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Featured on the cover and throughout the handbook are members of the Aggie Orientation Leader Program. Orientation Leaders will be available to assist you throughout your New Student Conference. If you’re interested in learning more about this organization, visit aolp.tamu.edu. Membership applications are available every January.

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New Student and Family Programs

In support of Texas A&M University's mission, the goal of New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) is to facilitate the success of new students through their first year at A&M, thereby, retaining them for their second year and through graduation. Recognizing the important role that family members play in a student's college success, we strive to equip families with the resources to aid their student throughout their student's college career. Programs and services provided by the Office of New Student and Family Programs include:

**New Student Conferences** are an integrated effort among all colleges, divisions, and departments of the University community to assist entering students with the transition from their previous environment to the Texas A&M University environment and to enhance their success in college.

newaggie.tamu.edu

**First-Year Photo Project** serves as a way for first-year students to intentionally document their personal transition to Texas A&M University through guided photography, internal reflection, and communication with others.

studentlife.tamu.edu/nsf/FYPP

**New Family Welcome** is held each fall, is an opportunity for family members of new Aggies to return to campus and visit students during their first semester. This weekend provides families with the chance to experience Aggieland's unique traditions first hand.

studentlife.tamu.edu/nfw

**Gig 'Em Week** is Aggieland's Week of Welcome. There are numerous events and opportunities for new and returning students to become acquainted with the campus.

gigemweek.tamu.edu

**Aggie Orientation Leader Program** is a student organization that strives to continually connect new students to Texas A&M by personally supporting, serving, and using all available resources to help ease the transition for them and their families.

aolp.tamu.edu

**Parents’ Weekend** is a tradition that has existed at Texas A&M University since 1919. This weekend is dedicated to all Aggie parents and family members, and provides students a chance to express their gratitude to those who have impacted their lives. Parents' Weekend has become the official “HOWDY!” to Aggie Family members.

parentsweekend.tamu.edu

**Mentors** is an organization of faculty, staff, and administrators who volunteer extra office hours to make themselves available to students who want to talk about anything from academics to the college transition.

mentors.tamu.edu

**Publications** There are several publications for all populations served by NSFP. For newly admitted students, there is the New Student Conference Registration Brochure and the New Student Handbook. Family members can receive a monthly e-mail newsletter and a semi-annual publication, the Aggie Connection.

newaggie.tamu.edu/nsc/publications

**Aggie Families** can find a variety of support resources and information by visiting parents.tamu.edu. Family members can sign-up for the Family Member Listserv and receive monthly e-mail updates about campus events and services. Additionally families can connect with New Student & Family Programs and each other by liking us on Facebook (/AggieFamilies).
welcome to a community of scholars
**Fall 2013**

- **8.23** Last day to register for fall classes & pay fees
- **8.25** Freshman Convocation
- **8.26** First day of fall semester classes
- **8.30** Last day for adding/dropping courses
- **9.13** Academic Convocation
- **10.14** Mid-semester grades due
- **11.14 - 12.3** Preregistration for 2014 spring semester
- **11.15** Last day to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop), change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type, or officially withdraw
- **11.18** Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day
- **11.28 - 11.29** Thanksgiving holiday
- **12.2** Redefined day, attend Friday classes
  - No regular course exams (except for labs & one-hour classes)
- **12.3** Last day of fall semester classes
  - Redefined day, attend Thursday classes
  - No regular course exams (except for labs & one-hour classes)
- **12.4 - 12.5** Reading days, no classes
- **12.6, 9 - 11** Fall semester final examinations
- **12.13 - 12.14** Commencement and Commissioning
- **12.16** Final grades for all students due

**Spring 2014**

- **1.10** Last day to register for spring classes & pay fees
- **1.13** First day of spring semester classes
- **1.17** Last day for adding/dropping courses
- **1.20** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. University Holiday
- **3.3** Mid-semester grades due
- **3.10 - 3.14** Spring Break
- **4.10 - 4.25** Preregistration for 2014 summer & fall classes
- **4.14** Last day to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop), change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type, or officially withdraw
- **4.18** Reading day, no classes
- **4.21** Muster Day
- **4.28** No regular course exams (except for labs & one-hour classes)
- **4.29** Last day of spring semester classes
  - Redefined day, attend Friday classes
  - No regular course exams (except for labs & one-hour classes)
- **4.30 - 5.1** Reading days, no classes
- **5.2, 5 - 7** Spring semester final examinations
- **5.9 - 5.10** Commencement and Commissioning
- **5.12** Final grades for all students due

*all dates subject to change, visit registrar.tamu.edu

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**core values**

Texas A&M University Purpose Statement:
To develop leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good.

Our purpose statement carries with it the responsibility, the traditions, and the forward thinking of Texas A&M University exemplified by all who are associated with the university — its faculty and staff, and its current and former students. This can be defined by six core values:

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Loyalty
- Respect
- Selfless Service
Howdy and welcome to the Aggie Family!

Maybe there are many Aggies in your family, or maybe you’re like me and the first in your family to attend college. Either way, you’ll find that you become part of a community of fellow students, faculty, staff and former students who care about you not only while you’re a student, but also long after you graduate.

Our professors are some of the world’s best teachers, scholars and researchers. They are passionate about what they do, and they are dedicated to helping you succeed. You’ll get to choose from more than 120 undergraduate degrees and 240 graduate degrees here at Texas A&M that will prepare you for success in your chosen field.

In your free time, you can meet people and develop your leadership skills through more than 800 student-led clubs and organizations. Whether you’re interested in volunteering to help others on campus or in the community, or finding students who share your particular interest or passion, there’s definitely a club for you.

Our campus is one of the largest in the country, both in terms of enrollment and physical size, but it’s also one of the friendliest, safest and most welcoming campuses anywhere. That’s why we call it Aggieland.

When you come here, you become part of something bigger than yourself. To me, that’s what the Aggie Family is all about, and why I’m so proud to be your president and a fellow Aggie. I wish you the best of luck as you embark on this exciting new chapter in your life.

Sincerely,

R. Bowen Loftin ’71
President
Dear New Student:

Howdy! Welcome to Aggieland and to what is going to be a most exciting and important time in your life. During your college career, you will encounter a world of new ideas, new discoveries, and new friends. Close to 50,000 students will be enrolled this fall, and you will have the opportunity to interact with students of various backgrounds from every county in Texas, most every state in the nation, and from over 125 countries.

One of the major advantages of Texas A&M University is having the opportunity to participate in an exceptional variety of out-of-classroom activities, the breadth of which few, if any, other universities in the nation can match. Starting with New Student Conferences, students are encouraged to get involved in one or more of our 800 student organizations. Through these organizations you will complement and apply what you’ve learned in the classroom by blending it with invaluable organizational, teamwork, and leadership skills you can gain from your out-of-class activities.

The Division of Student Affairs is committed to providing you the highest quality educational environment, an environment that supports, and provides services to you which complement what you learn in the classroom. The purpose of this handbook is to assist you in identifying some of those opportunities – to offer some of the avenues to and the facets of our campus, student services, Aggie traditions, and more.

I invite you to make the most of your college years and enjoy your time in Aggieland. Welcome to the Aggie family!

Gig ‘Em,

LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret.)
Vice President for Student Affairs

Howdy!

Congratulations! On behalf of the current student body, administration, and hundreds of thousands of former students, I would like to welcome you to what I believe to be one of A&M’s greatest traditions, the Aggie Family.

Your admission into Texas A&M says a lot about who you are. You are a leader because this is an institution of leaders. A&M’s purpose statement is, “to develop leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good.” Character is also a foundational aspect of being an Aggie. We as Aggies daily live out our core values of Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect and Selfless Service. You are among the smartest and hardest working students in the state, country, and world. Because of all of this, you will be held to a higher standard. Keep your perspective set on your potential to learn and grow here at A&M.

Established in 1876, A&M has deep roots and time-honored traditions. We have built on those traditions and are growing and refining at a rapid rate. Texas A&M is still first in the state and a top tier institution with the highest standards of academics and research. A&M took national spotlight and outperformed any prediction for our first year in the Southeastern Conference. The standard for us is high, but I am confident that we will again, with your help, surpass all expectations.

You are about to begin one of the greatest seasons and experiences of your life. Make the most of your time here! Take part in the preservation and promotion of the Aggie Spirit, Tradition, and Values. A&M is among the nation’s largest universities and there are literally limitless opportunities for involvement with our 800+ officially recognized student organizations. Set a goal now to make the most of your time here by giving all you can to A&M and in turn getting all that can be offered from your Aggie experience. There is no better place to be and no better time to be an Aggie. It’s time for Texas A&M.

Gig ‘Em,
R. Joseph ’14
Student Body President 2013-2014
university history & tradition
By resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas in November 1866, Texas agreed to provide for a college under the terms of the Morrill Act, but no such institution was organized until the establishment of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas by the Texas state legislature on April 17, 1871. A commission created to locate the institution accepted the offer of 2,416 acres of land from the citizens of Brazos County in 1871, and instruction began in 1876.

Texas A&M was established as a military institution, and the Corps of Cadets has played an important part in its history and development. Although membership in the Corps of Cadets became voluntary in 1965, Texas A&M historically has produced more military officers than any other institution in the nation except for the service academies. Texas A&M remains one of only six senior military colleges today, and the Corps is the largest uniformed body outside the national service academies.

In keeping with the diversified and expanded character of the institution, in 1963, the name of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas changed to Texas A&M University. In September 1971, the designation Sea Grant College was assigned to Texas A&M University in recognition of its achievements in oceanographic and marine resources development. Texas A&M was one of the first institutions nationwide to achieve this distinction. Texas A&M added a third special designation to its credentials in August 1989, when it was named a Space Grant College based on its continuing commitment to space research. Texas A&M is one of a select few institutions nationwide to hold the triple Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant designations. Texas A&M has two branch campuses: Texas A&M University at Galveston, the university’s marine-oriented branch, opened in 1962, and Texas A&M University at Qatar, an engineering branch established in the Middle Eastern country of Qatar in 2003, with full funding by Qatar Foundation.

Texas A&M University offers a variety of programs in both undergraduate and graduate studies through its ten academic colleges: Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture, Mays Business School, Education and Human Development, Dwight Look College of Engineering, The Bush School of Government and Public Service, Geosciences, Liberal Arts, Science, and Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. In addition, its extensive research efforts in all fields total more than $600 million.

From humble beginnings in 1876 as Texas’ first public institution of higher learning, Texas A&M is now a bustling 5,200-acre campus (one of the nation’s largest) with almost 50,000 students and a nationally recognized faculty. With a fall 2012 new student enrollment just over 10,000, almost 26 percent are the first in their family to attend college. Average SAT scores are considerably higher than the national average—1200 for freshmen that entered in fall 2012—and the university ranks in the top ten nationally in the number of National Merit Scholars. Though the student body is one of the nation’s largest, the student-to-faculty ratio is approximately 22:1.

In addition to the exemplary education students receive inside the classroom, Aggies also have the opportunity to experience “education in action” through participation in one or more of the University’s 800 clubs and organizations. In fact, more than 75 percent of students belong to at least one student organization. See the involvement section of this handbook to learn more about opportunities on campus.
Texas A&M University, the state's oldest public institution of higher education, opened on October 4th.

The first Silver Taps was held to honor Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the former governor of Texas and president of A&M College. Silver Taps, one of Texas A&M's most honored traditions, is held any student who passes away while enrolled at A&M. This final tribute is held the first Tuesday of the month following the students' passing.

"Pinkie" Wilson wrote The Aggie War Hymn while standing guard on the Rhine River during World War I.

Pinky Downs shouted out at the Yell Practice before the TCU football game, "What are we going to do to those Horned Frogs?" Answering his own question, he replied, "Gig 'Em, Aggies!" while making a fist with his thumb extended.

Membership dues for The Association of Former Students were abolished because it was agreed that any Aggie graduate was automatically a member of their alumni association in spirit and fact.

First women admitted to the University on a limited basis. Full admission of women began in 1971. The Corps of Cadets allowed women to join in 1974.

November 18, 1999 Bonfire fell, taking 12 of our fellow Aggies with it. This day was one of the most trying days for Aggies everywhere. This marked the second time in A&M's history Bonfire did not burn, the first being 1963 following John F. Kennedy's assassination. At this time, Bonfire has been postponed indefinitely.

1876

Aggies gathered together for the first Muster to "live over again their college days." Muster is celebrated in more than 400 places worldwide on April 21st, with the largest ceremony on-campus in College Station.

1883

The Class of 1889 was the first to receive Aggie Rings.

1898

The first Bonfire was held in the early morning hours of November 18, 1907. However, the first on campus Aggie Bonfire was not held until 1909.

1907

Student E. King Gill came down out of the stands and donned the uniform of an injured player during the Aggie football game against Centre College. He was the last man standing on the sideline at the end of the game, and though he never played, he stood by in case his team needed him and began the tradition of the 12th Man.

1918

A group of cadets hit a small black and white dog on their way back from Navasota. They picked up the dog and brought her back to school so they could care for her and she was quickly named "Revelle" when she barked during the bugler's morning wake up call.

1922

Membership in the Corps of Cadets became voluntary.

1930

1931

The Big Event began as a way for students to say "Thank You" by serving the surrounding community. The largest one-day, student-run project in the nation, this event has over 18,000 student volunteers performing tasks such as painting and yard-work.

1942

Aggie Ring

The Aggie Ring is rich in symbolism and tradition and is perhaps the most recognizable and enduring symbol of the Aggie Network. The Association of Former Students has the distinct privilege of protecting the spirit and integrity of the Aggie Ring.

The highly cherished Aggie Ring can only be obtained through The Association of Former Students. Students must meet eligibility requirements before they can order their Aggie Ring. Please visit AggieNetwork.com/Ring to learn more about the Aggie Ring requirements.

1963

1965

Aggie Bonfire

Aggie Bonfire began in 1907 when cadets lit a pile of wood and trash on fire at the train station to welcome the football team home from a victory on the road. Bonfire grew immensely throughout the years and it came to symbolize the undying love all Aggies hold in their hearts for Texas A&M, and eventually evolved into an exciting and eagerly anticipated tradition at Texas A&M.

For nearly a century, Bonfire was lit just prior to the annual football game with The University of Texas (referred to as "t.u." by Aggies), representing the burning desire Aggies have to "beat the hell out of t.u.!!" Aggie Bonfire has been a testament to Aggie spirit and what Aggie leadership, teamwork, and motivation can accomplish. Since the tragic fall of the stack on November 18, 1999, the Aggie Bonfire is now remembered in a memorial on campus dedicated to those who were lost and injured that day and throughout Bonfire's history.

More information about Texas A&M traditions available at tamu.edu/about/traditions.html
Corps of Cadets
The Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets, known as “The Keepers of the Spirit,” has been preserving Aggie traditions and producing leaders of character for 137 years. The over 2,200 member Corps provides a balanced, structured military lifestyle focused on academic excellence and offers a wide range of extracurricular activities. The Corps provides opportunities to master leadership and management skills that prepare cadets to become leaders in the military, private, and public sectors.

The Corps of Cadets may be best known for preparing students for commissions in the military; however, nearly 55% percent of graduating cadets do not join the military. Cadets who want to pursue non-military careers — whether in the private sector or in public service — can declare themselves Academic Certificate in Leadership candidates after their second year in the Corps of Cadets.

Silver Taps
By far, one of Texas A&M’s most honored traditions is Silver Taps. Silver Taps is held for any graduate or undergraduate student who passes away while enrolled at A&M. This final tribute is held in Academic Plaza the first Tuesday of the month following the student’s passing. The first Silver Taps was held in 1898 and honored Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the former governor of Texas and president of A&M College.

On the day of Silver Taps, a small card with the deceased student’s name, classification, major, and date of birth is placed at the base of the flagpole in Academic Plaza. Around 10:15 that night, lights are extinguished around Academic Plaza and hymns chime from Albritton Bell Tower. Students silently gather at the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross. At 10:30 p.m. the Ross Volunteer Firing Squad marches into the plaza and fires a 21 gun salute. Buglers then play a special rendition of Taps, called Silver Taps, three times from the dome of the Academic Building: once to the north, south, and west. It is not played to the east because it is said that the sun will never rise on that Aggie’s life again. After the buglers play, those in attendance leave from Academic Plaza in complete silence. Silver Taps is a sacred tradition that Aggies treasure dearly.

Muster
Muster began in June of 1883 as members of the Ex-Cadets Association came together to “live over again our college days, the victories and defeats won and lost upon drill ground and classroom” and to “let every alumni answer a roll call.” In 1922, April 21st became a formalized day of events for all A&M clubs to celebrate San Jacinto Day in the same fashion. Since then, events that occurred on April 21st have grown in size and number.

Muster gained national recognition in 1942 when newspapers reported that a Muster ceremony was held by 24 Aggies on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines, just days before the land fell to the Japanese.

Today, Aggie Muster is celebrated in more than 400 locations worldwide. Students coordinate the Campus Muster that is held for students and faculty. Each year Muster is dedicated to the 50-year reunion class. The Campus Muster involves a day of activities for all Aggies to come together on campus to enjoy a barbecue, friendship, and entertainment.

