



**November 2021**

## **Javelina Happenings**

### **Summary**

**Hello everyone! The fall semester is flying by! We hope you all have been enjoying being back on campus. This month, there will be an additional Flu Shot Clinic on campus, and you will have the opportunity to participate in a Healthy Javelina Challenge. You can find additional wellness information below. Also, if you haven't already, be sure to take advantage of the complimentary football tickets which are being graciously provided by our President, Dr. Hussey. Go Javelinas!**

**We hope you have a happy November!**

#### **Brought to you by:**

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## Campus Updates

### Nov 4: Diwali

The five-day, Hindu festival of lights begins with Dhanteras and ends with Bhai Dooj. It signifies the victory of good over evil and light over darkness.

### Nov 11: Veterans Day

Thank you to all those who have served, and those who continue to serve. Let us never forget the sacrifices that have been made.

### Nov 12: National Happy Hour Day

### Nov 15: National Recycling Day

According to "National Geographic," Americans send 64 tons of waste to landfills during their lifetime. This day aims to encourage Americans to purchase recycled products and recycle more.

### Nov 19-20: Ranch Hand Weekend

Follow this link for additional details: <https://www.ranchhandweekend.com/>

### Nov 25: Thanksgiving

The University will be closed Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26.

### Nov 28: Hanukkah

The Jewish Festival of Rededication, also called the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day celebration for the rededication of the second Jewish temple in Jerusalem.





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## Meet Sylvia Martinez

**Sylvia Martinez is Assistant to the Director of the Jernigan Library, and she has been at the University for 45 years.**

### **What are some projects you are working on now?**

We are in a transition period right now, and have an Interim Library Director, so we are working on keeping the library running smoothly. We hired and rehired about 30 student workers for this semester. That is always a big project! We depend on our student employees to work the evening hours and weekends. Since Texas A&M-Kingsville has gone back with face-to-face teaching, we are getting more and more student traffic in the library than when the University had virtual classes. My job is basically to make sure that our employees (faculty, staff, and students) have everything they need to do their jobs.

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

I enjoy everything about this university. The small classes and the caring faculty and staff are a big plus. I have been fortunate enough to work with a great staff here in the library. This includes, faculty and staff as well as student workers – yes, they come and go, but while they are here they are an important part of the library. Most of our Library Directors have stayed for a while and I really enjoyed working with them. Paul K. Goode, Roberta Pitts, Carol Tipton and Bruce R. Schueneman are some of the ones that stayed the longest. They really made a great impact at the library, by continuously providing and improving excellent customer service, implementing policies and developing new programs to help our students.

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

I have so many distant relatives working all over the University as well as close friends, and at one time, I had seven nieces and one nephew attending Texas A&M-Kingsville at the same time. I have also had three sisters work at the University at the same time. Right now, I only have one of them still working for the University. My family not only supports the University by working here, but are also alumni. I myself am a Texas A&M-Kingsville graduate, and two of my sisters and one brother also graduated from here. GO! HOGS! GO!

### What do you do for fun?

What do I do for fun? I read a lot!!! I also volunteer for different organizations. At one time, I had five checkbooks in my possession, and not one of them was my own personal one! I was secretary/treasurer for five different organizations and that kept me busy. I also like to organize fundraisers, like Loteria Bingos, Rummage Sales, Wheel Raffles, etc., to raise money for these organizations. I guess my passion is community service.





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## October New Hires

Please help welcome the following new faces to campus!

**Ahmed Elsayed, Research Technician**

*Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Environmental Sciences*

**Carina Gonzales, Office Manager**

*Office of Research and Graduate Studies*

**Joshua Mendoza, Research Technician**

*Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Environmental Sciences*

**Karitza Pascual, Regional Advisor**

*Office of Enrollment Services*



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## October Transfers & Promotions

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

**Angelica Olivo, Business Administrator I**  
*College of Arts & Sciences*

**Cecilia Chapa, Business Coordinator II**  
*Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute*

**Jeremy Baumgardt, Laboratory Manager**  
*Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute*

**Melinda Perez, Administrative Associate IV**  
*Career Services*

**Melissa Guajardo, Assistant Director, Travel Services**  
*Procurement & Travel Services*

**Omar Pena, Welcome Center Coordinator & Admissions Representative**  
*Office of Enrollment Services*

**Shelby Liendo, Financial Accountant III**  
*Accounting/Travel/Property Management*



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## SECC Conclusion

Javelina Wellness thanks everyone who participated in SECC this year!  
Javelinas donated a total of **\$18,923.04**.

## Staff and Faculty Healthy Javelina Challenge

Began Monday, November 1, - Deadline to join is Friday, November 5

Sign-up through [our online form](#).

## Flu Shot Clinic

Javelina Wellness has arranged for HEB to provide flu shots on campus again!  
Drinks and snacks will be provided. HEB's sign-up link will be sent out separately. BCBS coverage required.  
Memorial SUB Ballroom, Room 206, on Friday, **November 19 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

## Wellness Credits – Reminder

Remember that wellness credits for each fiscal year are due by **June 30**. Be sure to login into your MyEve profile to see what two actions you would like to complete before the deadline.

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



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## **October Retirees**

**Congratulations to our retiree this month! We wish you the best, and thank you for your years of service to Texas A&M University - Kingsville.**

**Joseph Biedron** who has been with the University since September 2008.  
*Associate Athletic Director P13 in Athletics*



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## System Policies and Regulations Updates

Click on the links to read the full regulation:

Approved System Regulation [09.02.01, Official Messaging](#), effective October 7, 2021

- This new regulation establishes a process whereby each member's official messaging is in accordance with rules and/or procedures adopted by the member to implement this regulation. Each CEO may delegate approval authority as necessary to facilitate effective operations in compliance with this regulation.



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## Employee Shout-Outs

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

**Dr. Steve Bain** Congratulations on receiving the International Research Award by the European Branch of the American Counseling Association!

Read the full article at [Javelina News](#)



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## Meet a Javelina

Texas A&M University-Kingsville's Annual Tejano Heritage Award Banquet honored four Javelina alumni on October 14, 2021.

Alicia Arredondo Clarke received the Tejano Service Award. Clarke has more than 60 years of service to South Texas education as an educator and school administrator.

Antonia Alvarez received the Tejano Service Award as well. Alvarez recently retired from Texas A&M University-Kingsville after serving there more than 30 years.

Oscar Gonzalez received the Tejano Heritage Award. Gonzalez was one of Javelina Nation's first Hispanic football players. Later, Gonzalez served as a teacher and coach in South Texas, and was also a County Commissioner for Jim Hogg County.

Roberto Gonzalez received the Tejano Heritage Award. Gonzalez also served as a teacher and coach in South Texas. During his time as a Javelina athlete in the 1960s, Gonzalez was one of the nation's top distance runners.

Read the full article on [Javelina News](#)



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IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

# TEJANO HERITAGE AWARDS



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