#### APRIL 7, 2021

# OPERATION BRAZOS COUNTY WALK ACROSS TEXAS 2021

**Celebrating 24 Years of WAT Brazos County** 

## TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

#### Walk Across Jexas 2021 OPERATION WALK ACROSS TEXAS MISSION: POSSIBLE

Well! Week seven concluded with 181 of our teams recording 169,405.94 miles! Fun fact: according to NASA, the distance to the moon is 238,855 miles from earth. Beyond walking across Texas, we are well over half way to the moon. Wahoo! More teams were added to the **Mission: Accomplished 833 Club.** This week, we congratulate 107 teams.

IMPORTANT DATES-AT-A-GLANCE

- Proclamation-February 2, 2021 🏹
- Kick Off Event: February 13, 2021 🗹
- Event Dates: February 13, 2021-April 9, 2021
- February 13, 2021-February 19, 2021 (Week One) 🟹
- February 20, 2021-February 26, 2021 (Week Two)
- February 27, 2021-March 5, 2021 (Week Three)
- March 6, 2021-March 12, 2021 (Week Four) 🗹
- March 13, 2021-March 19, 2021 (Week Five) 🗹
- March 20, 2021-March 26, 2021 (Week Six)
- March 27, 2021-April 2, 2021 (Week Seven)
- April 3, 2021-April 9, 2021 (Week Eight)
- Online registration extended deadline: February 24, 2021 🗹
- Weekly virtual workouts: February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31, and **April 8**
- The Announcement of Champions: April 28, 2021
- Celebration Event/Prize Patrol: April 28, 2021

Walk Across Texas celebrates turning 25 in Texas this year!

## About the weekly e-news blast:

- Team members are encouraged to enter mileage <u>daily</u>. Each week's e-news will cover the Saturday through Friday week preceding the newsletter (Ex. Team and league placing are based on miles walked through week seven; April 2.)
- SEND pictures of your team in action, any upcoming team or community fitness events, or stories for the newsletter. PLEASE email them to Flora Williams at <u>fewilliams@ag.tamu.edu</u>.
- Weekly e-news blasts are coming to an end. There will be two final editions.

# **Top 15 Most Creative Team Names**

Names were sent out for judging. The top 15 Most Creative Team Names are listed below and still in the running for overall most creative name

- 16 Feet with Sole
- Bringing Healthy Back
- Buns on a Run
- Cops & Runners
- Don't Stop Til You Step Enough
- Geoscience Trekkers
- Kickin' Asphalt
- Making Strides

- Mind over Miles
- Motionally Challenged
- Run for Your ResLife!
- The Chosen Buns
- The ThreadRippers
- Twisted Blisters
- Walk Across KBTeXas



# Wrapping Up Operation Walk Across Texas

Just a few more days until Closeout Participation Wrap-up Button Will Enable On: 2021-04-09 on your dashboard



Our Program Start Date: 2021-02-13 Our Program End Date: 2021-04-09 Final Mileage and **Wrap-up survey** Due By: 2021-04-19 Program Will Reset On: 2021-04-20



## **Week Seven Highlights**

#### Thank you to Texas A&M Rec Sports for the 30 minutes of Brain Break Activities March 31, 2021 via Facebook Live

The recorded session is available. Check it out on our Facebook page at <u>https://fb.watch/4lyD\_hYn0s/</u>



This awesome session and door prizes were provided by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Learn more about our host Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service here:

https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/







The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is a unique education agency with a statewide network of professional educators, trained volunteers, and county offices. It reaches into every Texas county to address local priority needs. Some of our major efforts are in mitigating drought impacts; conserving water use in homes, landscapes, and production agriculture; improving emergency management; enhancing food security; and protecting human health through education about diet, exercise, and disease prevention and management.

AgriLife Extension demonstrates the latest technology and best practices to improve the state's food and fiber system, which serves all Texas consumers and contributes nine percent of the gross domestic product. Texas 4–H, our primary youth program, engages some 600,000 youth every year in learning projects, leadership development, and community service.

### Week Seven Virtual Workout VIPs and Door Prize Winners



#### **CONGRATULATIONS DOOR PRIZE WINNERS**

Prizes provided by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Folding Pedal Exerciser-Karli Kessler Seat Cushion-Dina Nutall Gaiam Classic Balance Ball Chair-Cheryl Landry

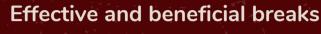
WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED ABOUT DOOR PRIZES VIA EMAIL.



