Congratulations! We are excited to welcome you to the Aggie family and help you understand what it means to be a part of our community. Texas A&M University is a campus rich in history and tradition you will become familiar with during your New Student Conference and Gig ‘Em Week. We hope you are excited about all the opportunities Texas A&M has to offer. Many things may change for you over the next few months; we hope that this issue of *New Aggie News* will help answer some of the questions you might have.

In this issue you can learn more about what to expect while you’re on campus for your New Student Conference, available campus services, academic information, as well as involvement opportunities.

Our office is committed to assisting you prior to and during your first year at Texas A&M University. By now you should have received the *Now that You’re Admitted* booklet and, later this month, your *New Student Conference Handbook*. These publications, along with the newaggie.tamu.edu website, provide you with important information and help prepare you for your transition to Aggieland.

**New Student & Family Programs** hosts your New Student Conference, and after that we invite you to join us at Gig ‘Em Week: Aggieland’s Week of Welcome. Gig ‘Em Week events begin on move-in day, August 24th, and end with Undergraduate Convocation on August 31st. Gig ‘Em Week is a great way to meet many new and returning students in a relaxed and entertaining atmosphere.

We look forward to welcoming you to your New Student Conference. We encourage you to make the most of your experience by participating to the fullest extent in all of the conference programs. There are numerous programs that provide a greater awareness of the university’s academic requirements and resources, as well as an opportunity to meet new and current Aggies. For a detailed listing of the New Student Conference programs, please refer to newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen/at-your-nsc/programs/.

New Student & Family Programs is with you every step of the way to ensure your success as a student. We look forward to finally meeting you at your New Student Conference. Until then, if you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at (979) 845-5826 or visit our website at studentlife.tamu.edu/nsfp.
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Before your Conference

We are ready to welcome you to Texas A&M, so make sure you let us know of your decision. In order to secure a place at Texas A&M University, you must accept our offer by the deadline printed on your acceptance letter. For most students, the deadline is May 1.

**Step One: Accept your offer of admission**
Accept your offer online at applicant.tamu.edu. You will be able to sign on to applicant.tamu.edu by using your NetID and then follow the online instructions for accepting our offer.

**Step Two: Register for a New Student Conference (NSC)**
You must register for your NSC after accepting the offer of admission at applicant.tamu.edu. Be sure you choose a conference in which the college of your chosen major is participating. If you are bringing your family or guests to your NSC please have them register at newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. The registration charge is $25 if guests are registered by May 1st. From May 1st until four business days prior to the conference, charges increase to $30 per adult and $10 per child. Past four business days before the scheduled conference will require utilization of on-site registration which will occur at $35 per adult and $10 per child. Family members are welcome to participate in the entire conference by following the family schedule. Family members will check in during NSC Check-In to receive a schedule, conference materials, Texas A&M Family Calendar, and more!

**Step Three: Arrange logistics for your NSC**
Before coming to the conference, be sure to arrange:
- Parking: ALL vehicles must display a valid Texas A&M University parking permit when parked on University property (other than pay-per-space visitor parking areas). New Student Conference attendees should purchase a SUMMER WEEKLY permit OR pay to park in a visitor facility OR use your Fall 2014 Permit (August NSC attendees only). Summer Weekly permits are non-refundable and available for purchase online only beginning on May 1st. Please visit transport.tamu.edu for more information.
- Lodging: NSCs are two days and one night in length, so overnight arrangements must be made. Costs for housing are NOT included in the student or family member registration fee and arrangements must be made separately. You may choose to stay on campus or off campus during your NSC.
  - On-Campus: If you and your family would like to stay on campus in one of the residence halls, you can reserve a room at reslife.tamu.edu/conferencesTours/nscHousing. On Campus Housing is only available for conferences occurring between May 28 and July 17.
  - Off-Campus: For information regarding local lodging, visit visitaggie.com/where-to-stay.

Required Immunization Information

TEC 51.9192 requires all students under age 22 entering an institution of higher education to provide current proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis (an immunization given within 5 years of the date of intended enrollment) or meet certain requirements for declining such a vaccination. Newly admitted students who have not provided documentation of vaccination have a meningitis deficiency hold placed on their account. The hold will be removed once the appropriate immunization documentation has been provided to Texas A&M. The meningitis deficiency hold will prevent you from checking in to your New Student Conference and registering for classes, so it is imperative you fulfill this requirement prior to arriving at your NSC. For more information, please visit admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis.

