

## Student Life

# BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

November 10, 2023

Dear Division Colleagues,

In honor of election day this past Tuesday, we invite you to exercise your voting rights and select your favorite Thanksgiving joke from below. The winner will appear in the next Spotlight. (Click on your favorite.)

- 1) [Why didn't the turkey take home any leftovers? Because all of his plans were foiled.](#)
- 2) [Why did the turkey cross the road? He didn't want people to think he was chicken.](#)
- 3) [What did the turkey say to the computer? "Google, Google"](#)
- 4) [What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving? Lucky.](#)

## IMPACT

### Homecoming 2023

Despite the rain, it was a Homecoming to remember! **9,817 attended Dinner with the Livingstones and 7,500 attended Pigskin.** It was an incredible **Homecoming Parade** packed from downtown to campus with **168 parade entries.** If you missed the parade, you can catch the recap [HERE](#). We even got to light the bonfire after the football game. Check out the Homecoming highlight video [HERE](#).

### Leadership Speaker Series

Eugene Cho spoke to an audience of 135 students, faculty, and staff about the Common Good through the lens of his own story and that of Jesus and the disciples in John 21. Throughout his presentation, **he challenged and encouraged the audience to consider their “why” in light of a theology of Constructive Hope – a hope that allows us to persist faithfully in the midst of brokenness.** Rev. Cho shared about his family history, his passion and advocacy work toward ending global hunger, and how his faith compels him to lead toward a more merciful, compassionate, and just world. If you missed the opportunity to see Rev. Cho live, you can watch a video of the event [HERE](#).

### Asian Fest

Asian Fest 2023 this past Friday included **16 acts performed for a crowd of over 500 individuals from the Baylor and Waco community.** Multicultural Affairs is thankful for the combined efforts of the Korean Student Association, the Vietnamese Student Association, and the Coalition of Asian Students for producing a night that highlighted the culture and talents of our Asian communities. Click [HERE](#) to see some of the highlights.

## UPDATES

### Introducing Spotlight Shoutout

In an effort to recognize and celebrate the good work performed by our dedicated Division of Student Life staff in a timely way, we are launching a new segment in our Spotlight newsletter called Shoutout. Appearing under the Staff News section, the Spotlight Shoutout will highlight staff who went above and beyond the scope of regular duties in a way that had substantive, positive impact on others and/or whose level of excellence in a particular program or initiative was exemplary. You may nominate any staff member within the division using [THIS FORM](#), where specific criteria are listed and further instructions provided. We encourage you to consider nominating someone! See below for the first Shoutout.

## SHOUTOUT

In our very first Spotlight Shoutout we are excited to shoutout **Dakota Farquhar-Cadell (Student Activities), who was nominated for his above and beyond contributions in welcoming our newest Baylor bears Judge Indy and Judge Belle.** Although they officially moved into the on-campus habitat in August, a lot of work went into caring for them prior to their arrival on campus. Dakota spent many long hours this summer caring for the bears at our off-campus facility. Over the summer our student bear trainers are not around and so Dakota was the primary care-giver. He bottle-fed our growing cubs, provided enrichment and care, and coordinated with key partners to ensure Indy and Belle had all that they needed. He also did a great job coordinating with Baylor marketing to ensure we all got regular updates and pictures of our beloved cubs. **Thanks for all the great work Dakota and all that you do for Baylor!**



## COMING UP

Throughout the month of November, Baylor will recognize **Native American Heritage Month** and offer a variety of ways to connect to the rich history and culture of the Native American people. Here is [some information](#) on the history of Baylor University with Native Americans. **The Mayborn Museum is hosting its Fifth Annual celebration of National Native American Heritage Month,** and this year they are [focusing on Native storytelling](#), with several activities planned, including a community conversation with President Terri Parton and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. For a complete list of events, click [here](#).

Happening tonight at 6 p.m. at the Bear Park, **Chili Cook-Off and Bed Races** is an event hosted by Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Omega, and Baylor Activities Council. At this event, students will be able to compete in bed races and taste homemade chili! Featured vendors include Celsius, Sendero, Kendra Scott, Waco Axe, Stumpy's and more!

**Come celebrate Thanksgiving with the Baylor Family next Wednesday, November 15 at All University Thanksgiving!** Student Foundation will be partnering with Student Government and Baylor Dining to provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal to all members of the Baylor community in celebration of the holiday of gratitude & thankfulness.

After you've had your fill of turkey, consider heading over the **McLane Stadium for the Intramural Flag Football Championships.** Come see our students compete under the lights with the women's recreational game kicking off at 6 p.m., men's recreational at 7 p.m, women's competitive game at 8 p.m., and the men's competitive at 9 p.m.

At the end of month is another Baylor family favorite: **Christmas on 5th Street!** This will kick off the Christmas season in style. Make sure to [subscribe to the Baylor Student Life Events Outlook Calendar](#) for all of the great upcoming event information, and get ready to experience the Christmas magic.

## STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to announce the **promotions of Dr. Kim Scott and Mrs. Tiffany Lowe** to the title of Senior Director. This new title is in recognition of their years of service, expanded scopes of Divisional responsibility, and their sustained exceptional performance.

New Staff:



Name: **Brenda Sanchez**  
Title: **Financial Manager**  
Department: **Student Life Business Operations**

Fun/interesting fact: **“I enjoy cooking dishes and desserts from different cuisine types. My family’s favorite dish is Paella and Macarons for dessert.”**

Most enjoyable about working at Baylor: **“I love how everyone is so welcoming and passionate about their role in supporting our students.”**

## MOMENTS



*It's been two weeks since the Homecoming game, but this was one line run we will never forget. If you missed it and need a visual definition of the word "torrential," click [here](#) for three-minutes of the fun.*

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