

Student Life

SPOTLIGHT

March 1, 2024

What do you call a frog born on February 29th? A leap frog.

IMPACT

Dear Division Colleagues,

All-University Sing – This year's All-University Sing is one that will not soon be forgotten. With twenty groups performing, it was also one of the longest. Two new

and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), who hadn't participated in Sing since 1976. For one of the longest Sings in recent memory, it was also one of the most entertaining. Every single act was worthy of recognition, and huge thanks goes out to the 2,400+ students who worked the past year on the production. A special thanks also to the Student Productions student committee, Student Activities Staff, and to all the other staff and volunteers who participated. If you missed the performances, check out our own TomAtBaylor's highlight reel <u>HERE</u>. **Black Heritage Banquet -** The Black Heritage Banquet was an impactful and inspirational event. Tonee Shelton, keynote speaker, exuded excellence and spoke to the importance of remaining true to yourself and your calling. Her choice of words

groups participated this year, Kappa Alpha Order, who had never competed before,

combined for a memorable evening. The intentionality in planning was also evident in the little details, including the red velvet cake and lovely floral centerpieces. The 37th annual Black Heritage Banquet event was nothing short of amazing! **Hope, Peace, Love –** During this pivotal point in the semester, the Counseling Center held an event this past Wednesday, February 28 that provided a much-needed reprieve for students facing the stress of impending tests and papers. They offered creative outlets such as rock painting and affirmation writing, along with a chance to win fidget toys, ultimately creating a shared moment of positivity and support that

resonated with both active participants and passersby. You can see highlights from the

deeply resonated with attendees. The keynote, coupled with the impeccable menu,

event on their **Instagram page**. Collegiate Day of Prayer - Baylor students, faculty, staff, and the Waco community gathered together last night for the Collegiate Day of Prayer. Over 1,600 people joined us in person at Waco Hall for a service of worship and prayer, and thousands more viewed online. Together, communities at Baylor, in Waco, and beyond lifted their voices to the Lord to pray for college students at Baylor and around the world.

UPDATES As a friendly reminder, next week is spring break. Even though the campus will be a little quieter with fewer students around, the university will remain open for normal

business operations. Please coordinate with your office/director/dean to ensure there

Although campus may be quieter, students will be going out across the country and the world. Please pray for our students (and our colleagues) for safe travels as they go out. In addition to the travel of students returning home or taking trips, we will also

is adequate coverage in your respective offices.

have a number of Baylor-sponsored trips going out. In Student Life, we particularly will have several missions trips and outdoor adventure trips being led by our staff. Stay tuned for an update on those trips in a future Spotlight. Until then, enjoy the warmer weather and serenity around campus next week! Student Life Social Connections BINGO - In our fourth Student Life Staff Development event in February we spent some time exploring what it means to be

socially well in a variety of contexts, and we put social wellbeing into practice by

communing and connecting with our colleagues. Our very own Meghan Becker shared with us the importance of social connection at work and even gave us some ideas for

doing so—because we don't cease to be social beings when we enter the workplace. In an effort to promote and encourage social connections at work and amongst members

in our division we invite and encourage you to participate in Student Life Social

Connections BINGO (because who can resist a riveting game of BINGO!). There may even be prizes involved. You can find the BINGO board including guidelines for participation <u>HERE</u>. COMING UP

Today marks the start of Women's History Month, a month where we commemorate and celebrate the vital role of women in American history. You can learn more about

<u>https://www.womenshistorymonth.gov/.</u> You can see a list of events for Women's

"Here's to strong women, may we know them, may we be them, may we raise them."

the contributions of Women across our country and our history at

-Amy Rees Anderson

event.

History Month here at Baylor <u>HERE</u>.

Staff Development Event (3/14) – Staff Development is back on Thursday, March 14, at 10:30am with its fifth event of the year. Come out to the Barfield Drawing Room and join us for a time for worship and reflection, as we delve into the importance of nurturing our spiritual selves in the workplace and continue our theme of Wellbeing in Practice. Sic 'Em Slam: A Storytelling and Spoken-Word Event (3/15) - The art of storytelling

and spoken-word poetry comes to Baylor on Friday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in Barfield Drawing Room. Brought to you by Baylor Activities Council and the Division of

Student Life, this unique event promises to deliver a rich evening of diverse student, faculty, and staff storytellers and spoken-word artists sharing pieces of their lives in

dramatic fashion. Featuring live music, mocktails and mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres,

and an atmosphere of elegance, cocktail attire is encouraged for this memorable

STAFF NEWS New Staff:

Name: LouAnna Arterburn, LPC-S

Title: Care Team Case Manager

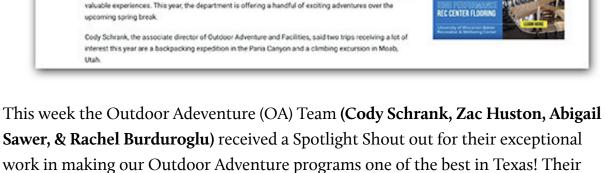
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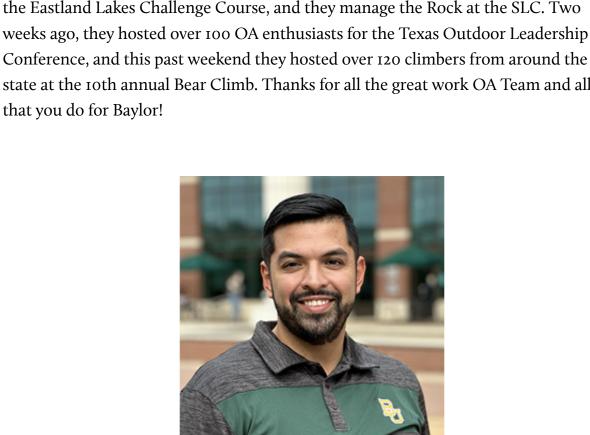
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getting to know them personally and to work with them professionally." SHOUTOUT **CAMPUS**REG **Baylor Campus Recreation Continues** Success with Outdoor Adventures

Fun/interesting fact: "I love running trails in interesting places. My favorite was on an

Most enjoyable about working at Baylor: "My team is INCREDIBLE. It's been a joy





state at the 10th annual Bear Climb. Thanks for all the great work OA Team and all that you do for Baylor! Jose Vallejo started in his role as Recovery Program Director at the BARC (Beauchamp Addiction Recovery Center) in October, but in December he took on the full responsibilities of the BARC due to staff changes. In that time, he has come in and done an incredible job. Jose has a passion for students in recovery and has worked tirelessly to rebuild the programs at the BARC in just a brief time. He has created new groups and programs this semester to meet the needs of the students, he has done

work was recently highlighted in Campus Rec [Magazine], in THIS ARTICLE. The

Adventure also oversees the Pullin Family Marina, they host over 80 groups a year at

good work continues and next week five different spring break trips will be

backpacking, hiking, climbing, and biking in various parts of the US. Outdoor

glad he is at Baylor! Thanks for all the great work Jose and all that you do for Baylor! **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**

several trainings, and he is a learner and has really applied that learning to the work of

the BARC. His deep care for students is evident in the ways that he serves so well and listens to what students need. Jose's faith in Jesus is the reason he cares deeply about wholeness and hope for our students. Jose's faith informs all the work he does, and it shows. The students at the BARC are lucky to have Jose working there and we are so



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