

ACE Newsletter

Welcome Week

Welcome, Dustdevils! We hope your semester is off to a fantastic start. To kick things off with great energy and school spirit, TAMIU hosted a variety of exciting events during Welcome Week.

From Maroon Monday to Taco
Tuesday, and fun activities like
Cowboy Lotería and Cabchella, the
campus was buzzing with excitement!









These events were a great way to meet new friends, reconnect with classmates, and celebrate the start of a new academic year in true Dustdevil style.

Mentors' First day



"My first day was all about meeting new faces and the excitement of starting fresh."

- Mentor Paulina Nothing beats kicking things off like getting a free cookie on the first day of class by wearing our university's colors. A great treat to liven up the mood after a long summer break.





It's really great to get to see new faces as well as familiar ones right at the start of the semester.

Weekly Review







The first week of classes brought a lot of energy to campus. We were out exploring, finding our classrooms, and meeting new people. Welcome Week events gave an easy way to feel part of the Dustdevil family right away. Maroon Monday and Taco Tuesday had students stopping by to hang out and grab some food, while Cowboy Lotería kept things fun and laid-back. The week wrapped up with Cabchella, where the music, lights, and crowd brought everyone together. It was a reminder that starting college isn't only about classes but it's also about building memories and a community.

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Mentor Meetings Begin



In their first meeting, students learned the importance of managing their time with their academic and personal schedules. Such as viewing their working schedules and when to dedicate time to study.

After an exciting first couple of weeks of class, students enrolled in UNIV 1201 have begun signing up for their mentor meetings. Marking a new era in their First-Year Experience.





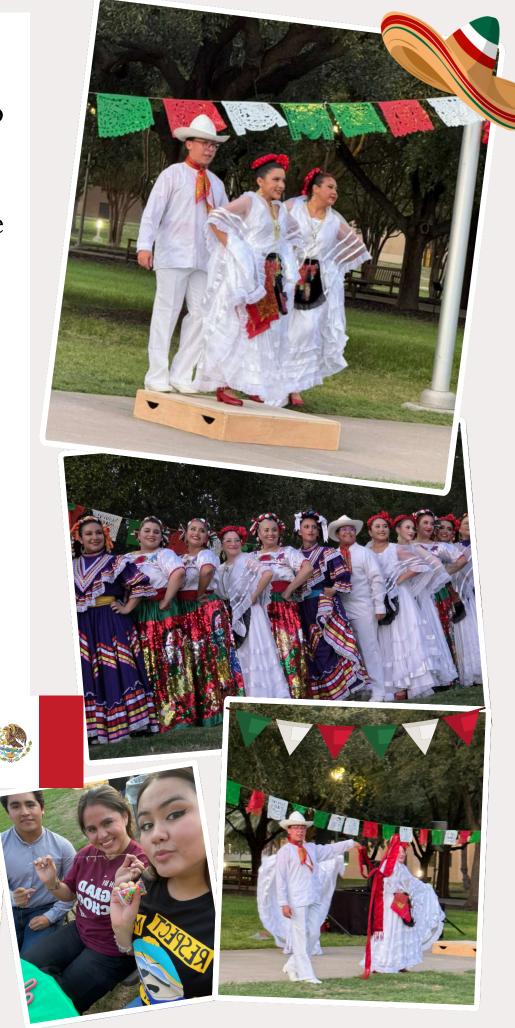
If you are taking UNIV this semester and have not yet made an appointment with your mentor, please make sure to do so as soon as possible. Remember that it counts towards your grade.

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Mentors at El Grito

September kicked off with a burst of color and culture as TAMIU hosted its vibrant El Grito celebration! Students gathered to honor Mexican heritage and keep beloved traditions alive. The Zaffirini Green was filled with tacos de carne asada, chicharrones preparados and bracelet making activities! The event concluded with the participation of TAMIU Ballet Folklorico who performed traditional dances from Puebla and Veracruz. El Grito brought our Dustdevil community together in the most unforgettable way. Can't wait for next year's fiesta!

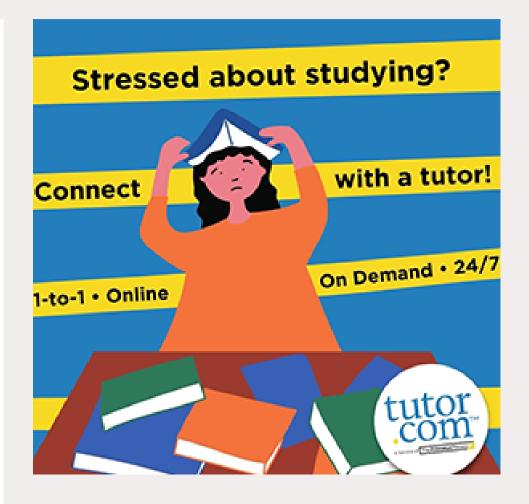


ACE TUTORING: NEW HOURS OF OPERATION

We're here to help you succeed! Our tutoring center is now open Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

That means we are no longer offering evening hours.

