

# TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

## **Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr., Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Program**

**Cohort XVIII**

**Session 7 – South Texas  
Corpus Christi & McAllen**

**November 6-10, 2023**



**Monday, November 6, 2023**

**Attire:.....Business Casual**  
**Presiders ..... Trent Tyson & Jessup Yeaman**

**Texas Farm Credit**  
**545 US Hwy 77 S, Robstown, TX 78380**

- 1:00 p.m. Meet at Texas Farm Credit and park vehicles.  
*(park in vacant lot adjacent to Texas Farm Credit,  
just past office, then come inside)*
- 2:00 p.m. **Cotton Impact on the Coastal Bend** ..... **Dwight Jackson,**  
National Cotton Council
- 3:00 p.m. Depart by bus for Gulf Compress
- 3:45 p.m. **Tour of Gulf Compress Warehouse**
- 4:30 p.m. **Producer Panel – Importance of Getting Involved**  
Moderator: **Jeff Nunley**, South Texas Cotton & Grain Association  
Panelist - Local Producers- **Colin Chopelas & Jon Gwynn**
- 5:45 p.m. Depart for Social & Dinner at Frazier Companies
- 6:00 p.m. **Social & Dinner**  
***Sponsored by Texas Farm Credit***  
Dinner Speaker:  
Entrepreneurship – **Lynn Frazier**, CEO/President
- 8:30 p.m. Depart for Hotel  
**The Omni Corpus Christi**  
**900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

Presiders.....	Jacklyn Parrish & Jennifer Bremer
Attire.....	Business Casual
Transportation.....	Bus

- 7:15 a.m. Meet in lobby & board bus
- 7:30 a.m. Depart by bus for Steel Dynamics  
Breakfast on the bus
- 8:15 a.m. **Steel Dynamics - Tour & Overview**
- 9:15 a.m. Depart by bus for Kiewit Offshore Services
- 10:00 a.m. **Kiewit Offshore Services - Tour and Presentation**
- 11:15 a.m. Depart by bus for lunch at Brewster Street Icehouse
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Depart by bus for Port of Corpus Christi

Presiders .....	Tyler Randolph & Zane Thornton
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- 1:15 p.m. **Trade & Commerce through the Port and the Coastal Bend**  
**Darcy Schroeder**, Valero  
**Rosaura Bailey**, Port Operations & Industry  
**Representative from Port Desalinization Plant**  
**1PointFive & Daniel Morales**, King Ranch – Carbon Sequestration Partnership
- 4:30 p.m. Depart by bus for Dinner at **Buc Commission Office**
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner – ***Provided by Buccaneer Commission***  
**Dinner Guest & Speakers:**  
**Johnny Philipello** – Buc Days President/CEO  
**Scott Frazier** - local producer, TALL Alumni, former Texas Farm Bureau Board
- 8:00 p.m. Depart for Hotel  
**The Omni Corpus Christi**  
900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

Presiders .....	Tillery Sims & Courtney Schmidt
Attire .....	Business Casual
Transportation.....	Bus
Breakfast .....	On your own

**\*\*Bring all luggage with you and out onto bus. We will return on Friday to pick up vehicles\*\***

- 7:00 a.m. Check OUT & load all luggage onto bus
- 7:30 a.m. Board bus Travel South to Kingsville/ TAMUK then Rio Grande Valley  
*Enter through North Gate of King Ranch Laureles Division*
- 8:00 a.m. **King Ranch Farm Operations – Driving Tour**  
**Justin Chopelas** – Farm Manager
- 9:00 a.m. **King Ranch Cattle, Horse & Wildlife Operations**  
**Heath Grigg** – General Manager for Ranching & Wildlife  
**Darrell White** – Area Manager, TALL XVIII
- 10:45 a.m. Depart for Kleberg Wildlife Center

Presiders .....	Reina Lewis & Addie Stone
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- 11:00 a.m. **Balancing Wildlife, Ranching and Natural Resources**  
**Dr. Dave Hewitt**, Executive Director,  
Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute  
**Dr. Rick Machen**, Interim Director,  
King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management

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- 12:30 p.m. Board Bus & Depart to Frontera Produce

Presiders .....	Lance Barnett & Darrell White
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- 2:30 p.m. **Frontera Produce**
- 4:00 p.m. Board Bus & Depart to Rio Grande Valley Sugar Mill
- 4:45 p.m. **Rio Grande Valley Sugar Mill tour & overview**
- 6:20 p.m. Board Bus & Depart for Dinner at Nana’s Taqueria
- 7:15 p.m. Dinner  
**Sponsored by Giovana Benitez & Isaac Sulemana, TALL Alumni  
Hidalgo County Texas Farm Bureau**
- 9:00 p.m. Board Bus & Depart for Hotel  
**Cambria Hotel McAllen Convention Center  
701 S Ware RD. McAllen, TX 78501**

**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

**Presiders ..... Jayci Bishop & Kodie Sageser**  
**Attire..... Business Casual**  
**Breakfast in your own in hotel**

6:30 a.m. Board bus and depart for Rios of Mercedes Boot Company

7:00 a.m. **Rios of Mercedes Boot Company**

8:45 a.m. Board Bus & Depart Lone Star Citrus

10:00 a.m. **Lone Star Citrus**

11:30 a.m. Board Bus & Depart for Lunch (La Ganadera)

12:00 p.m. Lunch at La Ganadera  
***Sponsored: Gio Benitez, TALL XVII & Mauricio Garcia, TALL XVIII***

1:15 p.m. Board Bus & Depart Pharr–Reynosa International Bridge

**Presiders ..... Daniel Alders & Mauricio Garcia**

2:00 p.m. **Pharr–Reynosa International Bridge Overview & Tour**

4:00 p.m. Depart for Hotel  
**Cambria Hotel McAllen Convention Center**  
701 South Ware Road | McAllen, TX, 78501

4:30 p.m. Arrive at hotel

5:00 p.m. Discussion Panel  
**Hidalgo County Farm Bureau Board President**  
**Border Patrol (PENDING)**  
**Area Growers (PENDING)**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT MANGER (PENDING)**  
**Carlos Peña (Mayor of Reynosa Tamaulipas)**

6:30 p.m. **Dinner**

**Friday November 10, 2023**

Breakfast on your own at Hotel  
Check out of hotel!

**\*\*Bring all luggage with you and put onto bus.\*\***

8:00 a.m. Board bus & depart for Texas Farm Credit  
**545 US Hwy 77 S, Robstown, TX 78380**

10:30 a.m. Conclusion  
Pick up personal vehicles  
Have a Safe Drive Home!

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