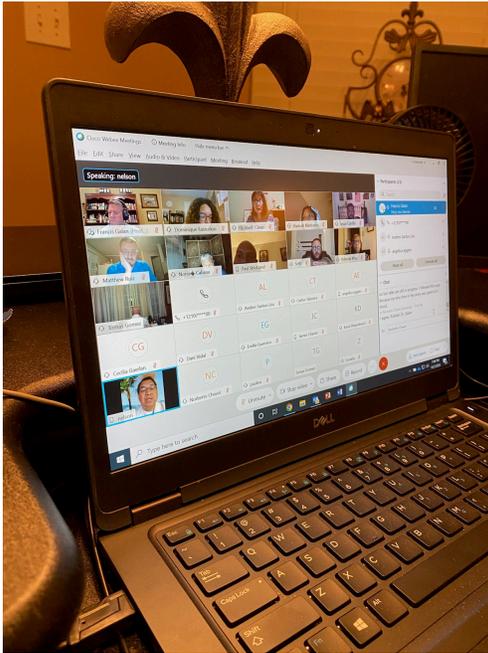


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The History Club at Texas A&M University-San Antonio (A&M-SA) experienced great challenges, as did every student organization on campus due to COVID during 2020.

In late February, however, just before COVID hit and cities went into lockdown mode, History Club members attended the TSHA Meeting in Austin where fellow student (now Alum) Katherine Racic presented her Caldwell Award-winning paper on the “Texas Tick Wars” under her sponsor, Dr. Amy Porter, History Professor at A&M-SA and former advisor of History Club. Another fellow student, Ione (“Jay”) Matthews, won first place in the Caldwell Awards for her paper, “Chaos and Freedom at the Texas-Mexico Border” under her sponsor, Dr. William Kiser, Assistant Professor of History at A&M-SA. The History Club accepted the overall best Webb chapter award for 2019. Members also enjoyed networking, visiting the book exhibition, social hours, and various sessions, including a presentation by Dr. William Bush, History Professor at A&M-SA, on the incarceration of youth in Texas.

Due to COVID, our University’s annual spring and fall festivals were canceled, which traditionally are the greatest fundraising events for student orgs. History Club officers met virtually at the end of Spring 2020 and again several times in Fall 2020. Around mid-September, History Club participated in the virtual Jaguar Student Involvement Fair membership drive. Members also attended the virtual lecture of Dr. Philis Barragán Goetz, Assistant Professor of History at A&M-SA, on the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution granting women the right to vote. At the end of September, the History Club held a virtual general meeting with new members joining via Zoom. Everybody mentioned how much they miss not being able to get together on campus as well as Face-to-Face classes.

In October, History Club co-sponsored a presentation for Filipino American History Month (Image, above) together with the Mays Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement and the Office of Military Affairs. Nonie Cabana (USAF Retired Colonel), Lecturer in the College of Business at A&M-SA, led a panel of distinguished speakers who discussed the significance of the Philippines under Spain, the contribution of Filipinos to the US during World War II, Filipino fieldworkers in the US, and Filipino American medical personnel on the frontlines in the fight against COVID. In December, some members were able to attend a virtual book talk by Dr. Edward Westermann, History Professor at A&M-SA, for an international symposium on Holocaust Studies limited to joining in by 100 participants.

History Club is again grateful to all A&M-SA history faculty for their support, especially Dr. Bush, who is chair of the Department of History, Communications, and Philosophy.

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