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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

August 2006

HOWDY Aggie Moms!

Whether this is your first child you are packing off to college, or your fourth, this summer likely marks a period of transition for your family. My husband and I have sent two to college -- both experiences were different, and both were painful. Happily, I can tell you that the sorrow that comes from taking children to college will not last, and it will be replaced with sheer joy, pride and awe as you see your beloved children begin to fly, free of your nest, and capable of "making it out there." Not only will they "make it," you will constantly hear of accomplishments that are beyond your imagination. This will be fun -- you'll see! I call this new phase "long distance parenting." Your student will need encouragement from time to time, and there's nothing sweeter than kind words from home.

I am constantly thankful for my friends I've made as an Aggie Mom. Each of us has at least one treasure in College Station and our heart follows along with the treasure. Don't worry if you do not yet know anyone else who is an Aggie Mom. Step out in faith and you will find women who have a treasure similar to yours.

The invitation to join Aggie Moms is for all of you whether your student is a freshman, a transfer student, an upperclassman, a graduate student, or even if your student is long past his college days! I challenge you to take the step, and join with us as we work together for the benefit of students at Texas A&M.

Gig'em Aggie Moms!

Daryl Johanson '79

San Antonio Aggie Moms President
2006-2007

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A mother's love! O holy, boundless thing!  
Fountain whose waters never cease to spring!

~Marguerite Blessington

## WELCOME

Welcome to the family of Aggie Moms! Over 80 years ago, a small group of Aggie Moms decided to form a club that would support our students in their work at Texas A&M. Since that time, we have created a lasting legacy that includes several hundred thousand dollars to Texas A&M in the form of scholarships & gifts to student organizations. Impressive! You have a chance to join this work while gaining new friends who share a common bond with you. I invite you to see what Aggie Moms is all about. Our club constantly renews itself with new fish moms & transfer student moms – You are important to us!

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find an Aggie Mom's Membership form. We hope you'll choose to join our organization or renew your membership!

## Aggie Moms' Website -Stay Informed!

**It's easy to stay in touch! We're just a click away!**

**Visit our website at [www.sanantonioaggiemoms.org](http://www.sanantonioaggiemoms.org)**

Stay informed about the San Antonio Texas A&M Mothers' Club by checking our website! The site contains information about the history and purpose of the club, our monthly meetings, special events, membership, board contacts & links to other Aggie websites.

You may also access the monthly newsletter and register for special events as they occur.

### Committee Notes



**Have you seen the  
Aggie Mom's  
2005-06 Scrapbook?  
It's fantastic!**

A HUGE THANK-YOU to Lu Nell Garza, Dolores McGehee and Ima Speights for creating this memory keepsake for us to remember a wonderful year and for future Aggie Mom's to look upon all your amazing accomplishments!

**THANK YOU !**

### Aggie Moms are "First Down" Sponsors at Coach's Night



Coach's Night is an annual event organized by the San Antonio A&M Club as one of their scholarship fundraisers. As Aggie Moms, we sponsored a table at Coach's Night, held this year on June 8th. Coach Fran told about the upcoming football season. We were also delighted to visit with our Fightin' Texas Aggie Yell Leaders and Reveille. Aggie Moms at Coach's Night were Faye Haby, Deborah Stevenson, Sylvia Valdez, Liz Johnson, Cynthia Gabel, Ellen Robinson (and her beautiful daughter, Rachel, '09), Niki Guenther, Barbara Stevens, and Daryl Johanson.



