



OFFICE OF THE  
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for Academic Affairs**

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Good morning, Academic Affairs!

Time seems to be flying by as we are already a third of the way through the semester!

- I'll start by sharing updates on our Division's efforts supporting student success, led by Dr. Ricky Dobbs:
  - The Student Transition and Support department for the Fall 2023 semester welcomed three new College Life Coaches as part of an update to the First Year Seminar course. All first-time full-time students who are enrolled in developmental Math and/or English courses are also enrolled in the CID 1300 course, which allows them to benefit from the additional support from the College Life Coaches and our Peer Mentors through the new curriculum offered. These College Life Coaches serve as student's primary instructors in the CID 1300 course, as well as guides for students who need additional hands-on help with building up critical skills such as time management, critical thinking, communication, problem-solving, and decision-making around their college experience and future career aspirations. Additionally, the College Life Coaches are able to direct students to the appropriate existing support systems on our campus as needed. As we approach early alert intervention, the College Life Coaches will assist Academic Advising efforts in re-engaging and supporting students who need additional assistance by taking the lead on students who are enrolled in their CID 1300 course sections to discuss grades, absences, and other obstacles affecting the students on the early alert list. As part of the regular curriculum, students have also begun meeting regularly with their Peer Mentors and received classroom instruction around time management, study skills, financial literacy, and problem-solving.
  - The Lion Success Team is also making strides in assisting high-risk students. Dr. Rebecca Judd and Dr. Belinda Rudinger have been navigating this initiative and have now connected with the Director of New Student and Family Engagement, Craig Case, to collaborate on ways to encourage parental/family support for those at risk of not persisting.
- I am excited to announce that this year's Faculty-Led Student Funding is now live. It has been a joy to witness the fun and exciting opportunities this funding has allowed for faculty and students this past year, and I look forward to seeing more faculty-led experiences for our students. For more information and the application process, please visit the [Faculty-Led Student Funding website](#).

- The [Lion's Study website](#) is now live! Our office is excited to display our faculty's work. As a reminder, if you have any articles published in the past year or a book/book chapter from the past three years, please email [Lilly.Rudin@tamuc.edu](mailto:Lilly.Rudin@tamuc.edu) to get them uploaded. Physical copies of books should be brought to our office in BA 280 to be put on display. If you have any questions, please reach out to Provost Fellow Dr. Tami Morton at [Tami.Morton@tamuc.edu](mailto:Tami.Morton@tamuc.edu).

On a final note, I want to thank you for all your hard work and continued dedication to our institution. Together, we are making great progress!

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