Howdy!

Welcome to the July issue of the Regents’ Review. As you begin your career as a Regents’ Scholar at Texas A&M University, I would like to encourage you to take advantage of the valuable information we provide to you by reading the Regents’ Review and checking your TAMU email on a daily basis. This is how our office will communicate with you.

As we prepare for your arrival on campus, I would like to remind you of the requirements of the Regent’s Scholarship:

- Live On-Campus.
- Attend the Regents’ Scholars Orientation on Tuesday, August 26, 2014. The time of the orientation will be provided to you via your TAMU email later this summer.
- Participate in an Academic Success Program (Your program is determined by your college).
- Attend the Regents’ Scholars Spring Banquet.
- Have financial need.

In addition, to these very important requirements, there are additional dates you should mark on your calendar:

- August 24: Move-In Day
- August 24-31: Gig’ Em Week (you will need to stay on-campus during the week to participate in the activities. Information may be found at studentlife.tamu.edu/gigemweek.tamu.edu.
- August 31: Undergraduate Convocation, 2:00pm in Reed Arena.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks & Gig’ em,

Casey Gros
Regents’ Scholars Coordinator

Reminders

- If you change colleges you must notify the Regents’ Scholars Program. Failure to do so could result in the cancellation of your Regents’ Scholarship.
- Don’t forget to check out the Regents’ Scholars Blog at regentsblog.tamu.edu.

Regents’ Scholars Orientation

The Regents’ Scholars Orientation will be on August 26th. Specific details, including location and time, will be emailed to your TAMU email later this summer. Attendance at this orientation is mandatory to maintain your Regents’ Scholarship!

Gig’Em Week 2014

Sunday, August 24th through Sunday, August 31st

Gig ‘Em Week is Aggieland’s official Week of Welcome. Gig ‘Em Week provides students an opportunity to learn more about the campus, each other, and college life in general through a series of educational and social events sponsored by university departments, colleges, student organizations, residence halls, and community members.

Events include:
- Ice Cream Social
- Pizza Taste-Off
- Aggiefest
- Freshmen Convocation
- and more!

For a full list of events, please visit studentlife.tamu.edu/gigemweek.tamu.edu. You will receive a stamp-card at your Regents’ Scholars Orientation. Collect all of the stamps and you could win a prize!
Meet Your Regents’ Scholars Program Staff!

Casey Gros
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Casey enjoys working with students because they all have unique personalities and strengths. She loves seeing them develop into the great Aggies they were meant to be! Casey’s biggest fear as a freshman was that she would fail miserably - "I would fail all my classes, not make friends, not get into any student organizations, and end up being a burden on my parents and on society." Her favorite aspect of A&M is the “small college” atmosphere created, even though it is one of largest campuses in the United States. Casey’s best piece of advice received as a student is to talk to your professors. They may seem very intimidating, but they are generally great people and can serve as a references or resources in the future. They can really be the difference academically as well. After all, they create the exams, so they will know how to help you “ace” your exams!

Erin Fisk
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Erin enjoys working with students because they keep her on her toes! Her biggest fear as a freshman was that she was a first-generation student, went to school 15 hours from home, didn’t know anyone, and was worried that she wouldn’t find a connection with the campus. Erin’s favorite aspect of A&M is the camaraderie that Aggies have with each other. Her best piece of advice received as a student was to take ownership of your college career and don’t allow others to determine your path.

Why Should You Become a Member?
- Make lifelong friends
- Gain Valuable Experiences
- Pay it forward
- Participate in social and community service events
- Begin to establish your network
- Learn about college from students like you!

Sneak Peak of RSO Events
- Midnight Yell
- Aggie Replant
- RSO Movie Night
- and many more!

Contact Us
Regents’ Scholars Organization
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Offices of the dean of student life: Your Aggie Connection!
The Offices of the Dean of Student Life helps A&M students make the most of their university experience by providing information, services, and programs that facilitate responsible life choices and promote awareness of self and community. Services offered by the department include:
- New Student Conferences
- Free legal and mediation services
- Alcohol and drug education programs
- Student media productions such as the Battalion campus newspaper and Aggieland Yearbook
- Assistance with student absences, emergencies, and other student welfare issues.
For more information about these and other available student services, please call (979) 845-3111 or visit us on-line at studentlife.tamu.edu.

Fish Camp
Every year 900 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 four-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.

July 2014 Opinion Poll
What are you looking forward to the most about attending Texas A&M University? Send your answers to Erin Fisk with “Regents’ Review Opinion Poll” in the subject line for a chance to win Aggie gear!
Beginning with the fall 2014 semester, all freshmen and all Corps of Cadets members that live on campus will be required to purchase a meal plan. This requirement has changed from previous academic years.

There will be four different meal-plan options for freshmen and two different options for Corps members. Options are available for over 20 campus locations.

Information regarding meal plan options may be found at dineoncampus.com/tamu/show.cfm?cmd=residents#1415.

Health Insurance

General Information

Health insurance coverage is important while a student is in college. Student Health Services is an ambulatory clinic and does not provide major hospitalization or treatment outside of the clinic.

Please visit shs.tamu.edu/services for more information about services that are provided. Different sources provide health insurance to students. Sources of health insurance are:

• Group insurance
• Parent’s health insurance
• Student’s individual policy
• A Student Health Policy

Insurance Policies Available

The University has endorsed a Student Health Policy and Graduate Student Policy. This insurance is available to all students. You may want to review this policy and compare your current coverage when considering health insurance. This policy may be useful when:

• You reach the age of attainment on your parent’s policy, meaning you are no longer covered, or
• You get married, or
• You become legally independent, or
• You are studying abroad

Any Texas A&M University student can purchase the policy. The student can enroll in this plan online at tamuinsurance.com or by mail:

AIP Student Insurance
P.O. Box 189
Libertyville, IL  60048
(800) 452-5772
office@aipstudentinsurance.com

Policy information is available on the Internet for undergraduate students at tamuinsurance.com or by calling 800-452-5772.