



Welcome to the

# JoyCentric

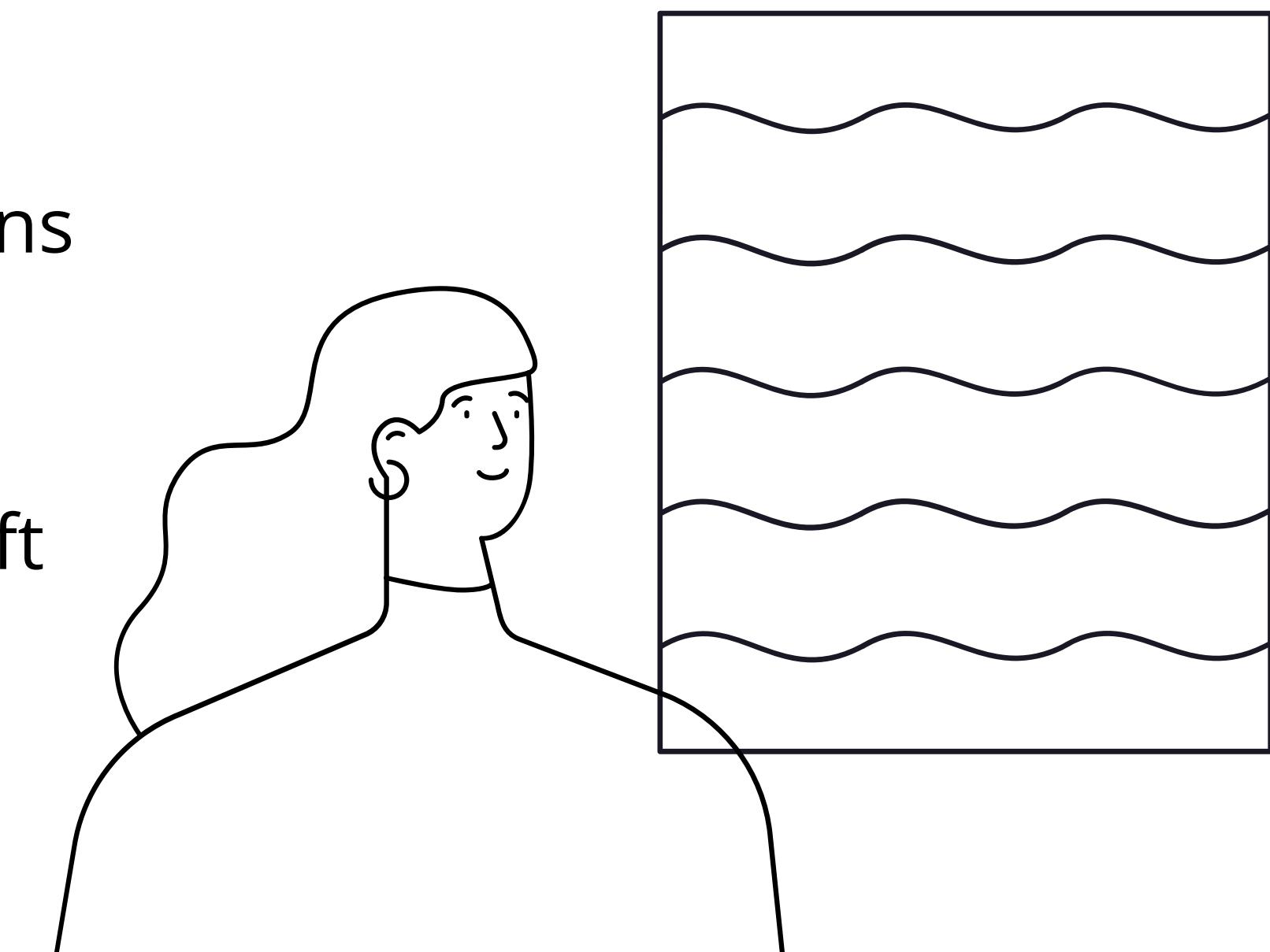
Organization Texas Tech Chapter

# Our Mission

JoyCentric Organization's mission is to reach out to and support all oncology patients in our local communities.

