It is our pleasure to welcome your student and you to our Islander family. We hope your transition is as smooth as possible. During the Islander Launch event, you will learn many helpful tips and nuggets of wisdom. This pamphlet is designed to gather some of those bits of information in one place for you.

Your Islander’s job in this transition time is to embrace new beginnings as they navigate their way through their collegiate journey. You are now part of “Team Islander.” As an Islander family member, you may play several roles. At times you may be their coach, guiding them through their journey, while at other times you will be head cheerleader, or even the team athletic trainer, encouraging them in their mental and physical wellbeing. We are here to support both your student and you through this time of change and at times, uncertainty.

The Division of Student Engagement and Success (SEAS) is home to many of the student services and activities that will help your Islander connect to the TAMU-CC campus and gain skills outside the classroom that will aid in their final goal upon graduation… Getting the job!

Within our departments, your Islander will find the offices of:
- Dean of Students
- Disability Services
- Islander Housing
- Multicultural Programs & Services
- Recreational Sports
- Student Activities
- Student Access & Support
- Student Care & Assistance
- Student Conduct & Advocacy
- University Center
- University Counseling Center
- University Health Center

These offices are here to assist your student on their path to graduation.

Please know that we are here to offer advice, answer questions about TAMU-CC, and help you guide your student as they become actively engaged in their new home here at the IslandU! We encourage you to visit the campus and perhaps take in a campus speaker, performance, sporting event, or Family Weekend. We are here to support your student and you as a parent or family member.

Congratulations on helping your student to this point. We know you are proud of them and all they have accomplished. We are honored they have chosen to become Islanders here at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi!

Sincerely,
Adrian Rodriguez
Vice President for Student Engagement and Success
Student Wellbeing
The University Health Center is dedicated to the total wellbeing of your student. The Health Center treats acute injuries and illness as well as providing general health exams. They also offer vaccinations and screenings. There is a 24 hour “Ask a Nurse” phone line available for consultation. Encourage your student to stop by the University Health Center or visit: tamucc.edu/health-center

The University Counseling Center is another resource available to support your student’s wellbeing and develop life skills. Students can talk to a counselor in a confidential setting regarding a range of topics. Free workshops and group sessions are also available. Topics include: overcoming procrastination, stress management, communication, and healthy relationship building. For a full list of services, visit: tamucc.edu/counseling

The Recreational Sports department provides facilities, equipment and opportunities for participation in a variety of sports, recreational and social activities designed to accommodate all ages, skill levels, genders and sport interests. Participation facilitates educational interaction outside of the classroom among students, faculty and staff. The activities stimulate a sense of community, provide leadership and development opportunities for students, and promote individual wellness. tamucc.edu/rec-sports

Student Support
The Dean of Students offers a system of support to eliminate the barriers to student success. They provide case management assistance to students in distress and/or in need of support. They offer solutions for food insecurity, financial hardships and challenges, and overseeing conduct issues in regards to the Student Code of Conduct. tamucc.edu/seas/dean-of-students

I-CARE: College can be a stressful time for students and can, at times, have an impact on a student’s academic performance. Students who might benefit from I-CARE support include: those struggling with depression, suicidal thoughts or actions, thoughts of harming others, repeated classroom disruption, and those exhibiting signs of an eating disorder or threatening behavior. I-CARE can connect students to resources and help to get back on track. For more information or to refer a student, visit: tamucc.edu/icare

Disability Services coordinates services and accommodations designed to meet the unique educational needs of enrolled students with documented permanent or temporary disabilities. For information on accommodations visit: tamucc.edu/disability-services

Student Life
Islander Housing oversees on-campus student housing at Miramar and Momentum Village. They promote student success by providing excellent on-campus housing accommodations, impactful student engagement, and developmental student support. In addition to the traditional residential experience, Islander Housing also hosts Living & Learning Communities (Honors and Pre-Nursing) and Themed Community housing options (Outdoor Experience and Substance Free). By offering varied opportunities for student engagement, Islander Housing strives to enhance the campus experience, support students’ sense of belonging, and aid in the achievement of academic success. tamucc.edu/housing

Student Activities: Going to class and studying tops every college student’s (and parent’s) priority list. However, there is much more to an Islander education than just labs and lectures. TAMU-CC offers over a hundred recognized student organizations, an active fraternity & sorority community, volunteer and leadership opportunities, and much more. Employers say that they want college graduates who can communicate well, think critically, work in a team, and display leadership characteristics. Campus activities allow students the chance to develop these sought-after skills. Encourage your student to explore their interests, try new things, meet new people, and to get the most out of college! Find out more at iengage.tamucc.edu and tamucc.edu/student-activities

University Center The University Center (UC) serves as the heart of campus life. The UC primarily serves students through everyday services such as dining, campus store, mail services, SandDollar$ ID office, meeting spaces, study and lounge areas, charging outlets, and more. Islanders can relax and play games in Breakers Game Room, learn how to join a student organization in the Student Involvement Center, find support in the Dean of Student’s office, visit Izzy’s Food Pantry, and so much more! They also employ hundreds of students throughout the year. tamucc.edu/university-center

