

2024 Region II-4A

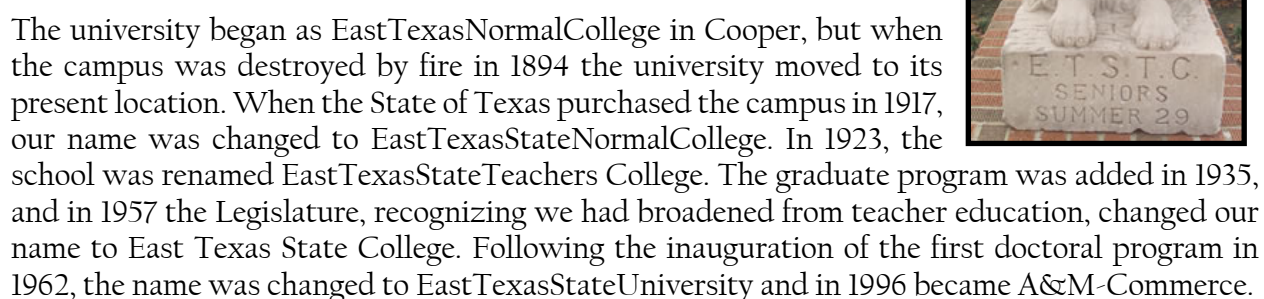
Spring Meet Handbook

Texas A&M University-Commerce





Since 1889 Texas A&M University-Commerce has been educating the people of Texas, and beyond. A member of the prestigious Texas A&M University System and located in Commerce, the university has campuses in Dallas, Mesquite, Navarro College and Midlothian, and conducts classes in McKinney, the Collin County Community College District, and at Northeast Texas Community College. Founder William Leonidas Mayo gave his name to Lion athletics and his creed of "ceaseless industry, fearless investigation, unfettered thought, and unselfish service to others" continues to this day.





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Academic Entries (Should be certified through the UIL online System)

FEES (Form can be found on page 16.)

In order to expedite the payment process for the Region II-4A 2024 Spring Meet, the Regional Director has authorized the following flat rate fee schedule:

Academic entry fee per district	\$ 3,000.00
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Payment Requirements

The District Spring Meet Chair for each district represented in Region II-4A will collect and submit the fees for that district. **Payments are due by April 3, 2024.** Please include in your payment the District Academic Payment Form located on page 15 of this handbook.

TexasA&MUniversity- Commerce
Attn: Brad Sullivan - McDowell Administration 102 E
P.O. Box 3011
Commerce, TX 75429-3011

A list of absent contestants will be reported to the state UIL office from each academic event. It is extremely important that you notify the regional director in advance if a contestant will be unable to attend the regional competition.

All academic questions should be directed to Katy King, katykinguil@gmail.com

Contact information

Katy King
UIL Academic Director
(903) 366-3569
katykinguil@gmail.com



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General Information

Academic UIL Headquarters

The Academic UIL Headquarters will be located in the Science Building, #34 on the Campus Map (page 5).

Participant Requirements

We have a few requirements that we ask our participants to follow:

- * The designated administrator of each school who has a qualified representative is responsible for knowing the dates for the meet and the scheduled time for each contest or event. All events will start at exactly the time posted. A roll call will be taken for each contest or event. Participants will NOT be allowed to enter the contest after the contest has begun.
- * Each school must follow the Spring Meet Code as outlined in this handbook and the Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League which encourages all participants to compete in all contest in the spirit of fairness, good sportsmanship and high ethics.
- * Participants should accept decision of officials or judges, treat officials with respect, treat opponents as guests and should put sportsmanship above victory. Violation of the code may result in probation, disqualification, or suspension of participants and/or schools.