This is accomplished through various fashions such as:

- Meeting and connecting with patients
- Assembling and distributing handmade gift bags
- Hosting social events, gatherings, and fundraising for donations



# Statistics

Estimated new cases,  
2021

**133,730**

Estimated deaths, 2021

**42,840**

Estimated new cases, 2021

Texas, by cancer type

Breast (female) ⓘ

20,900

Lung and bronchus

15,010

Prostate

14,200

Colorectum

11,280

Kidney and renal pelvis

7,030

Non-Hodgkin lymphoma

5,780

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Death rates, 2014-2018

Texas, by cancer type

Lung and bronchus

34.1

Breast (female) ⓘ

19.8

Prostate

17.6

Colorectum

13.9

Pancreas

10.2

Liver and intrahepatic bile duct

8.3

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Average annual rate per 100,000, age adjusted to the 2000 US standard population. Rates for PR are for 2012-2016.

Data sources: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2020



# Social Support



**Social support** = information leading individuals to believe they are cared for and loved, esteemed and valued, and belong to a network of communication and mutual obligation

A study conducted on the relationship between social support and breast cancer found that social support is important for psychological adjustment and survival for breast cancer patients

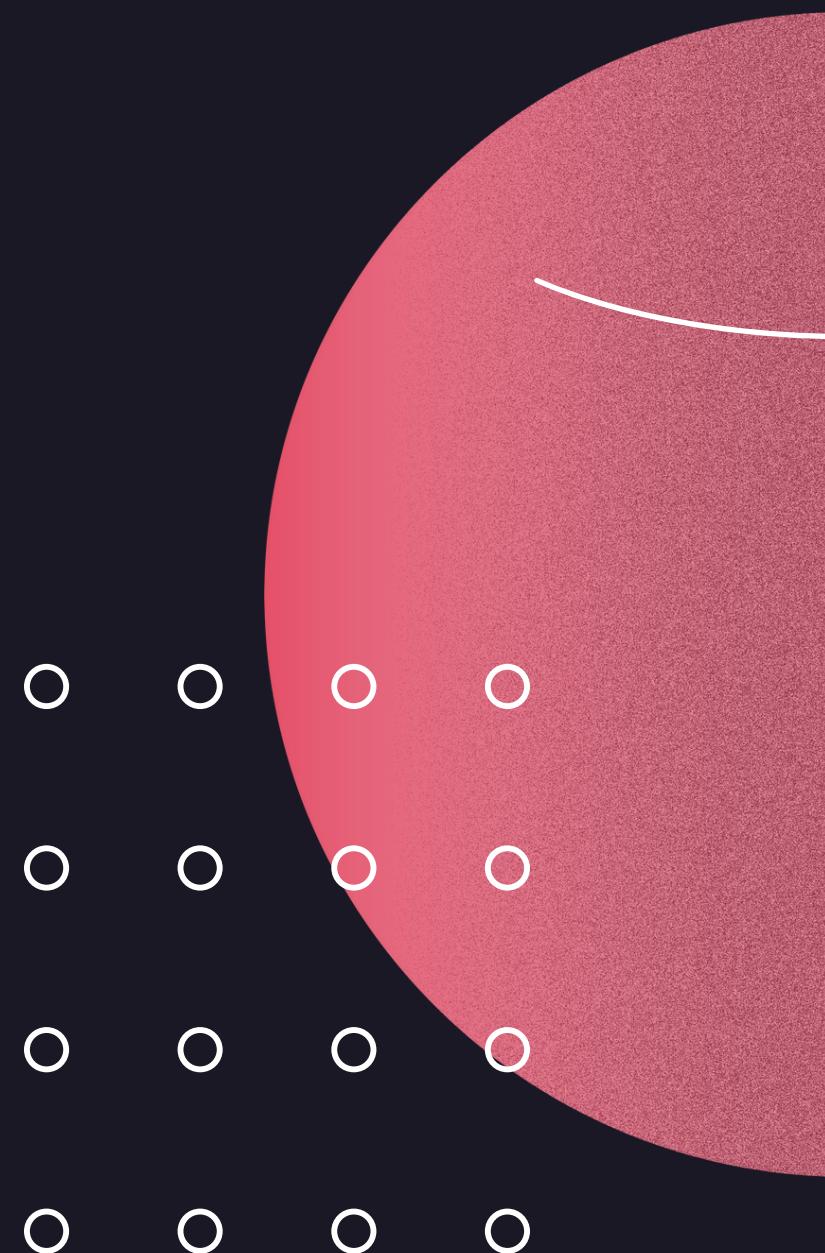
Another study found that perceived quantity and quality of social support was an indicator of good and poor adjustment during treatment and were predictors of psychological distress

"Perceived social support generally functions as a positive coping resource... [especially for patients] residing away from their homes "



<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1353829201000181?via%3Dihub>

# Background



JoyCentric was founded by our President Mark Gao during his high school years for the purpose of giving back to the local community. He believed that it was patients struggling with cancer who most needed a little extra joy in their life. To carry on this mission, he and a small group of friends decided to do just that right here at Texas Tech!

