

Summer 2022

FSS Essentials



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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



After a lull in major construction projects over the past few years caused by equal parts pandemic and lack of new state funding for construction, the next few years are poised to be a time of explosive growth at Texas State University. These projects will create new workloads and challenges for many of us in FSS, but will also pave the

way for new and exciting opportunities and future growth for the university.

This fall, Live Oak Hall will open at the corner of Peques and East Sessom. The new building will serve the needs of students and faculty from the Journalism and Mass Communication, and Theatre Departments. The timing of this opening is particularly prescient, and not entirely coincidental, as the public announcement was

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July

- Jul 4
 - Independence Day
- Jul 5
 - First Day of Summer-Second 5 Weeks
- Jul 17
 - World Emoji Day
- Jul 24
 - Parents' Day
- Jul 30
 - World Friendship Day
 - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

August

- Aug 6
 - Texas State Commencement
- Aug 7
 - Purple Heart Day
- Aug 9
 - World's Indigenous Peoples Day
- Aug 12
 - International Youth Day
- Aug 16
 - National Tell a Joke Day
- Aug 19
 - World Humanitarian Day
- Aug 21
 - National Senior Citizens Day

- Aug 22
 - First Day of Fall Term
- Aug 26
 - Women's Equality Day

September

- Sep 5
 - Labor Day
- Sep 8
 - International Literacy Day
- Sep 10
 - World Suicide Prevention Day
- Sep 11
 - Patriot Day
 - National Grandparents Day

- Sep 16
 - Constitution Day and Citizenship Day
- Sep 18
 - Air Force Birthday
- Sep 18
 - Wife Appreciation Day
- Sep 21
 - International Day of Peace
- Sep 23
 - World Maritime Day
- Sep 26
 - Rosh Hashana
- Sep 29
 - World Heart Day

AND THE WINNERS ARE...



May 2022 Employee of the Month – Paul Aleman

As the EHSREM Technician, Paul assists the Emergency Manager in all emergency management functions for the university, including preparation, notification, response, monitoring, recovery, and assessment and after-action activities.

Paul is always the first to offer assistance or volunteer for additional tasks and responsibilities. His coworkers describe him as the “moral compass for the office” and the “personification of the ‘support services’ in VPFSS”.

Congratulations on being the May 2022 Employee of the Month!

June 2022 TXST Team – Round Rock Facilities Operations Team

Gary Brantley, Jessi Turnbow-Cao, Mike Moore, John Rodriguez, William “Shorty” Schwartz, John “JD” Wilson.

To decrease their carbon footprint, the Team is working with the buying team to onboard local contractors who use locally sourced materials. They are building an inventory of tools and materials that allow technicians to provide more services in-house, to decrease reliance on contractor labor and address problems before they have a chance to grow.

Thank you for your dedication to reliable and sustainable service.

FSS Team May 2022 – Round Rock Campus Signage

Jessi Turnbow-Cao, Todd Engram, Eric Guerrero, Richard Kelsey, AJ McMillan, John Rodriguez, Joel Soto, Lee Torres, Joseph Valdez.

The Round Rock Campus Signage Team created full-size replicas of the new street signs featured during the ribbon cutting ceremony and reception for the naming of two streets on the Round Rock Campus in honor of Adolfo “Sonny” Barrera, and Dr. Elvin Holt, for their work in multicultural programming and curriculum development. Replicas were then given to the honorees as unique souvenirs to recognize their contributions to the university.

Thank you for your efforts to make a special event to honor diversity and multicultural teaching and learning at Texas State even more meaningful.

SPOTLIGHT ON **AUXILIARY SERVICES**

The department of Auxiliary Services is comprised of a team of dedicated individuals who provide the Texas State community with self-supported (non-funded) services. The central administrative office under the guidance of **John Root**, Director, provides oversight for this wide range of individual services. **Mary Alice Gonzales**, Administrative Assistant III, assists Mr. Root as his office administrator and is invaluable to the coordination of this department.