Multicultural Programs and Services: The Multicultural Student Center (MSC) is a space that celebrates the many cultures and identities that make up our Islander community. The MSC provides programs that enrich the Islander experience through cultural events, provides opportunities to explore their heritage and cultural origins, and to engage in meaningful cross-cultural interactions and discussion. The MSC also provides dedicated resources and support for our Islander students of color and other historically marginalized communities. Programs include: Islander Cultural Alliance (ICA), Men of Color initiatives, multicultural student organizations, multicultural fraternities & sororities, and multicultural student programming, etc. tamucc.edu/student-life/diversity

Career & Professional Development Center offers a variety of tools to help throughout your Islander’s journey. Students can utilize self-assessment tools to identify strengths and interests. They can also help students get part-time jobs, develop their resume, prepare for interviews, attend career fairs, and connect to employers for on- and off-campus jobs and internships. Visit them at: tamucc.edu/institutional-advancement/career-center
Islander Family Weekend invites the whole Islander family - from parents and siblings to extended family and chosen family - to visit campus and see Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi through the eyes of their student. You’ll spend quality time with your student, experience the Islander spirit on campus, meet the University President, and enjoy a variety of activities planned just for you!

OCTOBER 7-9, 2022
Visit tamucc.edu/family-weekend for more info.

Keep in Touch!
Monthly Parent’s e-newsletter with info on campus life and tips for parents.
**Class Attendance:**
Regular attendance in class can be directly tied to your student’s success. There are many distractions, and at times students don’t see the need to go to class. Faculty set their own attendance policies. Some faculty will not take attendance, while others will deduct points for absences. Students should refer to their course syllabus for information on attendance policies for each class. If a student is going to miss class due to an illness or other situation, students are encouraged to contact their faculty members directly by email as soon as possible.

**Absences Due to Extenuating Circumstances:**
There are times where extenuating circumstances, such as an extended illness, family emergency, a death in the family or military deployment arise and the student must miss multiple days of class due to the situation. In these cases, it may be difficult for the student to contact their faculty due to the situation (i.e., hospitalization). The Student Assistance Case Manager can assist students/families in this situation when a student is going to miss three or more consecutive days of class. This notification does not excuse the absence; it merely serves as a courtesy notification regarding the student’s situation. The faculty member will still make the decision on individual cases related to any missed work, assignments or test. Documentation must be provided to the Student Assistance Case Manager that supports the reason for the absence. For assistance in these types of situations, students should visit the Student Assistance Case Manager in the Dean of Students Office (University Center 206) or call 361-825-6219. [tamucc.edu/seas/student-assistance](http://tamucc.edu/seas/student-assistance)

**Code Blue emergency notification system:**
TAMU-CC’s emergency preparedness begins with making sure students receive messages from the University in the event of an emergency. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi utilizes a system called Code Blue, which can send emails, texts, and pre-recorded messages to the entire campus at one time. This is vitally important during rapidly changing emergencies including: severe weather warnings, threats, school closures, hurricanes, delays, evacuations and other incidents which disrupt regular campus activities. Students are automatically signed up for Code Blue via their information on S.A.I.L. We encourage students to make sure their contact information is updated with the best way to reach them, not just their home or parent’s contact information. It’s vitally important that they are set up to receive information and updates during any emergency. Parents may also register to receive the notifications, by visiting: [http://codeblue.tamucc.edu](http://codeblue.tamucc.edu)
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Non-Emergency: 361-825-4242 |

REGISTER TODAY!
August 15-17
tinyurl.com/anchorcamp22

Islander Housing
1ST YEAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
TAMU-CC is committed to helping Islanders be successful in college! Because of this, most first-year students are required to live at Miramar for at least two semesters. Students who live on campus are more likely to:

- Be more involved on-campus
- Feel a sense of belonging that comes with living on-campus
- Have higher GPAs
- Utilize Campus Resources
- Graduate in less time

For more information on the residency requirement please scan here.
What’s Next:

- Sign up for Code Blue notifications at tamucc.edu/code-blue
- Talk about your emergency plan: Hurricanes, campus safety, etc.
- Fill out your FERPA form at: tamucc.edu/academics/registrar/ferpa
- Finalize fall housing, sign lease, pay deposit, pick a room.
- Talk about health issues: Fill out the Dr.’s form, insurance, medical history, etc.
- Talk about finances: budgets, financial aid, jobs, etc.
- Talk about expectations: getting involved, grades, sleep/nutrition, etc.
- Talk about setting realistic goals.
- Take the next step: Sign up for Anchor Camp at tamucc.edu/student-activities/anchor-camp
- Do your research: Visit our websites for more information prior to classes.
- Follow SEAS on social media for current news and events:
  - instagram.com/seas_tamucc  
  - facebook.com/tamuccSEAS
- Sign up for the SEAS Family eNewsletter at tamucc.edu/seas/newsletter