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Getting Involved

By now our students have survived mid-term exams and taken those first (or last) steps toward their bright futures. Academic success is important, but equally important for our students is their social and emotional growth. That is why my theme for November is "Getting Involved". One way for students to get involved at Texas A&M is through involvement in one of many on campus student-sponsored organizations.

At our November 13 meeting, we will learn about the Memorial Student Center. To quote the website, "The Memorial Student Center (MSC) provides students with academic, entertainment, social, arts, political and cultural awareness programs and experiential learning opportunities. The MSC's student-driven committees, supported by full-time staff, foster leadership development for A&M students with programs that enhance both the University and Bryan/College Station communities."

With a student population of 66,000 and growing, Texas A&M's main campus is literally a small city. Of course, it would be easy for a student to feel overwhelmed and lost. Getting involved in one of the many MSC student organizations is a great way to connect with students and to make life-long friends.

In addition to the MSC program presentation at our November meeting, Kendra Scott – First Colony will be hosting a boutique jewelry shopping opportunity. Aggie Moms can save 10% on all Kendra Scott jewelry and an additional 10% of sales will be donated the scholarship fund. We will start our social time at 6:30 p.m. this month to give Aggie Moms additional time to shop and visit. I am sure there is someone on your Christmas list that would appreciate some Aggie bling!

Aggie Moms have been getting involved in the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club. Our October social at the Braman winery was a huge success! We will have a wreath making social on November 9, where we can make some Aggie-themed holiday décor. The newsletter has more information about that opportunity.

I challenge you to get involved with the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms! Besides making life-long friends, we are supporting our students in their journey at Texas A&M.

Gig'em! - Carol A. Gaas '85, President

Annual Holiday Poinsettia Sale

Decorate for the holidays and support Fort Bend Aggie Scholarships with our annual poinsettia sale. Poinsettias are available in two sizes:

6" Pot with Sleeve -Approximately 14" tall x 14" wide \$15.00 each + tax

10" Hanging Basket -Approximately 30" across \$38.00 each + tax

Monday, November 13 Orders forms are due

Monday, November 27 Pickup from 9 am - 5 pm at the Sugar Land Recreation Center



Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club Social Events

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 12 Christmas Party Sweetwater Country Club

Thursday, February 8

Aggie Mom Painting with a Twist



Aggie Goodie Bags Delivered to Campus for Finals

Support your Aggie during study week and finals with an Aggie Bag filled with goodies.

Also ideal for roommates and girl/boyfriends!

\$5.00 from each bag purchased will be donated to our scholarship fund.

Cost: \$20.00 each

IMPORTANT DATES

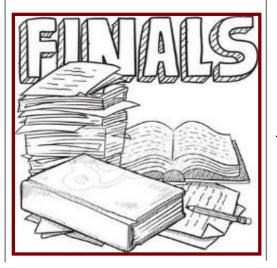
Monday, November 27 All orders due

Delivery Dates

Thursday, November 30 TAMU - College Station delivery

Wednesday, November 29 TAMU - Galveston delivery

See the order form for more details!



Aggie Mom Camp February 2-4, 2018

Pass it back – it's time for Aggie Mom Camp! Our Aggies have Fish Camp, T-Camp or Howdy Camp to aid in the transition to college life and to orient them to the traditions at Texas A&M University.

In 1994, Aggie Mom Camp was created to help current Aggie moms to pass on the traditions of Texas A&M University to new Aggie Moms. Since then, this event has become a way for "new" and "seasoned" Aggie Moms to come together as a part of the Aggie Family.

There will be speakers, entertainment, a campus tour, meals and lots of mom-raderie! Come join us for a weekend of "PHUN". This is an Aggie Mom Camp t-shirt and jeans weekend!

For information: https://aggiemoms.org/aggiemom camp

Deadline: Must be postmarked by January 8, 2018

Like us on Facebook:

Fort Bend Aggies Mom Club



QR Code for Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club

Install an app with a QR-code



scanner to direct your smartphone's browser to the Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club website.