The day closes with the roll call for the absent ceremony, when over 13,000 people come together to honor and remember those who are no longer with us. Following the Singing Cadets, Aggie Band, and Muster speaker, lights are dimmed and the roll call begins. As each name is called, a candle is lit and a friend or family member answers “here” to remind us all that each Aggie, though no longer present in body, will always remain with us in spirit.

Muster is a time to look to the past, present, and future, not only to grieve but to reflect and to celebrate the lives that connect us to one another. A gesture so simple in nature yet so lasting in spirit, Muster is the lasting impression every Aggie leaves with us; it reminds us of the greatness that lies within these walls, of the loyalty we possess, of the connection that binds us, and of the idea that every Aggie has a place of importance—whether they are present in flesh or spirit. Muster will continue to serve as the foundation of Aggie Spirit, upholding those ideals and principles common to all students of Texas A&M, common to all Aggies, forever.
that she can always watch the Aggies outscore their opponent. Reveille is the most revered dog on campus. Corps of Cadets Company E-2 has the privilege of taking care of Reveille. If she is sleeping on a cadet’s bed, that cadet must sleep on the floor. If she is in class and barks while the professor is teaching, legend is, the class is to be immediately dismissed.

**Howdy**

In true Aggie Spirit, “Howdy” is the official greeting of Texas A&M. The university is known for its welcoming attitude and for making sure no one who visits the campus feels like a stranger. Visitors often say they find the friendliness of the campus remarkable. They tell stories of looking lost only to have an Aggie walk up, say “Howdy,” offer to help and, to their amazement, walk with them to make sure they arrive at their destination. While the exact origin of this tradition is not known, “Howdy” has come to be a tradition that sets Texas A&M apart as one of the friendliest campuses in the world, where all are welcome.

**Gig ‘Em**

Pinky Downs, class of 1906, is credited with the “Gig ‘Em” hand sign. At the 1930 Yell Practice before the TCU football game, Downs shouted out, “What are we going to do to those Horned Frogs?” Answering his own question, he replied, “Gig ‘Em, Aggies!” while making a fist with his thumb extended. A “gig” is a spear-like tool used for hunting frogs. The gesture became known as the first hand sign of the Southwest Conference. Now Aggies use this sign to encourage and motivate each other.

**Yell Leaders**

When A&M was an all-male military college in 1907, students often invited ladies from Texas Woman’s University to take the train to College Station to attend Aggie football games. According to legend, during one football game the Aggies were being out-scored so badly that the ladies were threatening to leave the game from boredom, and the upperclassmen ordered the freshmen to find a way to entertain them. The freshmen raided a janitor’s closet, changed into the white coveralls they found there, and began leading the crowd in yells from the track in front of the stands. The freshmen got so much attention from the ladies that it was decided that only upperclassmen would be allowed to participate in this entertainment in the future.

The Yell Leaders have evolved into a team of five upperclassmen, three seniors and two juniors. Student body elections to choose the Yell Leaders are held annually.

The Yell Leaders attend all home and away football games, all home basketball games, all home volleyball games, all home soccer matches, and post-season football, basketball, and volleyball. They can always be found on the sidelines of the playing field in front of the student section.
Midnight Yell Practice

Where other schools have cheers, Aggies proudly (and loudly) show enthusiasm through their many yells. They shout these yells at Yell Practice to build motivation and spirit for an upcoming event, whether it is a football game or another competition.

Yell Practice began as a post dinner activity in early 1900’s, when different Corps companies would gather together to “learn heartily the old time pep.” However, it was not until 1931 that Midnight Yell Practice, as it is known today, was held before the t.u. game. It began when a group of cadets were gathered in Peanut Owen’s dorm room in Puryear Hall. Someone suggested that all of the freshmen should fall out and meet on the steps of the YMCA building at midnight. The Yell Leaders at the time said that they couldn’t make it official, but they just might show up. Needless to say, the word spread quickly, and when the freshmen began to arrive, railroad flares and torpedoes were stuck in flower pots around the YMCA building to light the area. The first Midnight Yell Practice had begun!

For home football games, Yell Practice occurs at midnight, Friday night before the game at Kyle Field. For an away game, a Yell Practice is held on Thursday evening at the Corps Quad arches and at midnight Friday in the town of the opponent. The purpose of Midnight Yell is to pump up the 12th Man for the next day’s big game.

The 12th Man

The tradition of the Twelfth Man was born on January 2, 1922. The Aggies were playing Centre College, the nation’s top ranked team at the time. As the hard-fought game wore on, the Aggies were forced to dig deep into their limited reserves because of injuries. Coach Dana X. Bible remembered that a former squad member, who was playing basketball at the time, was in the press box helping reporters identify players. His name was E. King Gill. Gill was called from the stands, suited up, and stood ready throughout the rest of the game, which A&M finally won 22 to 14. Gill later said, “I wish I could say that I went in and ran for the winning touchdown, but I didn’t. I simply got ready and waited—just in case I was needed.”

Although Gill did not play in the game, he had accepted the call to help his team. He came to be known as the “12th Man” because he stood ready in case the 11 men on the gridiron needed him. That spirit of readiness for service, desire to support, and enthusiasm helped kindle a flame of devotion among the entire student body, a spirit that has grown vigorously throughout the years. The entire student body at A&M is the “12th Man,” and they stand during the entire game to show their support. The “12th Man” is always in the stands waiting to be called upon if needed.

“Being a third generation Aggie, I could not wait to step foot on campus for the first time as a student and really become a part of the rich history and traditions that are so unique to Texas A&M. My advice to you would be to embrace the Aggie Spirit; say “Howdy” to people as they pass you on campus, stand with the 12th Man at sporting events, and give back by getting involved! Welcome to the Aggie Family!”

Kristin Killibrew ’14
Aggie orientation leader program
aggie yells

GIG ‘EM
Aaaaaaa, gig ‘em, Aggies!

AGGIES
A-G-G-I-E-S
A-G-G-I-E-S
Aaaaaaa, fight ‘em, Aggies!

FARMERS FIGHT
Farmers, fight! Farmers, fight!
Fight! Fight!
Farmers, farmers fight!

MILITARY
Squads left; squads right!
Farmers, farmers we’re all right!
Load, ready, aim, fire: BOOM!
Reload! (said by Seniors only)
A&M, give us room!

TEAM
Aaaaaaa, team, team, team!

HORSE LAUGH
Riffety, Riffety, Riff-Raff!
Chiffity, Chiffity, Chiff-Chaff!
Riff-Raff! Chiff-Chaff!
Let’s give ’em a horse laugh:
Ssssss!

OLD ARMY
A---, R---, M---, Y---
T---, A---, M---, C---
Aaaaaaa, Old Army Fight!

FIFTEEN FOR TEAM
Rah! Rah! Rah! Team!
Farmers, fight! Farmers, fight!
Fight! Fight!
Farmers, farmers fight!

SKY ROCKET
Whistleeaaaaaaaaa
Boom
Aaaaaaaa
Whistleeaaaaaa
Rah! Boom! Team! Yeaah!

LOCOMOTIVE
(slow)
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
T-A-M-C
(faster)
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
T-A-M-C
(very fast)
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
T-A-M-C
Aaaaaaa
Rah! Rah! Rah! Team!

BEAT THE HELL
Beat the Hell Outta...
(whoever we are playing!)

KYLE FIELD
K-Y-L-E
F-I-E-L-D
Aaaaaaaa
Kyle Field, Aaaah
aggie songs

SPIRIT OF AGGIELAND
Some may boast of prowess bold
Of the school they think so grand,
But there’s a spirit can ne’er be told,
It’s the Spirit of Aggieland.

(Chorus)
We are the Aggies -
the Aggies are we,
True to each other as Aggies can be.
We’ve got to fight boys,
We’ve got to fight!
We’ve got to fight for Maroon and White.

After they’ve boosted all the rest,
They will come and join the best,
For we are the Aggies -
the Aggies are we,
We’re from Texas A&M.

Fight! Fight! Fight-fight-fight!
Fight! Maroon! White-White-White!
A-G-G-I-E
Texas! Texas! A-M-C!
Gig ‘em, Aggies, 1-2-3
Farmers fight! Farmers fight!
Fight! Fight!
Farmers, farmers fight!

THE TWELFTH MAN
(Sung if the Aggies are behind when the time runs out)
Texas Aggies down in Aggieland,
We’ve got Aggie Spirit to a man.
“Stand united!”
That’s the Aggie theme,
We’re the 12th Man on the team.
When we’re down,
the goin’s rough and tough,
We just grin and yell:
“We’ve got the stuff
To fight together for the Aggie dream,”
We’re the 12th Man on that
FIGHTIN’ AGGIE TEAM!

AGGIE WAR HYMN
Hullabaloo, Caneck! Caneck!
Hullabaloo, Caneck! Caneck!

Good-bye to Texas University,
So long to the Orange and the White.
Good luck to dear ole Texas Aggies,
They are the boys
that show the real old fight.
“The eyes of Texas are upon you . . . “
That is the song they sing so well,
So good-bye to Texas University,
We’re going to beat you all to—
Chig-ga-roo-gar-em!
Chig-ga-roo-gar-em!
Rough! Tough! Real Stuff!
Texas A&M!

Saw Varsity’s horns off!
Saw Varsity’s horns off!
Saw Varsity’s horns off!

Short!
Varsity’s horns are sawed off!
Varsity’s horns are sawed off!
Varsity’s horns are sawed off!
Short!

HOT TIME
(follows The Aggie War Hymn)
Late one night
When the t-sips were in bed,
Old Sul Ross
Took a lantern in the shed.
The Aggie kicked it over,
He winked and then he said,
There’ll be a hot time in Austin tonight!

TEXAS, OUR TEXAS
(Official State Song)
Texas—Our Texas!—
All hail the mighty State!—
Texas—Our Texas!—
So wonderful and great!—
Boldest—and grandest,—
Withstanding ev’ry test,—
O, Empire wide and glorious,—
You stand supremely blest.
God bless—you Texas,—
And keep you brave and strong,
That you may grow in power and worth,
throughout the ages long.
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campus lingo

Add/Drop: A period of time, at the start of the semester when students may add and drop classes online.

Aggie: A student or former student of Texas A&M University.

Aggie Spirit: Undeniable, yet an awesome force that radiates from students, former students, and friends of Texas A&M University.

Aggieland: (1) Home of the Fightin’ Texas Aggies; (2) Texas A&M’s yearbook.

The Association of Former Students: The alumni association - there is really no such thing as an Ex-Aggie; there are only Former Students. Once an Aggie, always an Aggie!

Bad Bull: Anything that does not promote the Aggie Spirit.

Batt: The Battalion, Texas A&M’s student newspaper.

Blue Book: A ruled paper booklet used in some classes for essay tests.

Brass: (1) Metal buttons, buckles and insignia on Corps uniforms; (2) Rank.

Bonfire: A past tradition that symbolizes A&M’s desire to beat t.u. in football.

Commons: The residence hall complex consisting of Krueger, Dunn, Aston, and Mosher halls and the dining and recreational areas the halls share.

Contract: Advanced military science contracts (ROTC) - why some juniors and seniors in the Corps get paid.

Corps Trip: Trip made by the entire Corps to an out-of-town football game.

D&C: Drill and Ceremony. Junior or Senior in the Corps who does not have a contract with one of the military services.

Elephant Walk: Held the week before the last football game, seniors celebrate their place in A&M’s history by wandering around the campus like dying elephants.

ExCEL: a student organization and orientation program designed to help freshmen find an academic, social and personal balance at Texas A&M.

F.O.W.: Freshman Orientation Week - held the week before classes begin to help Corps freshmen make the transition from a high school environment to the Corps of Cadets’ way of life.

Final: Final examination, last major exam of the semester.

Final Review: The last Corps review of the school year, held around graduation. Graduating cadets turn the command of their outfits over to the officers for the following year.

First Yell: Typically held the Friday before the first home football game. Hosted by the Yell Leaders, the event includes a major performer and Yell Practice.

Fish: A freshman.

Fish Camp: Freshman orientation camp held just before classes begin in the fall. Provides an overall introduction to Texas A&M.

Fish Pond: The fountain outside of Sbisa Dining Hall.

Frog: Cadet who joins the Corps after he/she starts school.

G.P.R.: Grade point ratio. (G.P.A.)

Good Bull: Anything that promotes the Aggie Spirit.

Greek(s): The members of social fraternities and sororities.

Guard Room: Office of the Corps Staff, located in Kiest Hall on the Quad.

Hole: A Corps member’s room.

Howdy!: Traditional Aggie greeting; a derivative of “hello.”

Howdy Camp: An orientation camp designed for students entering A&M in the Spring semester.

Hullabaloo: The first word in the Aggie War Hymn.

Humping It: Position taken by an Aggie when giving a yell. To do this, put your hands on your knees and bend forward at the waist.

Instructor: Person who teaches and has not attained the rank of professor.

Koldus Building: The John J. Koldus Building houses the Prospective Student Center, Career Center, Student Activities, Student Government, Fraternity & Sorority Life, numerous student organizations, and several meeting rooms.

Kyle Field: The football field and stadium where staunch Aggie fans yell for an eager team.

Mt. Aggie: The practice ski slope that hosts ski classes and practice sessions before ski trips.

MSC: Memorial Student Center.

New Family Welcome: An annual event in the Fall semester for family members of new Aggies to visit their student(s) and attend scheduled events.

Non-Reg: An undergraduate student who is not a member of the Corps of Cadets.
OL: Orientation Leader - student leader in AOLP (Aggie Orientation Leader Program) who volunteers with New Student Conferences.

OL’ Army: Like it “used to be” at A&M or term used to define an unknown, past time period.

Open House: Usually held the first Sunday after school starts. Recognized student organizations and University departments set up booths to inform the student body about opportunities for involvement and available services.

Parents’ Weekend: A University-wide activity set aside to honor Aggie parents, held in the Spring semester. Also, that Sunday the Aggie Parents of the Year are announced and academic, Corps, organization, and Spirit Awards are presented.

Privilege: A benefit merited by virtue of class rank.

Q-Drop: The process of dropping a course after the designated add/drop period without penalty.

Quad/Quadrangle: Where the Corps residence halls are located.

R.A.: Abbreviation for resident advisor of a residence hall.

RHA: Residence Hall Association - a recognized student organization working for all students living in the residence halls.

Recruitment: Recruitment process used by fraternities and sororities. Usually at the beginning of the semester, it provides students interested in joining Greek social organizations an opportunity to meet members and ask questions.

Rest!: Be quiet!

R.V.S: Ross Volunteers - members of the military honor company named for Lawrence Sullivan Ross, the oldest student organization in Texas and the honor guard for the Governor of Texas.

Sbisa: Pronounced “sa-bee-sa”; located on the north side of campus, it is the second largest dining hall on any college campus.

SEC (Southeastern Conference): College athletic conference made up of 14 schools including University of Alabama, University of Arkansas, Auburn University, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Texas A&M University, University of Missouri, University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee, and Vanderbilt University.

Shuttle Bus: An alternative to driving to and from campus, as well as around campus.

SPO: MSC Student Programs Office; located on the 2nd Floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Student Activities: Central location for clubs and organizations, Student Government and other opportunities. Drop by 125 Koldus to see how getting involved can help you develop to your full potential.

Sully: Statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, former Governor of Texas and former President of Texas A&M, located in front of the Academic Building.

T.A.: Abbreviation for teaching assistant - a graduate student who instructs one or more classes.

T-Camp: An extended orientation camp designed for students transferring to A&M in the Fall semester.

T-sip: Student at t.u.

Trigon: Military Sciences Building.

t.u.: Aggie term for the University of Texas, that other school in Austin.

Twelfth Man: Aggies not actively engaged in an athletic event but who support the team.

Walk: When your class is cancelled, or your professor/instructor fails to show up for class.

Whipping Out: The way Corps underclassmen introduce themselves to upperclassmen. Usually with a firm handshake and a “Howdy!”

Whoop!: Aggie expression of approval said by junior and seniors.

Wildcat: Another Aggie expression of approval; each academic class has its own wildcat.

Wrecking Crew: The defense of the Texas A&M football team.

Yell Leaders: Three seniors and two juniors who encourage Aggie Spirit by leading leaders. They are elected each spring by the student body.

Yell Practice: Spirit session, which is held regularly during football season. Friday before home football games, it is held at midnight in Kyle Field.

Zip: (1) Senior in the Corps, identified by gold braid on his or her hat or Senior boots (2) Any Senior.
academic success
Joining a Community of Scholars
Texas A&M University is a community of faculty, staff and students engaged together in the active pursuit of learning. You are now a partner in an activity designed to engage you in learning and to prepare you to become a lifelong learner. At Texas A&M, you will have a wealth of opportunities to pursue your lifelong career goals. Many of Texas A&M’s degree programs are ranked in the top 10 nationally. The university offers more than 150 undergraduate degree programs and 240 master’s and Ph.D. programs, as well as a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

Tips for Academic Success
You have every opportunity for academic success and Texas A&M is committed to helping you achieve your goals. However, all the great resources the University offers are ineffective unless you take advantage of them. Here are a few tips to help you get started on the right path towards academic success:

Utilize your Academic Advisor
Get to know your academic advisor and take advantage of his or her extensive academic expertise and knowledge. A good rule of thumb is to meet with your advisor at least once per semester. You can get off to a great start by working with your academic advisor at your New Student Conference. This is also your chance to establish a connection with the other advisors and deans in your college.

