# STUDENT LIFE

## **Dean of Students**

Senator Frank L. Madla Building, Room 312 | (210) 784-1354

The Dean of Students Office plays an important role in helping students navigate the campus environment by providing access to programs and services that support and enrich students' personal and educational development. The Dean of Students serves as an advocate for students on a wide range of topics and assist students in making positive connections with staff, faculty, fellow students, and university services.

# **Cisneros Institute for Emerging Leaders**

The Cisneros Institute for Emerging Leaders (Cisneros Institute)#provides engagement and development opportunities beyond the classroom for students and families to inspire change in their world by utilizing a strengths-based mindset.#The Cisneros Institute is comprised of three departments:

#### **Student Life**

Central Academic Building, Room 103|#(210)784-1329

The Office of Student Life focuses on the student experience, including activities, events, student organizations, University-sponsored groups, lectures, live performances, special events, # and more. Our goal is to engage students on campus, and we employ professional and student guides available to help them achieve their academic and personal goals.

## **Student Engagement**

Patriots' Casa, Suite 104#|#(210)784-1452

Student Engagement at Texas A&M University-San Antonio is designed to provide incoming students and their families with shared experiences and intentional connections that create community, promote Jaguar pride, set the tone for student academic success, and support students to develop skills to navigate college life.

## **Student Leadership**

Madla, Suite 337#|#(210)784-2655

The#Office of Student Leadership#is the university's vehicle for#developing#the leadership skills necessary for an intergenerational pipeline connecting leadership development with economic vitality through programming, education, problem-solving, and partnerships.

# Additional programs and services provided by the Cisneros Institute include:

#### **Campus Activities Board**

The purpose of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) is to create and support programs and activities that appeal to the student body by providing an array of diverse activities throughout the year in which all students are encouraged to attend. Our mission is to provide high-quality educational, social, and entertaining programs that enhance student life at Texas A&M University – San Antonio and contribute to the overall development of the students.

#### **Cisneros Student Leadership Conference**

The Cisneros Student Leadership Conference is an annual on-campus conference that is free to all students. The conference is a unique opportunity to expand your leadership toolkit, gain fresh perspectives, and connect with a vibrant community committed to making a positive impact. We encourage you to seize this chance to enhance your own leadership journey and contribute to the growth and empowerment of others.

### CliftonStrengths

CliftonStrengths® - an online assessment that will identify the student's top 5 strengths and suggest how they can use and improve those strengths. Students can take the assessment and gain access to their top 5 strengths for free. Students also have access to one-on-one coaching from certified CliftonStrength coaches and champions. Student and staff can also request facilitated CliftonStrengths sessions led by certified CliftonStrengths coaches.

#### **Fraternity and Sorority Life**

Texas A&M University-San Antonio recognizes fraternities and sororities as an essential part of a dynamic campus experience, fostering lifelong friendships, service opportunities, leadership growth, and academic achievement. Aligned with the missions of the university, the Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL) program is committed to strengthening campus connections through purposeful programming and collaborative initiatives.

#### **Jaguar Ambassadors**

The Jaguar Ambassadors serve Texas A&M University-San Antonio by welcoming guests of the President and VIPs at special events, being knowledgeable about the campus, and assisting at requested functions to help it achieve notoriety & student body growth. By doing this, we support the institutions' strive to be the university of choice for potential students and drive our organization's higher education model through our courageous student leadership.

#### **Jaguar Family Engagement Programs**

Jaguar Family Engagement Programs coordinate programs and events for the family members of our Jaguar students including Family Orientation, Family First Seminar, Family Newsletters and Parent/Family volunteer opportunities. We recognize that family members play a vital role in a student's college success, and our office works to provide families with resources to aid their student throughout their student's college career.

## **Ring Days**

The Ring Days pays homage to each student's time at the University, including the hard work, sweet successes, and the indelible memories that will last a lifetime. The individualized ceremonies are filled with Jaguar pride as the University celebrates the many accomplishments of its students. On the eve of each ceremony, the class rings are stowed in the dome of the Central Academic Building (CAB). Legend has it that "at nightfall, before the ceremony, the dome holds the Spirit of the Jaguar" and "the Spirit of the Jaguar illuminates the dome and permeates each class ring."

