

# BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Dear Division Colleagues,

Happy Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>! Did you know that *Friggatriskaidekaphobia* is the scientific term for the fear of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>? We hope you have a fantastic Friday full of fun and not fear!

## IMPACT

Thank you to all those who were able to attend one of the three [Strategic Planning](#) Group Listening Sessions for the Division of Student Life. It was great to see so many people come out to have their voice heard as the University undergoes this important journey of discernment in seeking to faithfully steward our future. If you did not get a chance to participate, fret not! **You can also provide your voice by filling out the SPG Survey.** The summary asks you to answer the same questions asked in the listening sessions. **The deadline to complete the survey is 10/20.**

Two weeks ago, renowned speaker and author [James K.A. Smith](#) joined us on campus as part of our [Leadership Speaker Series](#). Dr. Smith gave a talk to a full McClinton Auditorium (Foster 240) about his book, *You are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*. It was a great talk, and if you missed it, it was recorded and you can check that out [HERE](#).

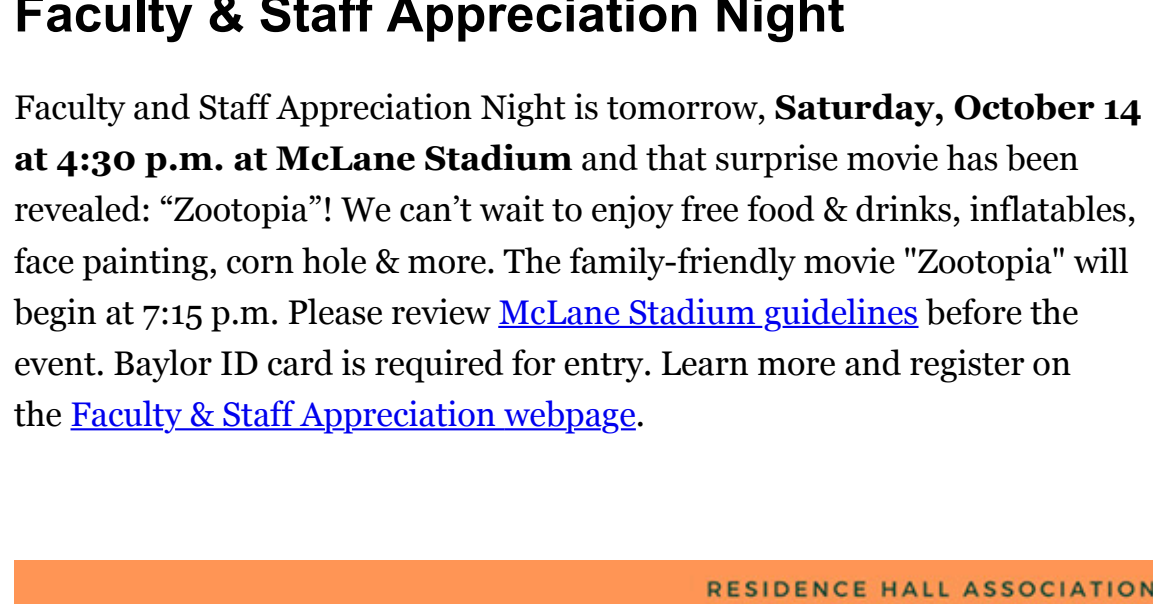
These past two weeks we have continued to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. There have been many wonderful events, but one of note was the Hispanic Heritage Banquet this past Tuesday evening (10/10). **Over 180 people came out for dinner and a keynote from Judge Robert "Bobby" Garcia a Baylor alum and founding member of the Hispanic Student Association when he was a student here at Baylor here in the late 80's.** Judge Garcia is also a graduate of Baylor Law School and he spoke to attendees reminding us of the strength we have together, as we join with our families of origin, ancestors, and our Baylor family, and strive towards excellence and, for our students, degree attainment.

## UPDATES

Professional development is an important aspect of our professional lives. In addition to the "active" professional development events we offer (next one on Thursday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m.-Noon, more details to come) we also want to highlight several "passive" professional development resources that Baylor makes available. We encourage you to check out these resources.

