

Student Life

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

March 28, 2024

Dear Division Colleagues,

We've made it to Easter break! May you experience a time of spiritual rest and rejuvenation this weekend as you reflect on the meaning of Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

IMPACT

Sic'Em Slam, March 15 - From mesmerizing verses to heartfelt narratives, the inaugural Sic'Em Slam event delivered an unforgettable showcase of talent from the Baylor community. Whether they were stepping on stage for the first time or as seasoned veterans, performers shared their stories that echoed the diverse experiences of our campus community to a captive audience of 200. A live band set the perfect backdrop, elevating the performers' pieces and playing a mix of throwbacks and current hits—it was a night filled with creativity, inspiration, and unforgettable memories.

Baylor Leadership Summit, March 21-22 - Hosted by the Department of Multicultural Affairs and Student Leadership Development; individuals from Baylor, the Waco community, and higher education institutions across Texas attended the 2024 Baylor Leadership Summit. This event, hosted in-person for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic, enjoyed an all-star lineup of speakers led by the [Leadership Speaker Series Keynote Dr. Soong-Chan Rah](#). Each speaker was invited to respond to the Summit theme, "Constructive Hope"; recognizing the tension between hope and brokenness and choosing to work restoratively toward justice. The Summit embodied this commitment by offering attendees the opportunity to partner with The Store, Baylor's on campus food pantry. Led by Cha Community, Summit attendees made and donated close to 1000 dumplings for our students!

Bearathon, March 23 - This past weekend was the annual Bearathon which is billed as the "Toughest Half-Marathon in Texas" with over 1,300 feet of total ascent throughout the race. Student Foundation organizes the race each year that raises money for the Baylor Student Foundation Scholarship Endowment. This year was the largest race since COVID with 1,262 half marathon runners, 365 Sic'em 6K runners, and 1,738 registrations across both races.

Gateway to India, March 23 - More than 600 students, faculty, and staff came together to celebrate the beauty of Indian culture at Gateway to India this past Saturday, sponsored by the Indian Subcontinent Student Association and Baylor Student Productions. We had four visiting university performance groups from UT Austin, UT Dallas, University of Houston, and SMU this year join our own Baylor students in the production. This beautiful annual event is in its 27th year at Baylor.

FM72, March 24-27 - FM72 delivered an unforgettable 3 days of intentional prayer and worship earlier this week. Each night was highlighted with a service that included both worship and teaching. Continuing its partnership with local churches, there was a focus on bringing revival and renewal to our campus and city. Other highlights of the event include baptisms and a livestream to make it more accessible. If you didn't get to participate, or would like to see some of the highlights, you can check out their [Instagram page](#).

UPDATES

March Madness Brackets - After the first two rounds of the NCAA Division I basketball tournaments (women's and men's), see below for the top five leading staff members in our inaugural Division of Student Life March Madness Bracket Showdown Challenge Extravaganza Bonanza:

To sweeten the pot, we are excited to announce that **the winner of each bracket will receive** an extra super special, high performance, vacuum insulated, temperature controlled, ultra durable, limited edition **Division of Student Life Yeti Tumbler**, and everyone else gets... nothing.

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

1. Chris Gomez (Campus Rec), 570 points - Chosen winner: Iowa
2. Lisa Bland (Health Services), 570 points - Chosen winner: South Carolina
3. Roz Sabella (Student Activities), 540 points - Chosen winner: Baylor
4. Terri Garrett (CL&L), 530 points - Chosen winner: Oregon State
5. Jennifer Crosslin (MSPL), 530 points - Chosen winner: South Carolina
6. Andy VanZanten (Student Activities), 530 points - Chosen winner: South Carolina
7. Jordy Dickey (Student Activities), 520 points - Chosen winner: South Carolina
8. Tranquility Gordon (Multicultural Affairs), 510 points - Chosen winner: South Carolina
9. Robert Graham (Campus Rec), 500 points - Chosen winner: South Carolina
10. Noah Harvey (CL&L), 500 points - Chosen winner: UConn

MEN'S TOURNAMENT

1. Chelsea Sentell (Student Leadership Development), 500 points - Chosen winner: UConn
2. Terri Garrett (CL&L), 500 points - Chosen winner: UConn
3. Andy VanZanten (Student Activities), 480 points - Chosen winner: UConn
4. Sharra Hynes (SLT), 480 points - Chosen winner: UConn
5. Sarah Harris (Student Leadership Development), 470 - Chosen winner: Marquette
6. Noah Harvey (CL&L), 460 points - Chosen winner: UNC
7. Jim Marsh (SLT), 450 points - Chosen winner: Iowa State
8. Ian Philbrick (CL&L), 450 points - Chosen winner: UConn
9. Monica Albers (Health Services), 450 points - Chosen winner: Purdue
10. Zach Mills (SLT), 450 points - Chosen winner: Houston

Job Opportunities in Baylor Student Life - We are entering hiring season, and we have a number of positions that will become available over the next few months. While these jobs will be posted online, ultimately we believe YOU are the best recruiters and we would love your help recruiting future colleagues!