Auxiliary Services encompasses the many products and services seen and used all around the Texas State campus. From mail to ID cards, and books and supplies, to food and beverages, their goal is to listen to the needs of Texas State students and employees and respond with services that are budget-friendly and offer all the convenience our busy campus community demands.

ID Services, located in the LBJ Student Center provides all students & employees with their Texas State University ID. This office, supervised by Sandra Martinez, is responsible for all services provided with the BobcatCard including building access, meal plans, library access and the Bobcat Buck\$ Program.

Print and Mail Services, supervised by **Amanda Cardoso**, provides a wide array of specialty services under one roof. Located on Old Ranch Road 12, the "Print Shop" prints Official Texas State University stationary & business cards, Texas State diplomas, departmental postcards, banners, and brochures. Since the printing and mailing services are conveniently under one roof, they are one-stop solution for bulk and direct mailings. Once they have designed and printed a mail piece, they can also provide finishing services such as binding, folding and envelope insertion. They distribute and deliver all campus mail, as well as provide USPS & UPS shipping.

Justin Cantu oversees CopyCats on campus, a full-service location for all the business needs of the campus community. At Copycats you will find a notary public,

high volume copy capability, a USPS and UPS shipping drop off, as well as stamps, faxing and binding.

Texas State Dining, spearheaded by **Chin Hong Chua**, Resident District Manager for Chartwell's, provides the university with over sixty dining and catering options. All the dining halls, food courts, caterers, Starbucks, etc.... fall under the umbrella of Texas State Auxiliary Services.

John Brun Charlet is the planner-estimator for Auxiliary Services locations and manages changes and additions to all the facilities.

The Bobcat Store in the LBJ Student Center, leased by the Follet Corporation, is managed by Auxiliary Services. Here you will find all required course materials, Bobcat game day gear and a certified Apple store.

New to the Department of Auxiliary Services is Transportation Services. Transportation Services offers a variety of transportation and parking services for students, faculty, and staff at the Texas State University campuses. They are comprised of Parking Services, the Bobcat Shuttle, and Alternative Transportation. Transportation Services maintains over one hundred parking lots and garages, forty-five shuttles with over ten routes with over 27,000 rides per day, and alternative transportation options like The Bike Cave, the on-campus bicycle workspace and shop.

All these Texas State Auxiliary Services reinvest the proceeds back into the facilities, services and programs that enhance the quality of life and work at Texas State.

BOBCAT **CHATTER**

What's your favorite summer tradition?

Nancy Arnwine
Property & Evidence Technician
University Police

"Every summer me and my family would drive from Bentonville, Arkansas to New Braunfels to spend 6 weeks staying at mom's house. Other family also met up and we would enjoy family time and going to Schlitterbahn and the river."

Patty Cano
Senior Administrative Assistant
Human Resources

"I love floating the river specifically on a weekday evening during the summer because it's much less crowded during this time!"

**The staff at
Student Business Services**

- "Making mustang grape jelly"
- "Attending baseball/softball games"
- "Hanging out the pool"
- "Evening walks"
- "Floating the river"

MEET OUR NEW TEAM



Dan Costello
Associate VP
Facilities

Dan joins Texas State University with over 30 years of facilities management experience supporting education, research, patient care, and national defense activities. His higher education experience spans six universities, including the University of Texas at Austin and Washington State University. He enjoys leading diverse

teams in the delivery of facility services because of their direct impact on our faculty, staff, and student's experience. Working for Texas State University has been a long-held ambition for Dan and he is excited to be joining the Bobcat family.

Dan is an Air Force veteran, husband, father of five, and passionate fisherman. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering and is currently enrolled in an M.B.A. with a Master of Science in Leadership program at Grand Canyon University.



Kenya Deazle
Accounting Clerk II
Student Business Services

From Houston, TX, Kenya graduated from Texas State University in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Health Sciences. She was the student worker for Student Business Services during her undergraduate degree, and is now back working for SBS full-time as an Accounting Clerk. She is currently in

the process of applying to Physician Assistant school!



