Greetings from Erin

Howdy Ags!

It’s already March, meaning that many spring semester deadlines are upon us. First and foremost, make sure that you submit your 2014-2015 FAFSA by the March 15th priority deadline. Additionally, be sure to give something back to the Bryan/College Station community by signing up for Big Event. Have fun during Spring Break, but above all, please be sure that you and your friends are being safe and smart. Until next month, keep up the hard work.

Thanks and Gig ‘em!

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Other Important Dates

March 10-14  Spring Break
March 17     St. Patrick’s Day
March 29     The Big Event

Words of Wisdom

“The real joy of life is in its play. Play is anything we do for the joy and love of doing it, apart from any profit, compulsion, or sense of duty. It is the real joy of living.”

~ Walter Rauschbusch

Regents’ Scholars Organization

March 3      General Meeting – 7pm in Rudder 504
March 4      Study Social – RSO Goes to Silver Taps
March 21     Ice Skating Social – 8-10pm at Spirit Ice Arena
March 29     RSO Participates in The Big Event

For additional information regarding RSO activities, students may email the RSO Board at rso@rso.tamu.edu.

Congratulations...

... to the Regents’ Scholars Orientation Counselors for the Class of 2018! And for all of you who didn’t make it this year, we urge you to try again next year.

- Orientation Planning Board

AGGIE PALS

Aggie Pals are Regents’ Scholars who commit to hand writing letters to fourth grade pen pals for one academic year. Aggie Pals will write two letters each month and serve as a mentor for this future generation of Aggies.

If you are interested in sharing some insight with elementary students about what it’s like to be a first-generation college student, please contact John Louis Bolch at jlb006@exchange.tamu.edu.
The Career Center provides a number of services for those seeking international employment.

**Advising/Education:**
- Individualized, one-on-one advising based upon the student’s personal and professional goals and interests, including targeted locations(s)
- Strategies for making connections
  - Former Students abroad and International A&M Clubs
  - Career Center Partners and employing organizations
  - Overseas Day and Career Fair venues
  - Campus programs and international faculty/staff member
  - International student organizations
  - Internationally focused organizations such as Rotary International, World Chamber of Commerce, and organizations that offer scholarships for Study/Work Abroad
  - Identify and vet programs through listserv for international educators

**Programs/Services:**

**International Internship / Cooperative Education Programs**
- European Study Abroad (EUSA) Programs in Dublin, London, Paris, and Madrid
- Partnership with Texas A&M Center in Mexico to offer Mexico Internship Program
- Partnerships offering internships in Australia, Central & South America, and non-traditional locations
  - World Endeavors
  - Cross-Cultural Solutions
  - International Education Programs / ProWorld
  - MATT Foundation
- IAESTE Texas A&M (International Association for Exchange of Students for Technical Experience)
- AIESEC Texas A&M (Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciales)
- Engineers Without Borders

**Workshops**
- Marketing Your International Experience
- Going Places...Working Internationally

Additional information may be found at careercenter.tamu.edu.

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**Career Center Workshops**

- **March 3**  
  Salary & Compensation Evaluation (5:00-6:00pm in Koldus 209)
- **March 4**  
  Federal Jobs – Find and Apply for Internships (4:00-5:15pm in Koldus 209)  
  Health Professions Symposium (11:00am-2:30pm in MCS 2300)
- **March 6**  
  AmeriCorps Informational Panel (5:30-6:30pm in Rudder 301)
- **March 26**  
  Finding Jobs & Internships (4:00-5:00pm in Koldus 209)
- **March 27**  
  Navigating LinkedIn (5:30-6:30pm in Rudder 308)  
  Salary & Compensation Evaluation with Financial Planning (5:00-6:00pm in Koldus 209)
- **March 31**  
  Countdown to Finding a Job (4:30-5:30pm in Rudder 302)
Spring Break Safety Tips

On the road…
Buckle up, disco dancers! Also take turns behind the wheel, and whoever sits shotgun should stay awake to keep the driver company. Make sure everyone has a valid driver’s license and the vehicle registration is in the car before driving off.

In hotels…
Reserve a room that’s above the 1st floor but below the 6th floor. Why? First floor rooms are easier to break into, and rooms above the sixth floor are sometimes too high for fire ladders to reach. If safes are provided, definitely use them for any valuables you may have. Keep doors and sliding doors locked, and don’t let anyone into your room unless you can trust them. Make a mental note of where the nearest fire exits and stairwells are located in case you need to evacuate.

At the ATM…
Try to go the ATM in groups, but avoid getting overly complacent about safety just because you’re traveling in numbers. Also try to go during daylight hours. When you approach the ATM, do a full 360 degree scan, looking completely around you to see if anyone is hanging out where they shouldn’t be. When punching in your pin number, use your other hand to cover the keypad. Always be on the lookout for anyone suspicious. If someone is creeping you out, go to another ATM. (There are plenty of them, especially in vacation spots!)

