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2024 ANNUAL REPORT
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DEDICATED FACULTY**

Students in the Mechanical Engineering program are designing and developing multi-faceted machines to be used in applied science through generating power, collecting data, and solving problems in both domestic and industrial spaces.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



As we reflect on the 100-year legacy of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, we do so with immense pride in the alumni, supporters and community members who laid the groundwork for all we are today. Their steadfast belief in the power of education built more than a university—they sparked a movement rooted in opportunity and transformation.

At the heart of that legacy stands the Javelina—our enduring symbol of continuity. The Javelina is a proud representation of South Texas and it embodies the very soul of our university. Porky carries the spirit that unites our students and alumni across generations and drives our momentum as we prepare our vision for the next century.

The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation is totally committed to enabling our University as it strives to achieve its vision. All of the successes that the TAMUK Foundation has enjoyed are a direct reflection of your commitment to our students and the university mission. Thanks to your generous support, this year we distributed more than \$5,880,000 to strengthen academic programs, fund scholarships and expand educational opportunities across South Texas and beyond.

Despite some market volatility in 2024, the performance of our Foundation's financial investment portfolio remained strong. The investment portfolio achieved an impressive 14.8% growth—an outcome driven by a disciplined strategy and unwavering financial stewardship. We are well-positioned for continued impact and progress.

Looking ahead, we embrace the future with that same spirit of determination. Under the leadership of President Robert Vela, Texas A&M-Kingsville is entering a bold new chapter of growth and promise. Enrollment has risen by 13% and U.S. News & World Report has once again ranked us among the nation's top universities for social mobility.

Thank you for standing with us, for investing in the future of our university and in our students. You are an indispensable component of this extraordinary journey.

May the Lord continue to bless our university, our students and each and every one of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of Ricardo S. Sanchez '73.

LTG (Ret.) Ricardo S. Sanchez '73

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF FOUNDATION OFFICER



As I step into my new role, I am both humbled and energized by the extraordinary legacy that surrounds me.

Though I am new to Javelina Nation, it is clear this is a place unlike any other—rooted in tradition, driven by excellence, and fueled by the unwavering spirit of its alumni.

In getting to know this community, I have come to deeply appreciate the role philanthropy plays in sustaining and advancing the university's mission and the role the Foundation has played in supporting this institution.

Since 1972, the Foundation has worked in close partnership with the University to expand access and opportunity for students. While we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, our sole purpose is to serve Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Gifts made through the Foundation help provide critical scholarships, enrich academic programs, and create experiences that prepare our students to excel in their future endeavors.

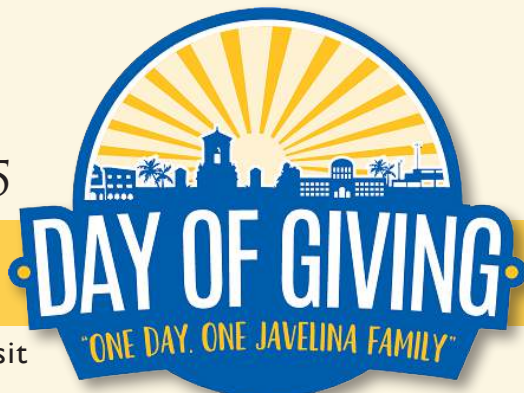
Your generosity helps turn ambition into achievement.

More than a donation, it is an investment in the future of South Texas and beyond and I look forward to working together as we advance the legacy of Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Thank you for your support.

Jason Geiken

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025



For more information, please visit
www.javelinagiving.org.

MISSION:

To build private support for the mission and vision of Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

VISION:

To be the vital partner of Texas A&M University-Kingsville by developing donor relationships and linking resources in the pursuit of the university's goals of excellence.

VALUES:

- **SERVICE**
to the university and our donors
- **STEWARDSHIP**
of resources through careful and responsible management, consistent with donor intent
- **INTEGRITY**
acting in a trustworthy, honest and moral fashion in all we do
- **IMPACT**
lives by supporting the university's goal, mission and vision
- **DUTY**
to maintaining a commitment to excellence in all that we do

COMBINED UNIVERSITY & FOUNDATION 2024 GIVING

2,829
GIFTS RECEIVED



\$3,237
AVERAGE GIFT



13%
DISTRIBUTION GROWTH



2024 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE FOUNDATION
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

	% of Portfolio	Value	Calendar 2023	Calendar 2024	Annualized Since Inception	Inception Date
Equity	86.85%	\$123,442,715	22.6%	15.8%	9.4%	6/30/2014
Fixed Income	9.01%	\$12,805,588	5.4%	4.4%	2.2%	6/30/2014
Cash & Cash Equivalent	2.52%	\$3,584,964	3%	4.4%	1.4%	6/30/2014
Alternative	1.62%	\$2,296,104	24.5%	42.4%	0.2%	6/30/2014
Total	100%	\$142,129,371	20.6%	14.8%	6.4%	6/30/2014
TAMUK Custom Benchmark			18.1%	12.6%	5.8%	6/30/2014

1,592
NUMBER OF DONORS

\$11,823,333
TOTAL RECEIVED/COMMITTED

\$174,149,967
TOTAL ASSETS
(UNAUDITED)

To read the full investment policy and audited financials of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Foundation, please visit our website, www.javelinagiving.org.

