

JANUARY 16, 2023



**Dear faculty and staff,**


**Welcome to a new semester! I hope you found some time during the winter break to rest and relax. Thanks to all your hard work and innovative ideas in the fall, we are well prepared for the spring semester. With my best wishes for an excellent semester.**

**~Dr. Hassan Aziz**



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## ***CONHS Spring 2023 Meeting***



**At the Spring 2023 Dean's Welcome Back college meeting, new faculty and staff were introduced. Dean Aziz updated the college on the strategic plan and shared the priorities of the academic semester.**

## ***BSN Orientation***



**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.**



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# WELCOME

**Megan Markowsky**  
Assistant Clinical Professor  
(Nursing Education Department)

Megan graduated with a BSN from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi in December 2014. Then MSN in Nursing Education from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi in May 2018. Graduated with Post Masters in Nursing Leadership from the University of Houston in October 2019. Adjunct faculty since May 2018. Background: Medsurg for 6 months, Labor and delivery for 6.5 years with Quality work for 1 year within the 6.5 years, and Home Health 1 year.



**Stephanie Smith**  
Assistant Clinical Professor  
(Nursing Education Department)

Stephanie is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner. She completed her Master's degree in Nursing at TAMUCC. She is a South Texas native and brings a variety of general, advanced practice, and nursing education experience. She has a passion for working in mental health with a focus on adolescents and pediatric populations. She is committed to advancing rural healthcare and making a positive impact in South Texas. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and children, fishing, and traveling



## CONHS NEW FACULTY

**Dr. Faezeh Babaieasl (Dr. Naz)**  
Assistant Professor  
(Nursing Practice Department)

Dr. Naz is an Adult-Gerontology Nurse with a focus on Medical-Surgical. She received her Ph.D. in Nursing and Master's degree in Nursing Education (Adult/Gerontology Medical-Surgical). Her research focuses on the clinical manifestation of minority women with Acute Coronary Symptoms. She is also interested in related research areas (including primary prevention of coronary heart diseases, such as lifestyle modification, weight management, physical activity, and stress management). Her other areas of interest include examining the potential impact of psychosocial factors on cardiovascular health and using technology and e-health to teach patients with Cardiovascular diseases.



**Lilia Gloria Bernal**  
Assistant Clinical Professor  
(Nursing Education Department)

My name is Lilia Gloria Bernal, although I prefer Gloria. I have been a nurse for over 27 years. I have extensive experience in ICU, Telemetry, Special Procedures, Vascular Access, Home Health, Community Outreach, and currently LTACH (care of the Medically Complex patient) and Rehabilitation Nursing. I was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas, and graduated from Del Mar College with my ADN. I obtained my BSN and Master's in Nursing Education from the Chamberlain College of Nursing. I have been adjunct faculty for Texas A&M College of Nursing since 2018. As a lifelong learner, I have a passion for sharing knowledge and passing on various skills to the next generation of nurses through teaching and precepting in the field of Nursing.



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## ***New Faculty Orientation***

**The new faculty orientation was a great success! We are excited you have joined our team, and are looking forward to a productive and rewarding new year.**



## ***Nursing Education Department Training***



**The Nursing Education Department faculty had an amazing hands-on training in-service on 1/12/23.**

**The faculty are ready and excited about implementing these new tools and techniques into the Spring 2023 semester.**



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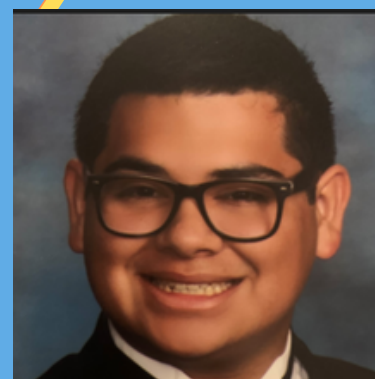


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# Student Associations Leadership



## SNA PRESIDENT

My name is Megan Elaine Barrera, and I am a senior nursing student. I was born at Christus Spohn South, where I coincidentally completed my OB rotations, and raised here in Corpus Christi, Texas. I also attended Calallen High School where I was enrolled in the Pharmacy Tech Program and Dual Credit Courses with Del Mar College. After graduation, I am wanting to secure a local position in the Trauma ICU and prepare for Graduate school. I hope to one day open my own practice with the goal to provide care to the community.

## HSA PRESIDENT

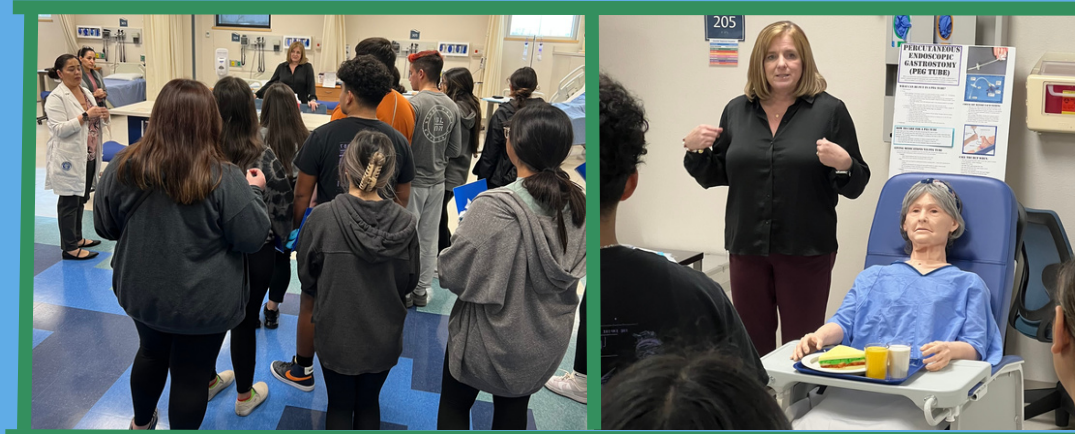
Matthew Sanchez is a Senior at TAMU-CC Studying Healthcare Administration. He aspires to help his community and make a difference through health promotion and volunteer work. Following his work as a volunteer coordinator for the Health Sciences Association, he now leads them as their Spring 2023 President!

