

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
SAN ANTONIO



Division of Student Affairs | 2018 – Impact Report

Welcome from the Vice President of Student Affairs

Dear Colleagues and Jaguar Family,

As a part of the University's Administration there is a moment every day when I realize that being part of a new university, establishing a foundation for generations to come, is extremely rewarding and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

The Division of Student Affairs is integral to the University in its mission to become a national model for student and academic success. We strive to be a model for student success to our 6,500 students by providing leadership, expertise and services to enhance their student learning and experience.

Our division is actively engaged in projects across the nation, state and campus. These initiatives and programs facilitate student learning, student success, citizenship and leadership for our student body as well as enhancing the expertise and professional development of our staff.

This annual report is a glimpse of the impact and signature accomplishments during the 2017-2018 academic year. It highlights how we engage our students, families, faculty and staff to help students advance their goals. This work would not be possible without the many campus and community partnerships.

Thank you for the many ways you support our Texas A&M University-San Antonio students. As a CliftonStrengths® Division, we pride ourselves in creating a welcoming and inclusive campus community by focusing on each other's unique talents and strengths. Enjoy learning about the excellence of the Division and the tremendous return on investment as you continue to support our students on their academic journey.

Jaguar Pride,

Dr. Melissa K. Mahan
Vice President for Student Affairs





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Introduction



Mission

We support and advocate for our students by keeping their needs and perspectives at the center of everything we do.

Vision

The Division of Student Affairs is a model for student success in providing leadership, expertise, and services to enhance student learning.

Core Values & Tenets

The Division of Student Affairs embraces the university mission and core values, including Excellence, Student Focus, Audaciousness, Opportunity, and Collaboration. As an integral part of the A&M-SA community, members of the Division of Student Affairs seek to align programs and services through the lens of the following tenets:

- Student-Centered (Helping students' advance to their goals, Being mindful of students' perspectives, Fully exploring students' options)
- Inclusive (Accepting different learning styles and participation styles, Embracing unique identities, Reaching out to community partners)
- Transformative (Expanding students' world view, Appreciating every interaction as an opportunity, Expanding capacity and depth of the individuals through experiences)
- Engaging (Promoting a sense of community, Encouraging inclusive processes, Fostering a collaborative spirit)

Meet the Division

Student Affairs at Texas A&M-San Antonio

Disability Support Services

Our mission is to provide services and programming that enhance student awareness and independence on physical, emotional, social and intellectual levels. DSS supports the needs of the diverse A&M-San Antonio student population by providing innovative and exceptional services that eliminate barriers and are consistent with the highest professional and ethical standards. It is our hope that these services will produce access to a teaching and learning environment that will promote student participation and engagement.

Housing

Our new student housing development - Esperanza Hall - is available for students seeking an academic success-oriented living environment. On-campus living has proven to promote academic success, resulting in better graduates and more involvement with the university community. Overall, students living on-campus enjoy a better college experience than those who do not.

International Affairs

Our mission is to enrich and foster the educational and work experience of Texas A&M University-San Antonio's international community. We assist in facilitating a smooth transition to our university and your stay in the U.S. , while ensuring to protect the integrity of the institution and comply with local, state and federal regulations. The Office of International Affairs provides international admission assistance; in addition to consistent up-to-date immigration information that will successfully benefit non-U.S. citizens, students, faculty and staff seeking to enter the U.S. to receive an education or work at our institution.

Mays Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement

(Career Services, Civic Engagement, Experiential Learning) - The Mays Center for Experiential Learning & Community Engagement develops career-minded, skillful graduates ready for the world of work, prepared to be active citizens in the community. In today's competitive global market, it takes more than a degree to stand out. That's why The Center exists. It allows students the avenues to gain experience in their discipline paired with focused reflection in order to be career-ready. Experiential learning is grounded in the philosophy that students learn best by doing. The Center

provides avenues for students to gain experience which include: community service, service-learning, internships, financial literacy and civic engagement. Experiential Learning leads to career development which is why The Office of Career Services is such a vital part of the Center.

Military Affairs

The Office of Military Affairs is located in the Patriots' Casa, suite 202. The mission of the Patriots' Casa is to provide academic, life, and career skills support for student veterans, military personnel and their military families enrolled at our university. The Casa's dual purpose is to help ensure our students in the military community and their families achieve their academic objectives and are equipped for post-graduation success. The ROTC Jaguar Detachment is also located in Military Affairs.

