

## **CAMPUS LIFE**

The Division of Student Life creates a campus environment for learning and development by serving student's interests in every aspect of university life. To achieve this mission, Student Life provides outstanding programs and services for students in the following departments: Career Services, Center for Diversity Initiatives, Dining Services, Financial Aid, Residential Living and Learning, Office of Student Life Studies, Student Judicial Affairs, Recreational Sports, Rodeo Activities, Student Activities, Student Counseling Center, Student Health Center, Student Leadership Programs, Student Publications, and the Thompson Student Center.

### **CAREER SERVICES**

Located in Room 218 of the Thompson Student Center, the Career Services Center assists students in establishing long-range goals for career development at all levels of the university experience. It also helps students develop the job acquisition skills essential to obtaining degree-related employment after graduation. Students may use the center's services at any time during their academic experience or after graduation for: career counseling or assessment; career development, resume building, and exploring internship opportunities. The center sponsors job fairs, career-related workshops, mock job interviews, and business etiquette dinners, as well as job shadowing. The center also offers use of "PinPoint", a computer-based interactive career guidance program, and "Vault", an extensive online career information library.

Students and alumni may post resumes and access full-time/part-time job and internship listings free of charge through the web-based, Tarleton Connection, [www.tarleton.edu/connection](http://www.tarleton.edu/connection). (It is recommended that students post resumes on the system by the second semester of the junior year.) Part-time job listings are also posted on a bulletin board in the center.

Personal career counseling sessions, resume assistance, and mock interviews are scheduled by appointment, but many of the services can be accessed on a walk-in basis. More information is located at [www.tarleton.edu/~careers/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~careers/).

### **CENTER FOR DIVERSITY INITIATIVES**

The Center for Diversity Initiatives (CDI) fosters an inclusive and tolerant community on campus through leadership, education, training, and cross-cultural activities. The CDI promotes an environment in which all students - regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, worldview, or personal philosophy - feel equally welcome and comfortable to participate in all aspect of the university experience.

The CDI offers a wide range of programs and services designed to help all students succeed in and after college, and excel in an increasingly diverse society. The Center for Diversity Initiatives is located in Room 201A of the Thompson Student Center. The web address is [www.tarleton.edu/~cdi/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~cdi/).

Student Leadership Council (SLC) develops fun filled programs and activities for CDI. Through SLC, you will meet an outstanding group of fellow students who have diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and goals in life. CDI offers wide range of services to meet students' needs in 21<sup>st</sup> Century. CDI Student Leadership Council provides an excellent opportunity to play a leadership role and help yourself in preparing for future. Your resume will

definitely stand out if CDI is in it. If you like to join or wish to obtain more information contact CDI at [cdi@tarleton.edu](mailto:cdi@tarleton.edu) or call 254-968-9488.

### **DINING SERVICES**

The Department of Dining Services is committed to serving tasty, nutritious food at reasonable prices. The University Dining Hall offers a variety of menu items, many of which are prepared on the spot the way the student has requested it. Food is prepared, presented, and enjoyed in a relaxing atmosphere where students can eat, visit with fellow students, faculty, and staff, and experience one of Tarleton's hallmarks: the friendliness and warmth of its campus culture.

The Texan Star Food Court in the Thompson Student Center offers additional, fast-food options. Students, faculty, staff, and the general public can also purchase coffee, hot chocolate, other specialty drinks, and snacks at Suave Caffe, a coffee and espresso bar in the foyer of the Dick Smith Library. For more information regarding Dining Services' procedures, policies, hours and locations refer to the website at [www.tarleton.edu/~foodservice/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~foodservice/).

### **FINANCIAL AID**

The Office of Financial Aid assists eligible students in obtaining federal and state funding for college. Financial Aid offers student loans, grants, work opportunities and scholarships. For more information about opportunities for financial assistance, please visit the Office of Financial Aid in Room 118 of the Tarleton Center or visit online at [www.tarleton.edu/~finaid/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~finaid/).

