Welcome to your New Student Conference!
New Student Conference Announcements

As a courtesy to others in attendance, we respectfully request that you please turn off or silence your cellphones during programs.

Thank you!
The Aggie Gig ‘Em

- Originated in 1930
- Attributed to Pinky Downs, Class of 1906
- First hand signal developed in the Southwest Conference
- Used as a sign of approval
It’s how we are who we are.

Aggies Commit to learning for a lifetime.

aggiescommit.tamu.edu
Recycling on Campus

There are four recycling drop-off centers on campus!

- Mosher Circle (near the Commons)
- Lot 32 (near Sbisa dining hall)
- Adriance Lab Rd (on West Campus)
- University Garden Apartments (North side)

In addition, there are recycling bins in each residence hall and most buildings on campus!

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MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER

The MSC’s entrances are named after the Aggie Core values of Respect, Honor, Loyalty, Leadership, and Selfless Service.

Out of respect for our fellow fallen Aggies, we do not walk on the MSC grass.
The Flag Room is the living room of campus and has a long history at the MSC.

To show respect to the fallen Aggies, we remove our hats when walking through the MSC.

In the Hall of Honor, there are displays of the medals of honor received by current and former Aggies.
The MSC offers many dining options across its upper and lower levels, as well as Rev’s Grill and the Barnes and Noble Café.

There are six TV/game stations and air hockey, foosball, shuffleboard, and pool tables. There are also piano practice rooms for students who want to hone their musical talents.
Get connected with a professor and meet other new students before classes start.

Participate in the Summer Reading Program!

Read a book over the summer, then meet with a group during Howdy Week for discussion.

newaggie.tamu.edu/summerreading
The Aggie Ring is the most visible symbol of the Aggie Network.

Once an Aggie.
Always an Aggie.
More than 90% of undergraduates purchase an Aggie Ring.

15,174 Aggie Rings were delivered in 2017.
Fun Fact

Aggies turn their Aggie Ring to face the world during Ring Dance or Graduation signifying readiness to step toward the future as a former student.
Fun Fact

Earning your Aggie Ring is an academic achievement. Eligibility requirements include:

- 90 earned undergraduate cumulative hours
- 45 earned undergraduate resident hours
- 2.0 cumulative GPA
To learn more about eligibility to order your Aggie Ring, please visit: www.aggienetwork.com
Save towards this academic milestone by setting aside money each month.

Aggie Ring prices can be found at: www.aggienenetwork.com/ring
Add us on Snapchat!

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New Student & Family Programs
Get from NSC to graduation using the Guide app.

Download Guide today!

- Search “Guide – College Simplified” in the app stores to download.
- Select Texas A&M University – College Station
- Log in using your NetID and password.
BARNES & NOBLE
AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Your campus bookstore
located in the Memorial Student Center
Rent or Buy:
New, Used, and Digital Textbooks

• To save the most money up front, RENT your textbooks and save an average of 50%
• Buying your books? Save up to 25% with USED textbooks
• Go DIGITAL with YUZU. Yuzu™ by Barnes & Noble lets you organize & read your digital content on your iPad® and PC. Learn more about YUZU at yuzu.com/college.
Our Support System Provides:

- **The Right Textbook:** We are the only bookstore that works directly with professors to get the right titles on the shelf and on our website.

- **Convenience:** Rent or buy textbooks online and pick up in store using our free service. Reserve your books online this summer using the Howdy Portal and pick up at the MSC – we’re open until 9 p.m. the first two weeks of classes.

- **Full Refund:** Receive a full refund during the first week of classes or within the add/drop period if you drop a class.
Reserving Your Textbooks is Easy

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Click on “Review/Order Books.” Then choose rental, digital, new, or used.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I highlight and take notes in my rental textbook?
A: Yes, write in them and highlight as usual!

Q: What happens if I drop a class?
A: We’ll refund your textbook purchase within the add/drop period.

Q: What if I forget when my rental textbook is due?
A: You won’t! We’ll send you an email reminder when they are due.

Q: If I decide I want to keep my rental book, can I buy it?
A: Yes! At the end of the term you can purchase your rental book.
Stay Connected with Barnes & Noble at Texas A&M University

Search “Texas A&M Bookstore”

for exclusive sales, discounts, reminders, order notifications and more

facebook.com/mscbookstore
@tamubookstore
@tamubookstore
Your campus bookstore
located in the Memorial Student Center

We’re the only bookstore that gives back more than $1.5 million dollars every year to support student programs and services!

