



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - SAN ANTONIO

Staff Council

Quarterly All Staff Meeting

Vista Room

August 31, 2023

Welcome and announcement of Employee Spotlight award winner

Rebecca Deleon, Staff Council President

Nominees:

- Iris Castillo, Office of the President
- Joycelyn Joya, Undergrad Academic Advising
- Christina Ibarra, Undergrad Academic Advising
- Krystina Irvin, Student Affairs - Winner
- Jacquelyn Traeger, Graduate Studies
- Sarah Tovar, Student Counseling Center

Welcome from Office of the President

Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa, President of Texas A&M – San Antonio

It's important that he learns about the university and how it runs. If we address those issues, there is greater joy in the work. Dr. Ochoa wants employees to have joy in the work that we do and know the impact it has. Our goal is for our students to grow to become concerned and impactful citizens. Dr. Ochoa wants to meet with all the staff in their respective areas as well as the "Pioneer Club" (Listening Learning Team Committed to hearing the perspectives of everyone to be able to move this institution forward).

Advancement and Marketing Updates

Dr. Jesse Pisors, Vice President for University Relations & Advancement

Wrapping up the 2nd highest year of fundraising at our institution. \$6.5 million philanthropic year, FY23. Received 16 gifts of 6 figures and above.

State Employee Charitable Campaign

Vanessa Torres, AVP of Enrollment Marketing & Recruitment

Liesl Hons, Manager of First Impressions, Mays Center



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The campaign timeline is Sept 1 – Oct 31. This annual program encourages state employees to give back by contributing to a non-profit organization of their choice. There are thousands of options to give. They fall under three categories: Local Charities, State or National, and Global charities. You can donate through your SSO login and donate in a one-time donation or a payroll deduction.

Campaign Events:

Tacos for Texas

- Campaign Launch Party
- Wednesday, September 6, 2023
- 8am – 10am
- Location TBD

Annual Lip sync & Costume Contest/Fundraiser

- End of Campaign Celebration
- Tuesday, October 13, 2023

Rainbow Paws

Victor Gomez, Assistant Director of Career Services, Mays Center

Meet the 4th Friday of the Month from 11am – 12pm on TEAMS. Pride at Work and School (PAWS) is for faculty and staff. If students want to get involved they can join the LGBTQ organization The Coalition.

Cisneros Student Leadership Conference

Myrna Garza, Coordinator, First Year Experience

5th Annual Cisneros Student Leadership Conference is on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 8:30am – 4:30pm. The conference theme is Beyond Words: Empowering Students Through Communication inspired by the 23-24 Common Read *You're Not Listening: What You're Missing and Why It Matters* by Kate Murphy. Please encourage your students to attend as it is a great opportunity for professional development.

Handshake Overview

Karen Ivy, Director of Career Services, Mays Center

Portal for students to utilize for opportunities to connect with employers. Handshake offers our students access to many opportunities, its equitable access, keeps the university out of trouble, the employers like it as it eases their process, and it helps screen for scams. It's a great networking opportunity as students can see alumni who have worked with the companies and connect with them.

Every student has access to this account, they just need to log in with their JagWire. Currently working with IT to help the confirmation/verification email from Handshake to be safelisted as the email get sent to their junk mail.



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Handshake is a hub for students to see handshake-related events and to be able to schedule an appointment with a career advisor.

Operations

Corrin Le Vasseur – Executive Director, Operations

Student Housing Phase II:

- Started construction in February 2023. This building will be completed by Fall 2024. There is a proposal for phase III of student housing and the requirements process will start this year. Parking is proposed for each building.

Public Health and Education Building

- Currently in the Design Phase. Do not have schematics until the phase is at 90% completion. The completion time frame is 2026.

Educare Building

- On the corner of Monarch Manor and Jaguar Parkway.

Track – Multipurpose

- NCAA

Softball field – Upgrade

Recreation Center

- NCAA Gym
- Started building in February 2023 and the estimated completion is August 2024. The Rec Center is built with tilt walls and will be one story.

Suggestion Box Item Update (as time permits) and Adjourn

Rebecca Deleon, Staff Council President