Greetings From the President

Dr. Mark A. Hussey, President

“Greetings! I am Dr. Mark A. Hussey, President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville and I am pleased to welcome you to our University.

Texas A&M-Kingsville is the first institution of higher learning in South Texas and offers a complete college experience at an excellent value. With nearly 100 undergraduate and more than 55 graduate degrees, our academic programs prepare students for success. Caring faculty and staff create a network of support for each student from freshmen year through graduation. Here our students can live on campus, just steps from their classrooms, attend concerts, lectures and sporting events, and work out in a state-of-the-art Rec Center. Students find friends and mentors that last a lifetime.

Plus, we are committed to making college affordable—with low-cost tuition and competitive financial aid awards. Nearly 99% of our students receive some type of financial support.

At Texas A&M-Kingsville, we change lives. Just ask our alumni who recently ranked their experience at our University among the top 25 in the nation.”

I hope you enjoy your time on campus and we look forward to welcoming you to the Javelina Family.

Welcome Center Greeting & Directions

Welcome to Texas A&M University-Kingsville, home of the Javelinas. It is our commitment to be a renowned, diverse community of learners and innovators. It is our mission to enrich lives through education, discovery and service in South Texas and beyond.

If you’re visiting in person, we ask that you remain in your vehicle throughout the duration of the tour. In accordance with COVID–19 health and safety precautions, should you choose to get out of your vehicle we ask that you wear a cloth face covering to keep our community safe and to protect yourself. We also ask that you practice social distancing and remain six feet away from other visitors and members of our community. As a safety precaution you will not be able to access our campus buildings but we hope this podcast will help you learn more about our beautiful campus and all that Texas A&M University-Kingsville has to offer.
Stop #1: Welcome Center

GREETING: Kirsten Compary, Dean of Students
“I’m Kirsten Compary, Dean of Students and I am happy to welcome you to Texas A&M-Kingsville. Throughout your campus tour, I hope you enjoy the beautiful Spanish architecture, stop for a photo in front of traditions we hold dear like the College Hall Bell Tower and the Javelina Statues and discover something about our campus that leaves you wanting to learn more about our university. Welcome to Javelina Nation!”

MEMORIAL STUDENT UNION BUILDING (MSUB)
This is the Memorial Student Union Building otherwise known as the SUB – our students’ one stop for all their needs. It houses the Welcome Center, the Admissions Office, the Office of Financial Aid, Office of the Registrar and the ID Center. The SUB is where our students go to grab a meal from Starbucks, Pizza Hut Express, Chick-Fil-A or Subway. In the SUB, students will find the Office of the Dean of Students and the Student Government Association as well as the Campus Activities Board. As our Dean of Students, Kirsten Compary says, “Javelinas are tenacious (they will not give up) and they travel in packs (they are family oriented).” We’re excited to welcome you to the Javelina family.”

Stop #2: Central Plaza
To your left you’ll see Central Plaza. Along the Central Plaza you’ll find great places to relax and study whether under the beautiful pergolas or around the lawn surrounding Central Plaza. You’ll find student organizations hosting programs and students meeting for lunch or taking a quick break between classes.

BIOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
The Biology and Earth Sciences building houses the largest lecture hall on campus which seats up to 225 students. The Department of Biological and Health Sciences is dedicated to student success. The strong research base of Biological and Health Sciences faculty allows the department to provide strong academic and research experiences for students. Included in the Biology and Earth Sciences building is the Herbarium which contains 7,000 specimens of vascular plants.

GREETING: Jesus De La Rosa, Associate Professor
“Welcome to Javelina Nation! I’m Jesus De La Rosa, Associate Professor in the Department of Art Communications and Theater. If you are interested in a career in Art, this is the place for you. The environment in this program is fertile ground for those serious about art-making. Our BFA degree facilitates students to pursue and get accepted into the highest-ranked graduate fine arts programs. The Art Faculty are practicing artists, recognized as experts in their field, and dedicated to mentoring students into a lifetime of success. Our graduates become well-rounded leaders and critical thinkers. They emerge as artists, designers, educators, and people who solve problems with creative solutions in an increasingly complex, dynamic, and global society. Welcome home!”