Join our team at bncollegejobs.com
NOW HIRING

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AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

MSC Fall Open House

Sunday, September 2 | 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
at the Memorial Student Center

Meet representatives from hundreds of recognized Student Organizations and learn how to get involved!
WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Check out getinvolved.tamu.edu for more information about getting involved on campus!
Get Involved with CARPOOL

Serving Bryan/College Station with safe, free rides home

Visit carpool.tamu.edu for information on how to join an organization that saves lives every weekend!
Get home safely with CARPOOL

Call CARPOOL at (979) 693-9905

Hours: Thursday – Sunday
10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Who can take CARPOOL?
Anyone in the Bryan/College Station area

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SERVICE ANIMAL AWARENESS

Disability Services
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
DISABILITY.TAMU.EDU

Keep fellow Aggies safe.
Touching or interacting with a service animal can be dangerous or life-threatening.

Leave pets at home.
Other animals can interfere with the work of a service animal and put your fellow students at risk.

Respect the privacy of the service animal team.
Do not take photos or videos without permission.

Think of the service animal like a wheelchair!
Understand that a service animal plays a critical role for a student.
Visit Beutel Health Center

Allergy Shots  Medical Laboratory  Physical Therapy
EMS  Meningitis Vaccines  Women's Clinic
Flu Shots  Nutrition Services  X-Rays
Medical Clinic  Pharmacy  ... and much more!
Physicals

Located across from Sbisa and All Faiths Chapel

(979) 458-8250 (Appointments)
(979) 458-8310 (Patient Services)
Looking for a bite to eat?

Check out the Dining Locations handout included in your check-in bag for all of the options open on campus!

dining.tamu.edu | facebook.com/aggiedining | @aggiedining
Fish Camp is an optional extended orientation for the incoming freshman class. Learn the traditions and customs of Texas A&M University as well as campus resources! Our goal is to help transition the incoming freshman class as seamlessly as possible by creating an accepting support system for every step along the way!

Fish Camp 2018 Session Dates:
- Session A: July 27 – July 30
- Session B: July 30 – August 2
- Session C: August 2-5
- Session D: August 5-8
- Session E: August 8-11
- Session F: August 11-14
- Session G: August 14-17

Each session is 4 days and 3 nights and takes place in Palestine, TX. For more information and to register, visit fishcamp.tamu.edu.
Venture Camps

- **Venture: Base Camp** is the premier outdoor extended orientation experience set to take place both on the Texas A&M main campus and in the Texas Hill Country.
- Activities include hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, cycling, and a challenge course, all while learning more about college life at Texas A&M.
- **Dates:** July 9-13, July 16-20
- **Cost:** $350
- For more information visit [venturecamps.tamu.edu](http://venturecamps.tamu.edu)
Getting Around Campus

Leave your car at home and save some CO2 – Texas A&M Transportation has everything you need!

- Aggie Spirit Buses can take you on and off campus! (H-E-B, Post Oak Mall)
- Use Uber, Carpool, and Zipcar to go anywhere nearby
- Use Zimride and Kerrville busses to go far!
- Lease a bike or buy a used one

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SAY “HOWDY!”

• Aggie Greeting
• Contributes to Texas A&M’s warm, friendly atmosphere
• Used as an attention-getter in large Aggie gatherings
Red, White & Blue Out | September 22, 2001
The 12th Man

• Name of the student body
• Originated in 1922 at the Dixie Classic with E. King Gill
• Students show willingness to serve by standing during Aggie Football games
• Symbolizes the student body’s spirit of readiness for service and desire to support
Explore the arts at Texas A&M...
Admission is free!

Tuesday - Friday | 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday | 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Located in the Memorial Student Center
Stark Galleries: First Floor
Forsyth Galleries: Second Floor

uart.tamu.edu             forsyth.tamu.edu
(979) 845-6081            (979) 845-9251
Elephant Walk has been an official tradition since 1922.

Marks the symbolic end of graduating Aggie seniors’ usefulness to the rest of the student body.

Seniors “wander” around campus like dying elephants.

The procession is led by the Senior Yell Leaders.
DID YOU KNOW

Texas A&M University is the state’s first institution of higher learning, established in 1876.
Texas A&M ranks as the nation’s third largest public university by enrollment, with more than 64,000 students – including more than 14,000 graduate students on the main campus.
It’s how we are who we are.

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aggiescommit.tamu.edu
• Established in 1913
• Reopened in 2014 after a complete renovation of the building
• It is the 2nd largest dining hall in the country!
• Named after Bernard Sbisa, head steward for 50 years
On-Campus Shuttle Service

Due to the summer break schedule, shuttles will offer limited service. Please allow yourself extra time to get around campus.
SILVER TAPS

• First held in 1898
• Tribute to current students who pass away
• Occurs at 10:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month
• Takes place at the darkened Academic Plaza
• Includes a 21-gun salute followed by a special rendition of Taps called Silver Taps
• Aggies gather and leave in complete silence
Thirsty?