[Student Life Job Listings](#)

For an up-to-date list of open positions, there is a page on our main website dedicated to job postings in the Division (see link above). As in previous years, during this hiring season we are going to be sending a bi-weekly list of open positions and we ask that you forward them on to anyone you think might be interested and encourage them to apply.

Great Colleges to Work for Survey - We wanted to give one last friendly reminder and encouragement to fill out the [Great Colleges to Work For Survey](#) by the end of day today. Your participation, which only takes ten minutes of your time, not only helps the Division celebrate our strengths but also identifies areas of growth. If you're having trouble accessing the survey, remember to search for "Great Colleges" in your Outlook for the email with your dedicated login details.

COMING UP

Fiesta, April 5 - Don't miss the chance to join the Hispanic Student Association and the Baylor Activities Council for their annual event, **Fiesta at Baylor**, a showcase of various aspects of Hispanic culture. Come out to **Fountain Mall at 6 p.m.** for music, performances, and food (a winning combination if you ask us).

Steppin' Out, April 6 - Steppin' Out is back this semester where students will spend their Saturday morning dedicated to service and community impact. Following the success of the last Steppin' Out in October, where students ventured out across Waco to serve in over 30 work sites, Missions, Service & Public Life is gearing up for another inspiring day of giving back.

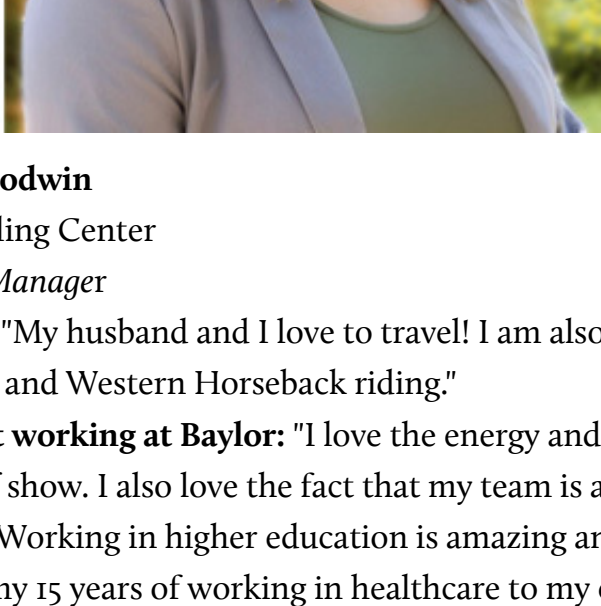
Diadeloso and Solar Eclipse, April 8 - This year's Diadeloso is going to be one for the ages! It'll be more than 300 years before the next full solar eclipse in Waco, and Dia this year is taking advantage of this natural wonder as a centerpiece of the day. For a full schedule of activities, click [HERE](#). Please volunteer to help for a half or full day by clicking [HERE](#). Due to the complexity of Diadeloso this year, there is an [FAQ](#) that we highly encourage all staff to read through and share.

Simultaneous with Diadeloso activities on campus, the City of Waco is hosting a full Eclipse experience at McLane Stadium. You can learn more about that event [HERE](#).

Neighbor Night Festival, April 11 - Join us for an evening of community bonding and celebration at the first Neighbor Night Festival! Hosted by Intercultural Engagement, Multicultural Affairs, and Better Together, this intercultural celebration will take place at **North Russell residence hall** and will feature a variety of campus student organizations sharing their culture through food and activities and other "Good Neighbor" exhibits led by Better Together. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate the spirit of unity and diversity in Baylor's Community!

STAFF NEWS

New Staff:



Name: Katherine Goodwin

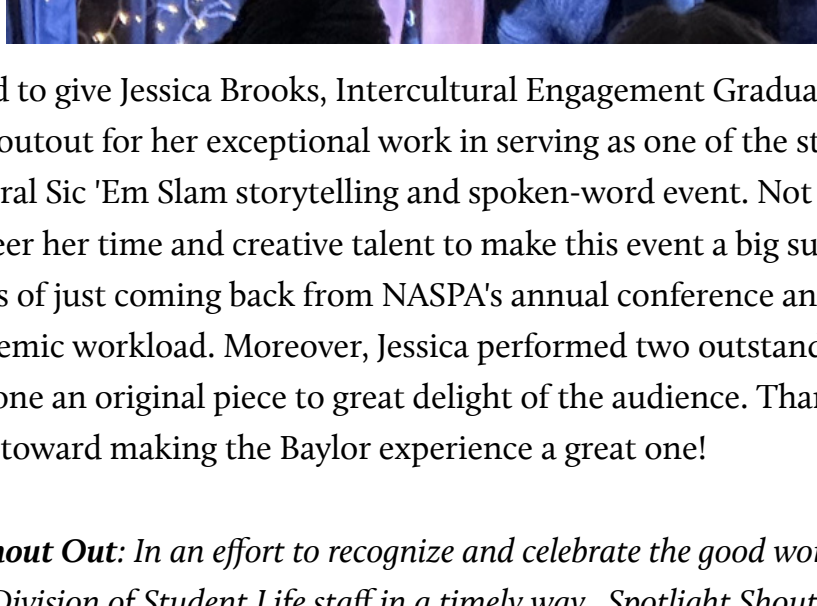
Department: Counseling Center

Title: Administrative Manager

Fun/interesting fact: "My husband and I love to travel! I am also a Certified Riding Instructor for English and I love to travel! I am also a Certified Riding Instructor for English and I love to travel!"