Recreational Sports

The Department of Recreational Sports provides an inclusive environment for the campus community that encourages the lifelong pursuit of healthy living and learning. Our facilities and programs offer an outlet to enhance the educational core of the university, while striving for improved intellectual and emotional wellness. The Department of Recreational Sports has held many events since its start in the Spring of 2015. Our events are designed to promote activity and benefit the A&M-San Antonio community and beyond.

Student Activities

Texas A&M University-San Antonio values student development both inside and outside of the classroom. The Office of Student Activities focuses on the students' total educational experience, including activities, events, student organizations, university-sponsored groups (Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board, Jaguar Ambassador Program), lectures, live performances, special events, and more. Professional and student staff provides guidance and leadership training for students to assist them in achieving their academic and personal goals. Our goal is to get all students involved and engaged on campus. Leadership development is pivotal in our philosophy of student development. Our Jaguar Leadership Institute, CliftonStrengths[®], and Presidents Leadership Class programs focus on expanding the talents and strengths of our students to enhance their leadership capacity. Learn more about what we offer by checking out our website, JagSync or by stopping by the office.

Student Counselling and Wellness

The Office of Student Counseling & Wellness Services (SC&WS) provides short-term individual, couples, and group counseling services. Additionally, we offer consultation, case management and prevention services that facilitate students' academic and life goals and enhance their personal growth and well-being. Our staff, of licensed mental health professionals, can work with you to identify more effective strategies both to

cope with difficult situations and achieve goals set with your counselor.

Transitions and Family Engagement

The Office of Student Transitions and Family Programs promotes a student-centered environment that supports all students during their transitions to discover, engage, and immerse themselves into the A&M-San Antonio campus community through our orientation and transition programs. The New Student Orientation Program is designed to provide important information to assist in making a successful transition to our institution. New Student Orientation is available to all incoming students including international and military affiliated populations. Our Family Orientation is a one day program that will provide you with resources and tools to assist your future students through their career at A&M-San Antonio. Two of our signature transition programs are JagX and Families First Seminar. JagX jump starts a student's transition to college and prepares our new Jaguars for the life-changing experiences that lie ahead. As a key part of the professional journey, JagX contributes to retention efforts by introducing our new undergraduates to university expectations and culture through an emphasis on the professional, intellectual, and life skills that will enable participants to be successful as university students. This week-long experience, held prior to first day of class, will allow our students to meet fellow jaguars, interact with faculty and staff, and feel a connection to our university. Our Families First Seminar is designed to foster family members' active and ongoing role in student success.



Worth Mentioning

10 Greehey Scholars

Presidents Leadership Class

- 67 student leaders in the 3rd cohort

The Official Class Ring of A&M-SA

- Fall and Spring celebrations
- 221 recipients with 1,200 guests visiting campus

CliftonStrengths®

- Over 1,250 Students engaged and participated

Dean of Students

- 1,787 students attended programming and events.
- **AOD Committee** - The Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Committee is charged with overseeing the implementation of programs dedicated to decreasing high-risk drinking and other drug use by A&M-SA students. The Committee is responsible for developing and executing an annual plan to address alcohol and other drug issues in a comprehensive manner, as well as providing on-going progress reports to the A&M-SA community regarding the work of the Committee and its impact on student behavior. The Committee also seeks to reduce secondary issues related to alcohol and other drug abuse.
- **Behavioral Intervention Team** - The purpose of the BIT is to review behavioral incidents and ensure a systematic response to students whose behavior may be disruptive or harmful to themselves or the A&M-SA community and to assist in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of students and other members of the A&M-SA community.



Disability Support Services

Disability Support Services (DSS) provides innovative services that empower and inspire student learning, development, and independence by facilitating equal access through reasonable and appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities. DSS collaborates with the diverse A&M-San Antonio campus community to offer guidance, support, and advocacy promoting equity for all.



446

The number of students for which accommodations were coordinated in 1,624 courses.



5

The number of new assistive technology services integrated including Fusion, EquatIO, Accessible Maps, and ABBYY FineReader



14

The number of students for which communication access was provided in 62 courses.



1,475 □
 The number of exam room appointments totaling 4,005 hours.



Fostering a campus culture devoted to equity and inclusion

- Hosted and participated in events during Disability Employment Awareness Month.
- Provided training and awareness initiatives regarding Disability Etiquette and Service Animals.
- Hosted and participated in events for Pride Month.
- Collaborated to launch Blackboard ALLY, an integrated accessibility tool for online course content.
- Coordinated communication access for University community events such as Commencement, Ring Ceremony and Festival de Cascarones.
- Served as members on the Electronic Information Resource Accessibility Committee, the A&M-SA LBGQTQ+ Taskforce and Safe Space Committee and the President's Commission on Equity.



