

*Texas A&M University-Kingsville®
Center for Student Success Presents*

Javelina

**COMMON
READ**

Symposium

Monday, November 23, 2020

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

*Introduction- Dr. Shannon Baker,
Associate Vice-President for Student Success*

Opening Remarks - Dr. Lou Reinisch Provost

We'll Fly Away

By Bryan Bliss

Best friends since childhood, Luke and Toby have dreamed of one thing: getting out of their dead-end town. Soon they finally will, riding the tails of Luke's wrestling scholarship, never looking back. If they don't drift apart first. If Toby's abusive dad, or Luke's unreliable mom, or anything else their complicated lives throw at them doesn't get in the way.

This is the first year for a virtual symposium at Texas A&M University- Kingsville. First year students have been reading *We'll fly away by Bryan Bliss*. Through this shared experience, they have explored diversity, empathy, ethics, time management, problem solving and more. Research they completed about what they have learned are featured at this symposium.

Javelina Common Read Symposium Presenters

"THE CHALLENGES A COLLEGE STUDENT ENDURES"

Emeri Drewry, Kaitlyn Munoz,
Rachel Haven, and Rolando Perez

"THE TRIALS OF COLLEGE FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS"

Jacquelynn Lucio, Kaitlyn Hawkins,
and Alesandra Perez

"THE COLLEGE IMPACT ON FIRST TIME STUDENTS"

Alie Touchstone, Anissa Lechner
Gabrielle Gaza, Denisse Soberanis,
and Christian Carter

"STRUGGLES IN LIFE"

Andrea Hernandez

"WE'LL FLY AWAY"

Alexandria Wagner

"WE'LL FLY AWAY: JOURNEY CONNECTIONS"

Ariel Arriaga, Catrina Garza
and Melissa Mendez

"OUR JOURNEY STARTING COLLEGE"

Paul McCoy and Vicente Mendoza

"FIRST YEAR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: RELATION TO NOVEL"

Marianna Olazaran

"THE IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION"

Amanda Galvan, Kyrsten Cooper,
Gabby Ruiz, and Ariel Chavez

"FIRST YEAR IN COLLEGE"

Dina Young, Deidra Eureste,
Stephen Atkinson and Ethan Sanchez

"LITERARY REPRESENTATIONS IN REALITY"

Daimien Josiah Campos, Lee Marshall Mack,
and Michael Samihamba

"BEGINNING OF COLLEGE"

Myrka A. Gonzalez

"STRUGGLES OF A FIRST-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENT"

Jacob Reyes

"FIRST YEAR COLLEGE EXPERIENCES: NOVEL ANALOGY"

Julisa Alcala



**“CATCHING A CASE OF THE
FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCES”**

Rolando Borjas Jr.

**“WE’LL FLY AWAY AND HOW IT
RELATES TO ME”**

Orion Sanchez

**“HOW MY FIRST YEAR COLLEGE
EXPERIENCE CONNECTS TO
LUKE AND TOBY’S STORY”**

Anika Martinez

**“BRYAN BLISS’S BOOK,
WE’LL FLY AWAY,
AND HOW IT
RELATES TO THE STRESS OF
FIRST YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS”**

Simon Poe

**“LEARNING AND GROWING
PAINS”**

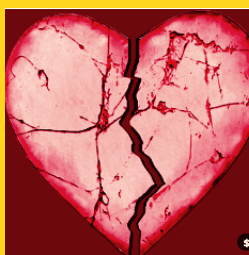
Nytza A. Escobar, Sydney A. Gallegos
Miranda A. Hernandez and Jose N. Lopez

**“THE BEGINNING OF YOUR
COLLEGE JOURNEY”**

Brianna Salinas

**“HOW LUKE’S STORY
COMPARES TO MY LIFE”**

Jeffrey Boltz



“THE BEGINNING OF COLLEGE”

Mariangels Gonzalez

**“HOW LUKE AND TOBY’S
STORY REFLECTS MY FIRST
YEAR IN COLLEGE”**

Destiny Quintero

**“FRESHMEN STRUGGLES:
COMPARISON TO THE NOVEL
WE’LL FLY AWAY”**

Dorothy Esquivel, Carlo Garcia
Hector Gonzalez, and Alex Singer

“WE’LL FLY AWAY”

Jasmine A. Gomez

**“CORRELATION IN STRESS
BETWEEN WE’LL FLY AWAY
AND COLLEGE
STUDENTS”**

Pedro Velasquez and Kytana Muniz

“WE’LL FLY AWAY”

Ricardo Salas

“WE’LL FLY AWAY”

Juan Romero

**“WE’LL FLY AWAY
CONNECTION”**

Bianca Arizmendi

**“RELATING COLLEGE EXPERIENCE TO
THE NOVEL, WE’LL FLY AWAY”**

Autumn Jones, Caitlin Wilson,
Madeleine Stolzer, and Rebekah Hailey

**OUTSTANDING FIRST-TIME IN COLLEGE STUDENTS,
FALL 2020**

Benjamin Carlson
Nytza Escobar
Christina Garcia
Micah Hare

Manuel Rocha
Raquel Ventura
Andrea Hernandez
Noah Everett

A special thank you to our judges:

Nicole Morris

Tim Oblad

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Craig Meyer

Colleen Ferguson

Jody Marin

Kendra Huff

Tom Krueger

Genevieve Scalan

Adnan Rajib



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