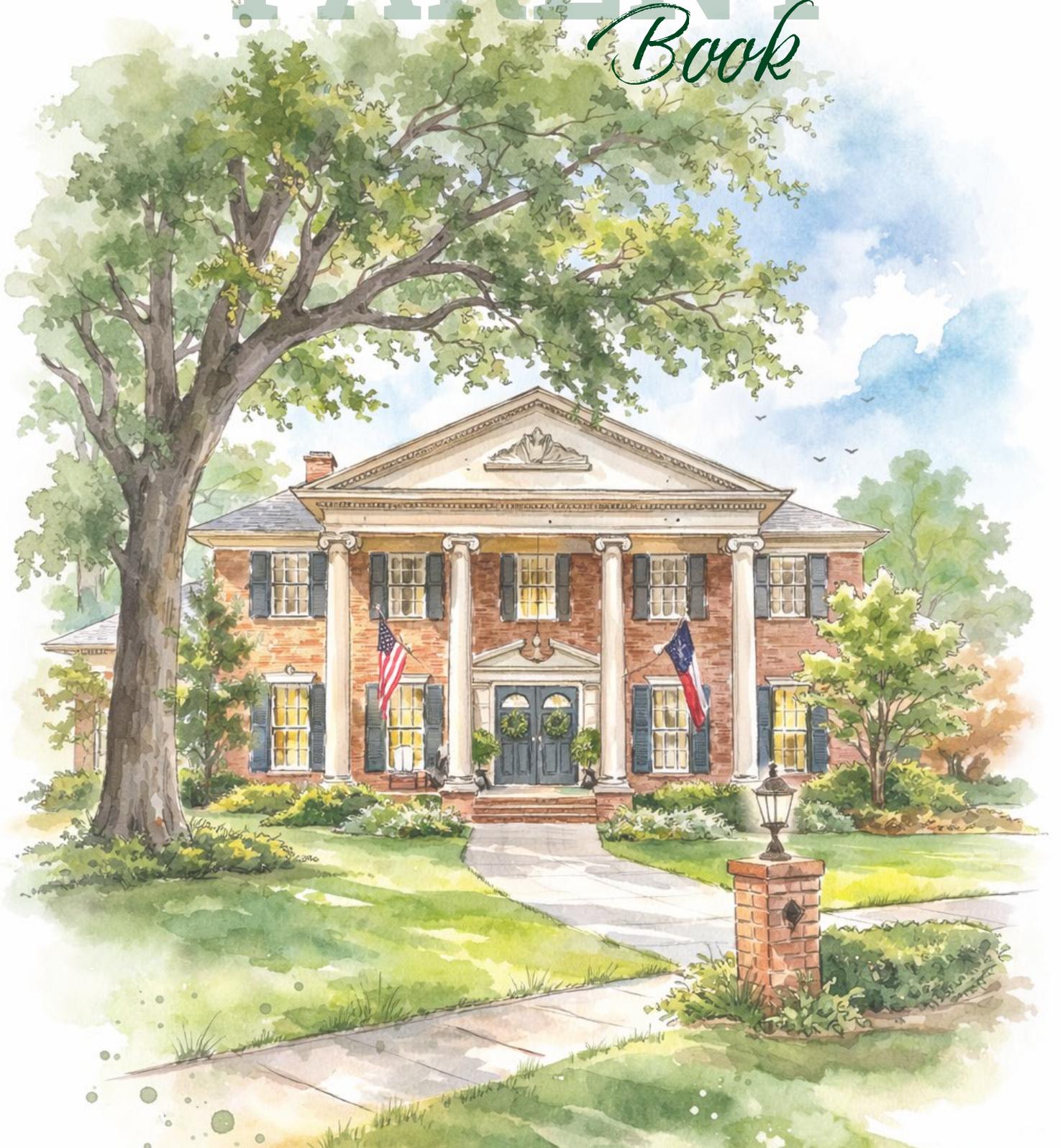


BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

PARENT *Book*



Baylor University

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

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PARENT ENGAGEMENT

254-710-8303 • baylorparents@baylor.edu
parents.web.baylor.edu

Help us confirm your contact information at:
baylorparents.campusesp.com

Hey Baylor Parents, Family and Friends!

We're here for YOU!

Baylor Parent Engagement exists solely to help you help your student be successful at Baylor.

How? We keep you in the loop on what's happening on campus so you can have richer conversations with your student about their life as a Baylor Bear. We also inform you of important things they need to do so you can nudge them along the road to success.

We want you to experience your own wonderful Baylor journey, too! From Parents in Prayer groups to Packaging Parties to Baylor Family events, we make Baylor feel close by cultivating community in your hometown. Who knows, maybe you'll decide to dive in and host local Baylor parents at your home! How fun!

Enjoy this resource book and please reach out to us if you have any questions or just want to chat.

We're so glad you're part of the Baylor Family!

Clairissa Templin

Clairissa Templin
Director of Parent Programs



Parent Engagement

In addition to being your on-campus liaison, our office helps you connect with other Baylor families in your local area! To find groups or events near you, connect with Baylor Parent Engagement:

-  baylorparents.campusesp.com (Parent Portal)
-  parents.web.baylor.edu
-  254-710-8303
-  baylorparents@baylor.edu

CONFIRM YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Make sure you don't miss out on anything important!

-  baylorparents.campusesp.com

PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

SUMMER SEND-OFF PARTIES

- ▶ The perfect way to meet other Baylor families in your hometown!
- ▶ You will meet other incoming Baylor students and their parents.

PARENTS IN PRAYER

- ▶ Our beloved cornerstone program!
- ▶ Monthly meetings with other Baylor parents in your hometown to pray for your students, each other and Baylor.

PACKAGING PARTIES

- ▶ Students need a little pick-me-up once in a while!
- ▶ Get together with local Baylor parents to make care packages to send to your bears!

VOLUNTEER

- ▶ Don't see an event in your area? We need your help!
- ▶ Call or email us to learn about hosting!