# MEET OUR OFFICERS



**President and Founder:**  
**Mark Gao**  
**Biochemistry Major**  
**Junior**



**Secretary:** Pranathi  
Bingi  
**STEM MBA Student**



**Treasurer:** Shivani  
Challakonda  
**Microbiology Major**  
**Sophomore**



**Fundraising Chair:**  
**Austin Wheelock**  
**Cell and Molecular**  
**Biology Major**  
**Junior**

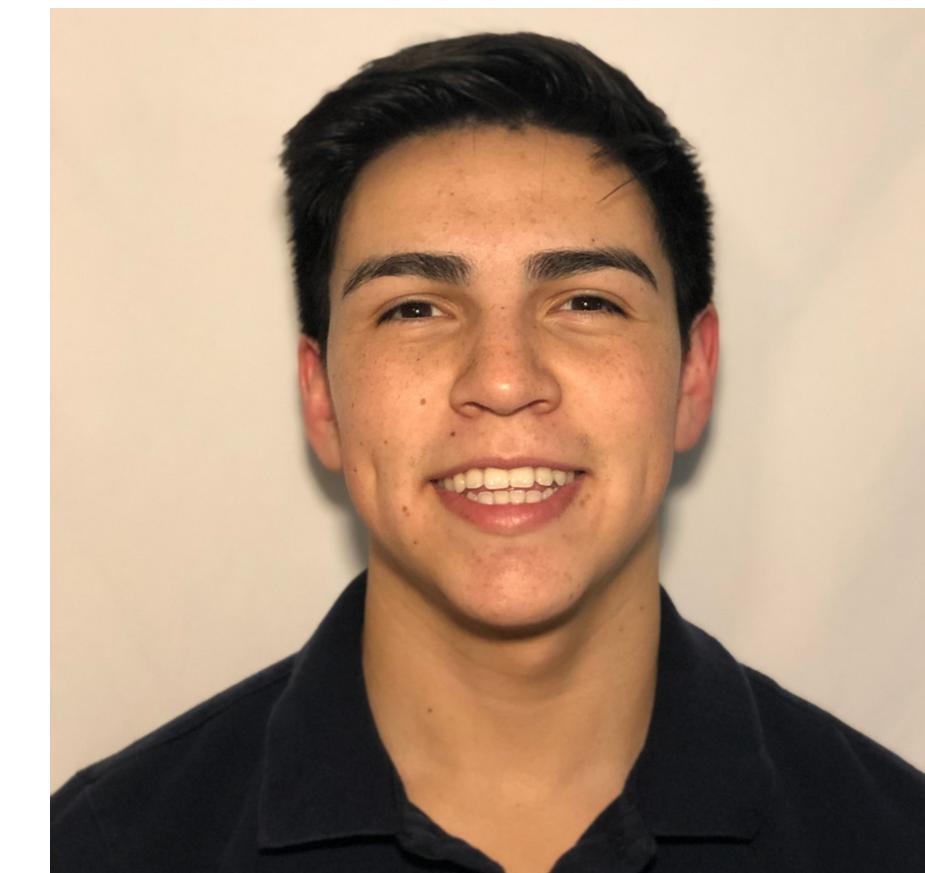
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**Social Chair:** Angela  
Alviderez  
Math Major  
Sophmore



**Event Coordinator:**  
Elliott Radovan  
Microbiology Major  
Junior



**Event Committee:** Eddie  
Pallares  
Math Major  
Senior



**Event Committee:**  
Nicholas Vu  
Nutritiuon Major  
Junior



# ADVISOR INFO



**Chad Cain**

- Honors College Senior Academic Advisor
- Coordinator for Pathway Programs and Honors Arts and Letters Advisor
- Icon and Legend
- Literally, just the Best!



# PILLARS

This organization is designed to provide social and emotional support and interaction with some of the sickest in our community. These are the pillars upon which we operate.



Patient Care and  
Outreach



Compassion



Community Service



Awareness and  
Education

Org events and activities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

Movie showings

Arts and crafts creations

Journaling

Music and dances

Various food events

With patients, we will...

