

# STUDENT AFFAIRS **HIGHLIGHTS**

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## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Our mission is to provide student focused programs and services that support student success and enhance the collegiate experience.





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# CAMPUS RECREATION & WELLNESS PROMOTION

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## Health Kits

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Distributed over 12,000 health kits to students. Health kits included TCU branded masks, hand sanitizer, thermometer, safety opener, reusable water bottle, zipper storage bag and Protect the Purple Pledge card.



## Flu Vaccination Clinic

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Assisted with the annual Flu Vaccination Clinic that resulted in over 3,500 students, faculty and staff getting vaccinated.

## Sports & Fitness

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Organizing multiple Intramural Sports, including sand volleyball and indoor soccer, that has resulted in over 1,500 students participating in Intramurals. Coordinating 25 Sport Clubs that are active and holding practices on and off campus with over 550 student participants. Hosted local outdoor trips including day hikes, paddling on the Trinity River, and a behind the scenes zoo tour. Holding group fitness classes including sunrise yoga in the Community Commons.





# CENTER FOR CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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## Career Consulting

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The Center for Career & Professional Development conducted 1,199 one-on-one career consulting appointments with students and alumni.

## Fall 2020 Career Day & Virtual Expo

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The Fall 2020 Career Day and Virtual Expo resulted in 109 employers and 1,165 students registered. There were 2,180 student-employer interactions, including group and one-on-one sessions.

## Career Programs & Events

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There have been over 361 career programs this fall including Employer Information Sessions, Alumni Meetups, Industry Insights Panels, and Career Skill-Building Workshops.



## Intern Scholarship & Career-Readiness Funds

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The Center for Career & Professional Development has provided \$57,400 in Fall Intern Scholarships and Career-Readiness Funds to 48 Students. In addition, 140 students were awarded \$166,200 for summer 2020 internships from the Career Readiness Funds.





# COUNSELING & MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

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## Services Demand

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The Counseling Center is currently seeing an unprecedented increase in demand for services, including a 46% increase in regular individual counseling sessions. Substance Use and Recovery Counselors have also seen a substantial need for assistance, reporting a 104% increase in the number of students self-referring for substance use concerns. Dr. Eric Wood has written an [open letter to the TCU community about mental health importance](#).

## Peer Support Communities

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During the fall of 2020 the number of students engaged in a support community has more than quadrupled. The Counseling Center has developed trainings for Student Affairs and faculty to launch support communities across campus to support students. These trainings are based on the Collegiate Recovery Community model.

## Equine Assisted Therapy and Workshops

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In response to COVID-19, the Counseling Center secured external grant funds to launch an equine assisted therapy program located near the TCU equestrian ranch. The program has served approximately 30 students who have been significantly affected by trauma, high anxiety, and/or major life disruptions.



