



## Round Rock Area Aggie Moms' Club

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September-October 2011 Newsletter

### Howdy!

We had a great turn out for our August Salad Supper! We are looking forward to a fun year as a club. Our next meeting, 9/19/11, will host TAMU students from the Big Event annual community outreach. Come learn about the Big Event and support these students. Our annual Tailgate will occur Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a good way to be involved with our club and treat our students to some delicious food prior to the football game. Details will be sent to you soon in an e-mail. We hope your Aggie student is off to a great year and enjoying their time in Aggieland.

Gig'em!

Connie and Denise

### RRAAMC News and Events

#### RRAAMC Fall Activity Calendar

Sep 19	Monthly Aggie Mom meeting
Oct 17	Monthly Aggie Mom meeting
Oct 29	Tailgate in College Station
Nov 11	Aggie Mom Camp
Nov 14	Aggie Mom Salad Supper meeting & Fall Graduate Recognition
Dec 5	Ag Bag Stuffing
Dec 6	Ag Bag Delivery

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### Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!

Hearty congratulations to the seven students awarded scholarships for the Fall 2011 semester: Theresa Anderson, Shelby Humphrey, Nicolette Lee, Travis Moltz, Ryan Rieger, Allison Rollins and Preston Salzman. Best wishes for a wonderful first Aggie semester!

**Save the Date for the Annual Round Rock Aggie Mom Tailgate Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>!** The annual RRAAMC tailgate is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> when the Aggies play



Missouri at Kyle Field. The game starts at 2:30 PM. The tailgate will start at 11:30 and will feature a BBQ lunch with BBQ beef sandwiches and traditional BBQ sides. All RRAAMC members' students are invited, as are their roommates and friends. More info on how you can help make the tailgate a success for our students is forthcoming. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Vicki Hood at [vickihood@shaunhood.com](mailto:vickihood@shaunhood.com) or Julie Kennedy at [jbdots2@yahoo.com](mailto:jbdots2@yahoo.com).

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**Ag Bags for Fall Semester** Send a little love and encouragement to your student while they study for final exams this fall. Ag Bag orders are being taken now through Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Ag Bags will consist of maroon drawstring backpacks filled with all kinds of goodies to help your student make it through studying for those finals! Ag Bags will be delivered to students on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact Renee Cardwell at [rdcardwell@gmail.com](mailto:rdcardwell@gmail.com) or Susan Pair at [spair8@yahoo.com](mailto:spair8@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Texas A&M News and Events

#### Did You Know? Some Facts about TAMU...

Here are just a few facts about TAMU that make it such a great university for our students.

- ✓ Ranks as the nation's sixth largest university in enrollment, with more than 49,000 students – including 9,000+ graduate students – on the main campus.
- ✓ Ranked second in the nation among public universities in the “great schools, great prices” category— and ranked twenty-second overall among publics by 2011 *U.S. News and World Report*.
- ✓ The Wall Street Journal named Texas A&M University 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation among all universities, public and private, in a survey of top U.S. corporations, non-profits and government agencies, based on graduate recruiters prefer to hire.
- ✓ Ranked first in the nation by *Smart Money* magazine in “payback ratio”— what graduates earn compared to the cost of their college educations—and *The Washington Monthly* continues to rank the university among the top twenty-five nationally on the basis of “what colleges do for the country”.

- ✓ Consistently ranks among the country's top ten universities in enrollment of National Merit Scholars.
- ✓ Conducts research valued at more than \$630 million annually, placing it among the top 20 universities nationally and third behind only MIT and the University of California at Berkeley for universities without medical schools.
- ✓ Has the only College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences in Texas and is one of the largest veterinary colleges in the nation.

## Texas A&M Upcoming Key Dates of Note

### Key Fall Semester Dates

Here are the key dates your students should be aware of for fall semester at TAMU.