#### **Student Government Association**

The Student Government Association's mission is to serve as the main governing body for the students of Texas A&M University-San Antonio. SGA represents the student voice by actively identifying and representing all students' interests. SGA promotes, seeks, and strives for student participation in the University policy and decision-making processes to enhance the overall quality and scope of education and general welfare of our students SGA is the bridge between the student body and faculty/administration and focuses on communicating and addressing concerns, issues, or ideas of students. Contact us by phone, email, or onJagSync

#### **Student Organizations**

Texas A&M University-San Antonio recognizes the importance of student organizations. These organizations help students develop social, leadership, and team-building skills. They are an integral component of the total educational experience, which promotes personal and professional development. If students are interested in joining a group or starting a new student organization not currently established, log in to JagSync, and/or contact the Student Life Office.

#### **Transfer Student Center**

We are dedicated to providing all transfer students the resources and experiences to help them transition onto campus and off to graduation! Have questions on how to get involved? Need help with study habits and/or course content? Do you feel like you need a peer to help motivate you? Then visit the Transfer Student Center in Patriots' Casa Room 104, give them a call at 210-784-1452, or email them at transfer@tamusa.edu.

For even more opportunities and ways to engage with the Cisneros Institute, visit our websitehttps://www.tamusa.edu/student-resources/cisneros-institute/Index.html#or visit JagSync.

# **Esperanza and Estrella Halls**

(210)784-1717

Texas A&M University-San Antonio is excited to welcome and offer a brighter future for our students by providing on-campus accommodations. By requiring our first-year students living 40+ miles from campus to reside on campus, we hope to guide and support our freshmen in their first college experience. We also welcome continuing students to reside on campus with us as they aim to earn their diplomas.

Living on campus is an exciting part of college life. Whether you live in Esperanza Hall or Estrella Hall, you'll meet new people and form a community, all while being a short walk from your classes! You'll love the perfect blend of social and private life that our fully furnished suite-style floor plans provide. The residence halls are where students will live within a community that supports their academic success and encourages community engagement. Be a Jaguar and live the Jaguar life!

# **Jaguar Student Media**

Central Academic Building, Room 321B | (210) 784-1051

Jaguar Student Media provides students experiential learning and handson opportunities in online news, a print magazine, radio and television. The campus' student-run media outlets include The Mesquite (https://mesquite-news.com/), an online campus newspaper; ¡Adelante!, the university magazine; and the Univision Media Lab which offers bilingual students' opportunities to study radio, television, sales and promotions at Univision's San Antonio affiliate. Students are encouraged to participate in student-run media to develop skills, build resumes, explore career options and enhance their college experience. For more information, email jenny.moore@tamusa.edu (jenny.moore@tamusa.edu) or call Jaguar Student Media at 210-784-1051.

## **Recreational Sports**

Modular 108 | (210) 784-1346 or (210) 784-1349

The Department of Recreational Sports provides an inclusive environment for the campus community that encourages the lifelong pursuit of healthy living and learning. Our facilities and programs offer an outlet that accentuates the educational core of the university, while enhancing the capacity for intellectual and emotional wellness.

Recreational Sports is responsible for providing various recreational activities in an informal and structured environment. Students are also able to participate in organized activities such as Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs. Intramural sports are conducted in the Jaguar Game Room, the Multipurpose Fields and Kinesiology Pavilion on campus.

Sport clubs are organized sporting events between A&M-SA students and students from other universities and colleges. The competition is at a non-varsity level and students are responsible for organizing and governing of their respective teams.

Recreational Sports offers activities in the following locations on campus:

The Jaguar Fitness Center Senator Frank L. Madla Building, Room 128 (210) 784-1360

The Game Room and Lounge Central Academic Building, Room 105 (210) 784-1389