PARENTS’ WEEKEND ENDOWMENT

It is the vision of Parents’ Weekend to become more

- involved within the university as well as the community
- unified within the Student Government Association
- financially self-sufficient through an endowment

To ensure that the tradition of Parents’ Weekend remains successful and continues to grow in the future, Parents’ Weekend Committee has created an endowment fund. With your help by contributing to this worthwhile cause, the committee can continue to preserve one of A&M’s oldest and finest traditions.

Contributions should be made payable to the Texas A&M Foundation, Parents’ Weekend Endowed Operating Fund, and sent to:

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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Parents’ Weekend Committee to serve the students as well as the families of Texas A&M by providing a weekend of appreciation. Parents’ Weekend allows students to express their gratitude to those whom have impacted their lives. This is done through a number of events which show the parents of Texas A&M the essence of the Aggie family.

PARENTS’ WEEKEND ONLINE

Find out more about Parents’ Weekend by visiting us online at parentsweekend.tamu.edu.

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HISTORY OF PARENTS’ WEEKEND

Texas A&M University prides itself on making its visitors feel welcome, and Parents’ Weekend has given parents and guests a special time to feel this warm greeting since its beginnings in 1919. Parents’ Weekend is organized by Parents’ Weekend Committee, comprised of 15 students and affiliated with Student Government Association. This special weekend is dedicated to Aggie parents and families, and gives Aggie students a chance to express their gratitude to those who have impacted their lives.

This cherished A&M tradition was previously designated Mother’s Day, Mother and Dad’s Day, Parent Appreciation, and Open House until formally taking the name Parents’ Weekend. The event originally took place in May, however in 1969 graduation was changed to early May and the weekend was moved to April. Until 1974, an Aggie Mother of the Year was selected. Today, students from Parents’ Weekend Committee select an outstanding parent or parents to honor as Aggie Parents of the Year.

Corps flower pinning, chapel services, military reviews, Parents of the Year receptions, campus tours and outfit award presentations have been part of the weekend since its conception. New activities are continually being added to reach the growing student population. Newer activities have included concerts, Maroon and White Football Game, All-University Awards, Midnight Yell Practice, and Taste of Aggieland.

We are glad that you are able to join us this weekend. Each family is a unique addition to the Aggie Family and we are happy to have you in Aggieland!
As the first international family to win the Parents of the Year Award, Mary and Gonzalo Rodriguez have traveled far and wide to provide the best for their four Aggie children; Belen ‘12, Carol ’13, Gonzalo, and Katy. The family moved from Ecuador in 2006 in order for their oldest daughter to go to the school of her dreams, Texas A&M.

An excerpt from their nomination reads: “These parents left the comfort of their own country and a semi-retired status, to face various obstacles to help their daughters live their dream. Language was one of the main barriers, as well as getting used to a totally different lifestyle. Nevertheless, it is my understanding that this frustrating change never stopped them from providing not only financially but also morally and spiritually for their children.”

Mary and Gonzalo have embraced the Aggie Spirit and are active members of the Aggie Family. They give selflessly to their family and work to instill the Aggie Core Values in their children and everyone they meet. Texas A&M University has been lucky to have the Rodriguez’s serve as the 2013-2014 Parents of the Year.
FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Aggie Moms’ Boutique ..................................................... 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
2nd Floor Memorial Student Center
Aggie Gift and Craft Fair presented by the Aggie Moms’ Clubs

Aggie Ring Day .......................................................... 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center, AggieNetwork.com/Ring

Who’s Who Awards ....................................................... 3:30 PM
Rudder Exhibit Hall
Students selected for Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges have excelled as members of the Texas A&M University community and will be recognized in this ceremony. Students receiving this award have received prior notification.

Kook-Off for the Kids .................................................. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Duncan Drill Field
Kook-Off for the Kids, hosted by Texas A&M University Fraternity & Sorority Life, is a cook-off competition with teams from all over Bryan College Station hoping to raise money for the Brazos Valley Food Bank’s “Backpack through Hunger” program, which provides food for children at risk for going hungry over the weekend. Stop by to try some real Texas Barbeque!

Women’s Tennis .......................................................... 5:00 PM
Mitchell Tennis Center, Ole Miss, $

Corps of Cadets Unit Awards and Corps Review .............. 6:00 PM
Simpson Drill Field
The Corps of Cadets honors those units which excelled as a result of their skill, discipline, and teamwork during the year. Following the Unit Awards, the Corps of Cadets will conduct a pass in review.

Texas A&M Women’s Chorus Spring Concert ................. 7:00 PM
Rudder Theatre
“New Beginnings” will showcase all of the hard work of the Texas A&M Women’s Chorus. The choral concert will feature beautifully crafted, traditional choral pieces, and modern songs, sung in four-part harmonies.
Aggies Abroad Breakfast ............................................. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building (across from Simpson Drill Field)
Have breakfast and learn about international opportunities available through Texas A&M University. Breakfast from 8:00-9:00 followed by a presentation and a panel of students.

Aggie Moms’ Boutique ............................................ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
2nd Floor Memorial Student Center
Aggie Gift and Craft Fair presented by the Aggie Moms’ Clubs

President’s Open House ..................................... 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Hosted By: Interim President Dr. Mark A. Hussey ’79 and Mrs. Melissa Hussey ’81
Throckmorton Street, across from Duncan Drill Field
The President’s Residence will be open to campus visitors. Light refreshments will be served.