Kendra Scott – First Colony Mall Boutique Shopping at Aggie Mom Meeting!

Kendra Scott will host a jewelry boutique for our members at the November 13 General Meeting.

Aggie Moms will save 10% on their purchases and an additional 10% will be donated to our scholarship fund.

Just this month, we will start our social time at 6:30 p.m. to give Aggie Moms more time to shop and visit before our November meeting.

If you want to shop in advance online, Kendra Scott representatives will have your selections ready at the meeting.

Please shop at

https://www.kendrascott.com/ and fill out the order form included with this newsletter. Then email the form to Hilary Wetmore, hilary.wetmore@kendrascott.com, with your choices.

No payment necessary until the meeting. Whoop! What could be better? See flyer included with this newsletter for details.



A Tisket a Tasket an Aggie Mom Gift Basket!

We will be collecting donations of themed gifts or cash for our Holiday Party Gift Basket Raffle.

Donations to a basket can be made using the

www.signupgenius.com link or by calling the Aggie Mom Basket Coordinator.

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10c0a4bafaf2ca7f49-aggie

If you are not planning to attend the Holiday Banquet on December 12, you may still purchase raffle tickets at the November 13 meeting. You will be able to select the Basket you want to win! The more you enter, the better your odds are to win that Basket. Whoop!

This is a super easy way to get involved in Aggie Moms. Here are the Baskets we have come up with so far.

1 - Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend

- 2 Winter Warming Basket
- 3 Golf Lover's Basket
- 4 Holiday Cooking with an Aggie Twist
- 5 All About Aggies
- 6 Date Night at the Movies
- 7 Coffee Lover's Basket
- 8 Chocolate Lover's Basket
- 9 & 10 Open for Adoption



Yankee Candles for Purchase

Consider Yankee Candles for upcoming holiday gifts. The club receives 40% back off every sale. They have some SUPER CUTE Halloween and Christmas Candles which are great for gifts or holiday décor.

Aggie Moms get 40% of the sales back for Scholarships!

Shopping ends January 18, 2018.

There are several ways to make a purchase.

1. Go online to the dedicated fundraising site.

www.yankeecandlefundrasing.

Enter group number # 990101579. (Cutting and pasting this number doesn't seem to work. It must be typed into the Group Number field) 2. If you want to send emails to family and friends to buy or sell, follow these instructions: Go to website above and click on seller button. Fill out Sign up to be a Seller Form, use the group number to register and you can have informational emails go your family and friends.



Welcome!

On behalf of FORT BEND AGGIE MOMS Group we would like to thank you for your support. Our group will receive 40% profit for each item you purchase. We hope you enjoy your shopping experience. Please share our group information with friends and family.

Thank you again for your support.

Group Number: 990101579 Group Name: FORT BEND AGGIE MOMS

2017-2018 Meeting Dates

Monday, November 13, 2017

Note: For the November meeting, the social time starts at 6:30 PM to allow more time to shop with the Kendra Scott boutique.

Monday, January 8, 2018

Monday, February 12, 2018

Monday, March 19, 2018

Monday, April 9, 2018

Monday, May 14, 2018

Meetings are held at:

Sugar Land Imperial Park Recreation Center Rooms A & B 234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land (across from the Sugar Land Post Office)



Welcome to our Newest Members!

New Moms

Susan Fortenberry Diane Echols



New & Returning Members

Membership forms will be available for all new and returning Aggie Moms at all the meetings.

Membership forms are also available on our website, <u>https://fortbendmoms.aggienetwor</u> <u>k.com/membership/</u> under "Membership" at the top of the page or attached to this newsletter.

Dues are \$25.00 per year. You may bring the form to a meeting or mail it to the address at the bottom of the form. Questions may be directed to Lisa Gray at: 281-778-0377 threegrays3@me.com

Thank you for your continued support!

Dear Aggie Mom

Do you have any tips on keeping in touch with my student during the semester?

