



**October 2021**

## **Javelina Happenings**

### **Summary**

**It's spooky season this month! We hope that everyone's semester started off with a bang. There are several events that will be taking place around campus, and we hope to see you in-person. Don't forget to email our team to take advantage of our shout-out section. We hope you enjoy this month's issue of Javelina Happenings.**

**Have a spook-tacular October!**

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## Campus Updates

### Oct 19: LGBT Center Awareness Day

You can visit the [Human Rights Campaign website](#) for more information about the LGBTQ+ community and how you can support their equality and inclusion.

### Oct 28: National First Responders Day

Our team thanks all first responders for the life-changing work they do!

### Oct 31: Halloween

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Halloween!



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## Meet Dr. Daniel Burt

**Associate Professor, Associate Chair and Graduate Coordinator  
Department of Health and Kinesiology  
College of Education and Human Performance**

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

During the major parts of COVID, I was able to secure a grant for us to further develop the department's Human Performance Lab with a Digital Motor Learning Center to include virtual reality. Currently, we are beginning to do work on comparing anxiety and mechanosensory neuron response while using virtual and augmented reality equipment. I also am in the last few weeks of authoring a new textbook called *Movement in Special Populations: Fitness, Sport, and Physical Education for Individuals with Disabilities*. It should be out in Spring 2022.

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

Hands down, the students. They really want to know how to get from the point they are at, often as first-generation college students, to become competent professionals or earn spots for competitive graduate schools. They never cease to amaze me in how much drive and passion they can bring to their work. Additionally, my department has done an amazing job, and is a joy to work for, as we have taken our place as a regional school and been able to stand along flagship schools in state and national awards and recognition across multiple disciplines.

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

Definitely take the time to enjoy your time here. If you're a student, get to know your department and faculty. Talk to them about what steps you need to work on to be successful, but also reach out and take advantage of the support systems on campus. Use the writing center before a project is due, talk to the counselors when there is a bad week or month (we all have them), and reach out to career services to actually start that resume. Faculty...do the same, get to know your students, your other departments, and help students connect to use those services on campus that they need. I have moved around the country, everywhere has unique qualities if you look, take the time to enjoy and seek them out in Kingsville and the surrounding areas. Then, go enjoy Javelina Athletics, put your support behind football, but also the basketball teams, the baseball and softball teams, the volleyball teams, and the others. They are your peers and your students representing our campus.

### **What do you do for fun?**

Beyond loving to travel and finding new types of food, I often will take off on my Harley and just enjoy the flat Texas roads. I spend time working out and training in Krav Maga at several local businesses, and walking our sheprador and pit bull with my wife, Ashlee, who is also an instructor here. What little free time I have, I spend with my three kids, enjoying any chance to be outside with them and just enjoying discussing what happened throughout their day. I know a number of my students will point out that I run almost daily in the morning or evening around campus since they never hesitate to stop me to ask a question about an assignment or class, and that is always fine with me.





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## September New Hires

Please help welcome the following new faces to campus! We have several Adjunct Faculty members joining us this year as well, and our team would like to welcome you all to the Javelina Nation!

**Amy Bovin, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music**  
*School of Music*

**Benjamin Tomlinson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Percussion**  
*School of Music*

**Joe Henderson, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer**  
*Office of Compliance*

**John Carrillo, Chief of Staff**  
*Office of the President*

**Maha Shrestha, Lecturer**  
*Department of Mathematics*



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**Maria Bates, Procurement and HUB Coordinator**  
*Procurement and Travel Services*

**Pedro Villarreal, Admissions Specialist**  
*Office of Admissions*

**Peter Stage, Research Technician**  
*Citrus Center*

**Seth Abugho, Assistant Professor**  
*Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Environmental Sciences*

**Vicente Barrera, Music Facilities and Sound Recording Manager**  
*School of Music*





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## September Promotions

Please help congratulate our fellow Javelinas on their promotions.

**Dominique Herrera, Lecturer**  
*Student Success*

**Robert Luckett, Assistant Professor**  
*Department of Clinical Health Sciences*

**Roberto Arias, Lecturer**  
*Department of Mathematics*



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## SECC Basket Auction and Donation Day

[Link to Virtual Basket Raffle from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.](#)

Make an SECC donation in-person or bring proof of your completed donation to receive a **free** Texas Strong mug and other goodies!

Giveaway Pick-up: Office of Employee Services on Wednesday, **October 13 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

## Healthy Smoothie Break

Join us for **free** healthy smoothie and/or fruit infused water. Javelina Wellness is sharing information about healthy drink options that will be easy for you to replicate yourself.

Founder's Room on Thursday, **October 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

## Flu Shot Clinics

Javelina Wellness has arranged for HEB to provide flu shots on campus this October and November. 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, **October 22 and 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 MyEvide profile to see what two actions you would like to complete before the deadline.

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





Participate in the annual Texas A&M University-Kingsville SECC Basket Auction. Each basket was donated by departments and colleges from across campus. All proceeds will go to Texas A&M University – Kingsville Foundation.

# SECC Basket Auction

**Wednesday**  
**13 October 2021**  
from 1:00 – 2:00 PM  
via [Blackboard](#)

Sponsored by  
SECC Coordinators at TAMUK

Questions? Call 361-593-3705



# Smoothie BREAK

**10.21.21**

*11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.*

Javelina Wellness invites you to the Founder's Room in Lewis Hall for a free smoothie and/or fruit infused water.

Our mission is to encourage and provide information about healthy lifestyle choices.

Faculty/Staff ID must be shown.

[Leave Feedback](#)

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## September 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.**

**Cindy Strubhart** who has been with the University since August 1989.  
*Senior Administrative Coordinator in the Department of Clinical Health Sciences*



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## System Policies and Regulations Updates

Click on the links to read the full regulation:

Revised System Regulation [02.02.01, Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences and Vice Chancellor for Engineering](#), effective September 13, 2021.

- This regulation provides that the vice chancellor for agriculture and life sciences and the vice chancellor for engineering are responsible for the management and operation of the agricultural and engineering agencies, respectively, under the direction of the chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (system).

Revised System Policy [02.05, Presidents of System Member Universities](#), effective August 26, 2021

- This policy provides that the Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) appoints the presidents of the member universities who serve under the direction of the chancellor and establishes their duties and administrative responsibilities, in addition to other duties and responsibilities delegated by the chancellor or the board.

Revised System Policy [07.03, Conflicts of Interest, Dual Office Holding and Political Activities](#), effective August 26, 2021

- This policy lists the statutory requirements for filings with the Texas Ethics Commission, gives board members and employees direction on when they may and may not hold public and private office, and provides guidance on their participation in the political process as it relates to their position within the system.





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Revised System Regulation [15.99.06, Use of Biohazardous Material in Research, Teaching and Testing](#), effective August 9, 2021

- The Texas A&M University System (system) is committed to protecting faculty, staff, students, visitors, the general public and the environment from the risk of exposure to Biohazardous Material and to ensuring that all activities involving Biohazardous Material and the facilities used to conduct such work are in compliance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations and guidelines.

Revised System Policy [27.02, Legislative Appropriation Requests](#), effective August 26, 2021

- The Texas A&M University System (system) formalizes the legislative appropriation request requirements and establishes clear guidance on the content and review standards that apply to each legislative appropriation request within the guidelines provided by the state of Texas.

Revised System Regulation [29.01.03, Information Security](#), effective September 13, 2021

- This regulation establishes the authority and responsibilities of the system chief information security officer (SCISO) and member information security officers (ISOs) and provides the minimum standards for member information security programs under the state's Information Security Standards for Institutions of Higher Education found in Title 1, Texas Administrative Code Chapter 202 (TAC 202) and other applicable requirements.

Revised System Policy [31.01, Compensation](#), effective August 26, 2021

- The Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) has the final authority for setting salaries and wages subject to the provisions of this policy.



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Revised System Policy [31.03, Leaves of Absence](#), effective August 26, 2021

- The Texas A&M University System (system) provides employee leave programs as authorized by law. Faculty development leave must be submitted for approval to the chancellor and the system Board of Regents (board).

Revised System Regulation [31.03.03, Leave of Absence with Pay](#), effective September 13, 2021

- This regulation establishes uniform administration of paid leave to eligible employees of The Texas A&M University System (system) in accordance with state law.

Revised System Regulation [31.06.02, Sick Leave Donation](#), effective August 18, 2021

- The Texas A&M University System (system) provides the opportunity for an employee to donate sick leave to an eligible employee in accordance with state law.

Revised System Policy [32.01, Employee Complaint and Appeal Procedures](#), effective August 26, 2021

- Employee complaints against any member of The Texas A&M University System (system) are resolved pursuant to regulations established by the chancellor.

Revised System Policy [33.05, Employee Training](#), effective August 26, 2021

- All employees of The Texas A&M University System (system) receive training on the duties and responsibilities of their positions and on the various policies, regulations, rules and procedures related to their employment. Training is in accordance with state law and regulations established by the chancellor.





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Revised System Regulation [33.06.01, Flexible Work Arrangements](#), effective September 13, 2021

- Flexible work arrangements within The Texas A&M University System (system) must be administered in accordance with this regulation.

Revised System Regulation [33.99.03, Performance Evaluations for Nonfaculty Employees](#), effective August 18, 2021

- This regulation establishes the performance evaluation procedure for all nonfaculty employees of The Texas A&M University System (system). However, this regulation does not modify the “at will” status of any system nonfaculty employee.

Revised System Regulation [33.99.12, New Employee Processing](#), effective August 18, 2021

- This regulation establishes uniform employment processing requirements for new employees of The Texas A&M University System (system).