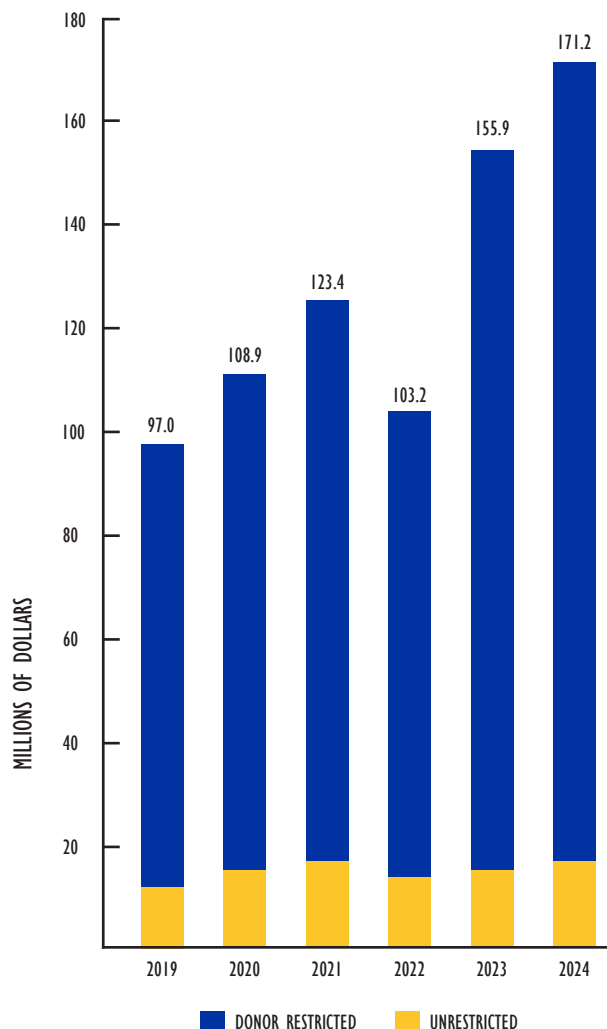
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE FOUNDATION FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

ASSETS:	(UNAUDITED) 12/31/2024	(AUDITED) 12/31/2023
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 2,995,094	\$ 4,271,513
OTHER RECEIVABLE & PREPAID EXP	71,489	61,282
POOLED INVESTMENT FUNDS	142,129,371	122,797,816
UNCONDITIONAL PLEDGES	1,468,410	1,610,028
LAND, PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT (NET)	27,485,603	29,257,237
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$ 174,149,967	\$ 157,997,876

LIABILITIES:	(UNAUDITED) 12/31/2024	(AUDITED) 12/31/2023
DISTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE	\$ 467,422	\$ 351,622
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2,512,244	1,778,440
UBTI FEDERAL TAXES PAYABLE	4,509	-
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE	1,431	2,462
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$ 2,985,606	\$ 2,132,524

NET ASSETS:		
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ 17,211,433	\$ 15,473,552
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	153,952,928	140,391,800
TOTAL NET ASSETS:	171,164,361	155,865,352
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:	\$ 174,149,967	\$ 157,997,876

NET ASSETS



OPERATING ACTIVITIES REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT:

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 4,127,913	38,612,734
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	2,542,287	2,007,864
OTHER INCOME	675,843	538,833
ROYALTY INCOME	5,800	5,515
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT:	\$ 7,351,843	41,164,946

EXPENSES:

PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 6,678,083	5,926,994
SUPPORTING SERVICES:		
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	907,881	826,231
FUNDRAISING	497,434	502,602
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 8,083,398	7,255,827

NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES INVESTMENT RETURN:

INVESTMENT RETURN, NET	\$ 16,030,564	18,736,827
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	15,299,009	52,645,946
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	155,865,352	103,219,406
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 171,164,361</u>	<u>155,865,352</u>

UN(AUDITED) 12/31/2024 (AUDITED) 12/31/2023

OUR IMPACT



\$1,784,225

DONOR FUNDED
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



904

DONOR FUNDED
SCHOLARSHIPS



740

RECIPIENTS

What does receiving a scholarship mean to you?