To determine if you have satisfied the evidence of vaccination requirement for bacterial meningitis, go to the Applicant Information System website, applicant.tamu.edu, and ensure that a check mark is present on the Bacterial Meningitis checklist item found under the "Additional credentials required prior to Enrollment/Registration" section.

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New Student Conferences

What to expect at your New Student Conference:

For a detailed listing of the New Student Conference programs, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu

The day before your New Student Conference, we invite you to check-in in the afternoon and enjoy some optional programs such as campus tours, residence hall tours, the Corps of Cadets Open House, and a Greek Life Session. That evening, Orientation Leaders host new students and families for light refreshments as you explore the exhibits of the Alumni Center, enjoy various outdoor activities, try on an Aggie Ring and ask any questions you may have. The Pre-Conference day is offered for June and July NSCs only.

Your New Student Conference officially begins on Day 1 with Check-In, at which you will receive new student orientation materials, clear any registration blocks you may have and take a campus tour. You will also have the opportunity to purchase an official class t-shirt. The mandatory morning sessions will be kicked off with an energizing Welcome Session, followed by Joining a Community of Scholars which will highlight the academic expectations and core values of Texas A&M. Campus Services will follow giving you an opportunity to learn more about the optional services the university provides such as Dining Plans, Sports Passes, and other helpful services that make your time here in Aggieland more enjoyable. Next, Keys to Financial Matters and Resources will discuss tuition and fees, financial resources, and deadlines.

After these sessions, you will make your way over to Howdy Dining Hall for Howdy Lunch, which will provide an opportunity to mingle with other family members over lunch, talk to other new students, and visit with over 30 University service departments at the Resource Tables. You do not have to purchase tickets for the Howdy Lunch in order to take part in the Resource Tables.

The first session of the afternoon will be either the On-Campus Housing or Off-Campus Housing session. These sessions offer information about housing on-campus, such as hall policies and room assignments, or services for off-campus students. Be sure to attend the Corps of Cadets Registration and Orientation session if you intend on joining the Corps of Cadets.

Next, you will attend Campus SAVE Training. This mandatory session focuses on Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and reviews students’ rights and available resources. After this, the Community of Respect session will invite you to celebrate the differences that make us all unique and the similarities that bind us together as the Aggie family. Next, you attend the Academic Meeting. This session is the most important meeting at your New Student Conference as it introduces you to the academic requirements of your college and includes academic advising.

That evening, the Freshman Dinner is provided free for the students. Staff and Orientation Leaders will be present for you to meet and ask questions. Following the dinner is the Aggie Insights program, which is an excellent way to meet new Aggies and to ask an Orientation Leader what life as a Texas Aggie is all about. This program is followed by the Aggie Energizer, which is an interactive program facilitated by the Orientation Leaders. After this, the CSI: Aggieland program will teach incoming students about Campus Safety Issues. Orientation Leaders will serve as the actors for this skit. Then, the Being an Aggie program will touch on important first-year student information and provide you with information about leadership, social, and academic opportunities. The day concludes with your very first Yell Practice. Come ready to learn a few of the yells and University traditions.

Your second day begins with your Mandatory College Meeting and Academic Advisement. During this time, you will meet with your Academic Advisor to create your schedule and register for courses and optional services. We ask that you be prepared to remain on campus until 6 p.m., if necessary, to complete registration.

Changing Your Major

Admitted freshman students may request a change of major by submitting an online request at applicant.tamu.edu. Be advised that the following colleges and departments have enrollment restrictions and a change of major into these programs may not be an option: College of Architecture (with the exception of Urban and Regional Sciences); College of Engineering (all majors); Mays Business School; General Studies; Biomedical Science in the College of Veterinary Medicine; Biology, Molecular and Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Zoology within the College of Science; and Psychology and Communications within the College of Liberal Arts. All students wanting to major in music must audition first; no exceptions.

You may check applicant.tamu.edu to view your major choice. Please be aware that it may not be possible to grant your request to change your major. Also remember that changing your major may require a change in your conference date if the college of the major you are changing to is not participating in the conference in which you are confirmed or if the conference is full for that college.