## Trauma Response Initiatives

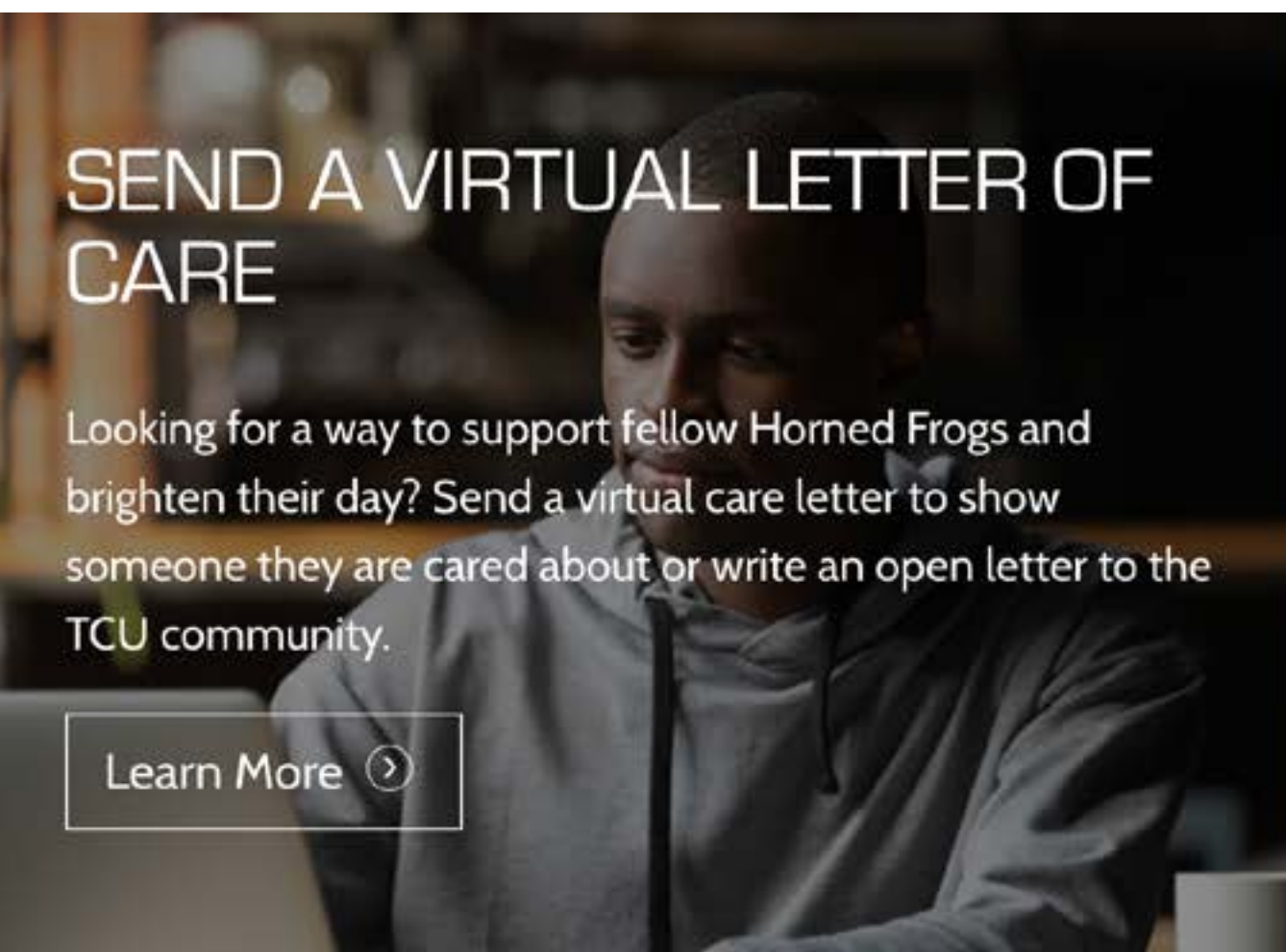
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The Counseling & Mental Health Center partnered with the School of Medicine and the TCU Karyn Purvis Institute to develop training on culturally based trauma. 336 members of the TCU community have attended this training during the fall.