"This support allows me to fully dedicate myself to my education without the added stress of how I'll fund it. It's a reminder that my hard work and determination are seen and appreciated. Each scholarship I've received has played a role in shaping my academic journey and continues to push me to succeed. Not just for myself, but for everyone who believes in me."



Maya Martinez

Senior, Education

Bertie T. Rogers Memorial Scholarship
Charlotte Han Sharp Endowed Scholarship
Fred and Peggy Steves Education Scholarship

"Receiving this scholarship shows me that the effort I've poured into my education and personal growth at TAMUK is truly valued. Most of all, it motivates me to keep pushing toward excellence and inspires me to one day give back, helping others achieve their dreams just as this scholarship is helping me achieve mine."



Carley Pruett

Senior, Marketing

Leonard Bedell '68 Business Honors Scholarship

"I'm truly grateful for this scholarship because it's about the opportunities it creates for my future. It has eased the burden of financial stress, allowing me to fully focus on my studies and dive deeper into learning. Most importantly, it is a tremendous boost of confidence to know that someone believes in my potential."

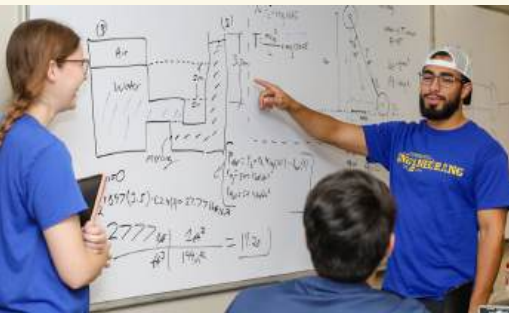


Jeffery Williams

Senior, Agriculture Science

Colonel Lisa Carrington Firmin Scholarship

NEW ENDOWMENTS ESTABLISHED 2023 - 2024



- John R. Bickham Engineering Endowed Scholarship
- Martin Brittain Endowment for the College of Business Administration
- Linda Deanda Scholarship Endowment
- Sam D. Deanda, Sr. Scholarship Endowment
- Dr. Henry Estess Endowment for Native Plant & Habitat Restoration in East Texas
- Elvia Estella Garcia Scholarship Endowment for the College of Education and Human Performance
- Thomas '66 & Carol '67 Goggans Scholarship Endowment for the College of Business Administration
- Stevens & June Herbst Endowment for Wildlife Research
- Cleofas & Guadalupe Quintanilla Hinojosa, Sr. Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Manuel Ibáñez & Jane Ibáñez Memorial Scholarship Endowment and Fellowship
- John "JJ" Jefferson Scholarship Endowment
- Rick Keese '72 Memorial Endowment Scholarship
- Sue & Radcliffe Killam Chair for Wildlife, Livestock, and Habitat Interactions
- The Mathews Family Trust Scholarship Endowment in honor of Dr. David Pratt
- Dr. Richard Miller Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Noble Charities Foundation Scholarship Endowment
- Gail '86 & Mary Ann '80, '88 Oldham Family Scholarship Endowment
- James & Carrie Palmer Excellence Endowment
- Park Fowler & Co., PLLC Scholarship Endowment for the College of Business Administration
- Alfredo & Roxanne Ramirez Scholarship Endowment
- Barbara B. & Jimmie E. Steidinger Agriculture Scholarship Endowment
- Fred & Peggy Steves Agriculture Scholarship Endowment
- Fred & Peggy Steves Education Scholarship Endowment
- Fred & Peggy Steves Javelina Golf Endowment
- Michelle Renée Johnson Vela Memorial Scholarship Endowment

THE JAVELINA EXPERIENCE: HANDS-ON LEARNING

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

For over a decade, College of Business students have provided free tax preparation services through a grant funded program called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). During the recent tax season, six student volunteers prepared 351 tax returns through VITA, securing a total of \$296,486 in refunds.

This initiative enables students, under the guidance of faculty, to connect with local communities and provides several benefits to students as well; like a well-paid campus job while they gain accounting and customer service skills that translate into their future careers.

Joel Reyes '25, pictured right, was the College of Business Distinguished Undergraduate and recipient of the Texas Society of CPA's Accounting Excellence Award.



KING RANCH® INSTITUTE FOR RANCH MANAGEMENT



The gift of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville H.R. Smith Ranch has provided graduate students the opportunity for research and to develop management techniques in a real-world setting.

