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SPRING SEMESTER INTERNS



I APPLIED FOR THE INTERNSHIP BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS HAD A BIG PASSION FOR SUSTAINABILITY, AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE THE MEANS TO DO SOMETHING AND EDUCATE MORE PEOPLE. I THINK THE BEST WAY TO ENACT CHANGE IS IF MORE PEOPLE ARE AWARE AND COMMITTED TO THE IDEA.

- VIENNA CHENG

I HAVE A PASSION FOR COMMUNICATION AND PEOPLE, AND BEING NEW TO CAMPUS, I REALLY WANTED TO FIND A WAY TO GET INVOLVED. SUSTAINABILITY AFFECTS EVERYONE, AND THAT'S WHY COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE I DON'T THINK PEOPLE REALIZE THAT.

- ETIENNE NDEM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual celebration of the history and achievements of African Americans in the United States. Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month. The 2024 theme is "African Americans and the Arts", exploring the important impact that Black Americans have had in the field of visual and physical arts.

WHAT YOU MISSED AT THIS YEAR'S MLK BREAKFAST:

Dr. Angela Davis was the keynote speaker at the annual breakfast honoring Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We were inspired by these sentiments:

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“Change always comes from the people who decide to stand together and raise a collective imagination of what the future might be.”

“[Intersectional] Feminism is methodologically important because it helps us understand we don't have to say 'either/ or,' we can say 'both/ and.'”

We are fighting the same battles- and that's ok- we've developed a clarity as we've moved throughout history.



Courtesy of Emily Caroline Sartin/ Texas A&M University Division of Marketing and Communications



WAYS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



1. Support Black-owned businesses
2. Invest time into exploring music and art by Black artists
3. Show support for movements such as Black Lives Matter
4. Donate to causes that empower Black communities and/ or provide health support



UNIVERSITY UPDATES



Courtesy of TAMU Antarctica



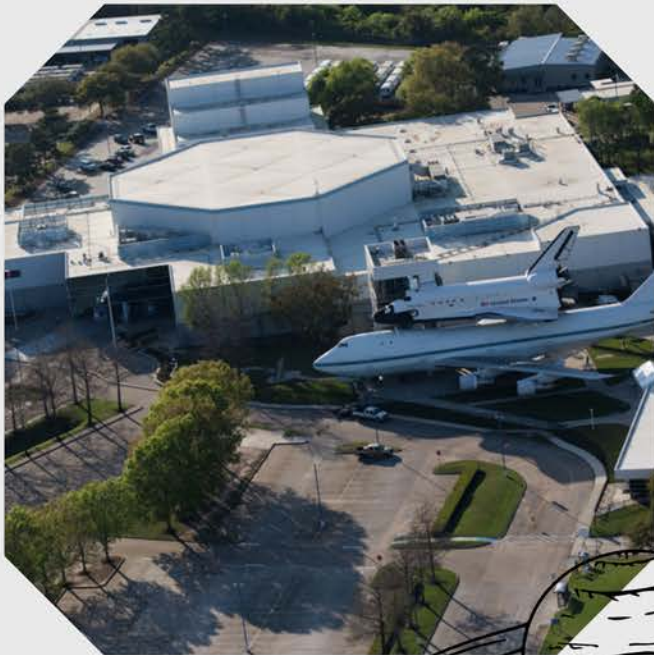
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
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TEXAS A&M'S FIRST STUDY ABROAD TRIP TO ANTARCTICA ENCOURAGED ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AMONG STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED. THE PROJECT NAME WAS "HUMAN IMPACTS ON A FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT."



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #9

TEXAS A&M BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVED THE CREATION OF THE TEXAS A&M SPACE INSTITUTE AND THE CONSTRUCTION A TEXAS A&M FACILITY NEXT TO NASA'S JOHNSON SPACE CENTER IN HOUSTON, EXPANDING TEXAS' LEADERSHIP IN SPACE EXPLORATION.





Dr. Bassel Daher

Scientist, Professor, Research Fellow



My research focuses on developing quantitative scenario analysis tools to support water-energy-food systems transformation. I am also dedicated to improving Water-Energy-Food nexus governance and facilitating the localization and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals through community engaged participatory approaches.

Dr. Bassel Daher has worked at Texas A&M for 10 years. He is a Research Scientist at the Texas A&M Energy Institute, Research Fellow at the Institute for Science, Technology, and Public Policy, and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

Through my research, I aim to contribute to guiding better evidence-based decision making and collective action across different sectors and stakeholders toward improved sustainability, resilience, and equity of our resource systems.



My favorite part of my job is Building new collaborations and partnerships, and continuously learning from colleagues with diverse research and engagement expertise. I am particularly interested in identifying unexplored opportunities and areas of research at the interface of different disciplines, especially between physical and social sciences.



FEBRUARY EVENTS



- 6** Healing With Friends: Trauma-Informed Yoga with Rec Sports | 6 pm | Rec 2221
- 8** Beyond the Canvas: Challenging and Shaping Perceptions in African American Arts | 7 pm | MSC Gates Ballroom
- 10** Brazos Valley Disability Conference & Fair | 8 am
Central Church in College Station
- 15** [Cultural Leadership Festival | 5-10 pm | Rudder Plaza
Black History Month Maroon Table Talk | 7 pm | MSC 2200
- 23** The Art of Stepping: A Black History Showcase | 7 pm
- 27** Stretch Out & Breathe | 6 pm | MSC Stark Galleries
- 28** BSAC Hump Night: Muses and Melodies | 6 pm | MSC Stark Galleries
- 29** [Afro-Latinx Life in Writing | 9 am | MSC 2300D/ MSC 2300E
Mi Casa Es Su Casa | 5-7:30 pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS



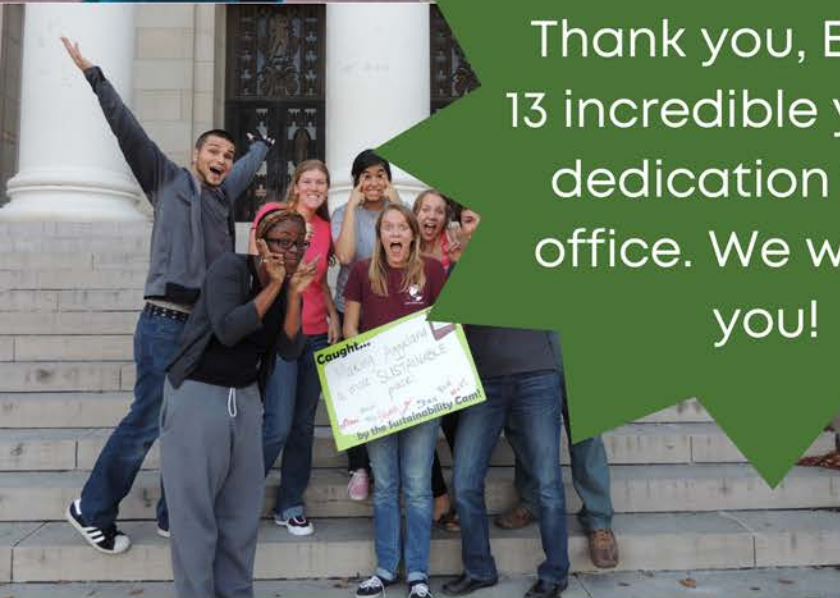
**AGGIE GREEN FUND
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APPLICATIONS ARE
OPEN**

Applications due
February 18th



**CELEBRATE
Earth Day**
RUDDER PLAZA • APRIL 17 • 10-AM - 1 PM

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Thank you, Ben, for
13 incredible years of
dedication to our
office. We will miss
you!