## Virtual Letter of Care Campaign

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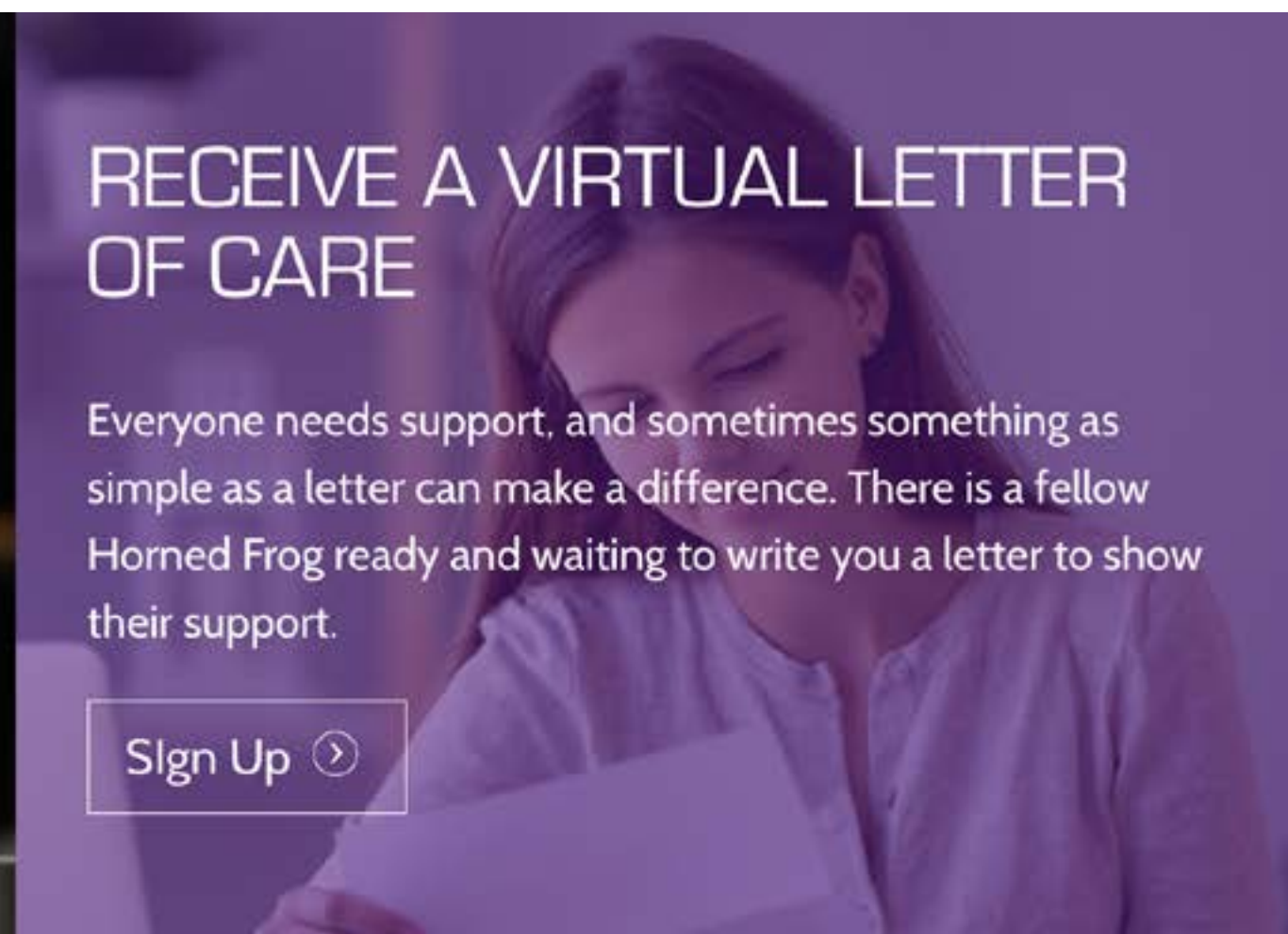
A virtual letter writing campaign where students can request a virtual letter of care for themselves, send a virtual letter to another student, or pen an open letter to the TCU Community was launched in the summer of 2020. Approximately 70 students have participated in this program.