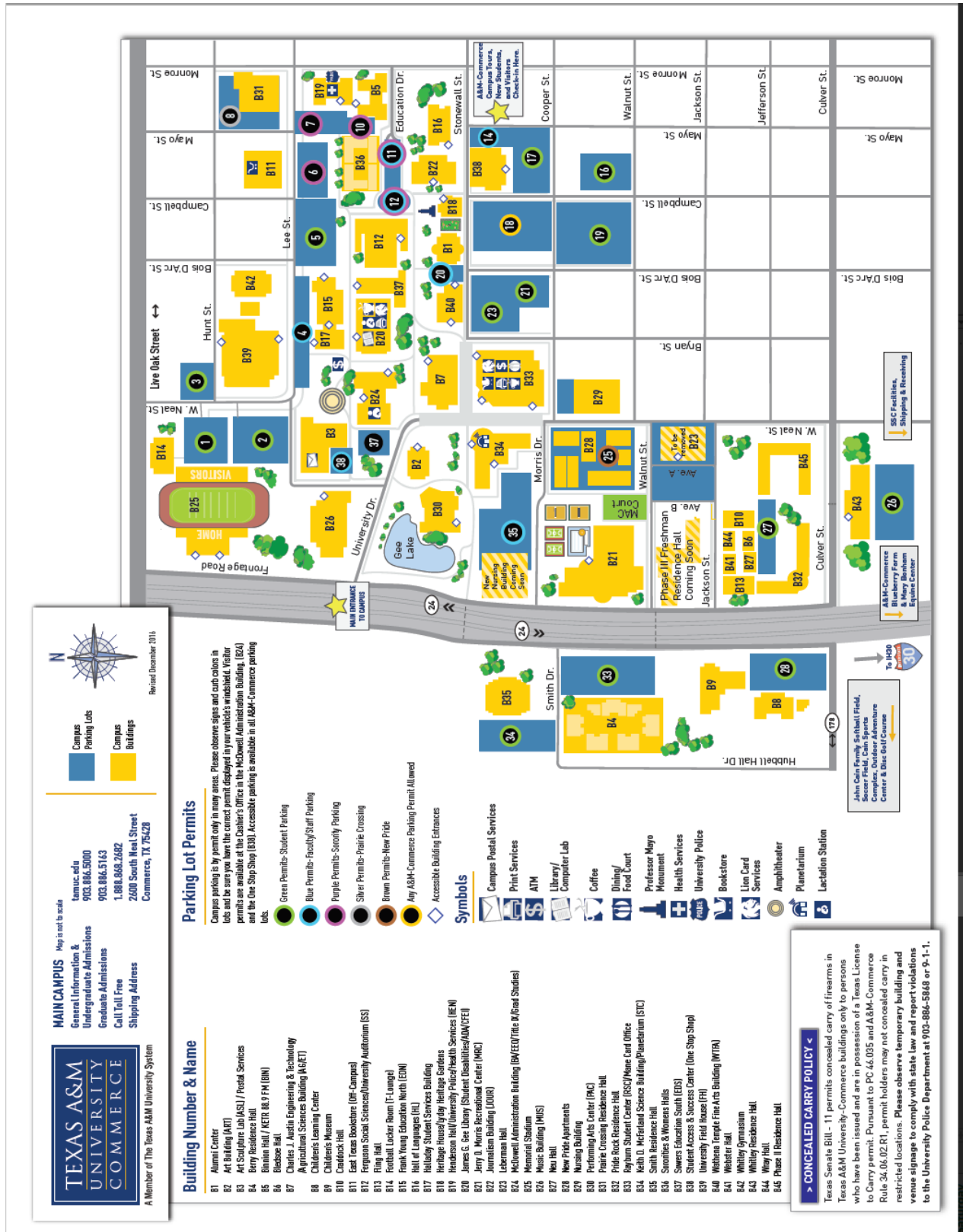
Coach and participant Registration

All coaches, school officials and participants are asked to register upon arrival at UIL Headquarters in the Science Building.





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Awards Information

Contest Results and Medals

The results/verification of the academic contests on Saturday, April 27 will be posted in Science Building/UIL Headquarters, #34 on the Campus Map (page 5).

Speech event results/verification/medals will be held in the Speech contest building (TBD).

Participants, coaches and other school officials are urged to attend all verification periods. Please ask judges to remain in the room during verification periods. The regional meet directors not responsible for contacting participants who fail to pick up their medals/awards. After the final results are posted, the participant or a school representative may pick up the awards at the awards pick up station.

All individual winner medals, **except for Speech Events**, will be awarded following EACH event at the UIL Headquarters in the Science Building once the scores have been verified and declared official.