# Congratulations!



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## ***Alice High School Students Explore Academic Programs***



**21 high school seniors from Alice High School visited TAMUCC to learn more about the various colleges, degree plans, and opportunities. As part of their experience, they visited the CONHS and toured the Simulation and Clinical Learning Center. Following the visit, a number of the students indicated that they plan to apply to the CONHS with one student proudly telling her friends, "I have always wanted to be a pediatric nurse."**

## **CONHS Alumni Spotlight**



**Recently promoted Lt Colonel Heather Sherman Leal has been awarded the prestigious Order of Military Medical Merit. In a ceremony held at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Dr. Leal, CRNA, DNP, was recognized for her significant, exemplary contribution to the United States Army Medical Department. Membership in the Order recognizes those individuals who have clearly demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence, served in the Army Medical Department (for a minimum of 10 years) with selflessness, and have made sustained contributions to the betterment of Army Medicine.**

**After graduation from the TAMUCC School of Nursing in 2004, Colonel Leal has served 16 years in the Army Medical Corps including a tour in Iraq supporting the 101st Airborne Division. She is currently assigned as Chief CRNA at BAMC.**

**Married to fellow TAMUCC Graduate and longtime Corpus Christi resident, Victor Leal, the couple have three children Andrew, Andrea, and Adrian and reside in Schertz Texas.**

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## CONHS Career Counselor

Greetings and congratulations in choosing the Healthcare Career Track!!! My name is Stefani Schomaker, PHD, LPC. As the CONHS Career Counselor I have the pleasure of helping students with many things to get them closer to their dream job:

- Job Hunting/Resume Writing/Interviewing

- Choosing a Career Track in Healthcare

- Connecting with Nursing Recruiters & Healthcare Employers

To make an appointment, please contact our office: 361-825-2628 OR come by the Career Center at University Center (UC) 304. I may also be reached by email:

stefani.schomaker@tamucc.edu.

# NURSING APPLICATIONS

Fall 2023 Nursing Application is Now Open!

Apply Here: <https://nursingcas2023.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Deadline for submission is February 15, 2023 by 10:59 p.m. CST.

For more information on College of Nursing and Health Sciences programs:

<https://www.tamucc.edu/nursing-and-health-sciences/index.php>

### Fall 2023 Nursing Application is Now Open

We are currently accepting applications for the Fall 2023 nursing program. Students must complete an online application to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences using Nursing CAS.

Students may only apply for one track into the program. The student's choice must be designated on the Nursing CAS application.

Deadline for submission is February 15, 2023 by 10:59 p.m. CST.





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**HSA Meeting**  
Jan 27th  
1 pm - 2 pm  
Island Hall Rm 323



**SNA Meeting**  
Jan 24th  
12 pm - 1 pm  
Location TBD

**Save  
THE  
Date**

**FACULTY  
MEETING**

**Faculty of the  
Whole**  
January 24th  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Island Hall Room 323



**White Coat  
CEREMONY**

Feb 21st  
5:30 pm  
Performing Arts  
Center








**FREE CPR TRAINING**

Wednesday, Feb 1, 2023

Location:  
TAMUCC University Center  
Legacy Ballroom UC 145

1 Hour Sessions 10:00am,  
12:00pm, and 2:00pm

*Space is limited*

**REGISTRATION IS  
REQUIRED**



This American Heart Association's Family & Friends CPR Course will teach the lifesaving skills of Adult Hands-Only CPR and AED. The course is intended for anyone who wants to learn CPR but does not need a CPR course completion card to meet a job requirement.

For more information or disability accommodations please contact

Ashley.Dominguez@tamucc.edu

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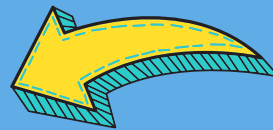
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Happy  
Birthday!

Dr. Meng Zhao - 1st  
Dr. Qianqian Liu - 23rd  
Dakota Beal 27th



Tuesday January  
24th @ 12:30pm  
Employee  
Breakroom



LET'S  
CELEBRATE



Dr. Pamela Greene - 8 Years  
Dr. Tammy Walker-Smith - 8 Years  
Pamela Ortiz - 7 Years  
Ashley Dominguez - 7 Years  
Dr. Kelly Lee - 5 Years



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## NEWSLETTER

Newsletter requests can be emailed to  
Dean's Office at  
[CONHS.DeansOffice@tamucc.edu](mailto:CONHS.DeansOffice@tamucc.edu).



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