

# BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Dear Division Colleagues,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you today at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Student Life Summer Social in the SLC Noon-3pm! We also hope that whatever is keeping you busy this summer you are staying cool and having fun!

## IMPACT

### Juneteenth

As you know, and hopefully got to enjoy and celebrate, we had this past Monday off in observation of Juneteenth. Although it is the newest federal holiday (recognized in 2021), it is not a new holiday. It was first recognized as a state holiday in Texas in 1980, and in total has been celebrated for 158 years (since June 19<sup>th</sup> 1865). There are many great resources to learn more about Juneteenth, but one of particular interest to Waco, is this article from Waco History (a joint Baylor venture between The Institute for Oral History and The Texas Collection) on the [history of Juneteenth in Waco](#). Did you know that the first documented celebration of Juneteenth in Waco was in 1876 and over two thousand people showed up? We hope you got a chance to join in the many celebrations that occurred on campus and in Waco and see below in the Moments section for an example here in the Division of Student Life.

## STAFF NEWS

### Staffing Updates Around the Division

As you likely know (and experience), late spring and summer are peak hiring seasons in Student Life. We wanted to take a moment to give an update on staffing and also some related changes occurring across the Division. We've divided these updates up by the supervision areas of our four Deans.

#### Dean of Students Area

##### **Student Conduct**

We are in the process of hiring for the Legal Associate position in Student Conduct. Bob Perkins continues to provide temporary coverage for this role while we are searching.

##### **New Student Programs**

We are fully staffed in New Student Programs!

##### **Leadership Area**

Chelsea Sentell starts this week as the Assistant Director for Leadership Education. With this hire, we are fully staffed in Leadership!

##### **Student Activities**

As you know, Dr. Matt Burchett has completed his time as the Director of Student Activities. We are in the process of searching for his replacement and had two interviews this week. We are also looking for the Associate Director of Student Involvement (Craig Willie's previous role). This search is in process. Additionally, we are searching for the Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, replacing Paige Eidenschink. Waco Hall is wrapping up their search for an Assistant Director and we've closed the search for the Office Manager of Student Activities and hope to have the position filled before mid-July.

##### **Multicultural Affairs**

Pearl Beverly has transitioned to the role of Director of Advancement Services and Special Advisor to Multicultural Affairs. In this role, Pearl will work collaboratively with colleagues in Advancement to foster deeper relationships with our alumni and will also document her rich history of work with our students of color over the past 30+ years. Pearl will continue to support MA this summer until Geoffrey Griggs returns from family leave in August when he will return as the Interim Director of Multicultural Affairs.

##### **Campus Living and Learning**

We continue to search for an Assistant Director of Resident Learning, replacing Lisa Murphy who is wrapping up 16 years in the Department. We are also searching for at least one Residence Hall Director to complete our hires for that role this spring/summer. Finally, we have an opening for the Assistant Director of Housing Systems, position currently held by Jeremy Glover. Jeremy will wrap up his time in CL&L in early July.

### Spiritual Life

Spiritual Life and the Department of Chapel are celebrating the hiring of Nick DiMauro into the position of Sr. Coordinator for Chapel. In addition to two years of leadership experience in Baylor Chapel Worship as a student/temporary employee, Dr. DiMauro brings significant pastoral experience and education to the role (M.Div. and D.Min.)

Two searches are currently taking place in Spiritual Life, one for a Senior Coordinator in Campus Ministries and the other for an Assistant Director for Service.

### Student Health and Wellness

#### **Department of Student Care and Well-Being**

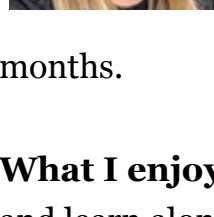
Effective June 1, 2023, the Department of Student Care and Well-Being was created and will be under the leadership of Meghan Becker. The Department of Student Care and Well-Being combines what was previously known as the Department of Care Team Services together with the Beauchamp Addiction Recovery Center and Well-Being Initiatives, two of the three main areas formerly under the Department of Wellness. Student Care and Well-Being will provide holistic support for students including continued direct support for students in crisis or needing connection to key services on campus, collegiate recovery programming, and campus-wide resilience initiatives such as health promotion, sleep and nutrition education, and Mental Health First Aid. Fitness Initiatives, the third area formerly part of the Department of Wellness, has been re-integrated into Campus Recreation, under the leadership of Dr. Kim Scott, and will expand and enhance our ability to serve individual students and groups through our fitness classes and personal training programs.

### Intercultural Engagement

A search is currently underway for a new Senior Coordinator of Intercultural Engagement and Student Life Initiatives. Working alongside Dr. Villegas, the person who fills this role will be a vital component in assisting to execute the Faithful Trajectory Intercultural Engagement model and related programming toward to creating a more vibrant, inclusive, and supportive campus environment for all.

### Spotlight on New Staff

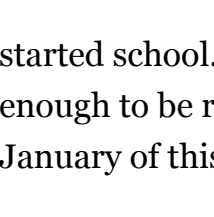
As noted in our last Spotlight, this summer we're shining light on some of our newest Student Life staff members. Three or so newer team members will be featured each issue this summer and then we'll make it a regular practice throughout the year as people join our division. Enjoy getting to know each of them!



**Katie Buckholz, Residence Hall Director, Campus Living and Learning**

**Fun fact:** My family of four recently enjoyed living full-time in an RV and traveling around the United States for six months.

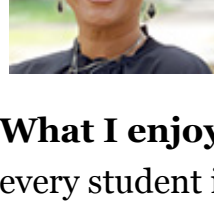
**What I enjoy most about working at Baylor:** The opportunity to grow and learn alongside fellow believers while doing like-minded work of investing in and developing college students.



**Teresa Shaw, Appointment Clerk/Receptionist, Health Center**

**Fun fact:** I worked at Baylor for 31 years and retired and was able to keep my granddaughter for a while before she started school. I then decided to return to Baylor and was fortunate enough to be rehired and have been working in Health Services since January of this year.

**What I enjoy most about working at Baylor:** I have made so many wonderful friends while working at Baylor. I am thankful to have a part in serving and helping the students here.



**Priscilla Serrato, Senior Coordinator for Education and Training, Multicultural Affairs**

**Fun fact:** I love 5 a.m. Crossfit workouts.

**What I enjoy most about working at Baylor:** Creating a space where every student is celebrated in their own way, while promoting academic success.

## MOMENTS



*Last week the Health Center took a break to celebrate Juneteenth with some food and fellowship! Joanne Happy (pictured) took the lead on planning and decorations. Happy (belated) Juneteenth!*

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