### **RESIDENTIAL LIVING and LEARNING**

Residential Living & Learning seeks to foster authentic communities that engage and empower residents to value learning, citizenship, relationships, diversity and leadership through the advancement of goals and objectives.

#### Guiding Principles:

**Learning:** Foster experiences that help guide students' success through the University's academic environment.

**Citizenship:** Add value to the residential experience, by balancing the good of one with the good of the whole.

**Diversity:** Create an environment that values dignity and respect.

*Research has shown that students who reside on campus tend to be more involved in academic and extracurricular activities, earn a higher grade point average, frequently exceed predicted levels of learning and personal development and are more likely to complete their college education within the prescribed program length.*

### **RESIDENCE HALLS**

Tarleton provides on-campus housing for approximately 1,800 students. Residence hall rooms have telephone, cable TV and high speed Internet outlets provided at no additional cost. TV lounges, and laundry facilities are available in each facility.

#### **Men's Residence Halls**

Bender Hall is an air-conditioned hall with living space that accommodates 178 men. This hall has three floors that are divided into ramps. Each ramp houses approximately 40 students who share a restroom and shower facility.

Ferguson Hall accommodates up to 228 men. This three-story, air-conditioned residence hall is divided into ramps, each with community restrooms and shower facilities.

### **Women's Residence Halls**

Hunewell Hall and Hunewell Annex are air-conditioned residence halls that house 308 women. Rooms are arranged in suites with two rooms joined by a bathroom. A television lounge is located on the first floor of Hunewell Hall and laundry facilities are available on the first floor of Hunewell Annex.

Gough and Moody Halls are non-air-conditioned halls that house 55 and 54 women, respectively. The rooms are equipped with ceiling fans and are double occupancy. Each floor has a community restroom and shower facility.

### **Co-ed Residence Halls**

Traditions Hall is a four-story, air-conditioned building that accommodates 186 students. Women reside on the second and third floors and men on the first and fourth floors. Each room accommodates two students and has its own private bath. Laundry facilities and ice and vending machines are available on the first floor. Traditions Hall houses primarily sophomore, junior and senior-level students.

Crockett Hall is primarily a freshman, living-learning environment (Tarleton's Residential College is located here) and is an air-conditioned hall that is arranged in suites with two bedrooms sharing a common bath. Crockett Hall houses approximately 144 residents, with men on the first floor and women on the second. Laundry facilities and vending machines are available.

Centennial Hall The air-conditioned building houses 250. Each room houses two students and has its own private bath. Laundry facilities, study rooms, and commons areas are located on each floor.

### **Campus Apartments**

Summit, Venture and Lone Star Apartment complexes are located on the north side of campus. The apartments have one or two bedrooms. Each apartment is furnished, has central heat and air, cable, telephone service and direct Internet access. Summit and Venture apartments are assigned with priority given to married students and students with dependents and families. Lone Star apartments are available to students who have met the on-campus living requirement.

The Texan Village Apartment Complex contains four-bedroom, two bath apartments. Each resident has their own completely furnished bedroom with cable TV, high speed Ethernet computer service and will share two bathrooms, dining room, kitchen, living room and balcony. Each apartment is equipped with a full size refrigerator, stove, microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal and ceiling fan. The apartment complex has a clubhouse with a cookout area, a large television lounge, laundry facilities and a computer lab. Apartments are assigned with priority given to students of junior and senior classification.

### **Housing Requirements**

All unmarried students under 21 years of age who have completed fewer than 30 semester credit hours accepted by Tarleton must reside in the residence halls and eat in the university dining facilities. Housing contracts are for an academic year (fall and spring). Students who live with a parent or parents at their legal, full-time residence within 60 miles of campus according to the official state mileage chart, or students who are married, or who have a

child are excused from this policy. Proof must be submitted with a completed Off-Campus Request Form located on the Residential Living & Learning website.