New Family Welcome Weekend

October 17-18

Texas A&M vs. Alabama (Away Game)

New Family Welcome, 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. This year we will host New Family Welcome on the weekend of an away game. Activities will include a dessert social, bbq, and gamewatching party, and more! You can find more information about the event on the New Family Welcome website: studentlife.tamu.edu/nfw

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Fish Camp

Fish Camp, a freshman’s first tradition, is one of the oldest programs at Texas A&M which helps welcome incoming freshmen students to campus life. It began in 1954 when YMCA Director Gordon Gay took just a few cadets camping. In its 60th year, it has become so popular that it now runs as seven back-to-back sessions led by more than 1,100 student leaders with the ability to accommodate nearly 7,000 freshmen students.

Held during the month of August, this optional four-day experience is designed to provide a mix of education about Texas A&M traditions, information about being successful in college, and opportunities to build lasting friendships. The daily schedule is formatted to provide a mix of activities, games, and discussions focusing on topics such as study habits, personal goals, Aggie traditions and history, campus involvement, and university resources.

Fish Camp provides both small and large group interactions to create an environment that allows for meeting fellow classmates and promotes the development of mentoring relationships. Freshman students are organized into seven separate large groups called Camps. Each Camp assigns two upperclassmen counselors to serve as mentors and discussion leaders for small groups of 10-15 freshmen.

Gig ‘Em Week

Gig ‘Em Week is Aggieland’s official Week of Welcome. This week is full of events and opportunities for new and returning students to become familiar or reacquainted with campus, fellow Aggies, and the Bryan/College Station community. Gig ‘Em Week is coordinated by the Office of New Student & Family Programs and takes place just before the Fall semester at Texas A&M University.

In August, visit gigemweek.tamu.edu to view a complete Schedule of Events and Brochure.
Scholarships & Financial Aid offers many financial solutions to help students pay for their college education. We recommend completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year by our March 15 priority date. The FAFSA can be completed online at fafsa.gov. Once you complete this application you may be eligible to receive grants, loans, and work-study. For more information about these programs, please visit us online at financialaid.tamu.edu. Once you have applied for financial aid you may monitor your record at howdy.tamu.edu, go to My Finances then to Financial Aid portal where you can check your status, accept or reject aid, obtain and complete forms, and calculate your loan payment.

Scholarships
You may apply for a number of scholarships online at scholarships.tamu.edu. Also, contact your college/department for scholarships related to your major. If you are the recipient of any type of award, typically scholarships or corporate sponsorships from a source other than Texas A&M University, you must report it to Scholarships & Financial Aid as soon as possible. To report an award from an outside source, please complete the Student Data Form in the Financial Aid Portal through the Howdy portal.

Short-term and Emergency Tuition & Fees Loans
We offer short-term loans of up to $1,500. These loans are available to currently enrolled Texas A&M University students who are enrolled at least half-time. Loans for tuition and fees are also available to enrolled continuing students, incoming freshmen and transfer students. For more information regarding these loans, please visit us online at sfaid.tamu.edu/stlapp/.

Student Employment
Student Employment is one more option for financing your education and gaining valuable work experience at the same time. About 27% of Texas A&M students are employed on campus. Students seeking part-time employment on or off campus can search and apply for jobs at jobsforaggies.tamu.edu.

Money Wise Aggie Program
Money Wise Aggie, Texas A&M University’s personal finance advising and educational program, is designed to help students make smart personal finance decisions while pursuing their academic degrees and to lay a foundation for financial success throughout life. Money Wise Aggie is a FREE service to students that provides personal advising and/or presentations in areas such as budgeting, credit cards and credit scores, financial challenges after college, and debt reduction strategies. For more information, please visit moneywise.tamu.edu.

Special Tips for Incoming Students
If you are a first time student loan borrower, you will be required to complete online loan entrance counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN). More information will become available via the Financial Aid Portal later this Spring once financial aid awarding for 2014-2015 has begun.
Undergraduate Research

Any student can do undergraduate research! Ask to work with a faculty member who is studying something interesting, attend a workshop on getting started in research, or attend the Research Expo held in the fall where faculty have tables describing their undergraduate projects.

Join the Undergraduate Research Scholars program to write a research thesis and give a public research presentation, or publish your findings in Explorations: the Texas A&M Undergraduate Journal. Being part of the research community will allow you to create new knowledge, solve a problem, or improve a design under the guidance of experts in your field.

For more information go to hur.tamu.edu or call 979-845-1957.

