Staff Council recently held its 2018-2019 elections for new Staff Council members. We are excited to announce the newly elected representatives. They are: Brenda Davis, Cassie Eyring, Jorge Fonseca, Franklin Harrison, Carol Haley, Miguel Munoz, Michele Roth, and Noelle Wilson. Congratulations and welcome to Staff Council. It is going to be a wonderful year! We would also like to thank the outgoing Staff Council members for their hard work and dedication. You will be missed!

Dorothy Yeater Scholarship
Congratulations to the Fall 2018 scholarship winners! Recipients are Teresa Alaniz, Mayra Alvarado, Andrea Amaya, Nicholas Born, Jenna-Kaya Charles, Deshawna Colvin, Brenda Davis, Marlene Falcon, Carol Haley, Megan Kramr, Stephanie Majors, Charli McCandless, Ricardo Reyes, Nicolas Rodriguez, Sandra Salas, Luisa Salazar, Devon Steffan, Noelle Wilson, and Veronica Ysaguirre.

Staff Council KUDOS
Nominate a deserving staff member for the Staff Council KUDOS award! This monthly award is presented to a staff member for going above and beyond in his/her job and chosen randomly at the monthly Staff Council Meeting. Nominations are accepted at Staff Council meetings or can be sent via e-mail to staff.council@tamucc.edu.

At-Risk Training Program for Faculty and Staff
At-Risk Training Program for faculty and staff is an online, interactive gatekeeper training simulation used at more than 300 campuses nationwide. In this 45-minute training, faculty and staff learn how to recognize when a student is exhibiting signs of psychological distress and how to approach and connect the student with support services on campus. Users engage in conversations with emotionally responsive student avatars who exhibit signs of psychological distress. In this process, they practice and learn to use open-ended questions, reflective listening and other motivational interviewing techniques to effectively broach the topic of psychological distress, discuss their concern with the student, and avoid common pitfalls such as attempting to diagnose the problem or giving unwarranted advice. Available only through September 29, 2018 at http://counseling.tamucc.edu
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Contact Us:
- Visit our website: Staffcouncil.tamucc.edu
- E-mail us at: Staff.council@tamucc.edu.
- Call 825-2745
- Office: LIB 112B
- Contact your EEO representative (found on website)

Convocation 2018

Faculty and staff are encouraged to save the date for the annual Convocation ceremony welcoming incoming first year Islanders to campus on Friday, September 7, at 3:00 p.m. in the Dugan Wellness Center, Island Hall Gym. Attendees are asked to wear their Islander gear in place of formal regalia to show their Islander spirit to the more than 2,200 students who will attend. This ceremony serves as the official, big welcome to our incoming Islanders. For more information, contact Kelsey Nelson at 361.825.3277; or visit dugs.tamucc.edu/convocation.

Faculty Lunch and Learn Series

The Center for Faculty Excellence at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi invites all faculty to mark their calendars for the Fall 2018 Lunch and Learn Series. Beginning August 23, and running through November 16, faculty will have the opportunity to hear about the research and work of their colleagues. Topics include Managing Student Misbehaviors in the Classroom, Coding Qualitative Data, Writing Textbooks for your Courses, and Positive Psychology and Resilience in Academia. Click here for more schedule information and to RSVP.

Register Now for ‘University Cup’ Employee Wellness Challenge

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi faculty and staff are invited to participate in the ‘University Cup,’ a wellness initiative that challenges employees to live well and aims to name one University division the champion of wellness. From Saturday, September 1, 2018 through Friday, April 19, 2019, each division member who participates in various wellness committee sponsored events will earn points towards their team’s total. The Division Team with the most participation will be awarded the title of ‘Be Well’ University Cup Champions at the annual Islander Awards Celebration. Events and classes will include tai chi, walks, workshops, budgeting, and more! Teams can register by sending an email to wellness@tamucc.edu by September 14. For more information, go to wellness.tamucc.edu.

Birthday Leave

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi now provides regular, budgeted, leave eligible employees paid time off in recognition of an employee’s birthday. Birthday leave should be taken 30 days before or 30 days after an employee’s birthday. With supervisor approval, full-time employees are allowed 8 hours of leave. Part-time employees are granted leave on a proportional basis. For rules and instructions on how to submit birthday leave, click here. For more information, call 361.825.2630.

Art Museum of South Texas

Click here to see all the fun events happening this month at the Art Museum of South Texas!

Update Contact Information in Code Blue

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi utilizes a system called Code Blue, which can send emails, texts and pre-recorded messages in the event of an emergency. All faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to sign up for Code Blue or update their contact information as needed. Click here for more information.

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