Raul Martinez Egan
Accounting Clerk II
Student Business Services

Raul recently graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelor's of Exercise Sports Science in December 2021. Shortly after, he began working for Student Business Services as an accountant clerk II. In June 2022, Raul got accepted into the Master's program in Legal Studies here at Texas State in which he will start classes for this

upcoming fall. Some of his outside activities include practicing mix martial arts, going to the San Marcos river, and hanging out with friends and family. Raul and his fiancé are expecting a child in January 2023!

Veronica Polanco
Administrative Assistant II
Student Business Services

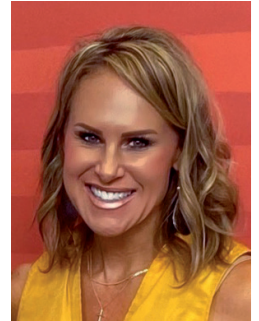
Kirk Stone
Grounds Maintenance Worker II
Transportation Services

Ilona Rhymer

Administrative Assistant II
Procurement & Strategic Resourcing

Ilona grew up as an Army dependent and lived in several states including Ohio, New York, Maryland, Georgia, and Texas. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia Southern University in Mathematics, and taught high school Mathematics after moving to New Braunfels in 2004 (17 years total). Ilona decided to make a career change and grow in experiences. She accepted a position at Texas State in February. She still enjoys helping students in Mathematics, so she looks for opportunities to tutor when she can.

Ilona and her husband enjoy spending time on their boat during the weekends and travelling to new places. Their goal is to eventually travel to as many countries as they can. In their free time, they enjoy working out, biking, and weekend movie/ game nights with their 8 year-old daughter.



Jeffrey Testa

Analyst II
Facilities Management

Originally from West Chicago, he comes to us from Austin Energy. He grew up with family in Wisconsin, but has family in Texas as well. He enjoys building computers, working on cars, making music, swimming, and fishing. He also likes telescoping in the wilderness where the skies are darkest, and has a yet unnamed toad!

Christine Bonner

Administrative Assistant I
Procurement & Strategic sourcing

Joel Ferguson

Accounting Clerk II
Student Business Services

Joseph Krupa

Hazardous Waste Technician
Environmental Health, Safety, Risk, and Emergency Management

Anfernee Lewis

Parking Services Officer
Transportation Services

Erik Lewis

Accounting I
Accounting Office

Welcome!

Dehydration is a state of excessive water loss and can lead to overheating. Overheating can cause health issues, some of which are life threatening. Central Texas is hot! This increases our chance of becoming dehydrated. While all are at risk of dehydration and overheating during the summer, older individuals may be at increased risk, because:

- Their body may be less able to retain water.
- Their sense of thirst is decreased.
- Their sweat response is slower, making them more likely to overheat.

Your body is made up of about 60% water! Water plays an important role in the following:

- Keeping the body cool
- Muscle function

- Joint lubrication
- Flushing out waste
- Transporting nutrients
- Protecting organs

Hydration Tips:

- Make hydrating a habit. Drink water in the morning, with each meal, and between meals.
- Keep water with you. Carry a water bottle with you when on the go. Instead of using plastic bottles, choose stainless or glass with a silicone sleeve. Plastic bottles may leech harmful chemicals into the water.
- Hydrate with healthy snacks. Snack on foods that have a high-water content such as strawberries (92% water) apples (84% water), and pineapples (87% water).

OFF THE CLOCK is a section in the newsletter that showcases an interesting fact about a staff member in the FSS division. Did you publish a book, do you have a hidden talent, do you have a unique collection, or do you have an interesting hobby (just to name a few suggestions)? We welcome any information you would like to share in the newsletter!

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just made last week that one of the largest film production facilities in the country will be built in San Marcos beginning later this year.

Live Oak Hall is only the second new building on campus, after Pecan Hall, to open since COVID-19 struck in 2020. This year will also see the completion of the Infrastructure Research Lab (IRL) at Science, Technology, and Advanced Research (STAR) Park and a newly renovated Evans Auditorium. Evans has undergone a remodeling that includes the stage fascia, re-leveling of the lower seating area, new auditorium seating throughout, and accessibility improvements. The IRL is a state-of-the-art research lab that will provide strength and structural

testing for concrete beams, materials, and other advanced technologies at the 58-acre STAR Park.

