**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Regents’ Scholars Spring Banquet, April 10, 2007
Invitations to be delivered this week. RSVP online at https://financialaid.tamu.edu/rsvp.

**F Y I** The FAFSA Renewal must be completed in order to maintain your eligibility for the Regents’ Scholarship as well as other types of financial aid (Pell Grant, Stafford Loans, Work-Study, etc.). If you do not complete the FAFSA Renewal, you will not receive your Regents’ Scholarship in the fall. Necessary information to complete the 2007-2008 FAFSA Renewal includes: 2006 tax information and 2006 W-2s (and your parent’s tax information, if dependent) Student Financial Aid recommends completing the FAFSA Renewal before Spring Break.

If you are a HB 1403 student, you must complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid located under forms at financialaid.tamu.edu. Student Financial Aid recommends completing Texas Application for State Financial Aid before Spring Break.

Questions? Call Student Financial Aid at (979) 845-3236.

**FREE MOVIE!**

Members of Aggie Access Learning Communities and the Regents’ Scholars Program are invited to a showing of the movie “INVINCIBLE”

March 25, 2007, 7:00pm
Rudder Theatre
Please respond yes or no to https://financialaid.tamu.edu/rsvp by March 21, 2007.

Sponsored by Aggie Access Learning Communities & Regents’ Scholars Program.

Class of 2010 Dr. Robert M. Gates Inspiration Award

Nominations due: March 9, 2007, 5:00 pm
To Suzanne Sealey, Pavilion Room 210
Nomination form is available online at https://financialaid.tamu.edu/regents/review.

During the Regents' Scholars Spring Banquet on April 10, 2007, the Regents’ Scholars Program will recognize one outstanding Texas A&M University faculty, staff, advisor, or mentor for their participation and contributions to the program. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and show your appreciation for someone who has inspired you during your first year at Texas A&M.

This program is for members of Aggie Access Learning Communities and the Regents’ Scholars Program only. Prizes will be raffled off prior to the movie starting. Invincible depicts the story of Vince Papale’s career with the Eagles and his personal struggles and triumphs. Vince Papale will be the Keynote Speaker at the Class of 2010 Regents’ Scholars Banquet scheduled for April 10, 2007.

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Howdy Regents'! Are any of you planning on taking summer classes here at Texas A&M? If so, we have a simple process to complete to be eligible to receive summer financial aid. Just remember that you must be enrolled in at least 6 hours to qualify for summer aid. The 6 hours can be all in a single session or 3 hours in session I and 3 hours in session II, or any other combination that equals 6 total hours. Since we already have your 2006-2007 FAFSAs/HB 1403 Applications on file, we will only need the 2007 Summer Supplement form submitted. This can be done online in the web portal at http://myfinancialaid.tamu.edu by clicking on the link for Summer 2007. This form is quick and easy to complete. Once we receive the Summer Supplement form we will begin awarding summer financial aid packages around April 2007. If you have any questions please give us a call at (979) 845-3236 or email us at financialaid@tamu.edu.

Apply for Scholarships

Foundation Excellence Award

The Foundation Excellence Award (FEA) is a scholarship program created to increase diversity in Texas A&M's undergraduate student body. Each award provides up to $2,000 per year for up to four years.

The FEA is open to entering freshmen, currently-enrolled students at Texas A&M-College Station, and transfer students from under-represented groups, including minorities and students from economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. Recipients must attend Texas A&M in College Station and must be legal residents of the United States. Students' academic qualifications, extracurricular activities and financial need are considered in selection.

The continuing student deadline is May 31, 2006. The application can be accessed at http://giving.tamu.edu.

J. Malon Southerland Aggie Leader Scholarship

The J. Malon Southerland Aggie Leader Scholarship program was created to recognize and reward student involvement at Texas A&M University. Student leaders are dedicated to Texas A&M and are an important element in the success of our campus. Unlike most scholarships, the primary criteria in the decision process will be leadership and involvement. This scholarship reflects Texas A&M's commitment to the "other education."

Applications will be available from http://scholarships.tamu.edu beginning March 1. The deadline is April 6, 2006.

Peer Mentors: Words of Advice

How did you spend your first spring break at Texas A&M?

Carlos Cordova (08)  I am a Century Scholar class of 2008 and all of us, about 21, went to Paris, France to visit the major attractions and learn more about French culture. We had a great time together and we got to know each other better.

Juan Garcia (09)  I went to Houston to spend it with my family... it was very relaxing!

Stevee Habel (09)  I went on a road trip with my two best friends; we drove 17 hours to Panama City Beach, FL and camped out at a nearby state park.

Irena Harold (08)  I went back to my hometown and worked with my best friend.

Rosa Hernadez (09)  Unfortunately, I was sick the entire time! Other than taking medicine and having chicken soup, I tried to enjoy the time I had with my friends and family.

Savannah Horne (09)  I went home to be with my family and friends that went to other schools. We all went to Surfside Beach and surfed for 2 days. Then we drove up to a lake to camp for 2 more. The rest of the time I spent sleeping and relaxing. It was wonderful and not expensive.

Philip Le (09)  I went to London with fellow Regents' Scholars. I had a fantastic time site seeing and spending time with other Regents'.

GOT QUESTIONS? ASK A PEER MENTOR. Find one online at https://financialaid.tamu.edu/regents/review/Profiles/main.asp.
Howdy!!! My name is Sasha Childers and I am a sophomore accounting major from Marlin, Texas. I am a class of 2009 Regents’ Scholar and also a Mays Business School Peer Mentor for Regents’ Scholars of the Class of 2010.

Among the many things that made my freshmen year a very unique one was the fact that I took a trip to Europe for Spring Break. During one of our Regents’ Scholars meetings, we were informed that this opportunity of a lifetime was available to us. Those who were interested in the trip had to write an essay on why they thought they wanted to attend the trip and what they would do if they were selected. I did not have to think twice about whether I would choose to write the essay or not. I had never been outside of the country and it has always been a dream of mine to travel the world. Why not start in Europe?

At first my parents were not too thrilled with the idea of me traveling outside of the country but the more that I reassured them that it was safe, the more open they became about it. I think that parents should encourage their students to participate in programs that will allow them to travel abroad because you learn things that you may never learn just sitting in a classroom.

I chose to participate in this trip because I know how important it is to be a well-rounded person especially in the field of business and I was eager to learn how things differ with cultures around the world. I had also spoken to many people who had traveled abroad and just hearing their stories made me even more excited about getting the chance to experience those things for myself. All that you can learn about a different country through television or internet cannot measure up to experiencing it in person. During the trip I was immersed in a totally different culture than my own and it felt good to look at things from a different perspective for a change. I ate a variety of food ranging from London’s well-known fish and chips to sushi. I was able to meet many different people and visited all the well-known tourists’ sights of London such as the London Eye, Buckingham Palace, and the Houses of Parliament. My fondest memory of the trip was visiting St. Paul’s Cathedral because we went to the Golden Gallery of the church which was about 530 steps from ground level. Through participating in the Spring Break trip to London, I grew personally. I learned a lot about myself and how much I desired to know more about the world around me. Knowing that I could survive being away from my family really increased my self confidence and I learned that I definitely want traveling to be a part of my career. Whenever I am given an opportunity to travel abroad, I know that I will take it.