



December 2021

Javelina Happenings

Summary

Hello everyone! This month, several events are being hosted on and off-campus. Be sure to stop by any of these fun events! Javelina Wellness information and other updates can be found below. As we wrap up the semester and the year, take some time to reflect on your accomplishments and any goals you have for the upcoming year. We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable winter break.

Happy Holidays!

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Campus Updates

Dec 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec 10: Fall 2021 Graduation

Follow this link for additional information:

https://www.tamuk.edu/registrar/RGAD_GRADUATION/Graduation-Information.html

Dec 13: National Cocoa Day

Dec 14: Staff Council Holiday Luncheon

If you have questions, email tamuk.staffcouncil@mail.tamuk.edu.

Dec 23 – 31: Winter Break

The University will be closed Friday, December 24, through Friday, December 31.

Dec 31: National Champagne Day



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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Local Holiday Events

It is officially time for the holidays, and South Texas has no shortage of events and traditions.

- The Museum of Science and History will host Winter Wonderlands on **December 4, 11, and 18 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.** Click the link for more information and to see additional events at the museum: <https://www.ccmuseum.com/>
- The Art Museum will be hosting the 12th Annual Christmas Tree Forest Exhibition and Contest **until December 15, 2021.** There will be a **free family day on December 11 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** Click the link for more information: <https://www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org/the-12th-annual-christmas-tree-forest-opens-to-the-public/>



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Meet Katie Skora

Katie is the Assistant Director of Facilities and Fitness since July 2021.

What are some projects you are working on now?

I am currently developing our new fitness program here at Rec. Sports. We will be offering Personal Training services and Group Fitness classes at the start of the Spring semester. We will offer a variety of classes like yoga, bootcamp, and Zumba, and as long as you have a Rec. Sports membership, all classes are free. Personal Training will have an added fee, but will be fairly affordable and comes with some added perks that we hope everyone enjoys.

What do you enjoy most about Texas A&M University-Kingsville?

I enjoy the sense of community here on campus. We do a great job at collaborating to ensure that students are getting the most out of attending college. There is always something going on and it really motivates me to put on fun and exciting events here at the Rec.

Is there anything that you'd like to share with the campus?

I moved down to Texas about five months ago from the great state of Wisconsin. After graduate school, I was looking to get away for a little bit and see something new and I ended up in southern Texas. I'm still adjusting to the heat down here but I'll take it over scraping snow off my car for about four months.

What do you do for fun?

Ever since I moved down South, I have really enjoyed going to the beach with my boyfriend and dogs. I love traveling and trying new things so we like adventuring to San Antonio and are looking to travel to other parts of Texas while we live here. I am also an avid crafter and enjoy making handmade items like dog bandanas, holiday decorations, and anything my mom wants.





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November New Hires

Please help welcome the following new faces to campus!

Apolonio Munoz, Admissions Specialist
Office of Admissions

April Galvan, Administrative Associate
Department of Clinical Health Sciences

Edna Rogers, Child Care Cook
Center for Young Children

Erin Thompson, Admissions Specialist
Office of Admissions





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Please help welcome the following new faces to campus!

Kumar Kurapati, Enterprise Information Systems Functional Analyst
Office of the Registrar

Melissa Alegria-Lopez, Administrative Associate
Honors College

Nancy Kinsey, Police Communications Officer
University Police Department

Rene Sandoval, Police Officer
University Police Department



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November Transfers & Promotions

Please help congratulate our fellow Javelinas on their new positions and promotions.

Rina Villarreal, Budget Specialist
Budget Office

Selinda Rojas, Administrative Associate
Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Environmental Sciences



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Jolly Javelina Break and Raffle

We invited all Faculty and Staff members for a quick snack break before the holiday break. Congratulations to our raffle winner! We hope you enjoy your new **FujiFilm Instax Mini 9 Camera**.

Toy Drive

Javelina Wellness is accepting new, unwrapped toy donations for our local Child Protective Services children. For our area, CPS specifically asks us to consider children between ages 13-17, and to avoid toys that resemble a weapon. Each donation earns your department an entry to **win a luncheon!**

Donation Drop Off: Office of Employee Services, College Hall, Room 210 anytime from **December 3-17**.

Staff and Faculty Healthy Javelina Challenge

This was the final week of the November Javelina Wellness challenge. Congratulations to our three finalists!

1st place won an air fryer, foam roller, and their choice smartwatch.

2nd place won an Instant Pot, resistance bands, and dumbbell set.

3rd place won a duffle bag, mini Ninja blender, and Beats headphones.

Click [here](#) to leave your Javelina Wellness team feedback.



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November Retirees

No employees retired in November 2021.

If you are thinking about retirement, please contact the Office of Employee Services at 361-593-3705 or stop by College Hall, Room 210.



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System Policies and Regulations Updates

Click on the links to read the full regulation:

- Revised System Policy [10.01, Internal Auditing](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Revised System Policy [10.02, Fraud Prevention](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Revised System Regulation [10.02.01, Fraud Prevention](#), effective November 19, 2021
- Revised System Policy [12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Revised System Policy [21.01, Financial Policies, Systems and Procedures](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Revised System Policy [25.01, Use and Operation of System Aircraft](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Revised System Policy [25.06, Participation by Historically Underutilized Business](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Revised System Regulation [25.06.01, Historically Underutilized Aircraft](#), effective November 19, 2021
- Revised System Regulation [25.99.01, Chartering of Commercial Aircraft](#), effective November 3, 2021
- Revised System Policy [27.04, Budget Authorizations, Limitations and Delegations of Authority](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Revised System Policy [31.06, Leave Pool Programs](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Approved System Regulation [31.06.03, Family Leave Pool Administration](#), effective November 3, 2021



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System Policies and Regulations Updates Cont.

Click on the links to read the full regulation:

- Revised System Policy [33.04, Use of System Resources](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Revised System Policy [33.06, Hours of Work for Full-time Salaried Employees](#), effective November 18, 2021
- Revised System Regulation [34.04.03, HIV/AIDS in the Workplace and Learning Environment](#), effective November 12, 2021
- Revised System Regulation [34.06.02, Weapons](#), effective November 2, 2021
- Revised System Policy [51.06, Naming of Buildings and Other Entities](#), effective November 18, 2021

The following Texas A&M University-Kingsville rules have been updated. Click on the links to read the full rule:

- Revised Texas A&M-Kingsville Rule [34.06.02.K1, Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus](#), effective November 18, 2021



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Employee Shout-Outs

Submit shout-outs to Bryanna.Colvin@tamuk.edu. Subject will be, “Javelina Happenings: Shout-out”. If you wish to remain anonymous, please mention that in your email.

Christina Gonzales, MS, LPC Congratulations on presenting at two conferences this fall!

Her first presentation was in September at the National College Learning Center Association in Birmingham, Alabama titled, “Forging Ahead: Best Practices in Learning Center Operations with Limited Resources”.

The second presentation was in November at the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) 54th Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio titled, “Rookie to Pro: Creating Your Legacy, Top 10 Tips for New Professionals in the Tutoring Field”.



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Join our Team!

Javelina Happenings is looking for another team member!

Our team is small, so we each contribute a portion to the newsletter. Assignments are chosen every month to give each member the freedom to pick what interests them.

There are no obligations to stick with us. We only ask you contribute once a month and give us at least a two month notice if you are thinking of discontinuing.

If you are interested, please email Bryanna.Colvin@tamuk.edu your responses to the questions below.

No experience is necessary!

1. Do you or have you read Javelina Happenings?
2. How do you plan to contribute to the Javelina Happenings team?



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