

New Faculty Orientation Fall 2022

Orientation was a great success!

We are excited you have joined our team. Looking forward to a productive and rewarding new year.



Dean's Welcome Back Fall 2022

CONHS Faculty and Staff gather to celebrate the beginning of a new Fall semester and hear welcome message from Dr. Hassan Aziz.





Fall 2022 Convocation and CONHS Mixer



Thank you to all those who volunteered to make the new student convocation and college mixer a memorable experience.

Your dedication is essential to the success of our students. You bring ideas, positive energy, and a beautiful intensity. You care so deeply, and you step up to support the mission and vision of the college. To view full TAMUCC photo gallery click link below.

081822 First Wave Convocation Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
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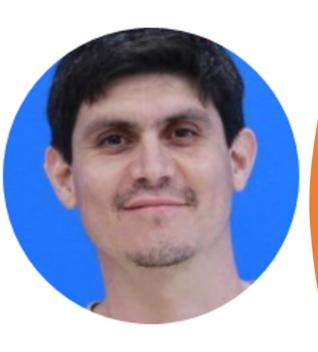


CONHS NEW FACULTY

Brianna Plank Assistant Clinical Professor (Nursing Education Department)

Brianna is originally from Kansas City and spent the majority of her bedside nursing career in critical care at The University of Kansas Medical Center. She relocated to Austin, TX in 2014 and spent time working in administrative roles until she began teaching in 2018. Brianna has experience teaching skills, simulation, and didactic coursework with Concordia University, Austin. She and her family relocated to Corpus Christi last summer when her husband, James, took an Assistant Professor of Practice in Criminal Justice position at A&M Kingsville. At some point, Brianna would love to collaborate with him on public health research topics that span both disciplines. She is finishing her Post-Master's FNP certificate and then will return to her Ph.D. in Nursing coursework. Brianna and James have 5 children between them, but only have their 3-year-old daughter Lily full-time. Along with Lily they also have a small petting zoo worth of animals at home. Brianna enjoys relaxing on the water with her family, trying new restaurants, and traveling.





Bonifacio Vega II Assistant Clinical Professor/HCAD Coordinator (Health Sciences Department)

My name is Bonifacio Vega II and I am the new HCAD Coordinator for the College of Nursing and Health Science. I am a native of Robstown and received my BSHS and MPA degrees from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. I am currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Health Promotion and Behavior from the University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston.

My professional background is in public health, and I have over 12 years of experience in the field. I have a broad range of professional interests but am especially passionate about working with and improving the health status of marginalized and under resourced groups throughout South Texas.



CONHS HIGHLIGHTS

CONHS Nursing Program Recognized



Shakas up to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi! They were recently announced as one of the best nursing schools in the U.S. by the Nursing Schools Almanac.

To view full KIII TV Video follow link below.



TAMU-CC nursing program recognized as one of the best in the U.S. | kiiitv.com



The SCLC and CONHS Assistant Clinical Professors hosted Women's Services community partners. Kelly Ware with Christus Spohn South and Chelsea Schmidt with CCMC Bay Area Hospital visited SCLC to see new simulation equipment in the OB lab. Everyone was impressed with the technology and realism of the simulators and the impact they can have on safe maternal and infant patient outcomes.



Congratulations Stephaine for a well-deserved recognition. She was recognized for her service excellence at the Rising Tide program. The program celebrates the outstanding people who focus on Service Excellence for our Islander Community.



CONHS SAVE THE DATE - FACULTY AND STAFF



August FOW
Tuesday, August 23rd
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
CONHS Large Conference Room



Friday August 26th
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
PAC Lawn
Fireworks Start @ 9:30pm

August CONHS Team

Birthday and Anniversary

Celebrations Held Tuesday Aug 23rd @ 12:30pm in Breakroom









Stay Connected @ CONHS



NEWSLETTER



Newsletter requests can be emailed to Dean's Office @ CONHS.DeansOffice @ tamucc.edu.

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Student Events Activities and Meetings, Skills Lab Activities, Faculty and Staff Accomplishments, and Upcoming Events, "Save the Date" items, etc.

