

THINKING FORWARD

There are more ways to get involved at Baylor than what any one person could participate in during his or her Baylor experience! This means you will have to make choices about what you will be involved with outside the classroom during your time at Baylor. Take a few moments to reflect on the following questions.

What were you involved with in high school or at your former institution either as a part of school or outside of school? What did those involvements mean to you?

What are some of your areas of interest? What are you passionate about?

What leisure and/or recreation activities interest you?

What academic and/or intellectual goals do you have that might not be met in the classroom?

What goals do you have related to the spiritual, social, physical, and emotional aspects of your life? How do your family and friends fit into those goals?

Make a list of several activities that you have always wanted to pursue, but haven't for one reason or another.

After looking at your Top 5 Strengths as indicated by the StrengthsFinder assessment, do you see any connections between your Strengths and the activities/interests you listed above?

TAKING ACTION

Plugging in to all that Baylor has to offer provides a great opportunity for you to enhance your academic experience in college. Thinking intentionally about the activities that you want to get involved in will help narrow your focus and allow you to engage in more meaningful learning experiences.

From the previous reflection, compile a list of at least 10 things that you would like to get involved in during your college career.

Assuming you can only pursue five of those items listed, narrow down your list.

Looking at your narrowed list of activities, place those in broad categories.

Find a partner and share your five activities and how they fit into the broad categories that you have created. Consider the following ideas:

- How would you describe yourself without mentioning your involvement areas?
- Would others know what you value based on the activities that you wish to pursue?

Turn to the “Purposeful Involvement” section of this booklet (pages 33-35), and choose five areas (general or specific) that seem interesting to you and directly relate to the broad categories you created above.

PURPOSEFUL INVOLVEMENT

At Baylor, students have the opportunity to participate in myriad organizations, productions, mission trips, service projects, and leadership programs. To make the most of your time at Baylor and find something that is meaningful and purposeful to you, consider your strengths and values. Take some time to consider what you may be interested in pursuing.

Using the list below, mark five areas of interest that you have for involvement at Baylor.

ACADEMY FOR LEADER DEVELOPMENT & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ~ McLane Student Life Center

The Academy provides a meaningful forum for talented Baylor students to develop their strengths in preparation for answering a call to sustained leadership.

- ☐ Academy Fellows Program
- ☐ Freshman Leadership Organization
- ☐ LEAD Living-Learning Center
- ☐ Leadership Courses
- ☐ Leadership Lecture Series

CAMPUS LIVING & LEARNING ~ Penland Hall

Campus Living and Learning seeks to create environments that enhance student learning and personal development in our various learning communities.

- ☐ Residence Hall Leadership Team
- ☐ Student Leadership: Community Leader

CAMPUS RECREATION ~ McLane Student Life Center

Baylor Campus Recreation offers comprehensive, quality programs and services that will enhance healthy lifestyles founded on the principles of integrity, sportsmanship, and Christian values.

- ☐ Aquatics
- ☐ Fitness Classes
- ☐ Intramurals (over 1500 teams participated in 17 sports last year)
- ☐ Massage Therapy
- ☐ Outdoor Adventure (i.e. mountain climbing, backpacking, kayaking, camping, etc.)
- ☐ Peer Nutrition Education
- ☐ Personal Training
- ☐ Sport Clubs
- ☐ Equipment, courts, natatorium, jogging track, climbing rock, and more!

DEPARTMENT OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS ~ Bill Daniel Student Center

Multicultural Affairs aims to enhance and facilitate the holistic development of each student by encouraging them to celebrate their personal heritage while challenging them to embrace the cultures of others.

- ☐ 40+ Multicultural Organizations, open to everyone
- ☐ Frankly Speaking Discussions
- ☐ Mosaic Mixer
- ☐ Multicultural Leadership Summit
- ☐ S.T.E.P.S. Mentoring Program

CAMPUS PROGRAMS & PRODUCTIONS

Campus programs and productions add to the educational, cultural, and social fabric of the university through programs including:

- ☐ Acoustic Café (Student Productions)
- ☐ After Dark (Student Productions)
- ☐ All-University Sing and Pigskin Revue
- ☐ Baylor Activities Council
- ☐ Uproar Records
- ☐ Cultural Events (i.e. Chinese New Year, Fiesta, ISSA Culture Show, etc.)
- ☐ Intersections Lecture Series
- ☐ StompFest
- ☐ Student Productions Committee

GREEK LIFE

Greek Life aims to enhance the college experience of fraternity men and women through programs, involvement, and leadership opportunities.

- ☐ Independent and Local Organizations
- ☐ Interfraternity Council
- ☐ National Pan-Hellenic Council
- ☐ Multicultural Greek Council
- ☐ Pan-Hellenic Council

SERVICE

Service programs provide opportunities to develop and foster leadership in areas of social justice, civic engagement, and community development. Baylor students engage in 200,000 hours of community service annually.

- ☐ Baylor Buddies Mentoring Program
- ☐ Fall and Spring Break Trips
- ☐ Poverty Summit
- ☐ Santa's Workshop
- ☐ Service Student Organizations
- ☐ Steppin' Out Day of Service
- ☐ Weekly Service Projects in Waco

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Baylor currently has over 270 student organizations. More than 83% of Baylor's students are involved in at least one student organization, though most of our students are involved in more than one organization.

- ☐ Academic and Honors Organizations
- ☐ Athletic Organizations
- ☐ Religious Organizations
- ☐ Social Justice Organizations
- ☐ Social Organizations
- ☐ Vocational Organizations

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS ~ Bill Daniel Student Center

The Department of New Student Programs strives to inspire new students to make the most of their Baylor experience through programs and organizations which communicate a commitment to individual calling, understanding of Strengths, building community, collaboration, purposeful involvement, leadership, and excellence.

____ Baylor Transfer Council

____ Student Leadership: BaylorBound Leader, Baylor Line Camp Leader, Welcome Week Leader

SPIRITUAL LIFE ~ Bobo Spiritual Life Center

The mission of Spiritual Life is to nurture theological depth, spiritual wholeness, and missional living in the lives of students, staff, and faculty at Baylor University by offering integrated formational programming, transformative missional experiences, competent pastoral care, and worship that is responsive to the Christian Tradition and sensitive to the culture.

____ Freshman Retreat

____ Urban Missions

____ Small Groups/Bible Studies

____ Missions Awareness

____ Youth Ministry Teams

____ Summer/Semester Missions

____ International Student Dinners

____ Other Interests _____

____ Global Mission Trips

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

____ Baylor Chamber of Commerce

____ Baylor Student Foundation

____ Baylor Religious Hour Choir

____ Instrumental Ensembles

____ Baylor Student Government

____ Theatrical Performances

____ Freshman Class Council

After reviewing this list of involvement opportunities, list five areas (general or specific) that seem interesting and how they relate to the personal categories that you created:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

To see a detailed list of all chartered Student Organizations on campus, flip to the reference section of this booklet. Representatives from these organizations will be present at Late Night at the SLC on Friday, August 27th with information on how you can get involved!