My best advice is to buy about a dozen greeting cards during the summer or throughout the year. Have them on hand to mail to your student "just because". I sometimes will add a gift card, but more often than not its just the card with a little note to let them know I am thinking about them. I address and stamp them all at once in case grandma or dad want to send one, so all they have to do is sign it and drop it in the mail.

Sincerely, Aggie Mom Stephaney Davis

Aggie Mom Shirts

Imprinted silkscreen Aggie Mom shirts have gone to production. We had to achieve a minimum order of 12 to begin the process.

No more orders will be taken for these items. However, you may order an embroidered shirt or jackets design at anytime.

Use the below link to access our Ft. Bend Aggie Mom Shirt Store.

https://www.agpestores.com//bran dingmatters/groupproducts.php?pr odgroup_id=15605&prodgroupbyp ass=true Access Code - 2120 (if needed)

Embroidered items have no minimum order, and will be fulfilled when ordered.

Shipping options include "Organization Pickup for \$0.00" or Shipping for \$10.00.

If you choose "Organization Pickup", you can either pick the shirt up yourself at Branding Matters or Carol Gaas will bring it to the next General Meeting for you to pick up.

Address for our provider: **Branding Matters!LLC** 8034 Hwy 90A Sugar Land Texas 77478 <u>281-494-7747</u> Hours of Operation: 9 AM - 4 PM, Monday - Friday



Aggie Moms - Help Wanted!

Aggie Moms, we have an immediate opening for a moms to assist with the sign shop order process.

Our Aggie Mom, Holly Smith, must relinquish her role due to increased work commitments.

Sally Berlocher, Vice President at Large, has agreed to help with this effort, and we're looking for another mom to assist her. This position requires some experience with web site maintenance and order fulfillment. Holly will provide training.

Our Aggie signs are a significant portion of our scholarship funds.

If you are interesting in assisting Salley with in this new role, please email ftbaggiemoms@gmail.com and Holly Smith (hosmith1964@gmail.com) with your interest.

Aggie Brags

Amy Dodson ('18)

Daughter of Aggie Mom Beth Dodson, received her Aggie ring on Sept. 22. She has also received several job offers already:) She's an industrial distribution major. Whoop!

Matt Gaas ('21)

Son of Aggie Mom Annette Gaas and nephew of Aggie Mom Carol Gaas, finished his first triathlon on the Corps of Cadets team in the top 10% of finishers and placed 1st overall in the swimming component!

Rebecca LeDoux ('12)

Chemical Engineer, daughter of Aggie Mom, Elisa LeDoux, was promoted to Product Manager with SendGrid and moved from Orange County, CA, to San Francisco in October, 2017.



Elizabeth LeDoux ('14)

Economics, daughter of Aggie Mom, Elisa LeDoux, married Alex Tajonar, Chemical Engineer, Class of 2013, on October 6, 2017. The newlyweds moved from Houston to New Orleans after the wedding.

Madeline Rios

Daughter of Aggie Mom Marilyn Eicher-Rios, has an internship for next summer. She is a junior finance major and will intern with Protiviti in Dallas. She was also accepted into the newly formed Corporate Finance Program at Mays! So proud of her!

Jackson Davis

Senior, 400 Hurdler for the TAMU track team and son of Aggie Mom, Stephaney Davis, made the SEC and TAMU athletic directors Academic Honor Rolls again this last semester and earned his Letterman's jacket as well.

Boutique Items Available Online

The Boutique's online store is available for purchasing custom street signs, FM road and graduation year signs. The site continues to be available and is generating income for the club.

Please check out the selection at:

aggiesigns.org



Patsy Armbruster Endowed Scholarship Awarded

Several members of the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club were on hand to congratulate the second recipient of the Patsy Armbruster J. Melon Southerland '65 Aggie Leadership Endowed Scholarship.

Krista Smith, Linda Casey, and our endowed scholarship namesake, Patsy Armbruster, met Prerna Jain and her husband at a reception held on September 29 in Rudder Tower. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in Chemical Engineering. It was exciting to meet our endowed scholarship recipient.





'Beat Bama Braman Brewery Blast!

A good number of Aggie Moms & Dads celebrated all things Aggie Football at the second Aggie Mom social of the year. Everyone had a great time meeting new moms and connecting with the 'old' moms.





It's Time to Update Your Selections with our Grocery Store Partners

Please take a few minutes to update your grocery cards to link to Fort Bend Aggie Mom's Club.

Kroger Community Awards

Update your Kroger Card each year so your transactions are directed to our club. **Ft. Bend County TX A&M Mother's Club NPO number 88062**

Customer Instructions A Digital Account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards.

How to Register a Digital Account

Visit <u>www.kroger.com</u> or download the Kroger mobile app.

- 1. Select the 'Register' button.
- 2. Enter your information.
- 3. Select 'Create Account'.



Make sure to add your card number or create a virtual card number while registering your Digital Account. This is required for the Community Rewards program so your transactions apply to the program.

Selecting an Organization

-Sign into your Digital Account.

- -Select 'My Account'.
- -Scroll down to the 'Community Rewards' section of your account page.

-Select 'Enroll Now' or 'Edit'.

-Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.

-Select the appropriate organization from the list and click 'Save'.

Your selected organization will now display in the Community Rewards section of your account page. Any transactions moving forward using the card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program. It takes approximately 10 days for the Community Rewards total to begin displaying on your receipt.

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COURTESY BOOTH: SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE MAILROOM - ATTN: DATA CENTER OF ARIZONA



JOIN US for A HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP WITH FORT BEND AGGIE MOMS CLUB enjoy sips, sweets and jewels MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

SUGAR LAND IMPERIAL PARK RECREATION CENTER 234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, TX 77478

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10% of the proceeds benefit Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club, and guests will receive a 10% discount off of their entire purchase!



Fort Bend Aggie Moms Kendra Scott Wishlist

www.kendrascott.com

Name:	
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Fort Bend Aggie Moms Annual Poinsettia Sale



Celebrate the Holidays in Living Color and support Fort Bend Aggie Scholarships!

Celebrate the holidays with poinsettias in two sizes to meet your indoor and outdoor decorating needs. Grown locally, right here in Fort Bend County, so they are fresh and lively just in time for December's holiday decorating.

Generously sized poinsettias are available in red or white, 6" pot with sleeve for accent tables or fireplace mantles. The 6" size plants are approximately 12-14" tall and 12-14" wide.

Large 10" pot hanging baskets, spreading approximately 30" across in red or white. Perfect for a large entryway table, fireplace hearth, or conference table.

Order for your home or business!

Ask people with whom you do business with if they need beautiful holiday color for their lobby or waiting rooms! Order for gifts for business associates or family members.

Important Dates and Pickup Info

All orders are due **Monday November 13th** Pick up **Monday November 27th from 9 am - 5pm** Sugar Land Recreation Center 234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land Texas 77478 Aggie Mom _____ ____

Phone ______

Payment Method/Check No _____

Brought to You by the Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias	Quantity of Red	Quantity of White	Price	Total of line:
6" pot with sleeve: Approx. 14" tall by 14" wide, generously sized for a table or mantle.			\$15.00 ea.	\$
10" hanging basket: Stunning display, approximately 30" across			\$38.00 ea.	\$
Tax 8.25% (Aggie Moms have to pay sales tax too)				\$
Total Amount Due				\$

Phone
Email
Zip Code

Amount
Credit Card Number:
Security Code
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Signature

Order gifts and décor now!

Orders due on Monday Nov 13 th Checks payable to FB Aggie Moms' Club	Pick-up Monday Nov 27 th from 9 am to 5 pm
MAIL YOUR ORDER FORM AND CHECK TO: Allison Haun 4103 Trent Street Sugarland, TX 77479	Sugar Land Recreation Center 234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land Texas 77478
Allison Haun <u>allisontracehaun@gmail.com</u> 281-414-6818	

Celebrate the holidays in living color!