On the beach…
Sun can maximize the effects of alcohol so keep this in mind if you party on the beach. Take it slow and stay hydrated by drinking lots of water. If you start feeling faint or light headed, get shade and water immediately. And don’t be a lobster; use sunscreen of at least SPF 15 and reapply often. Pay extra special attention to ears, nose, face and shoulders. Fair skinned friends should wear sunglasses and even a hat. Avoid sun exposure during the hottest hours of the sun’s rays and remember you can burn even when it’s cloudy.

While swimming…
Jumping into the water without a lifeguard puts you at risk. Even the most experienced swimmer can get caught in an undertow. In case you get caught in a rip current, don’t bother swimming against it. Instead, swim parallel to shore until the rip passes. Try to stay within the designated swimming area and always swim with a buddy. Also know the flag system for water safety:
- Red Flag: Stay out of the water because of strong undertow and riptides.
- Yellow Flag: Use CAUTION in the water. There are some undertow and riptides possible.
- Blue Flag: Calm water. Swim safely.

Going out…
The cardinal rule is this: Go out with your friends, go home with your friends. It’s one of those things that keeps you a whole lot safer, and eliminates about 98% of the bad drama. This way you can look out for one another, and get a friend home who is too intoxicated to be out. Also be on the lookout for signs of predatory drugs: extreme wooziness, confusion, difficulty standing and slurring speech. If you notice these symptoms in yourself, find your friends immediately and tell them to get you outta there. If you see these signs in a friend, do your friend duty and take them back to the hotel or to a hospital if symptoms are severe.

Leaving the country…
First things first: if you’re leaving the country you’ll need a passport. These are not quick and easy documents to attain, so file your application about 6 months before going on a trip abroad. Safety has a lot to do with what you pack when traveling abroad. Don’t bring flashy valuables (like expensive jewelry) and dress conservatively so you don’t stick out too much. And do your homework beforehand about your destination, keeping in mind you are subject to the laws of the country you visit. To get a full list of tips for traveling abroad (as well as travel warnings for certain countries) check out the Bureau of Consular Affairs website.

Adapted from “Fight Back on Spring Break”, located at safespringbreak.org/safety-tips/

Take the Spring Break Pledge!

You owe it to yourself to keep yourself safe during Spring Break. Below is a pledge adapted from the Safe Spring Break website. Consider adopting this into your pre-departure planning.

I, ______________________________, pledge to make safe and responsible decisions while on spring break. I have taken the time to consider my personal boundaries in regards to the five (5) Potential Follies: Travel, Alcohol, Drugs, Sex and Crime.

Furthermore, I will make sure my parents or guardians have a copy of my important documents and full itinerary. When driving, I will wear my seat belt at all times. If riding shotgun, I will keep the driver awake. I will not allow anyone in the car to drink and drive. I will make sure any friend who is too intoxicated to be out is taken home safely. I will go out with my friends, and go home with my friends. I will respect myself by honoring my personal boundaries as stated above. While on spring break, I will obey the laws of that destination. I will not justify reckless behaviors by assuming “whatever happens on spring break stays on spring break.” I know and understand this is merely a vacation, and I choose to act responsibly. In doing so, this will be a Spring Break I won’t soon forget…in a good way.

Signed: __________________________ Date: __________________

Adapted from safespringbreak.org/the-pledge
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|      | Aggie Softball vs. Wisconsin  
|      | Aggie Baseball at Fresno State  
|      | Aggie Men’s Basketball vs. Ole Miss |
| 2    | Mid-Term Grades due to Registrar  
|      | Aggie Softball vs. Missouri  
|      | Aggie Baseball vs. Louisiana Tech |
| 3    | Aggie Women’s Basketball SEC Championship  
|      | Aggie Softball vs. Northwestern State  
|      | Aggie Baseball vs. Sam Houston |
| 4    | Spring Break  
|      | Aggie Baseball vs. UTSA  
|      | RSO General Meeting  
| 5    | Spring Break  
|      | RSO Study Social  
|      | RSO Goes to Silver Taps  
| 6    | Women’s Leadership Forum  
|      | Aggie Women’s Basketball SEC Championship  
|      | Aggie Softball at Texas State  
|      | Aggie Baseball vs. Texas Southern  
|      | Aggie Women’s Basketball SEC Championship  
|      | Aggie Men’s Basketball at Missouri  
| 7    | Spring Break  
|      | Aggie Men’s Basketball SEC Championship  
|      | Aggie Softball at College of Charleston  
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### Did You Know?

More than 100 St. Patrick’s Day parades are held across the United States; New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations.