

Fall Assembly
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Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

COMMERCE





Welcome New Faculty & Staff



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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

★ ★ 2017 ★ ★
DIVISION II



First-Year and Transition Programs

- Thank you for a successful New Student Orientation Season!
 - 2,370 new freshmen and transfer students completed orientation
 - 4,243 parents and guests attended
 - 329 new freshmen and transfer students completed online orientation
- Mane Event Preview Day: October 20





New Student Report (as of Aug. 17)

- 1,177 new freshmen enrolled
- 1,089 new transfer students enrolled
- 494 rank in the top 25% of their class
- 185 rank in the top 10% of their class
- 23 Valedictorians and 7 Salutatorians



	2018	2017	Difference	% Difference
New Freshmen	1,177	1,135	42	4%
New Transfer Students	1,089	1,051	38	4%
Total	2,266	2,186	80	4%



Total Enrollment

- Undergraduate: up 3%
- Masters: down 14%



- This has serious implications for A&M-Commerce
- New graduate recruiting process and personnel





Student Diversity & Inclusion

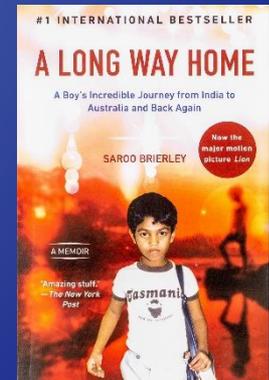
- Creation of high school to college student pipeline (*¡Echale Ganas!*)
- Implementation of student mental health awareness campaign
- Latino American Mentorship Program
 - Presented at multiple conferences
 - Provided over 500 volunteer service hours in post-Hurricane Harvey clean up
 - Nominated for the prestigious national Excelencia in Education award
- Student workers presented at multiple conferences





Academic Affairs Highlights

- Partnership with Lion Athletics
 - Football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and softball games are FREE for faculty and staff
- Criminal Justice TAB program will launch in Fall 2018
- Research & Sponsored Programs
 - 92 grants totaling \$24.8M submitted to-date
 - 25 grants totaling \$4.6M funded in FY2017-18 (over 50 pending)
 - Proposal Submission Incentive (PSI) awards for submitting grant proposals
- First Year Experience
 - Signature course
 - Common Read: “A Long Way Home” by Saroo Brierley – author’s address on September 24 at 6:00 p.m.





College Updates

- College of Science & Engineering
 - B.S. in Electrical Engineering partnership with L3, which funded a faculty line
- College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources
 - 8 students admitted into Veterinary School for Fall 2018
- College of Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts
 - A&M-Commerce hosted the three-day Holocaust Days of Remembrance in collaboration with the Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance





College Updates

- College of Business
 - Received first federally-funded grant (USDA) to serve regional business through business-related competency development
 - Study abroad trip to China in cooperation with China Geosciences University
 - Dr. Bo Han selected as a 2018 Tech Titan finalist
- College of Education & Human Services
 - First increase in the number of educators certified since K-12 legislative funding decrease in 2009
 - M.S.N. program growing after a successful first year
 - ASPIRE program completed its second year, with Pride Prep starting its third cohort





86th Legislative Session

- Legislative Budget Cycle for FY2020-2021
 - Submitted Legislative Appropriations Request
 - Texas Legislature in Session: January-May 2019
- Upcoming Hearings
 - Sept. 17, 2018: Joint LBB/Governor's Office Budget Hearings
 - Senate Finance Committee
 - House Appropriations Committee
- Hunt County Days: February 25-27, 2019
- Legislative Requests
 - Rural Mental Health Outreach Initiative (\$2M annually)
 - Agricultural Multipurpose Education and Training Center (\$49.5M)





Capital Projects

- Nursing and Health Sciences Building: substantial completion December 2018
- Street upgrades: Walnut and Jackson
- Tennis Courts: October 2018





Business & Administration Division Updates

- Process/Continuous Improvement
 - Workday
 - ProCard system moving to Concur
 - Mane Market
- Energy Project
- 2% Merit Pool
- Professional Development Day: October 4
- Retirement of University Police Chief
 - Chief Donna Spinato retiring
 - Bryan Vaughn will assume the role of Police Chief effective September 1
- Support for Website Governance

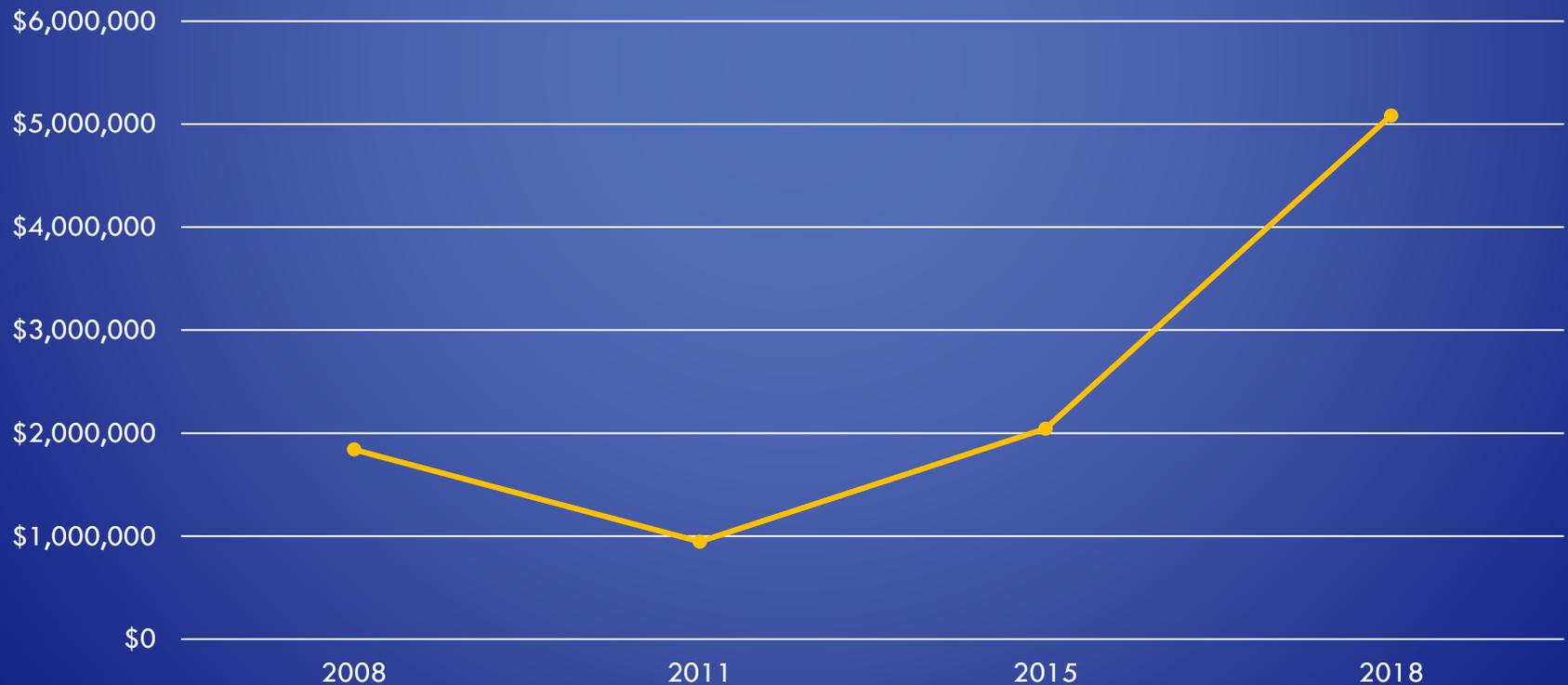




Fundraising

- Our best year yet – thanks to you!
- Exceeded \$5M total in fundraising (\$2.9M in CASH)

Total Fundraising Progress





Building a Culture of Philanthropy from the inside out

- Shift in culture
- Listen to donor passion and align with needs at A&M-Commerce
- Gratitude
- Relationship-building
- Engagement with faculty, deans, students, etc.
- Fundraising Training
 - Deans and department chairs (and anyone else interested)
 - October 11 at 3:00 p.m. in BA 290
 - All are welcome





Advancement Philosophy: Partnership

- **THANK YOU** for partnering with external stakeholders and providing meaningful experiences!
 - Ambassadors
 - Distinguished Alumni
 - Advisory Boards
 - Speakers in class
 - Judges
 - Alumni events and affinity groups
 - Tailgates





Sam Rayburn Speaker Series

- November 6 at 11:00 a.m. in Ferguson Auditorium
- Dr. Michael Eric Dyson
 - Georgetown University Sociology Professor
 - New York Times contributing opinion writer
 - Contributing editor of The New Republic and ESPN's The Undeclared website





Web and Internal Communications Enhancements

- Academic Programs Finder
- Campus Calendar and Daily Digest email
- Virtual Campus Tour





Community Engagement

- First Choice Partnership with Greenville ISD
- Back-to-School sponsored by A&M-Commerce





Athletics

Points of Pride

- 22nd Place in Learfield Directors Cup
- 3.19 Cumulative GPA
- 4,989 Hours of Community Service and Engagement
- 52 All-Americans
- 9 NCAA Postseason Teams
- Softball Regional Champions
- 3 Individual NCAA Champions
- Football National Champions





Best in Class

- Luis Perez
 - Harlon Hill Trophy Winner
 - LSC Male Athlete of the Year
- Garrett Blubaugh
 - NCAA Elite 90 Winner
- Mariah Jameyson
 - Academic All-American of the Year
 - National Player of the Year
- Florian Obst
 - 2017 & 2018 Decathlon National Champion
- Devontae Steele
 - 2016 & 2018 Indoor Triple Jump National Champion
- Brianna Wise
 - 2018 All-American





“Best in Class”

Best in Class begins with an attitude of gratitude, a collaborative spirit, the relentless pursuit of excellence, and the desire to help others transform *their* lives and build the lives of *their* dreams.