Students from the King Ranch® Institute for Ranch Management worked the first calf crop of American Reds born on the ranch, conducted wildlife surveys, and analyzed water and surface rights agreements; in conjunction with the management of brush, cattle, wildlife, and natural resources. These unique experiences provide valuable insight as students graduate and go on to ranch operations around the country.

DICK AND MARY LEWIS KLEBERG COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

In April, dozens of students helped judge 118 projects from 47 high schools submitted to the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show. Held on campus each year, industry volunteers and Javelina Alumni also serve as judges.

There are six categories: Farm Power & Machinery, Animal Handling Systems, Trailers, Recreation & Wildlife, BBQ Pits, and Trailer & Tractor Restoration. Each entry is scored on craftsmanship, difficulty, quality, and workmanship.

"It's an opportunity for high school students to showcase their technical skills and also their soft skill," Dr. Steven Chumbley, Professor of Agricultural Education and Mechanics, said. "It's about being able to talk, being able to showcase and sell their project."



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE



Kristin Grabow '25, an exercise science/pre-physical therapy major, earned the Undergraduate Scholar Award from the Texas Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (Texas ACSM) at their meeting this spring.

Grabow, pictured left, is the eighth Javelina to win this award since 2010, more than any other university in the state. All previous winners have obtained, or are currently pursuing, a doctorate in physical therapy.

Former winner Jamie Ambriz '22 expects to earn her DPT in 2027. Pictured right is Ambriz in the Human Performance Lab, demonstrating the Bod Pod—a sealed chamber that uses air displacement to measure body composition.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

In January, the International Trombone Association (ITA) announced Texas A&M-Kingsville's Trombone Select Choir won the ITA Remington Trombone Competition. Each student received a tuition waiver to attend and perform at the 2025 International Trombone Festival this July, hosted at the University of Western Ontario in Canada.

Dr. Oscar Diaz, Jr. '99 and Dr. Juan Saldivar '17 lead the trombone studio. This recent competition win demonstrates Dr. Diaz is not only committed to the growth of the studio, but relentless in his pursuit of excellence.



FRANK H. DOTTERWEICH COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

The Drone Laboratory plays a central role in advancing both the educational and research missions of the engineering program. Designed as a dynamic, hands-on learning environment, the lab equips students with essential skills in unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) systems, from theoretical design to real-world application. The lab supports a wide range of activities, including classroom instruction, senior design projects, independent student exploration, and cutting-edge research initiatives.

Beyond its instructional use, the lab serves as a hub for interdisciplinary research. One of the recent major initiatives is the Wireless Soil Monitoring Project, which aims to address challenges in precision agriculture. In this project, drones are used as mobile data collection platforms, flying over remote fields and wirelessly interfacing with embedded soil sensors.

“McNair taught me how to do research.”

At Texas A&M-Kingsville, Brissa Acevedo '23 found a community who believed in her potential. Through the McNair Scholars Program, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Acevedo completed research in chemistry with Regents Professor Dr. Mauro Castro '80, and in chemical engineering with Dr. Matthew Alexander. Acevedo was also profoundly moved by studying abroad in South Africa with Regents Professor Dr. Nirmal Goswami.

Today, Acevedo conducts doctoral research in engineering and public policy in Portugal. She shares her journey on Instagram to inspire others and highlight resources for first-generation students like herself.



CENTENNIAL EVENTS: CELEBRATING A 100-YEAR LEGACY



HISTORIC PHOTO RECREATED

IN MARCH 1925, THOUSANDS GATHERED TO USHER IN A NEW ERA FOR THE GROWING REGION. TOGETHER, THEY DEDICATED THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR UNIVERSITY'S FIRST BUILDING. ON APRIL 3, 2025, THE CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY MET IN FRONT OF MANNING HALL TO HONOR OUR PAST.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 23

SANDY'S SIX-PACK CONCERT

SEPTEMBER 8

CELEBRATING THE TIME CAPSULE

OCTOBER 25

JAVELINA HOMECOMING



The Centennial Gala, held April 5, was filled with inspiring stories, unforgettable friendships, and endless smiles. Here's to celebrating a century of memories and making many more!



NEW HOME FOR OCELOT RESEARCH

In October, the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute (CKWRI) at Texas A&M-Kingsville broke ground on the CKWRI Ocelot Conservation Facility at the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Center.

The nearly \$20 million facility will be a state-of-the-art complex that offers roughly 30,000 square feet of space, including 16 enclosures dedicated to breeding ocelots.



The facility project is the culmination of research conducted in collaboration with the university, East Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and private landowners that have been pivotal in providing insight and details surrounding the lives of ocelots in Texas and therefore increased awareness of their conservation status.