UIL State Meet Information

Austin, Texas

Information regarding the 2024 UIL Academic State Meet is posted on the UIL web site, www.uil texas.org. Except for Lincoln-Douglas Debate coaches' packets for advancing Lincoln-Douglas Debaters, information packets will not be mailed to schools or handed out during the regional meet verification meetings or awards ceremonies. LD winning coaches should make certain they pick up LD information packets. Note: Each contest package does include information cards for each student winner.

Coaches and participants must go to the UIL web site for tentative schedules, University of Texas campus map and parking information.



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Area Restaurants (Commerce, Texas 75428)

Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy
1589 Hwy. 50
(903) 886-6242

Lone Star Eatery
Hwy. 50 (near Wal-Mart)
(903) 886-2163

LuLu's Burgers
803 Culver Street
(903) 886-3888

Pizza Hut
1920 Live Oak
(903) 886-9600

Subway
1940 Live Oak
(903) 886-7827

Dos Laredos
1229 Washington St (Downtown)
(903) 886-1234

Chicken Express
2200 Live Oak
(903) 886-8200

Los Mochis Mexican
Lee Street
(903) 886-8200

McDonald's
2102 Live Oak
(903) 886-7771

Rayburn Student Center
Food Court (details below)
TAMU-C

Sweeties Donut Shop
1903 Live Oak
(903) 886-6111

Dos Gringos Locos
(Food Truck)
Culver St
(903) 413-5686

Domino's Pizza
2200 Live Oak
(903) 886-2116

Luigi's Italian Café
1615 State Highway 50
(903) 886-2000

Maria's Kitchen
1940 Live Oak St
(903) 246-3677

Sonic Drive-In
Hwy. 50
(903) 886-7166

Taco Bell
1613 Hwy 50
(903) 886-1640

Rayburn Student Center (#33 on Campus Map)

The Texas A&M University-Commerce cafeteria is a great place to eat and socialize with your teammates. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, meals are carefully planned by Sodexo and served to you buffet all you can eat style. We will also have Chick Fil A open in the Rayburn Student Center for lunch.

Area Lodging

Magnuson Hotel Commerce
2207 Culver Street
Commerce, Texas 75428
(903) 886-4777
hicommerce@gmail.com

Hampton Inn & Suites Greenville
3001 Kari Lane
Greenville, Texas 75402
(903) 457-9200
www.hamptoninn.com

Holiday Inn Express Greenville
2901 Mustang Crossing
Greenville, Texas 75402
(903) 454-8680
www.hiexpress.com



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Academic Event Schedule

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Roll Call	7:30 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Round #1	8:00 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Round #2	9:00 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Round #3	10:00 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Quarter Finals	2:00 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building
Semi-finals	3:00 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building
Finals	4:00 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building

Academic events

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Accounting

Contest	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	McDowell Admin.	109
Grading		McDowell Admin.	106

Calculator Applications

Contest	9:00 am – 10:00 am	AG/IT	253
Grading		AG/IT	233

Computer Applications

Set up	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Science Building	135
Contest	10:30 am – 11:30 am	Science Building	135
Grading		Science Building	146

Computer Science Written

Contest	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Science Building	135
Grading		Science Building	146



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Computer Science Hands-on Programming Component

Set up	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Science Building	135
Dry Run	4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Science Building	135
Contest	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Science Building	135

Current Issues and Events

Contest	8:30 am – 10:00 am	Education South	104
Grading		Education South	101

Journalism

Copy Editing	11:00 am-11:30am	Education South	104
News Writing	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Education South	104
Feature Writing	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Education South	104
Editorial Writing	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Education South	104
Headline Writing	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Education South	104
Grading		Education South	101

Literary Criticism

Contest	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	AG/IT	238
Grading		AG/IT	233

Mathematics

Contest	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	McDowell BA	258
Grading		McDowell BA	109

Number Sense

Contest	8:00 am – 8:30 am	McDowell BA	109
Grading		McDowell BA	258

Ready Writing

Set Up	8:00 am – 8:30 am	AG/IT	238
Contest	8:30 am – 11:00 am	AG/IT	238
Grading		AG/IT	238



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Science

Contest	11:30 am – 2:00 pm	Science Building	127
Grading		Science Building	146

Social Studies

Contest	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	McDowell BA	257
Grading		McDowell BA	106