A New Era





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Strategic Initiatives of Interest

Student success

Welfare of faculty and staff

Expanded research

Economic development

Achieving distinction/branding

Athletics

Innovative campus culture





Expert Predictions

“This ‘telephone’ has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication.”

-William Orton, President of Western Union (1876)

“Who in the hell wants to hear actors talk?”

-H.M. Warner, Founder of Warner Brothers (1927)



Expert Predictions, cont.

“There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home.”

-Ken Olson, President of Digital Equipment Corporation (1977)

“There is no chance that the iPhone is going to get any significant market share.”

-Steve Ballmer, CEO of Microsoft (2007)



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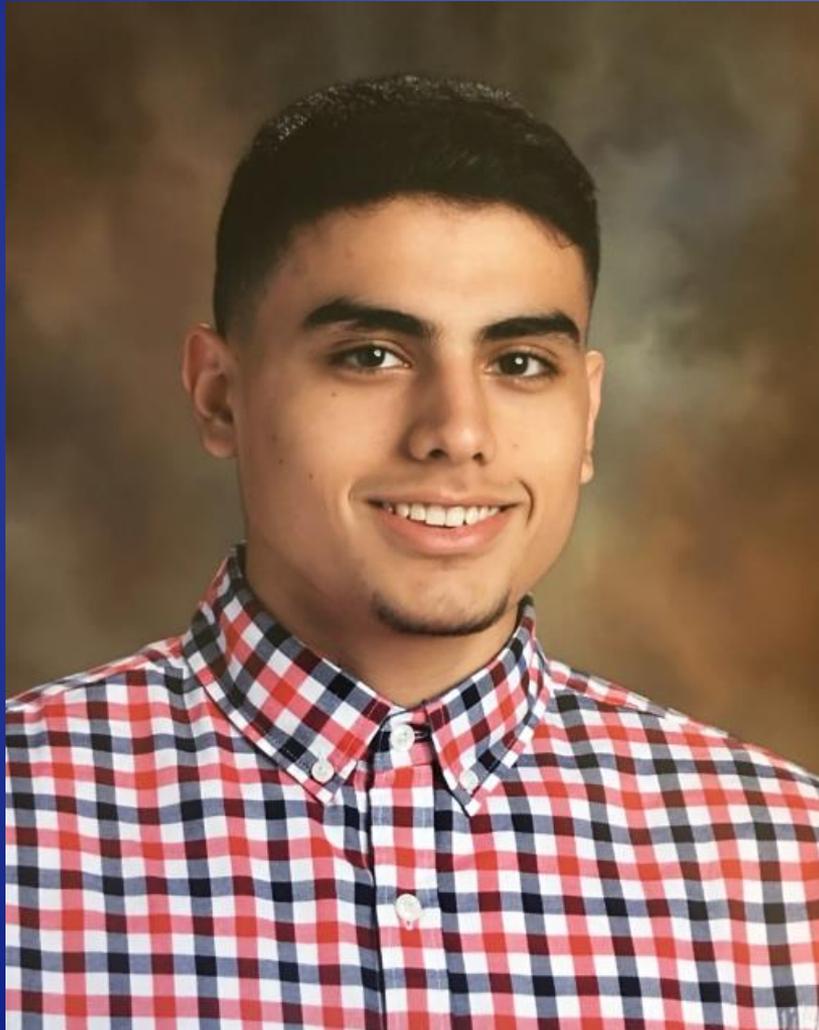




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Ernesto Balderrama



- Hometown: Commerce, TX
- Commerce High School
- High School GPA: 4.67
Major: Nursing
- Awards/Accolades:
 - Office of Hispanic Outreach & Retention Scholar
 - L.A.M.P. mentee for 2018-19
 - Proud first generation college student



Maiya Telysse Dickie



- Hometown: Huntsville, TX
- Huntsville High School
- High School GPA: 3.87 (out of 4.0)
- Major: Public Health
- Awards/Accolades
 - First Year Leadership Scholarship Recipient
 - Varsity Volleyball Team MVP
 - Academic All-District



Georgia Dowdy



- Hometown: Tomball, TX
- Tomball High School
- High School GPA: 4.0 (out of 4.0)
- Major: Music Education
- Awards/Accolades
 - First Year Leadership Scholarship Recipient
 - Winter Guard International World Champion 2017
 - Band President



Devin Beamon



- Hometown: Forney, TX
- North Forney High School
- High School GPA: 3.8
- Major: Electrical Engineering
- Awards/Accolades:
 - Honors College Scholarship
 - All Region qualifier for trombone
 - A&M-Commerce student-athlete



Please join us for the Pride Walk





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