Visit and have conversations

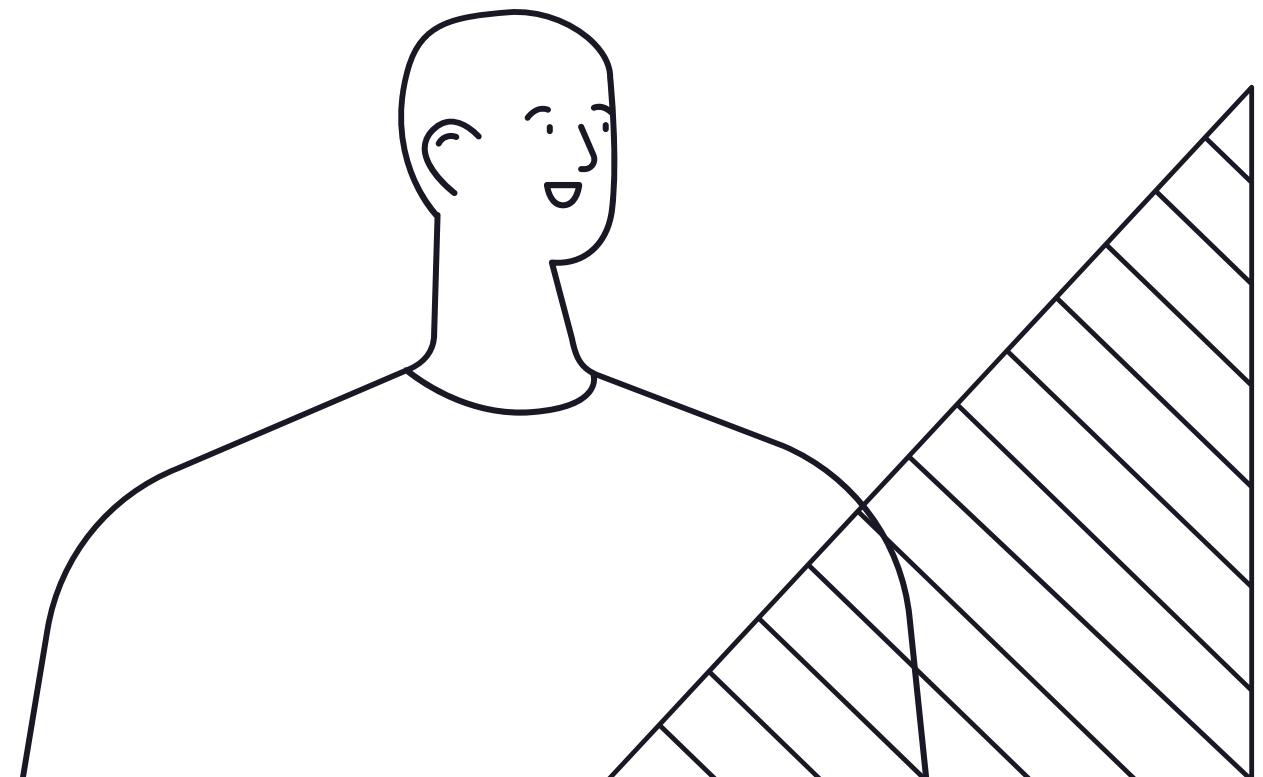
Play games

Create cards and care packages

Celebrate birthdays

Decorating/personalizing rooms

# ACTIVITIES



# PATIENT VISITS



## At Joe Arrington-Covenant Health

- September Visit:
  - Toward the end of September
  - Complete training, paperwork, and dues ASAP
- October Visit:
  - Halloween themed visit
- November Visit:
  - Thanksgiving themed visit
- December Visit:
  - Holiday season themed visit

# TRAINING AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Members will be required to:

- Attend 1 training session per academic year, or more by personal request
- Attend one craft event per semester
- Attend one fundraising event per semester
- Attend at least one patient visit per semester
- Get 2 volunteer hours per semester
- Pass an online training module
- Submit necessary paperwork for hospital authorization
- Members must pay dues & fill out the membership application

\*Hazing is Prohibited



# PLANNED TRAINING DATES

1. Friday, September 3rd @5pm
  - a. location TBA
2. Friday, September 10th @5pm
  - a. location TBA
3. If these don't work for you, please talk to our Event Coordinator or Committee!

Contact our Event team via email  
[\(jco.raiders@gmail.com\)](mailto:jco.raiders@gmail.com)



# Paying Dues

Membership is only official after dues are paid

Dues are \$30 a semester OR \$50 for the whole year

What do dues pay for:

- Gift bag supplies
- Merch (t-shirts, pins, business cards, etc.)
- Games to play with patients
- Holiday specific supplies for events
- Other general supplies needed (like projectors, etc.)