**SEND A VIRTUAL LETTER OF CARE**

Looking for a way to support fellow Horned Frogs and brighten their day? Send a virtual care letter to show someone they are cared about or write an open letter to the TCU community.

[Learn More](#)



**RECEIVE A VIRTUAL LETTER OF CARE**

Everyone needs support, and sometimes something as simple as a letter can make a difference. There is a fellow Horned Frog ready and waiting to write you a letter to show their support.

[Sign Up](#)



# FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

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## Virtual Recruitment

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Fraternity & Sorority Life implemented a very successful fully virtual recruitment process for Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council along with the Meet the Greeks Events (National Pan-Hellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council, Independent Greek Council).



## Membership Interest

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It was exciting to see an increased interest in membership. Panhellenic placed 963 women in sororities, and Interfraternity Council placed 432 men in fraternities.

## Programming & Events

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All the Councils are providing a robust array of programming, including Hazing Prevention Week, Movember, Circle of Sisterhood Events, NPHC Week, NPHC Leadership Scholars Seminar, and voter registration events.

## Chapter Facilities Thriving

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Fraternity & Sorority Life housing is 97% occupied for the fall of 2020. Programming models have been adjusted to align with TCU institutional priorities, including Resident Assistants and Graduate Hall Directors hosting 138 programs in the Village.

Resident Assistants and Graduate Hall Directors for SA1 and SA2 were recognized with regional honors by National Residence Hall Honorary.

The partnership and collaboration with Housing and Residence Life is very strong, including COVID response, COVID food delivery service, staff selection and training, on-going professional development, and Graduate Assistant recruitment.





# HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

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## Care Coordination

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When more than 500 students were placed into isolation rooms, Housing & Residence Life staff were there to support and ensure these students had everything they needed. The Care coordination included meal service, cleaning, laundry, mail and deliveries of medication and essential items. In addition to these essential services, Care Coordinators would check in with students regarding their mental health while in isolation and help with academic concerns.

## In-person Programs in Residence Halls

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While virtual activities are happening, Housing & Residence Life has helped students have an in-person, residential experience. Approximately 240 in-person activities have happened in residence halls, and this does not include the less formal activities where RAs and residents just hang out together in the halls. Students have had movie nights, football game watch parties, outdoor Zumba, room decoration/craft making stations and parties, and so much more.

## Housekeeping

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Housing & Residence Life successfully transitioned to cleaning halls from 7 am to 8 pm daily, (previously 7 am to 3 pm). This transition allowed for more presence in the halls for cleaning high touch areas and better managing trash removal. The new schedule was accomplished with no new staff and no over-time.

## Successful Week-Long Move-In

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Created a drive through process that accommodated more than 10,000 people (parents, students and other family members) and well over 7,000 vehicles over a 5-day span.