Vice President’s Open House ............................. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Hosted By: General and Mrs. Joe Weber ’72
Throckmorton Street, across from Sanders Corps Center
The Vice President’s Residence will be open to campus visitors. Light refreshments will be served.
Taste of Aggieland .......................................................... 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Duncan Drill Field
Sample some of Aggieland’s favorite Bryan/College Station restaurants and businesses! From the local deli to the finest Aggieland has to offer, this is the tastiest event Parents’ Weekend has ever seen. Join us for great food, student performances, and local retailers. $2.00 Food Tickets (cash only)

Softball ................................................................. 4:00 PM
Aggie Softball Complex, Tennessee, $

Texas A&M University Singing Cadets ........................................ 7:30 PM
Rudder Auditorium, $
The Texas A&M Singing Cadets, founded in 1893, are Texas A&M’s internationally known Male Chorus. Under the direction of Mr. David Kipp, the choir performs more than any other collegiate group in the United States performing for over 100,000 people each year.

--- CORPS OF CADETS EVENTS ---

The following events are hosted by the Corps of Cadets. These events will celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and groups within the Corps of Cadets. All events take place on Saturday, April 12.

Aggie Band Award Ceremony ........................................ 8:30 AM
Rudder Auditorium

Individual Award Ceremony ........................................ 10:15 AM
Rudder Auditorium

Leadership Certificate Ceremony ................................ 11:30 AM
Rudder Theatre

Fish Drill Team Performance .................................... 1:00 PM
Simpson Drill Field

Ross Volunteer Company Performance ...................... 1:20 PM
Simpson Drill Field
Buck Weirus Spirit Award Ceremony ........................................... 11:00 am
Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center
The Buck Weirus Spirit Award recognizes those students who make
contributions to the university through participation in student organizations,
Aggie traditions and university events. The Buck Weirus Spirit Award
Ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the award recipients’ achievements
with their friends, family, and the Aggie Network. Students receiving this
award have received prior notification.

Kyle Field Day ........................................................................ 12:00 PM
Olsen Field at Blue Bell Park
Kyle Field Day, hosted by MSC Fish, is a one-day service event put on to
teach students and families in the B/CS area about service, and is a great
way to make a big difference in only one day. Various local and professional
organizations set up booths and activities to help participants realize the
plight of others around them and assist in a small way.

Softball ................................................................................. 12:00 PM
Aggie Softball Complex, Tennessee, $

Women’s Tennis .................................................................. 12:00 PM
Mitchell Tennis Center, Mississippi State, $

REMINDES

• Parents’ Weekend 2014 Official T-Shirts
T-shirts are available at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Texas A&M University
(inside the Memorial Student Center). Bookstore hours: Friday 8 AM-10 PM,
Saturday 8 AM-6 PM, Sunday 11 AM-6 PM. Cost $15

• Parents’ Weekend 2015: April 17-19

• Parents’ Weekend 2016: April 8-10

• Parents’ Weekend 2017: April 7-9
As part of the Aggie family, the Office of New Student & Family Programs wants to be your partner in supporting your student(s) at Texas A&M. Your roles as parents and mentors are as important as ever. Studies show that parental involvement increases the chances that a college student will be successful on campus and improves graduation rates.

New Student & Family Programs, in the Offices of the Dean Student Life, provides resources for parents to partner in supporting student development and encouraging student responsibility. Our department values the opportunity to observe and be a part of student’s personal growth and development.

Our website, parents.tamu.edu is meant to be a one-stop shop of resources and information which will help you support your students throughout their entire time here in Aggieland. You may also want join our Parent/Family Listserv. By signing up for the e-mail listserv, you will receive the monthly *Aggie Quick Connection* providing you with the most current information on a regular basis and notifications about current campus issues from the Office of New Student & Family Programs and the Offices of the Dean of Student Life.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact New Student & Family Programs at 979.845.5826 or at aggiefamilies@tamu.edu. Like us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/aggieparentsandfamily!
Parents’ Weekend Committee 2013-2014

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Parents’ Weekend Committee is a sponsored student organization through the Office of New Student & Family Programs in the Offices of the Dean of Student Life. If you have questions regarding Parents’ Weekend, please e-mail us at parentsweekendlamu@gmail.com.
1. Memorial Student Center
2. Rudder
3. Duncan Field
4. The Association of Former Students
5. Liberal Arts and Arts & Humanities Building (LAAAH)
Suggested Parking:

**Friday:**
West Campus Garage or University Center Garage. (hourly rates apply).

Midnight Yell:
Lot 50, 51, 54, or 55 (Free).

**Saturday:**
West Campus Garage. (hourly rates apply).
University Center Garage ($5).

Free parking is available in surface lots with the exception of lots 30 and 40. Please avoid timed, numbered, service or business spaces along with any other marked parking areas.

**Sunday:**
Free parking is available in surface lots with the exception of lots 30 and 40. Please avoid timed, numbered, service or business spaces along with any other marked parking areas.

*If you have questions please call: Transportation Services at 979.862.7275.*
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