Set Goals
College is an ideal time to begin setting goals. Remain focused on completing your education by consciously setting goals and working to achieve them. First, you will need to differentiate between short-term and long-term goals. During your first semester begin to test some short-term goals. Practice setting and fulfilling goals with the following process:

1. **Select a goal.** State it in measurable terms. Be specific about what you want to achieve and when (not “study more” but “study two hours per day beginning at 7 p.m.”).

2. **Ask whether the goal is achievable.** Do you have enough time to pursue it, and more importantly, do you have the necessary skills, strengths and resources? Modify the goal to make it realistic and achievable.

3. **Be certain you genuinely want to achieve this goal.** Don’t set out to work toward something only because you feel you should or because someone else expects it of you. Identify whether the goal has the potential to give you a sense of accomplishment.

4. **Put your goal in writing.** Writing your goal on paper helps form a stronger commitment to achieving the goal. You may want to hang your goals in a place where you will see them every day.

5. **Devises strategies and steps for achieving the goal.** What will you need to do to begin? What comes next? Set a timeline for these steps.

6. **Anticipate and identify difficulties you might encounter.** Allow yourself to be flexible with your goals and plan ways to overcome unexpected problems.

7. **Be committed.** Remain confident in your ability to achieve your goals and always expect success.
Find a Mentor
There are many reasons to find a mentor, ranging from getting academic advice, working out a personal issue, or simply discussing career goals. No matter the issue, faculty and staff Mentors are here to listen. Students often feel the need to talk to someone about aspirations, classroom concerns, involvement or frustrations. Mentors are available to talk, listen, and help each student feel a part of the Aggie community.

Mentors advise students in their areas of experience and competence, and are trained to be effective referral sources. The Mentors program does not attempt to replace or substitute programs provided by departmental advisors, the Student Counseling Service, and the many other valuable student services available at Texas A&M University. Mentors work hand-in-hand with these services, helping students to locate and use them. As a student you determine the means and frequency of your mentoring experience.

To find or request a mentor, use our online matching system at mentors.tamu.edu, email us at mentors@tamu.edu, or call 979.845.5826.

Freshman Convocation
Freshman Convocation welcomes freshmen to Texas A&M University in a manner similar to the recognition of students’ graduation at commencement. Freshmen will join faculty, college deans, and the university president and vice presidents to commemorate their entry into the Texas A&M University Community of Scholars. In addition, when all freshmen are assembled in one place, students will gain a sense of the size, strength, and identity of their class and experience an important connection to one another and to the University. Freshman Convocation will be held in Reed Arena on Sunday, August 25th at 2:30 p.m. For additional information, please visit: freshmanconvocation.tamu.edu.
Manage Your Time
Good time management is one major key to success in college. On the first day of class, you will receive a syllabus for each class that lists out the dates for every assignment and test. From there, you can identify your responsibilities and prioritize these by day and by week. Here are a few tips to keep in mind as you begin to plan out your semester:

1. **Take care of the big tasks first.** These are the ones that we tend to procrastinate the most. Break the big projects into smaller, more manageable steps and identify time every day to work on it.

2. **Develop a weekly routine.** Carry a calendar and prepare realistic to-do lists. Sometimes seeing what is on your list can help you organize similar items together, which is a great time-saving technique.

3. **Manage distractions.** Respect your time. Don’t waste it by giving in to distractions. If studying at home is too distracting, find a quiet alternative like the library, a coffee shop, an open classroom, or computer lab.

4. **Analyze and budget your time.** Consider how you spend your time now and budget the necessary time to accomplish all of your tasks. Don’t forget to schedule time for adequate sleep and exercise.

Study Smart
Assessing your own learning style and developing a personal study system is an integral part of your success in college. Generally, for every one hour you spend in class, you should spend three hours studying for that class. The Academic Success Center & Peer Academic Resources are valuable (and FREE!) resources for help with note-taking, determining your learning style, or developing study skills. Here are a few simple tips to get you started towards studying smart:

1. **Read the assigned material and previous week’s notes.** This will prepare you to contribute in class and to ask questions.

2. **During the lecture, try to be an active listener.** By asking questions or making comments for clarification, you will be more likely to understand and remember the material during an exam.

3. **Experiment with note-taking methods to find what works for you.** After class, review your notes or use your book or a friend’s notes to fill in areas you may have missed. Type/re-write and organize your notes if necessary.

4. **Stay current with the assigned readings and review your notes on a weekly basis.** This will help you retain information across the semester and prevent late-night cramming before a test.

“Coming from a large high school, it wasn’t the size of the class that scared me, it was the size of the material I was responsible for that absolutely terrified me. Going over the syllabus on the first day of class, I could not fathom how I was supposed to gain all of that knowledge before the first exam. Immediately, I sought assistance to tackle this massive amount of information head-on. I attended the Supplemental Instruction sessions and used the drop-in tutoring offered through Peer Academic Services. Of all the academic resources I tried, my professor’s office hours have been the most helpful. Getting the opportunity to personally ask them questions and hearing what they consider to be the most important aspects of a lesson, really helped me prepare for their exams. Thanks to the personal interest of the professors and tutors in my academic success, I am no longer fearful before an exam!”
Academic Success Center (ASC)
A collaborative effort between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, the Academic Success Center's mission is to help all Aggies enhance their academic performance. ASC has a holistic approach which helps students identify roadblocks to academic success and ensures that all students have access to comprehensive resources. The Center strives to help each student achieve the highest possible academic potential. Each Aggie is different, so our programming is designed to identify and address individual needs.

Students participate in an initial online learning skills assessment to ensure that they pursue the right track. Scholastic performance specialists help each student develop an individualized plan that incorporates campus academic support services. Academic coaching helps students accomplish their plans and chart their progress. The Academic Success Center also provides targeted workshops, discussion groups, and other events to help students identify and access the information and skills they need to succeed.

For more information on the services provided by the Academic Success Center, visit us in the YMCA Building or online at http://us.tamu.edu/academic-success-center.

Understanding Add/Drop & Q-Drop
A student may add or drop a course up through the fifth day of classes during the fall/spring semesters or through the fourth class day of a summer term. Students can “add/drop” during this timeframe via the Howdy Portal. A student requesting to add a course after these deadlines must have the approval of the student’s dean.

A student may drop a course with no record up through the fifth class day of the fall or spring semester. During a summer term, students may drop a course with no record up through the fourth class day. Following this period, if approved by the dean of the student’s college, a student may drop a course without penalty (called Q-Drop) through the 60th class day of a fall or spring semester, the 15th class day of a 5-week summer term, or the 35th class day of the 10-week summer semester. Under section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code, “an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education.” Undergraduate students are normally permitted four Q-drops at Texas A&M during their undergraduate career.

However, in order to comply with this statute, a student who has dropped courses at other Texas public institutions may not be permitted four Q-drops if the student’s total number of dropped courses would exceed the State limit of six. Q-drops are processed in the academic deans and/or departmental offices.

Aggie Honor System
For many years Aggies have followed a Code of Honor, which is stated in this very simple verse: “Aggies do not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do.”

The Aggie Honor Code is an effort to unify the aims of all Texas A&M men and women toward a high code of ethics and personal dignity. For most, living under this code will be no problem, as it asks nothing of a person that is beyond reason. It only calls for honesty and integrity, characteristics that Aggies have always exemplified. The Aggie Honor Code functions as a symbol to all Aggies, promoting understanding and loyalty to truth and confidence in each other.

Upon accepting admission to Texas A&M University, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor System. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the A&M community from the requirements or the processes of the Aggie Honor System Office. Texas A&M University is dedicated to the discovery, development, communication, and application of knowledge in a wide range of academic and professional fields. It assumes as its historic trust the maintenance of freedom of inquiry and an intellectual environment that nurtures the human mind and spirit.

The Aggie Honor System Office is charged with the responsibility of continuing an Aggie tradition that dates from our earliest days. Aggies pride themselves in hard work, integrity, and allegiance. Living in accordance with the Aggie Honor Code is critical to these ideals, to the goal of assuming a place of preeminence in higher education, and to the development of the whole student. The Honor Council consists of students and faculty members and is a critical part of the Aggie Honor System Office. The council enforces sanctions when students acquire information from unauthorized sources, provide information without authorization, plagiarize, or violate academic rules. The Honor Code does not function as a tool to force honor by fear; instead it acts as a symbol of our understanding of and loyalty to truth and our confidence in each other.

For more information please visit http://aggiehonor.tamu.edu.
Peer Academic Services (PAS)

Peer Academic Services offers students a variety of learning assistance programs designed to improve and develop skills necessary for success in college-level courses and to help increase the overall retention of students at Texas A&M. Students have access to assistance with reading, writing, mathematics, and study skills on a drop-in basis or by appointment. The following services are offered by Peer Academic Services:

Supplemental Instruction (SI) – The SI program, generously supported by The Association of Former Students, is an award-winning academic assistance program designed to improve the student’s academic performance and increase retention. It targets traditionally difficult core curriculum courses and provides regularly scheduled, out-of-class study sessions. The SI sessions are led by undergraduate students who have taken and excelled in the course and have been trained in proactive learning and study strategies. The SI leaders attend all course lectures, take notes, and read the assigned materials. They serve as leaders for organized group study sessions and help students develop active and independent learning skills.

SI sessions are free and open to all students in the course section; attendance is voluntary. Presently, Peer Academic Services coordinates the SI program in multiple sections of approximately 70 science, business, liberal arts, agriculture, and veterinary medicine courses. SI is offered in over 150 course sections each year.

Transfer Student Learning Community (TSLC) – The TSLC is a program designed for incoming transfer students to learn more about the resources at A&M, make connections with other transfer students, faculty and staff, and actively encourages engagement on all levels of the university. Joining the community will provide you access to dedicated peer mentors and staff who will do their best to help you find answers to questions, resources, and encouragement so that you can get the most out of your experience at Texas A&M.

Tutor Zones (TZ) – Tutor Zones are on-site tutoring locations in various places around campus, such as The Commons, Evans Library, and the new north side residence hall. Tutor Zone tutors have excellent academic skills and are trained in learning strategies and study skills.

Tutoring – free appointment-based tutoring in a variety of math and science courses is offered to students. To find the current tutoring schedule, check the PAS website, pas.tamu.edu.

For more information contact Peer Academic Services at 979.845.2724, come by the YMCA Building, or visit pas.tamu.edu.

University Writing Center

Got a rhetorical question? The University Writing Center has answers. Consultants will spend up to 45 minutes working with students one-to-one, either online or at one of our two locations—the second floor of Evans Library or the West Campus Library. We’ll help with everything from brainstorming to editing. Our goal is to help you become a better writer or a better public speaker.

- For a one-to-one consultation appointment, go to writingcenter.tamu.edu.
- Check out the resources on our website writingcenter.tamu.edu. We have handouts, video, and audio resources on everything from writing a resume to preparing slides for an oral presentation.
- If you have an organization or class that needs some writing tips, contact us for a workshop—we can help with grammar and punctuation, give tips on writing technical or scientific documents, or show you how to make a great research poster.
- Friend us on Facebook (/tamuwc) or follow us on Twitter (@tamuwc) for writing and speaking tips and announcement of events.

Hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Texas A&M Information Technology

Internet Access, Web and Email
All residence hall rooms are equipped with high-speed Internet. TAMUlink wireless Internet is available in most classrooms, dining facilities, libraries, and most residence halls on campus. Texas A&M Email (Neo) is Web based, so you can access it from the Internet anywhere. TAMU Email Mobile is also available on your smartphone.

Open Access Labs (OALs)
The Open Access Labs provide students with computer resources at locations across campus, including six supported computer labs and one dedicated printing center. Over 1,300 computers (PCs and Macs) and numerous scanners, digital video workstations, and color or black-and-white printers are available to all registered students. Labs are available up to 24 hours a day. For a full list of locations, equipment, hours and usage, visit the Open Access Lab website at oal.tamu.edu.

Discounted Software
Once registered, students can take advantage of discounted software through Texas A&M’s software store. This includes deeply discounted Microsoft products and no-charge antivirus software. For more details, visit software.tamu.edu.

Getting Help
Need help? Help Desk Central is available 24 hours a day for computing support. You can call 979.845.8300, email helpdesk@tamu.edu, visit hdc.tamu.edu or stop by room 1112 of the Computing Services Center/Teague Building.

To learn more about your campus IT services, visit IT.tamu.edu.

Libraries
The Texas A&M University Libraries consists of the Sterling C. Evans Library, Cushing Memorial Library and Archives, West Campus Library (WCL), Medical Sciences Library (MSL), Policy Sciences and Economics Library (PSEL), and the Map and GIS Library.

The Sterling C. Evans Library and Library Annex is the University’s principal research and information center. Centrally located, the library offers books, journals and more in digital and print. From films to federal documents, from maps to microcomputers, Evans Library offers a variety of materials, services and extensive study spaces. The Map and GIS Library located within the Evans Library offers specialized services related to maps and use of GIS data for mapping and research.

The Evans Library Annex holds additional collections, reading rooms, and group study spaces. The Annex offers checkouts for iPods, laptops, DVDs, CDs, Kindles, and video cameras.

Cushing Memorial Library and Archives houses special collections, manuscripts, archives, and rare materials. The Archives also contains a special collection relating to the history of Texas A&M University.

The West Campus Library (WCL) primarily serves students in the Mays Business School. The WCL offers extensive electronic resources, special collections and study areas for collaborative and individual class projects.

The Policy Sciences and Economics Library (PSEL) primarily supports students and faculty of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, as well as the departments of Political Science and Economics.

The Medical Sciences Library (MSL) serves the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M Health Science Center, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The MSL houses biomedical books, journals, and electronic resources, as well as related materials in agriculture and the life sciences, such as biochemistry, animal science, nutrition, and the plant sciences.

Librarians and staff are available at the service desks in all libraries to answer all questions, assist with locating materials, consult for special projects and more. Photocopy machines and printers that take coins or vendor cards are located throughout the libraries. To promote a greener campus, the Libraries encourage scanning.

Visit the Libraries website at library.tamu.edu for more information on services, hours and collections at the various libraries.
Study Abroad

Texas A&M University offers a wide range of high impact international opportunities coordinated both by academic colleges and the Study Abroad Programs Office (SAPO) as part of the university’s goals as outlined in Action 2015. These programs help prepare Texas A&M University students to become leaders in the global economy. Texas export revenue totaled $163.04 billion in 2009, and 341,200 Texans are employed by international companies located in this state. These multinational corporations are looking for employees who have engaged in culturally diverse experiences and who can live and compete in the international marketplace. Even if you have never thought of living outside of Texas, A&M students should take the opportunity to internationalize their undergraduate curriculum.

Students from every discipline can study abroad. These experiences include courses taught by A&M faculty overseas; volunteer, research, and internship opportunities; service learning programs; inter-university exchanges; and international field trips that are a component of a regular semester course. Aggies can also study for a semester or summer session at one of the A&M locations overseas: the Santa Chiara Study Center in Italy, the Solitis Center for Education and Research in Costa Rica, or the A&M branch campus in Qatar. The Study Abroad Programs Office works closely with A&M faculty and academic advisors to fit a study abroad experience into a student’s degree plan. With careful planning and guidance from the SAPO advisors, students can add an international experience to their A&M curriculum without extending their time until graduation.

Students can use their financial aid towards a study abroad program. A&M provides over $450,000 in scholarships for international education each year. SAPO also assists students in applying for prestigious national scholarships including the National Security Education Program, the Gilman International Scholarship, and the Freeman ASIA scholarship.

SAPO also contributes to the development of on-campus experiences that foster cultural awareness including the encouragement of certificate programs, engaging learning communities in global awareness, and offering students the opportunity to participate in the Academy for Future International Leaders.

Visit studyabroad.tamu.edu or call 979.845.0544.

Disability Services

Disability Services (DS) promotes an inclusive environment at Texas A&M University by facilitating appropriate accommodations, empowering students to be self-advocates, and educating the campus community. DS staff members interact and collaborate with students, faculty and staff, and provide appropriate referrals to achieve equal access for students with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities such as mobility, hearing or visual impairments, learning and/or psychological disorders may be eligible for services and should submit documentation of their disability to DS.

For more information contact Disability Services at 979.845.1637 by email at disability@tamu.edu or visit disability.tamu.edu.
Office of Professional School Advising
The Office of Professional School Advising (OPSA) provides a multitude of free services, resources, and materials to any student interested in attending medical, dental, pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, nursing, veterinary, or law school. Full-time advisors provide counseling and workshops to students from their freshman year through graduation on course selection, testing strategy and timing, the application process, and career options. Other services include applications, career exposure, and evaluation letter collection and dissemination. For more information, come by Henderson Hall, call 979.847.8938, or visit opsa.tamu.edu.

Honors & Undergraduate Research
Honors and Undergraduate Research challenges motivated students to graduate from an enriched, demanding curriculum. The programs administered by the office bring together outstanding students and faculty to build a community of knowledge-producers, lifelong learners, nationally-recognized scholars, and world citizens. As a recognized “high impact practice” undergraduate research experiences, which are available to Honors and non-Honors students alike, increase undergraduate student learning and success not only while students are at Texas A&M, but long after graduation.