Fall 2017 Aggie bags are loaded with goodies to help your students get through study week and finals. Besides being a great surprise and show of support for our Aggies, \$5.00 for each bag purchased will be donated to our scholarship fund. Order one for your Aggie! These bags are also great for roommates, girl/boyfriends.

All mailed and/or hand-delivered forms must be turned in to Lorri Henry NO LATER THAN Monday, November 27 or they will not be included. We cannot accept any late orders due to the fact that we will be delivering the bags on Thursday, November 30.

For questions contact Lorri Henry @ 832-265-4153 email: <u>lorri.henry14@gmail.com</u> Or Kim Lincecum @ 281-750-1926 email: <u>kimlincecum@comcast.net</u>

SEND ORDER FORM AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Lorri Henry @ 15 Rivercoach Lane,.Sugar Land, TX 77479

Help us locate your AGGIE - we will not be responsible for unclaimed bags

MOM'S NAME	
MOM'S NUMBER	
MOM'S EMAIL	
NUMBER OF BAGS ORDERED:	
<u>BAG 1:</u>	
STUDENT NAME	
STUDENT EMAIL	
STUDENT CELL NUMBER	

Please	write	your	personal	message	below	-	it	will	be	included	in	your
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AN AGGIE MOM LOVES YOU!

BAG 2: STUDENT NAME		
STUDENT EMAIL		
STUDENT CELL NUMBER		
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Fort Bend Aggie Moms' Club 2017-2018 Membership Information Form

Last Name	First Name		Husband's Name
Mailing Address (Stree	t, City, Zip)		
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<u>Annual Dues are \$25.</u> <u>\$26.</u> Please make your	If you wish to donate \$1 to the check payable to <u>Fort Bend A</u>	e Benevol Aggie Mon	ent fund make <u>check for</u> <u>ns</u> . Please turn in form and

dues at any meeting or mail to Membership Chairman:

Lisa Gray Attn: FB Aggie Moms' Club 104 Tall Trail, Missouri City TX 77459 Email: <u>threegrays3@me.com</u> 732-688-8207



AGGIE MOM CAMP FEBRUARY 2 - 4, 2018 HILTON COLLEGE STATION

https://aggiemoms.org/aggiemomcamp Deadline: Must be postmarked by January 8, 2018 No refunds after the deadline.

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Registration fee includes the following:

- 2 nights at the Hilton Hotel (801 University Dr. East)
- 1 Aggie Mom Camp t-shirt
- Tote bag

- Speakers, entertainment & tour
- Mini Boutique
- Tons of Aggie Mom friends and memories!
- 5 meals (2 Breakfasts Saturday & Sunday, Lunch Saturday and 2 Dinners Friday & Saturday)

Your Saturday dinner ticket is included in your registration fee, but we encourage you to invite your Aggie students. Additional dinner tickets will not be available during camp; they must be purchased with Registration.

Mail Registration and check to: Connie Pritchard '81, 12418 Pedder Way Dr., Tomball, TX 77377

Name:				_ TAMU Clas	ss:
Address:	City:		State:	Zip:	
Phone: Aggie Moms Club?					
Email:	Corps Mom?	Y or N	Past Chair/	Counselor?	Y or N
Any special medical/allergy, physical or dietary needs?	YorN If ye	es, explair	n:		
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Registration fee*: One t-shirt is included to be worn all weekend as your 'ticket' into Adult t-shirt size? S M L XL XXL Add \$15 fe	Camp activities.				
Add \$15 per extra dinner ticket					
Total due (Make check payable to: Federation of Texas	A&M Mothers	s Clubs):		\$	

*If you require something other than double occupancy, contact the Chairs at <u>amcchair@aggienetwork.com</u>.

By attending, you consent to having your photo or likeness used for promotion of Aggie Mom Camp in literature and/or video recordings.