Hello Division Colleagues,

Summer is upon us! Whatever summer looks like for you, we hope it’s off to a good start!

On June 16th, The Counseling Center is bringing mental health expert (and Baylor grad) Dr. Broderick Leaks to speak on the topic of “Supporting Black-identified Students in Higher Education.” They graciously would like to extend this professional development opportunity to the whole Division and to anyone interested. The time with Dr. Leaks will be 9 a.m.-12 noon, with optional breakfast at 8:30 and lunch at Noon if you RSVP (and CEUs available for mental health providers). If you are interested in attending please talk with your supervisor first, and then RSVP HERE by May 31 (apologies for the quick turnaround).

Also coming up in June is the Annual Student Life Summer Social! Please mark your calendars (or accept the Outlook invite) for Friday June 23, 12 noon-3 p.m. We’ll have lunch, beer, wine, soda, dollar-dog, pickleball, and more. If you’re planning to attend please make sure to RSVP by clicking HERE by June 9. If you do not RSVP using the link (while supplies last) questions about dietary restrictions can be guaranteed by the RFP if we are not having enough of.

In addition to the accomplishment by CL&L of successfully moving out approximately 4500 students in 19 residence halls (no small feat), the student-led Residence Hall Association (RHA) coordinated a food drive during move out. All told, the final count for food donations was roughly 10,000 lbs of food!

Upon collection of all that food, our campus partner Lauren da Silva, Program Manager for Food Insecurity and Basic Needs at Baylor, said, “We filled 3 offices, literally from the floor to about waist height and have only just finished sorting through it. It has taken 3 volunteers, all day, all week. I think this is a huge win for the prevention of unnecessary food waste, our students who need help over the summer, and our campus community.” Way to go RHA and CL&L!

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