**RRAAMC Aggie Mom Dictionary**

This is intended to be a brief introduction to some terms that might be less than familiar to you right now. As with many organizations, we sometimes have a language that is all our own and we’d like to give you some definitions for things you’ll need to know.

**Ag Bags -** Most Aggie Mom clubs provide some sort of goodie bag for their students to help ease the trials and tribulations of preparing for finals. We present each Ag Bag in a reusable container and we fill it with around 25-35 items which are mostly food but also include practical things like pens, pencils and post-it notes. We also include fun items like slinkies, yoyos, bubbles – anything to relieve the stress of long study sessions. $5 of the purchase price goes to our Student Recognition Awards.

**Ag Brags -** Do you have any good news about your Aggie student? We’d all love to hear it! At the end of each meeting, we devote a little time to anyone who’d like to share news with us.

 **Aggie Mom Camp -** Each fall the Aggie Mom Federation holds Aggie Mom Camp in College Station. Similar to the Fish Camp, T-Camp or Howdy Camp your student has the opportunity to attend, moms from many different clubs gather at a hotel for the weekend to learn and celebrate the traditions of Texas A&M and get to know other Aggie moms.

**Annual Celebration -** Each spring we hold an annual dinner or event to celebrate our year together. We also hold a Silent Auction to raise money for scholarships. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

**Boutique -** Each Spring A&M sponsors Parents Weekend for all Aggie families. As a part of that weekend, Aggie Mom groups participate in a boutique on campus that is filled to the brim with everything an Aggie could want. If it is maroon and white or Aggie-affiliated, it will be there for sale!

**Cares and Concerns -** As a club we like to recognize our members and students at special or difficult times. We send student birthday cards, congratulations greetings for ring recipients, get well cards and, of course, condolences. Please make sure that the club has your student’s correct address so that they will receive their cards.

**Fun Bucks -** At each meeting you will find a member stationed near the door who will be selling chances for Fun Bucks for $1 each. Each time you buy a chance, you write your student’s name on a ticket to be entered in the drawing. One name is drawn for each $10 purchased. Each student winner is then mailed $10 with two conditions – they must spend the $10 on something fun and they must write to us to tell us how they spent the money.

**Student Recognition Awards -** $5 from the sale of each Ag Bag funds these awards and they are given each semester to recognize the participation of the student’s mom in our club. Each time a club member attends a meeting or participates in any activity, her name is listed on a ticket. The more she participates, the more times her name is entered. At our November and April meetings names are drawn and the awards are sent directly to A&M to be deposited into the student’s account.

**Tailgate -** Each fall we hold a tailgate on a Saturday with at a specific home football game. The club provides the main course and members donate side dishes, desserts and beverages. Everyone is invited – you, your family, your student, and all of your student’s friends.