### **Reservations**

To reserve a room, a completed online application and \$100 deposit must be submitted. Room assignments are made based upon the date of receipt of the deposit in the housing office. **Room assignments are only made for students who have been admitted to the University.** The chances of receiving a specific roommate are greatly improved if both of the students' housing applications are mailed together and received in the Housing office prior to March 1.

### **Refunds**

The deposit, less any deductions for damages, will be returned to the student who graduates, requests a refund when he or she fulfills the Housing contract, or if the student is denied admission to the university for scholastic deficiencies.

The \$100 deposit is subject to forfeiture if a student does not fulfill his/her contract. A student who withdraws or is suspended from the university will not be allowed to reside in the residence halls or apartments for more than 24 hours after the date of withdrawal or suspension. Refunds for the cancellation of new Housing contracts will be awarded only if the student submits a request for cancellation by the following dates:

Fall	Spring	Summer I	Summer II
June 15	Dec. 15	May 1	June 1

### **Appeals and Exemptions**

Students who wish to be exempt from the housing requirement must complete an Off-Campus Request Form and submit it to Residential Living & Learning with documentation to support their request. Documentation requirements may be found on the request form available online. Please note that there are specific deadlines for submitting a request. These deadlines are noted on the request form. If denied, the student can appeal the decision. (Complete appeals process details are available in Residential Living & Learning.)

For more information, please contact Residential Living & Learning at (254) 968-9083, write to Residential Living & Learning, Box T-0280, Stephenville, Texas 76402, or visit online at [www.tarleton.edu/~housing/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~housing/).

### **RECREATIONAL SPORTS**

The Recreational Sports Department offers a variety of activities that provide various outlets for Tarleton students to become involved in leisure and recreational activities that promote healthy lifestyles. Included in these activities are:

- Intramural Sports
- Individual Sports
- Outdoor Pursuit Programs/Ropes Course/Indoor Climbing Wall
- Weight/Cardio Area (Hammer Strength/Life Fitness equipment)
- Indoor Walking Track
- Fitness Program
- Racquetball Courts

- Group Exercise
- Martial Arts

In addition to intramural, recreational, and wellness activities, the Recreational Sports Facility will also be used by the Physical Education Department for classes. For a complete schedule of activities and events, please visit the website: <http://www.tarleton.edu/~recsports/>

### **RODEO ACTIVITIES**

The Office of Rodeo Activities serves as a central location for students who are interested in rodeo participation or competition. Practice facilities and stock are available for student use. Scholarships and travel allowances are available based on scholastic and rodeo performance. The office sponsors the Tarleton Rodeo Association, which is open to all students, and hosts several rodeo activities throughout the academic year including the Intramural Rodeo, Alumni Rodeo and National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Rodeo.

Tarleton State University is a member of the NIRA and participates in the Southwest Region. The Office of Rodeo Activities is located in Room 104D of the Thompson Student Center. Please visit online at [www.tarleton.edu/~rodeo/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~rodeo/).

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Participation in organizations, activities and events adds an important dimension to the college experience. In addition to making friends, students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills that are important for their future. The Office of Student Activities recognizes more than 100 student organizations. These organizations represent academic departments, honor societies, Greek fraternities and sororities and a variety of special interest groups.

The Student Programming Association (SPA) is advised by the Office of Student Activities. SPA offers students the opportunity to plan and implement activities (concerts, movies, speakers, novelty events, and service projects) for the Tarleton campus and local community.

In addition to SPA and student organizations, the Office of Student Activities is responsible for the coordination of all university orientation programs, the Texan Connection volunteer program, and various social programs designed to meet the needs of a culturally diverse student body.

For more information, call (254) 968-9490, come by the Office of Student Activities in Room 201 of the Thompson Student Center, or visit the following website: [www.tarleton.edu/~stuact/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~stuact/).

### **STUDENT COUNSELING CENTER**

The Student Counseling Center provides counseling and psychological services to students currently enrolled at Tarleton. The services include individual, couples, pre-marital/marital, family, and group counseling. Concerns addressed in counseling vary widely and include adjustment to college, relationship difficulties, major life transitions, test anxiety, alcohol and drug use, eating disorders, anxiety, depression, etc. Services also includes prevention and educational outreach programs to student groups, classes, residence halls, and fraternities/sororities on various topics such as stress management, test anxiety, relationship issues, eating disorders, depression, etc.