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH PARENT ENGAGEMENT



SOCIAL MEDIA

-  @BaylorParents
-  facebook.com/BaylorParents
-  facebook.com/groups/BaylorUniversityParents

BAYLOR PORTAL

- ▶ A curated blend of Baylor-specific information and other articles to equip & inspire you in supporting your college student.
- ▶ Register your account to get in-the-know now!
baylorparents.campusesp.com





STRUGGLES AND STRESSORS

Every Baylor student's journey is different, but **all** students will face some challenges throughout their time here. As a parent, you can pray for your student's experiences, which may include:

SEPTEMBER: ADJUSTING

- ▶ New roommate & living environment
- ▶ Potential homesickness

OCTOBER: RUDE AWAKENING

- ▶ Adapting to college-level courses
- ▶ Utilizing tutoring, mentoring and advising

NOVEMBER: BALANCING

- ▶ Final push of the semester
- ▶ Taking care of themselves

DECEMBER: PREPARING

- ▶ Final exams
- ▶ Getting ready to go home
- ▶ A new semester awaits

JANUARY: REJUVENATING

- ▶ Fresh start to a new semester
- ▶ Reuniting with Baylor community

FEBRUARY: FLOURISHING

- ▶ Studying well and working hard
- ▶ Learning time-management

MARCH: SPRING-BREAKING

- ▶ Staying motivated after break
- ▶ Time to start planning for summer

APRIL: FINALIZING

- ▶ Summer plans (jobs, internships, etc.)
- ▶ Home stretch, they're almost there!

MAY: ANTICIPATING

- ▶ They completed the year – celebrate!
- ▶ What comes next?
- ▶ Enjoying summertime!

ARE YOU FLUENT IN BEAR?

Over the course of the year, your student will likely tell you they are headed to the **SLC** or mention excitement about **Diadeloso**. Baylor student life comes with its own lingo. Here's a cheat sheet to keep you "in-the-know" when your student drops the latest Baylor jargon.

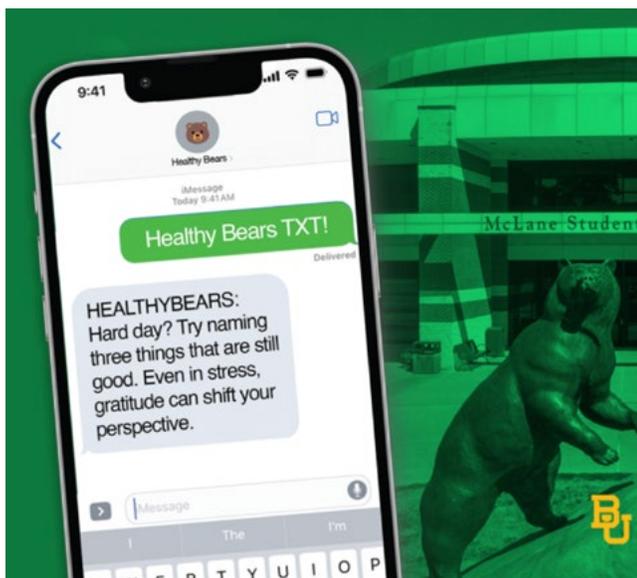
TERM	MEANING
Baylor ID	A nine digit unique identifier for every student
Bear ID	An electronic identifier created uniquely for every student, typically: Firstname_Lastname#
Bearweb	Baylor's secure online system for personal information, emergency contacts, financial and billing information, final grades, transcripts and registration
BSB	Baylor Sciences Building
Canvas	Baylor's online learning management system where students can check grades, check and submit assignments, view calendars, etc.
CL	Community Leader, the students responsible for residents in an on-campus residence hall or apartment (other schools may call this an "RA")
Diadeloso	Day of the Bear — an official Baylor holiday and beloved tradition in the spring; a day of no classes and lots of fun!
Dining Dollars	Meal plan dollars to be used at fast casual restaurants on campus
OALA	Office of Access and Learning Accommodation
SI	Supplemental Instruction
SLC*	Student Life Center (*pronounced: Slick)
SUB	Student Union Building (the Bill Daniel Student Center)





PARENT GIVING

Baylor parents have a meaningful tradition of generosity that strengthens the University and enriches the student experience. Their support provides scholarships, advances academic programs, and equips Baylor to pursue teaching and research guided by its Christian mission and commitment to serving others. Many families choose to support Baylor during their student's time on campus as a way of investing in the experience that has shaped their student's journey.



HealthyBearsTXT: is a university-wide text message initiative offered as a tool to support Baylor students in their academic and personal well-being. The program provides encouragement, resources, and practical strategies to help students thrive in their college experience.

WAYS TO GIVE

Parents can support Baylor in several ways:

- ▶ **ANNUAL GIVING**
\$5-\$4,999 annually
Supports the **Baylor Parent Fund**, which provides resources for Student Life, Student Success, and University Libraries.
- ▶ **LEADERSHIP ANNUAL GIVING**
\$5,000-\$9,999 annually
Provides enhanced support for key priorities and programs across campus.
- ▶ **ENDOWMENT-LEVEL GIVING**
\$10,000+ annually for five years
Establishes a named endowment, such as a scholarship, program, or faculty position, creating lasting support for Baylor students.

If you would like to learn more about supporting Baylor through parent philanthropy, we would be glad to connect and share opportunities to make a meaningful impact.

For more information please contact:



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Assistant Vice President for Parent and Family Giving

Phone: 254-710-8491

Email: Molly_Ferguson@baylor.edu



COMMUNITY

Resources

Community Resources

Here are some Waco resources that have been shared by parents. Additional resources can be found online.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE (BUS)

baylor.edu/bus

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY RIDE SHARE GROUP

- ▶ Carpool program on Facebook
- ▶ Place for students to find rides to local areas and airports

AIRPORTS

WACO REGIONAL AIRPORT (ACT)

9 miles from campus | waco-texas.com/airport
This airport only flies to DFW.

DALLAS LOVE FIELD (DAL)

100 miles from campus | dallas-lovefield.com

DALLAS FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DFW)

110 miles from campus | dfwairport.com

AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (AUS)

110 miles from campus | austintexas.gov/airport

AIRPORT SHUTTLES

The following companies provide transportation to and from certain airports. These are recommendations from parents.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION OF WACO

Brian Herrera
brian@airporttransportationofwaco.com | 254-717-9765 (text)

GERALD @ WACO SHUTTLE

903-388-5922

WACO REGIONAL AIRPORT SHUTTLE

waco-texas.com > Transit System > Transportation > Buses & Shuttles > Airport Shuttle Reservations | 254-750-1620
Transportation to and from Waco airport | 254-750-1620

WACO STREAK

waco-streak.com | 254-772-0430
Transportation to and from Waco to DFW and Dallas Love Field airports.