Spelling and Vocabulary

Contest	11:30 am – 2:00 pm	AG/IT	253
Grading		AG/IT	253

Informative Speaking

Roll Call/Draw	11:30 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Preliminaries	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building
Draw	4:00 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building
Finals	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building

Persuasive Speaking

Roll Call/Draw	11:30 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Preliminaries	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building
Draw	4:00 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building
Finals	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building

Poetry Interpretation

Documentation	7:30 am – 8:00 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Preliminaries	8:00 am – 11:30 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Finals	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building

Prose Interpretation

Documentation	7:30 am – 8:00 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Preliminaries	8:00 am – 11:30 am	Nursing & Health Science Building
Finals	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Nursing & Health Science Building



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Speech Events General Instructions and Information

Lincoln-Douglas MUST check in at the Lincoln Douglas contest area in the Nursing & Health Science Building

Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive MUST check in at the Speech contest area in Nursing & Health Science Building.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: **Saturday, April 27, 2024.** All judges for Lincoln Douglas will be provided by Texas A&M University – Commerce. Coaches may be asked to serve as timekeepers.

Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive: **Saturday, April 27, 2024.** All judges for Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive will be provided by Texas A&M University – Commerce. Coaches may be asked to serve as timekeepers.

All judges are required to stay until all ranks have been verified.

Members of the RAC will conduct prose/poetry documentation check online prior to the contest. If you do not provide documentation and get cleared prior to the Saturday of competition, you must provide the documentation to a member of the RAC in the prose/poetry assembly room and be cleared by 7:30 AM. Please have the documentation forms from the UIL website completed when you arrive. Failure to have proper documentaqtion Saturday morning will lead to disqualification.

The speech event finals may be moved up, pending cross entries



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Academic Conflict Pattern

		Set 1 3 Hours	Set 2 2.5 Hours	Set 3 2 Hours	Set 4 2.5 Hours	
Academics	Accounting					
	Computer App.					
	Current I & E					
	Literary Criticism					
	Ready Writing					
	Social Studies					
STEM	Spelling					
	Calculator App.					
	Computer Sci.					
	Mathematics					
	Number Sense					
Journalism	Science					
	Copy Editing					
	Editorial					
	Feature					
	Headline					
Speech & Debate	News					
	Informative					
	Lincoln Douglas					
	Persuasive					
	Poetry					
	Prose					

Prep & Contest
 Prelims
 Finals

The conflict pattern is not mandated at district, but it will be honored at all regional and state meets.

Regional and state schedules will not be modified to allow participation in conflicting events.

SET 1 3 hours	The following events may begin at the same time: Prose, Poetry, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Ready Writing*, Computer Applications* and Current Issues & Events. Calculator Applications, Number Sense and Computer Applications may not be held at the same time. Students may also participate in both Current Issues & Events and Computer Applications so long as they are set up and do not delay the start of the Computer Applications contest. Number Sense and Calculator Applications conflict with Current Issues & Events, ready writing, prose/poetry interpretation and Lincoln-Douglas debate. Ready Writing and Copy Editing may not be scheduled at same time. Computer Applications and Copy Editing may be held at same time.
SET 2 2.5 hours	The following events may begin at the same time: Informative Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Spelling & Vocabulary, Science and Accounting. News Writing* and Feature Writing* may not be held at the same time. Note: Informative and Persuasive Speaking finals and Computer Science Programming may conflict.
SET 3 2 hours	The following events may be held at the same time: Mathematics, Social Studies, Prose, Poetry and Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Editorial Writing* and Headline Writing may not be held at the same time. Computer Science and Mathematics shall not be held at the same time.
SET 4 2.5 hours	The following events may begin at the same time: Informative Speaking finals, Persuasive Speaking finals, Literary Criticism and Computer Science Programming**. Programming is administered at all levels of competition – district, regional and state.



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University Information

President Rudin

Dr. Mark J. Rudin became the 13th President of Texas A&M University-Commerce on August 16, 2018, and immediately began work on the following strategic initiatives: student success, welfare of faculty and staff, expanding research, economic development, achieving distinction/branding, innovative and civil campus culture, and fiscal responsibility and sustainability.