Honors students have access to numerous special services and programs. Throughout the academic year, Honors and Undergraduate Research coordinates several recreational and community-building events, lectures, and workshops. Honors students also are invited to engage in leadership opportunities and contribute to the development of university-level honors programming through the Honors Student Council, the University Scholars program, and as Honors Housing Community leaders. Honors and Undergraduate Research also coordinates the campus nomination processes for various national fellowship competitions, including the Rhodes, Truman, and Goldwater scholarships.

While some services of the office are exclusive to Honors students, advisors are available to talk with any student who is interested in sampling the academic challenge of an honors course, committing to an undergraduate research project, being nominated for a National Fellowship or applying to become an Honors student and earn the Honors Fellows distinction.

For information on pursuing Honors study, applying for a university nomination to national fellowships, becoming an Honors student or an Undergraduate Research Scholar, or publishing undergraduate research articles in Explorations, the Texas A&M journal of undergraduate research, contact Honors and Undergraduate Research in 114 Henderson Hall, 979.845.1957, or visit hur.tamu.edu.
Testing Center
Data and Research Services (DARS) administers several testing programs at Texas A&M. These include national standardized tests, credit by examination, and placement examinations. The following national standardized tests are offered:

- ACE (American Council on Exercise Certification Exam)
- ACT (American College Testing Assessment)
- ACCUPLACER
- CLEP CBT (College Level Examination)
- Program (Computer Based Test)
- CPT (Certified Professional Trainer)
- ELPE (English Language Proficiency Exam)
- GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)
- GRE (Graduate Record Examination)
- LSAT (Law School Admission Test)
- MCAT (Medical College Admission Test)
- SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test: I and II-Subjects Tests)
- TExES (Texas Examinations of Educator Standards)
- THEA (Texas Higher Education Assessment)
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- Prometric Testing Center

Credit by Examination
Credit by examination is offered through the Advanced Placement Program, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Dantes Subject Standardized Test (DSST), International Baccalaureate (IB), SAT II: Subject Tests, and departmental examinations.

Other Testing Services
Data and Research Services is the official repository for the standardized test scores used in the admissions, placement, and proficiency testing programs. Unofficial reports of such scores can be provided to students by DARS, if the scores have been reported to Texas A&M. Information regarding the time of testing is necessary, and positive identification of the student is required. Under no circumstances will test scores be given out over the phone.

DARS also serves as the center for correspondence testing, including written and online testing. Interested students should contact the DARS office for information regarding procedures and charges. DARS can be reached at 979.845.0532 or dars.tamu.edu.

You have every opportunity for academic success, and Texas A&M is committed to helping you achieve your goals. All the great resources the university offers are only effective if you take advantage of them!
CAMPUS RESOURCES
The Offices of the Dean of Student Life
The Offices of the Dean of Student Life strive to enhance students’ opportunities to participate fully in university experiences through information, services, and programs that facilitate responsible life choices and promote awareness of self and community. Each of the program areas within the Offices of the Dean of Student Life has a specific mission, but one common goal: to provide education, outreach, and support to you. Services and programs offered by the Offices of the Dean of Student Life include: Adult, Graduate and Off Campus Student Services; Alcohol & Drug Education Programs; GLBT Resource Center; New Student & Family Programs; Student Conflict Resolution Services; Student Assistance Services; Student Media and Women’s Resource Center. Learn more at studentlife.tamu.edu, 979.845.3111, or visit us in Cain Hall, B117.

Supporting [YOU]

Adult, Graduate, & Off Campus Student Services (AGOSS)
AGOSS provides services to all students who live off campus and to adult (non-traditional) and graduate students attending Texas A&M University. AGOSS offers educational programs and seminars, apartment/rental property listings, and can help if you have a landlord, management, or roommate conflict. AGOSS coordinates the following services:

- **Off Campus Housing Fair**: an event occurring each February where students can meet property owners/managers and community service providers to talk about their housing search needs.
- **AggieSearch**: a free web-based search system featuring a roommate search database and community housing information for students needing off-campus housing and/or roommates. Visit aggiesearch.tamu.edu.
- **Off Campus Survival Manual**: an annual publication which lists apartments, amenities, and tips for successful off campus living. To obtain a copy of the Off Campus Survival Manual, come by Cain Hall C106, call 979.845.1741, email agoss@studentlife.tamu.edu or visit studentlife.tamu.edu/agoess.
- **Off Campus Aggies (OCA)**: all off campus students are encouraged to become actively involved with this student organization. OCA strives to enhance the off-campus students' collegiate experience by serving the Bryan/College Station community, acting as an information resource for issues relevant to off campus students, and through assisting in the development of vital leadership and life skills. For more information visit oca.tamu.edu.

Questions or Concerns? AGOSS staff members also help students with leasing questions or issues that arise when living off campus. Contact AGOSS at studentlife.tamu.edu/agoess or by calling 979.845.1741.

Alcohol and Drug Education Programs (ADEP)
ADEP promotes responsible decision making regarding alcohol and other drugs to the Texas A&M University community through educational programming, outreach, and support. ADEP maintains a resource library on various substance abuse related topics. For more information, visit ADEP in Cain Hall C-118, online at studentlife.tamu.edu/adep or call 979.845.0280. ADEP is also on Facebook (/ADEP4Aggies) and Twitter (@ADEP4Aggies).
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Resource Center
The GLBT Resource Center is a resource and referral center for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Aggies and their straight peers. The Center educates campus and community constituencies on GLBT issues through programming about sexual orientation and gender identity/expression, advocacy, leadership, and visibility. The Center also coordinates the following GLBT Resources:

- **Lending Library and the GLBT Center's Resource Room**: the Resource Room is the place to go for information about GLBT resources on campus and in the B/C/S community.
- **Aggie Allies**: include staff, faculty, and students at Texas A&M who have participated in our Safe Space training. Allies are individuals who are willing to provide a safe haven, a listening ear, and support for GLBT people or anyone dealing with sexual orientation or gender identity/expression issues.

For more information, visit glbt.tamu.edu or call 979.862.8920.

Student Assistance Services (SAS)
SAS assist students who may need extra support by providing a central launching pad to connect them with the appropriate guidance, services, and resources across campus and in the community. SAS is a starting point of contact for information or questions about a variety of topics, including:
- Referrals for personal, academic, and community assistance
- Concerning behavior follow-up
- Student Welfare Checks
- Student Absence Notifications
- Silver Taps/student death
- Sexual Violence Response
- Consultation regarding withdrawal from school
- Assistance in coordinating family needs (in the event of an emergency)

SAS is also the home of the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT). With a campus population of approximately 50,000 students, Texas A&M University and the Division of Student Affairs realize that crises, or critical incidents, will occur and that these crises can have a significant effect on the larger community. To respond to these critical incidents in a timely and effective manner, a team of university administrators and staff are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. The purpose of CIRT is to provide assistance and support to TAMU students involved in or impacted by a critical incident regardless of location. For more information about CIRT please visit http://studentaffairs.tamu.edu/CIRT.

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to contact SAS if they have any questions, are seeking additional information, or would like a general consultation. SAS staff is located in Cain Hall C-217 or can be reached at 979.845.3113 or sas.tamu.edu.

Student Conflict Resolution Services (SCRS)
SCRS serves students by offering a full range of services to assist and counsel students in resolving their disputes and conflicts in a way that facilitates individual responsibility and contributes to their growth and development. SCRS offers services regarding:

- **Student Conduct Services**: administers the University student conduct process as outlined in the Texas A&M University Student Rules.
- **Student Legal Services**: provides students the opportunity to meet with a licensed attorney for advice and counsel concerning legal problems, and information regarding their rights and responsibilities.
- **Student Mediation Services**: provides assistance to students through mediation which facilitates communication between parties to promote reconciliation, settlement, or understanding of one another.

For more information, visit studentlife.tamu.edu/scrs or call 979.847.7272 for Student Conduct Services or 979.862.4502 for Student Legal and Mediation Services.

Women's Resource Center (WRC)
The WRC provides services to both women and men attending Texas A&M in order to promote gender equality and enhance the campus climate for women. The WRC provides educational programs and events, resources for survivors of power-based personal violence, and is the home of the Texas A&M Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program. WRC coordinated events include:

- **Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training**: Teaches bystanders, as all Aggies are, to be aware of potential violence around them and provides skills to use peer influence to intervene appropriately in instances of power-based personal violence. Visit greendot.tamu.edu.
- **SmartStart Salary Negotiation Workshops**: Empower college women to negotiate for fair and equitable salaries when entering the job market.
- **Elect Her-Campus Women Win**: Encourages and trains college women to run for campus-based elective positions, to bring female campus representation in line with current student demographics.
- **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes**: This event is a playful opportunity for men to raise awareness in the Aggie Community about the serious causes, effects, and remediations to sexualized violence. Men wear high heel shoes and walk one mile on campus to draw attention to these issues.
- **Denim Day:** Every April, the Texas A&M community joins the rest of the nation to draw attention to the damaging myths surrounding sexual assault by encouraging students, faculty, and staff to wear denim for one day to support survivors of sexual assault.

- **Aggie Women in Leadership:** All new Aggie women are encouraged to join this group of highly motivated Aggie women undergraduates that value leadership, authenticity, integrity, and being a part of something bigger than yourself. These women host International Women’s Day every March and participate in a number of leadership building programs throughout the year.

The Women’s Resource Center is located in Cain Hall Room C-210. Contact us at 979.845.8784, wrc@tamu.edu, or wrc.tamu.edu.

**International Student Services (ISS)**

The Texas A&M University student population is comprised of a diverse group of students that includes more than 4,700 international students from nearly 130 nations. International Student Services (ISS) administers a wide variety of services to the international community of Texas A&M. The mission of ISS is to facilitate international students’ admittance to the United States, to assist international students’ transition to life in the United States and at Texas A&M, to promote interactions between the U.S. and international populations, and to provide services necessary to meet the special needs of international students.

To facilitate this mission, ISS serves as an information resource for all partners in the international education process, those both on and off campus. In addition to issuing documents for students to obtain non-immigrant visas to study at the university, the office works with other university departments concerning admissions and enrollment. International students are provided with counseling and information in the areas of immigration, employment, financial issues, medical insurance, adjustment to the U.S., and income taxes.

ISS strives to foster international awareness and an appreciation of all cultures by promoting cultural exchange between Texas A&M’s domestic and international populations through activities such as dinners, seminars, visiting lecturers, and country displays. ISS also provides support to the more than 65 international student organizations on campus. Those interested in joining an international student organization can contact ISS for more information.

The ISS office can be found on the first floor of Bizzell Hall East, and can be reached at 979.845.1824 or by email at iss@tamu.edu. You can also visit our website at iss.tamu.edu.
The Association of Former Students
When you graduate, you will join more than 350,000 Aggies and become a part of the strongest alumni organization in the world — The Association of Former Students. From Fish Camp to Muster, from the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band to the Big Event, The Association supports Texas A&M University and former student programs that promote the Aggie Spirit and strengthen the Aggie Network. Support for academic scholarships, beloved traditions, Ring scholarships, student activities, the Corps of Cadets, faculty enrichment programs, and former student programs is made possible by the generous annual donations of former students, Aggie parents, Texas A&M faculty and staff, and other active supporters of the Aggie Network. Association donors impact every student who walks the Texas A&M campus. Through The Association’s annual fund, the promise of educational excellence is fulfilled and the Aggie Spirit is passed on to the leaders of tomorrow.

As a student, we encourage you to get involved and begin building your Aggie Network. Your Aggie Network will be a valuable resource throughout your career and for a lifetime. Dedicated staff members in the Campus Programs department are there to assist you while you are a student. Contact them by emailing campus@AggieNetwork.com or calling 979.845.7514. The Association is located in the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center on the corner of George Bush Drive and Houston Street.

When you transition to your new role as a former student, we expect you to stay involved and give back to Texas A&M. Visit AggieNetwork.com for all the latest news and information about the Aggie Network.

Career Center
The Texas A&M University Career Center provides comprehensive services to assist you in planning your career, gaining work-related experience, and securing professional employment upon graduation through Campus Programs, Experiential Education, and Employment Services. The Career Center is online at careercenter.tamu.edu and located in Suite 209 of the Kildus Building. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, and on YouTube. Our goal is to assist you every step of the way from freshman year through graduation and as a Former Student.

Campus Programs offers numerous services to assist you in obtaining career-related information, including one-on-one career advising, workshops and panel discussions, the resource center, and online tools, such as webinars, resume templates, InterviewStream and CareerShift. A very important service is our Career Coordinator program. Each Career Coordinator serves a specific college or department, providing career advising and developing programs and services that address your particular needs. Career Center staff members can also help you prepare your resume(s) and give you advice about interviewing with prospective employers.

Experiential Education includes the Cooperative Education Program (Co-op), Internships, Externships, and Work Abroad. Through Co-ops and Internships, you are employed by industry, business, and government organizations for a summer or semester in positions related to your major and/or career choice for a specific period of time. The AggiExternehip program acquaints you with opportunities in your major. It offers you a one-day site visit to a work environment related to your major and the opportunity to interact with professionals in the field. For more information about any of these services, call Experiential Education at 979.845.5139.

Employment Services provides assistance to all students, whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student, and whether you are looking for permanent or experiential employment, through on-campus interviewing, electronic resume referral, and job listings entered on the Center’s web site. Registering with HireAggies provides you with 24/7 online access to upcoming campus recruiting schedules as well as contact information for employing organizations that actively recruit Texas A&M students. Please contact the Career Center at 979.845.5139 as soon as possible to learn how to search for career-related experience. It’s important that you register as early as three semesters prior to your graduation date to begin seeking full-time employment.

We don’t forget you after graduation, and we’re always ready to lend a helping hand!
Transportation Services

Parking
Vehicles parked on campus are required to display a permit, except for those parked in a designated visitor's parking spot. Students should register for parking online at transport.tamu.edu/account from April 10 - July 9, 2013.

On Campus Residents: If you register for parking prior to receiving your housing assignment, you will have an opportunity to make final changes to your parking request (to match your housing assignment) in July. Reminder communications will be sent.

Permit registration recommendations for on-campus resident students:
North area halls: Recommend – Lot 30 and NSG (Northside Garage)*
South area halls: Recommend – Lot 40 and SSG (Southside Garage)*
*Customers may select only one set of residential parking facilities, either north area facilities or south area facilities, but not both. Registration is not complete without selecting a guaranteed parking option. Resident students should select West Campus Garage as their guaranteed option, as no overnight parking is allowed in Lot 100.

Annual Parking Permit Rates
*Parking rates are subject to change pending Board of Regents approval.

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PLEASE NOTE: Parking is at a premium on Texas A&M's campus and often the available parking may not be immediately adjacent to your building or facility. For more information about parking permits or to view the Parking Rules and Regulations, please visit Transportation Services online at transport.tamu.edu.

Transit Service
The University operates an on campus transit system that can be used by anyone on campus, fare-free. This is the quickest and most efficient mode of transportation for students who want to move about the campus once they have parked their vehicles. During the fall and spring semesters, the on campus transit service begins at 7 a.m. and operates until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 6 p.m., on campus transit services are reduced.

For students who live off campus, the university operates an off campus transit system that serves most of the major apartment complexes and housing areas in Bryan/College Station, as well as the Blinn College Campus. All shuttle services are included in student registration fees and do not require a shuttle bus pass. This off campus shuttle service operates from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, with a reduced night service. More detailed information and maps are available online at transport.tamu.edu.
Department of Residence Life

The Department of Residence Life provides a welcoming, educational, and sustainable community living environment. Residence Life strives to cultivate an environment where students can create positive memorable experiences and grow both socially and academically.

Leadership development is a key opportunity for all on campus residents. The Department of Residence Life provides numerous opportunities for students to develop skills and share experiences through workshops and programs in an effort to build leaders who are culturally inclusive, confident, resourceful, and effective communicators. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities through Residence Life student organizations, or through residence hall staff positions and Living Learning Communities.

Residence Life’s goal is to provide students with a comfortable and supportive living environment at a competitive price capitalizing on the advantages of on campus living such as location, onsite staff, easy access to campus services, and educational programs and activities. Research shows that on campus living students have higher grade point ratios, higher retention rates with the University, less average time to complete their degrees, and a higher rate of progress on to graduate and professional schools.

The Department of Residence Life offers both residence halls and university apartments to students at Texas A&M University. The residence halls are home for more than 10,000 students (including the Corps of Cadets). Students come from diverse backgrounds and interests, which serve to fuel a variety of activities in the halls. The most popular events evolve into hall traditions. On campus housing also has common spaces such as television lounges, and is near the on campus recreational area with pool tables, ping pong tables, and other games. Accommodations are available for students with disabilities. If you have any questions about the residence halls including assignments, facilities, or services, please contact the Housing Assignments Office at 1.888.451.3896, housing@tamu.edu, or visit us online at reslife.tamu.edu.

University Apartments consists of 418 apartment units for graduate students, single-parent families, married students, US military veteran students, international students, undergraduate students who have completed at least 30 hours, and non-traditional age undergraduate students. There are several different 1 and 2 bedroom apartment accommodations with the convenience of on campus living. Parking, high speed Internet connections, cable television service, and more amenities are included. There are options for electricity included or pay their own electricity. All apartments are fully furnished and kitchens come with all major appliances.