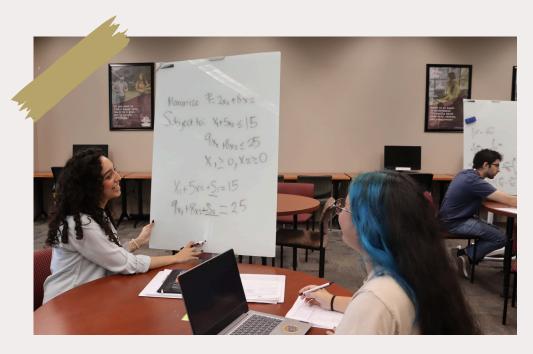
Instead, TAMIU launched its 24/7 on demand, one-to-one tutoring support for all students, tutor.com! Students currently enrolled in a course can access tutor.com via Blackboard, the University's learning management system, and create their own account.



For more information, contact Belinda.medina@tamiu.edu, via email or phone 956.326.4223



MIDTERMS



Our friendly tutors are ready to guide you through tough concepts, answer your questions, and give you the confidence you need to perform your best on exams. Don't wait until the night before; stop by early to stay on top of your studies. Remember, tutoring is included with your student resources, so take advantage of the support available to you! A little extra practice and guidance can make all the difference this midterm season.

Midterms are here, and we know how stressful this time of year can be.
Whether you're brushing up on math concepts, reviewing science material, or polishing your writing, the Tutoring Center is here to help you succeed.

Location: Killam Library, 1st Floor (next to Starbucks) Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Need more help? Log in to tutor.com and get <u>free</u> online tutoring 24/7!

Dustdevils, we are here to help you!



CREATING A FAMILY-FRIENDLY SPACE FOR PARENTING STUDENTS



Our center is proud to share a new addition made possible through a grant proposal submitted and accepted by our Program Specialist, Celeste Franco, through the Office of Student Affairs. The newly installed children's activity area features a play table, chairs, storage bins, and an interactive learning cube. This initiative aims to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for parenting students, providing a safe and engaging space for their children while they access campus resources or meet with mentors.



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Relationship Week

Mentors participated in Title IX's Healthy Relationship week as Green Dot Ambassadors to promote the development of healthy relationships and prevent domestic violence and sexual assault.

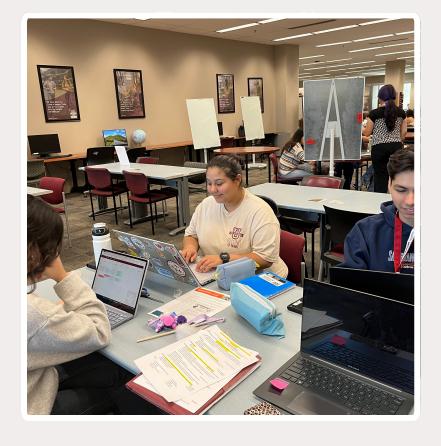
Congratulations to these mentors for always making a difference.













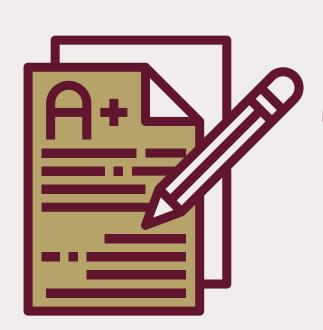
New Office Hours

ACE has updated their office hours. Both mentors, tutors, and LSS will now be operating from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please plan to use our services accordingly.

Midterm Scavenger Hunt

Our Midterm Scavenger Hunt brought students together for a fun and interactive way to unwind during midterms! Participants raced around campus completing academic and ACE-related challenges while collecting clues. Congratulations to our winner for showing great work and enthusiasm! Thank you to everyone who joined in and made the event a success.



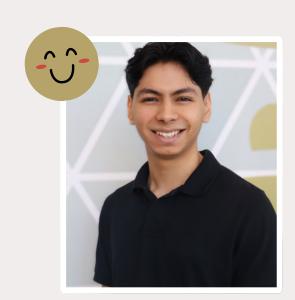


Thank you for participating!

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New Mentor Hires



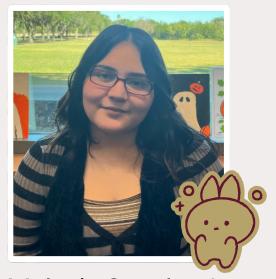
Emiliano Fiscal



Daniela Vigil



Lizeth Gonzalez



Melanie Sepulveda



Amsi Sanchez

We're happy to welcome our newest hires to the mentoring team. They will be assisting in meetings as they continue their trainings and observing other mentors. Soon they will have their own meetings and continue to help the program with other office tasks. From all of us in the mentoring team we welcome you and hope you can continue to help not only us but the First Year Experience.

Make a Difference Day





On October 25th, TAMIU students met up to make a difference in the community. From painting houses to planting trees and picking up trash in the neighborhoods, Dustdevils worked hard to serve others. Once again, TAMIU's annual *Make a Difference Day* encouraged students to stay engaged and make a positive impact in Laredo.



Mentors Haloween





To celebrate Halloween, the ACE mentors brought their creativity to life throughout the week! Each day, mentors arrived in different costumes ranging from funny to spooky, turning the office into a lively and festive space. The celebration was a great way for mentors to showcase their personalities, bond as a team, and spread Halloween cheer across campus. It was a week full of laughter, photos, and unforgettable memories for everyone involved.