Other construction underway includes the Testing Evaluation and Measurement Center (TEMC), which will move into new space in the Nueces Building, and the first renovations to the JCK Administration Building in over 30 years. JCK will get a new entrance, a renovated first-floor lobby including an Employee Care Center, and improvements to the 11th floor to accommodate larger community events. The JCK project is expected to be completed in spring 2023.

Bobcat Stadium seating has also

been updated in time for the fall football. Bleacher seating in sections 101 to 105 was replaced with 3,000 individual fixed chairs. Each cushioned chair includes a cupholder and ranges in width between 19 and 21 inches. Handrails were also included in the project, making it easier for fans to reach their seats with unobstructed views of Jim Wacker Field.

Future projects

Three or four major construction projects are slated to begin in earnest over the next 12 months. With a combined construction cost approaching \$300 million and a combined size approaching half a million square feet, the three combined will mark the largest

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2022 TEXAS STATE SERVICE AWARDS

10 Years

Katie Bonner, Human Resources
Dana Elizabeth Breed, Student Business Services and Bursars
Stephanie K. Daniels, Transportation Services
Leticia Gaitan, Student Business Services and Bursars
Derek Anthony Hurtado, Grounds and Waste Management Operations
Richard W. Kelsey, Facilities Operations
Laurence Daniel Martinez, Jr., Grounds and Waste Management Operations
Dario Mendoza, Facilities Operations
Joseph Anthony Murphy, Facilities Planning Design
Robert Ray Norman, Utility Operations
Jeremy Michael Nybro, Custodial Operations
James Lester Peterson, Transportation Services
Roberto Ramos, Transportation Services
Cynthia Marie Scheid, Accounting Office
Sandra T. Spotts, Grounds & Waste Management Operations
Amy Elaine Thomas, Facilities Planning Design
Floyd Torres, Materials Management & Logistics
Andrea M. Tutoki, Facilities Management
Rodolfo Antonio Zelaya, Utility Operations

15 Years

Maricela Tristan Cruz-Miller, Student Business Services & Bursars
Teresa A. Duggins, Human Resources
Maria F. Gonzales, Custodial Operations
Emilio H. Hernandez, Utility Operations
Andrew J. Koch, Facilities Operations
Nathan R. Lawrence, Grounds & Waste Management Operations
David J. Michaud, University Police
Gregory G. Slade, University Police
Chad Thomas, Environmental, Health, Safety, Risk & Emergency Management
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20 Years

Bradley S. Daniels, Facilities Operations
Harry C. Gonzales, Utility Operations
Rusty Key, University Police
Michael J. Kocian, Facilities Operations
James J. Norton, Utility Operations
Tracy L. Ryan, Office of Budgeting, Financial Planning & Analysis
Susan Stewart Taylor, University Police
Eluterio Zuniga, Grounds & Waste Management Operations

25 Years

Daniel Benitez, University Police
Joel F. Bermea, Facilities Management
Gilbert Amaro Castro, Printing Services
Carmelita Mendoza, Accounting Office
Joe D. Pardo, Grounds & Waste Management Operations

30 Years

Mario A. Mendez, Facilities Operations
Carl D. Teague, Jr., Utility Operations

40 Years

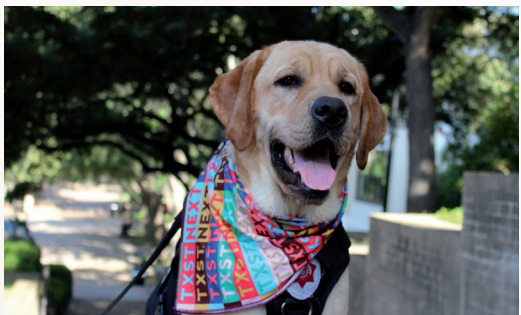
David Sanchez, Jr., Grounds & Waste Management Operations

45 Years

Nancy Nusbaum, FSS Planning

Thank You

STAFF SCOOP



UPD recently revealed its newest member, **Pawfficer Brady** and he has his social media accounts lined up! You can see information and photos of Pawfficer Brady on his Facebook @PawfficerBrady or you can visit the Texas State University Police Department Facebook @UPDtxst.