The University Apartments Community Council (UACC), apartment programming staff, and Resident Advisors provide many opportunities for residents to meet other students and families from more than 50 different countries in addition to the numerous children’s activities throughout the year. University Apartments offer a living environment for students who have their academic goals firmly in view. If you have questions about any aspect of the University Apartments including leases, apartment facilities, or services, then please contact the University Apartments Office at 979.845.2261, university-apartments@tamu.edu, or visit us online at reslife.tamu.edu/ua.

Corps Housing

The Corps Area Housing Office administers all facets of housing for the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University. Accommodations for nearly 2,200 students are currently available in 11 halls. Members of the Corps must reside in the Corps residence halls unless approved by the Commandant because they are married, living at home with family (in Bryan/College Station), or have prior military service. The Corps Area Housing Office is located in Corps Lounge A on the Quad. You may also reach us at 979.845.3443 or housing@corps.tamu.edu. Visit us online at corpshousing.tamu.edu.
Dining On Campus
We are happy that you have chosen Texas A&M to nourish your mind – now Texas A&M University Dining wants to help you nourish your body! Dining on campus is an essential part of the Aggie experience, and with more than 30 locations around campus each venue showcases a commitment to the highest standards of quality.

University Dining offers a variety of dining plan options that save you time and money. 2013-2014 Meal Plan options can be found online at dining.tamu.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions
How do I sign up for a dining plan?
You may register online for a dining plan at anytime by visiting dining.tamu.edu, or when you sign up for on campus housing. You may check your account balance and add extra Dining Dollars here as well. University Dining follows the university’s refund schedule for Tuition and Fee Adjustments as published in the Undergraduate Catalog.

Do I have to have a dining plan?
Students classified as U1 or U2 that live in university on campus housing are required to purchase a minimum annual plan. All other students (classified as U3 and above) are not required to purchase a dining plan, though it is encouraged for savings and convenience. Students in the Corps of Cadets are required to purchase a dining plan as designated by the Office of the Commandant.

When can I use my dining plan?
We are open from morning to late night, seven days a week, at a variety of locations around campus. Most dining facilities are open from move-in day for the Residence Halls until the Friday following final exams (may exclude university holidays). For a complete listing of hours, please visit dining.tamu.edu.

Can I buy anything other than food and beverages with Dining Dollars?
Dining Dollars may be used only for food and beverage purchases in on campus dining facilities.

Can Dining Services accommodate special dietary needs?
In most cases we can accommodate special dietary needs. We encourage students with special dietary needs to meet with our staff dietician who will guide you to the best options on campus. To arrange an appointment, please call 979.862.2161.

Please feel free to contact dining@tamu.edu or call 979.845.3005 if you have any questions or special requests.

“One of the best things about Aggieland is the multitude of resources available to students. Whether you need someone to review your paper, talk to about your problems, or you need a place to visit when you are sick, there is something and someone to help you. You also have amazing staff, faculty, and students who are great resources. I love my fellow students because they are there for me when I need them most. The people I have met in on campus organizations and classes provide valuable perspectives and information about resources to use on campus.”

Heather Thompson ’13
Aggie Orientation leader program
**Student Business Services (SBS)**

Student Business Services, on the second floor of the General Services Complex, Suite 2801, is where to go for assistance with tuition and fee bills, loans, Aggie Cards, and much more. If you have a question about a charge on your student account, or when something is due, these are the people to see. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Payment Processing hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Student Accounts and Billing Services** oversees tuition and fees, maintains student accounts, and applies waivers and exemptions. They also block your record if you don’t pay your bill on time. When you are blocked, you can’t register, drop or add classes, or get a copy of your transcript.

**Billing to a Third Party Sponsor:** If a government agency or organization is paying your fees, or you are entitled to a waiver of fees, Student Business Services can help.

**Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plans:** If Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan is paying your fees, please email sbs@tamu.edu with the information on your card as well as when you would like to use your Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan.

Student Business Services is also where to apply for a refund of your $100 property deposit if you do not graduate or if you officially withdraw from the University. If you don’t ask for it back, it remains on file for four years and then is forfeited to a scholarship account.

This office also oversees electronic direct deposits for tuition and fee overpayments and financial aid refunds. Get your student account overpayments and refunds even faster than before. Have the funds ACH direct deposited to your bank account through Aggie-Refund. Access the form at sbs.tamu.edu.

If you need to make a student account payment you can make a payment online via My Finances within the Howdy Portal. You will also be able to designate your parent or someone else to view and pay your bill through the online payment system. There is also a payment drop-box by the FedEx box located in front of the General Service Complex. Drop check payments here, as long as you do so before 5 p.m. on the due date.

The Student Loan Administration Office administers short-term and Perkins loans (sends bills and handles deferments, cancellations, etc.). If you have a question about a short-term loan, this office can help you. Apply online for short-term loans at financialaid.tamu.edu/stlapp.

**Good Things to Know:**

It is important to keep up with the latest information about due dates, fee charges, and registration policies. The best place to get that information is at the Student Business Services home page at sbs.tamu.edu, in the Class Schedule, which you can access at MyRecord in Howdy, or by accessing your TAMU e-mail account. Aggie Answers, found on the homepage of sbs.tamu.edu, is also a resource for frequently asked questions within a knowledge base that is searchable by keywords. You can also ask SBS questions related to your account through Aggie Answers-Ask a Question. If you keep up with the information provided by these three resources, you should never be canceled for non-payment of tuition and fees.

Returned checks are assessed a financial penalty and should be avoided. Many students come to campus never having had a checking account. You will find that having one is almost a necessity. If you are new to checking accounts, ask your parents or your bank’s customer service department to explain how they work.

**Addresses:**

Having a good address on file is especially important if you are receiving a refund check. If we mail a check to an address that is no longer yours, you will have to wait until it is returned by the Post Office before we can give it to you. If you move, go online to MyRecord within your Howdy Portal account to change your address. This is another reason why direct deposit may be useful.
Aggie Bucks Unlimited
Show your Aggie pride with the Aggie Bucks Unlimited debit card, designed exclusively for the Texas A&M University community. Cardholders can make everyday purchases and pay bills at participating retailers and service providers, including online or by phone, on campus and worldwide - and access their cash for free at over 12,000 coast to coast Wells Fargo ATMs, including 15 in Bryan-College Station. Plus, students can use the Aggie Bucks Unlimited debit card for fast access to their financial aid or other refunds from the University when they sign up for direct deposit to a Wells Fargo checking or savings account. To get the card, speak to a Wells Fargo Banker at your New Student Conference or visit any of the six banking locations in Bryan-College Station, including the Wells Fargo Service Center in the General Services Complex.

Aggie Card
Your Aggie Card serves as your official Texas A&M identification and also provides you with access to campus buildings and services while you are here in Aggieland. The Aggie Card will contain your dining plan. You can find out more about dining plans in the previous article, Dining on Campus. Your Aggie Card will also be your “key” to your residence hall, if you live on campus. A number of labs and buildings on campus also use the Aggie Card for electronically authorized entry.

As you can see, your Aggie Card is an extremely important and valuable tool and it is imperative you keep it safe at all times. Be sure that you do not lend it to friends or treat it carelessly. If you lose it (or even if you’re just not sure where it is) you can deactivate it online. Just go to aggiecard.tamu.edu, log in, click on deactivate Aggie Card, and follow the instructions or call the Aggie Card Office at 979.845.4661 to have your card deactivated. If you find it before you have a new one made, just come to the Aggie Card office, Suite 2801 in the General Services Complex and we will reactivate it.

Important Note: Students should never be asked to leave their Aggie Card as collateral for checking out books, software, equipment, etc. If that happens, do not give your card. Instead, ask the person to call 979.845.4661 for clarification.

Financial Aid
Scholarships & Financial Aid offers many financial solutions to help students pay for their college education. Each year, approximately 81% of students receive some kind of financial assistance to cover their college costs. Students at Texas A&M University received more than $534 million in financial assistance last year through scholarships, fellowships, grants, loans, tuition and fee waivers, on-campus student employment, and assistantships. To get the most money for your education, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.gov. Once you complete this application, you may be eligible to receive grants, loans, and work study. For more information, please visit us online at financialaid.tamu.edu. For more information call 979.845.3236 or email financialaid@tamu.edu.

Additional Services
Financial Literacy: moneywiseaggie.tamu.edu
Scholarships: scholarships.tamu.edu
Student Employment: jobsforaggies.tamu.edu
Veteran Services: veterans.tamu.edu

Future Important Dates
FAFSA Available: January 1
FAFSA Priority Date: March 15
**Student Health Services (SHS)**

Student Health Services is an accredited ambulatory health care provider serving the Texas A&M University student body by providing primary health care services and promoting good health through prevention and education. SHS is located conveniently on-campus near Sbisa Dining Hall and All Faiths Chapel. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All current students who have paid the SHS fee are eligible to receive services at the A.P. Beutel Student Health Center. Visits to medical care providers, ambulance transport service on campus, consultation with contracted medical specialists or health educators, laboratory services, and radiological services are available at a reduced cost.

Good health is important to reach one's potential in academic, career, and personal goals. A variety of health care services are available to help promote optimal health.

**Clinics**

Medical Clinic: This clinic provides diagnosis and treatment of short-term, acute illnesses, and on-going health problems. Referrals are made as necessary.

Preventive Medicine: Services include immunizations for students, overseas travel, or employment purposes. Tuberculosis screening is also available. Allergy injections can be given at SHS. The student must provide the antigen and care orders from their allergist.

Women’s Clinic: The Women’s Clinic offers gynecological services, clinical breast exams, contraception counseling and prescriptions, and other services.

Specialty Clinics: A limited number of specialists may be available upon referral by health care providers.

**Ancillary**

Medical Laboratory: Routine hematological, chemical, and bacteriological diagnostic tests are available in the College of American Pathology (CAP) accredited medical laboratory.

**Nutrition Services:** A Registered Dietitian is available to help students develop a personal approach to their nutrition needs through individualized nutrition counseling and by providing resources for a healthy lifestyle.

**Radiology Services:** Radiology offers a variety of diagnostic radiographic procedures, including x-ray and ultrasound. Images of the studies may be provided on CDs for follow-up care.

**Pharmacy:** Staffed by registered pharmacists, the pharmacy dispenses student prescriptions from SHS providers and personal physicians. Individual counseling on all new prescriptions is provided. Over-the-counter products are also available.

**Physical Therapy:** Licensed physical therapists provide preventive and rehabilitative services for conditions that affect the muscles, bones, and joints with a prescription from a healthcare provider.

**Additional Services**

Ambulance Services/EMS: EMS provides ambulance transport service to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors on the Texas A&M University College Station campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If a situation requires an ambulance, call the campus emergency telephone number (9-911 if calling from a campus landline phone; 911 if calling from a cell phone or an off-campus phone).

Dial-A-Nurse: Staffed by registered nurses, Dial-A-Nurse is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by calling 979.458.8379. Nurses advise students regarding self-care for minor ailments and over-the-counter medications.

**Health Education:** Health Education provides information, presentations, and individual consultations on health issues including HIV/sexual health, nutrition, and general wellness. Health education also coordinates campus-wide health events including the annual TAMU Health Fair.

**Insurance:** Students are not required to have health insurance in order to utilize the services offered at SHS. However, SHS recommends that all students have health insurance. A student may be covered on a parent’s policy or have their own plan. The Student Health Insurance policy endorsed by Texas A&M University...
is available for purchase online at www.tamuinsurance.com, or by phone at 800.452.5772. SHS files claims for charges incurred at SHS if a student is covered by the University sponsored plan. SHS also files non-TAMU insurance claims as a courtesy for services provided to students. There are certain limitations, so please visit our website at shs.tamu.edu/insurance for more information.

Appointments: Walk-in appointments are available, but scheduled appointments are strongly encouraged. To make an appointment, visit us online at shs.tamu.edu or call 979.458.8250 between 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the Patient Services office at 979.458.8310.

Student Counseling Service (SCS)
Students are invited to talk with counselors, psychologists, and psychiatrists about any concerns that affect their academic progress, educational goals, choice of career, personal-social effectiveness or emotional well-being. In counseling, the focus is on assisting students with developing academic, career choice, and personal skills; understanding themselves and their concerns; and making decisions and changes that they judge are best for them.

Academic Counseling provides individual and group counseling to help deal with blocks to academic success. This can include stress management and biofeedback.

Career Counseling programs allow students to increase awareness of their interests, abilities, values, and personality characteristics as they apply to the workplace. Services include computer-assisted career exploration, individual and group counseling, workshops, and educational handouts. In addition, the Academic and Career Resource Center contains occupational information helpful in career planning and decision-making.

Personal Counseling is a process that facilitates self-discovery and growth. The Student Counseling Service provides individual, group, and couples counseling for personal concerns that are common among undergraduate and graduate students. Common concerns include communication problems, stress of balancing personal and academic demands, dealing with change, personal growth, grief and loss, relationship issues, eating concerns, multicultural/interracial issues, anxiety, self-esteem, and coping with feelings such as loneliness, depression, anger, and guilt.

Crisis Intervention is available for students who have an urgent need for assistance. Students experiencing a crisis may come to the Student Counseling Service anytime the SCS is open. The Student Counseling Service is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in 8-103 Cain Hall. At other times students may call the HelpLine at 979.845.2700.

How to Receive Services
All students currently enrolled at Texas A&M University who have paid the Student Service Fee are eligible for an initial consultation. The determination of what additional services are appropriate will be made at that time based upon need and availability. If you have questions about whether or not you are eligible for services, please contact the Student Counseling Service. There is no fee for consultation or counseling services. SCS provides short-term treatment; those needing long-term treatment will be referred to other appropriate agencies or individuals.

To request an initial appointment, go to “Student Registration” at scs.tamu.edu and follow the instructions. Students may do this from their own computer or from a computer in the counseling center. When forms are completed, students will be able to make an appointment that fits their schedule. If any trouble is encountered in the process, please call 979.845.4427 or come to the SCS for assistance. There is a $25 fee for late cancellations or no shows for all appointment types.

Campus Ministry Association (CMA)
The Campus Ministry Association exists to foster mutual respect, personal fellowship and cooperation among the professional religious workers who work with Texas A&M students. The CMA promotes respect for all the religious traditions and views that exist in our university community. Members of CMA are committed to assist, with the University as a partner, in educating the whole person. Members of the Campus Ministry Association staff the All Faiths Chapel on the Texas A&M campus. You may stop in without an appointment to visit with the minister on duty. As a representative of the Campus Ministry Association, individual ministers are respectful of all faiths and can minister to students of all religious traditions. Campus Ministers are also located off campus in their respective places of worship. Many of these are within walking distance of the campus and some provide bus service. For more information call 979.845.3113 or visit studentaffairs.tamu.edu/sas/campusministry.
Veteran Services & Resources
Texas A&M University was founded in 1876 as a military academy and is proud of our longstanding tradition of association with the military. We are committed to providing the best possible educational experience and service to all who attend our university. The Veteran Services Office and the Veteran Resource and Support Center are here to ease your transition from the military to college life at a nationally ranked university so you can achieve your educational goals.

The Veteran Services Office is your one stop for all educational Veteran Affairs and State of Texas educational benefits. We are here to certify and answer any questions you may have about your educational benefits. The Veteran Services Office is located in the Pavilion, Room 205. Call us at 979.845.8075 or email veterans@tamu.edu.

The Veterans Resource & Support Center serves the needs of all student veterans, military families, service members (Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard), and dependents on campus and prospective student veterans with uniquely tailored campus and community resources. The Veteran Resource & Support Center is in Suite 112 of the Koldus Building. Contact us: 979.845.3161 or aggievets@tamu.edu.

These offices supplement other campus units with special emphasis on the transition and retention of veterans. The staff in both offices maintain productive relationships with offices, agencies, and programs throughout Texas A&M and the Bryan/College Station Community in order to best respond to veteran needs and provide resources. We work to proactively address needs presented by the veterans on our campus through campus-wide programming. We are here to serve you and link you to the rest of campus. We are proud of your service to our country and we’re ready to serve you while you’re pursuing your education.

University Police Department (UPD)
The Texas A&M University Police Department provides law enforcement and security services to all components of Texas A&M University including the academic campus and a variety of satellite facilities throughout the Brazos County. The department has 133 authorized positions including 70 state-certified Police Officers and 42 Security Officers. The department maintains a fully staffed investigations division, a crime prevention unit, a training division, and a state-of-the-art Emergency Communications Center. The primary jurisdiction of UPD Police Officers includes all counties in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under Texas A&M University control. As peace officers, the Department’s police officers have the same authority to detain and arrest as municipal police officers.

To provide a safe and secure campus for our students, staff, faculty, and visitors, the department has armed uniformed police officers on patrol 24 hours a day, year round. Unarmed UPD Security Officers work closely with our Patrol Officers by constantly patrolling university properties and staffing fixed posts at some facilities.

Any criminal offense, suspected criminal activity, or other emergencies on campus should be reported directly to the University Police by telephone, in person, or by dialing 9-911 from any campus phone or by using one of the 84 emergency blue light telephones located throughout campus. Residence Hall entrances and campus elevators are also equipped with emergency phones. Upon receipt of the call, the Texas A&M University Police Communications Center personnel can supply information or dispatch officers as necessary.

UPD will respond as quickly and safely as possible to any request for assistance, whether it is an emergency or not. Response time is based on current activity and severity of the call. Crimes in progress, alarms, traffic accidents with injuries, and medical assists have a higher priority than other types of calls. If you witness a crime or emergency, promptly report it to the UPD and be prepared to answer questions as accurately as possible. For more information about the UPD, visit upd.tamu.edu or call 979.845.2345.
Campus Safety
Code Maroon
Code Maroon is Texas A&M’s Emergency Notification System, and gives the University the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly—by text message, email, KAMU-FM radio, campus cable television, Emergency Alert System radios, computer alerts, classroom alerts, Twitter, and RSS. If you wish to receive Code Maroon notifications by text and/or e-mail messages, you must enroll in Code Maroon at codemaroon.tamu.edu.

Concerned about someone’s behavior? Tell somebody.
On a college campus sometimes behaviors of concern have gone unreported until a tragedy occurs, then people come forward with bits of information that, in retrospect, may have signaled a larger issue. This information when viewed collectively may be helpful in preventing tragic events and initiating assistance to an individual. Texas A&M University is committed to a proactive approach and needs your help.

As a member of this University community, if you observe any behavior that is concerning, please go to tellsomebody.tamu.edu and provide detailed information on the report form. This report goes to members of the Critical Incident Response Team. This team is comprised of University faculty and staff charged with helping students, faculty, and staff who are exhibiting concerning behavior.

For more information about the Tell Somebody Campaign visit tellsomebody.tamu.edu.

If you are concerned with someone’s behavior, call the following numbers during business hours:

| In reference to student behavior: 979.845.3111 (Offices of the Dean of Student Life) |
| In reference to staff behavior: 979.845.3711 (Human Resources – Employee Assistance Program) |
| In reference to faculty behavior: 979.845.4274 (Dean of Faculties) |
For all emergencies, please call 9-911 (on-campus phone) and 911 (cell phone or off-campus)

Emergency Phones
Strategically placed throughout the campus are 84 “BlueLight” emergency phones. By calling 9-911, the user is in immediate contact with Brazos County 9-1-1 system. These emergency phones can also be used to call for local non-emergency assistance such as a campus escort by pressing the “ON” button.

Escort Services
Escort services provide added security for walking on campus. The Corps of Cadets Guard Room provides a free 24-hour escort service during the fall and spring semesters only. By calling 979.845.6789, an on-duty Corps representative will meet the person requesting the escort and walk with him or her to most central on-campus locations (residence halls, parking lots, etc.).

Late Evening Bus Service
Residents who park in remote lots on West Campus do not have to walk to the residence halls after dark during fall and spring semesters, night transit service runs Monday through Friday, 7 p.m. until midnight. Check shuttle schedules at transport.tamu.edu or the mobile site at m.tamu.edu. Customers can also follow on Twitter (@aggiespiritbus).

Railroad Safety
The trains that run through College Station do not run on a schedule, so plan extra time if you have to cross the tracks to get to class. Do not stop your vehicle on the tracks while waiting at red lights. Do not try to cross the tracks once the arms are coming down. The arms come down approximately 15 seconds before the train arrives at the crossing. Do not walk on the railroad tracks. They are private property. You will be trespassing. Do not try to jump on the trains, you could be seriously injured or killed.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness
Often sexual assault is thought of as something that only happens to someone else. An individual who has been victimized by a person he or she is familiar with may know that he or she was forced to have sex without her consent or approval, but he or she may not recognize the fact that it was indeed sexual assault. Acquaintance rape is committed by a friend or acquaintance using force, threats, or intimidation. It is an act of violence utilizing power and control over another. For more information, visit the Women’s Resource Center online at wrc.tamu.edu or call 979.845.8784.
University Student Rules
Each year the official rules and regulations, known as the University Student Rules, are published on the web. The Student Rules cover both academic and student life regulations. Student Rights and Responsibilities are also included. The rules may be viewed at student-rules.tamu.edu. If you need to view the rules in an alternate format, please contact the Offices of the Dean of Student Life at 979.845.3111. It is each student’s responsibility to know, be aware of, and abide by these rules and regulations. The following address only a few of the student rules.

Hazing
Texas A&M University strictly prohibits hazing. A summary of the definition of hazing as defined in the Texas A&M University Student Rules is “Any act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or that destroys or removes public or private property; and/or assisting, directing, or in any way causing others to participate in degrading behavior and/or behavior that causes ridicule, humiliation, or embarrassment; and/or engaging in conduct which tends to bring the reputation of the organization, group, or University into disrepute for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization; or as part of any activity of a recognized student organization, student group, Corps of Cadets, Corps outfit, Corps unit, or Corps Special Activities. Previously relied upon “traditions” (including Corps, fraternity/sorority, or any other group or organization activity, practice or tradition) intent of such acts, or coercion by current or former student leaders of such groups, or former students will not suffice as a justifiable reason for participation in such acts. It is not a defense that the person (or group) against whom the hazing was directed consented to, or acquiesced to, the behavior in question.”

Students have a responsibility to uphold the Texas A&M University Student Rules. As such, the Texas A&M Student Rule on hazing also states, “Having firsthand knowledge of the planning of such activities or firsthand knowledge that an incident of this type has occurred and failing to report it to appropriate University officials (the Dean of Student Life and/or the University Police Department) is also a violation under this section. Students who are recipients and/or victims of hazing (and who have not perpetrated hazing behavior on others involved in the fact pattern for which they are reporting) and who report the activities to the Dean of Student Life and/or the University Police Department, will not be charged with a violation of the hazing rule.”

Hazing is also a violation of Texas state law. The above is a summary of the Texas A&M Student Rule on hazing. Detailed information on hazing may be obtained by reading the Texas Education Code, sections 37.151 and 51.936, Texas A&M Student Rules, student-rules.tamu.edu, or contacting the Offices of the Dean of Student Life at 979.845.3111.

Scholastic Probation
Scholastic probation is a conditional permission for an undergraduate student to continue in the University after he or she has become scholastically deficient. An undergraduate student is scholastically deficient when his or her semester or cumulative grade point ratio is less than 2.00 or when grade point requirements in the student’s major field of study are not met.

The department and/or dean of the student’s college can grant conditional permission when analysis of the deficiency indicates that a continuation is in the best interest of the student and the University. The record made by a student while on probation determines whether he or she shall regain good academic standing, granted a continuation on probation, or suspended from the University for scholastic deficiency.
Excused Absences
As outlined in Texas A&M University Student Rule 7, the university views class attendance as an individual student responsibility. Students are expected to attend class and to complete all assignments. Instructors are expected to give adequate notice of the dates on which major tests will be given and assignments will be due. This information should be provided on the course syllabus, which should be distributed at the first class meeting.

Students who are requesting an excused absence are expected to uphold the Aggie Honor Code and Student Conduct Code (See Rule 24). Students may be excused from attending class on the day of a graded activity or when attendance contributes to a student's grade, for the reasons stated in Section 7.1, or other reason deemed appropriate by the student's instructor. To be excused the student must notify his or her instructor in writing (acknowledged e-mail message is acceptable) prior to the date of absence if such notification is feasible. In cases where advance notification is not feasible (e.g., accident or emergency) the student must provide notification by the end of the second working day after the absence. This notification should include an explanation of why notice could not be sent prior to the class.

If needed, the student must provide additional documentation substantiating the reason for the absence that is satisfactory to the instructor within one week of the last date of the absence. If the absence is excused, the instructor must either provide the student an opportunity to make up any quiz, exam or other graded activities or provide a satisfactory alternative to be completed within 30 calendar days from the last day of the absence.

The above (on the previous page) is a summary of Texas A&M University Student Rule 7. For detailed information, please refer to the Texas A&M University Student Rules at student-rules.tamu.edu or contact Student Assistance Services at 979.845.3113.

Harassment and Discrimination
Texas A&M is committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equality of opportunity, and human dignity. To fulfill its multiple missions as an institution of higher learning, Texas A&M encourages a climate that values and nurtures collegiality, diversity, pluralism, and the uniqueness of the individual within our state, nation and world. All decisions and actions involving students and employees should be based on applicable law and individual merit. Texas A&M University, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Individuals who believe they have experienced harassment or discrimination prohibited by this statement are encouraged to contact the appropriate offices within their respective units. Students should contact the Offices of the Dean of Student Life at 979.845.3111.

Alcohol
Individuals must be at least 21 years old to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages. Texas A&M University is an educational institution dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, the promotion of academic achievement, and the advancement of knowledge. Because of the University's interest in the intellectual, physical, and psychological well-being of the campus community, it is important that the University take steps to curtail the abusive or illegal use of alcoholic beverages. Educating students about the effects of misuse and use of alcohol will help accomplish these goals.

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“Getting involved at Texas A&M is a great way to meet new people and to give back to the university. When I started college, I knew I had to put myself out there and meet new people and I was nervous because I knew I had to leave old friends and make new ones. Texas A&M is unique in that it has over 800 organizations and it is very easy to find one that fits anybody’s interests. I made many of my friends through the organizations I joined my freshmen year. I was able to find new interests and explore what I already loved, and I was able to give back to our university and to our community. Getting involved will definitely lead to a more rewarding and enriching experience at Texas A&M.”

Finding Your Place
Research has shown that a student’s involvement in co-curricular activities can enhance academic performance and connection to the institution. The 800+ student groups at Texas A&M — from Greek letter fraternities and sororities, to faith-based organizations, to career-focused societies — help students find their niche both personally and professionally. The following section will help you identify various involvement opportunities.

ExCEL Program
Texas A&M University’s Excellence uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) is a student conference and student organization housed in the Department of Multicultural Services. ExCEL focuses on freshman students by helping them discover the academic, social, and personal balance necessary to facilitate their success at Texas A&M University and beyond. For the past 25 years, ExCEL has helped build a sense of community by assisting freshmen in making a smooth transition from high school to college.

ExCEL kicks-off with a two-day conference, held the Friday and Saturday before fall classes begin on August 23rd & 24th, familiarizing participants with the program and life at Texas A&M University. Following the conference is a fall semester program of activities such as educational seminars, social and community service opportunities. These workshops have a variety of educational and developmental goals, including, but not limited to: improving study and time management skills, developing and clarifying academic and personal objectives, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment, adjusting to institutional culture, and nurturing lasting friendships from students of the same, as well as differing cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

For more information about how you can become involved, please email ExCEL at excel@excl.tamu.edu or visit the ExCEL website at excel.tamu.edu. While ExCEL is a student-run program, you may also obtain information by contacting the Department of Multicultural Services at 979.862.2000 or in Suite 2200 in the Memorial Student Center.
Fish Camp
Fish Camp is one of the oldest programs at Texas A&M which helps incoming freshmen adjust to campus life. It began in 1954 when YMCA Director Gordon Gay took just a few cadets camping, and has since grown to nearly 5,500 students with more than 1,100 student leaders. The program has become so popular that it now runs as seven back-to-back sessions in order to accommodate those who wish to attend.

But what exactly is Fish Camp? Held during August, each 4-day session is designed to aid in the transition from high school to college, and particularly to Texas A&M. It is an optional program in which freshmen meet with student leaders, become familiar with Aggie traditions, establish new friendships, and learn about Texas A&M campus life and campus resources. The daily schedule is formatted to provide a mix of education about Texas A&M traditions, information about being successful in college, and opportunities to build friendships. Texas A&M staff and students speak on topics such as study habits, personal goals, Aggie traditions and history, campus involvement, and university resources.

Fish Camp is organized to create an environment that allows for mentoring relationships and meeting fellow classmates in both small and large group interactions. Freshman students are organized into six separate groups called camps. Each freshman receives two assigned upperclassmen counselors to serve as mentors and discussion group leaders. Fish Camp is open to all Freshmen & Blinn TEAM students.

For more information or to register for Fish Camp 2013, call the Fish Camp office at 979.845.1627, or visit fishcamp.tamu.edu.

Aggie Transition Camps (ATC)
Aggie Transition Camps is excited to welcome incoming transfer students to Texas A&M through our optional, student-run extended orientation program opportunities known as Howdy Camp and T-Camp. These programs are designed help students transition into the Aggie family, learn about the University's many traditions, and most importantly, build lasting friendships.

T-Camp is a 3-day, 2-night extended orientation program for transfer students entering in the fall semester. The student-run camp experience introduces campers to the many opportunities and long-standing traditions that exist at Texas A&M. Campers will leave with a newly ignited Aggie spirit and the tools necessary to make a successful transition to Texas A&M University.
T-Camp dates for summer 2013 are:
- Session 1: August 5-7
- Session 2: August 9-11

For more information and to register, contact ATC at 979.862.1785 or visit atc.tamu.tamu.edu and select Transfer Camp from the “about” drop-down menu.

Howdy Camp is held over a three-day period in January immediately before the spring semester begins. Incoming Transfer Students and new Freshmen are able to attend Howdy Camp. During this time, new Aggies are introduced to the many traditions, indescribable spirit, and customs of Aggieland. Speakers and special interest programs are brought in to inform students of the endless activities and opportunities available to them at A&M and in the Bryan-College Station community.

For more information, contact ATC at 979.862.1785 or visit atc.tamu.tamu.edu and select Howdy Camp from the “about” drop-down menu.
Department of Student Activities
Texas A&M provides a truly outstanding educational experience that centers on the classroom and extends beyond to hundreds of opportunities to be involved in the life of the campus. Helping students identify these opportunities for involvement is a primary role of the Department of Student Activities.

The Department provides a number of programs and services ranging from student leadership training to extended orientation camps (such as Fish Camp, T-Camp, & Howdy Camp). As diverse as each of its programs and services are, one theme remains constant — the desire to see each student contribute to and benefit from being a part of the rich campus life at Texas A&M. Provided below is information on the programs and services offered by the department.

All-University Calendar
The All-University Calendar is the official event calendar of Texas A&M University. The calendar is available to purchase beginning in May at Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Texas A&M in the MSC.

Leadership Development Programs
More than 800 recognized student organizations provide students with opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills, get involved in the campus community, and participate in events that bring national recognition to Texas A&M University. Whatever your interests, there is an organization, club, or program that will allow you to pursue them. We can assist you in contacting a current organization or starting a new one.

Opportunities for involvement include:
- Academic organizations
- Campus service organizations
- Community & volunteer service organizations
- Cultural and international organizations
- Health & recreation organizations
- Hometown clubs
- Honor organizations
- The Memorial Student Center (MSC)
- Military organizations
- Performing & visual arts organizations
- Religious organizations
- Residence Hall organizations
- Social & political issues organizations
- Special interest organizations
- Spirit & tradition organizations
- Sports clubs
- Student Government Association (SGA)

You can search for student organizations using the OrgMatch and OrgSearch tools at studentactivities.tamu.edu.

Class Councils
Class Councils provide leadership for members of each of the undergraduate classes, manage class affairs, promote unity within and between the classes, and maintain traditions while also raising money for the class gift that is presented to the University upon graduation. Class Councils coordinate and maintain many campus traditions such as Ring Dance, Elephant Walk, Junior E-Walk, Fish Fest, Pull-Out Day, 11/11 Day, Class Stars, and Maroon Out.

The Freshman Class President is elected during the fall semester. The Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Presidents are elected each spring during general campus elections. All other positions are available through an application process. General members are selected each fall through an application process.

The Class Council office is in room 153AA of the Koldus building. For more information, visit classcouncils.tamu.edu or call 979.845.3534.
Student Government Association (SGA)

Student Government Association strives to bring collaboration, unity and tradition to the Texas A&M campus. Through leadership, integrity, selfless service, respect, loyalty and excellence we believe we help all students as they strive to share their voice, get involved and find their passion.


Each section of SGA brings new voices to campus from maintaining our traditions to providing a safe ride home to recruiting new students to come to Aggieland.

For more information, come to Suite 126 Koldus, visit sga.tamu.edu or follow us on Twitter @tamu_SGA.

Musical Performance Opportunities

Choral Activities

The purpose of Texas A&M Choral Activities is to provide students with a wide variety of choral music experiences and leadership opportunities which both enhance personal musicianship and enrich their entire academic experience. In addition to local performances and state-wide tours, the choirs also travel internationally. Choral Activities groups are open to all Texas A&M students. The Choral Activities office is located in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center. If you have a passion for singing and performing, then Texas A&M Choral Activities has a place for you! Our performing groups include:

Singing Cadets is the internationally famous “Voice of Aggieland.” The group has sung for every living President and performs 60-70 concerts each year throughout Texas and the United States, proudly representing Texas A&M.
singingcadets.tamu.edu

Century Singers is Texas A&M’s mixed concert choir with a repertoire that consists of major works, classical choral literature, folk song arrangements, and popular music. Optional academic credit is available for this choir. centuriesingers.tamu.edu

Women’s Chorus is Texas A&M’s treble choir which performs a varied and entertaining repertoire, while they represent Texas A&M locally and at the state level. They participate in the annual Texas Collegiate Women’s Choral Festival held in collaboration with other universities. wchorus.tamu.edu

If you are interested in being a part of Choral Activities contact us at 979.845.5974 or dklipp@tamu.edu. Auditions take only ten minutes and no prepared music is necessary.

