



# Round Rock Area Aggie Moms' Club

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September 2013 Newsletter

## Howdy!

We had a great turn out for our August Salad Supper! The officers and committee chairs have been hard at work planning for a fun year. At our next meeting, September 16, we will host a speaker from the Study Abroad program and a perennial favorite, Traditions Council, will be returning for our meeting on October 21. Please plan to join us for these great programs. Our annual Tailgate is taking place on October 26, when the Aggies will be taking on Vanderbilt. Details will be coming soon to ask for volunteers and donations of food. This is a good way to become involved with our club, meet some new friends and treat our students to some delicious food prior to the football game. We hope your Aggie student is off to a great year and enjoying Aggieland.

Gig'em!  
Sherri & Mary

## RRAAMC News and Events

### RRAAMC Fall Activity Calendar

<b>Sep 16</b>	Aggie Mom Meeting – Study Abroad Speaker
<b>Oct 21</b>	Aggie Mom Meeting – Traditions Council
<b>Oct 26</b>	Aggie Mom Tailgate New Family Welcome
<b>Nov 18</b>	Aggie Mom Salad Supper & Fall Graduate Recognition
<b>Nov 22-24</b>	Aggie Mom Camp
<b>Dec 3</b>	Ag Bag Stuffing
<b>Dec 4</b>	Ag Bag Delivery



**Howdy Hullabaloo Fun!** We held our annual Howdy Hullabaloo on July 14<sup>th</sup> to welcome our new members and

students to the Round Rock Area Aggie Moms Club. We had a terrific turnout with sixteen parents and ten new students attending! Our presidents, Mary & Sherri, welcomed everyone and a panel of current students shared their experiences about what it is like to be an Aggie. Many, many thanks to our student panel: Taylor Gilman, Zach Vaughn, Adam Kilpatrick, Talley Perry, and Ryan Buscha. A huge thank you, as well, to our Corps mom, Kim McDonald, who joined the panel to answer questions about the Corps. Way to show the Aggie spirit everyone! Success indeed – fifteen families joined/renewed with the RRAAMC that day! Many thanks to Beth Perry for organizing the event and to all of our wonderful moms who volunteered their time and treasure! Can't wait until next year's event!

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### Save the date – the Aggie Mom Tailgate is coming!

Mark your calendars for this popular event! We will host our annual Round Rock Area Aggie Mom Tailgate on Saturday, October 26, 2013 for the Texas A&M vs. Vanderbilt game! We will set up in Spence Park either before or after the Aggies' home game against Vanderbilt, depending on game time, and serve BBQ to all RRAAMC families, their students and their friends and roommates, free of charge! If you are interested in helping plan the event or have questions, please contact Laura McNeil ([lmcneil@hpsc.org](mailto:lmcneil@hpsc.org)) or Dana Hadaway ([dghadaway@aol.com](mailto:dghadaway@aol.com)). The tailgate is always so much fun and our students are so appreciative of the great food we serve. You won't want to miss it!

**RRAAMC Web Site** Our web site is up and running and filled with tons of great information! You will find loads of information about our meetings, photos from our events and info about all kinds of TAMU activities and organizations. Check it out at <http://rraamc.aggienetwork.com/>.

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**Aggie Mom Fish Camp XX**

**Aggie Mom Camp** Aggie Mom Camp will be held November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> in College Station. The camp is held at the MSC with sleeping accommodations at Four Points by Sheraton. The theme this year is Aggie

Moms' Coming Home since this is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the camp. The camp was originally started so that experienced Aggie Moms could help new Aggie Moms adjust to the changes that occur when their child leaves home to attend TAMU and to introduce them to the wonderful traditions of Texas A&M. However, it has become a wonderful weekend for ALL Aggie moms to come together and enjoy the campus and all things Aggie. For more information or to register for camp, visit the Aggie Mom Federation's web site at <http://aggiemoms.aggienetwork.com/drupal/aggiemomcamp>.