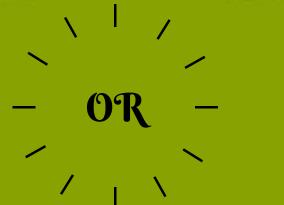
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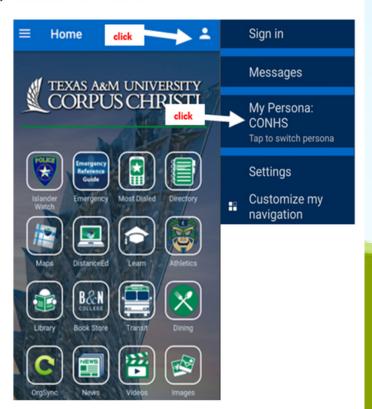
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- 2) Open app
- 3) Select CONHS Persona





SAVE THE DATE - STUDENTS



To See Full **Event List Visit I-ENGAGE Link Below**



CCCOMMUNITY FAIR

Aug. 25 • 11AM-2PM **UC Anchor Ballroom**

ISLANDER BEACH BASH

Aug. 26 • 7PM **PAC Lawn**





ISLANDER ORG FEST

Aug. 30 • 11AM-2PM **Anchor Plaza**



CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY FAIR















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CONHS STUDENT EVENTS



BSN Orientation Fall 2022 It is with great excitement that we welcome the latest BSN Student Cohort into the CONHS. At their orientation, the students spent time getting to know the CONHS and Program, as well as their peers, admin, faculty and staff, and hearing first-hand from current CONHS students. We look forward to working with these students as they progress on their journey to becoming future Islander BSNs.





CONHS HOST NCLEX Review Workshop

Over 75 BSN Graduates of the CONHS attended a free 3-day NCLEX Review Workshop, held August 9-11. The workshop, offered by the CONHS, was led by recently retired faculty member Mrs. Susan Greathouse, RN MSN and current faculty member, Assistant Clinical Professor Cathy Harrell, RN MSN. Graduates in attendance were provided a comprehensive review of content, critical thinking, test taking and more. Throughout the 3day workshop, graduates communicated how thankful they were for the College's support and the helpfulness of the workshop.

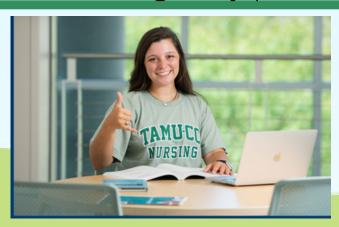




CONHS STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations to two of our CONHS graduate students for earning the TAMUCC Outstanding Islander Graduate Honor. To see full TAMUCC article and photo gallery please use links below.



OUTSTANDING ISLANDER GRADUATE KIRBI GUTHMAN '22 EARNS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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OUTSTANDING ISLANDER GRADUATE
DAVID CHESSHER '22, ARMY VETERAN,
EARNS CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
DEGREE

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CONHS DNP STUDENTS

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences would like to Congratulate our Summer 2022 Doctor of Nursing Practice Graduates.



Brenda Buckner DNP, MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC

Title of Project:
Implementation
of a Discharge Pathway
to Decrease Infant's Postoperative
Length of Stay in a Cardiac
Intensive Care Unit

Chair: Elizabeth Loika DNP, PNP-C, FNP-C



Merlendi Brown DNP, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

Title of Project:
Educational Text Messaging
to Improve Knowledge and SelfCare Practices
Among Adults with Type 2
Diabetes

Chair: Gloria Park, PhD, APRN, FNP-C, RN



Kira Cortez DNP, RN, CNE

Title of Project:
A Self-Care Activity to Support
Stress and Resilience in New
Graduate Nurses:
A Quality Initiative to Reduce
Turnover

Chair: Heather DeGrande PhD, RN



CONHS DNP STUDENTS



Colleen Eaves
MSN, RN, NPD-BC

Title of Project:
Improving Adolescent Psychosocial
Assessment through Standardized
Patient Simulation: An Interdisciplinary
Quality Initiative

Chair: Laura Monahan, OFS, DNP, MBA,

(Hooded by: Tammy McGarity, DNP, RN, NEA-BC)

Amanda Estrada DNP, RN, PCCN-K

Title of Project:
A Quality Improvement Project
to Improve Electrocardiogram
Competency and Confidence in
Medical-Surgical Clinical Staff

Chair: Tammy McGarity, DNP, RN, NEA-BC



Rosa I. Perez MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

Title of Project:

A Quality Improvement Project to Improve Screening Mammograms Among Older Hispanic Women in Primary Care Clinic

Chair: Tammy Walker-Smith, DNP, MHA, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

