Do the Right Thing
Office of Judicial Affairs
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A NEW BEGINNING

- Meeting new people
- Adjusting to a new environment
- Higher academic standards
- Financial challenges
- Being home sick
- New identity
- Dating
- New experiences
- NEW FOUND FREEEDOM!!!!!
Do the Right Thing!

The action you take today will determine your future.
- It is estimated that in 1998 more than 70,000 college students were victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.
- 90% of college rapes involve the use of alcohol by the assailant, victim, or both.
- It is estimated 1,400 college students died in 1998 from alcohol-related injuries and that 500,000 students were injuries while under the influence of alcohol.
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Laws for Minors

Purchase * Attempt to Purchase * Possession *
Consumption * Misrepresentation of Age * Public
Intoxication by minor

The following penalties shall be imposed:

First Offense:
Class C misdemeanor: up to $500
Alcohol awareness course
8-12 community service
30 days driver’s license suspension or denial

Reference from: Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and
Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
**Beverage Laws cont.**

**Second Offense:**  
Class C misdemeanor: up to $500  
Possible alcohol awareness course  
20-40 hours of community service  
60 days driver’s license suspension or denial

**Third Offense (under 17):**  
180 days driver’s license suspension or denial  
Juvenile court-child in need of supervision; or Criminal court-adjudicated as an adult

Reference from: Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Beverage Laws cont.

Third Offense (17 or Older):
Class B misdemeanor: $250 - $2000 fine and/or confinement in jail up to 180 days
Possible alcohol awareness course
180 days driver’s license suspension or denial

Reference from: Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
A man's character is his fate.

Heraclitus, *On the Universe*

Greek philosopher (540 BC - 480 BC)
What does the Office of Judicial Affairs do?

Judicial Programs assist students who are experiencing a crisis situation, provide educational programs regarding personal and campus safety issues and oversee discipline issues in regards to the Code of Conduct – Student Rights and Responsibilities. We also take pride in being an advocate for student and Student Affairs.
Purpose

- To provide students with a fair, educational process for alleged Code of Student Conduct Violations
- To determine whether Code of Student Conduct violations have taken place
- To provide an educational response to violations of the Code (if any are found)
What happens when I get in trouble?

When a student has been charged with a violation of the code of conduct, the student has several options. They can accept responsibility or not responsibility. If they plead not responsible, then a hearing will take place. The Judicial Officer or an Appointee will hear from all parties involved and then make a finding. If the student is found responsible, a sanction shall be determined.
What is a sanction?
A sanction is a penalty for violating the Student Code of Conduct.

What types of sanctions are imposed?
Sanctions can range from a written reprimand to expulsion.
Do you tell my parents if I get in trouble?

That depends greatly on the “trouble” in question. The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) permits an institution of higher education to disclose to parents or legal guardians the results of disciplinary hearings if the student is less than 21 years of age and has been found responsible for violating campus rules regarding the use of or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.
If I get in trouble with the local police will I get in trouble with the University?

Possibly. Police reports are passed along to the office of Judicial Programs from the police substation on campus. We will discuss each case on an individual basis.
If I am found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, how will this affect my academic record?

Each judicial record is on file for 5 years. However, other than suspension or expulsion, disciplinary sanctions shall not be made part of the student’s permanent academic record, but shall become part of the student’s confidential disciplinary record, which will be maintained in a specified area of Student Affairs and shall be subject to the restrictions of the FERPA.
Facebook, MySpace, etc.: What Do I Have to Worry About?
A 16-year-old boy in Jefferson, Colo., was arrested after police say he showed pictures of himself on his MySpace page holding handguns. Police subsequently found the same weapons in his home, says Jim Shires of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. The boy has been charged with three misdemeanors for being a juvenile in possession of handguns, says Pam Russell of the district attorney's office.
Privacy

- Administration, Faculty and Staff all have access to Facebook, Myspace and other related sites
  - Recent survey found that 90% of Administrators look at these sites
- We do not actively seek to punish people by what they portray on these sites
- If we are informed of an issue we can use that information
Personality can open doors, but only character can keep them open.

*Elmer G. Letterman*
Where can I get more information about my rights and due process?

Information regarding the Student Code of Conduct is available on the web and in the *TAMU-CC Student Handbook & Code of Conduct.*