

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Student Engagement and Success

Family Guide

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It is our pleasure to welcome you and your student to our Islander family. We hope your transition is as smooth as possible. During Islander Launch, 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
Community & Belonging
Recreational Sports

Student Activities
Care & Assistance
Student Conduct & Advocacy
University Center

University Counseling Center
University Health Center
International Student Programs & Support

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 of Student Engagement and Success & Intercollegiate Athletics



Campus Resources

Student Wellbeing

The **University Health Center** is dedicated to the total wellbeing of your student. The Health Center treats acute injuries and illnesses as well as providing general health exams. They also offer vaccinations and screenings. There is an after-hours "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 Office** provides a system of support to eliminate barriers to student success. Staff provide resources, guidance, and education by ensuring that students are supported, and basic needs are met. The following departments report through the Dean of Students Office, Disability Services, Conduct & Advocacy, Care & Assistance, Community & Belonging, and International Student Programs & Support. deanofstudents@tamucc.edu
361.825.6219

Disability Services coordinates academic and housing accommodations designed to meet the unique needs of enrolled students with documented permanent or temporary disabilities. Visit for detailed information and application steps: tamucc.edu/disability-services

Student Conduct & Advocacy supports a safe and respectful campus community by upholding the Student Code of Conduct and University policies. When concerns arise, students are guided through a fair process grounded in due process that emphasizes learning, accountability, and personal growth. The office manages both academic misconduct (such as cheating or plagiarism) and behavioral misconduct (actions that impact the campus community), while ensuring students understand their rights and responsibilities throughout the process. tamucc.edu/conduct-advocacy

Community & Belonging is committed to fostering a strong sense of connection for students and families by creating an environment where everyone feels valued. Through engagement and educational activities, including the Texas Leadership Scholars Program, the Texas Leadership Research Scholars Program, and the Student Voices Initiative, the office supports connection, learning, and growth across the Islander community. Family Weekend and the Islander Family Portal further strengthen this work by intentionally supporting families and their connection to the university experience. tamucc.edu/community-belonging
belonging@tamucc.edu

International Student Programs & Support assists all International Islanders with matters related to immigration, employment compliance, maintaining status, their transition to living and studying in the U.S., and their sense of belonging at TAMU-CC. internationalsupport@tamucc.edu
361.825.3346

Care & Assistance supports students by providing case management and helping them connect with campus and community resources during challenging times. When students experience extenuating circumstances—such as long-term illness, family emergencies, or personal hardships—our Care and Assistance team can provide support and create a success plan to keep them on track. Additional services and resources are available for students who are parents or who are expecting a child, helping them balance their academic and personal responsibilities. The **I-CARE Behavioral Intervention Team** helps promote student well-being and campus safety by reviewing concerns related to students who may be struggling or showing signs of distress. Referrals may be made for students experiencing depression, suicidal thoughts, thoughts of harming others, ongoing classroom disruptions, or other behaviors that indicate they may need additional support. The team works proactively to connect students with helpful resources and ensure they receive timely care. tamucc.edu/care-assistance

Student Life

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 get the most out of college! tamucc.edu/student-activities and iengage.tamucc.edu.

2026-2027 Important Dates

The **Spirit and Traditions** department's mission is to create a vibrant culture of school spirit and sense of belonging. Home of the Islanders Pep Band and The Deep End (official student section of Islanders Athletics), we work closely with Islanders Athletics to provide our students and community an energetic atmosphere at athletic events, plus a wide array of engaging activities across campus.

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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 Students office, visit Izzy's Food Pantry, visit Lost and Found, and so much more! The department also provides employment opportunities for hundreds of students throughout the year.

tamucc.edu/university-center
361.825.5282

Institutional Advancement

The **Career & Professional Development Center** is here to help. Dedicated Career Counselors are assigned to each college, so your student receives personalized support tailored to their field of study. Through self-assessment tools, students can discover their strengths and interests to map a path toward a fulfilling career. From landing an on-campus job to creating a standout resume, practicing for interviews, securing internships, and connecting with employers, the Career Center offers everything your student needs to move from classroom to career. Encourage your Islander to stop by early and often. The sooner they engage, the stronger their head start!

career.center@tamucc.edu
361.825.2628

Auxiliary Services

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. 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

Emergency preparedness begins with making sure students receive messages from the University in the event of an emergency. TAMU-CC utilizes a system called **Code Blue**, which sends 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 family 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:

tamucc.edu/code-blue

Parking at Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi is managed through a virtual zoned permit system across campus, including all residential housing areas. A valid virtual permit is required to park in designated zones, and all parking locations including surface lots and the parking garage are paid. Visitors may use ParkMobile, our on-demand parking application, available via the app store, by calling **877.727.5953**, or by visiting **parkmobile.io**. Please note that parking regulations are enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to ensure safety and accessibility. For questions, call **361.825.7275** or email **parkingfaq@tamucc.edu**.