MAIL & PACKAGING SERVICES

CAMPUS MAIL

baylor.edu/mail | 254-710-1310

THE UPS STORE

locations.theupsstore.com | 254-741-6538

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

tools.usps.com/find-location.htm | 254-754-4189

DINING SERVICES

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY DINING SERVICES

dineoncampus.com/Baylor

MEAL DELIVERY SERVICES

GRUBHUB + STARSHIP

dineoncampus.com/Baylor/mobile-ordering

POSTMATES

postmates.com

SECRET CHEF

secretchefofwaco.com | 254-772-2433



STUDENTS' FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

BARIS

bariswaco.com | 254-772-2900

CAFÉ CAPPUCCINO

cafecappuccino.com | 254-756-0396

COMMON GROUNDS

cgwaco.com | 254-757-2957

GEORGE'S

georgesrestaurant.com | 254-753-1421

SHORTY'S PIZZA SHACK

shortypizzashack.com | 254-235-2646

OUR OFFICE'S ADDITIONAL FAVORITES

D'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

facebook.com/DsMediterranean | 254-754-6709

DI CAMPLI'S

dicamplis.com | 254-300-5978

JD'S CAFE

jdswaco.com | 254-300-1777

JORGE'S CANTINA

jorgeswaco.com | 254-545-4452

J-PETAL & POKÉ WACO

jpetaaltx.com | 254-230-2244

MILO ALL DAY

milowaco.com | 254-235-1243

PIVOVAR

pivovar.com | 254-224-6552

REVIVAL EASTSIDE EATERY

revivaleastsideeatery.com | 254-339-1401

ROBERTO'S TACO SHOP

Robertostacoshop.com/robertoswaco | 254-313-1119

UNION HALL

unionbrandstexas.com | 254-870-2200

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

LOCAL CHURCHES

churchunderthebridge.org | 254-235-7818

spirituallife.web.baylor.edu/campus-ministries-church-connections/local-churches

VERTICAL

verticalministries.net

STORAGE

AMY'S ATTIC

amysatticss.com/waco-tx

STORAGE SQUAD

storagesquad.com

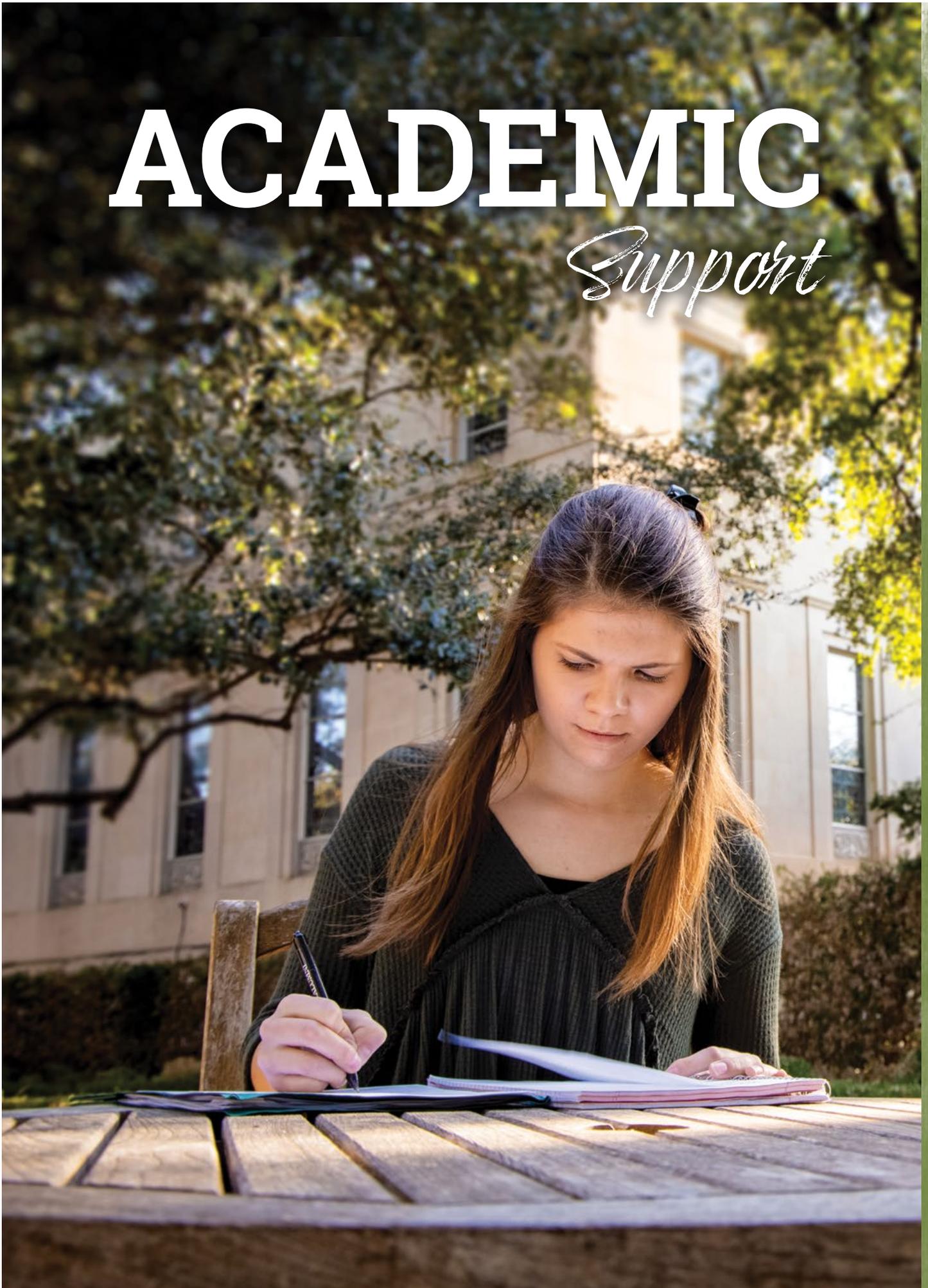
VISITOR INFORMATION

Waco and the Central Texas area provides families and students with much to explore and enjoy together. To learn more about area hotels, restaurants and attractions, visit baylor.edu/waco and wacoheartoftexas.com.