The Honors College

Students seeking additional challenge and enrichment are encouraged to pursue Honors study at Texas A&M. The University Honors Program is open to all students from various colleges and departments who have developed opportunities to earn honors distinctions with focused Honors study. For more information please visit honorsprograms.tamu.edu. Freshmen are admitted to the University Honors Program through a competitive application process that closes December 1. Continuing students who have 60 or fewer TAMU credit hours may apply each Spring for entry in the following Fall.

Applications to the University Honors Program are evaluated on the basis of the student’s record of academic achievement and demonstrated potential for creativity, intellectual ability, imagination, curiosity, willingness to try new things and self-awareness. Once admitted to the University Honors Program, students are designated as “Honors Students” pursuing the Honors Fellows distinction and then have access to specific privileges and resources, including additional academic advising, priority registration, contracting non-honors courses for Honors credit, Honors Independent Study, and enrolling in graduate-level courses for undergraduate Honors credit. Honors Students also receive priority for the Honors Housing Community and advising for competitive national fellowships. To remain in the program, all students must make progress toward the Honors Fellows distinction and meet minimum co-curricular participation requirements. For more information about the University Honors Program go to hur.tamu.edu or call 979-845-1957.
Thinking about living off campus? If so, Adult, Graduate & Off Campus Student Services (AGOSS) in the Offices of the Dean of Student Life serves as a resource center for the over 38,000 off campus students at Texas A&M. One of the office’s services is AGGIE SEARCH, a web database to search for roommates and housing options, available online at aggiesearch.tamu.edu. AGOSS also publishes the “Off Campus Housing Survival Manual," which lists apartments, amenities, and tips for a successful off campus living experience. Staff members are also available to help students with leasing questions or issues that arise with off campus living. For more information, attend the Off Campus Housing Session during your New Student Conference and visit studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss.

Cain Hall (where AGOSS and the Office of Residence Life are located), is just west of the MSC and north of Kyle Field.

If we do open up housing in the future, you will most likely be offered a “temporary housing assignment” which is explained here: reslife.tamu.edu/faq/reshalls/temporary.

At this time, all traditional on-campus housing is full. If you would like to be placed on the on-campus housing notification list in the event that housing is available for the fall, please go online at reslife.tamu.edu/onlineServices/apply/semester, then click on “Notify Me” (the red button) to start the process. You will need your NET ID to do this. Once you get into the system, you will be directed on what contact information is needed. By putting your name and contact information on this notification list, it does not mean you have applied for housing and it does not guarantee you will have a place to live on campus for the fall semester. This list would be used to notify you if we open up housing again. If at any time you wish to be removed from the notification list, please send an e-mail to housing@tamu.edu with your name and UIN requesting to be removed from this list.

If you are an upper classmen, non-traditional student, transfer student, or are married, then you might be interested in our University Apartments (UA). This is a separate application process and can be found here: reslife.tamu.edu/apartments.

For Corps housing, call 979-845-3443 or visit the Corps Housing website at reslife.tamu.edu/corpsHousing. If you are interested in applying for Corps of Cadets housing, apply online at reslife.tamu.edu/onlineServices/apply and click on “Pay by the Semester.”
Technology at Texas A&M

Texas A&M is a place like no other. With the close-knit sense of community, Aggies are committed to supporting you as you adjust to college life. Texas A&M Information Technology provides a vast array of IT tools and services to help you connect, communicate, and collaborate on campus.

Texas A&M Email is a campus email system used by all students. It uses a state-of-the-art webmail application that includes a campus address book, calendar, mobile access, and advanced search. Once you sign up for a New Student Conference, you will receive your email account. To learn more, visit email.tamu.edu.

TAMULink wireless provides Internet and network access in classrooms, libraries, eateries, meeting areas, and some residence halls. Go to tamulink.tamu.edu to view a map of wireless locations and learn how to connect your mobile device. Discounted software is available for purchase after class registration. Popular software includes Windows for $12 or less, and no-charge antivirus software. Find out more at software.tamu.edu.

The Howdy web portal connects you to Aggieland. Access your records, email, classes, news and other important information, all with one login. Visit howdy.tamu.edu to get started.

Open Access Labs let you use computers, printers, and specialized software at labs across campus. Some labs are open 24 hours a day when classes are in session. Visit oal.tamu.edu for locations, hours, equipment, and software lists.

To get the complete picture of your IT services, visit it.tamu.edu/IT_for_Students.php.

