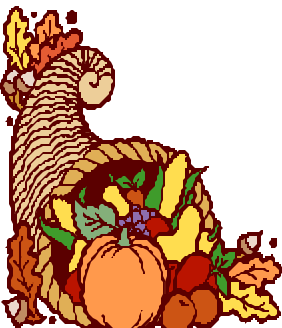




# THE AGGIE MOM'S CONNECTION

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| <p><b>Aggie Mom Board</b></p>   | <p><b>PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:</b> <span style="float: right;">November 2006</span></p>  |
| <p>President<br/><i>Daryl Johanson</i></p> <p>President Elect<br/><i>Amy Gillespie</i></p> <p>2nd VP Membership<br/><i>Sandy Wier</i></p> <p>3rd VP Ways &amp; Means<br/><i>Jackie Foster</i></p> <p>4th VP Programs<br/><i>Marcie Loven</i></p> <p>5th VP Social<br/><i>Deborah Stevenson</i></p> <p>6th VP Yearbook<br/><i>Linda Speights</i></p> <p>Treasurer<br/><i>Marla Ripps</i></p> <p>Recording Secretary<br/><i>Vel Espinoza</i></p> <p>Notification Secretary<br/><i>Barbara Bentley</i></p> <p>Publicist<br/><i>Lois Smith</i></p> <p>Past President<br/><i>Cynthia Aguirre</i></p> <p>Parliamentarian<br/><i>Liz Johnson</i></p> <p>Aggie Favorites<br/><i>Niki Guenther</i></p> <p>Cares<br/><i>Janie Murphy</i></p> <p>Cheers<br/><i>Loretta Ehrlund</i></p> <p>Chaplain<br/><i>Elizabeth Broderick</i></p> <p>Scholarships<br/><i>Mina Marsden</i></p> <p>Special Events<br/><i>Peggy Proffitt</i></p> <p>Telephone<br/><i>Sunny Jenkins</i></p> <p>Webmaster<br/><i>Melinda Hart</i></p> | <p>2006 - 2007</p> <p>HOWDY Aggie Moms!</p> <p>As we look forward to Thanksgiving, this is the perfect time to reflect on our blessings. Family and friends always top the list. This year, I hope that you will include the friends you've made as an Aggie Mom on your list of blessings.</p> <p>This has been a year of rings for our family. In the summer of 2005, both of our daughters got engaged. This past January our younger daughter, Holly '07, married John Dittmar '07. They are both seniors at A&amp;M. Two months ago, our daughter, Jeanne, married Brian Vranes '05. And just a few weeks ago, Holly got her Aggie ring! So we've had engagement rings, wedding rings and now an Aggie ring! What a privilege it is to be present for these meaningful occasions. I heartily encourage you to go to College Station when your child has earned their ring! A festive atmosphere and hundreds of mini-celebrations all around as friends and family gather around the new ring recipient!</p> <p>I am especially thankful for your participation in Aggie Moms this year. No one person can do the work of this club. However, we can combine our unique, God-given abilities to accomplish great things for Texas A&amp;M University and our students.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gig 'em, Aggie Moms,<br/>Daryl Johanson '79<br/>San Antonio Aggie Moms President 2006-2007</p> |
|   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>We're just a click away!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Visit our website at <a href="http://www.sanantonioaggiemoms.org">www.sanantonioaggiemoms.org</a></b></p> <p>Stay informed about the San Antonio Texas A&amp;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 &amp; links to other Aggie websites.</p> <p>You may also access the monthly newsletter and register for special events as they occur.</p>    |



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**AGGIE CARES EXAM GOODIE BAGS**

**GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING**

**Tuesday - November 7th  
6:30 p.m.  
at Aggie Park, 6205 West Ave.**

**Guest Speaker**

Scott Jarvis '00  
A&M Association of Former Students

**Topic**

Mini Fish Camp for Moms

**SAVE THIS DATE**

Monday, March 26, 2007  
6th Annual Texas A&M  
Scholarship Golf Tournament  
At The Club at Sonterra  
Call Lois Smith (210) 408-1351 or visit  
[www.sanantonioaggie moms.org](http://www.sanantonioaggie moms.org)



Each semester before final exams, our Moms bring items to fill goodie bags for our students. Things needed are home made cookies, sodas, juice boxes, crackers, etc. Even if you didn't sign up to bring something, **all donations are welcome and should be brought to the November 7th meeting.** For those of you that volunteered to bring fresh baked goods or stuff the bags, we will be meeting at Aggie Park on Tuesday, November 28 starting at 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm. We've a great response for helpers to deliver the goodies to campus. Our delivery date is Wednesday, November 29. Don't let this date sneak up on you since it is the week right after Thanksgiving.

Moms please remind your Aggies to stop by 1 of our 3 distribution points at the MSC, Duncan, or the Weimer Bldg. on West Campus. **Goodies bags will be handed out on Wednesday, November 29, between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm.**

Questions? Call Janie Murphy  
at 497-6856.