Revised System Policy [41.01, Real Property](#), effective August 26, 2021

- The Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) has the sole and exclusive management and control of all real property and real property interests. All real property, including both the surface estate and mineral estate, is held in the name of the board. This policy governs the acquisition, disposal, management and leasing of real property.





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Revised System Regulation [41.01.01, Real Property](#), effective September 21, 2021

- This regulation provides uniform guidance for the acquisition, disposition, lease and license of real property and delegates authority to the chief executive officers (CEO) or designees of The Texas A&M University System (system).

Revised Rule [07.03.01.K1, Political Campaign Events in Facilities Under the Control of Texas A&M University-Kingsville](#), effective September 13, 2021.

- This rule implements state law and System policy governing political activities in facilities under the control of the University. This rule is required by System Regulation 07.03.01, Political Campaign Events in Facilities Under the Control of The Texas A&M University System

Revised Rule [15.99.07.K1, Use of Vertebrate Animals](#), effective August 13, 2021

- This rule provides guidance in complying with federal and state laws, regulations, and guidelines relating to the humane and ethical use of vertebrate animals in research, teaching and testing. This rule applies to all employees and students who use vertebrate animals in research, teaching or testing.



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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. Alberto Rodriguez** Thank you for providing prospective on the history of Black culture, influence, and presence in South Texas. Congratulations on your interview! The full episode is hosted and produced by *Stories from the Rio Grande* found on Spotify or Anchor.fm.

Dr. Rodriguez’s Interview: [African American Perspectives in South Texas: Alberto Rodriguez](#)



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**Coach Johnny Estelle**, middle, was inducted into the Navarro College Hall of Fame last weekend in Corsicana. Coach Estelle is the head men’s basketball coach at TAMU-K. Congratulations, Coach Estelle!

**Coach Buzz Williams**, left, was also an inductee. Coach Williams is a former Javelina assistant men’s basketball coach, and went on to be the head men’s basketball coach at Texas A&M. Congratulations, Coach Williams!

**Javelina Athletic Department** and its programs raised more than \$190,000 during the Javelina Day of Giving last week. “Once again, Javelina Nation has proved to be one of the most special groups in the nation,” Steve Roach, right, executive director for intercollegiate athletics and campus recreation, said. “To see the results of the Javelina Day of Giving is a testament to our great fans and supporters, coaches, staff and student-athletes. “The money raised will have such a great impact on our student-athletes and will continue to provide them with a championship-caliber experience.”





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## Meet a Javelina

Former Javelina cross-country and head track and field coach Reid Harter, middle, will be inducted into the Texas-Rio Grande Valley Hall of Fame along with his 1987-90 women's cross-country team. Harter was individually inducted into the UTRGV Hall of Fame in 2012.

Texas A&M-Kingsville football player Jacob Clarkson and Javelina indoor volleyball player Jackie Alanis have been named the IBC Bank Athletes of the Week for their performances last week. Both were recognized for the first time this season.

Texas A&M-Kingsville outside hitter Jackie Alanis was named the Lone Star Conference offensive player of the week for her performances in last weekend's matches.

Tickets can be purchased [here](#).



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State Employee Charitable Campaign

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Sept. 1 – Oct. 31

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4 EASY WAYS TO  
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- 1 **ONLINE** SUBMIT PAYROL DEDUCTION IN SSO
- 2 **ONLINE** CREDIT CARD - ONE-TIME GIFT
- 3 **CASH OR CHECK** PARTICIPATE IN CAMPUS EVENTS
- 4 **PAPER** COMPLETE PAPER PLEDGE FORM

- **Online Payroll Deduction Through SSO [sso.tamus.edu](http://sso.tamus.edu)**
  - **One-time or monthly payroll deductions**
    - **One-time donations are to be deducted in January.**
    - **Monthly Employees – deductions start in December; reflected on the January paycheck**
    - **Bi-weekly Employees – deductions start in January; reflected on the second paycheck in January**
      - **\$2 minimum per charity**
  - **Contact your payroll office to stop deductions.**

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EVENTS

September  
“Sign on Day”  
More details to follow

October  
“Basket Raffle”  
More details to follow

## • **Online Credit Card Donation**

- Donor registers and makes a donation at [https://secctexasgiving.org/\\_brazosva](https://secctexasgiving.org/_brazosva)
- First-time donors register and activate an
- Minimum \$18 donation

## • **Cash or Check**

- Support a fundraiser with cash or a check.
- Make checks payable to the SECC
- Check out campus fundraisers on their SECC Facebook page. **SECC Facebook**

## • **Paper Payroll Deduction**

- Contact your Unit Coordinator.

## **TOP CHARITIES OF 2020**

**Boys & Girls Club of Kingsville**

**Coastal Bend Food Bank**

**HALO-Flight, Inc.**

**Peewee's Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.**

**The Purple Door**

**Ronald McDonald House Charities of Corpus Christi**

**Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation**

## **NEED HELP?**

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