## Texas A&M News and Events



### **Dr. Loftin to step down as President of Texas A&M University**

President Loftin has decided to step

down from running our great university so that he may return to research and teaching. Dr. Loftin will be returning to the faculty and will serve as a tenured professor in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering in the Dwight Look College of Engineering. His successor has not yet been named. President Loftin's vision and passion for our university helped advance it in many ways, from experiencing our largest student enrollment to date, merging with the Health Science Center, acquiring the Texas Wesleyan Law School and moving to the SEC, among others. President Loftin

truly cared about the students and stayed involved in everyday student life. He was on hand at every move in day, helping students carry their belongings into dorms and at Midnight Yell where he showed his Dougie moves. He will be sorely missed by all. Thank you, Dr. Loftin and best wishes for the future. Gig 'Em!

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### **Texas A&M University Law School**



On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Texas A&M purchased Texas Wesleyan School of Law, located on four city blocks in downtown Fort

Worth. The acquisition began as a joint venture with Wesleyan University, however, the school ended up being acquired solely by TAMU. This new school furthers Texas A&M's vision to become a top 10 school nationwide by the year 2020. "Expanding Texas A&M's graduate professional programs is one of the key tenets of Vision 2020," President Loftin stated, pointing out that most of the nation's top universities—Texas A&M's peer institutions—have law schools. For more information, visit <http://law.tamu.edu/>.

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### **Reveille VII Memorial September 6<sup>th</sup>**



Reveille VII, lovingly referred to as Texas A&M's First Lady, will be honored at a memorial Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> in Reed Arena at 7:30 PM.

Reveille VII passed away on May 30 at 12 years old. She served as mascot from 2001 until 2008. "It would be our hope that all available Aggies, including former students, and anyone who loves Texas A&M University, come share Reveille VII's last official event.", Paul and Tina Gardner, Reveille VII's caretakers since her retirement, stated. "We will be honoring her life as 'The Queen of Texas A&M University' and 'The First Lady of Aggieland'." Find out more at <http://tamutimes.tamu.edu/2013/06/25/memorial-services-for-texas-ams-retired-mascot-rev-vii-set-for-sept-6-at-reed-arena/>.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
**12 UNDER 12**  
*Young Alumni Spotlight*

**Alumni Recognition**  
 The Association of Former Students' is introducing a new

recognition program, called the 12 Under 12 Young Alumni Spotlight award. Twelve Aggies who have graduated within the past 12 years will be highlighted by the Association for their business accomplishments, philanthropic efforts, and outstanding representation of Texas A&M University's core values. One of the selected alumni will be announced each day, now through September 17<sup>th</sup>. All 12 will be profiled in the January-February 2014 issue of Texas Aggie magazine. See <http://tx.ag/12u12> to learn more about the awards.

purchased at: <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/NFW>. Please note that tickets do not include football tickets. You may purchase those separately through the 12th Man Foundation, visiting the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Aggie Marketplace at <http://aggies.flashseats.com/>, or contacting a multitude of third party ticket vendors. A Gamewatching Party will be hosted in the MSC with Aggie trivia, snacks and prizes.

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**Code Maroon** Code Maroon is Texas A&M University's emergency notification system available to all Texas A&M

University Students. Code Maroon uses multiple notification methods in a best effort to reach campus members in an emergency including SMS text message, Texas A&M Email, KAMU-FM radio, campus cable television, Emergency Alert System radios, computer alerts, classroom alerts, Twitter and RSS. Your student may sign up to receive Code Maroon updates at <http://codemaroon.tamu.edu>. For information on how you as a parent can sign up for Public Access to Code Maroon please visit: <http://codemaroon.tamu.edu/publicaccess.html>.

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**Texas A&M Upcoming Key Dates of Note**

**Upcoming Key Fall Semester Dates**

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

Sep 20	Aggie Ring Day
Sep 27	Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in December
Oct 25-26	New Family Welcome
Nov 14-Dec 3	Preregistration for 2014 Spring Semester
Nov 18	Bonfire 1999 Remembrance Day
Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 3	Last day of classes for Fall Semester 2013
Dec 4-5	Reading Days (no classes)
Dec 6, 9-11	Final Exams
Dec 13-14	Fall 2013 Commencement and Commissioning
Dec 16	Fall Semester Final Grades Due
Dec 23-Jan 1	Winter Break for Faculty/Staff



**MSC Abbott Family Leadership Conference**

The MSC Abbot Family Leadership Conference is a student development program of the MSC, designed to help students establish their own value system that will allow them to positively face any life situation. Conferences are held in San Antonio in January/February or in Austin in March. The Abbott Family began this conference to provide sophomore and junior Aggies with opportunities to explore the relationship between leadership and values and allow them to establish their leadership styles based on ethics, values, and morals. Information sessions are being held on September 10<sup>th</sup> in MSC 2406 at 9:00 PM and on September 11<sup>th</sup> in MSC 2406B at 5:45 PM.

