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Parents’ Weekend 2015

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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.

HOWDY! On behalf of Parents’ Weekend Committee and Texas A&M University, welcome to Aggieland for Parents’ Weekend 2015! This year we are celebrating our 96th annual Parents’ Weekend, and are so excited to share our amazing university with you, family, and friends. This weekend we are taking the opportunity to show gratitude for the values you’ve instilled in us, the encouragement you’ve provided us, and the love in which you’ve surrounded us. It is this support and encouragement that makes us successful as Aggies. We hope that through the many events offered this weekend, you are able to experience the traditions and Spirit that are at the heart of every Aggie. Thank you for spending your weekend with us, and enjoy this time with your own family as well as our Aggie family!

Thanks and Gig ’Em,

Hassan Daramsis ’15
Director
Parents’ Weekend Committee

PARENTS’ WEEKEND ONLINE

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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 supported by the Office of New Student & Family Programs. 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, Movie Night, 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!

Todd ‘84 and Sondra ‘84 Janssen
Parents of the Year 2014-2015

As former Aggies who met in a Texas A&M University first aid elective, Todd and Sondra Janssen have instilled the Aggie core values and Aggie Spirit in the lives of their two Aggie children; Caroline ‘14, and Nicholas ‘18 from a young age. Today, they continue to invest their time in helping other young Aggies find a connection with the university they love so dearly.

An excerpt from their nomination by their children reads: “Their Aggie Spirit has set them apart from so many other people I have met, but I do not think that alone makes them worthy of being Parents of the Year. Rather, I think their desire to instill that [Aggie] Spirit in all whom they meet, their continued efforts to adopt any young Aggie, and their dedication to preserving Aggie traditions in younger generations sets my parents apart.”

Throughout their tenure as Parents of the Year, Todd and Sondra have continued to be active members of the Aggie Family. They give selflessly to their own family, and work to instill the Aggie Core Values in everyone they meet. Texas A&M University has been lucky to have the Janssens serve as the 2014-2015 Parents of the Year.
FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Aggie Ring Day ................................................10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center, AggieNetwork.com/Ring

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

Men’s Tennis ..........................................................12:00 PM
Mitchell Tennis Center, SEC Tournament, $

Texas A&M University Central Utility Plant Tours .............1:00 PM
Utilities Central Office
Join us to learn more about how you can help conserve energy and gain insight into how power and thermal energy is generated for the campus with an overview of the UES operation and a tour of the award-winning Central Utility Plant. Participation is limited; please visit utilities.tamu.edu/tour/ to sign up in advance.

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.

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.

Baseball .................................................................6:35 PM
Blue Bell Park, Arkansas, $

Texas A&M Women’s Chorus Spring Concert ...............7:30 PM
Rudder Theatre, $
The Texas A&M Women’s Chorus Spring Concert will feature beautifully crafted music, traditional choral pieces and current modern songs, all sung in four-part harmonies. Directed by Mr. Eric Posada.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Movie Night on the Lawn ....................................7:45 PM
Administration Building Front Lawn (Texas Ave. side of the building)
Join Parents’ Weekend Committee to watch Monster’s University! Feel free to bring your blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy a family movie. See page 12-13 for parking information.

Yell Practice .........................................................10:00 PM
Liberal Arts and Humanities Building Lawn (Behind the Admin. Building)
Join the Yell Leaders and Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band as you experience a Fightin’ Texas Aggie Yell Practice! See page 12-13 for parking information.

Aggies Abroad Breakfast ..................................8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Rudder Exhibit Hall
Have breakfast and learn about international opportunities available through Texas A&M University. Breakfast will be from 8:00-9:00 followed by a presentation and a panel of students. Please RSVP to SAPOadmin@tamu.edu with the number in your party.

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

College of Geosciences Open House .......................9:00 AM
O&M Building
Open to campus visitors, the Dean for the College of Geosciences will provide an overview of our programs and research, followed by a student panel on how to excel as an undergraduate student, and an introduction to the high impact learning experiences offered by the college.

President’s Open House ....................................10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Hosted By: The Office of the President
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: The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Throckmorton Street, across from Sanders Corps Center
The Vice President’s Residence will be open to campus visitors. Light refreshments will be served.
SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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.

Men’s Tennis ................................................................................................. 12:00 PM
Mitchell Tennis Center, SEC Tournament Championship, $

Baseball ........................................................................................................... 3:00 PM
Blue Bell Park, Arkansas, $

REMINDERS

• Parents’ Weekend 2015 Official T-Shirts
  T-shirts are available at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Texas A&M University (inside the Memorial Student Center). Cost $15. The Bookstore will be open Friday 8 AM-10 PM, Saturday 8 AM-6 PM, and Sunday 10 AM-6 PM.

• Save the Date!
  • Parents’ Weekend 2016: April 8-10
  • Parents’ Weekend 2017: April 7-9
  • Parents’ Weekend 2018: April 13-15

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 18.

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

Leadership Certificate Awards Ceremony ................................................. 10:00 AM
Rudder Theatre

Individual Award Ceremony ................................................................. 11:15 AM
Rudder Auditorium

Fish Drill Team & Ross Volunteer Company Ceremonies ......... 1:00 PM
Simpson Drill Field

Parsons Mounted Cavalry Review .............................................................. 2:30 PM
Simpson Drill Field

Downtown Street & Art Fair ................................................................. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Downtown Bryan
The Street & Art Fair will feature artists and artisans from across Texas demonstrating and selling artwork. Drawings, paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass and metal art create an eclectic mix of offerings seldom seen in one exhibition. Live music will be played throughout the day.

Taste of Aggieland ................................................................. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Duncan Drill Field
Come experience the great & unique food that Bryan/College Station has to offer while watching student performances, playing games, getting free swag, competing to win raffle prizes, visiting our silent auction, and getting to meet representatives from many local companies!

Men’s Tennis ................................................................. 12:00 PM
Mitchell Tennis Center, SEC Tournament, $

Baseball ................................................................. 7:30 PM
Blue Bell Park, Arkansas, $

Texas A&M University Singing Cadets Spring Concert.... 7:30 PM
Rudder Auditorium, $
The Texas A&M Singing Cadets, founded in 1893, are Texas A&M’s internationally known men’s chorus. Under the direction of Mr. David Kipp, the Singing Cadets perform more than any other collegiate group in the United States, and performing for over 100,000 people each year.
PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES

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 sign up for our monthly Parent/Family Newsletter, which provides 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!

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2014-2015

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Parents’ Weekend Committee 2014-2015

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 parentsweekendtamu@gmail.com.
Memorial Student Center:  
**Aggie Mom’s Boutique (All weekend)**  
Paid visitor parking available in University Center Parking Garage & West Campus Parking Garage.

Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center  
**Ring Day (Friday)**  
Event parking will be available in West Campus Garage (WCG) at an hourly rate. Shuttles are available from WCG to the Alumni Center from 9:00am-9:45pm

Administration Building  
**Movie on the Lawn (Friday)**

Liberal Arts and Arts & Humanities Building  
**Yell Practice (Friday)**  
Free parking available after 5pm in lots noted with a ★ except spaces marked as reserved.

Duncan Field  
**Taste of Aggieland (Saturday)**  
- Paid visitor parking available in University Center Parking Garage & West Campus Garage.  
- Free parking available after 5pm in lots noted with a ★ except spaces marked as reserved.

Questions about parking?  
Contact Transportation Services at 979.862.7275 or transport.tamu.edu/parking

Do NOT park in Lot 40 or you will be ticketed (unless you have a valid Lot 40 pass displayed).
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