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Magic Maroon Loafers --Is There Magic in the Shoes?



My wardrobe at January's Aggie Mom General Meeting included some super stylish (and cheap) maroon patent leather loafers with a white sole. That they were well-received by the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms was vindication of my taste in footwear.

Like Dorothy and her ruby slippers, I would like to believe that there was some magic in my maroon loafers. I clicked them together (when no one was looking), and the Aggie Moms went into high gear all the way through Family Weekend! All along the way we had fun-gathering for craft nights, game night, and happy hours!

To say we had an outstanding year is an understatement. Our goals for fundraising were met and exceeded in some cases. Here is a snapshot of our 2019 financial contributions to Texas A&M University:

<i>Benevolent Fund Donations</i>	\$270
<i>Student Organizations (12)</i>	\$3,300
<i>Student Scholarships</i>	\$18,000
<i>Linda Casey Endowed Scholarship</i>	\$6,000

These amounts total **\$27,570!** We will be celebrating our success with a final meeting on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. to congratulate our 2019 graduates and scholarship recipients. Please join us for refreshments and pictures.

The magic continued when our 2019 Be Our Guest Raffle winner, Mr. Stewart Jacobson, generously donated the value of his winning raffle prize back to the club towards the Linda Casey Endowed Scholarship! The \$5,000 trip value will be added to the \$6,000 club endowment donation. Our \$25,000 endowed scholarship will be funded that much sooner thanks to Mr. Jacobson's generous gift.

My tenure as President officially ends in June. It has been a magical journey. That magic came not from my maroon loafers, but from the hearts of many Aggie Moms who contributed time, talents, and money towards our goal of supporting Aggie students and Texas A&M University.

However, my work as President will not be complete until I can pass along my magical maroon loafers. I need one (or two) brave souls to volunteer for the office of President. I'll loan you my loafers if that is sufficient motivation. I and the whole cast of characters (officers) will be there leading you down the yellow brick road to Oz or Aggieland (your choice). I can sincerely promise you that it will be a magical journey.

Gig 'em, Carol A. Gaas '85

Twelve Student Organizations Benefit from Ft. Bend Aggie Mom Donations

Each year the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club designates student organizations to receive donations.

This year is no different. Thanks to those Moms that sent recommendations. We try to choose a variety of organizations from year to year. Oftentimes, if an organization has presented a program we will include them. Or, if a Mom has a student in the organization, they can recommend them to us.

We try to add new organizations each year.

This year \$3,300 will be evenly divided among the following organization:

1. Freshman Exemplifying Aggie Spirit Together
2. The 12th Can
3. Student Association of Maritime Administrators (SAMA)
4. Maggies
5. Traditions Council – Silver Taps Committee
6. Galveston Yell Leaders
7. HardChord Dynamix
8. Parsons Mounted Calvary
9. Carpool
10. American Medical Student Association (AMSA)
11. Corps of Cadets B-1
12. Professional Association of Industrial Distribution (PAID)



Benevolent Fund Proceeds to be Donated to Sterling C. Evans Library

Aggie Moms support one another in many ways. During each General Meeting, a pink ceramic pig is passed around for donations of loose change for the Benevolent Fund.

The proceeds from the fund are donated yearly to the Sterling C. Evans library in memory of Aggie Moms and loved ones who have passed away in the calendar year. This year we have \$270 in donations that will be designated as Benevolent donations.

If you have lost a child, spouse, parent or parent-in-law in the last year, we will honor them and you with a donation in their name.

Patsy Armbruster Endowed Aggie Leader Scholarship Awarded

Earlier this year our endowed scholarship was awarded to Colton Mandel, from Katy, TX. We met him at a special reception held to honor the many recipients of the J. Malone Southerland Leadership scholarship awards.

The Southerland Aggie Leader Scholarship program was created to recognize and reward student involvement at Texas A&M University. Student leaders are dedicated to Texas A&M and are an important element in the success of our campus. Unlike most scholarships, the primary criteria for assistance are leadership and involvement. This scholarship reflects Texas A&M University's commitment to learning, leadership and service both in and out of the classroom.

Pictured below is our endowed scholarship namesake, Patsy Armbruster with scholarship recipient, Colton Mandel. They are pointing to the plaque that commemorates this scholarship in the Koldus Building.



Colton sent Ms. Patsy a lovely thank you note.

Dear Mrs. Armbruster,

I can't begin to thank you enough for your scholarship. Your generosity has allowed me to focus on the student organizations that I am a part of and my studies! I will be graduating in the Spring of 2021 with a degree in Finance from the Mays Business School. As a part of the Student Senate, we are

currently working with faculty on amending

Student Rule 7 to allow students to be excused from school to pursue a job interview that can't be rescheduled. I'm currently in the process of applying for internships at investment banks, so the passage of these proposed changes would be great! My fraternity's philanthropy event that I was in charge of just happened too. We were able to donate over \$9,000 to Camp Hope and the PTSD Foundation of America to benefit veterans who suffer from PTSD. I list these activities not to brag, but to demonstrate how much your scholarship means to me and other recipients who can worry less about financing college and focus more into their school and leadership opportunities. Your kind heart has been a blessing in my life and your witty humor was a kick! Let me know next time that you're in College Station so that we can catchup and get lunch!

THANKS A LOT!

Thank you,

Colton Mandel

Spring Aggie Goodie Bags Sale!

Our famous Aggie Goodie Bags were delivered to both the Main and Galveston Campus for Spring Finals. Aggie Mom's that purchased these Goodie Bags made a lot of our Aggie students happy this spring! The bags are filled with love and good stuff for the end of semester finals.

Here are some happy recipients!



Our Aggie Moms ROCKED the Goodie Bag Delivery!



Boutique Sales Strong at Family Weekend

We had a great weekend of sales and fun at the Aggie Mom Boutique. Sales were brisk for signs, snap trays, dog toys, and other handcrafted items!

Sally Berlocher and Sharon Hresko, VP's of Boutique, worked tirelessly to prepare for this two day event.

Thanks to all that helped at our table to make this a success!

Early numbers show that we sold about \$8,500 in merchandise.

Our new custom table coverings were debuted at this event. Thanks to **Krista Smith** for suggesting them and facilitating the order and purchase. They looked so professional.



2019 - 2020
Calendar of Meetings

General Membership Meetings

2019

August 12 Aggie Mom Howdy! Party
September 9
October 7
November 4

2020

January 13
February 10
March 16 Tentative: Craft and Game Night
April 6
May 11 Scholarship Recipient Awards and Senior

Location: Sugar Land Imperial Park Rec Center - Rooms A & B
Address: 234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, TX
Time: 7:00 PM - Social Time 7:30 PM - Meeting Time

Board and Committee Meetings

2019

July 29 Board and ALL Committee Members
August 26 Board /Reporting CommitteeMembers
September 23 Board/Reporting Committee Members
October 28 Board/Reporting Committee Members
November 18 Board/Reporting Committee Members

2020

January 27 Board /Reporting Committee Members
February 24 Board/Reporting Committee Members
March 23 Board/Reporting Committee Members
April 27 Board/Reporting Committee Members

Location: Location will vary. The location will be emailed with pertinent agendas and minutes prior to each meeting.
Time: 7:00 p.m.

**The Installation Dinner is
for EVERYONE!**

All new and returning Officers for 2019 - 2020 and Committee Chairs (**PLUS any members and guests that want to cheer us on**) are invited to attend the Ft. Bend Aggie Mom's Officer and Committee Installation Dinner.

It is scheduled for Monday, **June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.**
Location: Los Tios Mexican Restaurant located in the Williams Trace Shopping Center
Address: 3308 Hwy 6, Sugar Land, TX 77479

We will enjoy a Mexican dinner and margaritas and reflect on all things past and present.

Link to Evite:

<http://evite.me/eDFAKfg1Px>

Check your email for the Evite - RSVP's required for the restaurant's headcount.



Aggie Br'ags' and Whoops!

Sean Guidry '19, son of Aggie Mom, Lisa Guidry, will graduate with a degree in electrical engineering. He has a job with Mott MacDonald here in Houston. He starts June 10th.

Lauren Trevino '21, daughter of Vic Trevino, is a member of Texas A&M's Hardchord Dynamic A Capella. Mom writes: "Lauren had the privilege of representing A&M at the International Competition for Collegiate A Cappella. (This is the competition that the Pitch Perfect movies are based on.) The team progressed through Local, Regional, and Semi-final Competitions that began with 420 universities and concluded with the top 10 finalists at the Sony Playstation Theatre on Broadway on April 27th. Although they did not win, we are exceptionally proud of these students for a Stellar Performance! Lauren had the honor of singing a female solo. In addition, soloist Tyler Lewis, came away with the award for Best Solo! Way to go Aggies!"



Christopher Breuer '19, son of Carmen Breuer, will graduate May 9th with a degree in Telecommunications Media Studies and a minor in Sports Management.



Kenneth Cunningham, '19, Son of Rosemary Cunningham, graduates May 11th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Maritime Administration and a Minor in Economics from TAMUG. Even better, he has a job working for Inchcape Shipping Services in Houston. Whooop!



