

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

Dear Division Colleagues,

If there's more of a pep in your step this week, we see it, too! It's got to be this cooler weather we're enjoying, eh?

IMPACT

We started the semester with a lot of buzz. During Staycation Weekend a couple weeks ago, **more than 500 Farmer's Market vouchers** were claimed and **1,600 freshmen** ran the Line for the first time! The Weekend also included a freshman dodgeball tournament, the CASA Cookout & Concert, Sign the Line, and Sundown Sessions!

Howdy at the Hurd was an electrifying celebration and a fantastic way to formally open the front doors of campus: [Hurd Welcome Center](#). We'd love to share a few Howdy Highlights: **more than 10,000 were in attendance**, and 6,500 concert ticket and 5,000 food vouchers were distributed. The energy and enthusiasm of everyone who attended made it a truly remarkable event, and the *drone show* was a perfect way to cap off the night and pave the way for the future of this remarkable facility.

As we celebrated our Kick-Off event at the Hurd, we're already becoming more familiar with the university's new front doors. It was a joy to see so many familiar faces this past Wednesday! With **more than 200 Student Life colleagues in attendance**, and as mentioned in the Kick-Off's devotion, we hope the time together helped embody a restorative faith, where future hope is expressed in our present actions. We could not be more excited to start the year this way.

UPDATES

Well-being in Practice is this year's Student Development theme. In addition to our first professional development (details mentioned below), here are a couple ways to put that into practice. As Dr. Hynes mentioned on Wednesday, we encourage you to utilize the [Spiritual Wellbeing Leave](#) for spiritual renewal. Another way to engage in this year's theme is to partake in the Physical Wellbeing program. More information can be found [here](#), where there is an opportunity to earn rewards after meeting specific goals.

COMING UP

Family Weekend – 9/15

The weather is cooling off and it's perfect timing with family coming into town to celebrate Family Weekend! Students and their loved ones can enjoy a wide array of activities and events under the cooler temperature that is Texas Fall. For a full schedule of events this weekend, click [here](#).

Hispanic Heritage Month – 9/15 – 10/15

To kick off all the celebrations and festivities for Hispanic Heritage Month is the Hispanic Heritage Luncheon on September 21st. This event is a tribute to the rich culture and contributions of our Hispanic community members. Join us for delicious food, captivating performances, and insightful discussions as we honor Hispanic Heritage at Baylor. For more information on how you can participate, please click [here](#).

Listening Session – 9/22

As you may have already heard, the Strategic Planning Group is hosting more than 70 listening sessions this semester, and on September 22, here is your chance for your voice to be heard. Your voice matters, and this session is an opportunity for us to come together as a community to ensure Baylor's continuous growth and improvement.

September Staff Development – 9/28

Please join us for the first Student Life professional development event The Art of Play scheduled for **Thursday, September 28, from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in Barfield. This year we will be focusing on the theme Well-being in Practice. As a continuation of last year's flourishing theme, this year we will put what we learn into practice and grow together in holistic well-being. For our first event we hope that you are excited to learn and do activities together centered around Emotional Well-being and self care. There will be a variety of activities and a raffle prize! Be on the lookout for a calendar invite if one has not been sent out already.

STAFF NEWS

Spotlight On New Staff

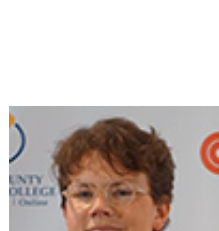
We're continuing to shine a light on some of our newest Student Life staff members. Newer team members were featured each issue this summer, and now it will be regular practice throughout the year as people join our division. Enjoy getting to know each of them! This issue we have:



Laura Robertson, Residence Hall Director, Kokernot Hall

Fun fact: "About 2 summers ago I set a goal to backpack 80-100 in one week of the year. This has taken me to the Appalachians, Italy and soon Scotland."

What I enjoy most about working at Baylor: "What I love most about my position here at Baylor is getting to walk alongside these first year women as they learn more about themselves and others. Baylor is a space where we encourage holistic health and wellness, and in this role, I really get to be on the front line of connecting students to resources to become more of who they're meant to be."

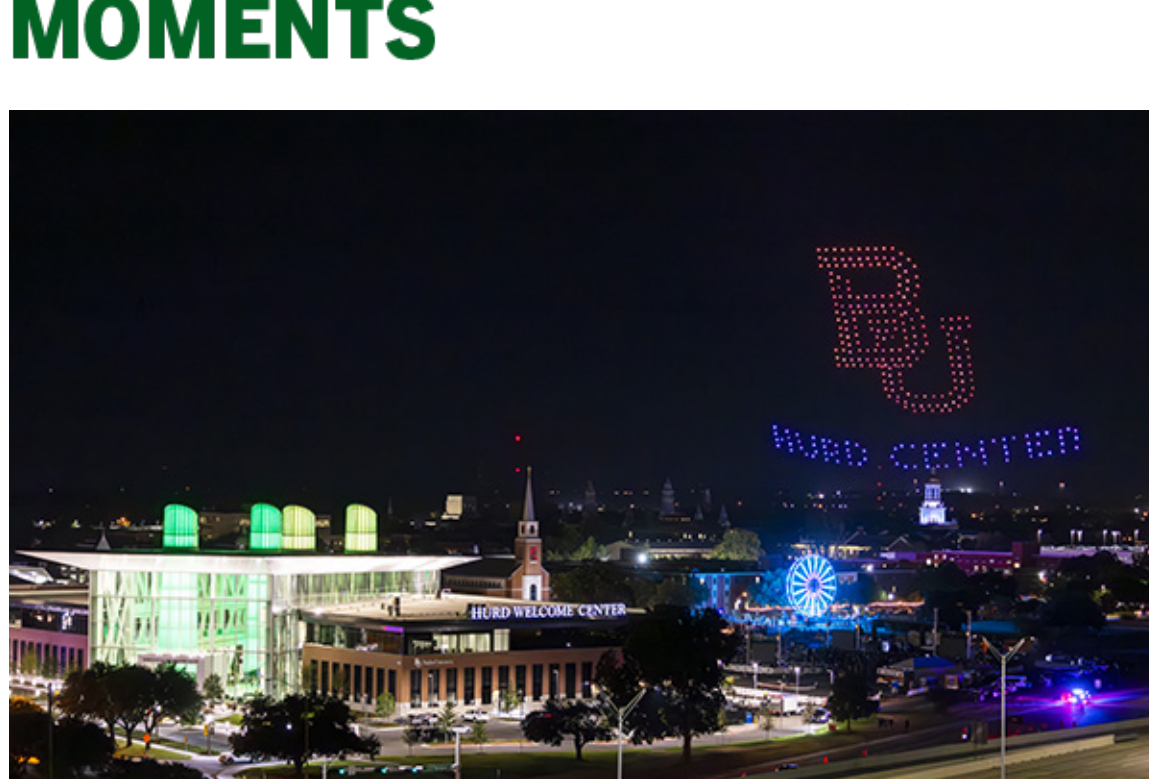


Tom Trangmoe, Senior Coordinator at Waco Hall

Fun fact: "I'm also a writer!"

What I enjoy most about working at Baylor: "The rich, storied tradition that encapsulates this place and makes everything better when you lean into those traditions."

MOMENTS



Baylor's lights were certainly shining bright this past week at Howdy at the Hurd. Hundreds of drones lit up the sky over campus after students enjoyed a concert from country music chart-topper, Bailey Zimmerman.

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