The number of counseling sessions depends on the nature of the student's concern. There is no charge for counseling. All counseling services are confidential; confidentiality is maintained to the limits provided by Texas law and

professional ethics and no record of counseling is made on academic transcripts.

The Student Counseling Center is committed to multiculturalism, diversity, and to meeting the needs of a changing university community. Appointments may be scheduled in person or by calling (254) 968-9044. The Student Counseling Center is located in Room 212 of the Thompson Student Center. Additional information about counseling services is available online at [www.tarleton.edu/~counseling/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~counseling/).

### **STUDENT HEALTH CENTER**

The Student Health Center provides health care services to all students currently enrolled at Tarleton State University. The student health fee covers office visits. Reasonable fees are charged for treatments, injections, tests and medications. ID presentation is required with each visit.

Services provided include: Prescription and over-the-counter medications, treatment of minor/acute illnesses and injuries, suturing of simple lacerations, removal of simple skin lesions, services of a medical doctor or nurse practitioner/physician assistant, administration of allergy injections as directed by student's allergist, consultations regarding any health problem (including referrals), blood pressure checks, and the continuation of health care following surgery or illness as directed by a physician.

Additionally, crutches are loaned for a refundable deposit. Tuberculosis (TB) testing, tetanus, meningitis, influenza (fall semester only), and hepatitis A & B vaccines are available. Physical exams, women's health exams and birth control are also available for a reasonable fee. Health literature and videos are available.

All x-rays, laboratory tests, and medical services conducted outside of the Student Health Center are performed at the student's expense. Student Health Center staff are Tarleton Allies and advocates for the physically disabled. For more information, call (254) 968-9271 or come by the Student Health Center in Room 212 of the Thompson Student Center. Visit online at [www.tarleton.edu/~stuheal/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~stuheal/).

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)**

The SGA is the representative voice of Tarleton State University students and brings the interests and concerns of students to the attention of the administration and university community. The SGA works cooperatively with the university administration on policies affecting students in the areas of academics, campus regulations, allocation of student service fees, and student membership on university committees.

The SGA coordinates student government elections held in the spring of each year. It also initiates programs for the improvement and enrichment of the student body and the university community. The SGA office is located in Room 201H of the Thompson Student Center. For more information regarding SGA, come by Room 201 of the Thompson Student Center or visit on the web at <http://www.tarleton.edu/~sga/>

### **STUDENT JUDICIAL AFFAIRS**

The Office of Student Judicial Affairs is dedicated to promoting a campus environment of responsibility, respect, integrity and community through the enforcement of the Code of Student Conduct. In addition, staff members, coordinate student legal services and provide information to students who want to become more involved in campus life. Staff members also assist with

student-related grievances and emergencies. The staff serves as consultants to faculty and staff regarding student problems and concerns. For more information regarding the Office of Student Judicial Affairs, come by Room 105A of the Thompson Student Center or visit the web at [www.tarleton.edu/~stuserv/dean/](http://www.tarleton.edu/~stuserv/dean/).

### **Hazing Law Summary**

The following is a summary of Chapter 37, subchapter F. (§§ 37.151-157) of the Texas Education Code, which prohibits hazing in Texas public or private high schools. Texas Education Code § 51.936 applies Ch. 37's prohibition on hazing to institutions of higher education. This summary of Chapter 37 is provided as required by § 51.936(d).

Hazing is a criminal violation under Texas law. A person may be found guilty of criminal conduct for hazing, encouraging hazing, permitting hazing, or having knowledge of the planning of hazing incidents and failing to report in writing his/her knowledge to the Dean of Students.