#### View the spinning wheel <u>here</u> at the 26 minute mark.

# TAKING BREAKS West Virginia University. EXTENSION SERVICE

Zoom fatigue. Eye strain. Body aches. Working remotely can create challenges for your body and mind. We get tired, stiff, stressed and can feel burned-out. Finding time to take breaks throughout the day can help alleviate stress, improve your mood and boost work performance.



The most effective breaks are dependent on what works best for you. The type of break you take can change depending on the type of work you are doing, who you are working with or even the change in seasons. Taking breaks is a learned behavior. Building positive habits requires repetition. By taking effective breaks, it can help you look forward to returning to your work just as much as you look forward to your breaks.

#### Make the most of your breaks

There are breaks that contribute to healthy behavior and those that are less beneficial. Smoking, eating junk food or taking breaks that turn off your brain are not recommended. Instead of watching television, find a break that turns on your brain but takes you away from the work you were doing. Take a break that stimulates your brain and your body.

#### **Beneficial break ideas:**

- Taking a 10-minute walk and getting physical activity has wonderful benefits for your body and your mood.
- Working a crossword or solving a puzzle are both great ways to keep your brain working.
- Choosing a short task, like cleaning or organizing, also can create a sense of accomplishment which stimulates your brain in different ways.
- Taking a short nap, 10 to 20 minutes, can boost memory and attention span.
- Every 20 minutes look at least 20 feet away for 20 minutes to reduce eye fatigue.
- Breathe. For two minutes just sit quietly and listen to your breath. Mindful breathing practices can decrease stress, improve mood and mental acuity.
- Use an app to help you take breaks. There are apps available to remind you to get up and walk around or meditate.
- Change your scenery. Moving away from your desk can make a big difference.

Source: Read entire article at https://extension.wvu.edu/food-health/emotional-wellness/taking-breaks

#### TEAM PLACINGS BY LEAGUES THROUGH WEEK SEVEN Brazos County

# AgriLife Employee Wellness

1. Wandering Wildlanders 2360.72

- 2. The Original Holy Walkamolies 1989.99
- 3. HORT TREKKERS 1914.9
- 4. Cancer Warriors 1749.94



- 5. EXTreme Speed 1413.13 6. Making Strides 1321.74
- 7. Gel Runners 1321.14
- 8. Hort Perennial Posse 1310.72
- 9. Texas Cruisers 1302.18
- 10. If I Had A Boat 1297.78
- 11. Witness the Fitness 1288.74
- 12. Bolls of Steel 1239.74
- 13. HORT FLOWER POWER 1219.11
- 14. Groovy Grape Steppers 1210.71
- 15. Mind over Miles 1190.95
- 16. Wild Walkers of the West 1172.14
- 17. Exercise & Compliance 1153.07
- 18. Radiant Rice Racers 1097.28
- 19. Qalankhkan 887.52
- 20. Fat and All That 837.24
- 21. Coverage Captains 731.64
- 22.Show Time 721.86
- 23. The Walking Dead 636.01
- 24. Bringing Healthy Back 614.66
- 25. Rice CRISP(R)ies 576.41
- 26. Walking Riceronies 539.17
- 27. "Four Score and Seven Blisters Ago" 503.01
- 28.TFS Urban and Community Forestry 489.06
- 29.The 2 Cobbs 298.7
- 30. JoCo Joggers 293.88
- 31. Runs & Roses 286.28

# **Laps for Laney**

- 1. LRC Healthy Driven Seniors 2573.24
- 2.Laps4Laney 1267.75
- 3. Laney Bugs 962.51
- 4. Laney Boos 640.94
- 5.Team Fusion 612.58

- The Tax Sauad 1/82 3/
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- 2. Precinct 3 Sole Mates 1370.93
- 3. Brazos County Walking Warriors 1328.57
- 4. Bomb Squad 1101.5
- 5. Brazos DA Team One 1054.6
- 6. Cowgirl Up 965.77
- 7. County Attorney EZ Team 936.92
- 8. Brazos County DA A Team 816.26
- 9. Red Hot Chili Steppers 800.64
- 10. Risky Record Walkers 732.86

#### **Diabetes Edition**

- 1. TX Tough/KY Strong 643.8
- 2. BMW to LMW 441.31

#### **Health System Planners**

- 1. Texas Two-Steppers 1268.69
- 2. Mavericks 936.34
- 3. team pasta 900.63
- 4. Sydney's Team 852.14
- 5. Twinkle Toes 631.37
- 6. Happy Feet 473.63
- 7. Cirque Du Sore Legs 449.16
- 8. Gold Diggers 400.3
- 9. The Health Planners 383.65
- 10. TAMU Triumph 282.5
- 11. The Majorities 189.35
- 12. Studious Strollers 98
- 13. Walking with the Kins 92.88
- 14.Wii Fit 76.47
- 15. Witness the Fitness 75
- 16. Howdy 64
- 17. swaggies 63.1
- 18. HOWDY RUN 39.5
- 19. Gimme Bonus 38
- 20. Jam & Co. 2
- 21. Healthy Homies 0
- 22. Healthy Heroes 0
- 23. shelbys 0