## Communication with Families and Students

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In this time of rapidly changing information, timely and thorough communication is a necessity. Housing & Residence Life held Facebook Live sessions throughout the summer to keep students and families up to date. The online sessions averaged over 450 viewers live and more than 3,000 views of the **FB Live recordings**. The department's **Instagram** has 2,708 Followers, and the residence hall pages are also widely followed.

## COVID Prevention and Education

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For TCU to keep halls open this fall, student culture had to change rapidly. RAs became the front lines, asking students to comply with mask policy, new guest/visitation policy, and social distancing guidelines. The **MaskUP TCU Instagram channel** created a movement to help students recognize that they had to do their part to keep halls open. Student Affairs leaders walked halls from 9pm-2am weekend nights late August through October talking to students and helping reinforce the message of masks and safe practices. Efforts paid off when cases dropped, and hall communities, while different, are thriving!



# MULTICULTURAL & INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

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## #TCUVotes

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Mobilizing TCU students to register and vote has been a focus of Multicultural & International Student Services during the Fall semester. Voter registration tables were set up across campus, and Voter Registration Ambassadors helped students register to vote via Zoom. To make sure student voices were heard, on October 17 from 9 am to 4 pm, buses were provided for transportation to an early voting site for TCU students, staff and faculty who were registered to vote in Tarrant County. Breakfast and lunch were served, and TCU Votes promotional materials were given out to promote the TCU Votes campaign. Fifty-six student, faculty and staff participated, including forty first time voters. On November 3, TCU shuttles will be taking students to the closest polling site to vote. In addition to all these great outreach programs, there is also a partnership with the Counseling and Mental Health Center to provide dialogue sessions for students to process the events leading up to, during, and through the upcoming election.



## Robust Programming

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Departments within Multicultural & International Student Services sponsored 15 programs, including Whitney Plantation: Resistance on the River and A Conversation on Hidden Bias that had 375 student participants.

## International Students

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International Services conducted Zoom sessions with international students across 80 countries to support and guide them through changes in immigration policies and processes.

## Student Experience Survey

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Executed a comprehensive survey to help gather student data to encourage more on-campus courses for Spring 2020 and activities to increase student engagement and sense of belonging.

## Veteran Resources

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Seven Vet Connects were held this semester with an average attendance of 15-20 students, and the Honor Cord Ceremony took place in August, with approximately 100 participants. A Veterans Resource Center will open in November, and will be a place for Veteran students to gather, study, and receive support.

## LGBTQ+ Task Force

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The Gender Resource Office is reviewing and applying best practices for supporting TCU LGBTQ+ students through programming and resources dedicated to this group of students.



# RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL LIFE

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## Religious Organizations

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Religious & Spiritual Life is currently supporting 20 religious organizations, offering weekly opportunities for Bible study, small groups, and worship (offered in-person & virtually) serving approximately 1,850 students.

## Chaplain Leadership

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Chaplains are offering individual Pastoral Care to approximately 25 to 30 students per week, co-leading eight student support groups, and serving on the Connected Campus Teams for the Medical School, AddRan College of Liberal Arts, and Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