Academic Success Center

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. To learn more stop by the YMCA Building 115 or contact the Academic Success Center at successcenter@tamu.edu.
Campus Services

Dining
Dining on campus is an essential part of the Aggie experience! There are more than 30 locations available on campus to choose from offering variety and convenience. Whether you are in the mood for BBQ, Tex-Mex, Italian, Indian, or All-American classics, you are sure to find something that will please your palette! Each dining location strives to offer a range of options ensuring that wherever you are on campus you can find a satisfying meal. We create a dining experience that is just as unique as Texas A&M with input from students and the guidance of our on-campus leadership team that brings more than 150 combined years of food service management.

Flexibility and Convenience
Dining on campus is as simple as a swipe of your Aggie ID Card, so there is no need to carry cash, or deal with credit card fees. Northside residents are just steps away from Sbisa Dining Center which features all-you-care-to-eat style dining. The Sbisa complex is also home to Einstein Brothers Bagels, and Papa John’s Pizza. On the Southside, the Commons Food Court offers residents a variety of à la carte options including Chick-fil-A, sandwiches made to order, tossed salads, and more. Corps of Cadets members gather for meals following formation at Duncan Dining Center, also located on the Southside of campus.

Meal Plans and More
• Meal Plans can be selected prior to the start of each semester by visiting http://dining.tamu.edu. Please visit our website for Dining Plan options, Dining Plan requirements, policies, and frequently asked questions.
• Meal Plans are accepted at all locations on campus that are operated by University Dining.
• Special dietary needs can often be accommodated; to find out more please call or email us to speak with our dietitian. Consultations and appointments with our staff dietitian are completely free for Texas A&M students.
• For more information regarding Dining Plans, call 979-845-3005, or email TAMUMealPlans@compass-usa.com.
• For general inquiries please email TAMUDining@compass-usa.com.

Sports Passes
• What is a sports pass? Sports Options are purchased to gain admission into regular season varsity sporting events including football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, track, baseball, softball, and tennis.
• What are the sports pass options? All Sports with Football will be the only option offered at a price of $290.00. This option is good for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters. A new option will need to be registered for each Spring when you register for classes.
• When can I register for a sports pass? Incoming and new students may begin registering for sports options on May 29th. You do NOT need to wait until your New Student Conference to register, but can pick up at the NSC. Sports Cards may be picked up once you have registered for an option AND obtained your Student ID.
• Where will my sports pass be billed? Sports options will be billed with tuition in August.
• Please visit mysportspass.tamu.edu for up to date information and to register for a sports option.

Transportation Services
The ability to park on campus is a great service provided to you as a student. It is important to remember that all vehicles parked on the Texas A&M University Campus are required to have a parking permit, unless they are parked in a pay visitor area. If you would like to purchase a permit, log in to your account on the Transportation Services web site at transport.tamu.edu/account and click Purchase Permit. The costs of the permits vary and are designated on a lot specific basis. Online registration begins on April 9 and ends on July 8. 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. Also, the University operates an on campus transit system that can be used by anyone on campus, fare-free. For more information about transportation services go to transport.tamu.edu.
There are many valuable benefits of involvement at Texas A&M University. By becoming involved, students can mature personally, culturally, socially, spiritually and academically. Texas A&M has more than 850 recognized student organizations, and there are a myriad of other ways to become involved in campus life.

Looking for involvement opportunities? Try using OrgMatch today at orgmatch.tamu.edu. OrgMatch is an online tool students can use to identify various organizations that match their interests. Just log in, fill out a quick questionnaire, and you will receive a list of organizations that match your interests as well as the contact information for those groups.

There are many exciting ways to stay connected with the Department of Student Activities and to learn about new involvement opportunities both on and off-campus. Start by taking these easy steps to jump start your involvement journey today!

- Visit us at getinvolved.tamu.edu
- Friend us at facebook.com/stuact
- Follow us at twitter.com/tamustuact

Also, be sure to follow the Office of New Student & Family Programs on social media!

**Corps of Cadets**

The Corps of Cadets is the largest and most visible student organization at Texas A&M. Known as the Keepers of the Spirit and the Guardians of Tradition, many of Texas A&M’s most cherished traditions grew out of the Corps, including Midnight Yell Practice, Aggie Muster and Silver Taps. Currently, over 2,300 young men and women are Corps members. The Corps of Cadets develops well-educated leaders of character who are academically successful, embody the values of Honor, Integrity, Discipline and Selfless Service, and are fully prepared for the global leadership challenges of the 21st Century.

