



July 2021

Javelina Happenings

Summary

Hello everyone! We are officially halfway through 2021! Open Enrollment is now active for benefits eligible employees to make their elections. We hope to see you at the Health and Wellness Fair that will take place July 16. Be sure to also check out the two professional development seminars Julie Burch is hosting during July. Additional information can be found below.

Happy July!

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Campus Updates

July is Open Enrollment

More information below.

July 16: Health and Wellness Fair

From 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., over 35 vendors will be located in the Student Union Building Ballrooms A & B to discuss their services. The Javelina Wellness program will be providing food, drinks, and prizes!

July 18: National Ice Cream Day!

July 25: National Wine and Cheese Day

July 25: Miss Kingsville Pageant

Check out who will represent the community as Miss Kingsville, Junior Miss Kingsville, and Little Miss Kingsville for 2021. This event is being held here in Kingsville at the Community Life Center, 123 North 5th Street.

July 30: International Day of Friendship

Designated by the United Nations General Assembly (U.N.). We were first introduced to International Day of Friendship in 2011; this special day goes beyond connecting people and builds bridges among cultures, countries, and even ideologies.





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Javelina Wellness Updates



Open Enrollment

The entire month of July is the time to make decisions on your benefits elections which will be active from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. Please ensure you complete your Workday inbox item to select your benefits for the upcoming fiscal year. If you are not making changes, you will still need to agree to keeping your benefits the same.

Health and Wellness Fair

Join us on **July 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** in the Student Union Building, Ballrooms A & B, to meet local and System-wide vendors. Javelina Wellness will be providing **free food, drinks, and prizes!** Keep an eye out for our reminder next week as it will contain more information about this event.

Julie Burch Webinars

See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for the registration links.
There are 6 more sessions left this summer!

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





Health and Wellness Fair

2021 Summer

Faculty & Staff

Javelina Wellness Program

TIME:
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

DATE:
July 16

Summary: Over 30 local vendors and our benefit providers will be setting up booths to advertise their business to campus. Javelina Wellness will be providing snacks and prizes during this event, so be sure to stop by!

Larger Prizes will be given away once we meet our participation goals:

- 1st Prize: 100 People
- 2nd Prize: 125 People
- 3rd Prize: 150 People
- 4th Prize: 175 People
- 5th Prize: 200 People



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Food + Prizes



Smaller Prizes will be given away every 10 minutes!



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June New Hires

Please help welcome the following new faces to campus!

Aditi Satpute, Postdoctoral Research Associate
Citrus Center

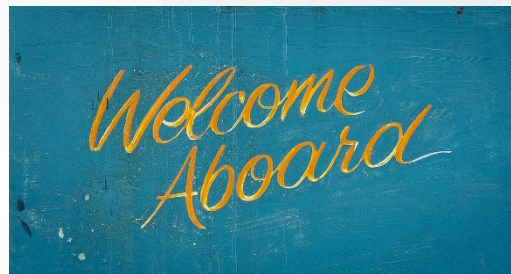
Amaris Shammaa, Research Technician
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

Christian Guajardo, Research Technician
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

Dominique D'Agostino, Administrative Associate
Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

Gabriel Leal, Regional Advisor – Rio Grande Valley
Javelina Outreach and Enrollment Support Services

Justin Rivera, Construction Project Manager
University Engineering and Campus Planning



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June New Hires Cont'd

Please help welcome the following new faces to campus!

Kathrun Sliwa, Research Associate
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

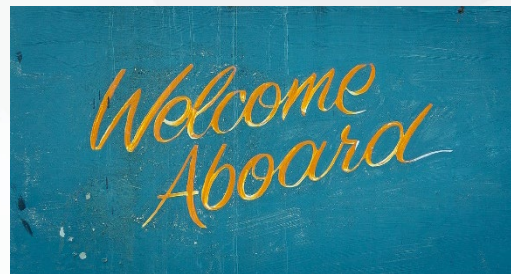
Lance Hawman, End User Support Specialist
Information Technology Services

Linda Torrez, Business Coordinator
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

Miranda Hopper, Research Technician
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute

Dr. Rito Silva, Vice President of Enrollment Services & Student Affairs
Office of Enrollment Services and Student Affairs

Tim Drake, Research Technician
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute



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June 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.

Margarita Galvan who had been with the University since April 1988.
Executive Assistant in the Office of the President



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Meet Thomas Krueger

Dr. Krueger has been with us since 2011. He is a tenured professor at the College of Business Administration. In addition to chairing the Accounting and Finance Department, Dr. Krueger is the J.R. Manning Endowed Professor of Innovation in Business Education.

What are some projects you are working on now?

Current academic projects parallel my role as chair of the Accounting & Finance Department. On the Accounting side, we were recently given permission to begin offering a Master of Science in Taxation (MST) degree. This degree will integrate courses in taxation with some already in our popular MBA program. Both are designed to be one year in duration, with that additional 30 credits resulting in a 150-hour BBA/MST degree program. The 150-hour total is important and relevant, because earning 150 post-secondary hours is one requirement to be eligible to sit for the CPA examination. Over this summer, the Accounting faculty have assisted me in creation of Learning Goals and Objectives, Marketable Skills, and Assessment Rubric documents for the MST.