Sep 16	Academic Convocation ; Aggie Ring Day
Sep 30	Last day to register for New Family Welcome
Sep 30	Last day to apply for December 2011 graduation
Oct 17	Mid semester grades due
Nov 4	Last day to Q-drop for fall semester
Nov 17	Preregistration for Spring Semester 2012
Nov 18	Bonfire Remembrance Day
Nov 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 6	Last day of classes for Fall Semester 2011
Dec 7-8	Reading Days
Dec 9-14	Final Exams
Dec 16-17	Fall 2011 Commencement and Commissioning
Dec 19	Fall Semester Final Grades Due
Dec 23	Winter Break begins for Faculty/Staff

## Student & Campus Happenings

**Save the Date! New Family Welcome Oct. 14-15** Texas A&M's **New Family Welcome** is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> this year. New Family Welcome provides the opportunity for all new Aggies and their families to visit campus and learn more about A&M history and services. Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Visit <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/nfw/registration> to purchase tickets. Texas A&M plays Baylor University that weekend. Football tickets are sold separately.

## Texas A&M Towel Out for Texas Wildfire Relief

The Aggies have come together to support the relief efforts for the wildfires that have been ravaging central Texas. They are selling maroon towels and asking everyone to wear white T-shirts for the game against Baylor University on October 15<sup>th</sup>. An event was created on Facebook called Texas Aggies vs bear cubs—Wear White, Wave Maroon. It is a public event and all Aggies and fans of the Aggies are invited. So far, 10,013 people have confirmed their participation. The Aggie spirit is generous! There is also a webpage with information about the relief effort:

<http://www.aggiewildfirerelief.com/>.

## Fall Means Football AND Aggie Rings!



One of the greatest moments in the life of every Aggie is the day that he or she receives their Aggie Ring! The Aggie Ring is one of the most symbolic of all Aggie traditions.

Everything seen on the ring represents a value that an Aggie should hold. Aggie Ring Day this fall is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Clayton W. Williams Jr. Alumni Center. Rings will be distributed from 2 pm-7 pm. For more info regarding Ring Day, visit

<http://www.aggienetwork.com/ring/ringday.aspx>.

To learn more about the tradition and values represented by the Aggie ring, visit:

<http://traditions.tamu.edu/traditions#aggiering>.

**Dr. Temple Grandin to Lecture** Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world's leading designers of humane livestock-handling facilities, will share her experiences as a person with autism at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at Rudder Theatre. Her story was made into an HBO movie starring Claire Danes which won 5 Emmys. This event is sponsored by The Rosenthal Lecture Series and The Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The event is free and open to the public, however, tickets are required. Call the University Box Office at 979-845-1234. For more info, visit <http://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/100>.

**Fightin' Texas Aggie Football** The Fightin' Texas Aggie 2011 football program is underway! Check out the introduction to the 2011 Texas Aggie football program on video – it is must see! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqkauZe0SVs&NR=1>.

The Aggies started the season ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the college football polls. They defeated SMU, 46-14 on September 4<sup>th</sup> in College Station. The remaining football schedule is:

### Remaining 2011 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
Sept. 17	Idaho	Kyle Field
Sept. 24	Oklahoma St.	Kyle Field
Oct. 1	vs. Arkansas	Arlington, TX
Oct. 8	at Texas Tech	Lubbock, TX
Oct. 15	Baylor	Kyle Field
Oct. 22	at Iowa St.	Ames, IA
Oct. 29	Missouri	Kyle Field
Nov. 5	at Oklahoma	Norman, OK
Nov. 12	at Kansas St.	Manhattan, KS
Nov. 19	Kansas	Kyle Field
Nov. 26	Texas	Kyle Field

It's Time  
for Texas A&M

### Former Quarterback Thank You Song to Aggieland

Former Aggie quarterback, Jerrod Johnson, penned a song thanking all Aggies for their support during his time at Kyle Field. If you recall, Jerrod started the year last year as the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. His recurrent shoulder issues ended up sidelining him and Ryan Tannehill replaced him as the quarterback for the Aggies. Jerrod's dedication and commitment to the team never wavered as he supported his team from the sidelines through the remainder of the season. The song/video is called 'Thank you Aggieland'.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHmYPEaVSY0>



**Cool Zones at Kyle Field** With record temperatures in Texas, Texas A&M published the 'cool zones' for respite from the heat at Kyle Field:

- East side for both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> decks.
- Misting fans between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> decks.
- Main First Aid station on ground level west side
- Netum Steed and McFerrin Indoor Track

*“The Aggies never lose  
(though they may run out of time)”*