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. 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. Cadets who pursue non-military careers declare themselves candidates for the Academic Certificate in Leadership Studies – 12 credit hours of university-recognized leadership coursework noted on the student’s official university transcript.

The Corps of Cadets offers cadet organizations (The Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band, a precision military band; the Ross Volunteers, the official honor guard for the governor of the state of Texas; the Fish Drill Team, a precision drill unit; and Parsons Mounted Cavalry, the only mounted ROTC unit in the United States), ROTC special units (Army’s Ranger Challenge Team and Rudder’s Rangers, Navy SEAL Platoon, Marine Recon Platoon and the Air Force’s Arnold Air Society) and advanced course ROTC contracts. For more information please go to corps.tamu.edu or call 800-TAMU-AGS.
The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life and over 3,900 Aggie Greeks are excited about the opportunity to welcome you to Texas A&M University! More than 20,000 former students have chosen to experience fraternity and sorority life at Texas A&M University. The 59 chapters on campus are members of four Greek councils that offer students an education outside the classroom, incomparable to any other student groups on campus. Academic excellence, philanthropy and community service, leadership development and interpersonal skills are exciting benefits and experiences of Aggie Greeks.

Energetic, ethical leadership inspires chapter members to live the ideals of their fraternities and sororities daily while contributing to Texas A&M University and the surrounding communities. As an Aggie Greek, you will have countless opportunities for personal development through leadership experiences, conferences, and workshops. Fraternities and sororities are self-governing organizations. A leader in the Greek community will develop such skills as time management, goal setting, delegating responsibilities, teamwork, problem solving, budgeting, the importance of cultural diversity, and interpersonal skills. All of these experiences serve as a strong base to forward your academic and professional career.

The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life coordinates programs for ALL students as well as programs exclusively for Greek students. Students in these programs find their time in Aggieland very rewarding and fulfilling. To learn more about fraternity and sorority membership contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life at (979) 862-5636 or email greeklife@tamu.edu. Also, check out our website at greeklife.tamu.edu and at facebook.com/AggieGreeks.

Interfraternity Council | ifc.tamu.edu
Spirit. Pride. Tradition. Brotherhood. These are words that bind fraternity men together. Interfraternity Council (IFC) is a unique student organization, comprised of 19 recognized fraternities that offer men the opportunity to become influential leaders. IFC has a population of nearly 1,500 men which is 6.87% of the male population at Texas A&M University. Formal recruitment activities (Rush) are held at the beginning of each semester with registration. Registration is required for men interested in participating in formal recruitment during the fall and spring semesters.

Multicultural Greek Council | mgc.tamu.edu
The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) creates and maintains high standards for its 19 culturally based fraternities and sororities. MGC was founded in 1999 in order to promote the benefits of belonging to a culturally-based fraternity and sorority. MGC provides support and services for under-represented students by promoting higher education, providing opportunities for community service, enhancing leadership skills, and serving as their liaison between council members and the university to improve the campus climate. This council holds a week of recruitment activities and educational programming during the second week of school each semester. MGC does not host a formal recruitment, but individual chapters host recruitment/intake at various times throughout the academic year.

Collegiate Panhellenic Council | cpc.tamu.edu
The Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) includes 12 nationally recognized sororities and one associate member sorority. 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.

Texas A&M University’s CPC hosts formal membership recruitment one week before classes begin each fall. However, there are often several sororities that still participate in continuous open recruitment and will invite women to membership in the spring. CPC requires individuals to register in order to participate in formal recruitment. Please visit their website for more information.

National Pan-Hellenic Council | nphc.tamu.edu
National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is an umbrella organization that provides coordination of activities and philosophies for the community. These African-American Greek Letter organizations were designed to foster brotherhood and sisterhood and to serve as a conduit by which collective action plans could be coordinated.

Texas A&M University’s NPHC has 7 member chapters that are extremely active in several very successful leadership development programs for men and women; such as the Uniting Divine Sistah’s Retreat (UDS), Distinguished Gentlemen’s Club (DGC), and African American Student Leadership Institute (AASLI). The council holds its annual “NPHC Week” during the first week of each semester. Individual chapters host intake at different times throughout the academic year. NPHC Week is a great opportunity to meet all of the organizations’ members.