Dominic Boneno '19, son of Venetia Boneno, will graduate in May with a degree in Civil Engineering. He starts his job on 3rd with Stewart Engineering. Mom and Dad are so proud of their Aggie. Whoop!

Michael Wang '19, son of Terri Wang, graduates on May 9th with a Bachelor's in Accounting and a Master's in Entrepreneurial Leadership. In July he will begin working full-time with PwC's Houston office, specializing in International Tax. Gig 'em



Madeline Rios '19, daughter of Marilyn Eicher-Rios, will be graduating on May 9th from Mays with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. She will be moving to Dallas in July and working for Protiviti.



More Aggie Br'ags' and Whoops!

Tyler Turner '19, son of Adrinne Turner, will graduate with a BBA in Marketing and then head to Long Island City, New York to begin a career with Citigroup. Mom writes "We are proud of you Tyler and we love you so much!" Mom & Dad



Hunter Stewart '19, son of Camille Stewart, is graduating May 11th with a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science. He will be working for Chevron in Houston starting in July. He was a joyful recipient of a Fort Bend Aggie Moms Scholarship and is looking forward to transitioning to adult life.

Marilyn Clark '15, daughter of Lynne Clark, just completed her Masters of Physician Assistant Degree from University of North Texas, Ft. Worth. She will graduate May 17th. Whoop! She graduated in 2015 with a Biomedical Science Degree from A&M. Double Whoop!

Megan Bates '19, daughter of Melanie Bates, is graduating with B.S. in Chemical Engineering. She has accepted a position with Chevron and will be working in the Gulf of Mexico group. In addition, she will be marrying Tyler Baez (also graduating with a B.A in History) in June.

Krystopher Byfuglien '19, nephew of Stacy Isaacson, has been accepted into the Masters Program at University of North Texas. He will be getting a Master of Science in Medical Sciences from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences from the University of North Texas Health.



Greg Nachlas '12 who graduated with a Bachelors AND Masters in Accounting, son of Barbara Nachlas, just got married March 30th to Miss Georgie Morris. Her Maid of Honor was Greg's sister, Stephanie, Class of 2009. They are now living in Austin.



Class of 2019 Graduates

Congratulations to Ft. Bend Aggie students graduating in 2019. We honor them with a ring crest with their graduating year. Whoop!

2019 Graduating Seniors

Megan Bates
Tyler Baez
Aubrey Bilicek
David Belleza
Dominic Boneno
Christopher Breuer
Joseph Buckle
Krystopher Byfuglien
Dylan Crocker
Kenneth Cunningham
Jacqueline Gann
Meagan Gillar
Sean Guidry
Teresa Hresko
Eric Keller
Grant Lincecum
Rebecca Parke
Robyn Perez
Joshua Peters
Briana Portis
Madeline Rios
Daniel Rutledge
Hunter Stewart
Tyler Turner
Autumn Schnitzer
Kendall Wolfe



Join us on Facebook:

We have a public Facebook page called **Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club**. 'Like' us and you will receive our posts. We post news about upcoming meetings, scholarship opportunities, and Aggie news. Here is a quick link to our page:

<https://bit.ly/2wk6lYx>

Suzette Peoples and H-E-B Support Aggie Goodie Bags



Suzette Peoples, our own Aggie Mom, recently worked with H-E-B to acquire a donation for the purchase of HEB Aggie grocery bags and other needed goodie bag items.

Here is the response from H-E-B:

*H-E-B is pleased to provide you with a gift card(s) in the amount of **\$500.00** in support of Texas A&M Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club. It is our sincere hope that our support will help to make your Aggie Mom Bags a success.*

For over 110 years, H-E-B has contributed to worthy causes throughout Texas and Mexico, and we continue to support our community as strongly as ever. To help us maintain that tradition, we ask that you encourage members of your organization to visit their nearest H-E-B store.

Thank you for contacting us with this wonderful opportunity to make an impact in our community. We wish you great success with your future endeavors.

Thanks to Suzette, we are ahead for next year's Goodie Bags! Whoop!



Welcome New Members!

Membership forms will be available for all new and returning Aggie Moms at all meetings. Membership forms are also available on our website. <https://fortbendmoms.aggienetwork.com/membership/>

The Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club is open to all supporters (moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends or guardians) of current or former Texas A&M students, including prospective students.

Annual dues are \$25. For information about membership, please contact: **Sandy Kelly**
10051 Plantation Mill Place
Missouri City, TX 77459 713-248-1363 sfkelly@entouch.net
Thank you for your continuing support!

