Hello Division Colleagues,

It is the student’s Fall Break and campus is quiet. It is a fitting moment of calm prior to the excitement that kicks-off next week. Monday marks the start of Homecoming week, a cherished longstanding Baylor tradition (going back to 1909)!

Festivities begin Monday night and continue through Saturday, click HERE for a list of main events. Here’s a quick snapshot of the week:

- **Monday:**
  - Homecoming Worship by Vertical

- **Tuesday:**
  - Dinner with the Livingstones

- **Thursday:**
  - Mass Meeting
  - Homecoming Court

- **Friday:**
  - Multicultural Affairs Homecoming Reception
  - Extravaganza, Pep Rally and Bonfire
  - Royal & Pure Homecoming Stroll-Off
  - Singspiration! Alumni’s Homecoming Worship Service

- **Saturday:**
  - Homecoming Parade
  - Homecoming Football Game vs. Kansas

And of course, don’t forget Pigskin Revue, playing Thursday- Saturday in Waco Hall, showcasing the winning acts from last year’s All-University Sing.

Also coming up in a couple weeks is our second Student Life Professional Development Event which will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Foster 143/144. Last month we had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Byron Johnson for our first professional development event of the semester as he shared highlights from the Global Flourishing Study to get us started in thinking about Human Flourishing. If you missed it, we recorded the talk and it is available HERE on the new “For Staff” page. A diverse panel of experienced Baylor educators will share at our second session, helping us make the connections between Human Flourishing and our work as well as the connections between faith and Human Flourishing.

Be sure to mark your calendars (or just keep up with the calendar invites we sent) for our remaining staff professional development events this semester. Emails providing more details for each event will also go out closer to each event.

**Third Student Life Professional Development Event**

- **November 17, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**
  - Student Life Christmas Party

As we mentioned in the last Spotlight, we have launched a new “For Staff” page on the Student Life Website. This week we want to update you on another new resource we’ve added. If you are someone who enters contract requests into TCM, hopefully you have received word that we are implementing a new Student Life Contract Request Form. The new form should streamline the contracting process and ensure that we are capturing all needed information on the front end. This should help expedite the process and hopefully eliminate contracts getting held up because of missing information or approvals. You can find further information and instructions on the Contract Process page and a flowchart explaining the contracting process.

Please note that all contract requests going forward will require the Student Life Contract Request Form to be attached or they will be returned to the requestor. If you have any questions please e-mail Student_Life@baylor.edu.

Want to stay healthy and have an impact on campus health and well-being? We encourage you to get your flu shot. Please see below some upcoming flu clinics run by the Health Center. The Health Center is also offering COVID boosters (including the bivalent Moderna shot while supplies last) and you can make an appointment through the Health Portal.

Another way you can have an impact is by support by considering financially supporting Baylor and the work we do. Earlier this week, you received an email about the “Our Baylor” fundraising initiative. Supporting Baylor through a donation of any size not only directly impacts our students, but also helps to improve our staff participation numbers which is reflected in our U.S. News and other assessments. We’d love for you to consider participating by giving directly to Student Life projects HERE.

The Hynes got a new couch! Just kidding… They attended Baylor Faculty & Staff Appreciation Night. We hope you were also able to join for food trucks, fun (like inflatables), and a film (Encanto) on the jumbotron at McLane Stadium.

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