**"GIVE ME AN ARMY OF WEST POINT GRADUATES, I'LL WIN A BATTLE. GIVE ME A HANDFUL OF TEXAS AGGIES AND I'LL WIN THE WAR!"**

**- GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON, JR.**

**STAYING CONNECTED  
IN CHINA!**

Linda Maxwells' son, Casey '08, left in June for Beijing, China. Casey is working for H.B. Zachery on the US Embassy project for one year. If you are an Aggie Mom with a child in Beijing, please contact Linda at:  
[LKMAXWELL@satx.rr.com](mailto:LKMAXWELL@satx.rr.com)

**TEXAS A&M  
VS  
WEST POINT**  
**San Antonio Alamodome**  
**September 16, 2006**

**AGGIE BRAGS ~~ AGGIE BRAGS ~~ AGGIE BRAGS ~~ AGGIE BRAGS**

*Laura Divine '06, daughter of Jan Wyland, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Biomedical Science. In August, she will begin studies at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.*

*Michele Ehrlund '06, daughter of Loretta Ehrlund DVM, has as been accepted into Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine starting fall 2006. Travis Wright '06, son of Dan and Patsy Wright, Michele's fiancée, has also been accepted in to the Veterinary College.*

*Brayton Lee '09, son of Deborah Stevenson, received his pilot's license & is a member of the Flying Texas Aggies.*

**AGGIE MOMS' FISH CAMP '06**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**All Aggie Moms' are invited to attend  
Aggie Moms' Fish Camp  
October 27-29, 2006**

**Hilton Hotel, University Drive, College Station**

In 1994, Aggie Moms saw a need to help new moms through the transition when their children leave home for college. Aggie Moms' Fish Camp provides an opportunity to spend time with other moms who are experiencing the same adjustments to the empty nest plus a chance to learn more about the university their child has chosen. There are informative speakers and workshops, campus tours, meals and lots of bonding. This is a weekend you will never forget!

The cost is \$130 with four moms per room or \$160 with two moms per room or \$245 for a single room. Cost includes 2 night Hotel Room, Catered Meals, Aggie Mom Camp T-shirt, Tote Bag & Souvenirs, Bus Transportation for Special Tours, and University Related Guest Speakers.

Registration is already in progress and the final date to reserve your spot is October 1, 2006. Event details and registration forms are available on the Aggie Moms' Federation Website at [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org) then click on the link in the left column labeled Aggie Moms Fish Camp or contact Cynthia Sanford at 817-346-0085 or [CynSanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CynSanford@sbcglobal.net)

**AUGUST**

- 1st - Aggie Moms Q&A Night
- 19th- A&M Club Casino Night
- 20th - Campus Residence Halls Open
- 27th -Freshman Convocation
- 28th - Fall Semester Classes Begin

**SEPTEMBER**

- 2nd -A&M Football vs. Citadel
- 5th - Silver Taps on Campus
- 5th - Aggie Moms Monthly Meeting
- 9th - A&M Football vs. Louisiana Lafayette
- 16th -A&M Football vs. Army at San Antonio Alamodome
- 23rd -A&M Football vs. LA Tech

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## Newsletter

The deadline for any item submitted to the  
Newsletter is the 6th day of the month  
prior to distribution.

**September 2006  
Newsletter Deadline  
is August 6**

Submissions may be emailed to

Barbara Bentley at  
bentley4@satx.rr.com  
or call 210-408-2818



## HOWDY NIGHT - WELCOMES CLASS OF 2010!

Our Annual **HOWDY NIGHT**, welcoming the **CLASS OF 2010** and incoming transfer students, was held on Sunday, June 25th at Aggie Park. Over 200 future Aggies and their families came to enjoy our BEVO burgers, awesome door prizes and an informative meeting!

Katherine Greenwade, from the Association of Former Students, spoke about Aggie Traditions while Christa Brod encouraged these new students to "get involved" on campus! Nick Taunton, Texas A&M Student Body President, welcomed everyone to Aggieland.

Yell Leaders, Chris "Buck" Buckner '07 and Tyler Wellborn '07, led the audience in yell practice, getting everyone ready for the upcoming football season. Reveille was introduced by three members of Company E-2 Corps of Cadets who spoke of the tradition of Reveille. Proud parents were ready with their cameras to capture that prized shot of their future Aggie with these great representatives from Texas A&M!

A **HUGE THANKS** to all the moms, dads and even students who made this event a success, plus an extra special thanks to Prospective Student Center who helped sponsor our event!



We are the Aggies,

The Aggies are we.

True to each other

As Aggies can be.

"THE SPIRIT OF  
AGGIELAND"