Housing

Texas A&M-San Antonio opened its first housing development, Esperanza Hall, in Fall of 2017. In a partnership with American Campus Communities, Esperanza Hall moved in and welcomed over 260 students in its first operational year. □



Esperanza Hall also began a tradition of having students, staff, and faculty volunteering in welcoming and moving in the newest Jaguars on campus during move-in day. □



Students living at Esperanza Hall came from multiple places in the country such as California, Colorado, Missouri & South Carolina. We also had local Texans from Houston, Austin & Dallas areas living in our residence hall. □



90 - Esperanza Hall had a wide variety of events and programs throughout the year targeting areas such as academic success, employability, financial literacy, health and wellness and community building. □



Esperanza Hall also sponsored and provided activities during the Annual Festival de Cascarones event, providing outreach to the San Antonio community. □



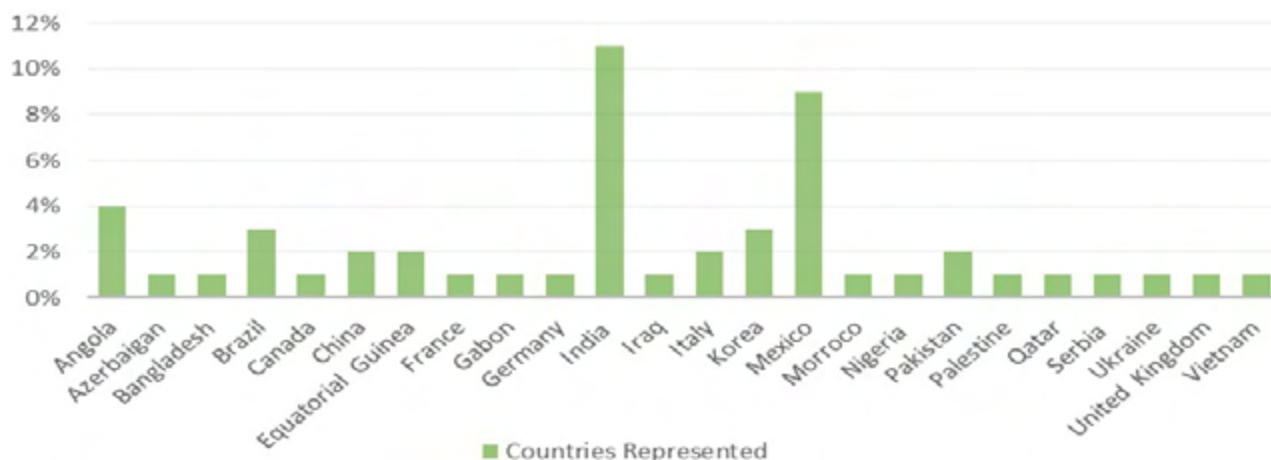


International Affairs

What we do

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) assists with the international admission process of international students and provides up-to-date immigration advising to students. The OIA also facilitates with processing of immigrant and non-immigrant visa applications sponsored by the institution. The OIA assist with overseeing the lawful immigration status of foreign nationals seeking to enter the U.S. to receive an education or to work at our institution, while ensuring institutional compliance with state, local and federal laws and regulations.

International Students - 24 Countries of Origin



82 □ The number of international students and faculty sponsored from 31 countries.

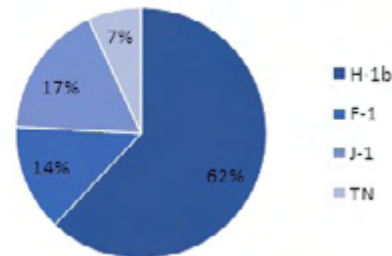
600 □ The number of international students and faculty visits to the OIA.

29

The number of faculty visas sponsored.

Number of Visa Sponsored: 29

Visa Type	Total
H-1b	18
F-1	4
J-1	5
TN	2



17

The number of DREAMER and DACA information sessions offered. The Office of International Affairs is committed to collaborating with community organizations that are able to provide students classified as DREAMERs, with information and resources to assist with their current immigration needs. Through this support, students can achieve their highest academic potential.

Life After OPT & OTHER VISA OPTIONS

Legal Information Clinic

February 15, 2018

3 p.m.