BEN BAILEY ART BUILDING AND GALLERY
The Ben Bailey Art Building and Gallery was built in 1942 and named in honor of the first chair of the Art Department, Mr. Ben Bailey. Included in the space are labs for areas of study in painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, graphic design, digital photography, foundation studies, and digital art with sculpture housed in its own annex. The Ben Bailey building features an 1800 square foot gallery that is home to robust public programing of visual art exhibitions, lectures, and events presented to the university community annually. The gallery programming is both regional and national and reflects the full range of artistic expression of the considerable artistic talent of the South Texas region and beyond. World-renowned artists like Carmen Lomas Garza, Cesar Martinez, Amado Peña, and sculpturer Armando Hinojosa are alumni of the art program. Hinojosa has several bronze sculptures on campus, including “Leader of the Pack” featuring the University mascot in front of College Hall.
Stop #3: The College Hall Bell Tower

The chimes first rang in the College Hall tower in 1998 during the inauguration of the 15th president of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Mr. Marc Cisneros. The chimes reflect the rich cultural heritage of the campus. In addition to the chimes, the sounds of the Alma Mater, the Javelina Fight Song, and Jalisco can be heard throughout the day. The Alma Mater is played following the striking of the clock at noon. In addition, the clock strikes Westminster chimes on the hour and every quarter hour. It is the hope that the rich tones of the chimes will forever be a reminder of what it felt to walk on campus and feel the Javelina Pride.

COLLEGE HALL
In College Hall, students will find the offices of the University President and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. College Hall also houses the offices of Employee Services, Business Services and Information Technology Services. These offices are utilized by both students and employees and dedicated to outstanding customer service, one Javelina at a time.

GREETING: Bruce Schueneman, Library Director
“Greetings from Texas A&M University-Kingsville! My name is Bruce Schueneman. I have been the Library Director for almost a decade and have been a professional librarian at Texas A&M University-Kingsville for over 40 years. My wife and I jointly hold four degrees from this institution, from bachelor’s to doctorate. Though the library offers many services inside the building – most importantly a Library Information Commons with workstations, as well as printing and scanning services – much of the library’s presence is now online. In the old days – when I was an undergraduate, for example – indexes, books, and periodicals were all in print, including the main index, called a card catalog. Today, things are different. Literally millions of high-end scholarly items - articles, books, video and audio files - are available to the university community anywhere in the world from any Internet-connected device. Even items held by the South Texas Archives, including all the old El Ranchos, are available online. I hope you have a great college career – and Go Hogs!”

JERNIGAN LIBRARY
First opened in 1968, the Jernigan Library is named after a former president of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Dr. James C. Jernigan. The library houses nearly 800,000 books or media items, with access to over 350,000 e-books and other online resources. The 160 databases, accessed from the library's home page, offer millions of additional resources, including journal articles, book chapters, videos, audio files and other web accessible materials. The Jernigan Library houses presentation and study rooms as well as resources for students with vision loss or ADA needs. The Jernigan Library is also home to the Graduation Pathway Success Mentoring Program, designed for undergraduate academic success; the Pathways Academic Assistance Center; and the University Writing Center.
HEALTH & RECREATION
The Health and Recreation Building (a.k.a., the Old Gym), erected in 1928, was one of the first three structures built on campus. It is now home to one classroom, faculty offices, a full-size gymnasium, and a portion of the Human Performance Laboratory. The Health and Recreation Annex houses faculty offices, a band hall and an additional portion of the Human Performance Laboratory.

KARR VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL
The Karr Veterans Memorial Hall is home to the Javelina Battalion Army Reserve Officer Training Corps or ROTC. The Army ROTC is an elective curriculum taken along with required university courses. The Army ROTC gives students the tools, training and experiences that will help them be successful in any competitive environment. Upon graduation as a member of the Army ROTC, students are commissioned as an Officer in the United States Army.

SAM FORE HALL
Sam Fore Hall was built in 1965 and houses the Department of Language and Literature. The department provides high quality instruction in the modern languages including English, Spanish and French. They also offer a fully-online master’s degree in cultural studies.

PRESIDENT’S HOME
Originally built in 1924, the President’s Home was the home to the first president of the university, Dr. Robert Barrow Cousins. Nearly 100 years later, Texas A&M University-Kingsville’s current president still calls this beautiful place home.

