Welcome to Fall 2021 Convocation

Tuesday, August 17, 2021
Darnell Smith
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics & Recreational Sports
WELCOME BACK!
Dr. Joseph Simpson
President, Faculty Senate
Laurie Ann Guerrero
Associate Professor and Writer-in-Residence
ARS POLITICA: HOW TO MAKE ART

Laurie Ann Guerrero
Kathy Funk-Baxter
Vice President for Business Affairs
In memoriam

Sylvia Olivares Portlock, Executive Assistant, Office of the VP of Business Affairs
Norma Gonzalez-Ramirez, Assistant Director, Business Services
LaDonna Harris, Academic Advisor III, Academic Advising
Memorial Garden

Bench

Tree

Engraved Pavers
Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson

University President
SLIDE insert photo collage: graduation, Concierge Commencements, awards ceremony, ring ceremony, ROTC virtual commission ceremony, etc.
Community. Safety. TOGETHER.

www.tamus.edu/Community-Safety-TOGETHER
Do I understand my purpose in life?

Am I devoting my time in a way that advances my purpose?

Is my work meaningful & contributing to the world?
purpose

She often wears purple.

on purpose

the reason for doing something because you wanted to do it or wanted a particular result.

accident

You've broken my camera on purpose! I didn't do it on accident.
LAUNCHED A&M-SA TODAY (DIGITAL NEWS SITE), INTEGRATED DIGITAL MONITOR SYSTEM, NON-EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM

50 EXPERIENTIAL AND SERVICE-LEARNING COURSES

6 STUDENTS EMPLOYED IN ITS SUPPORT ROLES

252,252 HOURS OF HELPDESK SUPPORT

38,295* VIRTUAL MEETINGS SUPPORTED

*MS Teams, Webex and Zoom

460 MIFI’S AND 335 LAPTOPS DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS

1,100 COURSES TRANSITIONED TO REMOTE LEARNING
EXCELLENCE
#togetheragain | #todosjuntos
CARES

Collaborative Approach to Reconnecting Everyone Safely
C.A.R.E.S FOCUS

Our people
Maintaining a safe and healthy workplace
Employee well being
Empathetic leadership
Place and time
Recovery
Looking to the future
Video: Pandemic Reflections

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#together

#tomorrow

#transformation
“If you are working on something that you really care about, you don’t have to be pushed, the vision pulls you.”

-- Steve Jobs
Gary Coulton
Tracy Hurley
Josephine Sosa-Fey
Marshall Lloyd
Joni Foster
Kathleen Welsh
Robin Kapavik
Jennifer Wilson
Roberto Lopez
Dolores Scritchfield
John Smith
Amy Bohmann
Shane Donley
Paula Garcia
Marianne Phillips
Syed Harun
Dennis Elam
Richard Green
Daniel Galser
William Bush
Durant Frantzen
Jenny Moore
Patricia Harris
Scott Peters
Adrian Guardia
Lloyd Butler
Bethuel Vinaja
Abigail Varga
Betty Ponce
Theresa Garfield
Amie Deleon
Heather Brezinski
Brian Brantley
Amy Porter
Sarah Ramseur
Drew Engelke
Edward Westerman
Prudence Morris
Douglas Carter
Suzanne Mudge
Wowek Kearney
Sabina De Vries
Richard Jenkins
Carolyn Webb
Ann Bliss
Megan Wise De Valdez
Karen Kalmbach
Jose Valdez Barillas
Patricia Hayes
Denis Cano
Pablo Calafiore
Richard Delgado
Deirdre Mc Donald
Ramona Pittman
Michelle Castilleja Trejo
Armando Tejeda
Breanda Wingert
Shahla Nadem-Mollaei
Sarah Timm
Teresa De La Torre
Ana Hernandez
Evelyn Villarreal
Emma Munguia
Gilbert Barrera
Leonard Love
Chin-Yen Liu
Monica Molina
Vicky Elias
Claire Nolasco
Strategic Goals 2022-2026

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**Student Experience:** Provide a holistic educational experience for students that will support their academic, professional, and personal success.

**Access and Affordability:** Increase enrollment of a diverse student population, providing and expanding access to an affordable high quality university experience to students of all backgrounds and identities.

**Impact and Engagement:** Engage in collaborations and activities that meaningfully impact the student experience, advance our community and region, and boost institutional visibility and reputation.