ACADEMIC

Support



Academic Support

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- ▶ Academic advising is required each semester for all students until at least junior year.
- ▶ Students will have at least one academic advisor assigned to them based on major or program.
- ▶ Navigate Student app allows students to see their assigned advisor quickly.

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE SUCCESS

▶ MAJOR EXPLORATION AND SUCCESS ADVISING (MESA)

mesa.web.baylor.edu | 254-710-7280

- **ACADEMIC ADVISING** Advisement for the following term's classes is provided each semester for students listed as Undecided/Exploratory majors.
- **MAJOR EXPLORATION** Advisors are available to schedule discussions for any undergraduate student who is interested in changing majors or who is no longer eligible to remain in their current major.
- **ACADEMIC PLANNING** Academic advisors assist students as they discover and compare majors, choose courses for future semesters, incorporate co-curricular experiences into their academic plan, and develop realistic goals for careers, professional schools, or other programs beyond their undergraduate experience.
- **CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES** Staff can guide Undecided majors about the benefits or disadvantages of adding or dropping certain courses from their schedules.
- **DEGREE AUDITS** Staff are available to teach exploring students how to run and interpret degree audits for any major so they can clarify and compare requirements.
- **MAJORS FAIR** Every year MESA brings together representatives from many academic departments so students can easily ask questions and gather valuable information about majors, minors, and degree programs.

▶ PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

accelerate.web.baylor.edu

Pre-College Programs are designed to support both high-achieving students and those who need additional guidance to succeed.

- **ACCELERATE AND BAYLOR DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS** Students start their college transcript while in high school.
- **BAYLOR BRIDGE** In-person summer courses for students who need more academic support before starting freshman year.

▶ PRE-LAW PROGRAM

Prelaw@baylor.edu | 254-710-8919

Pre-Law program helps students from all majors explore the possibility of attending law school.

- Guide students through the application process, prepare them for success in law school and the legal profession.
- One-on-one professional advising helps Pre-Law students prepare for law school and begin to develop the skills they need to succeed as future lawyers
- Regular workshops and speakers
- Connections with lawyer-alumni and internship opportunities give Pre-Law students a realistic understanding of the legal profession.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT

baylor.edu/successcenter | 254-710-8696

ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Provides multiple forms of free academic support to help your student develop the academic and personal strategies necessary for success in the Baylor classroom.



- ▶ **STRATEGIC LEARNING COURSES** A study strategies course focusing on the development of strategies for note taking, test preparation test taking, academic resilience and more.
- ▶ **TUTORING** Available by appointment or walk-in, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., on the first floor of the Sid Richardson Building.
- ▶ **LEARNING LAB** Drop in for assistance in enhancing study techniques such as managing time and stress, taking useful notes, creating study tools, setting attainable goals, preparing for tests and achieving academic resiliency.
- ▶ **MENTORING** Meeting once weekly with a more experienced student for encouragement, information, instruction and guidance to help with the transition to the college classroom and campus life.
- ▶ **NAVIGATE APP** offers students a personalized path for success through just in time to-do items, events, appointment making for advising, tutoring and more!
- ▶ **NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE (NSE)** Combines courses and programs to help students transition to the rigorous academic environment at Baylor.
- ▶ **STRATEGIC INTERVENTION** Provided appropriate academic resources for students facing academic challenges to help them maximize their success.
- ▶ **SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION (SI)** Structured group study sessions conducted twice weekly by a trained peer-leader who has already been successful in the targeted class.

STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Provides programs and supports to increase the connection of students to the Baylor community for all students.

- ▶ **FIRST IN LINE** Offers first generation college students programs to maximize success and growth.
- ▶ **TRANSFER STUDENT SUCCESS** Provides support, programming and advocacy for transfer students throughout their Baylor experience.
- ▶ **VETERAN EDUCATIONAL AND TRANSITION SERVICES (VETS)** Offers student veterans support, programming and advocacy as they transition to their next chapters of servant leadership.
- ▶ **FINANCIAL WELLNESS** Provides values-based money management education, personalized coaching and workshops to empower students for financial stewardship through in-person and online learning opportunities to build knowledge, skills and goals for a lifetime of financial well-being.
- ▶ **THE STORE** Baylor's on-campus food pantry which combats food insecurity by providing fresh and nonperishable food options for students so that every Baylor student has what they need to succeed.
- ▶ **CAMPUS CLOSET: PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE PROGRAM** A resource that will provide students who need it, with the ability to apply for one free full professional-wear outfit (blazer, pant, skirt, shirt, etc.) that they can keep and use for interviews as they prepare to enter the job market and graduate school.



GRANT AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Provides programs and resources to support students at Baylor through research and scholarly opportunities, financial knowledge and skills, and support systems necessary to ensure their educational success on all levels.

- ▶ **ADELANTE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE** Equips undergraduate first-year (freshman or transfer) Latino students with the skills, information and support systems needed to identify student services, improve academic performance and graduate from college through mentorship, leadership opportunities, and continuous opportunities for community and civic engagement.
- ▶ **ADELANTE: BEYOND** Programming geared to support 3rd, 4th and 5th year Latinx students with postsecondary completion and successful entry into the workforce by strengthening their skills and leveraging their cultural assets.
- ▶ **MCAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM** Prepares low-income, first generation and other underrepresented undergraduate students in acquiring the knowledge, skills and capacities necessary to successfully navigate a path to a Ph.D. program following graduation through immersion in research and a variety of scholarly activities.
- ▶ **PATHFINDERS** Provides undergraduate students in their first year at Baylor with the tools and resources necessary to identify research opportunities and apply for research and graduate preparation programs such as the McNair Scholars Program.
- ▶ **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES** Empowers first-generation, low-income, and students with disabilities to achieve academic success and personal growth.

OFFICE OF ACCESS AND LEARNING ACCOMMODATION

baylor.edu/oala

OALA's mission is to cultivate a supportive environment within the Baylor community that ensures that all aspects of campus life are accessible to all students. To accomplish this, OALA:

- ▶ Provides reasonable and appropriate academic, housing and campus accommodations for students with disabilities (physical, mental, learning, etc.).