Madla Building, Room 239

The Office of International Affairs invites you to attend this session, and gain an understanding on different visa options that may be available to F-1 students after Optional Practical Training (OPT).

GUEST Speaker Arthur Seratelli, MBA, JD/Partner, Serratelli Mijal PLLC

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Priyangana Risal at (210) 784-1310 in advance of the event.



14

The number of cultural programs conducted throughout the year.



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International Affairs

Madla Building, Room 123

F-I Student Employment

CPT, OPT & STEM-OPT WORKSHOPS

Learn your options for on-campus and off-campus work authorization, before & after graduation for F-1 student visa status.

September 19
11 a.m. to noon

September 20
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

September 26
11 a.m. to noon

September 27
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sign up now at <http://bit.ly/tamusacptopt>

International Education Week - Diwali 2017

International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Education to recognize the benefits of international exchange worldwide (<https://iew.state.gov/>). At A&M-SA, the Office of International Affairs finds opportunities to celebrate the global presence of our international faculty and staff from different countries and cultures hosted at our institution.



Lights of Esperanza





Mays Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement

Career Services - Civic Engagement - Experiential Learning

The Mays Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement provides enhanced learning opportunities and access to resources and relationships in order to develop students into career-ready and community-minded graduates.

“Did you know...?”

- 3,167 service hours were contributed to the community by students, faculty, and staff during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Handshake is the university’s new, online platform for finding internships, part-time and full-time employment, and Givepulse is where students, faculty, and staff can find various volunteer opportunities.
- The A&M-San Antonio Experience Transcript documents each student’s involvement in activities and other educational experiences outside of the classroom to showcase student involvement in developing their marketable skills.
- The Mays Center moved to its new home, a 4,200 square foot space on the first floor of the Science and Technology Building.

Percentage of New Employer / Representative Attendees



209

New employers or representatives that attended Mays Center Career Events.

61% □

Increase in student participation at Educators Fair.

373

Student appointments made with Career Services.

660

Student drop-ins with Career Services.

78

Students, alumni, and employer attendees at Tech Networking Mixer, a historic first niche networking event.

Graduate and Professional School Fair (inaugural event)

One representative from a school said: *“Prepared, enthused students!”*. One student responded with: *“Very informative!”*

Career Services Student feedback □

“Career Fairs are important to me as a student because they helped a foggy career path become clear, and allowed me to receive an amazing job opportunity that I would go back to. I am certain that if I benefited from this event to help me see my future more clearly, I am sure it would come in handy to another confused student.”

113

Students attended the Graduate and Professional School Fair, with 55% being seniors.

“Very impactful and inspiring. Walking alongside peers from my university made me proud to be a jaguar while participating in this march.” – student reflection on the Cesar Chavez

March 2018 □

141 □

Shoppers visited the General’s Store, the on-campus food pantry operated by students for the A&M-SA community.

30

Nonprofit organizations attended the inaugural volunteer fair.



276

Volunteers in the **Choose. Act. Impact.** days of service.



32

Members of the university community came together to make 30 blankets on behalf of **Project Linus**, a nonprofit that focuses on providing warm and personalized blankets to pediatric hospital wards.

22

Student Members of the Model United Nations Club, a department sponsored organization formed under the Mays Center in the Fall 2017.



32

Members from the Jaguar community participated in an **interactive dining experience** designed to raise awareness about global hunger and shed light on the realities of income inequality.



“Thanks to the efforts of the C2C Engaged Program and its community outreach, I was able to connect with Good Samaritan, and begin doing the work I see myself doing in the future.”

58

Individuals have been officially trained through the **Safe Space program.**



40

Students participated in the spring break externship program, **InScape: The Outside In Tour of the City of San Antonio.**

1,812

Hours contributed to the community through the **C2C Engaged** community-based work-study program.

Military Affairs



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Military Embracing™



2

The number of Army ROTC Cadets that were commissioned during this year.

17%

The percent of students that are Military Connected.

50+

The number of events hosted.

200

The number of Student Veterans that graduated.





Recreational Sports

□ The 1st

Womens's and Men's basketball teams represented Texas A&M-San Antonio at the NIRSA Region IV basketball tournament and, for the first time in school history, advanced from pool play.

Men's flag football team advanced from pool play for the first time in school history.

1,223 □

The total number of unique visits (an 86% increase) to the Fitness Center .

265 □

The total of unique participants (a 29% increase) in intramural sports.





