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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 Texas A&M’s oldest and finest traditions.

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Parents’ Weekend 2016 Official T-Shirts
T-shirts are available at the Barnes & 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 2017: April 7-9
• Parents’ Weekend 2018: April 13-15
• Parents’ Weekend 2019: April 12-14
HOWDY! On behalf of Parents’ Weekend Committee and Texas A&M University, welcome to Aggieland for Parents’ Weekend 2016! This year we are celebrating our 97th 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,
Parents’ Weekend Committee 2015-2016

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 18 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 inception. New activities are continually being added to reach the growing student population. Newer activities have included concerts, Spring Football Game, Aggie Family Game Night, and Yell Practice.

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!
Steve ‘82 and Ann ‘81 Lovett
Parents of the Year 2015-2016

The 40th couple to receive the honor of being named Parents of the Year, Steve and Ann Lovett met during their undergraduate years at Texas A&M University. Steve and Ann instilled the Aggie core values and Aggie Spirit in the lives of their four children: Katlyn ‘10, Scott ‘13, Kyle, and Cassidy ‘18. Today, they continue to dedicate themselves to the university through their participation in the Corps of Cadets Association, Brazos County A&M Club, The Big Event, Brazos County A&M Mother’s Club, Texas Aggie Band Association, and the Ross Volunteer Association as well as working with students who attend their church.

An excerpt from their nomination by their daughter, Cassidy, reads: “They love Texas A&M as a university because it embodies [its] foundational values as well as transforms students into the men and women that one day will change this world for the better. They respect the foundations of Texas A&M and the memories, history and traditions this school was founded on. They are different because they are still involved at A&M even after graduating over thirty years ago.”

Throughout their tenure as Parents of the Year, Steve and Ann have continued to be active members of the Aggie Family. Texas A&M University has been lucky to have the Lovetts serve as the 2015-2016 Parents of the Year.
FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Aggie Ring Day .................................................. 9:45 AM - 9:00 PM
Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center
Thousands of Aggies, family, and friends gather at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center on Aggie Ring Day to celebrate achieving an academic milestone and receiving the most visible symbol of the Aggie Network: the Aggie Ring. Visit AggieNetwork.com/Ring.

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

Who’s Who Awards Ceremony ......................... 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.

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

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, Georgia, $

Aggie Family Game Night .................................... 7:00 - 9:00 PM
The Zone Club at Kyle Field
Parents’ Weekend Committee, New Student & Family Programs, and the 12th Man Foundation are excited to invite you to Aggie Family Game Night. This event will feature board games, dominoes, bingo, and performances from several student organizations. Please join us for a night of family fun!
Aggies Abroad Breakfast ........................................ 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building (ILSB) Lobby
Have breakfast and learn about international opportunities available through Texas A&M University. Speak with our advising staff 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 by Friday, April 1.

Mays Business School Open House ................. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Wehner Building (WCBA) Lobby
Families of Mays Business School and Texas A&M University are invited to attend an open house showcasing the opportunities offered by Mays Business School. Dr. Loudder, the Associate Dean, will join us at 10:00 AM to highlight the achievements of the past year. Beverages and refreshments will be provided.

Aggie Ring Day .................................................. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center
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Kyle Field Tours ................................................ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Hall of Champions (West Side of Kyle Field)
Free, half-hour tours will leave every 30 minutes.

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

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.
SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Class Councils’ 11-11 Day Silent Auction ..........10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Koldus Plaza
11-11 Day, as an enrichment program of Class Councils, strives to support and serve the student veterans of Texas A&M through the use of the Aggie Rings for Veterans Endowment. This silent auction will generate funds for the endowment to ensure student veterans who have earned their Fightin’ Texas Aggie Rings have the financial resources to make this celebratory university symbol a reality.

Physics and Engineering Festival 2016 ..........10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics and Astronomy (MIST) and Mitchell Physics Building (MPHY)
This event will feature exhibits and hands-on demonstrations, Science Circus by Rhys Thomas, Nobel Laureates David Lee and Dudley Herschbach, astronaut Bonnie Dunbar, and author Sean Carroll. For a complete schedule of events, visit physicsfestival.tamu.edu.

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.

Baseball .............................................................1:00 PM
Blue Bell Park, Georgia, $

Football .............................................................5:00 PM
Kyle Field, 2016 Spring Game, $

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 for over 100,000 people each year. Tickets are $5.00 in advance and $7.00 at the door. Reserved seating can be purchased through the MSC Box Office @ 979.845.9221 or online, boxoffice.tamu.edu.
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 9.

**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 Ceremony** ................................................ 12:45 PM  
*Simpson Drill Field*

**Ross Volunteer Company Drill** ............................................ 1:15 PM  
*Simpson Drill Field*

**Parsons Mounted Cavalry Review** ................................. 3:00 PM  
*Freeman Arena*

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**CORPS OF CADETS EVENTS**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

**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.

**Women’s Tennis** ............................................................... 12:00 PM  
*Mitchell Tennis Center, Georgia, $*

**Baseball** ............................................................................. 1:05 PM  
*Blue Bell Park, Georgia, $*
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 students’ 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 to 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: facebook.com/aggieparentsandfamily.
Parents’ Weekend Committee 2015-2016

Parents’ Weekend Committee is a sponsored student organization through New Student & Family Programs in the Offices of the Dean of Student Life within the Division of Student Affairs. If you have questions regarding Parents’ Weekend, please e-mail us at parentsweekendtamu@gmail.com.
PARKING INFORMATION

Pre-pay parking for Ring Day and Parents’ Weekend is available for purchase in West Campus Garage (and Lot 61 for Saturday) via ParkMe.com.

Visitor parking is available in West Campus Garage and University Center Garage* according to the Hourly Visitor rates. *NOTE: University Center Garage fills early in the day on Friday so visitors are encouraged to park in West Campus Garage and use the Pedestrian Passageway to cross under Wellborn Road.

Limited disabled parking spaces for Ring Day are available in the circle drive along Houston Street.

On Friday, Express shuttles will run from 8:30 AM - 9:45 PM from West Campus Garage to Lot 48.

On Saturday, additional parking will be available according to the Parents’ Weekend Parking Map found online at tx.ag/parentsweekendparking2016.

Please download the Destination Aggieland app and TAMUmobile app from the iTunes App Store or Google Play for parking and traffic information and updated campus maps. Some app services are also available on the university’s mobile website at m.tamu.edu.

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