- ▶ Offers training, programming, and workshops to the Baylor community to support the success of an inclusive and accessible campus environment.
- ▶ Serves as a resource for students with disabilities who need information, guidance or referrals to enhance their experience at Baylor.

CENTER FOR WRITING EXCELLENCE

cwe.artsandsciences.baylor.edu | 254-710-1768

The Center for Writing Excellence (CWE) supports students from all majors in becoming thoughtful, ethical, and effective writers. In an age of generative AI, the CWE helps students move beyond producing text to developing critical thinking, rhetorical judgment, and a strong sense of voice and purpose.

- ▶ We offer both in-person and online appointments.
- ▶ Consultants are graduate and undergraduate students who receive intensive training on many aspects of writing, tutoring, transfer, and effective—and ethical—writing practices, including conversations about using AI responsibly and wisely.

LOUISE HERRINGTON SCHOOL OF NURSING (LHSON)

baylor.edu/nursing | 972-576-9100

- ▶ The nursing school offers amenities similar to the Waco campus including, career services, mental health counseling, a financial aid manager, a chapel and more to make students feel a part of the community instantly.
- ▶ The faculty, staff and current students go to great lengths to make sure that your student is part of the Dallas Baylor Family and is prepared to excel in their career.
- ▶ Rachel Steele, Assistant Director of Enrollment Management, Advising and Retention: Rachel_Steele@baylor.edu
- ▶ Keith Wickliffe, Director of Student Services: Keith_Wickliffe@baylor.edu
- ▶ Exemplifying the school's motto, *Learn.Lead.Serve.*, it is the steadfast mission of the Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing to educate and prepare both baccalaureate and graduate-level nurses within a Christian community for professional practice, healthcare leadership and worldwide service. We truly believe that nurses have been called to make a difference.

CAREER CENTER

baylor.edu/careercenter | 254-710-3771

The Baylor University Career Center provides professional assistance to all Baylor students through specialized career coaching, top resources, connections with employers, graduate school planning and much more, including:

- Career exploration and discovery
- Personalized, major-based career coaching
- Career fairs, employer events and information sessions
- Graduate school application guidance
- Résumé, CV, cover letter, and interview help

- One credit hour Professional Development class – PRD 2101
- Weekly emails with updates, events, and job listings

- ▶ The Career Center has over 25 professionals available to assist students through every step of preparing for their professional path.

Success Data: careercenter.web.baylor.edu/success

Career Center Annual Report: careercenter.web.baylor.edu/success-data/annual-report

BAYLOR ONESTOP for STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

baylor.edu/OneStop | 254-710-2611

Online inquiry form: baylor.edu/sfs/contactus

Scholarship search: baylor.scholarshipuniverse.com

- ▶ Partners with students and families as they navigate the financial aid, billing and payment process.
- ▶ Starts with the FAFSA application (completed annually), and CSS Profile application (completed once during the incoming year).
- ▶ We encourage students to actively engage in searching for scholarship opportunities every year, login to Scholarship Universe to search and apply.

STUDENT FINANCIAL WELLNESS

successcenter.web.baylor.edu/student-financial-wellness

254-710-7120 | FinWell@baylor.edu

Student Financial Wellness provides values-based money management education, personalized coaching, and workshops to empower students for financial stewardship. Students have access to in-person and online learning opportunities to build knowledge, skills, and goals for a lifetime of financial well-being. All undergraduate Baylor students can set up appointments with a Certified Financial Wellness Peer Coach who will:

- ▶ Answer personal finance questions.
- ▶ Help assess financial needs and direct to appropriate resources.
- ▶ Assist in setting up financial goals.
- ▶ Provide accountability in making financial progress.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND HONOR CODE

baylor.edu/honorcode | 254-710-1715

Baylor's Honor Code states that all "Baylor University students, staff and faculty shall act in academic matters with the utmost honesty and integrity."

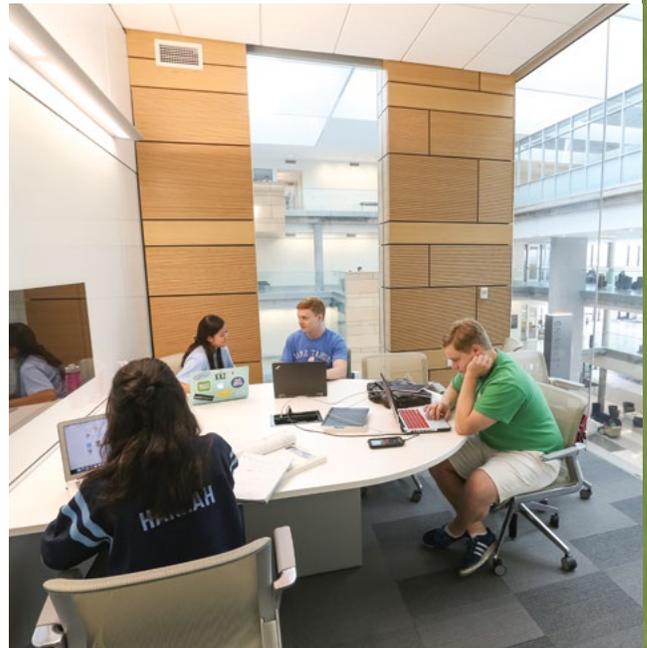
The Office of Academic Integrity has oversight for all records and information related to the Honor Code and academic integrity at Baylor University. It exists to foster student learning and development and academic excellence by promoting a university culture of academic integrity through educational programs, accountability for adherence to university academic integrity policies and assistance for students and faculty in all processes related to academic integrity matters.



FERPA AND ACCESS TO EDUCATION RECORDS

registrar.web.baylor.edu/FERPA

- ▶ FERPA is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.
- ▶ The purpose of FERPA is to provide rights to students with respect to their education records. These rights include:
 - The right to inspect and review the student's educational records.
 - The right to request an amendment of the student's educational records.
 - The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records.
 - The right to file with the U.S. Department of Education a complaint regarding an alleged violation under FERPA or its implementing regulations.
- ▶ At the post-secondary level, the rights provided by FERPA belong to the student regardless of age or dependent status.
- ▶ The University is not permitted to disclose education records to parents or other parties without the signed consent of the student (with some limited exceptions).
 - FERPA permits, but does not compel, the University to disclose information from an education record based on signed consent or the limited exceptions to signed consent.
- ▶ The University encourages parents and students to communicate directly with one another regarding student education records and related questions.