“In addition to the tremendous conservation impact this facility will have, we’re excited about the opportunities this is going to bring for graduate student education and undergraduate experience you can’t get anywhere in the country,” said Dr. David Hewitt, Professor and Leroy G. Denman, Jr. Endowed Executive Director of Wildlife Research for CKWRI. To learn more about the facility and donor opportunities, please visit www.ckwri.tamuk.edu.



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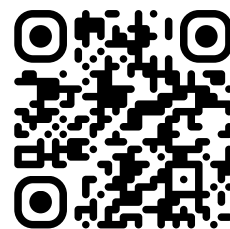


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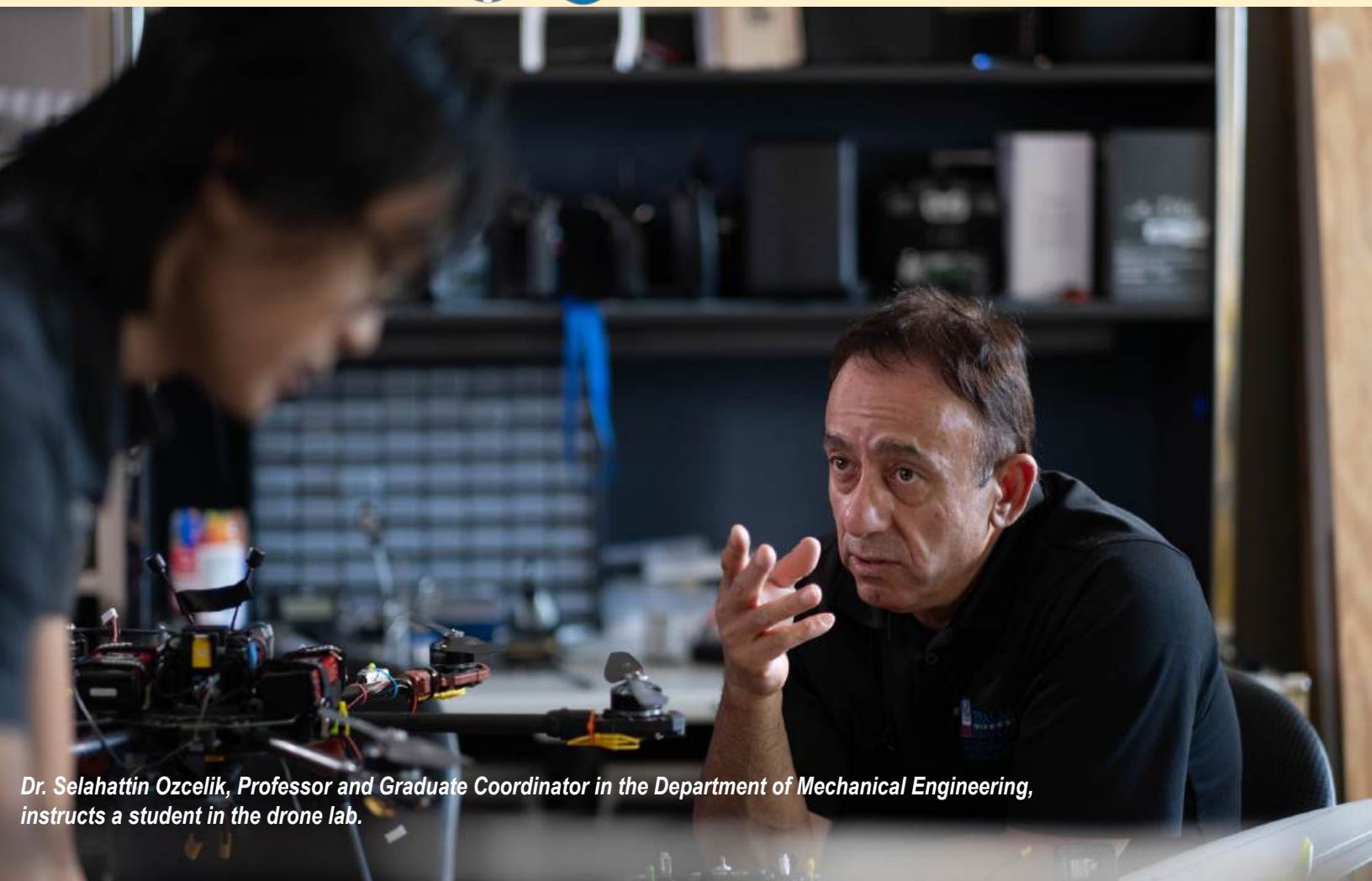
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Dr. Selahattin Ozelik, Professor and Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, instructs a student in the drone lab.