Both failing to report hazing and hazing that does not result in serious bodily injury are Class B misdemeanors. Hazing that results in serious bodily injury is a Class A misdemeanor. Hazing resulting in a death is a state jail felony. An organization found guilty of hazing may be fined \$5,000 to \$10,000 or, for incident causing personal injury or property damage, an amount double the loss or expenses incurred because of the hazing. It is not a defense to prosecution that the person hazed consented to the hazing activity.

Any person reporting a specific hazing incident to the Dean of Students or other appropriate institutional official is immune from civil and criminal liability unless the report is in bad faith or malicious.

This state law does not limit or affect an educational institution's right to enforce its own penalties against hazing.

The Education Code defines hazing as "any intentional, knowing, or reckless act occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization." The statute contains a list of conduct which constitutes hazing.

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

Student Leadership Programs provide learning experiences and service opportunities aimed at developing the leadership potential of students. These programs encourage students to become agents of positive change through a commitment to service.

A variety of leadership programs are available to engage students, such as the EMERGE, the Leadership Development Series, or Tarleton ELITE - Leadership Certification (considered the "pinnacle" program). Participants in the Leadership Certification program are given the opportunity to coordinate community service events such as Tarleton Round-Up, TSU Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Campus Clean Up, and many others.

Duck Camp is a summer event that assists incoming freshmen (Texan Camp for transfer students) in making a smooth transition from high school to college. Upper-class student leaders are annually recruited and trained for each camp. Duck Camp annually accommodates over 650 freshmen.

Greek Life provides additional opportunities for involvement. Students can choose from 15 different fraternities and sororities on campus. With

philanthropy projects, community service, leadership opportunities, and campus activities, Greek Life has something for all students.

Learn more about Tarleton's leadership programs by visiting [www.tarleton.edu/~leadership](http://www.tarleton.edu/~leadership).

### **STUDENT LIFE STUDIES**

The Office of Student Life Studies serves as the primary planning, assessment, and evaluation area for the Division of Student Life. The staff works to facilitate assessment and evaluation of services and programs within the Division of Student Life, assess organizational effectiveness, and assure continuous quality improvement throughout each department. The Department of Student Life Studies is located on the main floor in the Barry B. Thompson Student Center, Room # 105.

### **STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

For more than 80 years *The J-TAC*, the university's official, student-produced newspaper, and the yearbook, the Grassburr, have chronicled the events of student life and featured the pictures of thousands of Texans. Established in 1919, the newspaper is published weekly during the fall and spring semesters and once during the summer. The paper reflects the initials of the school's original name – John Tarleton Agricultural College – and is now available online at [www.tarleton.edu/~j-tac](http://www.tarleton.edu/~j-tac). The Grassburr was first published in 1916. The story of each class, year and decade of Tarleton's history is preserved in the pages of these cherished volumes.

Paid student workers and student volunteers produce the two publications and develop highly marketable writing, graphics design, photographic, and management skills.

Though not a student publication, the student handbook is a project of the Publications staff and provides an overview of university services, regulations and policies. Available each summer, it provides a calendar for the full academic year.

The Student Publications Office is in Room 20 of the Thompson Student Center. The phone number is (254) 968-9056; the email address for *The J-TAC* is [jtac@tarleton.edu](mailto:jtac@tarleton.edu). The Grassburr email address is [grassburr@tarleton.edu](mailto:grassburr@tarleton.edu).

### **THOMPSON STUDENT CENTER**

The Barry B. Thompson Student Center (TSC) serves as the center of campus life. The facility includes: 1) ballroom that accommodates up to 405 people that is dividable into three equal sections of 135 seating; 2) four conference rooms with seating capacity ranging from 32 to 96; and 3) five lounges with comfortable seating for visiting and studying.

The ballroom and conference rooms may be reserved for events and programs by the University and the general public. The four conference rooms are blocked for student organizations only after 5PM during the week Sunday through Thursday. Cost to use the facilities will vary depending upon individual and/or group needs. For more information visit the Student Center online at [www.tarleton.edu/~bbt](http://www.tarleton.edu/~bbt) or stop in. We are your Home Away From Home.