STUDENT *Life*

STUDENT LIFE



Student Life

BAYLOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

baylor.edu/studentactivities | 254-710-2371

- ▶ Connects students' passions and talents to the life of the University.
- ▶ Includes campus programs, student productions, Bill Daniel Student Center, Waco Hall, fraternity & sorority life, student organizations and long-standing Baylor traditions.
- ▶ More than 400 student organizations and 12,000 events.

LATE NIGHT

- ▶ A University-wide involvement fair anticipated by all of campus!
- ▶ Takes place the first Friday night of the Fall semester in five different campus buildings.
- ▶ Hosts student leaders from more than 400 diverse student organizations.
- ▶ Visit baylor.edu/studentactivities for more information. Students can also log in to their personal "Baylor Connect" account at baylor.edu/baylorconnect to begin exploring the vast array of Student Activities opportunities.



NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

nsp.web.baylor.edu | 254-710-7240

BAYLOR LINE CAMP

- ▶ An extended summer orientation experience (4-day, 3-night) offered in combination with Orientation, designed for students to build relationships while experiencing Baylor.
- ▶ Students forge new friendships, connect with the rich history and tradition of their new home, and explore how Baylor's distinct Christian mission will animate their story.

ORIENTATION

- ▶ Discover the endless opportunities ahead and resources available during 2-day Orientation for new students and guests.
- ▶ Get to know the people, places, and experiences that will enrich your student's Baylor story.
- ▶ If you cannot make it to campus for Orientation, virtual content and recordings of sessions will be made available.

WELCOME WEEK

- ▶ Welcome Week is the official launch into the first semester as a new Baylor Bear, when all new students join together in the days leading up to the fall semester.
- ▶ Taking place during Baylor's move-in week, Welcome Week plays an essential role in the initial acclimation of students to their new community as new students are grouped up and travel to all the events together.
- ▶ Strongly encourage your student to participate in and check out everything they can so they can connect with other new students and find their home.

MUST-DO BAYLOR TRADITIONS:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| ▶ Homecoming | ▶ Dr Pepper Hour |
| ▶ Family Weekend | ▶ Welcome Week |
| ▶ Sing! and Pigskin | ▶ Line Camp |
| ▶ Run the Baylor Line | ▶ Cultural Events |
| ▶ Mass Meeting | Mosaic Mixer, Vietnamese |
| ▶ Diadeloso | Student Association Autumn |
| ▶ Christmas on 5th Street | Moon, Hispanic Student |
| ▶ Howdy | Association Fiesta, and |
| ▶ After Dark | Indian Subcontinent Student |
| ▶ Stompfest | Association Gateway to India |
| ▶ UNights | |

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

baylor.edu/multicultural | 254-710-4466

The Department of Multicultural Affairs helps all students on their journey to self-awareness. The department assists students in learning about the many cultures represented on campus, as well as explore opportunities to dialogue across differences. Baylor is home to students from all 50 states and over 90 countries. With over 50 special interest organizations, our office celebrates the personal heritage of every student, from every background.





YEAR2@BAYLOR

- ▶ Programs designed for students in their second year to explore their passions and interests, dive deeper into community, connect meaningfully with mentors, and pursue all that Baylor has to offer.
- ▶ Through events like the Sophomore Retreat, students are encouraged to press into questions about purpose, calling, and identity.
- ▶ Students will rediscover Baylor resources that help them reach their academic and career goals during their time at Baylor and beyond.

CONNECTING THROUGH FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

baylor.edu/fsl

- ▶ A vibrant network of more than 4,000 students—nearly 30% of the undergraduate population.
- ▶ Offers students a smaller community, fostering meaningful relationships, mentorship, and a strong sense of belonging.
- ▶ Provides students with intentional opportunities to practice leadership and service in real and relational ways.
- ▶ Members consistently earn a collective GPA that exceeds the overall University average.



BAYLOR SPIRITUAL LIFE

baylor.edu/spirituallife | 254-710-3517

Offers traditional pastoral services as well as opportunities for spiritual growth and faith formation. Located primarily in Bobo Spiritual Life Center, our Baylor chaplains engage the students in and through:

- ▶ Chapel courses
- ▶ Missions experiences
- ▶ Numerous campus and church ministries
- ▶ Pastoral care

CAMPUS RECREATION

baylor.edu/campusrec | 254-710-3315 or 254-710-SLIC (7542)

- ▶ Provides a welcoming environment that promotes active and healthy lifestyles. All activities may be found on the **Campus Recreation App** or myrec.baylor.edu
- ▶ The **Competitive Sports Program** offers over 21 **Intramural Sports** and 36 **Club Sports**, both of which provide students with a sense

of community and opportunities for leadership and learning character through competition. Over 950 students in Club Sports travel regionally and nationally to compete on a sub-varsity level. Over 4100 students participate in at least one of the Intramural Sports.

- ▶ The **Outdoor Adventure program** gives students a chance to discover water and land-based activities along with opportunities for technical skill development and certifications in wilderness education. No experience required. Campus Rec provides all equipment.
- ▶ The **Fitness Program** offers everything including over 50 group fitness classes per week, individual workouts, personal trainers, and both massage therapy and physical therapy. There is a place for all students, at all levels.
- ▶ Campus Recreation **employs over 275 students** in all areas listed above along with aquatics and facilities in the McLane Student Life Center. It is a great opportunity to learn leadership, integrity, and responsibility.

BAYLOR ATHLETICS

- ▶ Competes in the Big 12 Conference, one of the largest stages in collegiate sports.
- ▶ To purchase tickets to cheer on the Bears in any one of 17 men's and women's sports, visit baylorbears.com/tickets or call 254-710-1000.



BAYLOR THEATRE ARTS

- ▶ Named among the top 25 undergraduate theatre programs in the United States by a recent online ranking publication (2020 Best Drama & Theater Arts Colleges in the U.S.) and is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre.
- ▶ Students are able to enjoy state-of-the-art productions right here on campus! For more information, visit baylor.edu/theatre.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC CONCERTS

- ▶ A member of the National Association of Schools of Music and the Texas Association of Music Schools.
- ▶ A wide range of concerts display students' excellence. Join us in person or livestream from afar: music.baylor.edu/events

CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

globalengagement.web.baylor.edu | 254-710-1461
global_baylor@baylor.edu

The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) supports Baylor students, faculty, and partners in engaging with the world. CGE promotes international learning, research, and collaboration while helping students build cultural understanding and thrive in a global community.

