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The Bush School of Government and Public Service



**POLS Alumni Brendon Anthony '99: From being an onstage fiddler to a behind-the-scenes businessman to the director of the Texas Music Office**



From being an onstage fiddler to a behind-the-scenes businessman to the director of the Texas Music Office, no one has done more to promote the state's multibillion-dollar music industry than Brendon Anthony '99.

In 2014, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott sought out Anthony to head the Texas Music Office. Created in 1990, its stated objective is to "foster the economic development of Texas music businesses, Texas musicians and Texas

communities.”

"His worldview in the governor's office, he said, 'was greatly informed by professors I had at Texas A&M and in the political science department. You keep going back to the very first political science classes you take: What motivates people? Why do people make decisions? Why do people typically act in self-interest? And how can you use those answers either to your advantage or to a mutual advantage? That is a core concept of politics and economics.'" and "...it's a public service role he gladly took on at the Texas Music Office."

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**Oh The Places Our Alumni Will Go**

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**FORMER STUDENT**

We know that our Bush School graduates are out doing incredible things in the realm of public service and beyond. Tell us where you landed! What role are you in now? Email us with a quick update on what you are doing for work and your updated mailing address at the button below and we'd love to send a Bush School Former Student Decal to you!

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**Keepers of the George H.W. Bush Spirit:  
Around Texas Episode**



Though George H.W. Bush is no longer with us, the Texas A&M University System is ensuring that his legacy lives on for decades to come.

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## Alumni Volunteer Opportunity

# INTERVIEW CONFERENCE WEEKEND



FEBRUARY 14-15

Master of Public Service & Administration

FEBRUARY 21-22

Master of International Affairs

## VOLUNTEER CRITERIA

- 1.) First come, first-selected to the extent possible and only to those who have completed the in residence Master's program in College Station, Texas (due to students interviewing explicitly for the traditional on-campus program).
- 2.) Varied levels of experience, ranging from new to the work force to well established in a field or company.
- 3.) Varied career fields, must have a strong emphasis on public service.

Please complete the Alumni Volunteer Form below no later than February 3rd, at 12:00 PM CST to be considered.



## **Third Annual City and County Governance Symposium Thursday, March 27, 2025**



Join us for the 2025 City and County Governance Symposium: Perspectives on local government professional careers, the local job market, and how job seekers should prepare for local government service, presented by The Bush School of Government and Public Service. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with professionals and enhance your career prospects.

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025

Location: Annenberg Presidential Conference Center, College Station, TX

Seating is limited, RSVP at the button below.

[RSVP Here to Attend!](#)



## **Inaugural Class of Seven Graduate From National Security And Intelligence Master's Program at the Bush School DC**



Seven students at the Texas A&M Bush School's Washington, D.C. teaching site, known as the Bush School DC, celebrated their Master of National Security & Intelligence (NSI) degrees on Friday, May 3. This cohort marks the first graduating class enrolled in the Diana Davis Spencer Program in National Security, which began in 2021.

The photo above was taken at the May 2024 Bush School DC graduation celebration.

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## **PSAA Kicks Off Undergraduate Degree Program**



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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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**First undergraduate  
admitted into the  
Public Service &  
Administration Program**



**Camila Vivanco Reynaud**

Camila Vivanco Reynaud has become the first undergraduate student admitted to our Public Service and Administration (PSAA) program. Camila shares her passion for public service, her reasons for choosing the PSAA program, and what excites her most about this journey.

[Watch Camila's Interview Here!](#)



**Ambassador and Former Bush School Dean  
Ryan Crocker Receives Honorary Doctoral Degree From  
Texas A&M For Distinguished Career**



Crocker's remarkable 37-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service spanned some of the most volatile and critical regions of the world, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and Lebanon. His service included six U.S. ambassadorships, notably in Afghanistan (2011-2013), Iraq (2007-2009), and Pakistan (2004-2007), as well as key roles in Syria, Kuwait and Lebanon. As a senior diplomat, Crocker was instrumental in reopening the U.S. embassies in both Afghanistan and Lebanon, following critical moments in history — after the fall of the Taliban in 2002 and during the Lebanese Civil War in 1990.

In addition to his diplomatic work, Crocker served as the dean of [Texas A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service](#) from 2010 to 2016. During his tenure, he oversaw significant growth in both student enrollment and endowment funding, further strengthening the school's focus on public service and international relations. Under his leadership, the Bush School became a hub for students seeking to understand global diplomacy, particularly the complexities of the Middle East.

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## **The Bush School Hosts 10th Annual Texas Women, Peace and Security Symposium**



On Friday, Nov. 15, the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University hosted the 10th annual Texas Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Symposium. Sponsored by the Bush School's Women, Peace and Security program, this year's event was titled "National Security and Homeland Security: The Contribution of Women, Peace and Security." The event focused on the various ways a WPS policy framework is applied to national and homeland security efforts. Speakers included representatives from NORAD, NORTHCOM, CYBERCOM, the United States Air Force Academy, the Irregular Warfare Center, and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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**"Be bold in your caring, be bold in your dreaming  
and above all else, always do your best."**

— *President George H.W. Bush*



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