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# BUFF BRIEF

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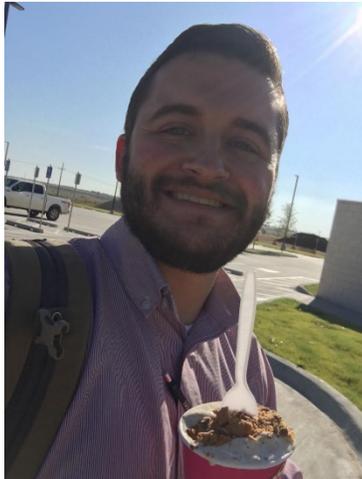
## Fall 2020 Student & Parents COVID-19 FAQ

[Learn More](#)

For the most up to date information from West Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University System about COVID-19, visit the University's [COVID-19 Information Page](#).

# July is National Ice Cream Month!

See how  
*The Dean's Team*  
Celebrates!



**Zach McMeans**  
Student Success Coordinator

**What is your favorite flavor?**

Homemade Butterfinger!

**What is your favorite ice cream shop?**

Amy's Ice Cream in Austin

**What is your favorite topping?**

Lots of Chocolate Syrup!

**If you had to choose an ice cream flavor to describe your personality.... what would it be and why?**

Rocky Road, there are a lot of different layers to me and I'm a little nutty!



**Mrs. Rebekah Bachman**  
Assistant Dean

**What is your favorite flavor?**

Cherry Garcia!

**What is your favorite ice cream shop?**

Baskin Robbins - mostly because it's a favorite of my Daddy's and hence, many childhood memories there.

**What is your favorite topping?**

Hot Fudge!

**If you had to choose an ice cream flavor to describe your personality.... what would it be and why?**

Coffee, because it is bold, yet sweet; best enjoyed in small groups with good conversation; and it is not for everyone!



**Ellis Linke**  
Graduate Assistant

**What is your favorite flavor?**

Cotton Candy!

**What is your favorite ice cream shop?**

A little shop in my hometown that makes all their ice cream by hand... Miyauchi's Snack Bar!

**What is your favorite topping?**

Hot Fudge!

**If you had to choose an ice cream flavor to describe your personality.... what would it be and why?**

Salted Caramel, It's the perfect combination of sweet and salty! Most of the time I'm sweet...but every so often I get a little salty.



# Stellar Students

## INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHT

### Elizabeth Diller Finds Passion In Healthcare



**Elizabeth Diller**, a recent 2020 graduate with a B.S. in Biology, tells about her internship in the healthcare field.

**Where did you complete your internship?**

I completed my internship at BSA CareXpress under Dr. Cox, MD.

**How did your internship help prepare you post-graduation?**

Upon the completion of internship at BSA CareXpress, my understanding of what it takes to be a healthcare worker increased significantly. Not only was I able to put my Biology education to use, but also I had the opportunity to observe the supportive environment provided to patients by the medical staff. Each interaction with a visiting patient, from how they were greeted upon arrival to the care they received in the exam room, played an important role in their visit. The most important quality any healthcare worker can have is to care. Dr. Cox and his staff at BSA CareXpress exhibited kindness, compassion, honesty, and integrity within their facility. I have since had the opportunity to follow their example while working as a Nurse Technician at my hometown's local hospital. After shadowing Dr. Cox, I have a better understanding of what exactly patients are experiencing physically, as well as mentally, and am able to interact with them in a manner that meets their needs. I am thankful for the foundation that this internship provided me for my career.

**Describe briefly what you did for your internship.**

I shadowed Dr. Cox, a Family Medicine Doctor. I observed cases presented at his clinic where he was able to explain the symptoms, causes, and treatment of illness.

