotlight page to request content for it.

As we wrap up this year, just a reminder that many links in our email are now active due to the end of semester. The Baylor Outgoing University Manager would like to reach out to the Multicultural Affairs Team to discuss the possibility of future events. As we near the end of the academic year, we are excited to look ahead to next year and see what new ideas and opportunities we can bring to the Division. The next year promises to be an exciting time of growth and development for all of us. We look forward to seeing you next year as we continue to work towards the good and beautiful goal of Student Life.

We have supported the Development Department’s goal of using the next year to increase our diversity (Humanism/Humanism/Diversity statement). It is important to keep in mind that this is a work in progress and that our efforts are ongoing. We are working on new initiatives to support this goal, including the continued funding of multicultural programs and partnerships. We will also be focusing on building relationships with community partners and organizations to further our mission.

We also hope that you will continue to keep an eye on the future plans for our new buildings and facilities, as we are making great progress on those projects as well.

We look forward to continuing our work with you and to seeing you soon.

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We also hope that you will continue to support our endowment fund as we strive to ensure the future of Student Life, and to fund programs and projects that are in line with the good and beautiful goal of Student Life.