Stop #4: Avenue B

JAVELINA ENGINEERING COMPLEX
The Javelina Engineering Complex houses the Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, and a tradition more than 80 years of excellence at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. The college offers a broad range of degree programs, which provide a solid foundation for entry into the engineering, technology management and computer science professions. The college offers 10 Bachelor of Science degrees, nine master’s degree programs and a newly introduced degree that allows students to earn their bachelor’s and master’s degrees in five years. Additionally, students can also pursue the nationally ranked Ph.D. degree program in Environmental Engineering or the latest Ph.D. program in Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering. The McNeil Building and Dotterweich and Gross Hall also house engineering classes, labs and offices.

STEINKE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER (SPEC)
Go Hogs! Known as the SPEC, you’ll find men’s basketball and women’s basketball and volleyball. Students have access to numerous indoor activities including a bowling alley, racquetball courts, and a 50 meter-swimming pool. The SPEC houses the Department of Health and Kinesiology, where students can explore degrees in exercise science, pre-physical therapy, performance psychology, physical education, sports business and sport and leisure studies.
JAVELINA STADIUM
Welcome to Javelina Stadium, built in 1951 and home to Javelina football and track and field. Listen for the sounds of victory on Saturday nights from the cannon, Old Smokey, that is fired by the ROTC with every Javelina touchdown. The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Athletics department is in the business of education, competition and leadership. A leader in the NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference, you'll find plenty of championship drives in football, track and field, and most recently women's softball. Go Javelinas!

GREETING: Ian Brown, Director of Recreation
"Welcome to Texas A&M- Kingsville! I’m Ian Brown, Director of Recreation. Our 30,000 square foot facility has something for everyone. Whether you’re looking to participate in intramural sports, get a workout in in the cardio fitness or free weight room or take a group exercise class we can help you find a way to get involved and stay healthy. We’re proud of the hard work Javelinas put in on the field, in the gym and in the classroom. We look forward to welcoming you to the Javelina family."

KLEBERG HALL
Kleberg Hall was built in 1950 and houses the National Natural Toxins Research Center featuring state-of-the-art laboratories. The National Natural Toxins Research Center is an internationally-renowned biomedical research center concentrating on the discovery of snake venoms that can be used in medical applications. The NNTRC has grown to become the only federally-funded viper resource center in the United States.

Stop #5: Athletics & Recreation

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STUDENT RECREATION CENTER
The Student Recreation Center is a 30,000-square foot facility home to Rec Sports. The Rec Center includes Fitness and Wellness, Competitive Sports and Javelina Cheer. It provides unlimited opportunities for university students to partake in indoor recreational sports, intramural sports and fitness activities. The Rec Center includes two full-size multipurpose basketball courts; a 6,100 square foot cardio fitness and free weight room; and an elevated indoor jogging track. Volleyball, badminton, and soccer are also played in the gym. The Rec Center also features an outdoor basketball court. Students can participate in a variety of group exercise classes ranging from yoga to Zumba to high-intensity interval training. A wide variety of individual, dual, and competitive team sports are offered each semester. The Cheer Team performs at all intercollegiate basketball and football games and serve at campus spirit activities.
Stop #6: University Boulevard

GREETING: Indra K. Reddy, PhD, Professor and Founding Dean

“Thanks for stopping by the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy! I'm Dr. Indra Reddy, the founding Dean of the College of Pharmacy. Since opening our doors in 2006, we've graduated 11 cohorts, a total of 978 pharmacists! U.S. News and World Report ranks us among the Top 50 best programs in the United States. We're the #1 ranked pharmacy program in Texas for Best Return on Investment and #2 in the entire nation. Whether you're interested in our PharmD program or a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences – you are welcome here. We are committed to transformative education, impactful research, and compassionate care. We look forward to welcoming you to our Pharmily.”

TEXAS A&M IRMA LERMA RANGEL COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
The College of Pharmacy is named in honor of Irma Lerma Rangel, the first Mexican-American female legislator who served South Texas for 26 years. The Texas A&M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy opened in 2006 to address the shortage of pharmacists in the border region of South Texas. The Doctor of Pharmacy program provides a strong foundation of pharmacy knowledge and skills that students hone in real-world application. Students receive thorough, engaging instruction from dedicated faculty members, as well as personalized academic support during each step of their pharmacy school journey. The Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy is part of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center and is not a program of Texas A&M-Kingsville.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
The Business Administration Building houses the College of Business Administration, a school of opportunity providing an accessible, high quality, comprehensive business education which blends contemporary business practices into the classroom. The College of Business Administration offers bachelor’s degrees in areas ranging from general business to information systems. Certificates in topics like forensic accounting and product pricing are also available. The college also offers a fully-online MBA program. They are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier business school accreditation in the world.