Prior to assuming the presidency at A&M-Commerce, Dr. Rudin served as the Vice President for Research and Economic Development at Boise State University. Over the course of 11 years there, he played a central role in expanding the research activity at the university. Before Boise State, Dr. Rudin served at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) as the Associate Vice President and then as the Senior Vice President for Research prior to becoming the Interim Vice President for Research and Graduate Dean. Other previous positions include Technical/Administrative Assistant with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), senior Program Specialist/Project Engineer with EG&G Idaho, Inc., and instructor in the Department of Health Physics at Idaho State University.

He holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Purdue University, with a concentration in Health Physics.

Dr. Rudin's wife, Elizabeth "Libby" (Schreiber) Rudin, is a fellow Purdue University graduate and chemist. They are the proud parents of Noah, Mia and Izzy, and reside on campus in Heritage House, the historic home of East Texas State University and A&M-Commerce presidents.

Rayburn Student Center (#33 on Campus Map)

Opened in 2009, our state of the art student center has many built in features such as the lighting systems, water free urinals, materials used in furniture and a state of the art lighting control system that is based on an astronomical clock set for our latitude and longitude. Safety systems are being put into place and a major convenience factor – lockers with electrical outlets so you can recharge your electronics while dining, meeting or attending a function.



Sam Rayburn, who graduated in 1903 from what was then East Texas Normal College, fondly remembered his alma mater as a place that gave even the poorest students a chance to succeed. Rayburn himself swept floors at the college to earn the education that later enabled him to serve as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives longer than anyone else.



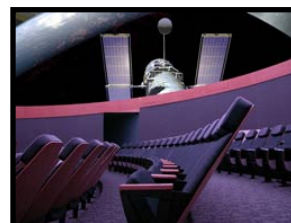
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University Information

Planetarium

(#34 on Campus Map)

Texas A&M University-Commerce is proud to announce the opening of its state-of-the-art planetarium. The planetarium has a 40-foot dome and a Digistar 5 high resolution digital projection system which fills the dome with sights and sounds beyond imagination. The planetarium's 87 reclined seats immerse the audience in a space environment filling their vision and appearing to take them beyond the confines of the Earth.



The planetarium is open to the public on Friday at 7 & 8 PM; please call (903) 468-8652 for a recording specifying specific dates and information. Each show lasts about 45 minutes and contains a view of the current night sky where constellations, stars and planets are shown. For more information, please visit www.tamuc.edu/communityOutreach/planetarium/.

Morris Recreation Center

(#21 on Campus Map)



The Morris Recreation Center is the focal point of the A&M-Commerce campus and serves as the "heartbeat" of student life.

The \$12 million dollar state-of-the-art Morris Recreation Center, opened in June 2003. The Morris Recreation Center includes: 45-foot climbing rock, 3-lane jogging track, 4 racquetball courts, 2 basketball courts, large fitness room with cardiovascular and weight equipment, aerobics room, classroom, snack area, and locker rooms. The outdoor area includes: heated leisure pool (beach-type entry, fountains, water tunnel, current channel, bubble jet benches, 3-lap lanes), 2-tier hot tub with water fall, 2 sand volleyball courts, 2 basketball courts, picnic tables, BBQ pits, and a sunbathing area.

Alumni Center

(#1 on Campus Map)

The Alumni Center is a focal point of activity to strengthen the bond among the University's 60,000 alumni and to make a visible statement of the importance that the alumni play in the life of the University. The Alumni Center serves as the base for the alumni staff and their efforts will ultimately serve to strengthen relationships with current students, alumni, faculty and staff as well as visitors to the campus.





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District Payment Form

All Payments are due by April 3, 2024. This form MUST be submitted with each payment.

District: _____

Name of District Director General: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Names of Schools: _____

Academic District Fee: _____ \$ 3,000.00 = _____

Total: _____

Please mail payments to:

Texas A&M University- Commerce
Attn: Brad Sullivan - McDowell Administration 102 E
P.O. Box 3011
Commerce, TX 75429-3011

- ★ Please make checks payable to Texas A&M University-Commerce.
- ★ Questions or concerns? Please contact Katy King, katykinguil@gmail.com