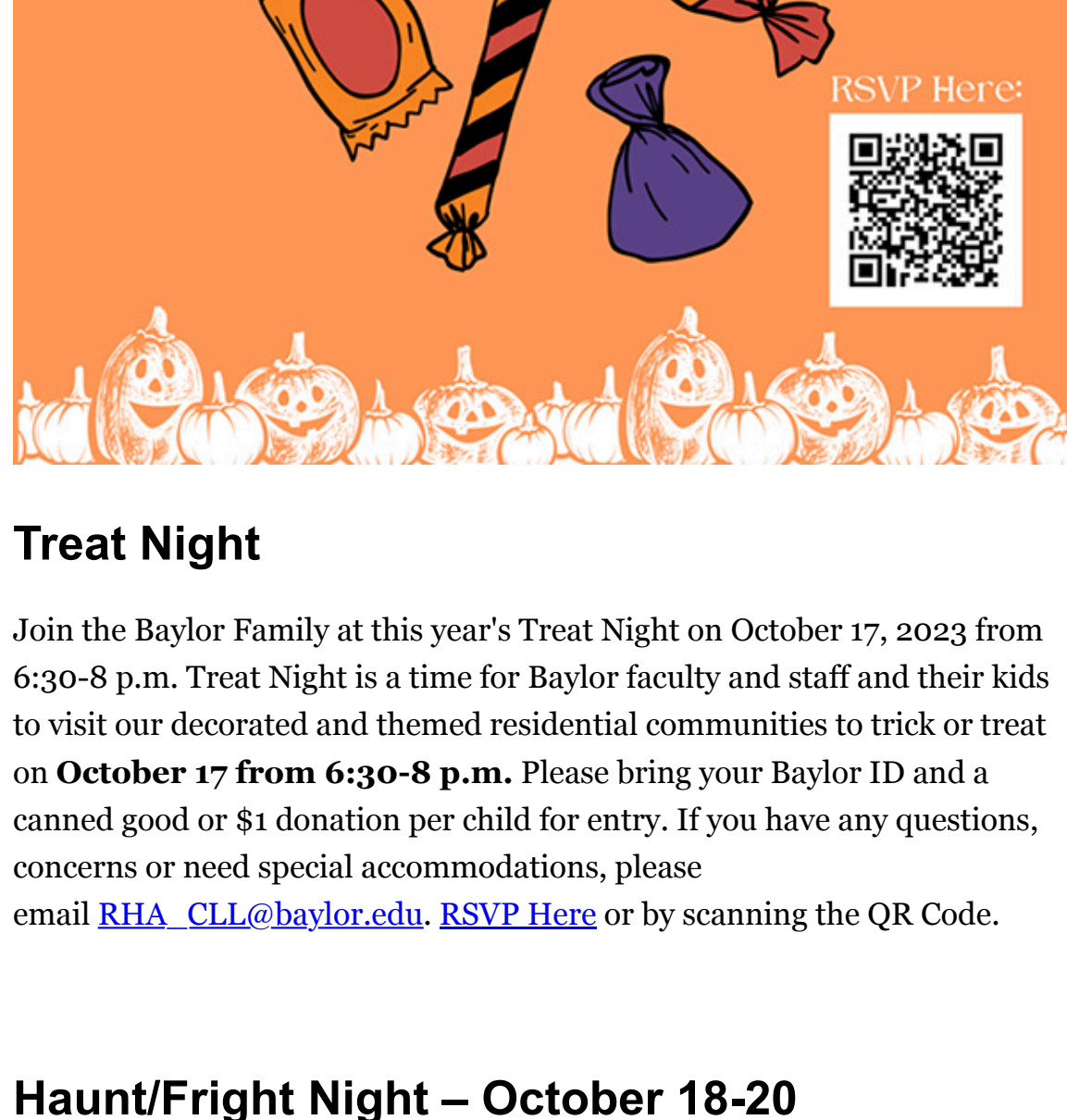
1. [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#) - A leading source of higher education news. Sign up using your Baylor e-mail for a free account and access to their newsletters
2. [Inside Higher Education](#) - A leading source of higher education news. Create a free account for access to unlimited articles and their newsletters
3. [EAB](#) - an education and technology company offering high quality higher education resources and professional development opportunities. Anyone with a Baylor e-mail can create an account for free. Just sign up for an account using you Baylor e-mail, and select Baylor from the drop-down as your institution.
4. [LinkedIn Learning](#) - A resource by LinkedIn that offers online professional development courses on a wide range of topics and skills.
5. [The New York Times](#) - Sign up using your Baylor e-mail for a free account and access to their newsletters
6. [Wall Street Journal](#) - Sign up using your Baylor e-mail for a free account and access to their newsletters

## COMING UP



### Faculty & Staff Appreciation Night

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Night is tomorrow, **Saturday, October 14 at 4:30 p.m. at McLane Stadium** and that surprise movie has been revealed: "Zootopia"! We can't wait to enjoy free food & drinks, inflatables, face painting, corn hole & more. The family-friendly movie "Zootopia" will begin at 7:15 p.m. Please review [McLane Stadium guidelines](#) before the event. Baylor ID card is required for entry. Learn more and register on the [Faculty & Staff Appreciation webpage](#).