Most enjoyable about working at Baylor: "I love the energy and pride for Baylor that our students and staff show. I also love the fact that my team is amazing and enjoys serving our students. Working in higher education is amazing and I love that I can integrate and utilize my 15 years of working in healthcare to my current position."

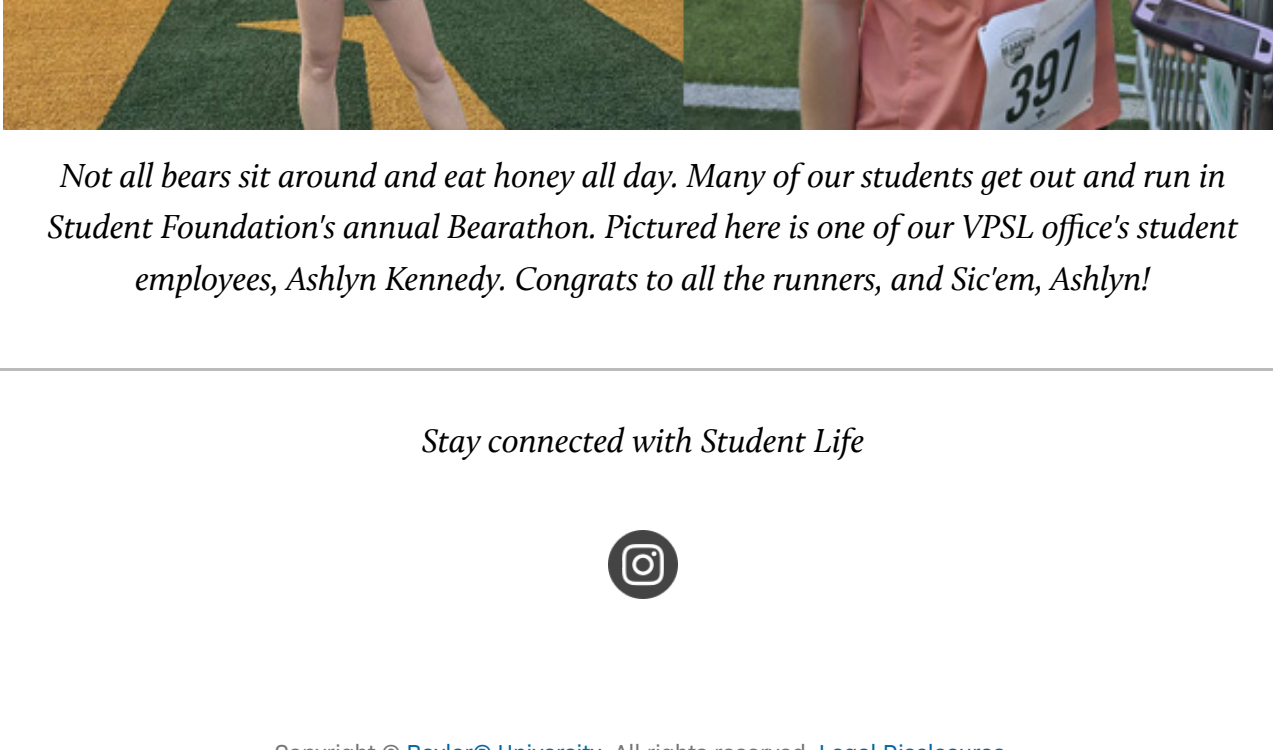
SHOUTOUT



We are pleased to give Jessica Brooks, Intercultural Engagement Graduate Employee, a Spotlight Shoutout for her exceptional work in serving as one of the stellar emcees for the inaugural Sic'Em Slam storytelling and spoken-word event. Not only did Jessica volunteer her time and creative talent to make this event a big success, she did so on the heels of just coming back from NASSPA's annual conference and in the midst of a busy academic workload. Moreover, NASSPA's annual two outstanding spoken-word pieces—one an original piece to great delight of the audience. Thanks for all your contributions toward making the Baylor experience a great one!

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



Not all bears sit around and eat honey all day. Many of our students get out and run in Student Foundation's annual Bearathon. Pictured here is one of our VPSL office's student employees, Ashlyn Kennedy. Congrats to all the runners, and Sic'em, Ashlyn!

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