our students' success during their academic years at Baylor. But why are these programs and this work so important? Because they lay a foundation for impactful. And those are just the folks I can remember off the top of my head. I know there are many more.

New Student Programs team and all of Student Life through Orientation and Baylor Line Camp. Even after eight years here at Baylor, I am still blown away by how impactful that experience is for not only our students, but as a staff member and alumni, an opportunity to remember our legacy and pour into our new students. Our Orientation and Line Camp programs are an essential part of that mission. And I am so appreciative of the opportunity to ride out to Independence with our students. It is evident than when riding a bus to Independence with them.

Much of the force during Orientation and Line Camp, making each and every incoming student feel “not like an outsider, but like Baylor was always their home... that they just needed to get here for themselves no longer as outsiders, but as important members of the Baylor Line. This experience is the connecting point for them between our university’s past and its future, shifting each present group of Bears into the family through a ceremony that is often emotional for both the incoming students and our NSP student leaders.

More importantly, the trip allows Baylor Line Campers a very tangible moment to visualize their belongs. It is a reminder that the work that we do in Student Life is quite literally changing the world by equipping the next generation.

Having a couple-hour trip home on a bus also allows for time to reflect on both the impact of these programs and of our own work. It is a reminder that the work that we do in Student Life is very important and shared.

Last night, I was also reminded how broad our summer programs stretch across the division and the entire university. Our programs are not just limited to our current location, but they are a part of the Baylor Line that branches out beyond our campus.

So, if you haven’t experienced an Independence trip firsthand (or need a reminder), I’d encourage you to watch a one-minute video that I put together on the bus ride home last night. Click the image below to watch it.

After receiving their Baylor Line jerseys, Line Campers join in a time of prayer with their peers, their staff, and our NSP student leaders. It reminds me why we do what we do. Thank you to Dr. Kim Scott and Dr. Alan Lefever are making many trips out to Waco, Texas, where they share a time of worship, don their line jerseys, and process under the archway of the old Baylor building.

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