

Student Government Association

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SGA sets up care packages for local students

- Student leader put together a distribution for fellow college students
- Care packages will include a wary array of items.

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS - - Sam Houston's Student Government Association will be distributing care packages for an event entitled Kats Kare Packages. The distribution will take place on Thursday, March 14, 2020, in the Student Government Office located in the Lowman Student Center room 326 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Kats Kare Packages was created two years ago by senior criminal justice major Jamika Rockett. She decided to create this event was because some students were afraid to ask for assistance. She believed that hosting a discreet distribution could help.

“Some people are hesitant to ask for resources like food or just for help in general,” Rockett said. “With this event people can come up to the office and just grab a bag.”

The Student Government Association Office was chosen as the distribution location due it being low traffic area on campus. Senators from student government will be assisting organizing the event during distribution day.

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Rockett who is no longer in student government is assisted by Director of External Affairs Ashley Carter, a junior.

“I think that this is really impactful,” Carter said. “Once I first heard about the event, I really believed this could be amazing. I also think that the student body can help to make this successful. I feel that this is really just students helping students.”

In a study by Dr. Katharine Breton, four-year college students indicate that approximately half have been food insecure.

“Having food in these bags is important, but I really want it to have a lot of others thing in it,” Rockett said. “I felt like students can just grab a backpack and just leave with a lot of important items.”

Those who wish to donate are encouraged to bring to items they believe would assist a fellow college student. Some items on a list Rockett and Carter created included: toilet paper baby wipes, soap, lotion, pads, tampons, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pencils, erasers, scantrons, folders and instant food. Having these items placed in a fairly used or new backpack is also encouraged.

For students to obtain a care package all they will need is a an active Bearkat OneCard. If student or faculty wish to donate, they are welcomed to drop off any supplies in the Student Government Office located in the Lowman Student Center room 326 up until the distribution date.

The purpose of SGA at SHSU is to serve as the official voice of the student body as its democratically elected representatives. We strive to promote the welfare of the student body, academic excellence and civic engagement. We are an advocate for students, voicing their concerns and opinions to SHSU Administration, the Texas State University System Board of Regents, and elected officials.

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