- ▶ **GLOBAL BAYLOR** Prepares students for leadership and service in a global society by developing global knowledge, skills, and intercultural competence.

- ▶ **INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT RECRUITMENT** Partners with Baylor schools and colleges to recruit outstanding graduate students from around the world.
- ▶ **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES** Supports international students and scholars with immigration requirements and helps them adjust to life at Baylor and connect with campus resources.
- ▶ **STUDY ABROAD** Offers high-quality international education experiences that enhance students' academics, career preparation, and global perspective.

STUDENT HOUSING THROUGH CAMPUS LIVING & LEARNING

baylor.edu/cll | 254-710-3642

Students who live on campus choose from a variety of residential environments that support learning and faith development through relationally driven communities.

Students explore and apply for housing through Campus Living & Learning. Housing options include:

- ▶ **FIRST-YEAR COMMUNITIES** offer first-year students the opportunity to meet and live with other first-year students who have different interests and majors. First-Year Community Housing Contracts are for one academic year.
- ▶ **LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES** are organized around specific academic programs or extracurricular interests. Students of all classifications, including many first-year students, live among other students with similar interests or degree plans. Living-Learning Community Housing Contracts are for one year.
- ▶ **RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES** are faculty-led communities that foster academic excellence, intensive faculty-student interaction, and a rich culture steeped in Baylor tradition. Students of all classifications, including many first-years, live in Baylor's Residential Colleges. Residential College Housing Contracts are for two consecutive academic years.
- ▶ **UPPER-DIVISION COMMUNITIES** offer upper-division students the amenities of an apartment with the features and resources of on-campus living and community.



Baylor students can expect thoughtful leadership provided by faculty, staff, and student staff within each residential community. These leaders include:

- ▶ **Community Leaders (CL)**
- ▶ **Faculty-in-Residence**
- ▶ **Resident Chaplains**
- ▶ **Area Coordinators**
- ▶ **Residence Hall Directors**
- ▶ **Assistant Residence Hall Directors**
- ▶ **Graduate Residence Hall Directors**

HOUSING RE-APPLICATION

If a student is planning to live on campus for another year, they can participate in the reapplication process beginning in October.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

baylorareahousing.com

For students interested in living in one of the many apartments, condominiums or homes around campus, Baylor's off-campus housing page provides important information about living off-campus.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Health & Safety

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

baylor.edu/healthservices | 254-710-1010

- ▶ Handles illnesses, injuries, mental health concerns, immunizations, wellness exams and travel health.
- ▶ Accredited by Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.
- ▶ Fully licensed and certified physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, a physical therapist and a full service pharmacy.
- ▶ Students may make appointments online or by phone.

URGENT CARE (NEAR CAMPUS)

PREMIER ER and URGENT CARE

221 S. Jack Kultgen Expwy., Waco
www.premier.care

- ▶ Premier ER and Urgent Care includes a 24/7 emergency room and regular hours for unscheduled care. Additional urgent care centers are located throughout Waco.
- ▶ Academic Live Care Telehealth: Free for Baylor students and is available for urgent care, psychiatry, nutrition and counseling.

FULL-SERVICE HOSPITALS

BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE MEDICAL CENTER - HILLCREST

100 Hillcrest Medical Boulevard
bswhealth.com/locations/hillcrest | 254-202-2000

ASCENSION PROVIDENCE

6901 Medical Parkway
healthcare.ascension.org | 254-751-4000

CLINICS

HILLCREST CLINICS

hillcrestfamilyphysicians.net

Seven Hillcrest primary care clinics and a range of specialty clinics serve the Waco area.

MARKETPLACE CLINIC

bswhealth.com/locations

In addition to primary care, Marketplace Clinic also offers urgent care seven days a week with a regular primary copay. TriCare is accepted.

ASCENSION PROVIDENCE

healthcare.ascension.org/locations

More than a dozen clinics ranging from neighborhood health clinics to locations with specialized focus can be found throughout the area.

WACO FAMILY MEDICINE

wacofamilymedicine.org

Community Health Center with more than a dozen local clinics offering full spectrum primary care with Saturday clinic availability. Accepts most insurance including Tricare, Medicaid and Medicare.

MENTAL HEALTH

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

baylor.edu/counseling_center | 254-710-2467

- ▶ Crisis line available to students 24/7 at 254-710-2467.
- ▶ In-Person Counseling available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (M-F)
- ▶ Telehealth Counseling available evenings, weekends and during University breaks through Academic Live Care.
- ▶ Call or use health portal to schedule an initial appointment.
counselingcenter.web.baylor.edu/services/initial-appointments
- ▶ Provide a range of services in addition to counseling for students, including:
 - Initial Appointments
 - Crisis Appointments
 - Consultations
 - Group Counseling
 - Individual counseling
 - Couples counseling
 - Case Management Appointments
 - Medical Nutrition Therapy

WELL-BEING INITIATIVES

baylor.edu/wellness | 254-710-2100

The Well-Being Initiatives program promotes holistic health and balance among students at Baylor through education, awareness, and prevention in relation to the nine Dimensions of Wellness.

Helping you find balance in your academic life and beyond through education, awareness and prevention covering nine dimensions of wellness.

Programs include:

- ▶ Health education and outreach
- ▶ Drug and Alcohol Prevention Programs
- ▶ Peer Nutrition-remove this
- ▶ Well-Being Ambassador Program
- ▶ Mental Health First Aid Training
- ▶ 1:1 peer wellness meetings

CARE TEAM SERVICES (STUDENT CARE & WELLBEING)

254-710-2100 | Careteam@baylor.edu
McLane Student Life Center (SLC), Suite 206
wellness.web.baylor.edu/care-team

Baylor Care Team services is a group of case managers who help students facing academic, personal, emotional, or behavioral challenges by connecting them with appropriate campus and community resources while offering holistic support through trusting relationships.