How to pay dues:

Venmo Shivani

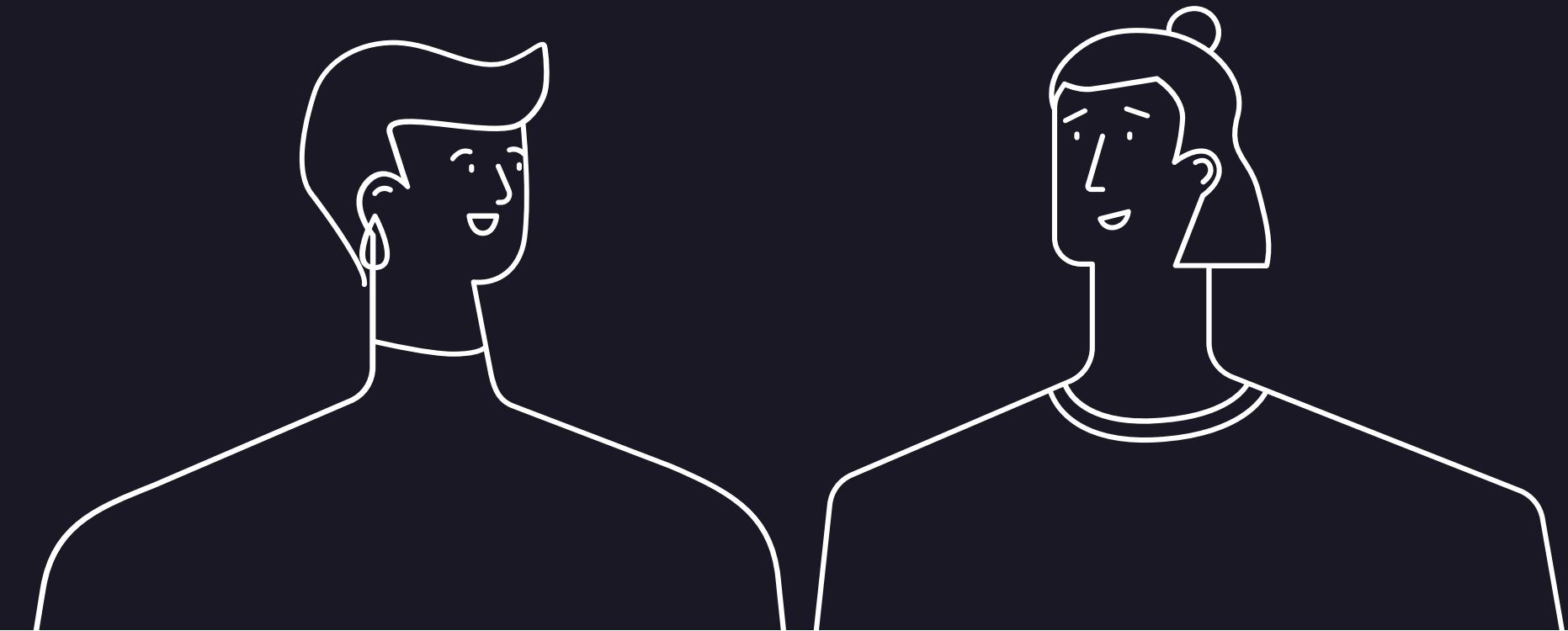
Need another option? Ask our Treasurer

Venmo: **@Shivani-Challakonda**

More questions/concerns?

Email our Treasurer:

[schallak@ttu.edu](mailto:schallak@ttu.edu)



## Open Officer Positions:

**Event Committee member:** multiple openings, help prepare event materials and allow members to get more direct guidance during events and activities.



**Officer application BY AUGUST 27!**

**Scan for the Officer Application!**

# Follow Us!

Keep up with your email  
for details on events  
each month!

Follow us on Instagram  
to keep up with  
updates!

Instagram:  
@jco.raiders

Website:  
[https://joycentric.org  
/TexasTech.html](https://joycentric.org/TexasTech.html)

Email:  
jco.raiders@gmail.com

Officer application :)



# QUESTIONS?

Contact us!

jco.raiders@gmail.com

<https://joycentric.org/TexasTech.html>

Please fill out our new member application form and pay dues below

Membership Application



Pay Dues with Shivani via Venmo



Training Sign Up

