



September 2021

Javelina Happenings

Summary

Hello everyone! The fall semester has begun, and classes are back in session! We are excited to have you back on campus, and we look forward to regaining a sense of normalcy. Don't forget about our latest shout-out feature, which allows us to recognize fellow employees. Additional information and events can be found below.

Happy fall, y'all!

Brought to you by:

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Campus Updates

September 12: Grandparents Day

“As we seek to strengthen the enduring values of the family, it is appropriate that we honor our grandparents.” -President Jimmy Carter

September 15: Javelina Day of Giving

This is a one-day, 24-hour online fundraising event celebrating what unites us – being a Javelina! Follow this [link](#) for further details.

September 15: Yom Kippur

This is the holiest, most important day of the year in Judaism, known as the “Day of Atonement.” It begins at sundown Wednesday, September 15, 2021, and ends Thursday evening, September 16.

September 25: Javelina Football vs Texas A&M-Commerce

At Javelina Stadium – click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

September 25: Kingsville Main Street Wine Walk

Follow this [link](#) for further details.

September 29: National Coffee Day





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Meet Adrian Garcia

Adrian is an Admissions Counselor in the Outreach and Enrollment Support Services Department.

What are some projects you are working on now?

I've been with Texas A&M-Kingsville for 18 years. I've been working closely with Deans, Faculty, and Staff in reaching out to the surrounding communities and especially high schools. I'm currently coordinating "Road Shows". Since many schools cannot make the trip to our campus, we come to theirs. We bring the Javelina Experience to their campus. The administration, staff, teachers, and especially students love to hear from Professors.

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

I enjoy bringing my family to the Fall Carnival, Spring Fling, Homecoming events, and especially football games, tailgates, and Homecoming!

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

We are changing lives every day. This thing called "Javelina Family" is real. I see it every day when faculty speak to our students. They care. We all care!

What do you do for fun?

I'm the Advisor of the Javelina Fishing Club. I enjoy fishing...sometimes I think I fish too much. When I'm not fishing, I'm traveling with my family. We "pray and drive" and usually end up at Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, Chicago. There's usually no destination, we just love the journey!





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August New Hires

Please help welcome the following new faces to campus!

Ana Garza, Early Childhood Teacher
Center for Young Children

Arturo Rocha, Police Officer
UPD

Caleb Allen, Head Strength Coach
Javelina Athletics

Cindy Smith, Customer Service Associate
Javelina Enrollment Services Center

Colton Fowler, Research Technician
Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

Dalia Davila, Early Childhood Teacher
Center for Young Children

Elizabeth Walker, Business Administrator
Property Management and Auxiliary Services



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Hagen Meyer, Research Technician
Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

Jacob Martinez, Academic Success Coach
Special Programs EOC

Jessica Montenegro, Leadership Coordinator
Office of Student Development and Activities

John McManus, Facilities Manager
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Koy Detmer, Assistant Football Coach – Wide Receivers
Javelina Football

Laura Salinas, Customer Service Associate
Javelina Enrollment Services Center





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Please help welcome the following new faces to campus!

Mary Gutierrez, Administrative Coordinator
Office of Residence Life

Molly Roach, Head Cheer Coach
Recreational Sports

Stephanie Moya, Academic Success Coach
Special Programs EOC

Tammy Romo Alcala, Assistant Director of Career Services
Career Services

Theresa Perez, Assistant Director of Employee Benefits and Wellness
Employee Services

Trisha Horan, Administrative Associate
College of Engineering



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August Promotions

Please help congratulate our fellow Javelinas on their promotions.

David Garza, Police Officer
University Police Department

George Vega, Police Officer
University Police Department

John Cotton, Assistant Football Coach - Linebackers
Javelina Football

Jonathan Petty, Assistant Football Coach – Defensive Coordinator
Javelina Football

**Kathy Pawelek, Interim Director of Administration and Operations for
Conner Museum and South Texas Archives**
College of Arts and Sciences

Michael Gray, Police Sergeant
University Police Department





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Javelina Wellness Updates



SECC Enrollment

Login at SSO.tamus.edu to find SECC Enrollment on your menu page. More information found at the end of this newsletter.

Coastal Bend Blood Drive

September 20 – follow this [link](#) for further details and to register.

More Events to be Announced

The Javelina Wellness team is working on future activities for campus. Keep an eye out for details in our campus-wide emails. If you wish to give any suggestions or feedback, please use the link found below.

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



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State Employee Charitable Campaign

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Sept. 1 – Oct. 31

GIVE

4 EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT SECC	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**
 - 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.

EST. 1993

FACTS

Donations start at \$2.00/month

Nearly 1,000 charities available to choose from

Sign up now, stop at anytime

MORE INFORMATION

Visit: SECCTEXASGIVING.ORG

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**
- **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?

**Email us:
Bryanna Colvin
Jessica Chapa
Yolanda Chapa**

**Call:
361 593 3705**

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August Retirees

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

Dr. Apurba Bhattacharya who had been with the University since March 2008.
Tenured Professor in the Department of Chemistry

Bruce Schueneman who had been with the University since September 1979.
Library Director

Claudia Conard who had been with the University since October 1976.
Financial Analyst in the Comptroller Office

Elva Ramirez who had been with the University since January 1998.
Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics



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Jacqueline Holliday who had been with the University since April 1988.
Supervisor of Central Receiving and Storeroom for Procurement Services

Randy Fluman who had been with the University since September 1987.
Tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Music

Dr. Kim Jones who had been with the University since July 1999.
Tenured Professor in the Department of Environmental Engineering

Kimberly Trevino who had been with the University since April 1997.
Receiving Clerk for Procurement Services



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Dr. M Downs who had been with the University since September 1995.
Tenured Professor in the Department of Language and Literature

Dr. Maria Ayala-Schueneman who had been with the University since January 1984.
Tenured Professor for Library Operations

Dr. Rongdong Wang who had been with the University since September 1990.
Tenured Professor in the Department of Mathematics

Dr. Stephen Sedory who had been with the University since September 1985.
Tenured Professor in the Department of Mathematics



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Did you know?

Texas A&M-Kingsville professor receives award at the World Chemistry Congress.

Dr. Jingbo Liu, chemistry professor, was named one of the 2021 Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. She recently received her award via a virtual ceremony at the World Chemistry Congress.

Of the 12 women to receive the honor, only four are from the United States. "This honor is a catalyst to inspire me to try my best to contribute to education and research, empower the next generation and serve society to my fullest capacity," Liu said.

You can find out more information on Dr. Liu [here](#).



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Meet a Javelina

Texas A&M University-Kingsville junior Nicole Murff and senior Kirkland Joseph were announced as the IBC Bank Players of the Week, the first to receive this honor during the 2021-2022 campaign season.

Murff was essential to the Javelina volleyball team's five-set win during the season opener. Murff averaged 5.56 digs per set and had eight aces which tied for fourth-most among the league's competitors.

During football's season-opening, Joseph anchored the defensive unit with three takeaways and tabbed ten tackles.

Tickets can be purchased [here](#).



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