The Budget Office and Treasurer's Office's own **Angie Touchstone** has had two major events in their family during the past couple of months. Her 18 year old daughter, **Tori**, graduated from Bridge City High School. They are very excited and proud that she will be attending Texas State as a Freshman in the Fall semester. They are very proud of her.



Their oldest daughter, **Laura**, who lives in Westlake, Louisiana, also just remarried and now has a blended family of 7 with the oldest being 16 years old and the youngest being 6 months old. They are all counting their blessings!



Shari Ferguson's (Facilities Operations) daughter, **Paige Doyle**, competed at IHSA Collegiate Nationals this past weekend with the Hunt Seat Team at West Texas A&M University and earned 7th place.



John Rodriguez and **Shorty Schwartz** won the RRC Cornhole Tournament put on by Rec Sports. Staff, faculty, and students were invited to participate. Four teams competed over five weeks, and they won out against the student team from Physical Therapy. John said, "The students were tough, but it was cool interacting with them."



Faculty and staff across campus celebrated **Nancy Nusbaum's** 45 years of dedication to Texas State University and her much-deserved retirement on May 26 in Flowers Hall.

Thank you for all your years of service. Congratulations on your retirement.

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amount of new construction the university has managed simultaneously in our history.

Infrastructure work began in 2020 on the Hilltop Housing Complex, and the building itself will break ground this summer. The 1,006-bed student residence is expected to be completed in time for occupancy in fall 2024. The housing complex, with 241,000 square feet, replaces Burleson and Hornsby Halls, which were demolished in 2019. The construction phase of the project was delayed because of COVID-19. A second new residence hall is also in the early planning stages as a result of our record setting expectations for the size of the fall 2022 freshmen class.

Esperanza Hall, the fourth planned academic building on the Round Rock Campus, will include classrooms and offices to support the College of Health Professions. The project, part of the university's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), has been funded and is in the

programming phase. Construction is expected to start in 2023.

The new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Building on the San Marcos Campus will house the computer science and mathematics departments. It will become the latest addition to the Science and Engineering neighborhood that includes Ingram Hall, the Supply Science Building, and the Roy F. Mitte Building.

NEXT is NOW

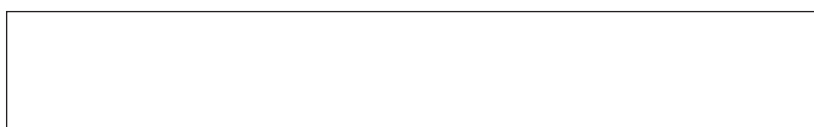
The NEXT IS NOW capital campaign is fundraising to construct a new music building, renovate the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, and renovate the Athletics training facilities.

The music building will be built next to the Performing Arts Center on Moon Street. The 85,000-square-foot building will serve some 600 music majors and more than 80 faculty with offices, rehearsal space, labs, and classrooms.

Currently, music students and faculty are spread across five buildings on the San Marcos Campus. The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment will undergo a renovation of Spring Lake Hall that will create an interpretive research center using state-of-the-art integrated and immersive exhibits. This project, estimated to cost \$13 million, will be funded by donations.

The Athletics Department is planning to modernize and expand the South End Zone Complex to meet the needs of Bobcat Football. Costs are estimated at \$37 million. Fundraising is underway to renovate and expand the weight room, team meeting rooms, sports medicine, and training facilities.

Credit to Julie Cooper, Public Information Specialist in our University News Service, for compiling this information; a version of which will appear in an upcoming issue of our Hillviews magazine.



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"We're all golden sunflowers inside."

~ Allen Ginsberg

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