

Student Life

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

February 16, 2024

Dear Division Colleagues,

Happy belated Valentine's Day! What did the one pig say to the other pig on Valentine's Day? "Don't go bacon my heart."

IMPACT

The Student Leadership Development Area welcomed world renowned theologian, speaker, and author, Dr. Miroslav Volf to campus last week as the featured guest speaker for their first Leadership Speaker Series event of the spring semester. The event hosted over 75 attendees from the campus and Waco community. Dr. Volf helped us to wrestle with what is good, what it means to live life well and to flourish as human. "Student Leadership Development at Baylor seeks to embolden students towards cultivating the habits and virtues necessary to faithfully and authentically lead for the common good."

Continuing with our Wellbeing in Practice theme for the year, our fourth Student Life Staff Development event yesterday examined what it means to be socially well in a variety of contexts, exploring ways in which we tend to our social selves and how we show up in the workplace. Titled Tending to Our Social Selves, our time was marked by sharing from our very own Meghan Becker along with Dr. Jon Singletary, Dean of the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work. Participants did a social connections audit and set social goals for the rest of the year. To learn more about our past and future Student Life Staff Development events, visit the For Staff page on our website.

UPDATES

This week we wanted to highlight our Divisional Events calendar resource in Outlook. As a reminder, the events calendar, Student\_Life\_Events@baylor.edu, is a real-time resource aimed at both helping you communicate to other staff when your department is hosting events as well as help you plan for events with a mindfulness of what else may be happening in the Division. We have built a set of instructions for PC, Mac, and Office365 Online, for how to add this calendar to your Outlook. You can find those instructions here.

We need YOUR help keeping this calendar up to date with events from across the Division. The calendar has an e-mail (Student\_Life\_Events@baylor.edu) that you can add to calendar events (similar to inviting a person). If you invite Student\_Life\_Events@baylor.edu to a calendar event, we will accept the invitation and then everyone in the Division will be able to see your event. In addition to communication and planning, this will also allow you communicate about your event in real-time. For instance, if the location of your event changes (such as to a back-up rain location) and you change the calendar event that Student\_Life\_Events has been invited to, it will automatically update for all to see where the new location is.

COMING UP

Racism in the World Church Conference - Taking place from Feb. 15-17 in the Paul Powel Chapel at Truett Seminary is the Racism in the World Church Conference. "Time to Wake Up: Racism in the World Church" is the focus and "The Truth that Will Liberate Us All" is the theme. The conference schedule will consist of speakers and panels covering topics ranging from Black theology, evangelical church growth, Black worship leaders in predominantly White worship spaces, and so much more. More information can be found here.

All-University Sing - Sing is in full swing! Good luck to our 2400 students across 20 student acts participating in Sing this week and next! A big thank you also to all the student and staff volunteers working behind the scene to make this cherished campus tradition a success.

Advertisement for Womxn Wednesday featuring Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D., President of Baylor University. Includes event details: Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 9:00AM PT/11:00AM CT/12:00PM ET.

NASPA's Womxn in Student Affairs KC - Womxn Wednesday with Dr. Linda Livingstone - Come hear about the leadership journey of our very own President Dr. Linda Livingstone as she is featured by NASPA's Womxn in Student Affairs Knowledge Community. If you are interested, she will be speaking Wednesday 2/21 at 11am. You can register for the event (which is free) using this Registration Link.

Black Heritage Month Banquet - Come support Multicultural Affairs and continue to celebrate Black History Month with the 37th annual Black Heritage Banquet. Taking place on Thursday, February 22 at 6:00pm in Foster 250, it'll be an event you don't want to miss! More information can be found here.

Ceremonial Groundbreaking for Memorial to Enslaved Persons - Join the Baylor community on Founders Mall February 23, 2024 at 1:30 PM for the Ceremonial Groundbreaking for Memorial to Enslaved Persons. This important addition to our campus is part of the recommendations that emerged from the Commission on Historic Campus Representations. To learn more about the memorial check out this recent Lariat Article.

STAFF NEWS

New Staff:



Name: Tonya Tenberg
Department: Spiritual Life
Title: Office Manager for the Office of the University Chaplain
Fun/interesting fact: "I love the beach, traveling, thrifting, discovering new places to eat, and I am always looking for a new craft project to jump in to. When I am not working, I can also be found riding my Harley, Romeo."
Most enjoyable about working at Baylor: "Having worked in a couple different areas on Campus, I would have to say that working with students is what I find most enjoyable. Over the years, my students have taught me so much more than I have taught them and they help keep me feeling young."

SHOUTOUT

Nominate a Shout Out : In an effort to recognize and celebrate the good work performed by our dedicated Division of Student Life staff in a timely way, Spotlight Shoutout highlights staff who have gone 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.

MOMENTS



There is nothing in the world quite like Baylor All-University Sing!

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