RHODE HALL
Built in 1973, Rhode Hall is home to the College of Education and Human Performance. The university was originally founded as the South Texas State Teachers College, making education our university’s oldest degree. The College of Education and Human Performance includes the departments of Educational Leadership and Counseling, Health and Kinesiology and Teacher and Bilingual Education. Texas A&M University-Kingsville was the first university in the United States to offer a Doctoral Degree in Bilingual Education. Rhode Hall also is home to the mathematics department and the history, political science and philosophy department.
STUDENT HEALTH & WELLNESS
Student Health and Wellness serves the physical, emotional and distinct academic needs of Texas A&M University-Kingsville students. Areas include the Health Care Clinic, Counseling Services, and the Disability Resource Center. Counseling Services offers face-to-face and Tele-Mental Health counseling appointments. The Disability Resource Center promotes an inclusive environment to ensure students with disabilities engage in a full range of college experiences.

HONORS COLLEGE
The Honors College provides a foundation for students to get the most out of their academic experience. The Honors College engages students in an enriched educational experience through increased undergraduate research opportunities, leadership development, community engagement and international program opportunities. Mesquite Village West is not only home to Honors College students, but also the college offices.

GREETING: Thomas D. Martin, Director of University Housing & Residence Life
“I'm Tom Martin, Director of University Housing & Residence Life and I'm happy to welcome you to your future home away from home. We have residence halls that are designed with you in mind and we can offer you several living options to fit your personal needs as well as your budget. I want to welcome you to the Javelina Nation!”

RESIDENCE HALLS AND JAVELINA DINING HALL
Throughout this next portion of campus, you'll see our residence halls, our students' home away from home. Living on a college campus is an experience that goes beyond majors and grades. Students have access to amenities ranging from big screen TV's to outdoor grills to volleyballs courts and more. Living on campus is about more than convenience it's about getting the full experience out of college. The university residence halls offers students more traditional residence hall living or the newer suite-style rooms that feature a common area and kitchenette.

Built in 2011, the Javelina Dining Hall is a state-of-the-art all-you-care-to-eat residential restaurant. Students can enjoy dining options fresh from the grill, classics like pizza and pasta, vegan options and fresh baked goods. Chefs and dietitians are available to accommodate for food allergies and specialized dietary needs.
Stop #8: Javelina Statues

The Leaders of the Pack statue is a symbol of unity and pride. This is a favorite spot for students to take pictures throughout the year, particularly at graduation. The statues were created for Texas A&M University-Kingsville by alumnus Armando Hinojosa.

GREETING: Dr. Shad D. Nelson, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

“Greetings! I’m Dr. Shad Nelson, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. I welcome you to explore the Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the most student- and stakeholder-engaged college in South Texas. You are entering into a college that is recognized throughout the state and nationally with faculty that place student engagement and real-career training at the forefront of their mission to enhance your educational experience. You will have the privilege to not only be educated by caring faculty that are recognized as experts in their field, but obtain valuable hands-on training and experiential learning opportunities through labs and field trip tailored to your major.”

KLEBERG AGRICULTURE

Celebrating our 75th Anniversary in 2021, the Kleberg Agriculture and Human Sciences building is home to the Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources offers programs in agriculture science, agribusiness, environmental science, animal science, plant and soil science, pre-veterinary sciences, wildlife--animal veterinary technology, and range and wildlife management. The College of Agriculture is home to two major world renowned research graduate programs, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, and the Texas A&M University—Kingsville Citrus Center. We also offer the only Ranch Management Master of Science degree in the world.

HUMAN SCIENCES BUILDING

The Human Sciences Building was built in 1960. The human nutrition and dietetics programs are housed there. Both programs are currently part of the Biological and Health Sciences Department.
GREETING: Felipe E Garza, Chief of University Police
“I’m Felipe Garza, Chief of Police with the Texas A&M-Kingsville University Police Department. We’re dedicated to providing excellent customer service and protection to the campus community. One of our goals is to maintain a safe learning and working environment for everyone on campus. Welcome to the Javelina Family.”