On the finance side, we continue to nurture the Banking Program, which has garnered significant support from the Texas Banker's Association. Students can earn a minor in banking or a certificate in digital banking, which includes courses in finance and information systems that are relevant for bank administrators. We hope to make more use of our Bloomberg Lab, putting our finance students on par with those anywhere in the world, as we move back to a face-to-face classroom.

There also are four research articles at various stages towards completion. One examines, the ESG (environmental, social issues, and firm governance) and MOAT (think of this as long-term durability) of firms chosen by mutual fund managers. The key to investor success tends to be limiting fund fees, which implies that it is possible to invest in such a way as to make a social impact without negatively impacting one's terminal wealth. In another, with Dr. Huff and Dr. Scalan (two TAMUK accounting professors), CPA success is compared across Hispanic and non-Hispanic serving institutions within the Texas A&M System. We show that Hispanic-serving institutions, including TAMUK, provide a meaningful contribution to the total number of exam candidates and exams being passed. The third project is an assessment of online education during the COVID-19 pandemic. Perhaps my favorite research project is the one being done with an Honors College student, which focuses on the rate of subdivision occurring on Texas ranches.



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Meet Thomas Krueger Cont'd

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

I enjoy working with the people here at Texas A&M-Kingsville. I have found administrators here to be friendly, kind, well-meaning, and helpful to the extent resources are available. The support has allowed me move the number of articles published above 100, with 1400 citations of past work. Across three universities at which I have taught, TAMUK has the most caring, devoted set of faculty and staff. The atmosphere may be a function of the importance given to the students, with everyone here pulling as a team to make their experience the best and have student time here culminate in graduation.

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

The 2021 Economic Forum will be held on campus on Wednesday, November 3. The title of the year's event is "Looking Towards our Economic Future: Kleberg County, Matagorda County, and Willacy County, Three South Texas Coast Counties with Similar Negative 2020-2050 Population Growth Projections." By comparison, over the thirty-years period, Texas' population is expected to expand by 61 percent. Stated another way, for every 100 residents last year, we are expecting 161 in only 30 years! That growth will have huge implications for infrastructure, health and human services, and universities. They keynote speaker this year is Dr. Lloyd Potter, the Texas Demographer and Director of the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research. A registration link will be shared with TAMUK faculty, staff, and students when we get closer to the event.

What do you do for fun?

My wife (primarily) and I are helping raise our two granddaughters (Grade 1 and Grade 4), which keeps us on our toes. We have a small "ranchette" just outside Kingsville which allows us to participate in the local culture. Our local church is an important outlet for us, and we anticipate more opportunities to travel as COVID-19 moves further into the rearview mirror.





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New Section Coming in August

Javelina Happenings will be including employee shout-outs starting August 2021.

To submit entries:

To submit a shout-out, email us at Bryanna.Colvin@tamuk.edu. Subject will be, "Javelina Happenings: Shout-out". If you wish to remain anonymous, please mention that in your email.

After submission:

Submissions will be reviewed by the Chief Human Resources Officer and respective VP. Approved submissions will be included in the following release of Javelina Happenings.

Feedback:

For suggestions or feedback, visit [Javelina Wellness Feedback](#).



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Did you know?

- July is National Blueberry Month!
- July is also National Pickle Month!
- The birthstone of July is the ruby.
- The hot, long days of July are called “dog days of summer”.
- July is the warmest month in the Northern Hemisphere on average. It is similar to January in the Southern Hemisphere.

- Kingsville was named after Richard King.
- How big is Kingsville? It is 13.91 mi²!
- Cattle outnumber people in Kingsville 2 to 1!
- In 1904, a post office opened and railroad passenger service came to Kingsville.
- Kingsville is home to a leading public research university, Texas A&M Kingsville, Go Javelinas!

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Meet a Javelina

From the official site of Javelina Athletics



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Johnson was a member of the TAMUK men's basketball program from 1999-01

Chris Johnson played for the Javelina men's basketball team from 1999-01 and embarked on a journey that brought him to the forefront of many nationally-renowned professional basketball players across the country.

With the NBA Finals in full swing, Chris shares his experience when he donned the Blue and Gold and what life has been like since he finished up at Javelina Nation.

Why did you choose to attend Texas A&M-Kingsville?

I had a few offers at the time, and Johnny [Estelle] had just taken a position with the team and it came down to St. Edward's, Midwestern State and a few other schools. Johnny, being my first cousin, said there was no way I was going to any of these other schools and wanted me to come to TAMUK. So, I came down to visit and met [head coach] Pete Peterson, who I'm still close with over the years, and when I got to the campus it was so beautiful and sunny, and from there it was lights out. Coming in they had a few guys who I knew personally, but with Johnny, Buzz [Williams] and Coach Peterson, it was a no-brainer for me.

What is your favorite Javelina memory?