### Treat Night

Join the Baylor Family at this year's Treat Night on October 17, 2023 from 6:30-8 p.m. Treat Night is a time for Baylor faculty and staff and their kids to visit our decorated and themed residential communities to trick or treat on **October 17 from 6:30-8 p.m.** Please bring your Baylor ID and a canned good or \$1 donation per child for entry. If you have any questions, concerns or need special accommodations, please email [RHA\\_CLL@baylor.edu](mailto:RHA_CLL@baylor.edu). [RSVP Here](#) or by scanning the QR Code.

### Haunt/Fright Night – October 18-20

Be sure to take a little extra blood pressure medicine before this one, but don't miss out on FLJI's annual haunted house on Fountain Mall. It'll be held from **October 18-20, from 8-11 p.m.** If that's not your speed, you can just attend ADPi's annual Haunt event on Fountain Mall on **Friday, October 20 from 7-9 p.m.** Haunt is a fall festival philanthropy event. All proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald House in Temple, Texas, and the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation. Haunt will feature a free caricature artist, a photo booth, axe throwing, and live music performed by Sunn.

### Steppin' Out – October 21

After getting your fill of candy and fright, head out into the community on **Saturday, October 21** for Steppin' Out. To round out this week of events, Steppin' Out is a way for thousands of Baylor students and the rest of our Baylor family to serve our Waco community. [Click here](#) for more information.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Staff Development Event – October 26

We hope you enjoyed our first Staff Development Event where we practiced the art of play! Our next event is on **Thursday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hurd Welcome Center**. Be on the lookout for more details. We can't wait to be in community together to share more of our theme of *Well-Being in Practice*.

## Homecoming

**Also coming up in two weeks is one of our most cherished traditions [Baylor Homecoming!](#)** We'll do a more full write-up in our next Spotlight on 10/27, but in the meantime be sure to check out the [list of Homecoming events](#) happening all week 10/23-10/28!



Speaking of Homecoming weekend, Admissions has also invited us to **Home Sweet Hurd** a reception in their offices in the Hurd Welcome Center to celebrate the new space and to say thank you to all of their friends and campus partners (like us!). **Come by Friday, October 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. to enjoy snacks and refreshments**, and to celebrate the new home and offices of Admissions. To help them with numbers, **if you are interested in going, please [Click Here to Register](#)**. If you have any questions, please e-mail [visit@baylor.edu](mailto:visit@baylor.edu).

## STAFF NEWS

### Spotlight On New Staff

We're continuing to shine a light on some of our newest Student Life staff members. Enjoy getting to know each of them! This issue we have:



**Andre Baesa, Senior Coordinator of Intercultural Engagement & Student Life Initiatives**

**Fun fact:** "I love traveling and experiencing new cultures. So much so that I spent three years living abroad in China and teaching English! I also enjoy playing board games, and watching and playing basketball."

**What I enjoy most about working at Baylor:** "I have enjoyed the connections I have been able to make with staff, faculty, and students, and the community that has come out of it. Baylor is continually working towards finding ways to create a more vibrant, inclusive, supportive, and diverse campus environment, and I'm thankful to be a part of and contribute towards this vision."



**Alyssa Harrington, LEAD LLC Program Director**

**Fun fact:** "My husband and I are now both program directors! I am with LEAD LLC and the School of Education, and my husband Ryan is the Program Director of Street Sweep Employment Program at Mission Waco."

**What I enjoy most about working at Baylor:** "I love how employees across departments are interconnected. Many of us have known each other from previous roles, or we even went to Baylor together! This allows for cross-departmental relationships to form so much easier."

## MOMENTS



*This past week was Missions Week on campus. We want to thank all of the staff who helped make this such an impactful week connecting Baylor students with missions opportunities and organizations!*

