



Denton County Aggie Moms' Club Newsletter



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Our purpose . . .

Denton County Aggie Moms' Club exists to contribute in every way to the morale and welfare of our students, to encourage them and one another, and to give back to A&M while having fun. We, Denton County Aggie Moms, exist solely to exemplify this purpose.



Alice H. Klemashevich



...from the president's desk

Save the date . . .

Calendar

May 6, 2010 - 1st Thurs. of every month!

Aggie Moms Meeting

Lakeland Baptist Church

[Get directions](#)

397 S. Stemmons Fwy

Lewisville, Texas

6:30 p.m. "Eat & Greet"

7:00 p.m. Meeting

* Officer Installation



Saturday, April 10, 2010

Extravaganza!

Doors open at 1:30 p.m.! Event begins at 2:00 p.m.!

Mark your calendar for our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Bring your friends!

Silent & Live Auction!

CCA - Lewisville

April 16-18, 2010

Parents Weekend!

Plan to work an hour or two at our Aggie Mom Boutique!

<http://parentsweekend.tamu.edu/>

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Hello Aggie Moms!

We just returned from Easter Weekend in College Station to see our Aggies. The wildflowers are in full bloom so it's a beautiful time to take a ride. There are plenty of blue bonnets and Indian paintbrush on I 35, 45 and Hwy 6.

We have a very busy month for April. Extravaganza is April 10 and we need ALL HANDS ON DECK! Please bring an appetizer and/or a dessert and several of your friends for an amazing afternoon of bargains! Doors open at 1:30; events begin at 2pm. You can get your tickets ahead of time or at the door for \$10. I bought 8 so I can bring several friends and have a whole table of folks to enjoy the day.

Parent's weekend is April 16-17 in College Station. Some new Moms' have asked "Is it important to be at Parent's Weekend?" Well, it depends on you and your Aggie. There are many, many events that weekend and you will likely receive invitations to them. It can be fun and you'll certainly get to see more of the campus. However, if your Aggie really isn't interested in any of the events, or has a HUGE test and says they have to study all weekend, you may choose to go visit on a different weekend.

For those who go to Parent's Weekend, be sure to sign up for a shift at the Aggie Mom Boutique! It's a LOT of fun. The entire Reed Arena will be filled with great buys...so bring cash and checks (some vendors don't take credit cards). Also, bring some of your address labels to save time if you like to buy raffle tickets. I'm always amazed at the sheer variety of items for sale.

Our May 6 meeting will be for officer installation. We don't meet monthly in the summer but watch for plans for the Howdy party!

Mahalo,
Alice K

Extravaganza!

Calling all Aggie Moms! We need everyone to bring either an appetizer or a dessert. Please email Alice at alice.klemashevich1@verizon to let her know which you are bringing.

Live Auction Items

Benjamin Knox Art Center

Signed print of Aggie Mom mailbox
Value \$45.00

Messina Hof Winery

Wine tasting and private tour for up to 20.
\$250.00

Embassy Suites Outdoor World Getaway

Hotel + Bottle of wine + Chili's gift certificates Value \$250.00

Family Summer Fun Basket

Sunscreen, flip flops, 2 beach towels
4 tickets to FC Dallas (soccer) game
2 Water Park Tickets
2 Family Passes (Sandy Lake Amusement Park.
Family Fun Pack for 6 - includes bowling for two hours, shoe rental, a bucket of popcorn and a pitcher of soda
AMF Bowling
Mini Golf for 4 Zone Action Park
2 Water Park Passes Hawaiian Falls
Value \$314

Texas Rangers Baseball

4 ticket voucher to Rangers home game. Some blackout dates apply
Value \$200.00

Football with Dat Nguyen Autograph

Priceless!

Texas Motor Speedway

4 Tickets Value \$296

Cavanaugh Flight Museum

Child's birthday party for up to 15 children and 5 adults
\$165.00



Thank you to our generous donors!

Gittings Portraiture
Texas Motor Speedway
Loupots
Messina Hof Winery and Resort
Texas Rangers
Embassy Suites-Outdoor World
Cavanaugh Flight Museum
Artic Wolf Ice Arena
Grand Station Entertainment
George Bush Presidential Library and Museum
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites-Aggieland
Art House
Dawn Lee, RMT
Dian Naquin
Ideal Touch
Medical message, microdermabrasion
Grapevine Vintage Railroad
Stockyards Championship Rodeo
Ft Worth Museum of Science & History
Lone Star Park
Mesquite Championship Rodeo
Benjamin Knox Art Center
Great Harvest Bread Co.
In Bloom
Salon Suites, Becky Miciotto
Studio Movie Grill
Chili's
Café Capri
Ft. Worth Botanical Gardens
J Cody's
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Extravaganza Basket Forms!