Student Activities

Programs and Services

Campus Activities Board | Campus Calendar of Events | Cultural Events | Fraternity & Sorority Life | Health Fair | Jaguar Ambassadors | JagSync | Leadership Training Programs | Posting/Bulletin Boards | Student Government | Student Organizations | Student Travel | Vendor Days | Welcome Week Activities



30 □

The number of vendors that come to campus twice a year for the Health Fair.



191 □

The number of internal and external A&M-SA events that were represented by 6 Jaguar Ambassadors.



\$2,500 □

The amount of funding that 40 recognized student organizations received through Student Activities.



1,400

The number of events hosted by student organizations



17

The number of students that graduated from the Jaguar Leadership Institute; the students participated in the Emerging Leaders and Rising Leaders classes.



1,000

The number of students, staff, faculty and community members that attended the Campus Activities Board's annual Fall Fest event.



589

The number of students that are currently active in National Society of Leadership and Success at A&M-SA. This chapter is the largest student group on campus.

650

The number of students, staff and faculty members that participate in the President's Picnic hosted the first Wednesday of the Fall Semester.

"Did you know...?"

- JagSync is your gateway to getting involved through organizations, programs, events and volunteerism and leadership!
- CliftonStrengths seminars are offered on campus to students through the Office of Student Activities; there are 8 certified coaches available to help students use and improve their strengths.



Student Counseling and Wellness

Open Mic Night

Friday, December 1
7-9 p.m.
Patriots' Casa
Ceremony Room

Jaguar FIRST FRIDAYS

Food, coffee bar,
giveaways and live
entertainment

Free and open
to all students

Sponsored by:
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO
Alcohol and Drug Prevention Committee

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Student Counseling and Wellness at (210) 784-1531 in advance of the event.

4,487
The number of students reached through prevention and outreach programs.

3,279
The quantity of counseling sessions scheduled.

298
The number of students using on-line resources for mental health screenings and assessment information.

96.49%

The percentage of students who agree or strongly agree that enrollment in individual counseling improved the emotional distress that prompted them to seek services.

Programming

- Suicide Prevention
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Healthy Relationships
- Diversity and Inclusion



Highlights

- All Resident Assistants were trained in Bystander Intervention for Suicide Prevention.
- 6 Suicide Prevention Trainings were offered to the campus community throughout the year.
- Assisted with initiation and creation of First Friday programming with the Alcohol and Other Drug Committee.
- 66 people participated in Active Bystander workshops regarding Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment.
- We are members of the University's Sexual Assault Response Team.
- Participated in the greater San Antonio Pride Parade and held Pride Events on campus to educate, support, and create an inclusive campus environment.
- Partnered with on-campus offices to offer support to DACA students.
- Partnered with Military Affairs for numerous programs to include our military connected students.



“Did you know...?”

- SCWS staff participated in trauma specific professional development
- Three members of our staff won Spirit Awards
- One of our staff members was featured on the news for Suicide Prevention



Transitions and Family Engagement

New Student Orientation

Incoming freshmen, transfer, and graduate students.

792 □

The number of students that participated in programs held in 2017-2018 academic year.



Jaguar Family programs

Support the student's family and recognize their importance in a successful university experience.

423 □

The number of family members that participated in various programs held in the 2017-2018 academic year.



Jaguar Tracks □

First semester, one-hour course geared around specific themes to help increase success and facilitate retention. Focus areas include globalization, diversity, finding your place, becoming professionally and community active, and others.

54

The number of sections of Jaguar Tracks that were offered in the 2017-2018 academic year.



JagX

An intensive, week-long experience designed to provide the essential skills needed to be successful, meet fellow Jaguars, and connect with the university.

Themes include communication, ethical decision making and social responsibility, globalization and cultural diversity, critical thinking and problem solving, and specific knowledge.



Common Experience

A yearlong initiative designed to facilitate interaction among faculty, staff, and students regarding common intellectual interests and pursuits. Topics such as study abroad, networking, social justice, and womens history are presented in addition to general information sessions, speakers, and book clubs.



Presidents Leadership Class

A four year leadership development program for 25 incoming students annually. The program is in its second cohort.

Accomplishments | Retention Initiatives

- Launched Family First Seminar in Fall 2017.
- Received the University Strategic Plan Seed Funding in order to award scholarship to students upon family member's completion of Family First Seminar.
- Successfully engaged family members through newsletters and Spring Family Day activities.
- Created an ethical and sustainable tradition for transfer students at The Jaguar Arise.



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