One of my best memories, our football team at the time was number one in the nation and my best friend came to school here named Glenn Jones. Glenn was an All-American for the football team, and we went to junior high and high school together before we became roommates at Kingsville. Glenn had a brother, Richard Jones, who played professionally for the Indianapolis Colts, so my memories of just going to the game and watching how dominant our football team was, going to the tailgates which were amazing, and the overall environment was great.

What have you been up to since you left Kingsville?

When I graduated I was at a crossroad about what I wanted to do with my career after I got my bachelor's degree. I wanted to play professionally but couldn't so at that time Coach Peterson and Buzz asked me to come back and be a graduate assistant coach. So, I came back and got my master's degree, so from there I decided I wanted to really learn how to coach so I took a head high school job in Houston at La Marque High School, which had the top football team in the country at the time. I ended up changing the whole program around and won a few Coach of the Year awards before I took another job at Clear Springs High School. At Clear Springs I was developing Division I kids as well as NBA players so I was doing three jobs in one, so from there I was able to get my first NBA job with the Houston Rockets and part of my stint was to work in the development league with the RGV Vipers as an assistant coach. While I was in the Valley I started my family and we moved to Los Angeles and I opened up the top player development company in the world where I work with a lot of players you see on television today.

What is something most people don't know about you?

My entrepreneurship, I think a lot of people focus on the basketball piece of it and for me, once I've mastered a certain level, I want to expand the business. From owning my own business to creating a brand, creating a product or something that's tangible. I think my entrepreneur skills can be overshadowed with what I've done in the basketball world, so I would love to be looked at as not just a dominant basketball guy but an entrepreneur and a life coach, a mentor. Getting my master's in counseling was all part of the plan so being able to have an impact on someone's life is important to me.

Do you still keep in contact with your teammates?

I'm the source, I keep everybody together. So, if something's going on I'm the one who pulls everyone together. If someone needs to get ahold of somebody else they come to me, and that's how Johnny is with his group in this era. So, between us we cover two or three eras of basketball players from this program.

How has your time as a Javelina prepared you for life after college?

I don't know if I would be where I'm at today if I didn't go through that entire process at Kingsville. I could've chosen other schools, but you can't change something and expect the same outcome. From staying in the dorms, I remember my first day moving in, to going to the rec center where everybody used to hang out, from my first time hanging out in my first apartment, something you think those things aren't important but they really are. It's all part of the process, our supporters, the professors in the classrooms, the tailgates, to everyone on the team.

What advice do you have for current Javelinas?

To embrace their journey. One thing I've learned is you can't catch any fish watching someone else's pole. Don't focus on what anyone else is doing, just focus on where you are and how impactful you can be in that community. It's not about the name, it's not about where you think you should be, you have to stay in the moment and dominate where you are. Represent not only yourself, but the alumni and the legacy others have left behind. You're in a situation bigger than you, you have to finish your degree and strive for greatness.

Download the Official Javelina Athletics Mobile App presented by Whataburger today! [Download on the App Store](#) or [Get It on Google Play](#) to keep up with all the news, scores, and highlights of your favorite Javelinas.

Watch your Javelinas live on the [Javelina Sports Network](#) sponsored by [Mendoza's Pharmacy](#). To keep up-to-date with Javelina Men's Basketball, follow the program on Twitter [@JavelinaMBB](#), and on Facebook at [/JavelinaMBB](#)

Julie Burch!
6 Sessions
Remain



Registration Links are on the Second Page

Leadership Series 2: 2 Sessions Left

Professional Development Series 2: 4 Sessions Left

Further Information

Faculty and staff are encouraged to join the Javelina Wellness team in welcoming back Julie Burch for 11 more sessions this year!

If you missed the first series, don't sweat it! Julie is going to review and build on the topics shown on the second page.

Her trainings are virtual, dynamic, interactive, and motivational. In addition, Julie is available to discuss your specific questions via email after attending sessions.

Leadership dates:

Thursday, July 15, 2021
Thursday, August 5, 2021

Professional Development dates:

Thursday, July 22, 2021
Thursday, August 12, 2021
Thursday, August 19, 2021
Tuesday, August 24, 2021

All staff and faculty are welcomed and encouraged to participate in these two deep dive series. Questions should be emailed to Bryanna.Colvin@tamuk.edu.

Leadership Series

Advanced Leadership Skills: Accountability, Empowerment, and Values Based Decisions

Thursday, July 15, 2021, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

<http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=E054D989884E3D>

Everyone is so Different! Leading the 4 Personality Styles

Thursday, August 5, 2021, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

<http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=E054D989884C30>

Professional Development Series

Becoming a Creative Problem Solver: And Learn to Laugh While You do it!

Thursday, July 22, 2021, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

<http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=E054D989884D3C>

Time Management Tune Up

Thursday, August 12, 2021, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

<http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=E054D989884A39>

Exceptional Relationship Service: It's in The Bag!

Thursday, August 19, 2021, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

<http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=E054D989884A3D>

Life Lessons: Rocky Style!

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

<http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=E054D98988493B>

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