August:

- 16 Move In Anchor Camp: Session One
- 17-19 Anchor Camp: Session One
- 19 Move In Anchor Camp: Session Two
- 20-22 Anchor Camp: Session Two
- 24 Fall classes begin
- 31 Last day to register or add a class

September:

- 7 Labor Day Holiday - Closed

November:

- 6 Last day to drop a class
- 25 Reading Day - No classes
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Closed

December:

- 1 Last day to withdraw from University
- 2 Last day of classes
- 3 Reading Day - No classes
- 4 Fall final exams begin
- 10 Final exams end
- 12 Fall Commencement

January:

- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - Closed
- 19 Spring classes begin
- 26 Last day to register or add a class

March:

- 8-12 Spring Break

April:

- 9 Last day to drop a class
- 30 Last day to withdraw from University

May:

- 3 Last day of classes
- 4 Reading Day - No classes
- 5 Spring final exams begin
- 11 Final exams end
- 15 Spring Commencement

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
- ❑ 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, wellness, etc.
- ❑ Talk about setting realistic goals.
- ❑ Take the next step: sign up for Anchor Camp at anchorcamp.tamucc.edu
- ❑ 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](https://www.instagram.com/seas_tamucc) [facebook.com/tamuccSEAS](https://www.facebook.com/tamuccSEAS)

Notes:

Campus Store	bkstr.com/texasamcorpuschrististore/home	361.825.2603
Business Office	tamucc.edu/finance-and-administration/financial-services/business-office	361.825.2600
Career and Professional Development Center	tamucc.edu/institutional-advancement/career-center	361.825.2628
Counseling Center	tamucc.edu/counseling	361.825.2703
Dean of Students Office	tamucc.edu/dean-of-students	361.825.6219
Disability Services	tamucc.edu/disability-services	361.825.5816
Health Center	tamucc.edu/health-center	361.825.2601
Islander Advising Center	tamucc.edu/academics/planning/academic-advising/islander-advising-center	361.825.3453
Islander Dining	dineoncampus.com/islanderdining	361.825.4354
Islander Housing	tamucc.edu/finance-and-administration/auxiliary-services/housing	361.825.4663
Izzy's Food Pantry	tamucc.edu/food-pantry	361.825.3663
Recreational Sports	tamucc.edu/rec-sports	361.825.8060
Registrar's Office and FERPA Form	tamucc.edu/academics/registrar	361.825.7245
Student Activities	tamucc.edu/student-activities	361.825.2707
Student Financial Assistance	tamucc.edu/cost-and-aid/financial-aid	361.825.2338
University Center Information Desk	tamucc.edu/university-center	361.825.5202
University Police Department	Non-Emergency	361.825.4242
University Police Department	Emergency	361.825.4444



ISLANDER FAMILY PORTAL

Sign Up
Today!



YOUR ONE STOP SHOP FOR:

Access to important campus news and deadlines; personalized newsletters on your schedule; announcements via email; and sharing of updates with friends and family.



DEAN OF STUDENTS

CARE & ASSISTANCE

Support you can rely on when -

- You need help with food or other resources.
- You need to get back on track with classes.
- You're absent due to illness, death in the family, military orders, or other emergencies.
- You're unsure about your options on campus.
- You're feeling overwhelmed and in distress.





Open to Serve

TAMU-CC STUDENTS

tamucc.edu/food-pantry
361.825.FOOD (3663)
University Center, Room 310

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Download the TELUS Health Student Support app for 24/7 access to professional counseling by phone or chat in multiple languages.



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Visit tamucc.edu/family-weekend for more info.

Islander Family Weekend invites the whole Islander Family, from parents, siblings, extended relatives, and chosen family to visit campus and see Texas A&M-Corpus Christi through the eyes of your 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!



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