Instrumental Music

University Wind Symphony is a visual and performing arts (VPA) credit ensemble consisting of the finest wind and percussion players on campus. Performing the best of wind literature, the band performs locally and at prestigious venues nationally and internationally. It is open to all students by audition. For more information, contact Dr. Timothy Rhea at trhea@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

University Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band are VPA credit ensembles open to all students with previous band experience. Each band performs two concerts per semester and occasionally participates in off-campus events. For more information, contact Travis Almany at talmany@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

University Jazz Ensembles are elective credit ensembles open to all band students with jazz experience. The jazz ensembles perform at least one formal concert each semester and seek to participate in other professional playing opportunities. For more information, contact Chris Hollar at chollar@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band performs a new, precision military-style football halftime drill each week and represents the University and Corps in parades, ceremonies, and military reviews. Membership in the Texas Aggie Band is limited to those with prior high school marching experience and a willingness to join the Corps of Cadets. For more information, contact LtCol Jay Brewer at jbrewer@corps.tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.
University Orchestra is an elective credit ensemble open to all TAMU students with violin, viola, cello, or string bass experience. The orchestra performs two concerts per semester presenting the best of standard string and symphony orchestra literature. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Sikes at paulsikes@tamu.edu or 979.845.3529.

More information about the ensembles listed above can be found at tamubands.tamu.edu.

Residence Hall Association (RHA)
Living on campus offers a myriad of opportunities not available elsewhere, allowing students to realize their own potential as leaders—most notably through active participation in the Residence Hall Association. Considering itself the “Pride of Aggieland,” RHA endeavors to aid its students by advocating on their behalf. As a community of 7,400 strong (all students who live on campus outside of the Corps of Cadets), RHA stands as the second largest student organization at Texas A&M University. Dinners are held biv Weekly amongst friends and fellow student leaders while legislative meetings address the latest community issues.

While each residence hall elects a community council to focus on the needs of its unique constituency, RHA, as the umbrella organization, works to foster a greater, overarching community. Hosting events such as the annual school kick-off RHA AggieFest and the largest t-shirt giveaway in Aggieland, Diverse-tee, RHA provides a vibrant voice for students, giving them a strong foundation on which they might build the rest of their lives. RHA offers more than leadership and service opportunities. Friendships are formed that will last a lifetime. Living on campus offers more than just a room or a roof; through RHA, it offers a family.

More information for involvement opportunities may be found by calling the RHA Office at 979.845.0689, visiting the Commons Lobby Multi-Purpose Room, or checking out rha.tamu.edu.

Student Media
Newspaper
The Battalion is Texas A&M’s 120-year-old student newspaper. Student editors determine news and editorial content and direct the staff in news gathering, writing, editing and producing the print and online versions. If you can write, use a camera, edit, design pages, produce multimedia content, or sell ads, apply to work at The Battalion. All majors are welcome.

Each fall and spring, some 15,000 copies of The Battalion are distributed five times a week, Monday through Friday. In the summer, it is published twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday. The Battalion is distributed at key points on-campus and off-campus (residence halls, classroom buildings, apartments, etc.). View articles, photos, videos and blogs online at www.thebatt.com.

If you have a hot news scoop or letter to the editor, turn that in to The Battalion in person at the Student Media office in Suite L400 of the Memorial Student Center or email editor@thebatt.com.

Yearbook
The Aggieland, one of the nation’s largest annuals, reviews the academic year — the people and events that make each year memorable. The Texas A&M University yearbook is under the direction of student editors who determine its content. If you worked on your high school yearbook, you may want to work on the Aggieland. All 600-plus pages are created on Macintosh computers using Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, and other state-of-the-art programs.

You can order the Aggieland when you pay your tuition and fees during fall registration. You may also order with a credit card online at aggieland.tamu.edu, or by calling 979.845.2696, or at the Student Media office in Suite L400 of the MSC. Yearbook charges are refundable in full during the semester in which payment is made. Thereafter, no refunds will be made on canceled orders.

For more information on Student Media opportunities visit studentmedia.tamu.edu.

The first edition of the Aggieland was published in 1895 when Lawrence Sullivan Ross was president of Texas A&M University and was called "Longhorn" until 1949.
**Fraternity & Sorority Life**

Joining a national fraternity or sorority at Texas A&M University provides an opportunity to identify with and participate in Texas A&M’s rich traditions while developing close bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Nearly 3,800 Aggies are members of fraternities and sororities at Texas A&M and find it a rewarding and fulfilling method in which to get involved on campus. The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life coordinates programs for students interested in fraternity/sorority membership and assists with programs open to ALL students. Programs specific to fraternity and sorority members, leadership development opportunities, and the schedules of programs and services for their respective groups are coordinated by four governing councils, the Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC), the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and the Interfraternity Council (IFC).

The foundation of the fraternal experience is that of leadership, community service, academic achievement, and brotherhood or sisterhood which serves to provide a comprehensive and rewarding collegiate experience. Membership in a fraternity or sorority often serves as a springboard for Aggies to take on campus leadership positions. Energetic and ethical leadership inspires chapter members to live the ideals of their fraternities and sororities daily while contributing to Texas A&M University and the community.

Aggie Greeks are involved in many student leadership positions at Texas A&M including Fish Camp, Student Government, the Corps of Cadets, Big Event, the MSC, and many more of the over 800 student organizations on campus. Academically successful fraternity and sorority members are recognized through Order of Omega, a national Greek honor society. Fraternity and sorority members also commit to serving others through the Aggie Greek Service Trip or organized philanthropy events. Members also attend and participate in regional and national conferences specific to the national fraternity or sorority experience.

To learn more about fraternity and sorority membership contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life at 979.862.5635 or email greeklife@tamu.edu. Also, check us out at greeklife.tamu.edu and on Facebook (/AggieGreeks).

**Interfraternity Council | ifc.tamu.edu**

Spirit. Pride. Tradition. Brotherhood. These are words that bind fraternity men together. Regularly, over 1,300 Aggies choose fraternities as a way to become involved in campus life at Texas A&M. Membership recruitment is encouraged 365 days of the year. However, formal recruitment activities (Rush) are held at the beginning of each semester. In choosing to join a fraternity, you become part of an organization who share common values, goals and ultimately a common bond. Whether it is a fundraiser for a local or national charity, developing a winning intramural team, or getting together with a sorority to sponsor a special event, everyone is needed; everyone gets involved.

**National Pan-Hellenic Council | nphc.tamu.edu**

The African-American Greek letter movement commenced in 1906 at Cornell University as a means by which cultural interaction and community service could be maintained. These African-American Greek organizations were designed to foster brotherhood and sisterhood and to serve as a conduit by which collective action plans could be coordinated. The National PanHellenic Council is extremely active at Texas A&M University and in the community. NPHC offers several very successful leadership development programs for freshmen and sophomore men and women.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the umbrella organization that provides coordination of philosophies and activities for member organizations and collegiate councils.
Multicultural Greek Council | mgc.tamu.edu

The Multicultural Greek Council was formed at Texas A&M University in the spring of 1999. Several social and service groups were forming on campus whose needs were not met by any existing Greek council. These culturally-based fraternities and sororities joined together to promote the benefits of belonging to a culturally-based fraternity and sorority.

Texas A&M University’s Multicultural Greek Council creates and maintains high standards for its member fraternities and sororities by addressing, coordinating, and developing strategic action plans; uniﬁying organizations; promoting higher education; providing opportunities for community service; enhancing leadership skills; and serving as a liaison between council members, the University, the student body, and the administration to improve the campus climate.

Collegiate Panhellenic Council | cpc.tamu.edu

The first sororities were organized when education for women expanded in the last half of the nineteenth century. A sorority is a sisterhood and an ideal extension of family life. Members are expected to maintain high scholarship, contribute to school spirit, exhibit high moral standards, and become involved in the needs of the community.

The TAMU Collegiate Panhellenic Council serves as a central coordinating and governing body for 12 national sorority chapters and one local sorority chapter. Opportunities for women include developing leadership skills, promoting involvement in the campus and community, and encouraging academic excellence and personal development through the bonds of sisterhood. The Collegiate Panhellenic Council has provided Scholarship Awards for the past several years. CPC’s Formal Membership Recruitment activity is held one week before classes begin in the fall. While CPC does not host a formal recruitment period during the spring semester, there are often several sororities that still participate in Continuous Open Recruitment and will invite women to membership in the spring.

The promise of Greek Life can be found by combining leadership, community service, academic achievement, and brotherhood or sisterhood to create a rewarding experience for an Aggie.
Memorial Student Center (MSC) Programming

You can be part of something fun, inspiring, and outstanding at the Memorial Student Center (MSC). The Memorial Student Center is more than a building; it’s also a campus-wide programming organization whose student members provide the campus community with more than 300 programs each year. These programs include international internships and service trips, concerts, lectures, art exhibits, movies, stage performances and shows, service projects, and academic and leadership conferences and trips. All of the MSC’s programs, many of which are free, are open to all students. Find us on the web at msc.tamu.edu and visit our What’s Happening section to find out which programs interest you.

If you want to develop your professional and leadership skills, the MSC’s student programming committees are for you. As a committee member, you are part of a leadership learning laboratory — a place where you can develop your leadership skills by doing the things leaders do. MSC student members actually experience what it takes to manage an organization, promote and produce a wide variety of different campus wide programs, and network with other student leaders and former students.

Your experience as part of an MSC organization will shape the rest of your life, not only by giving you the kind of experience that potential employers like to see, but by creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

The MSC’s student programming committees are organized into three program councils: Arts and Entertainment, Educational Exploration, and Leadership Development and Service. MSC Resource Areas act as consultants for the program committees and offer students the opportunity for more advanced leadership experience.

Find a committee or resource area that interests you by visiting us online at msc.tamu.edu. You can also visit us at MSC Open House the first Sunday after school begins in the fall and in the spring. Over 300 student organizations are present at each Open House, including representatives from all MSC committees. Visit with us then to see how you can be part of something great!

**Arts and Entertainment Program Council**

MSC Aggie Cinema provides campus with film series such as the Blockbuster series, which screens every Friday night in conjunction with Aggie Nights, and the Arthouse and Classics film series.

MSC OPAS brings world-class entertainment to the Brazos Valley and offers students the chance to participate in planning the season programs and managing the hall on performance nights.

MSC Town Hall brings music to campus. Town Hall annually produces on-campus concerts featuring music from many genres, weekly coffeehouse shows, and the Battle of the Bands.

MSC Visual Arts Committee (VAC) student members operate their own gallery, the Reynolds Student Art Gallery on the 2nd floor of the MSC. Get arts and museum experience with the VAC.

**MSC Educational Exploration Program Council**

MSC Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture (CAMAC) provides programs that celebrate and promote Mexican-American and Latino culture and heritage.

MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness provides students with valuable international experience through its travel abroad opportunities.
MSC Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA) produces an annual 3-day conference focusing on a different national affairs topic each year. Participants meet and discuss national policy issues with prominent scholars, policy makers, journalists, and students from around the country.

MSC Wiley Lecture Series brings world leaders and current affairs experts to campus to speak on timely foreign policy issues.

MSC Woodson Black Awareness Committee (WBAC) celebrates and promotes African-American culture and history by providing the campus community with annual programs such as the MLK Breakfast and Black History Month programming.

**MSC Leadership Development and Service Program Council**

**MSC Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow Committee (ALOT)** is a freshman leadership organization providing members with personal and professional development opportunities, guidance, and Aggie camaraderie.

MSC Freshmen in Service and Hosting (FISH) is a freshman leadership organization focused on developing leaders through service to the campus and the community.

MSC Freshman Leadership International (FLI) is a freshman leadership organization that provides freshmen with the chance to promote international awareness through service and outreach on an international scale.

**MSC LEAD** is an advanced leadership organization for sophomores. LEAD members develop their leadership qualities and skills through educational training, hands-on experience, and interaction with the campus and community.

**MSC Abbott Family Leadership Conference (AFLC)** focuses on developing leadership traits through contemplation and discussion of ethics, morals, community service, and family amongst future leaders.

**MSC Fall Leadership Conference (FLC)** helps top student leaders from organizations across campus prepare for the coming school year and for their future as leaders.

**MSC Stark Northeast Trip** takes Texas A&M’s elite juniors and seniors on a potentially life-changing trip to Chicago, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia where they visit some of the nation’s top law and business schools.

**MSC Hospitality**, the official host organization of Texas A&M, is committed to community and campus service. MSC Hospitality members provide thousands of volunteer service hours both on campus and in the greater Bryan/College Station community.

**Texas A&M is a place where you can develop your leadership skills by doing the things leaders do.**
Corps of Cadets

The Corps of Cadets is the largest, oldest and most visible student organization at Texas A&M. It is also one of the largest uniformed bodies of students in the nation, outside of the military academies. Currently over 2,200 young men and women are Corps members.

The Corps of Cadets delivers the ultimate Aggie Experience. It starts with a world-class University with 137 years of tradition. The Corps then builds on that foundation, guiding cadets as they develop their leadership capabilities while enjoying the benefits of being at one of the nation’s premier universities.

Most cadet graduates pursue a career in the public and private sector; however, the Corps of Cadets consistently commissions more officers than any institution other than the service academies. An average of 40-45% of cadets pursues a military commission.

Academic excellence is the top priority of the Corps of Cadets offering scholastic advising, tutoring, cadet-led support programs as well as access to state-of-the-art academic facilities such as the Buzzbee Leadership Learning Center, located in the area of the Corps dorms known as the Quad. The Corps provides a structured, disciplined environment conducive to academic excellence, including required study periods five days per week and quiet hours in the dorms supervised by upperclassmen.

The Corps of Cadets has been developing leaders of character for our state and nation since 1876. Cadets learn leadership in a military-style environment that complements their academic education and prepares them for a lifetime of success. In addition to leadership opportunities in the Corps, our cadets gain valuable leadership experience in student government and other student activities.

Many of Texas A&M’s most cherished traditions grew out of the Corps, including Midnight Yell Practice, Aggie Muster, and Silver Taps. That’s why the student body views the Corps as the “Keepers of the Spirit” and the “Guardians of Tradition.” These endeavors add to the unique and cherished A&M experience for all students and create lifelong memories for the accomplished graduates of the Corps.

The Corps of Cadets is a large and diverse program with over 39 units, each with unique traits and offerings. Students join a unit based on their interests and ROTC choice. All freshman and sophomore cadets are required to enroll in basic ROTC courses. As a junior, cadets will make a decision to pursue a commission as a military officer. If so, they will continue in advanced ROTC courses and be commissioned into the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines upon graduation.

Cadets live on campus with their unit in the Corps dorms, building lifelong friendships with the members of their class as well as the upperclassmen.

Corps Leadership Excellence Program

The Corps of Cadets has been developing leaders of character for service to the state and nation since 1876. Aggie cadets learn leadership in a military-type environment that complements their academic education and prepares them for a lifetime of success.

Cadets who want to pursue non-military careers — whether in the private sector or in public service — declare themselves Leadership Certificate candidates after their second year in the Corps. Cadets in the Certificate in Leadership Studies program stay with their units through their entire time in the Corps, share the personal growth and fellowship that only the Corps of Cadets can offer and enroll in a curriculum of leadership study and practice available exclusively to members of the Corps of Cadets. The certificate in Leadership Study and Development is an academic award that is noted on the student’s official university transcript.

The Certificate in Leadership Studies program includes full participation in the Corps of Cadets, 12 credit hours of university-recognized leadership coursework – four one-hour School of Military Sciences courses and eight credit hours from other Texas A&M Departments. Cadets must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in this coursework to receive credit.

The focus is on three components — academics, application and experience. Cadets receive targeted learning experiences and the opportunity to put their skills into practice within the Corps, campus organizations and internships both on and off campus.

Corps Activities

The Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band

“The Pulse of Aggieland” is nationally famous for its renowned unique style of military precision drill and is the nation’s largest collegiate military style marching band. All members of the Aggie Band are part of the Corps of Cadets. Band members live, eat, and are housed together as a unit of the Corps. The Aggie Band is the only major college band in which members live together as a unit. Performing at all home football games and several away games, the Aggie Band is one of the most-traveled university marching bands in the nation.
Parsons Mounted Cavalry
Formed in 1973, it is the successor to the mounted cavalry units that played a central role in A&M’s history. This is a ‘parade and show’ unit composed of junior and senior cadets who represent the university at events across Texas.

The Ross Volunteer Company
Organized in 1887, the Ross Volunteers are the oldest student organization in the state and is composed of selected junior and senior cadets. The unit is the official honor guard for the Governor of Texas.

Fish Drill Team
A drill unit composed entirely of freshman cadets. They compete in precision drill competitions around the country and have won the national championship almost every year since they were created in 1946.

Corps Color Guard
Renowned statewide, presents the Colors at Corps march-ins and reviews as well as many events across the state of Texas.

Simpson Honor Society
Recognizes and rewards cadets with a cumulative GPR of at least 3.2 who foster new ideas of academic achievement, leadership and character in the Corps and promote scholastic excellence through academic-related projects including tutoring and academic mentoring.

Special Operations Units
Sponsored by the various ROTC detachments at Texas A&M, these units provide highly motivated cadets opportunities to further develop their leadership skills, physical conditioning, and small-unit tactical knowledge. Their training activities regularly feature such things as land navigation and orienteering, rappelling, field craft, small-unit training exercises, water orientation, diving and other adventure-type training. These units include the Army’s Ranger Challenge Team and Rudder’s Rangers, Navy SEAL Platoon, Marine Recon Platoon and the Air Force’s Arnold Air Society. ROTC staff members supervise their activities. They are often asked to assist in mentoring ROTC cadets during summer training or through special military training opportunities such as Army Airborne, Air Assault or Ranger courses or Navy SEAL training.