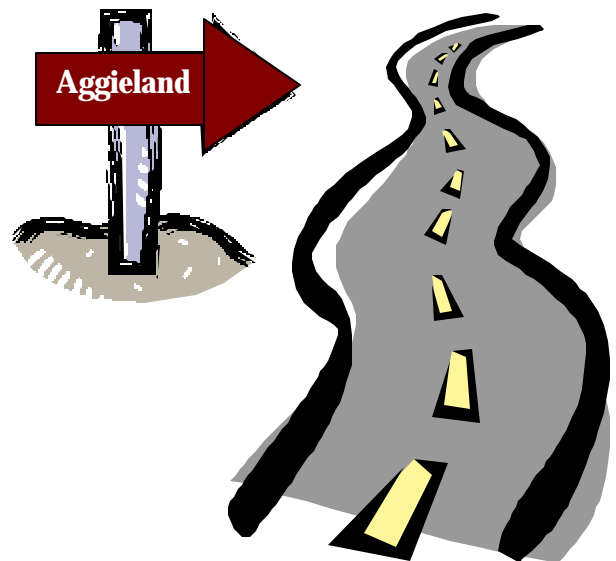
**A Day In Aggieland ~ Take the Day Off ~ November 10th**

How would you like to make a day trip to College Station? Join a small group of Aggie Moms and let's Take the Day Off together. We'll leave at 7:00 a.m. This is our tentative itinerary:

- Abbreviated tour of the Bush Presidential Library
- Benjamin Knox Gallery
- Bonfire Memorial
- Memorial Student Center / Bookstore
- Northgate - Dixie Chicken & Pot Belly's for lunch
- The Quad

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, email [darylsjohanson@yahoo.com](mailto:darylsjohanson@yahoo.com). Let Daryl know if you'd be willing to drive your car or if you prefer to be a passenger. Cost per person will be \$12 for gas.

Lunch and museum admission are extra.



## SCHOLARSHIPS ~ SCHOLARSHIPS ~ SCHOLARSHIPS !

Recipients of all San Antonio Texas A&M University Mothers' Club Awards & Scholarships are selected by the Texas A&M Office of Financial Aid through a committee. All A&M Bexar County students are eligible if they have submitted a scholarship application. Awards and scholarships funded by San Antonio Aggie Mothers' Club include:

Endowed Opportunity Awards: 2 awards, the Memorial Endowed and the Mildred May Endowed, each award is \$1250/ year and awarded for a 4 year period, funding for these scholarships come from the interest generated by a Foundation investment of \$25,000 per award.

2006-07 Awardees: Memorial Endowed - Anna Esquivel '09  
Mildred May Endowed - Sarah McCord '10

Pass-through Scholarships: funded annually, presently our budget includes \$8500 for these awards

2006-07 Awardees:

Undergraduate \$1000/ year for 4 years -Jodi Eyhorn'07, Elaine Looney'08, Breanne Schiffer'09,  
Sean Hutzler '10

Undergraduate \$500 (1 year) - Andrew Brooks '07, Russell Martin '08, Emily Merin '08,  
Regina Roach '08, Fernando Vazquez '08, Brian Wilks '07,  
Jonathan Houston '07

Graduate \$1000 (1 year) - pending

Corps of Cadets Scholarships: 2 per year, the Sul Ross Scholarship and Bryan McClain Sul Ross Scholarship.

South San High School Award: \$250 / year, to a recipient selected by the high school. South San High produces that Aggie Moms directory. 2006-07 Awardee: Jennell Cruz '09

One-time Awards: funded through the San Antonio Aggie Mothers' Club fund-raising effort in 2005-2006, amounts established May 2006.

2006-07 Awardees:

\$1000 - Colleen Buck '07, Jonathan McCulley (grad student), Joshua Owen '07,

\$500 - Ashley Barrett, Veronica Cruz (4th yr vet student), Stephen Dyer '07

### **HOW CAN MY AGGIE APPLY?**

Scholarship applications for continuing students (current freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors and above) are now available on-line. Applications will be accepted until February 1, 2007. Students need to put all involvement on the applications – leadership and community service are important. As current freshmen compete against upperclassmen, they should wait until December to submit their scholarship applications (they can include anything done after fall semester break).

Transfer students (2007-08 school year) can apply for scholarships from February 1- April 6, 2007. Those transferring for spring 2007 have a deadline of November 1, 2006.

Incoming Freshman scholarship information has been sent from TAMU to high school counselors. They may apply for scholarships at the same time they apply for admission. Deadline is December 15, 2006.

**The website for Office of Financial Aid – Scholarships is: <https://scholarships.tamu.edu/>**

**A more general site for scholarship information is: <http://www.tamu.edu/scholarships/>**

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Please Deliver Before November 1st

## Newsletter

The deadline for any item submitted to the Newsletter is the 10th day of the month prior to distribution.

**December 2006  
 Newsletter Deadline  
 is December 10th**

Submissions may be emailed to  
 Barbara Bentley at  
 bentley4@satx.rr.com  
 or call 210-408-2818



### THE IMPACT OF FLAT-RATE TUITION\*

### STAYING INFORMED

In the fall of 2005, Texas A&M moved to flat-rate tuition: a student pays for 15 hours of classes regardless of the number of hours he is taking. Below 15 hours, you are paying for something you're not getting; above 15 hours costs no additional tuition or mandatory fees. The economics of taking at least 15 hours each semester are compelling for a student -- not only saving on tuition, but graduating one of two semesters earlier and saving a real bundle. Many students (or their parents) have paid attention to economics and so last fall (2005) our students took nearly an additional 30,000 semester credit hours.

Thanks to all the Aggie Moms that sent cards and called after the death of my cousin, Merideth Howard '76. She was a huge Aggie! It meant so much to have my Aggie Mom Network!  
 Deborah Stevenson

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 Announcing the Arrival of  
 Benjamin Jay Bracy Nolan  
 Born 9/25/06 at 12:08 pm  
 6 lbs - 12 oz -- 19 1/2" long  
 Parents - Kerrick & Steffanie Pinchback Nolan '02  
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*\*excerpt from Dr. Robert M. Gates' article, "My 4th Year at Texas A&M"*

Congratulations to the student winners of our September & October drawings : Jonathan Schlattner, Martha Sanders (twice), Charles Sibley, and Brittany Brink. You can buy chances at the sign in table for our students to win whatever money is collected at that meeting. If your student's name is drawn they will receive a check from the Aggie Moms.