Sandy Kelly and sons Stephen and Sean



Aggie Families Gather

Cunningham Family



Pam Locke and son John



Goolsby Family





2019 - 2020 Executive Board Members

We are so lucky to have this group of new and returning board members! The new positions are for two years (2019 - 2021).

So far, we haven't heard from a member willing to step up as President for 2019 - 2021. This is an important leadership position.

As outgoing President, I am committed to filling this position and helping to transition the responsibilities to the incoming President. Please think about filling this position! For me, it has been rewarding, challenging, and fun. Please contact me (Carol Gaas) if you have any interest in this board position. Self-nomination is entirely acceptable.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Executive Board Members</u>
President	Open-Accepting Nominations
VP at Large	Carol A. Gaas – Outgoing President
1st VP Programs	Amanda Maughan (N) / Gloria Couch (N)
2nd VP Fundraising	Amy Rivers (R) / Michelle Edwards (N)
3rd VP Membership	Sandy Kelly (R)
4th VP Publicity	Ann Kingrey (N)
5th VP Boutique	Sally Berlocher (R) / Sharon Hresko (R)
6th VP Scholarships	Krista Smith (R)
Secretary	Melinda Ransome (R)
Treasurer / Asst. Treasurer	Cindy Luu (N) / Susan Grotte (R)
Historian	Allison Bauer (N)
Parliamentarian	Janice Chambers (N)
* Federation President-Elect	Diane Eckols
Special Advisor	Selected by Incoming President-no vote

(R) - Returning for 2nd year of two year term
(N) - First year of two year term

* Per the bylaws a Federation officer is also a member of the Executive Board of their local club.

Be Our Guest - Raffle 2019 Grand Prize Winner Announced

We are thrilled to announce the winner of our Be Our Guest 2019 Raffle. Mr. Stewart Jacobson is from Sugar Land, and Terri Wang was the Aggie Mom that sold him the winning ticket.

Upon learning that he had won the Grand Prize trip, Mr. Jacobson generously donated the \$5,000 value back to the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club as a tribute to Linda Casey.

He said "As Aggie parents, my wife and I couldn't be happier to assist with a scholarship in the name of our dearest friend, Linda Casey. As Longhorns, we understand that Aggies need all the help they can get. Hook 'Em!

In this one case, we can't agree with him more. Thanks and Gig 'em from the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club!

Not including the \$5,000 donation, our raffle raised a bit over \$9,000 towards scholarships this year. Whoop!



Amy Rivers, 2nd VP of Fundraising, livened up the raffle table with her smile, personality, and airline flight attendant costume. She is pictured with Carol Gaas just before the drawing of the winning ticket.



Michelle Edwards, Carmen Breuer, and Amy Rivers Working Hard at the Boutique Raffle Table.

Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club

Classifieds

Help Wanted: Eager Volunteers to serve as Committee Chairs and Members next year. Many of our Aggie Moms are 'retiring' from their positions after many years of loyal service to our club. They will be happy to "Pass the Baton" to new Aggie Moms.

FAQ's about Committees:

-Each committee has **unique responsibilities**. Some committees only have tasks for a few months. Others are busy year round.

-Committee chairs may attend Board meetings when they have committee reports. They are also welcome to attend any Board meeting as an observer. They are not voting members of the board. Committee members do not attend board meetings.

-**Committees are the Heart and Soul** of the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club. They get the jobs done!

-Look for a **Signup-Genius request** coming for volunteer signup for the 2019 - 2020 year.



Ft. Bend Aggie Mom Committees

- Aggie Bags
- Benevolent Fund
- Boutique
- Bunco
- City of Sugar Land
- E Birthday Cards
- Hospitality/Greeting
- Name Tags
- Door Prizes
- Member Recruiting
- Newsletter
- Poinsettias
- Refreshments
- Room Set-Up
- Senior Gifts
- Special Events
- Webmaster

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." – Erma Bombeck



Mr. Glenn Dresner presents Blaine Strnadell with his Aggie Ring during Family Weekend.





You are invited to
the
Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club
Officer and Committee Installation Ceremony

Monday, June 3rd @ 7pm

Los Tios Mexican Restaurant
Williams Trace Shopping Center
3308 Hwy 6, Sugar Land, TX 77479

All New and Returning 2019-2020
Officers and Committee Chairs
Will be Officially Installed

All Members and their Guests may attend

Would appreciate your RSVP with headcount by May 25th
Evite:

<http://evite.me/eDFAKfglPx>

We will have a designated area
towards the back of the restaurant

