Howdy Class of 2014! We are pleased to introduce to you the Regents’ Scholars Orientation Counselors (OCs). The OCs will help you during the transition from high school to college.

As we prepare for your arrival on-campus, I would like to remind you of the requirements of the scholarship:

- Live On-Campus.
- Attend the Regents’ Scholars Orientation Meeting on August 23, 2010 from 7:00-9:00 PM required, 9:00-10:00 PM optional (more information will be mailed to you soon!).
- 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 22, 2010 - Move-In Day
- August 23-29, 2010 - Gig’ Em Week (you will need to stay on-campus during the week to participate in the activities. For more information, visit the website by clicking here.)
- August 29, 2010 - Freshman Convocation, 2:30-4:30pm.

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

Thanks & Gig’ em,

Suzanne Sealey, Regents’ Scholars Coordinator
Regents’ Scholars Orientation will be August 23rd, from 7:00-9:00pm, with an optional 3rd hour from 9:00-10:00pm. It is mandatory to maintain your Regents’ Scholarship!

Meet Your Regents’ Scholars Program Staff!

Name: Suzanne Sealey
Title: Regents’ Scholars Coordinator
Email: ssealey@tamu.edu
Phone Number: 979.458.5378
Hometown/State: San Antonio, TX
Enjoys working with students because...of seeing the transition from scared fish to students who take ownership of Texas A&M and of their futures.

Biggest fear as a freshman: overall failure...from finding a solid group of friends to making the grades; being away from home for the first time.
Favorite aspect of A&M: the friendliness…
Best piece of advice received as a student: “Don’t hesitate to seek the answers to your questions!”

Name: Salma Abdullah Tejani
Title: Regents’ Scholars Intern
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Phone Number: 979.458.5319
Hometown/State: Cypress, TX
Enjoys working with students because...I love seeing them grow from the unique experiences they are exposed to in college. They have a thirst for knowledge and a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

Biggest fear as a freshman: I didn’t think I would be able to balance college level work, extracurricular activities, and my personal life, but once I got my schedule and study habits figured out, all was well.
Favorite aspect of A&M: I love how friendly Aggies are, and I love getting random Howdy’s!
Best piece of advice received as a student: Read the materials you have been given thoroughly, whether they have to do with class or with anything else. You may find some useful information that’ll be beneficial to you. Also, ask questions! You never know what you may find out, and what doors you may open for yourself.

Name: Erin Fisk
Title: Regents’ Scholars Assistant Coordinator
Email: efisk@sfamail.tamu.edu
Phone Number: 979.458.5345
Hometown/State: Austin, TX
Enjoys working with students because … they keep me on my toes!

Biggest fear as a freshman: I was a first-generation student, went to school 15 hours from home, didn’t know anyone, and worried that I wouldn’t find a connection with the campus.
Favorite aspect of A&M: the camaraderie that Aggies have with each other
Best piece of advice received as a student: Take ownership of your college career and don’t allow others to determine your path.

Name: Casey Gros
Title: Regents’ Scholars Assistant Coordinator
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Phone Number: 979.458.5379
Hometown/State: Richardson, TX
Enjoys working with students because...they all have unique personalities and strengths, and I love seeing them develop into the great Aggies they were meant to be!

Biggest fear as a freshman: That I would fail miserably- I would fail all my classes, not make friends, not get into any student organizations and end up being a burden to my parents forever.
Favorite aspect of A&M: the “small college” atmosphere created here, even though it is one of largest campuses in the United States.
Best piece of advice received as a student: Talk to your professors. They may be very intimidating, but they are generally great people, and can serve as a reference or resource in the future.

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GIG’EM WEEK 2010

Gig ‘em Week 2010 starts Sunday August 22nd and lasts through Sunday August 29th.

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, etc.

You will receive a stamp-card at your Regents’ Scholars Orientation. Collect all of the stamps and win a prize!

YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

If you have already attended your New Student Conference, you probably met your Academic Advisor when you registered for Fall classes. Your Academic Advisor is an important resource person when it comes to your academic career at Texas A&M.

It is very important that you take the time to get to know your Academic Advisor, whose role is to help see you through your degree plan, from inception to completion. When you arrive on campus in the Fall, spend time getting to know your Advisor and letting her or him get to know you.

Your Academic Advisor needs to know you well enough to give you advice and direction and help you create a degree plan that best meets your interests and needs. You will need to invest in a relationship with your Advisor in order for that to happen.

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.

As a Regents’ Scholar, you may have registered for Sessions A-F. Session G interferes with your requirement to attend the Regents’ Scholar Orientation on August 23, 2010. If you have already signed up for Session G, you must contact Fish Camp (979.845.1627) as soon as possible to change your session dates.

DOLLARS & SENSE

Electronic Direct Deposit:

If financial assistance exceeds the student’s total tuition and fee bill, a refund will be issued in either electronic or paper form. Your financial aid refund is to be spent on educational expenses including textbooks and living expenses for the entire semester.

Electronic direct deposit of refund checks is much faster than receiving hard checks via the U.S. Postal Service, by as much as a week! Once signed up for this service, all refunds due to the student will be electronically deposited into the bank account that the student designates. Select the “Manage My Refund Preferences” link from the MyRecord tab in the Howdy portal to update your preference for receiving refunds.

It is highly encouraged that you open a checking account of your own while in college. There are many banks local to College Station and Bryan as well as some that are located in many cities across Texas which offer free student checking. Any refund money you may receive can be sent directly to this account for you to use for education related expenses throughout the semester.
First Year Seminars
UGST 181

First Year Seminars are 1 credit hour courses with a limit of only 15 first year students per course. For more information, click here.

Aggie Culture
517-Got a Little Story to Tell Ya, Aggies: A History of Texas A&M
527-Closet Station: Queer Culture and History in Aggieland
542-Construction Zone…Aggies in Progress
547-Exploring Brazos County

Business and Finance
515-Become a Money Wise Aggie
524-Current Issues in Sport Law
529-Money Savvy Students

Arts and Humanities
503-First Year Photo Project
504-From Toga Parties to the Olympics: The Classical Roots of Modern Life
509-From Gutenberg to Harry Potter: Books and the History of Ideas
514-Technology Makes Noise: The TAMU Lapte
518-Jesus and Hollywood
519-The Power of Storytelling: To Create Community, Educate, Entertain, Inspire & Heal
520-Mathematics and Fiber Art
523-Hip Hop: A Historical and Cultural Overview
534-The Power of a Picture: Photography in U.S. Society
536-TASTE: A Feast of Food Writing
538-Celtic Traditional Music: History, Legend and Performance
541-Contemporary Russia in Film

Science
505-What in the WATER WORLD are we going to do?
508-Death & Destruction: How Drought Changed History
512-Medical Medicine and Society
516-The Biology of Dinosaurs: Fact vs. Fantasy
520-Mathematics and Fiber Art
530-CSI Geology: Forensic Geology
531-Deciphering DNA
533-What’s That Stuff?

Literature
507-This is a Great Book for Teens! Says Who?
509-From Gutenberg to Harry Potter: Books and the History of Ideas
513-Avatars & Second Life: Exploring a New Culture
517-Got a Little Story to Tell Ya, Aggies: A History of Texas A&M
518-Jesus and Hollywood
519-The Power of Storytelling: To Create Community, Educate, Entertain, Inspire & Heal
520-Mathematics and Fiber Art
523-Hip Hop: A Historical and Cultural Overview
525-Origins of Cuisine: Defining our Cultures
526-Leading to Learn
527-Closet Station: Queer Culture and History in Aggieland
528-The First Amendment and College Students
530-CSI Geology: Forensic Geology
531-Deciphering DNA
533-What’s That Stuff?

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 845-3111 or visit us on-line at http://studentlife.tamu.edu