

Student Life

BAYLOR STUDENT LIFE SPOTLIGHT

May 10, 2024

Dear Division Colleagues,

What did the graduation hat say to the tassel?

You hang around; I'll go on a-head!

IMPACT

SL End-of-Year Celebration – May 2 - Last Thursday we came together as a Division to celebrate this past year and all of its accomplishments. **Nearly 200 Student Life staff and campus partners gathered to share food and fellowship.** We also were joined by members of the Board of Regents including the Chair of the Student Life Committee, Melissa Mines, who shared remarks and gratitude for the Division. Thanks for another great year and for all of your hard work in service of students and Baylor!

ESLAC – May 2 – The *Excellence in Student Leadership Awards* recognize the outstanding contributions made by student leaders, student employees, and faculty/staff advisors across campus and in the community. Departments throughout the Division of Student Life, in conjunction with Student Government, recognized nominees for their significant leadership and service in a variety of capacities within their respective organizations, across campus, and beyond. **This year, roughly 400 people attended as we honored students, faculty, and staff, and celebrated their contributions to Baylor Student Life.**

Kente – May 9 – On the eve of Commencement, Multicultural Affairs hosted the [Kente Ceremony](#). **We had more than 200 students who registered to participate.** In addition to the festivities, each graduate received a Baylor Kente Cloth to be worn at their graduation ceremony and chose a faculty or staff member who was meaningful to them during their Baylor experience to present it to them.

UPDATES

Graduation – This weekend, we celebrate together with more than 3,500 #BU24 graduates walking the stage after years of hard work. If you know any graduates from this class and would like to watch one of the ceremonies but cannot attend in person, you can access the live feed [HERE](#).

Student Life Staff Development Events Feedback - Please take a few moments to complete the Staff Development's [feedback survey](#) and share your thoughts about this year's and future staff development events.

COMING UP

Summer Social – June 21 – Save the date for the most anticipated Student Life event of the year: our annual Summer Social. In honor of the 2024 Summer Olympics, we will be hosting our own! Dr. Kevin Villegas will be pole vaulting while Dr. Sharra Hynes leads the gymnastics team. Mark your calendars: **Friday, June 21, 12-3 p.m.** at the SLC. A calendar hold has already been sent and another Save the Date will arrive to your email soon.

STAFF NEWS

New Staff:



Name: Cathleen Neal

Department: Student Conduct Administration – Judicial Affairs

Title: Judicial Affairs Legal Associate

Fun/interesting fact: "I'm an avid reader. I love anything from mystery, thriller, sci-fi, romance, and anything in between. My favorite series growing up was "A Series of Unfortunate Events" by Lemony Snicket."

Most enjoyable about working at Baylor: "Everyone I've met here has been so welcoming and helpful. You can really tell that everyone here loves what they do."

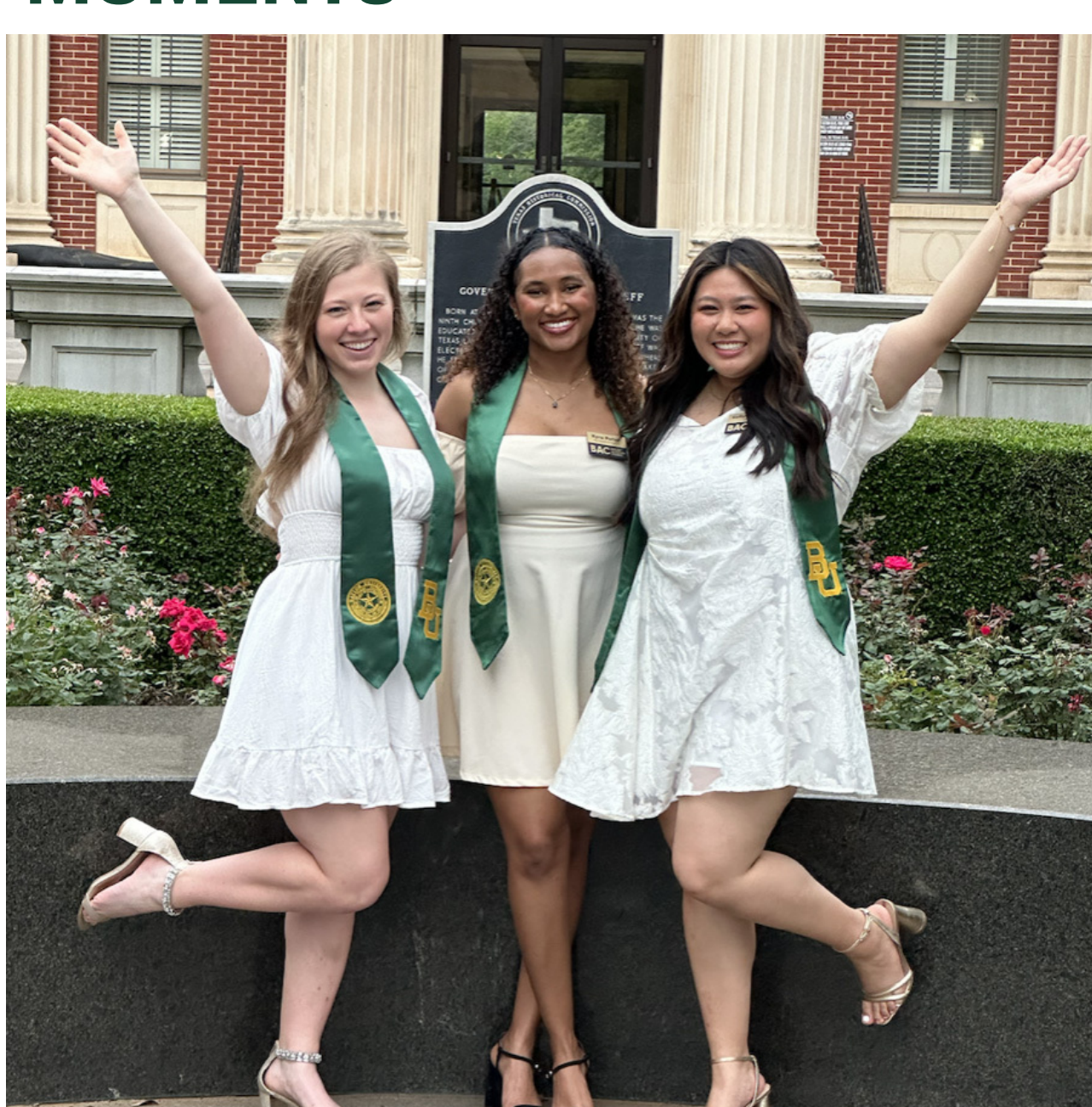
SHOUTOUT

Jessica Brooks & Megan Lassiter

On behalf of the ESLAC committee, we'd like to shout out Jessica and Megan for their amazing MC skills at last Thursday's *Excellence in Student Leadership Awards* Celebration! These women are equally thoughtful as they are humorous; and effortlessly held space for us all as we enjoyed one another's company and the privilege of honoring and celebrating our fantastic students! Thank you both for doing the work!

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



The sight of senior photos on our campus has been a constant for the past month. It is bittersweet as we lose our amazing young leaders and send them out into the world. Shown here are three of our graduates from the BAC Student Leadership team who built and led a ton of successful events this year.

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