## Crisis Fund

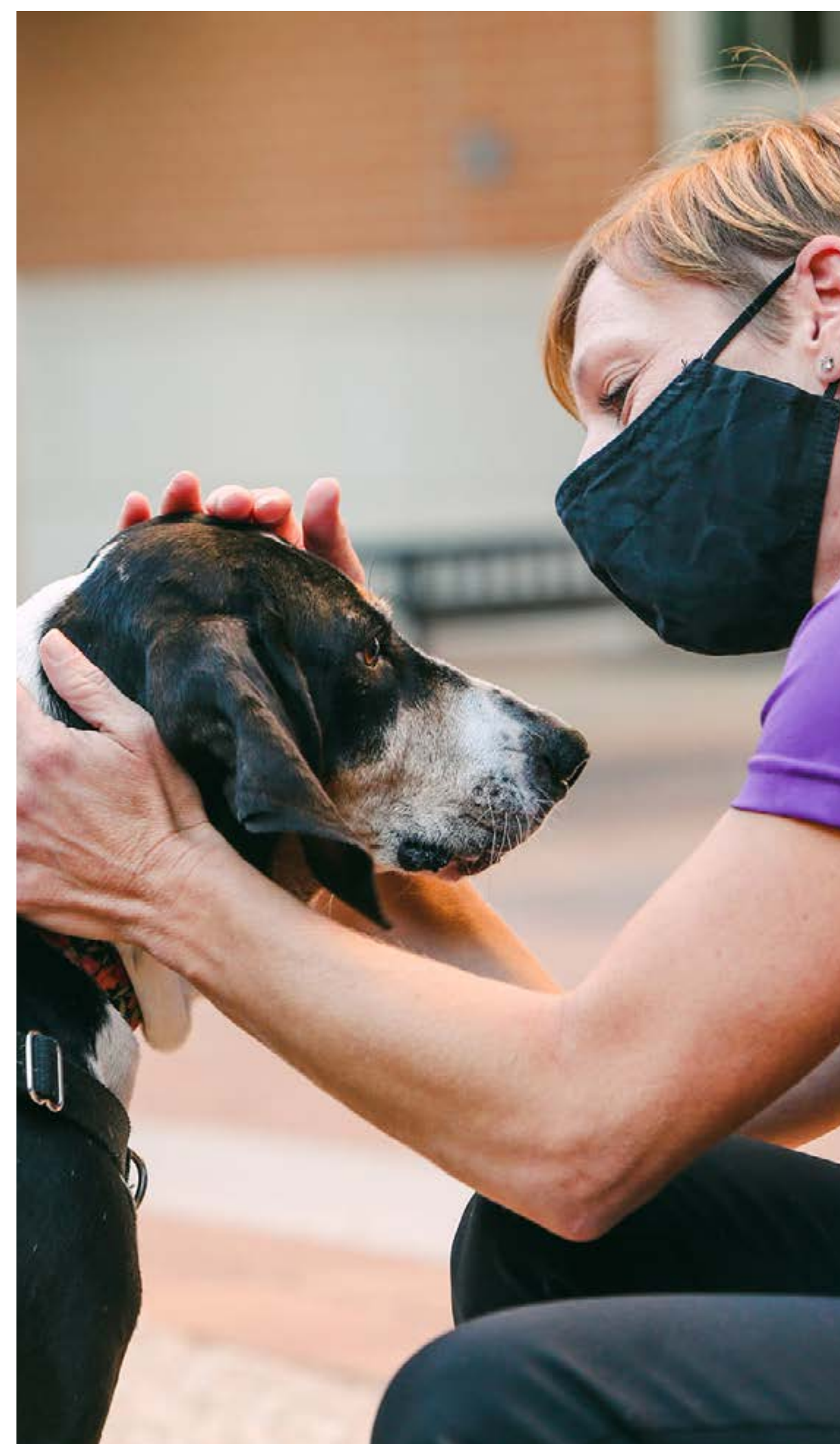
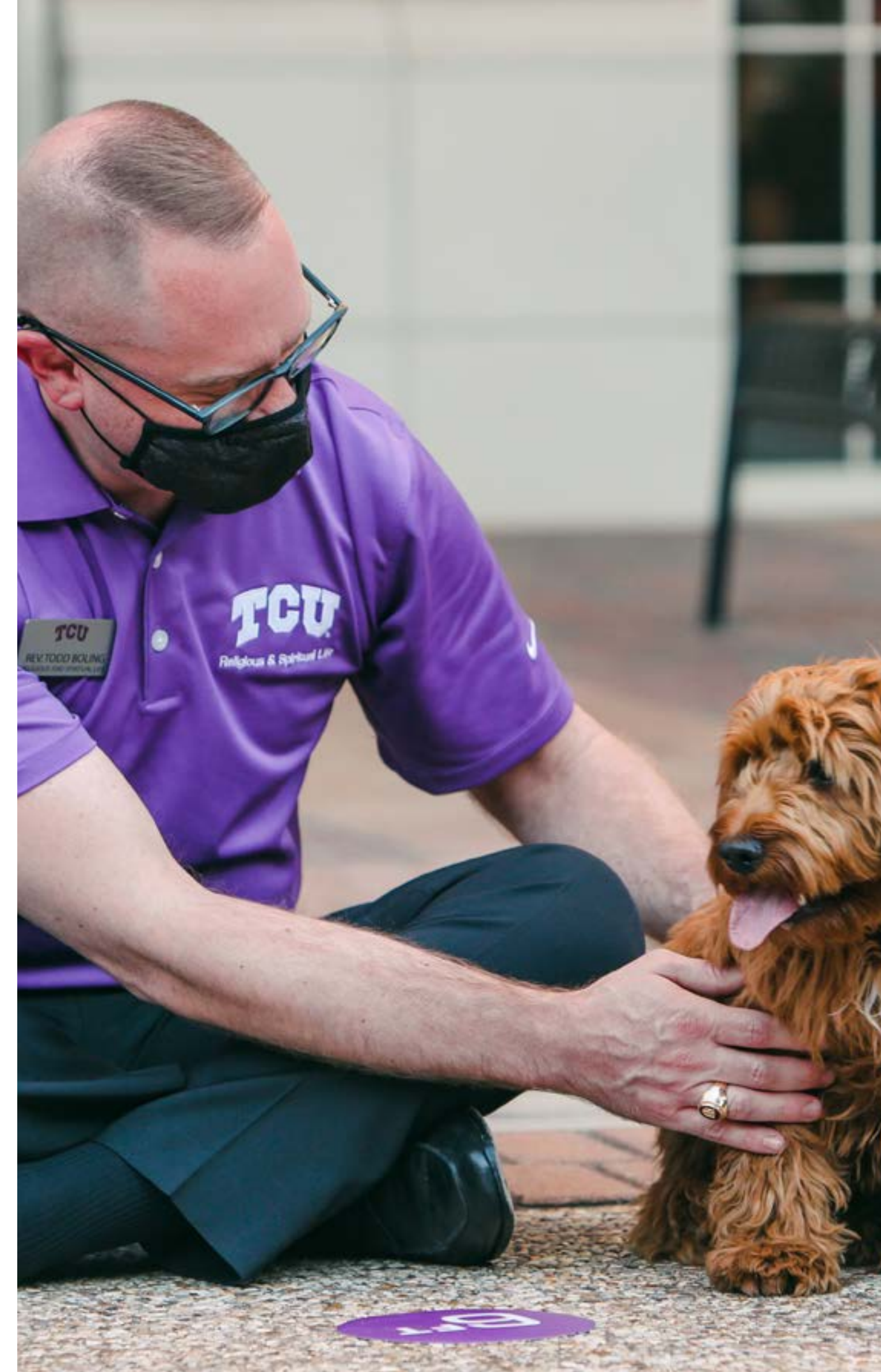
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Frog Family Crisis Fund has served approximately 375 students since March, awarding \$222,000 to TCU students in need.