You’ll never have to buy a plastic water bottle again!

- There are more than 124 water bottle refilling stations in over 50 buildings on campus that provide free, chilled, filtered water.
- Since refilling stations were installed in 2012, students and staff have diverted more than 7 million plastic bottles from landfills!
FIGHTIN’ TEXAS AGGIE BAND
AGGIE FAMILY MEMBERS: STAY INFORMED!

VISIT: aggiefamilies.tamu.edu
SUBSCRIBE: Receive our monthly family newsletter via email
FOLLOW: Stay up-to-date with us on social media

facebook.com/AggieParentsandFamily
@NSFPtamu
@NSFPtamu
AGGIELAND TRIVIA

With a seating capacity of 102,733 guests, Kyle Field is the premier facility in all of college football and a destination for football fans everywhere.
Have a green idea?

Apply for a grant from the Aggie Green Fund!

- The Aggie Green Fund has awarded $1.7 million in environmental improvements to campus
- Any student or staff member can apply
- Projects have included recycling, energy efficiency, renewable energy, transportation and other sustainability programs

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Tell Somebody

As a member of this University community, if you observe any behavior that is concerning you may report it online.

tellsomebody.tamu.edu
Get from NSC to graduation using the Guide app.

Download Guide today!

- Search “Guide – College Simplified” in the app stores to download.
- Select Texas A&M University – College Station
- Log in using your NetID and password.
New Aggies and their Family Members may use the Student Recreation Center throughout the Conference. Be sure to wear proper attire and check in at Member Services.
DID YOU KNOW?

The Texas A&M University Indoor Climbing Wall was one of the first free-standing climbing walls located on a college or university campus in the country.
Class of 2022,

Join us for your official class photo on Kyle Field!

Tuesday, August 21 | 9:30 p.m.
Student Counseling Service

- Individual Personal Counseling
- Career Exploration Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Workshops
- Learning Disability and ADD/ADHD Screening
- Psychiatric Services
- Stress Management & Biofeedback
- Crisis Intervention

scs.tamu.edu | (979) 845-4427 | Student Services @ White Creek
ORIENTATION LEADER (n):

An Aggie who volunteers time to help new students and their families make the transition to Texas A&M University.

“IGNITING THE AGGIE SPIRIT, ONE CONFERENCE AT A TIME!”
NEED HELP?

Can’t find your way around?
Have questions about the conference?

ASK AN ORIENTATION LEADER!
AGGIE ORIENTATION LEADER PROGRAM
It’s time to get geared up!

Get prepared with tech advice and requirements tailored to you.

IT.tamu.edu/getstarted

Save time and money and make the correct purchases the FIRST time!
FAMILY WEEKEND 2019

SAVE THE DATE: April 12-14, 2019
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTOS

Get your photo taken on the first day of class!

Monday,
August 27
Hungry?

Stock up on veggies at the Howdy! Farm

tamuhowdyfarm.weebly.com

- TAMU has a sustainable, student run farm on West Campus behind the HORT building
- By supporting locally grown food, you are reducing fossil fuel use, and helping the local economy
- Go meatless as often as possible to save fossil fuels, water, and decrease environmental degradation
CODE MAROON  EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

- Alerts the campus community of emergency and safety information via the Texas A&M website, cable TV, and TAMU radio station
- Students must register in order to receive emergency text messages
- To Enroll:
  - Visit codemaroon.tamu.edu
  - Log in with NetID and password
Do you know what to do in an emergency?

- Be Aware
- Protect Yourself
- Call for Help
- Help Others

Download the 12th Man Emergency Playbook

www.tamu.edu/emergency
Texas A&M University
Art Galleries
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Family Friendly
Distinctive Art
Learning Opportunities

J. Wayne Stark Galleries
University Art Collections
Explore the Arts

At the Galleries you can...

- Tour outdoor sculptures
- Explore an exhibition
- Attend a gallery event
- Volunteer as a docent
- Reserve the Galleries for an event
Take the Pledge

Make sustainability a tradition

sustainability.tamu.edu

- Take the Sustainability Pledge, offered by the Office of Sustainability
- The Pledge offers a number of tips on how to live a more sustainable lifestyle on and off campus
- Preserve what we have today for the Aggies of tomorrow!
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ON TWITTER?
FOLLOW US!

The Office of New Student & Family Programs

@NSFPTamu

for information on all of our programming, including:

Family Weekend Committee  |  Aggie Orientation Leader Program  |  Howdy Week
Have questions? Need directions? Visit the NSC Help Desk

Rudder Tower Lobby

Day 1: 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Day 2: 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.