

The Hog Call



OFFICE OF
EMPLOYEE SERVICES

Meet Our Team!



Eva Lopez - Associate Vice President for People and Culture

How long have you been with Texas A&M University-Kingsville?

I have been with Texas A&M University-Kingsville for one year.

Where did you graduate from?

I graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a concentration in Human Resources Management, and a Master of Education-Educational Administration, with a concentration in Higher Education Administration.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I enjoy mentoring my team by actively aligning our department with strategic initiatives, so they connect to the greater purpose we all serve.

What is your fondest memory at TAMUK?

My fondest memory of TAMUK is participating in the centennial picture earlier this year. It was impressive to see everyone come together!

If you could switch roles with another employee for a day, which role would you choose and why?

I would switch roles with an Enrollment Management Recruiter and hopefully contribute to the university's growth from that lens. I'd share my passion for education and the many roads it opens!



EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Exciting News from Your Employee Relations Team!

We're thrilled to announce that we're cooking up something BIG! The Employee Relations team is currently developing a brand-new training program that's designed to reflect the heart of Texas A&M University-Kingsville—our values, our culture, and our bold vision for the future.

As a newer team on campus, we're jumping at the chance to build something fresh, exciting, and totally Javelina-worthy—from the ground up!

Our mission? To support student employees, faculty, and staff at every level by delivering training that's not just accessible and relevant, but truly impactful. We're talking about sessions that spark personal growth, boost professional development, and help create a workplace that's built on respect, collaboration, and continuous learning.

Right now, we're deep in the planning phase—mapping out a training experience that's not only meaningful but also sets us all up for long-term success. And we can't wait to share what we've been working on.

Big things are on the horizon—stay tuned!

Together, we're building something special—and we're so glad you're along for the ride.



Go Wild for Your Benefits - It's a Safari of Savings and Wellness!

*This summer, we're heading into the **Benefits Jungle** — and you won't want to miss the adventure! Whether you're swinging into Open Enrollment or hunting down your wellness incentives, we've got everything you need to explore the wild side of your benefits.*

Here's what's coming your way:

Safari Stop #1: Benefits Fair – Let the Adventure Begin!

Get ready to trek through the world of health, wellness, and resources at our **Safari-Themed Benefits Fair!** Bring your curiosity and join us for giveaways, vendor info, and expert guidance on all things benefits.

- 📅 **July 8 – TAMUK:** Grab your gear and explore what's new this year!
 - 📅 **July 9 – Citrus Center:** Another wild stop on our benefits journey!
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Two-Step Wellness Incentive – Your Passport to Lower Premiums

Want the lowest health insurance premiums for FY 25–26? All it takes is completing two simple wellness steps—your ticket to better health and big savings!

Who can participate?

Employees and covered spouses on the A&M Care Health Plan.

What's required?

1. A completed annual wellness exam
 2. One additional activity from your WebMD One checklist
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Deadline: June 30, 2025

Access WebMD One:

- Employees: <https://sso.tamus.edu>

- Spouses: <https://webmdhealth.com/tamus/>
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Complete both by **June 30** to secure your wellness credit for the new plan year starting **September 1, 2025**.

Explore & Learn – Upcoming Health Education Webinars—Attend 2 of 3 for a Wellness Incentive

Don't miss these online webinars from Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Each one is a mini expedition into better health!

- **June 26 @ 3:00 PM – Caregiver Support**
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Learn how to care for others while taking care of yourself. This session focuses on avoiding burnout and offering meaningful support. [Register here](#)

Ready to Roam the Benefits Wild?

Whether you're a seasoned explorer or new to the trail, this summer is your chance to get the most out of your benefits. We'll see you on the safari path—binoculars optional, but excitement guaranteed!



EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Student Employment Guidelines – What Hiring Managers Need to Know

Hiring student workers? We've got you covered!

The Office of Employee Services at Texas A&M University–Kingsville has developed comprehensive [Student Employment Guidelines](#) to support hiring managers. These guidelines include everything you need to ensure a smooth hiring process:

- *Eligibility requirements for student workers*
 - *Job classification descriptions to match the right role to the right student*
 - *Compensation structure for each position type*
 - *Key compliance reminders to stay aligned with university policy*
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The goal? Consistency, clarity, and transparency across all departments. Make sure you're up to date—check out the full guidelines on our website.

Service Level Agreement – We've Got Your Back

*With hiring season in full swing, the **Employment Support Team** is ready to help you get the job done. We're staying ahead of the curve by:*

- *Strategically allocating resources*
 - *Enhancing our support channels*
 - *Streamlining internal processes*
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All so that you can count on responsive, high-quality service—even during peak times.

Need help or have questions?

Reach out to us anytime at employment@tamuk.edu. We're here to make your hiring process easier!



Javelina Insider: Tip of the Month

This Month's Tip: Take a Brain Break!

Remember, it's okay (and actually healthy) to step away from your desk now and then. A quick walk, some fresh air, or even a few minutes to reset can do wonders for your focus, energy, and overall well-being.

Your work will still be there, but your peace of mind matters too!



Texas A&M University-Kingsville has had multiple name changes!



1925: SOUTH TEXAS STATE
TEACHERS COLLEGE



1929: TEXAS COLLEGE OF
ARTS & INDUSTRIES



1967: TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY



1993: OFFICIALLY RENAMED TEXAS
A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

100 years of history and still growing strong!