Important Dates

Sept. 3 & 4, 2012
Regents’ Scholars Organization (RSO) Informational

Sept. 10, 2012
• Regents’ Scholars Organization (RSO) meeting
• Orientation Planning Board Applications Due

Sept. 20, 2012
Scavenger Hunt Social

September
For the full calendar of events, see page 5.

Regents’ Scholars Program Blogger. Wanted.

Regents’ Scholars Program bloggers will increase the visibility of the Regents’ Scholars Program through the creation and expansion of the Regents’ Scholars Program blogs.

Qualifications?
Regents’ Scholarship recipients preferred.
Undergraduate students preferred.
Ability to effectively manage time;
Ability to work independently;
Minimum GPA of 2.5.

For more information, visit jobsforaggies.tamu.edu

Got Blog?

Gig’Em Gates!

Robert Michael Gates is a first generation student himself who received his bachelor’s degree from the College of William and Mary before earning his master’s degree from Indiana University and finally a PhD from Georgetown University.

He joined the CIA in 1966 and became the only career officer person in their history to rise from an entry-level position to serving as the Director of Central Intelligence. Dr. Gates became the president of Texas A&M University in 2002 and served until 2006, when he was sworn in as the 22nd Secretary of Defense where he currently serves.

Every year the Regents’ Scholars Program recognizes a staff, faculty, advisor or mentor as the recipient of the Dr. Robert M. Gates Inspiration Award. The award is based on nominations received from students and acknowledges outstanding contributions to the program. Nominators share how they were inspired to succeed.

Don’t Forget:
There is plenty of FREE help on-campus as well as several individuals who are here to help you succeed.

• Supplemental Instruction (S.I.) Schedule: http://www.tamu.edu/cae/silist.shtml
• Department of Multicultural Services FREE tutoring: http://tutor.tamu.edu
• University Writing Center: http://uwc.tamu.edu/
• Mathematics Department Help: http://www.math.tamu.edu/teaching/helpsession/
• Study skills and time management workshops: http://www.scs.tamu.edu/academic/
• Student Learning Center Drop-In Tutoring: http://slc.tamu.edu/TutorSchedule.pdf

Answer the opinion poll on the top of page 3 to win A&M goodies!
You’re Not In High School Anymore!

After the first round of exams, freshmen begin to grasp the fact that life in college is not the same as life in high school. Many of the differences are easy to adapt to: you are only in class a few hours a day, you can take a nap anywhere on campus, and if you skip class to watch MTV, nobody calls home to your mom! But some adjustments are more complicated.

One of the biggest differences between high school and college is the difference between high school teachers and college professors. Think about it! In high school, your teachers knew your name, knew what sports you played and what clubs you were in, knew what other classes you were taking, and knew if you had a job outside of school. Personality goes a long way in high school, and probably if your teacher liked you, he or she was willing to give you extra time on a test or overlook some late assignments. Your high school teachers may have also been your athletic coach, band director, or yearbook advisor. Your teachers in high school knew you both inside and outside the classroom.

Now you are in college. A big college. One of the biggest (and best!) universities in the country. The first difference is that in college your teachers are called “Professors.” Your professors probably don’t know your name because you are one of 300 students in the classroom. They don’t know what sports you play, what organizations you are involved in, or where you work part-time. And if you have never gone to visit your professors during office hours, or if you aren’t involved in class discussions, then your professors probably don’t know your personality very well.

But believe this – your professors DO care about you, and they DO want to help you! Your professors want to get to know you as a person, not just as the student in seat 134. Your professors want you to ask questions during class, to visit them during office hours, and to let them know when you are struggling with the material. It is easy to be intimidated by professors! They have Master’s or Doctoral degrees and are experts in their field. They are sometimes very stern and serious, and they always grade tough! But remember that your professors are committed to helping you learn. They want you to succeed in their class and in all of your academic pursuits at Texas A&M University.

Keep in mind, your professors don’t know you as well as your high school teachers did, so it is important that you make a good impression when communicating with your professors. Here are some tips:

- **Be polite** – If you show respect for your professor, then your professor will have respect for you. Address your professor with the appropriate title: “Dr. Jones,” “Mr. Dickens,” or “Ms. Smith.”
- **Be professional** – If you want your professor to treat you like a mature young adult, then you need to act like one! When you email a professor, write in complete sentences and avoid slang. Use grammar check and spell check for EVERY email and assignment. Sign your emails with your first and last name, as well as your UIN.
- **Be prepared** – When you visit a professor during office hours, be prepared with specific questions about the lecture or the chapter. Identify certain concepts or terms that you need help with and ask the professor to explain those terms.
- **Be peaceful** – It is hard not to be angry and disappointed when the grade you get on a test or paper is much lower than you were expecting. However, you can’t always blame the professor for your bad grade. There are many factors that affect a grade. When you are discussing grades with your professor, be calm. Ask the professor what you did wrong and what you need to do to improve on the next test or paper. Ask the professor to suggest resources that might help you. If you remain calm and keep a positive attitude, your professor will be more inspired to help you.