- ▶ Helps students navigate resources on and off campus.
- ▶ Accepts referrals from students, parents, faculty, staff, or peers who are concerned about a student.
- ▶ Provides assistance when warning signs appear, such as distress, threats, concerning behavior, or sudden academic or personal changes.
- ▶ Walk-in hours available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



MCLANE STUDENT LIFE CENTER (SLC)

baylor.edu/campusrec/slc | 254-710-SLIC (7542)

- ▶ The SLC is designed for exclusive use for the Baylor community.
- ▶ This unique building combines all aspects of physical, mental, and emotional health with the second floor housing the Student Health Center, Student Counseling Services, Physical Therapy and a Pharmacy.
- ▶ It includes an indoor fitness center, functional fitness room, climbing rock, leisure pool, basketball and volleyball courts, racquetball courts, an indoor jogging track, aerobics and yoga studio, a Hydromassage, and a student lounge. Outside there are sand volleyball courts, a basketball court, pickleball courts and a fitness court.
- ▶ Students can check out sports equipment, hammocks, and camping gear for short, weekend excursions. They can also book sessions with a personal trainer, physical therapist or massage therapist.
- ▶ Fitwell classes are offered throughout each semester to allow students to work out in a group environment at a time that fits their schedule. To learn more visit baylor.edu/wellness/fitwell.

EQUITY, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND TITLE IX

baylor.edu/equity

- ▶ The mission of Baylor Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX is to engage in issues of harassment and discrimination with care and integrity to actively shape a conscientious community where members are valued, empowered and recognized.
- ▶ Under our Civil Rights Policy, we address matters concerning harassment or discrimination on the basis of protected characteristics. Under our Sexual and Interpersonal Misconduct Policy, we address sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic or dating violence and stalking. We also offer education, training, support and resources related to all of these issues.
- ▶ When students are victims of or know about allegations of prohibited conduct, the University provides a number of ways to report at baylor.edu/reportit including an option to report anonymously through a platform called "Ethics Point."
- ▶ We encourage students to contact our office so we can explain available resolution options. We will also discuss support and resources such as referrals to community resources, academic support, assistance in changing class schedules or campus housing, and assistance in accessing counseling and medical services.

BARC — COLLEGIATE RECOVERY COMMUNITY

baylor.edu/BARC | 254-710-7064

- ▶ The BARC is a Collegiate Recovery Community committed to providing a supportive environment for students in recovery, students impacted by a loved one's recovery journey and allies supporting the recovery process.
- ▶ The BARC supports students in recovery from substance use, behavioral addictions and mental health challenges. We provided multiple pathways to recovery, including faith-based and traditional approaches to meet the diverse needs of our students.
- ▶ Our desire is to cultivate a strong sense of community and belonging through a variety of recovery support groups and

events. We aim to empower students by offering educational resources, peer support, recovery coaching and opportunities to connect with others who share similar experiences, ensuring that no one in our community feels alone.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

baylor.edu/police

Non-Emergency: 254-710-2211

Emergency: 254-710-2222

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS)

baylor.edu/dps | 254-710-4619

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

BAYLOR ALERT

is the university's emergency notification system used to alert students, staff and faculty in the event of an emergency or threat on campus. The following systems may be utilized to communicate emergency information and procedures to campus constituents:

- ▶ Outdoor Notification System (Main Campus Only)
- ▶ Email notification to Baylor email account
- ▶ Text message to cell phone (sender short codes include 226787, 67283, 78015, and 77295)
- ▶ Official University websites (www.baylor.edu)
- ▶ Official University social media accounts (X/Twitter: @Baylor, Facebook @bayloruniversity1845 and Instagram @bayloruniversity)
- ▶ Register for Baylor Alert
- ▶ Students and employees are automatically enrolled.
- ▶ Parents, visitors, contractors and others can opt-in to receive Baylor Alert (text messages) using one of following options:
- ▶ Short term visitors (1-3 days) can text Baylor1845 to 226787. *Note, subscriptions automatically expire after 3 days.
- ▶ Long term visitors (weeks, months, semester, etc.) can text Baylor76798 to 226787. *Note, subscriptions do not automatically expire. Users need to opt-out to stop receiving notifications.

CAMPUS GUARDIAN THE BU CAMPUS GUARDIAN MOBILE SAFETY APPLICATION

- ▶ Turn your student's smartphone into a personal safety device!
- ▶ Visit dps.web.baylor.edu/police/programs-and-services/bu-campus-guardian for more information and to download the app.



ON-CAMPUS SECURITY PROGRAMMING

- ▶ Baylor Police and Baylor DPS offer a number of on-campus resources to keep students safe.
- ▶ Baylor also features 152 emergency telephones and 81 call boxes throughout campus for student use.
- ▶ Baylor has a network of more than 2,300 cameras that monitor building entrances, parking garages and the entire perimeter of the University.



THE JEANNE CLERY CAMPUS SAFETY ACT

baylor.edu/dps | 254-710-2211

Baylor University operates in compliance with The Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act and provides transparency around campus crime policy and statistics. To provide students with the most up-to-date information to help them stay safe and to ensure the Baylor Family receives important information about crime around campus, Baylor offers the following resources:

- ▶ Missing student notification
- ▶ Emergency notification and timely warnings
- ▶ Security of and access to Baylor facilities
- ▶ Reporting options for sexual and gender violence, domestic violence, dating violence
- ▶ Victim confidentiality

REPORT IT

baylor.edu/reportit

- ▶ Baylor values the role of students in helping the University maintain integrity and honor in all dealings.
- ▶ When students are victims of, witness to, or hear of an act in violation of Baylor's ethical standards, the University provides a number of ways to report it at baylor.edu/reportit. Additionally, students are guaranteed anonymity through "Ethics Point," the reporting tool.
Learn more at baylor.edu/ethicspoint.
- ▶ Baylor makes every effort to respect requests for confidentiality to respond in meaningful ways guided by student requests, and to offer a caring response for the individuals involved.

OMBUDS TO STUDENTS

baylor.edu/studentlife | 254-710-7069

- ▶ Provides informal, neutral and private dispute resolution services for students for issues ranging from interpersonal misunderstandings to concerns about academic or administrative issues.
- ▶ The office is in Suite #207 on the second floor of the McLane Student Life Center.





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PARENT ENGAGEMENT

254-710-8303 • baylorparents@baylor.edu
parents.web.baylor.edu

Help us confirm your contact information at:
baylorparents.campusesp.com