



JULY 2025 MCC STUDENT ENGAGEMENT REPORT - STUDENT LIFE

WHO WE ARE

The Office of Student Life supports holistic student success by fostering student connection, identity development, and campus involvement through orientation, programming, and leadership opportunities. We create environments where students connect and thrive personally and academically.



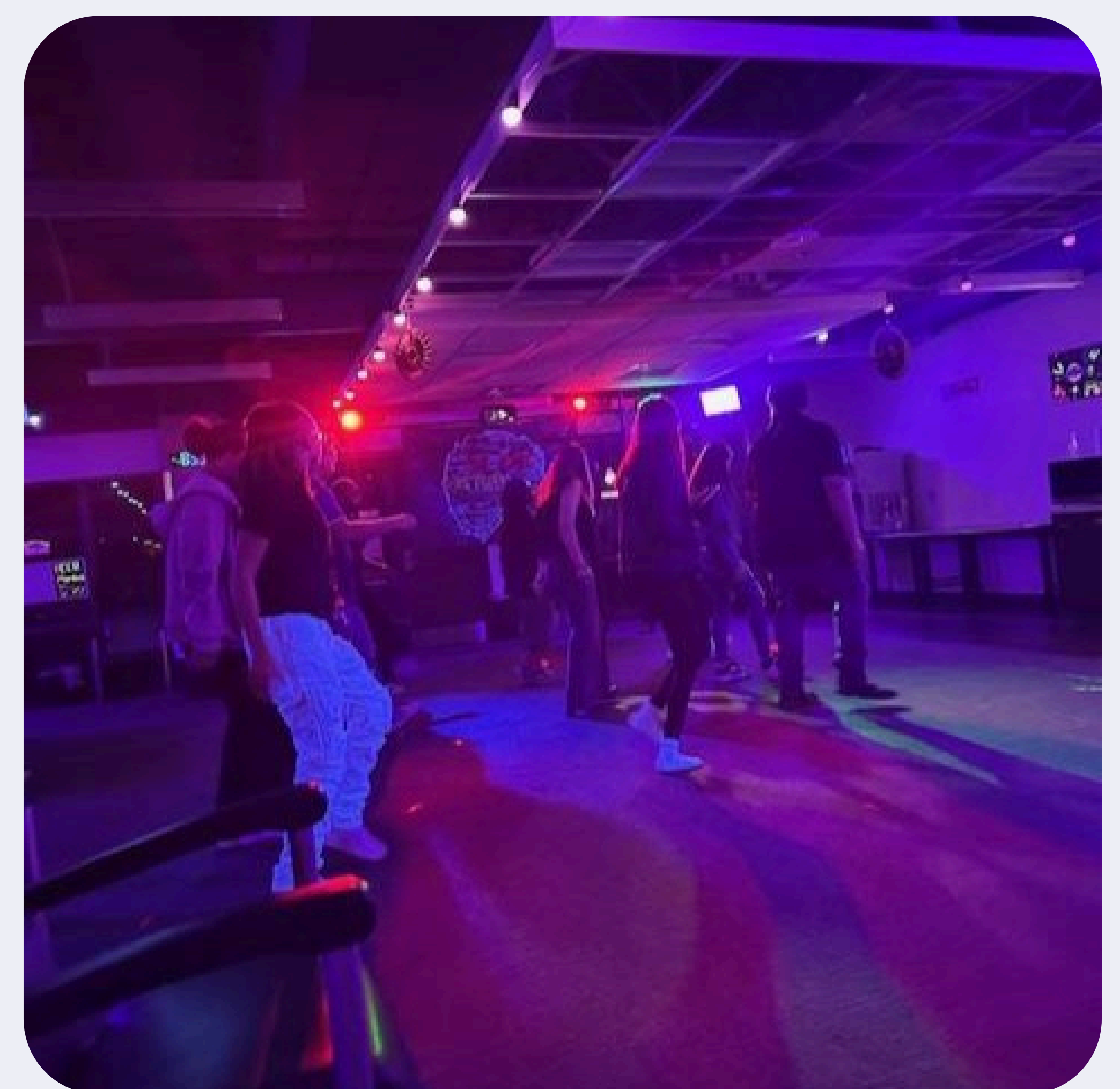
WHY STUDENT LIFE MATTERS

Our work is grounded in student development theory and research-backed practices. At the 2024 First-Year Experience Conference, we presented on how social dramaturgy, the idea that students perform different “selves” in public versus private spaces, shapes student engagement. When students feel safe enough to explore their authentic selves in informal, low-stakes environments like our Student Life Center or campus events, they build the confidence and community ties that improve their persistence and well-being.

Low-stakes play matters. Research shows that casual, social activities lower stress and increase empathy, helping students connect meaningfully to peers and campus. These kinds of connections are especially important for first-generation and nontraditional students, many of whom begin their higher education journey at MCC.

At MCC, we leverage Highlander Day as more than an introduction, it’s a foundation for engagement. When paired with follow-up opportunities through Student Life, like Welcome Week, it helps students build early momentum and stay connected throughout the year.

Student Life is more than just activities. Through orientation, community-building events, and identity-affirming spaces, we help students write themselves into the story of college. That story starts when they feel safe to be seen, supported, and involved.



“The Student Life Center is a great place to hang out with friends and even make new connections here on campus. It also serves as a “Mental Recharge” in between classes and is a great way to get involved here at MCC, whether that be Student Organizations like TRIO or Student Government, or just the events like the Resource Fairs and Highland Games!”

- Devion Sanders



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ANNUAL IMPACT (2024-2025)

Area	Engagement Total
Highlander Day Attendance	927
Campus Event Attendance	3863
Student Life Center Visits	14031
Active Student Organizations	16

"The SLC is an amazing place to unwind and spend time with friends. When I need to take a break and take my mind off school, I will usually hang out in there and take a nap or play pool." – Alijah Lopez

"The Student Life Center is one of my favorite spots on campus. Whether I'm hanging out with friends, taking a break between classes, or just enjoying the vibe, it's a great place to reset." – Joshua Barron

STUDENT GOVERNMENT



The McLennan Student Government is dedicated to enhancing student life at MCC and advocating for the needs of our student body. This year, we're excited to host the Highlander Horrors 5K in the fall 2025 and a spring 2026 dance—both designed to foster greater student engagement on campus.

Beyond events, we're actively working to address student concerns and other campus improvements our peers want to see.

We're also setting our sights on repeating our success at the Texas Junior College Student Government Association convention this spring 2025. After earning recognition for our video "What Change Will You Make?", we aim to bring home multiple awards this coming year.

We're energized by the opportunities ahead and committed to making a lasting, positive impact on campus life.

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