Your professors at Texas A&M University have high expectations for you, and they want you to achieve those expectations. If you are willing to work hard and make the extra effort in class, then you will succeed. Remember, you aren’t in high school anymore. The textbooks are enormous, the reading assignments are long, and the homework is intense. Welcome to college!

And please, don’t skip class to watch MTV!
Where’d that tradition come from???

Midnight Yell
Yell Practice began as a post dinner activity in early 1900’s, when different corps companies would gather together to “learn heartily the old time pep.” However, it was not until 1931, that Midnight Yell Practice, as it is known today, was held before the t.u. game. It began, when a group of cadets were gathered in Peanut Owen’s dorm room in Puryear Hall. Someone suggested that all of the freshmen should fall out and meet on the steps of the YMCA building at midnight. The cadets notified senior yell leaders Horsefly Berryhill and Two Gun Parker of their intents. Although it could not officially be authorized, they said they may just show up. Needless to say, the word spread quickly, and when the freshmen began to arrive, there were railroad flares and torpedoes stuck in flower pots around the YMCA building to light the area. The first Midnight Yell had begun!!!

Today, Midnight Yell is held the night before a home game in Kyle Field and at the Arches on Thursday nights before away games. Also for an away game, a site is designated for a Midnight Yell in the city of our opponent the night before the game. For example, for the t.u. game, it is held at the Texas Capitol in Austin.

For a yell at Kyle Field, yell leaders lead the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band and the Twelfth Man into the stadium. The yell leaders lead the crowd in old army yells, the school’s songs, and tell fables of how the Aggies are going to beat the everlivin’ hell out of our opponent. Finally, the lights go out, and Aggies kiss their dates. If they don’t have a date, all they have to do is “flick their Bic.” As the story goes, the flames make it easier for two dateless people to find a kiss!

The purpose of Midnight Yell is to pump up the Twelfth Man for the next day’s big game!

Gig ‘em
Pinky Downs, class of 1906 and a member of the Board of Regents from 1923 to 1933, is credited with the Gig ‘Em hand sign. At the 1930 Yell Practice before the TCU football game, Downs shouted out, “What are we going to do to those Horned Frogs?” Answering his own question, he replied, “Gig ‘Em, Aggies!” while making a fist with his thumb extended. A “gig” is a spear-like tool used for hunting frogs. The gesture became known as the first hand sign of The Southwest Conference.

Howdy
“Howdy” is the official greeting of Texas A&M University. It is our way of ensuring that no one feels like a stranger. The exact origin on this tradition is not known. However, “Howdy” is what sets us apart as the friendliest campus in the world.

Corps
Texas A&M was established as a military institution, and the Corps of Cadets has played an important part in its history and development. Although membership in the Corps became voluntary in 1965, Texas A&M historically has produced more military officers than any other institution in the nation, except for the service academies. More than 200 of its graduates have become generals or admirals. More Aggies were commissioned and fought in World War II than men from West Point or Annapolis.

The Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M is not just another ROTC unit that might be found at most campuses. The 2,200 men and women of the Corps form the largest uniformed body of students outside the U.S. military academies. Although cadets can earn commissions as military officers, membership in the Corps itself carries no military obligation. In fact, only about 30 percent of graduating cadets are commissioned, while the rest pursue civilian careers.

The Corps has more to offer than just military training. It is a tightly-knit group of students that offers camaraderie, as well as leadership training that is useful in all post-college careers.

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Fish Camp
Every year nine hundred counselors willingly give up time and effort in order to welcome Texas A&M’s greatest and most important tradition: The Freshmen Class. Through a 4-day orientation program held in Palestine, TX, freshmen are given the opportunity to learn Aggie Traditions, ease their way into college life, develop leadership skills and create bonds that will last a lifetime.

Adapted from: http://traditions.tamu.edu/traditions
Meet the RSO Board Members!

**Leticia Palomin**  
*Position on the RSO board:* President  
*Major:* Political Science  
*Hometown:* Pharr, TX  
*Class year:* 2014  
*Career goals:* My goals are to continue to further my degree onto grad school. I want to continue my experience with the Regents’ Scholars Program to better prepare me for my career.  
*Favorite Aggie Tradition:* I love Aggie Muster!  
*Favorite Quote:* “Take delight in the Lord and he will give you your heart’s desires.” Psalm 37:4  
*With whom would you care to dine?* I would like to have dinner with a member from one of Hitler’s concentration camp. I would like to know how they felt emotionally and their thoughts on what was happening. I know there are many books on this particular event of history but I would like to know in person. we can always assume but never will know the truth if we never witness the event.