## Programming and Events

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Programming continues to be robust with weekly in-person Spiritual Wellness Wednesdays exercises, two weekly in-person Book Studies, and the Chapel hosting 10 in-person events each week for students. Blessing of the Animals Service was held (virtually and in-person) on September 30, and the Annual Crossroads Lecture took place on October 15th and focused on Vocation, Faith, & COVID-19. The lecture featured two alumni who are medical professionals sharing their faith and experiences with COVID-19 in their profession.





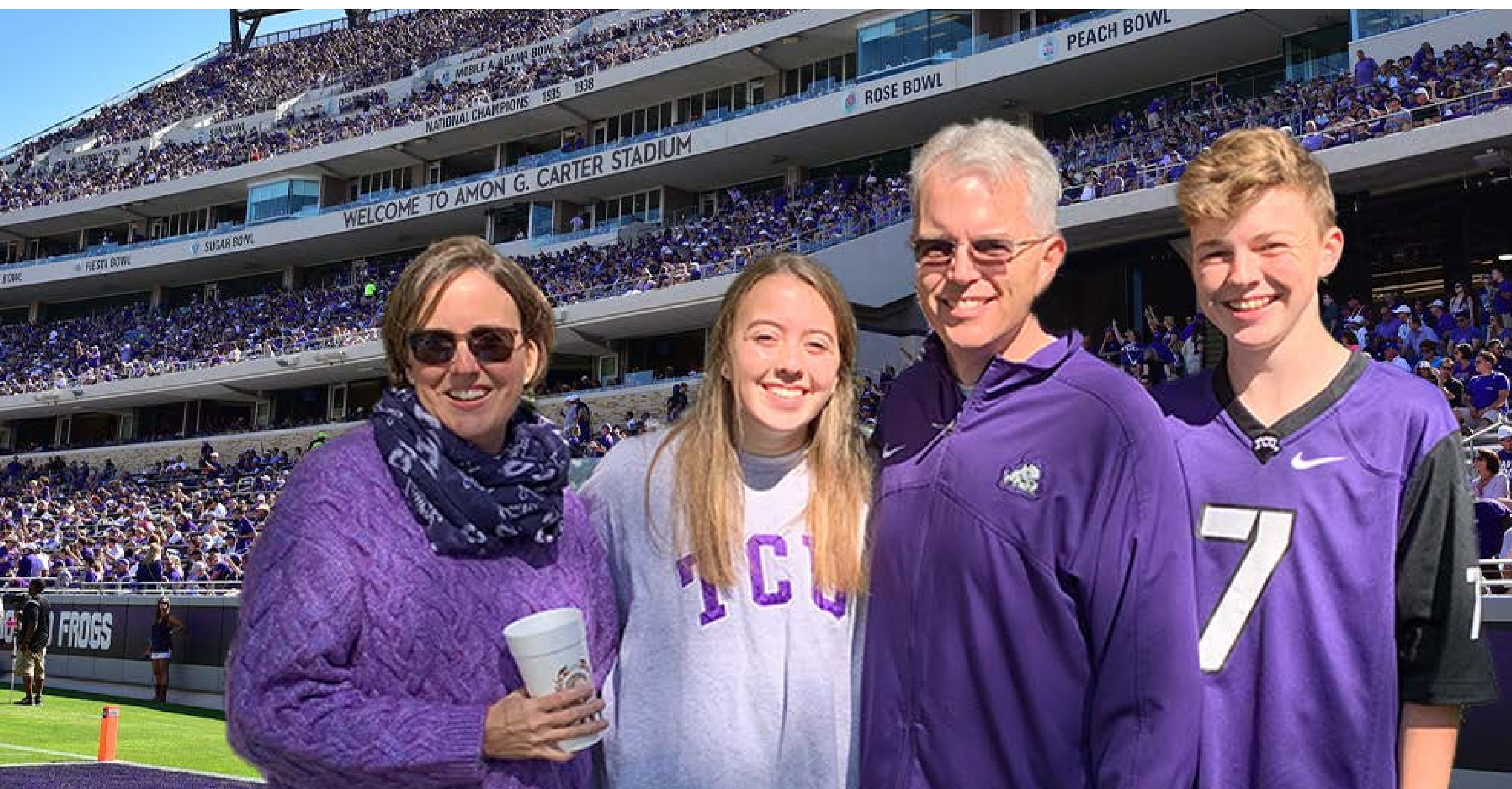
# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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## Community Commons