# Alumni Achievements

## Advice From A Former Buff



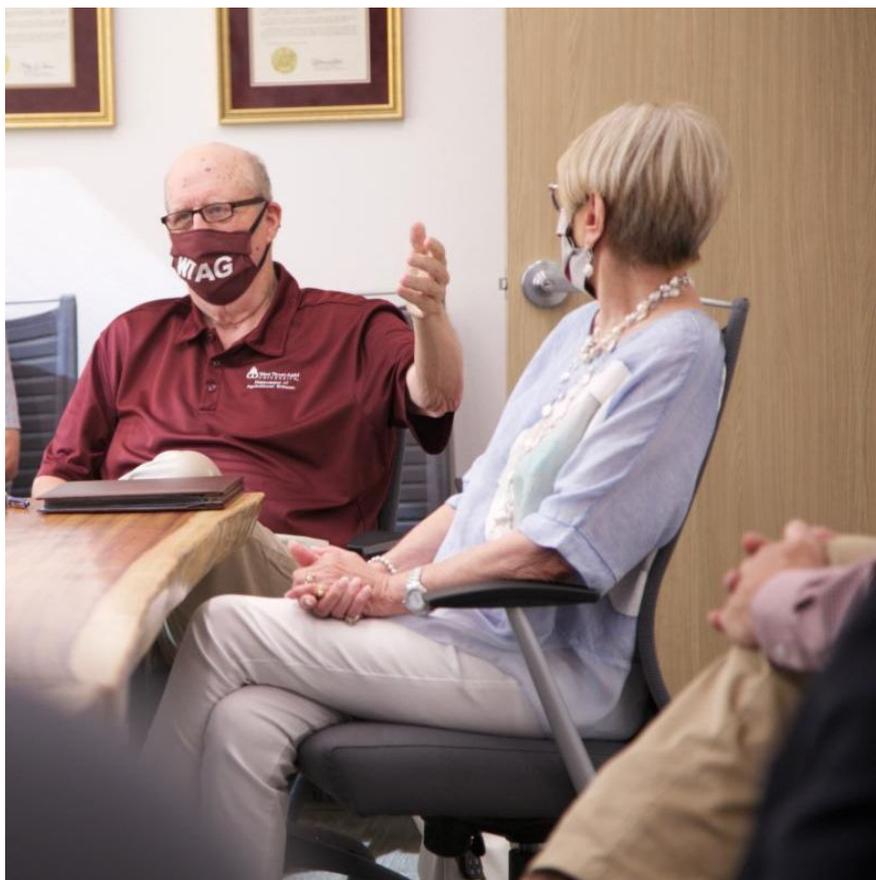
**Justin Dockal**, a May 2019 graduate with an M.S. in Environmental Science is now with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as an Environmental Investigator in the Water Quality Department at the Houston office. "My main functions include investigating complaints made by the public and ensuring regulatory compliance for wastewater treatment facilities."

### What advice would you give to future students?

1. Build relationships with your professors.
2. Take advantage of tutoring services.
3. Find an internship, study abroad, or research position relevant to your major while in school.



## Dr. Bob Robinson Celebrates 50 Years



Congratulations Bob Robinson on 50 years of working in the Texas A&M University System!

[See Dr. Bob's Story](#)

# Events

## WT Equine Program Hosts Horsemanship Clinics



The WT Equine Program was excited to have the opportunity to be approved by the University to safely connect local youth with a safe, fun and educational experience with horses this summer. This past week focused on beginner riders with passion and interest in horses to gain experience in the saddle with the animals they love so much. WT is pleased to continue to serve the community by providing educational horsemanship programs for youth for over 35 years.

# Calendar

## DATES TO REMEMBER



8/1

December  
Graduation  
Application  
Deadline



8/1

Undergraduate  
Admission  
Application  
Deadline



8/12

Summer 2  
Night Finals  
Last Class Day



8/13

Summer 2  
Finals



	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
• 08/01 December Graduation Application Deadline							
• 08/01 Application for Undergraduate Admission Deadline							1
• 08/13 Summer 2: Finals	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
• 08/14 Summer 2: Grades due by 5:00 PM	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
• 08/18 Fall Payment Due if Registered by 8/16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
• 08/20 Residence Halls Open	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
• 08/24 Day/Night Classes Begin!	30	31					

# Pond's Ponder

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**"Only you decide how you spend your time.  
If you don't take charge of your time, others will decide for you."  
~ Dr. Kevin Pond**

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