60%

24.The karDASHians 0



#### TEAM PLACINGS BY LEAGUES THROUGH WEEK SEV **Texas A&M** Division of **MYCON** General **Contractors, Inc.**

1.MYCOOL 1456.93

- 2. What is That in Miles? 1084.79
- 3. Stone Cold Steppin 956.39

4. Butter's Walking Buddies 441.7



### **TAMU** Division of Research

1. DOR Mission Accepted 1403.18

2. DOR SUPER Tribe 1334.37

3. DOR- Dream Team 1194.67

4. DOR Change Agents 1192.34

- 5. DOR Super Tribe Dorminators 1144.22
- 6. DORmant Dynamites 1000.87
- 7. DOR-MI"C"-you-on-the-treadmill 779.76
- 8. DOR RUSH 740.37
- 9. DOR ExSports Stars 733.46
- 10. DOR Not fast, Just furious 712.74
- 11. DOR COVID CRUSHERS 481.22
- 12. DOR Cirque du Sore Legs 343.81

#### **Texas A&M Engineering**

- 1. ETID Hearts and Soles 1596.2
- 2. The MEEN Team 1346.56
- 3. Fueled By Caffeine 1286.54
- 4. Tough Engineers Enthusiastically Stepping (TEES) 1270.78
- 5. Blister Sisters 1169.14
- 6. Rapid Thigh Movement 1038.21
- 7. Connected by Walk 871.18
- 8. Engineering IT Step-by-Step 653.53
- 9.NESC 645.17
- 10. TEES Trotters 533.96
- 11. Holy Walkamolies 463.46
- 12. EASA Vibe 447.08
- 13. All Alone 201.89
- 14. Unstable atoms 0

# **Student Affairs**

1. United Rec Force 3112.44

2. Walk This Way! 2459.32



- 3. Run for Your ResLife! 1840.15
- 4. Twisted Blisters 1813.48
- 5. Don't Stop Til You Step Enough 1530.25
- 6. The SHS Movers & Shakers 1351.92
- 7. ODSL Queens of the Mile 1340.87
- 8. RECing The Dream 1263.62
- 9. What a long strange trip it's been 1258.11
- 10. Taco Walk on the Wild Side 1145.03
- 11. Becky's Toddling Troup 1110.04
- 12. ODSL Legs Miserables 1087.03
- 13. Un-STEP-able 1058.26
- 14. Holy Walkamolies! 952.25
- 15. Chafing the Dream 936.32
- 16. StuAct's New Kids on the Walk 926.95
- 17. Your Pace or Mine? 882.08
- 18. DMS Steppers 657.32
- 19. VRSC Mission Possible 619.53
- 20. Team ELS 586.65

### **Texas A&M Foundation**

- 1. Holy Walkamolies! 1349.16
- 2. Geoscience Trekkers 1192.53
- 3. BCS Yard Goats 1005.89
- 4. Three Armadillos 648.22
- 5. Your Pace or Mine? or "funny name" here 81.47





# TEAM PLACINGS BY LEAGUES THROUGH WEEK SEVEN

#### **Texas A&M regiSTRIDES**

- 1. The Walkie Talkies 1141.06
- 2. Degree JOG-It 982.82
- 3. Buns on a Run 959.66
- 4. Student Services Stompers 867.78
- 5. The Chosen Buns 736.54

# **Texas A&M Transportation**

### **Services**



2. Walking 9 to 5 (HR) 1066.91

3.CS Crew 394.56

## **Texas A&M University System Offices**

1. The Motley Crew 2045.37 2. RELLIS Sole Train 1201.93



67%

- 3. The Church of Walkatology 1153.59
- 4. Feisty Females 724.86
- 5. Sole Beneficiaries 433.42

#### Solo Teams-No League

- 1. CVM Dog Tired 1826.17
- 2. South Campus Poppers 1405.43
- 3. Search Dog Walkers 1344.6
- 4. Brazos County 1264.71
- 5.16 Feet with Sole 1191.5
- 6. Dynacisers 21 1176.3
- 7. The Perambulators 1095.98
- 8. Double the Fun Strollers 1070.08
- 9. Socially Distant Sole Sisters 1023.84
- 10. Spring in Our Step 1000.43
- 11. Sole Sisters 966.79
- 12. Peanut Butter & Jelly Legs 951.52
- 13. Walk It Off 890.53
- 14. Human Environmental Animal Team (H.E.A.T.) 836.28

