Baylor University DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Area: Dean of Students

MISSION

Student Leadership Development at Baylor seeks to embolden students towards cultivating the dispositions (virtue) and practices (behavior) necessary to lead faithfully and authentically for the common good.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched our first ever Student Life Leadership practicum courses for CL&L/Welcome Week leaders.
- Relaunched Leadership Speaker Series
- Distributed 9 Travel Scholarships for student leaders to attend national conferences.
- Hosted a Student Leadership Roundtable event for current campus organization presidents & vice presidents to offer feedback on the initiative.
- Offered our first "Leadership for the Common Good" pilot course for current student leaders.
- Built infrastructure for a cross-curricular Experiential Leadership Certificate in Connect.
- Stewarded our divisional Excellence in Student Leadership Awards Celebration
- Sent two positional students leaders from ZTA to the National LeaderShape Conference in Dover, MD.

EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Life's Excellence in Student Leadership Awards Celebration seeks to acknowledge ALL student leaders across campus, positional or otherwise, in their embodied commitment to "Leadership for the Common Good". This year we continued to add departments across the division to make this a truly representative event:

- 250+ Attendees
- 100+ Applicants
- 57 Awardees
- 6 Departments

LAUNCH/GROWTH

- Area created & launched, August 2022
- Hired new Senior Coordinator for Student Leadership Engagement, December 2022
- Began building the Experiential Leadership Certificate in Connect, Spring 2023
- Piloted our first "Leadership for the Common Good" course, April 2023
- Anticipated hire of new Assistant Director for Leadership Education, May 2023
- "Leadership for the Common Good" Event, Fall 2023

SPEAKER SERIES

In support of equipping students towards "Leadership for the Common Good", thought leaders are invited to Baylor to discuss the intersection of their areas of expertise: postures of leadership to include character, virtue, and ethics, as well as human flourishing and the common good. In our inaugural year (relaunch), we enjoyed a diverse and thought provoking group of nationally recognized authors, advocates, clinicians, and experts from around the country.

- **Rev. Dr. Angela Gorrell:** A Life Worth Living
- Dr. Christina Edmondson: The Courage to Care
- Drs. Beth Allison Barr & Kristin Kobes Du Mez: Ceilings & Mazes: Exploring the Intersection of Gender, Faith, & Leadership
- **Dr. Marc Cortez:** Dignity, Vocation, & The Image of God Overall participation of undergraduate students/general attendance: **352 in-person attendees + over 2000 online views.**

What I thought was great about the leadership pilot was how applicable it was to all Baylor students and how it allows leaders on campus to delve deeper into how they want to lead and what they want to accomplish at Baylor and after their time here.

MOVING FORWARD

- Excited to explore relaunching the Lonestar Institute, a partnership with SMU, TCU, and Baylor bringing our student leaders together to experience the LeaderShape curriculum in Texas.
- Work cross-departmentally to relaunch the Baylor Leadership Summit in conjunction with Multicultural Affairs.
- Hosting the Leadership Educators Symposium, Summer 2023, ensuring saturation of the initiative across the division.
- Launching the "Leadership for the Common Good" initiative to ALL students, Fall 2023
- Piloting Student Life's cross-curricular Experiential Leadership Certificate, Fall 2023