**Culture of Excellence:** Strive for excellence, continuous improvement, and responsible stewardship in all that we do, on behalf of the campus community we serve.
We are **STUDENT CENTERED**; we are equity minded, **INCLUSIVE**, and respectful; we are committed to **EXCELLENCE**; we are **VISIONARY**; we are a **CATALYST** for **OPPORTUNITY**; and we are **COLLABORATIVE**.
“Do the best you can, until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.”

– Maya Angelou
REFLECTIONS ON A PANDEMIC
JANUARY 2020 - AUGUST 2021
#todosjuntos | #togetheragain
Video: Academic Affairs

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Advancing workforce development
Advancing workforce development

- Leading A&M-San Antonio’s strategy for advancing initiatives and partnerships to increase educational attainment and enhance the talent pipeline throughout the region and south Bexar County.

- Next step in a comprehensive University strategy to create guided pathways to address regional workforce needs and to develop related partnerships within Texas and around the nation.

Rebecca Viagran
Director of Workforce Development and Community Partnerships
Video: Workforce Development

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Our impact on the Texas workforce
Enrollment

OUR LARGEST FRESHMAN CLASS EVER!

More than 1050 Freshmen as of last week!

42 New Dreamers
Current total: 117

29 Former Foster Youth
Current total: 72
Our Economic Impact

Bachelor's degree graduates see a potential increase of more than $30,000 annually and $1.2 million in their working lifetime.

In one year, spending of our students and alumni produces economic impact of $166.3 million.
DON'T WAIT FOR OPPORTUNITY. CREATE IT.
Advancing diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence
President's Commission on Equity and Inclusive Excellence

Dr. Elizabeth Murakami
Specialist Assistant to the President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Dr. Tamara Hinojosa
Faculty Fellow for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Video: Strategic Goal Champions

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The height reached by Sir Richard in the rocket plane, known as Unity, was 85km (282,000ft; 53 miles). Image credit: Virgin Atlantic
On September 12, 1962, President John F. Kennedy delivered his famous “We Choose to Go to the Moon” speech in front of a crowd of 40,000 at Rice University in Texas.

Source: Rice University
But why, some say, the moon? Why choose this as our goal? And they may as well ask: why climb the highest mountain? Why 35 years ago fly the Atlantic? We choose to go to the moon in this decade, not because that will be easy, but because it will be hard -- because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills -- because that challenge is one we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one we intend to win.
Apollo 11 Moonwalk (20 July 1969) – Astronaut Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., lunar module pilot of the first lunar landing mission, poses for a photograph beside the deployed United States flag during an Apollo 11 extravehicular activity (EVA) on the lunar surface. Source: NASA
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Helpful resources

As a member of the A&M-San Antonio faculty, you’re one of the most important resources our students have to be informed and we appreciate all you’ve done this past year to ensure that our students are able to continue their academic dreams and pursuits. Here are some of the support services available to our students such as information on emergency student aid, registration, employment, and wellness resources.

We encourage you to use the QR code to link to the list of resources. For questions, please contact: dos@tamu-sa.edu

- Health/Safety: Vaccinations, Testing (on campus), and Self-Reporting
- Advising: Admissions, Academic Advising
- Fall Registration: tamusa.edu/priority-registration
- Employment Opportunities: Handshake lists hundreds of paid employment opportunities for our students on and off-campus
- Wellness Support: Emergency Student Aid, The General’s Store, Student Counseling Center, Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Military Affairs
- Student Activities: Student activities with lots of in-person activities
- Upcoming Events:
Helpful resources

BE IN THE KNOW WHEREVER YOU GO!

Download the Jaguar App Available on:

Introducing a new non-emergency text notification system Blackboard Connect

To receive updates, verify your contact information in:

Students: Banner
Employees: Workday

I'M VACCINATED!
Fall 2021 Upcoming Events

Sept. 1 | President’s Picnic
Sept. 2 | Dream Maker Luncheon
Sept. 14 | Flu Shot Clinic
Sept. 15 | Beam Signing for College of Business and Library Building
Sept. 21 | Flu Shot Clinic
Sept. 29 | Power Hour
Oct. 11-16 | Jaguar Spirit Week & Fall Fest
Nov. 16 | Power Hour
Nov. 19 | Thanksgiving Celebration
Nov. 30 | Lights of Esperanza

SAVE THE DATE
Spring 2022 Convocation
Thursday, January 6, 2022
thank you