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At the beginning of October, the Commons was transformed into the new “Community Commons” and became an outdoor space for students to relax, connect and engage. Students can enjoy Adirondack chairs, fire pits, yard games, food trucks, and a giant LED video board for game day and movie nights. There are scheduled events such as sunrise yoga, silent disco, and pumpkin painting. For more information and to see the current schedule of activities, visit the [Commons website](#).



## Family Week

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Family Week transitioned into a week of virtual events to connect students and their families. Activities included cooking lessons with a Food Network personality, Super Frog drawing lessons with a Marvel comic book artist, parent/family speaker and forum on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, virtual 5K Walk + Run, and a printable at-home tailgate kit.

## Student Government Association

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The TCU SGA elections were held the first week of September and resulted in the first all-female group of officers in SGA history. 35% of the undergraduate student body (2,521 students) participated in the election and/or run-off. Key Legislation passed included HR 107-01: A Resolution to Support In-Person Classes for the Spring 2021 Semester and HB 107-01: A Bill to Eliminate the SGA Service Requirement for Student Body Officers. This reduces the prerequisites to run for SGA office in order to make running for SGA office more accessible to students of all backgrounds and experiences. Find out more about SGA on their [website](#).





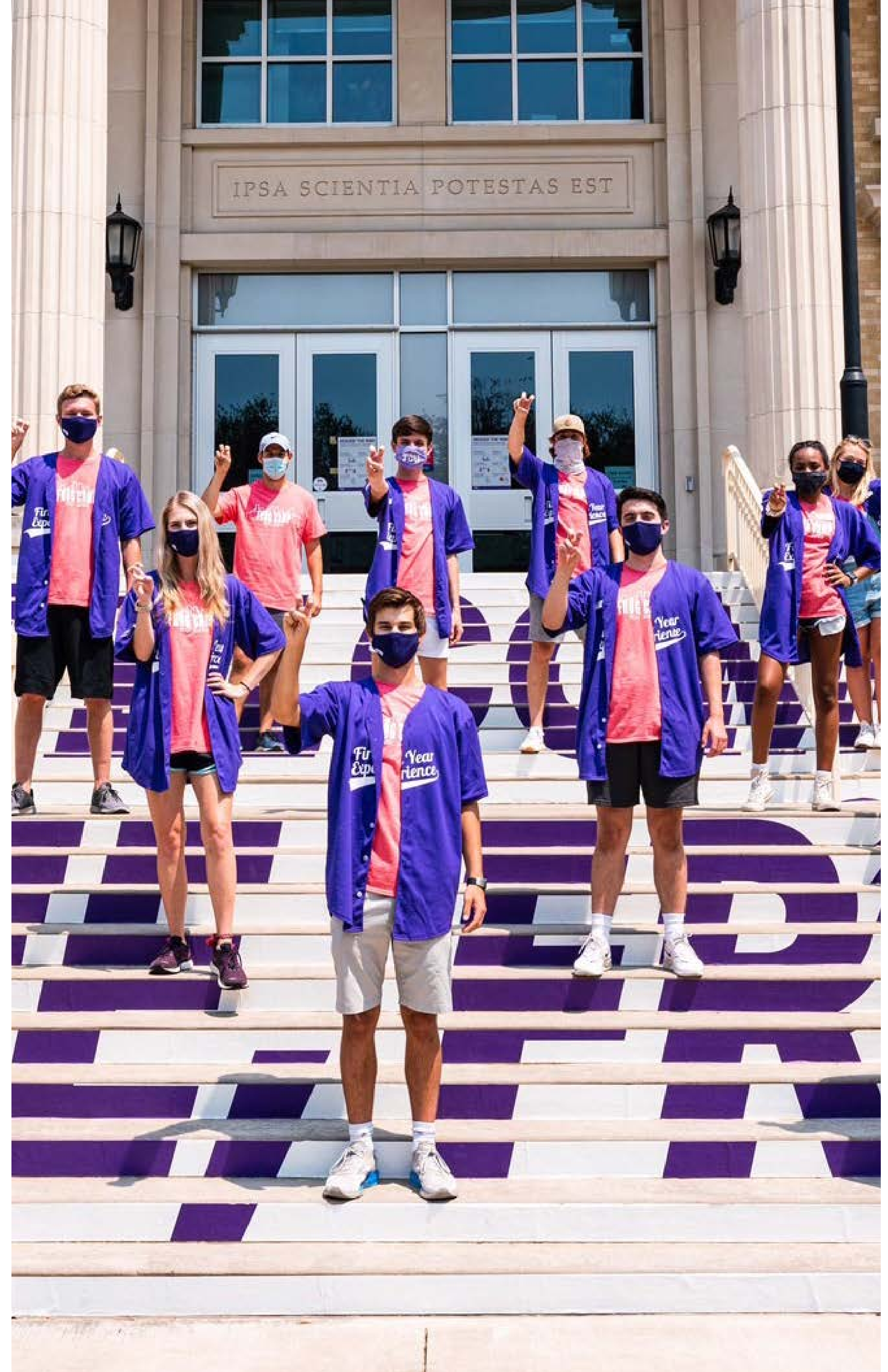
# STUDENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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## Student Affairs College Connect Plan

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This plan is an effort to utilize the expertise of Student Affairs to support engagement practices and resources in each college through the Provost's Connected Campus Plan. Teams of Student Affairs colleagues are working with each college, sharing resources and best practices between teams, in order to fortify student engagement and experiences in online and in-person modalities.



## Programming & Events

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- 1,968 incoming students participated in on-campus Frog Camps and 2,232 tuned into events that created extra connections to TCU during COVID (virtual send offs and ask-me-anything sessions with student leaders).
- The TCU Leadership Center launched a podcast, Leadership from the Couch, which has over 450 listens to date.
- TCU beat Baylor and Texas Tech in the FreeRice Game Challenge. Overall, 747 people participated from all 3 colleges, and we collectively donated nearly 1.2 million grains of rice. TCU alone donated 609,890 grains of rice.
- TCU Seniors participated in workshops and activities to prepare them for the job search, networking, graduate school, life skills and celebration.
- TCU Take Home Projects reached capacity for all 4 Fall projects. These benefited: Humane Society, Girl Scouts, Senior Citizens, First Responders.
- 254 students participated in a Gallup CliftonStrengths training, and 123 students learned how to engage in Intentional Dialogue through one of our trainings.
- The Student Success Team collaborated with Academic Affairs to offer a Student Success Workshop Series of 11 holistic learning opportunities.
- The Virtual Student Organizations Fair welcomed 948 attendees seeking opportunities to join student organizations. 188 organization presidents completed training to prepare them to serve in their positions, and 189 organizations have completed their annual trainings.
- The Student Success Team collaborated with Academic Affairs on the initial launch of a campus wide pilot tutoring program by developing the model, creating 10+ hours of tutor trainings, and recruiting and training student tutors.
- The Director of Parent & Family Programs joined Housing and Residence Life to guide hundreds of parents on the journey to becoming a Horned Frog via Facebook Live sessions throughout the Summer and Fall.
- Leaders For Life, TCU's four-year, cohort-based leadership development and retention program, recruited another strong class of 150 incoming students from under-served populations. Students earn a \$250/semester scholarship and gain one-on-one mentoring from both their peer mentor and professional staff dedicated to the program.





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