# We Are All Aggies

- 1. Cops & Runners 1659.23
- 80% 2. College of Pharmacy - Pharmily 1409.3
  - 3. Operation: Kill-O-Meters 1349.41
  - 4. Unleashed at CVMBS 1287.55
  - 5. Operation: Sole Survivors 1271.65
  - 6. Walk Ness Monsters 1239.06
  - 7. Operation: Witness the Fitness 1171.37
  - 8. CLLA Maskateers 1014.51
  - 9. Enthusiastics In Sneakers 1010.07
  - 10. S.W.A.T.T. Sprinters, Walkers and Trash Talkers 958.16
  - 11. Fantastic FAID 903.09
  - 12. Phage Busters 891.51
- - 13. Walkie Talkies 831.35 14. See ya later, aggregator 810.02
  - 15. Run Forrest Run 756.24
  - 16. I'll Be There Now In A Minute 631.83
  - 17. Footloose and Free Range 540.11

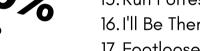
### **University Libraries**

- 1. Rogue Motion 1050.6
- 2. Strictly Business 885.26
- 3. Press 'N On 629.37
- 4. MSL Marvels 629.1
- 5. The Mandalorian Misfits 480.53
- 6. Sole Mates 396.72
- 7. Cushing Panthers 161.15

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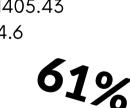
- 15. Kickin' Asphalt 695.43
- 16. Motionally Challenged 576.95
- 17. Chicks with Kicks 531.19
- 18. Southside Superstars 506.63
- 19. MUPs21 481.48
- 20. InterLibrary Sensation 335
- 21. The ThreadRippers 299.1
- 22. Walk Across KBTeXas 260.95
- 23. Howdy 0







29%



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  - 48. HORT FLOWER POWER 1219.11
  - 49. Groovy Grape Steppers 1210.71

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- 50. RELLIS Sole Train 1201.93
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# SPOTLIGHT Meet Julie & Brandon Prouse of the Laps4Laney Team Magaret



## **SUCCESS STORY A Texas-Sized Graduation** m the Office of the Registrar, th several arctice

Staff from the Office of the Registrar, along with several gracious volunteers, were tasked with providing three days of make-up Commencement ceremonies in early March for Texas A&M University degree candidates whose ceremonies from May and August 2020 were postponed due to the pandemic.



Many of those who worked the ceremonies

are participating in Walk Across Texas 2021, with several being members of the regiSTRIDES league. Individuals averaged over 7,000 steps per ceremony across those three days; some individuals obtained over 18,000 steps a day!

In total, the combined steps of staff and volunteers who set up and worked the five make-up ceremonies was over 900 miles! The Office of the Registrar would like to thank all of those whose help and support allowed the university to honor its recent graduates.



# MOST INSPIRATIONAL PERSON NOMINEES Nominee gifts

Thank you to the generosity of Robert "Skip" Richter this year's nominees received pepper plants to commemorate being nominated. Skip Richter is the County Extension Agent- Horticulturist at the Brazos County Office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Skip and the Brazos County Master Gardeners are a phone call or email away for any gardening questions.



**Evelyn Dorsey** 

**Monica Holder** 

# MOST INSPIRATIONAL PERSON NOMINATION

# 2020 WALK ACROSS TEXAS HALL OF FAME A blast from the past

**Team:** Walk this Way! League: Texas A&M Division of Student Affairs Mileage: 4.523.81 Members: Christian Falconer, GeNae Welch, Ron Robison, Monica Colson, Jerri McSloy, Ashley Ramirez, Iris Cahill Casiano, Hannah Kovar The 2020 Walk Across Texas Challenge was the inaugural sponsored event where we instituted the Walk Across Texas Hall of Fame. This honor is the top honor that can be bestowed on a team

Once at team earns this honor, they are welcomed to compete again. In order to win the honor again they must do so with a different team of at least four new team members.

Walk Across Texas Hall of Famers

and can only be received once.