**Lina Ha**  
*Position on the RSO board:* Vice President  
*Major:* Microbiology  
*Hometown:* College Station, TX  
*Class year:* 2014  
*Career goals:* I will become a neurosurgeon and associate professor at a Texas medical school.  
*Favorite Aggie tradition:* Muster  
*Favorite Quote:* “If destiny exists, then God must be very unfair and cruel, because the moment that fate is a reality, we lose our future. We are no longer individuals who can achieve anything, but automatons who can achieve only what is set before them.” - Friedrich Nietzsche  
*With whom would you care to dine?* I would love to have dinner with B.B. King, Quentin Tarantino, Michael DeBakey, Ernest Hemingway, and Julia Child. In the presence of these great Americans, I only hope to emulate a nanoliter of their ingenuity.

**Marlen Cornejo**  
*Position on the RSO board:* Finance Director  
*Major:* General Studies  
*Hometown:* Ennis, TX  
*Class year:* 2015  
*Career Goals:* I tend to change my mind more than the average person. However at the moment the specific career I would like to have is as an Event Planner. As an event planner I would get to interact with a variety of people as well as always have the opportunity to see the final outcome of all of my hard work.  
*Favorite Aggie Tradition:* The Aggie Ring!  
*Favorite Quote:* “It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.” ~ Theodore Roosevelt  
*With whom would you care to dine?* I would love to eat dinner with my whole family, those who are alive and those who have passed away; it would be a wonderful family reunion. Not to mention lately I have seen how we have all drifted apart due to our different paths in life, and I am grateful for every moment I can spend with my family.

**Ana Davila**  
*Position on the RSO board:* Events Director  
*Major:* Communication  
*Hometown:* Mission, TX  
*Class year:* 2015  
*Career goals:* I’m happy to say that I don’t have anything set on stone. I’m evaluating my possibilities with my future Communication degree. However, I do plan on going to grad school.  
*Favorite Aggie Tradition:* Although Aggieland Has traditions left and right, my favorite has to be the 5 Yell leaders at games.  
*Favorite Quote:* “The expert in anything was once a beginner.” With whom would you care to dine? As silly as it sounds, I’d love to have dinner with Justin Bieber. I admire how he handles his fame and influence as well as his money.

**Heriberto Rodriguez**  
*Position on the RSO board:* Membership Development  
*Major:* Computer Engineering  
*Hometown:* Edcouch, TX  
*Class year:* 2015  
*Career goals:* I want to graduate with a computer engineering degree and have the opportunity to work with a well-known private company.  
*Favorite Aggie Tradition:* My favorite Aggie tradition is the Howdy tradition. I just love saying “Howdy” to everyone I pass by. It’s the best thing about this campus because it gives it a very friendly environment.  
*Favorite Quote:* “Attitude is contagious. Is yours worth catching?”  
*With whom would you care to dine?* I’d want to have a nice steak dinner with Mr. Nicola Tesla. He is a very intelligent man who discovered many different phenomenon of our universe.

**Ulysses Fernandez**  
*Position on the RSO board:* Social Coordinator  
*Major:* Psychology  
*Hometown:* Harlingen, TX  
*Class year:* 2015  
*Career goals:* My goal is to get a Bachelor's degree in psychology. Afterwards I plan to take the experience this university has given me to excel in furthering my education somewhere else so that I can obtain my PhD.  
*Favorite Aggie Tradition:* The 12th Man  
*Favorite Quote:* “Dream as if you’ll live forever. Live as if you’ll die today.” James Dean  
*With whom would you care to dine?* I would eat with Albert Einstein. He was one of the most brilliant minds in recent history and I would like to know how such a man viewed life.
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**SOCCEER vs. Saint Mary's (Calif.)**

**MSC Fall Open House**

**Regents' Scholars Organization (RSO) Informational**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Open House**

**Career Center Open House**

**Academic Convocation**

**VOLLEYBALL vs. Xavier - Delaware Invitational First Yell**

**VOLLEYBALL vs. Florida**

**Engineering Career Fair**

**RSC Scavenger Hunt Social**

**MSC OPAS Presents... The Midtown Men**

**FOOTBALL vs South Carolina State**

**Regents' Scholars Organization (RSO) Informational**

**Resume Writing for Liberal Arts Majors**

**Silver Taps**

**VOLLEYBALL vs. Xavier - Delware Invitational First Yell**

**VOLLEYBALL vs. American - Yale Classic**

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**VOLLEYBALL vs. Stony Brook - Yale Classic**

**Regents' Scholars Organization (RSO) Informational**

**Orientation Planning Board Applications for first year students due**

**Engineering Career Fair**

**Retailing Career Fair**

**Sciences Career Fair**

**Aggie Ring Day**

**Business Career Fair**

**Business Career Fair**

**Working in Human Resources Panel**

**MSC OPAS Presents... The Midtown Men**

**FOOTBALL vs Arkansas**