LEWIS HALL
Lewis Hall was built in 1956 and is home to the University Police Department and the Office of Compliance. Also in Lewis Hall is the Dual-Enrollment Program which enrolls nearly 450 high school students from 10 school districts across Texas.

ECKHARDT HALL
Originally built in 1956 as a residence hall, Eckhardt Hall now houses several departments including Career Services and Supplemental Instruction. Eckhart also is home to the Office of Student Access which includes Upward Bound, Talent Search, Gear Up and the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. Eckhardt Hall is also home to the Javelina Ambassadors.

Stop #9: Santa Gertrudis Avenue

JAVELINA STUDENT ENGAGEMENT CENTER
The Office of Student Activities coordinates many campus-wide programs and serves as the resource hub for any student seeking involvement opportunities. The Office of Student Activities is committed to creating an out-of-the-classroom experience on campus. The Office of Student Activities oversees the University’s Greek Life chapters, provides specialized leadership programs and access to over 140 student organizations.

COUSINS HALL
Named after the first president of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Robert B. Cousins this is Cousins Hall, built in 1935. Cousins Hall is home to the Office of International Student and Scholar Services and the Office of International Students and Programs. The Office of International Studies & Programs coordinates about 20 faculty-led programs each year and offers scholarship opportunities to assist with study abroad.

LOFTIN HALL: JOHN E. CONNER MUSEUM
Loftin Hall was built in 1935 and was the campus’ first dining hall. It is now home to the John E. Conner Museum. The museum focuses on the heritage of South Texas and houses natural and cultural history exhibits as well as a game trophy collection that includes more than 200 mounts.

NIERMAN SCIENCE HALL
The Nierman Science Hall, built in 1938, is home to the chemistry department which offers both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in chemistry. The laboratory facilities are complete with all necessary chemical equipment with state-of-the-art instrumentation. The chemistry department provides American Chemical Society-approved professional training for those students who wish to become professional chemists, industrial chemists or teachers or pursue a graduate degree. The chemistry department is home to the student chapter of the American Chemical Society. The group has been ranked in the top eight in the nation among 950 chapters and has won seven national recognition awards.

HILL HALL
Hill Hall was built in 1960 and houses the Department of Physics and Geosciences and the astronomy observatory. On the physics side, students can get a bachelor’s degree in physics or a master’s degree in petrophysics. The geosciences side provides bachelor’s degrees in geology, geophysics or geosciences. The geosciences program is housed in Manning Hall.
MANNING HALL
Built in 1925, Manning Hall is the oldest academic building on campus. Inside you will find the Department of Psychology and Sociology, the Department of Clinical Health Sciences along with the geosciences program. Additionally, Manning Hall is home to the student-run media including the campus radio station KTAI-FM 91.1 “The One:” the local access cable channel TAMUK TV2: and The South Texan campus newspaper.

GREETING: Dr. Paul Hageman, Director of the School of Music
“Welcome to the School of Music at Texas A&M-Kingsville. I’m Paul Hageman, Director of the School of Music. At A&M-Kingsville, we are committed to providing our students with the best music education available. Our programs and curricula are designed to help prepare students for a professional career in music, so, we have tried to provide a challenging, yet nurturing environment for our students. The School of Music features highly motivated, talented students, a caring, dedicated, outstanding music faculty, and award-winning, nationally acclaimed ensembles. On top of that, we have a brand new $60 million state-of-the-art music facility with performance halls, rehearsal halls, faculty studios, student practice rooms, high-tech classrooms, and a recording studio. We have so much to offer our students and we hope you will choose to attend our fantastic university and become a part of our Javelina Music Family.”

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC
The newly-minted School of Music is housed in Texas A&M University-Kingsville’s newest building, completed in 2020. The School of Music includes the 200-member strong “PRIDE” of South Texas Javelina Marching Band, 4 Concert Bands, Orchestra, 4 Jazz Bands, and Mariachi Javelina. The Javelina Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Opera Workshop are part of a music program that has a long tradition of excellence and is recognized as one of the finest programs in Texas. The School of Music is home to more than 30 award-winning ensembles, two yearly jazz events and the Pride of South Texas Marching Band. Students can earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music education or music performance. Many of the music education students go on to work at school districts throughout the state. The music program has a long tradition of excellence and is recognized as one of the finest programs in Texas.
Thank You

We hope you have found our campus to be as beautiful, warm and welcoming as we do. We look forward to your future at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.