Corps Athletics Program
An opportunity for athletes in the Corps to compete at a high level in a variety of sports, all cadets with a qualifying grade point ratio are eligible to try out for teams that include baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, softball, marksmanship, men’s and women’s soccer, lacrosse and running teams.

All Corps activities, including those listed above are open to all qualified applicants regardless of race or gender.

Advanced Course ROTC Contracts
The University’s commitment to providing highly skilled and disciplined leaders to the Armed Forces requires all students enrolled in ROTC programs at Texas A&M University to be members of the Corps of Cadets. The University offers both four-year (Advanced) and two-year (Basic) Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine ROTC programs. While participation in the Basic ROTC program is required for Freshman and Sophomore members of the Corps of Cadets, it carries no military obligation or commitment (unless the student is a 2 or 3 year ROTC scholarship recipient) and is solely designed to provide leadership instruction and military familiarization. The advanced course is only entered into after applying for and being awarded a contract or scholarship from one of the ROTC programs, is taught during the Junior and Senior years, and leads to a Military Officer Commission upon graduation. Acceptance of an advanced course ROTC contract requires completion of the basic and advanced course ROTC curriculum, completion of ROTC summer training (which varies by service) and the acceptance of a reserve commission if one is tendered. Texas A&M is well known throughout the military departments for its exceptional officer development program—which includes producing more than 250 General officers as well as seven Aggies who have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

For more information, contact the Corps of Cadets Recruiting Office at 1.800.826.8247, email aggiecorps@tamu.edu, visit us at corps.tamu.edu or on Facebook (aggiecorps).
Recreational Sports (Rec Sports)
The Department of Recreational Sports invites you to visit the Student Recreation Center. With 400,000 square feet of recreational facilities, the Rec offers limitless opportunities for relaxation, fitness, and fun. Use of drop-in recreation at the Rec Center is included in Texas A&M student fees; therefore, students only need their student ID to enter Rec facilities.

The Rec Center includes:
- Numerous multi-purpose gyms for basketball, volleyball, soccer, and badminton
- 14 racquetball/handball courts
- 2 squash courts with glass back walls
- 14,000 sq. ft. Weight & Fitness Room with machine weights, free weights, cardiovascular equipment, and cardio area
- 5 activity rooms for group aerobics and dance classes
- 4-lane indoor walking/jogging track
- 2 indoor climbing options—a 44-ft. rock wall and a bouldering wall
- Outdoor activity area with sport courts, sand volleyball courts, a pavilion, a leisure pool with current channel, basketball goal and 6-lane lap pool, and a whirlpool spa
- Natatorium with a 50-meter, 22-lane Olympic-size pool, a 5-lane instructional pool, and a diving well featuring 1-, 3-, 5-, 7.5- and 10-meter springboards and competitive platforms
- Outdoor recreation center providing outdoor equipment rental and sales, skills clinics, adventure trips, and a resource library
- Penberthy Rec Sports Complex: the Department’s outdoor field facility that features artificial turf and natural grass playing areas dedicated to drop-in recreation, intramural sports, and sport clubs

In addition to drop-in recreation, Rec Sports offers a variety of classes, clinics, and recreational activities. Some of these activities require an additional charge. The diversity and assortment of activities and facilities available promise opportunities for all individuals to participate regardless of their level of ability or experience.

Aquatics offers a variety of water-related classes such as adult learn-to-swim, SCUBA, and lifeguard training. Information is available at recsports.tamu.edu or at the Rec Center Member Services desk.

Group RecXercise classes are offered seven days per week and include early morning, afternoon, and night classes. Formats include step, kickboxing, urban dance, group strength training, indoor group cycling, athletic conditioning, and water aerobics. Classes are geared to beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. At least one class per day is free; all others require a pass that may be purchased at Member Services.

Endurance Programs are offered each semester to help participants reach their fitness goals. Examples of endurance programs include a variety of boot camps, marathon/half-marathon training, and triathlon training. Visit recsports.tamu.edu for a schedule of offerings each semester.

Personal Training is also available to Rec members. Nationally-certified Rec Sports personal trainers can design a fitness program to meet a client’s individual needs. The personal trainer will assess the client’s fitness goals and develop a workout plan that incorporates safe and effective techniques. Personal training sessions and fitness assessments may be purchased at Member Services.

Specialty Classes are offered to participants who want to learn a new skill or refine existing skills. The class schedule varies each semester with offerings such as Yoga, Pilates, and dance (country-western, hip-hop, belly dance, and more). A nominal fee is charged for each class, and a limited number of spaces are available. Registration begins the first day of class each semester at the Member Services desk.

Massage Therapy is offered most days of the week. Licensed therapists are available to perform Swedish and deep tissue massage. Appointments must be made in advance at Member Services or by calling 979.845.7826. The cost is $40.00/session for Texas A&M students and Rec members and $60.00/session for non-members. Gift cards are available.
The Healthy Living Lecture Series offers a variety of free lectures during the Spring and Fall semesters. Lectures are held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Rec Center room 281 and cover topics related to fitness, supplements, nutrition, eating disorders, and more. Schedules are available at the beginning of each semester.

Intramural Sports is a highly organized program that offers various divisions and skill levels of competition among fellow Texas A&M University students. Events are offered during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. In addition, the sports officiating program allows students the opportunity to learn how to officiate various sports while earning money. The Intramural program offers a variety of competitive events, including but not limited to:

- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Flag Football
- Innette Water Polo
- Indoor and Outdoor Soccer
- Indoor and Sand Volleyball
- Kickball
- Racquetball
- Softball
- Sports Trivia
- Swim Meet
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee

Texas A&M Sport Clubs consists of 34 clubs that offer skill enhancement and competition for participants. Any student may join a club, regardless of his or her ability, provided the student has an interest in developing the skills necessary to participate. It is suggested that new participants inquire within the first two weeks of school since many organizations determine travelling teams in September. The Sport Clubs available to A&M students are:

- Archery
- Baseball
- Bowling
- Competition Squad (competitive cheer)
- Crew
- Cycling
- Fencing
- Gymnastics
- Handball
- Ice Hockey
- Judo
- Men’s Lacrosse
- Paintball
- Pistol
- Polo
- Powerlifting
- Racquetball
- Men’s Rugby
- Women’s Rugby
- Sailing
- Men’s Soccer
- Women’s Soccer
- Taekwondo
- Trap & Skeet
- Triathlon
- Men’s Ultimate Frisbee
- Men’s Volleyball
- Women’s Volleyball
- Wakeboarding
- Men’s Water Polo
- Women’s Water Polo
- Water Ski
- Wrestling

Outdoor Adventures is a program that is designed to provide outdoor experiences for Texas A&M students, faculty/staff, and the local community. Outdoor Adventures is comprised of an outdoor equipment rental and retail sales outlet, an indoor climbing facility and bouldering wall, basic skill development clinics in a variety of outdoor activities and indoor climbing, adventure trips, and a resource library. Examples of activities include backpacking, camping, canoeing, horseback riding, kayaking, mountain biking, rafting, and rock climbing. Outdoor equipment is available to rent and includes 6-, 4-, and 2-person tents, sleeping bags and pads, backpacks, camping accessories, and much more. For a complete list of trips, clinics, and rental or retail products, call 979.845.4511.

Employment: As one of the largest employers of students on campus, Rec Sports is almost always hiring. Examples of the types of jobs available to students include facility attendants, intramural officials, lifeguards, trip staff, climbing facility staff, personal trainers, group exercise instructors, marketing assistants, graduate assistants, and much more. For a list of openings, as well as a link to the part-time job application, visit the Part-time Employment tab at recsports.tamu.edu.

Assumption of Risk: Competition in any recreational activity is strictly voluntary. Neither the University nor the Department of Recreational Sports assumes responsibility for injuries received during these activities.

Visit recsports.tamu.edu, follow us on Twitter @RecSports, or call 979.845.7826 for more information about any of our programs.
Intercollegiate Athletics (Aggie Athletics)

Texas A&M University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), was a charter member of the Southwest Athletic Conference (SWC) and the Big 12 Conference, and began its inaugural year in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) in 2012. Currently the Aggie teams compete in 20 intercollegiate sports.

Aggie Men field competitive teams for the following:
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis

Aggie Women field competitive teams for the following:
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Golf
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Cross Country
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Softball
- Equestrian

Texas A&M has some of the best athletic facilities in the country. Kyle Field, home of Aggie football, with seating for over 82,000, has been rated one of the toughest places to play because of the tremendous support from the 12th Man. Reed Arena, a 12,500-seat events center, hosts men’s and women’s basketball as well as volleyball. The Mitchell Tennis Center is one of the nation’s premier facilities, and Olsen Field at Blue Bell Park is considered one of the best playing surfaces in the country for baseball. Anderson Track and Field, the Eddy Soccer Field, and the Aggie Softball Complex are outstanding and located within the Jack Little Complex. The men’s and women’s swim teams compete in the Student Recreational Sports Building and Natatorium. The newest facility is the Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium as part of the McFerrin Athletic Center where the nationally ranked men’s and women’s track teams compete.

Intercollegiate Athletic Tickets

Student tickets, available through a “sports pass,” for all sports are available and may be purchased and paid for with your 2013-2014 tuition and fees.

Football Only = $225.00
All Sports w/football = $350.00
All Sports w/out football = $175.00

Maroon Football Option = $100.00
(SAM Houston State, Auburn, UTEP)

White Football Option = $100.00
(SMU, Vanderbilt, Mississippi State)

For more information visit mysportspass.tamu.edu or visit the ticket office in the Zone at Kyle Field throughout your New Student Conference. For questions, call 979.845.2311 or 1-888-99-AGGIE (888-992-4443).

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Sunday, Aug. 18th: Residence Hall Move-In Day
Sunday, Aug. 18th - Sunday, Aug. 25th: Gig 'Em Week (gigemweek.tamu.edu)
Sunday, Aug. 25th: Freshmen Convocation (freshmanconvocation.tamu.edu)
Monday, Aug. 26th: First Day of Fall Semester
Friday, Aug. 30th: Last day to add/drop courses
Saturday, Aug. 31st: Aggie Football v. Rice (Kyle Field)

September
Saturday, Sept. 7th: Aggie Football v. Sam Houston State (Kyle Field)
Sunday, Sept. 8th: MSC Open House (mscopenhouse.tamu.edu)
Saturday, Sept. 14th: Aggie Football v. Alabama (Kyle Field)
Saturday, Sept. 21st: Aggie Football v. SMU (Kyle Field)
Saturday, Sept. 28th: Aggie Football v. Arkansas

October
Saturday, Oct. 12th: Aggie Football v. Ole Miss
Monday, Oct. 14th: Mid-semester grades due
Saturday, Oct. 19th: Aggie Football v. Auburn (Kyle Field)
Friday, Oct. 25th - Saturday, Oct. 26th: New Family Welcome (studentlife.tamu.edu/nfw)
Saturday, Oct. 26th: Aggie Football v. Vanderbilt (Kyle Field)

November
Saturday, Nov. 2nd: Aggie Football v. UTEP (Kyle Field)
Saturday, Nov. 9th: Aggie Football v. Mississippi State (Kyle Field)
Monday, Nov. 11th: Veterans Day
Thursday, Nov. 14th: Registration for 2014 Spring Semester Begins
Friday, Nov. 15th: Last Day for Q-Drop or Withdrawal
Monday, Nov. 18th: Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day (bonfire.tamu.edu)
Saturday, Nov. 23rd: Aggie Football @ LSU
Thursday, Nov. 28th & Friday, Nov. 29th: Thanksgiving Holiday, University Closed
Saturday, Nov. 30th: Aggie Football v. Missouri (Kyle Field)

December
Monday, Dec. 2nd: Redefined Day, attend Friday classes
Tuesday, Dec. 3rd: Redefined Day, attend Thursday classes
Wednesday, Dec. 4th & Thursday, Dec. 5th: Reading Days, no classes
Friday, Dec. 6th: Final Exams Begin
Wednesday, Dec. 11th: Last Day of Final Exams
Monday, Dec. 23rd - Wednesday, Jan. 1st: University Closed

January
Wednesday, Jan. 1st: University Closed
Monday, Jan. 13th: First Day of Spring Semester
Friday, Jan. 17th: Last day to add/drop courses
Sunday, Jan. 19th: MSC Open House (mscopenhouse.tamu.edu)
Monday, Jan. 20th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, University Closed

March
Monday, Mar. 3rd: Mid-semester grades due
Monday, Mar. 10th - Friday, Mar. 14th: Spring Break
Thursday, Mar. 13th & Friday, Mar. 14th: University Closed
Saturday, Mar. 22nd: The Big Event

April
Thursday, Apr. 10th: Registration for 2014 summer and fall semesters begins
Friday, Apr. 11th - Sunday, Apr. 13th: Parents' Weekend (parentsweekend.tamu.edu)
Monday, Apr. 14th: Last Day for Q-Drop or Withdrawal
Friday, Apr. 18th: Reading Day, no classes
Monday, Apr. 21st: Aggie Muster Day (muster.tamu.edu)
Tuesday, Apr. 29th: Redefined Day, attend Friday classes
Wednesday, Apr. 30th & Thursday, May 1st: Reading Days, no classes

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Thursday, May 1st: Reading Day, no classes
Friday, May 2nd: First Day of Final Exams
Wednesday, May 7th: Last Day of Final Exams
Monday, May 26th: Memorial Day, University Closed
Friday, May 30th: Last Day to register for summer classes

Visit calendar.tamu.edu for more dates and events on-campus.
Being an Aggie means being united to all members of the Aggie Family through a common bond — the Aggie Spirit. Through this spirit, Aggies take pride in their traditions, develop a strong commitment to the service of others and aspire to academic excellence. This is an exciting time of exploration, development and growth. Challenge yourself in intellect, spirit, mind, body and character and make the most of your time at A&M by seizing every opportunity.

Know Why You are Here
As you begin at Texas A&M, explore your reasons for choosing to attend college and determine what you hope to obtain from your experience. Being a college student involves much more than being academically successful. It involves developing into a responsible adult in all facets of your life. The decisions you make will often have lifelong effects. Remember your ultimate goal is to complete your degree.

Know Yourself
Living away from home provides freedom and responsibility. It is your opportunity to show who you are and apply your values to everyday choices and take responsibility for your well-being. College can be both exciting and stressful and it is important to care of yourself both physically and mentally. Eating well-balanced meals and having a daily exercise routine can help minimize stress. Information about stress management is available from Student Counseling Service at scs.tamu.edu. Health and nutrition information is available through the Health Education Office at healthed.tamu.edu. Information regarding fitness and recreation is available through Recreational Sports at recsports.tamu.edu.

Know Community Issues
As a new member of our community we expect you to uphold the values of Texas A&M, just like those before and after you. Consider your impact on Texas A&M and how the following items play into maintaining an institution strong in integrity and respect:

Academic Integrity: In addition to the Aggie Code of Honor, the University Student Rules provide guidance to members of our community. These rules are based upon a balance between the rights and responsibilities of individual students and the needs of the community. Cheating, plagiarism or other acts of academic dishonesty diminish the entire process of learning and value of an A&M degree. As a member of the Aggie community, it is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty and uphold your community’s standards. Visit aggiehonor.tamu.edu.

Alcohol: As you enter a new environment, it is important to establish and follow personal guidelines about alcohol consumption. While you think about your choices, remember that proper use of alcohol is dictated by state law and Texas A&M University Rules. There are benefits to abstaining from alcohol use. Information and programs regarding alcohol and other drugs available through Alcohol & Drug Education Programs at studentlife.tamu.edu/adep.

Diversity: As a major public institution of higher education, Texas A&M University has both an extraordinary opportunity and a special responsibility to create and maintain a climate that affirms diversity of persons as well as diversity of views. Diversity is an indispensable component of academic excellence. A commitment to diversity means a commitment to the inclusion, welcome, and support of individuals from all groups, encompassing the various characteristics of persons in our community. Further information and programming available through the Department of Multicultural Services at dms.tamu.edu.

Drowsy or Distracted Driving: Road trips are an integral part of college life, and drowsy driving can be a concern. The college student routine often includes many of the risks most commonly associated with drowsy driving crashes such as: sleep loss, driving late night hours and an active lifestyle that restricts sleep. Before hitting the road, make sure to get a good night’s sleep. Cell phone use, especially text messaging, should be limited or avoided to prevent an accident. Some recent statistics on distracted driving: texting while driving is about 6 times more likely to result in an accident than driving while intoxicated; almost 50% of all drivers between the ages of 18 and 24 are texting while driving; and people who text while driving are 23% more likely to be in a car accident.

Relationship Violence: Relationship violence is a pattern of actual or threatened acts that physically, emotionally, or sexually abuse someone in the relationship. Jealousy, constant criticism, threats and repeated broken promises are a few warning signs that a relationship may be abusive. Date rape and sexual assault are also concerns students should be aware of. Information, support, and programming regarding relationship violence or sexual assault is available through Student Assistance Services (979.845.3113 or sas.tamu.edu) and the Women’s Resource Center (979.845.8784 or wrctamu.edu).

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