# Weekly virtual workout



# Only one more left!

# Zumba

April 8, 2021; Thursday 12:00 noon via Zoom https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A zoom.us j 93947796745-3Fpwd-3DSWtGeEpmdzBLdCtQRFZBeHBISDd1dz09&d=DwIFaQ&c=r tSStIHV2ie60 z4DgB-pQ&r=bFhz88Vr6-B9t5V0PW8Xoj5GY34nCc0H5RF9nCpmuks&m=Sg72s81IGOnTrSZ4VyK83ar INtHKRATHInT05-aUKYg&s=J9bfLxr6D5a74s--INIAVP0kX4DTu57ounLyHE7cltY&e=



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AgriLife Wellness will give away 10 door prizes to attending through a drawing.



If you have a problem logging on to the Zoom session, call the Extension Office at 979-823-0129 or check Brazos Valley Facebook page for updates. We do not anticipate any problems. OPERATION WALK ACROSS TEXAS 2021 CHALLENGE MISSION: POSSIBLE 833 VIRTUAL WEEKLY INSTRUCTOR LED WORKOUT Should you choose to accept it!

# ZUMBA APRIL 8, 2021 THURSDAY 12:00 – 12:40 P.M. ZOOM CLASS

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#### hosted by AgriLife Employee Wellness



Zumba-The class that started the dance-fitness revolution and changed the way we look at a "workout" forever. It's fun, effective, there's great music, easy to learn dance moves and best of all... it's made for everyone.







The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

# **Convert your physical activity to** "miles walked". See updated table Activity Equivalents



Walk Across Texas! is a statewide, 8-week program that's free and open to everyone in the community! The goal of the program is to help people of all ages and abilities establish the habit of regular physical activity.

Is walking not your thing? No problem! Any activity can count towards your journey across Texas! Simply, we encourage you to move more and any activity is better than none!

Below are a variety of activities and guidance for you to calculate your daily mileage. Remember, these are estimates!

Activity	Actual Miles/Minutes	<b>Recorded Miles</b>
Walking, typical pace (3 mph)	30 minutes =	1.5 miles
Running (6 mph)	10 minutes =	1 mile
Cycling/Mountain Biking (13 mph)	7 miles =	1 mile
Spinning (vigorous intensity)	30 minutes =	2 miles
Aerobics (moderate intensity)	30 minutes =	1.5 miles
Stairmaster (moderate intensity)	20 minutes =	1 mile
Swimming (50 yds./min)	15 minutes =	1 mile
Gardening, planting	30 minutes =	1.5 miles
Dancing (moderate intensity)	20 minutes =	1 mile
Steps measured with a pedometer	2,250 steps =	1 mile
Any activity/exercise that makes you breathe hard and sweat.	20 minutes =	1 mile
Any activity/exercise that makes you breathe very hard and perspire heavily.	15 minutes =	1 mile

### To view a clear image of this chart, click <u>here.</u>

Example Converting minutes of an activity to miles "walked":

<u>Activity Equivalent</u>: Aerobics (moderate intensity) for 30 minutes = 1.5 miles "walked"

You participate in an aerobics class for 45 minutes and want to convert that activity to miles walked:

 $\frac{30 \text{ min.}}{1.5 \text{ miles}} = \frac{45 \text{ min.}}{\text{X miles}} = \frac{30 \text{ X}}{1.5 \text{ x } 45} = (\text{X} = 67.5 \div 30) = 2.25 \text{ miles}$ "walked" If your exercise of choice is not listed:

- Use a fitness device to measure miles
- Use the conversion of 20 minutes equals 1 mile (for moderate) or 15 minutes equals one mile (intense)

# Meet the sponsors and hosts

If viewing electronically, click on the images to learn more about each sponsor or host.



We specialize in custom awards, trophies, promotional products as well as personalized gifts. We can create that special award for your hard working employee. We can also create that personal gift for a friend or loved one including many items that can have a full color photo on them.



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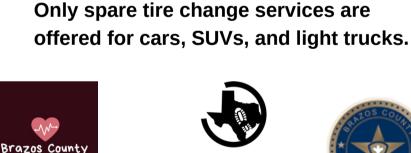




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#### **2021 Awards and Recognition**

- Virtual Workout Weekly Drawings
- Most Inspirational Person
- Most Creative Team Name
- Top Teams/Hall of Fame
- Random Drawing of Finishing Teams

#### Merchandise

Mission: Possible Themed T-shirts Short-sleeve only S-XL \$12.00; 2X-3X \$14.00 2020 Yellow Shirts S-XL \$5; XL-2X \$7

#### (Sizes available 3XL, 2XL, XL, M and S)

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time is running out!

Payable to Brazos WAT (Delivery available in Bryan and College Station) Payment methods: exact change (in-person), check, credit or debit card

# Thank you Taskforce!

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**Most Inspirational Person** 

**Nomination Thank You** 



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