**Student & Campus Happenings**

**New Family Welcome Weekend Oct 25-26**

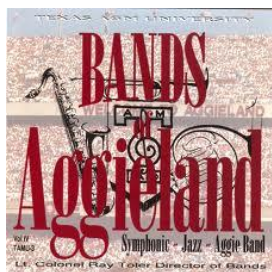


New families are invited to campus to get to know more about the campus while also visiting their student for the weekend. Texas A&M has

planned activities including a dessert reception Friday evening and a BBQ lunch before the football game on Saturday. Tickets are required and can be







### Texas A&M Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band and Concert Band Fall Concert Schedule

Texas A&M University is proud of its comprehensive band program which

includes the nationally famous "Fightin' Texas Aggie Band", four concert bands—the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band and Concert Band—two jazz big bands, the Aggieland Dance Orchestra and the University Orchestra. All of the bands are outstanding musical ensembles comprised of students from all majors at the university. The wind symphony, symphonic wind, symphonic band, concert band, jazz ensemble, and string orchestra will all be performing in October in Rudder Theater. Check them out! <http://tamubands.tamu.edu/>

Concert, Wind Symphony and Symphonic winds	Sat, Oct 5	3:00-4:30 PM
Concert, Symphonic Band and Concert Band	Sat, Oct 5	6:30-8:00 PM
Concert, Jazz Ensembles	Sun, Oct 6	3:00-4:00 PM
Concert, University String Orchestra with the Brazos Breeze Flute Choir	Sun, Oct 6	6:00-8:00 PM

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### MSC Aggie Cinema

The MSC hosts a Cinema event where they show various movies. A full schedule of all activities is posted at <http://cinema.tamu.edu>. Below is the current schedule of their classic series this fall.

*MSC Aggie Cinema Classics Series Presents*

Man of Steel	Thu, Sep 12
Despicable Me 2	Fri, Sep 27
The Waterboy	Thu, Oct 3
Bruce Almighty	Thu, Oct 17
Silver Linings Playbook	Fri, Oct 25
Kick-Ass 2	Fri, Nov 1

*Note: All times are from 7-10 PM*



**Aggie Nights** Every Friday night, from 8pm - midnight, Aggie Nights takes over Studio 12 (in

the Commons) to provide FREE fun for the students of Texas A&M University. Varied entertainment includes movies, billiards, live music, student performance groups, game shows, comedy shows, and much, much more. The late night club is an alcohol free environment and offers movies, karaoke nights, dance lessons and performances, bands and simple nights of just billiards and games. Find out more at <http://aggienights.tamu.edu>.

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### Fightin' Texas Aggie Football

They're back! The Aggies' football season was kicked off on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, with a WIN over Rice! Matt Joeckel, backup quarterback, got the Aggies off to a winning start. He was followed by Johnny Manziel in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. The final score was 52-31, Aggies!

Below is the entire schedule. Note that there are eight home games scheduled this year! Visit <http://aggieathletics.com> for more info.

### 2013 Aggie Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
08/31/13	vs. Rice	12:00 pm	Kyle Field
09/07/13	vs. Sam Houston State	6:00 pm	Kyle Field
09/14/13	vs. Alabama	2:30 pm	Kyle Field
09/21/13	vs. SMU	TBA	Kyle Field
09/28/13	at Arkansas	TBA	Fayetteville, AR
10/12/13	at Ole Miss	TBA	Oxford, MS
10/19/13	vs. Auburn	TBA	Kyle Field
10/26/13	vs. Vanderbilt	TBA	Kyle Field
11/02/13	vs. UTEP	TBA	Kyle Field
11/09/13	vs. Mississippi State	TBA	Kyle Field
11/23/13	at LSU	TBA	Baton Rouge, LA
11/30/13	at Missouri	TBA	Columbia, MO