When preparing your basket(s) for the auction, please fill out the following slip, and tape it to your basket prior to Extravaganza, to speed up the set up! Whoop!

Name & Value:	_____	Name & Value:	_____
Description:	_____	Description:	_____
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_____		_____	

Bid # _____ \$ _____ Bid # _____ \$ _____

Name & Value:	_____	Name & Value:	_____
Description:	_____	Description:	_____
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Bid # _____ \$ _____ Bid # _____ \$ _____

Aggies Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Programs Office invites you to attend our annual Aggies Abroad Breakfast. The event will be from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17 at the Ramada Inn-1502 Texas Ave South, College Station, TX. We will provide a free breakfast plus information on all the international education opportunities available through Texas A&M University. The event will also focus on planning and financing your Aggies' study abroad experience, health and safety overseas, and the rewards of study abroad. In addition to Study Abroad personnel, representatives from Financial Aid and the Career Center will be attending to provide their expertise. Please RSVP by April 13th and join us for a very special event. For general information please feel free to come by our office in Bizzell Hall West or visit the web site at <http://studyabroad.tamu.edu>.



The Academy for Future International Leaders (AFIL) is a year-long interdisciplinary program in which outstanding undergraduates with leadership skills and/or potential obtain an in-depth learning experience about global issues. AFIL complements any major and allows students to gain a global perspective and to prepare for leadership roles in the increasingly international 21st Century.

AFIL began in 1998 under the vision of the Texas A&M [International Board](#), an esteemed group of leaders from a variety of fields who advise A&M on matters of international outreach and collaboration. The Academy is a joint effort among A&M's nine academic colleges and is coordinated through the Study Abroad Programs Office.

The AFIL program consists of four major components: a spring seminar, a mentoring program, an international leadership challenge project, and an optional international opportunity. Click on the following links to learn more about the four major components of the Academy for Future International Leaders: [Academic Seminar](#) | [Mentoring Program](#) | [International Leadership Challenge Project](#) | [International Opportunity](#) |






Aggie Brags. . .



Cory Klemashevich, '09, '13, son of Jim and Alice Klemashevich, competed in the 2010 National Collegiate Judo Association Championships at TAMU Mar 13. He placed 4th in his division/weight category.

Ryan Russell, '10, son of Todd and Marcie Russell, will graduate on May 14th, 2010, from the College of Architecture with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Visualization and a Minor in Creative Studies.

April Birthdays:

-  Joy Ashman
-  Sandy Kemp
-  Amaris Obregon
-  Kay Adamson
-  Beverly Aldredge
-  Vickie Avara
-  Christy Crutsinger
-  Valerie Donahue
-  Donna Kahn
-  Martha Lawton
-  Jennifer Rentschlar



TAMU – in the news . . .

Campus News and Events...



Karl Rove To Speak At Bush Library Center April 15

President George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States, will host [Karl Rove](#), author and senior adviser to President George W. Bush, for the [Kay and Britt Rice Lecture Series](#) on Thursday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center at the George Bush Presidential Library Center at Texas A&M University. The event will include a lecture, audience question-and-answer session and a book signing of Rove's recent publication, "Courage and Consequence."

Mr. Rove served as senior adviser to President George W. Bush from 2000 to 2007 and deputy chief of staff from 2004 to 2007. At the White House, he oversaw the Offices of Strategic Initiatives, Political Affairs, Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs and was deputy chief of staff for policy, coordinating the White House policy-making process. Rove has been described by author and columnist Michael Barone in U.S. News & World Report as "...unique...no Presidential appointee has ever had such a strong influence on politics and policy, and none is likely to do so again anytime soon."

Washington Post columnist David Broder has called Rove a master political strategist whose "game has always been long term and he plays it with an intensity and attention to detail that few can match." Fred Barnes, executive editor of The Weekly Standard, has called Rove "the greatest political mind of his generation and probably of any generation. He knows history, understands the moods of the public, and is a visionary on matters of public policy." Before Rove became known as "the architect" of President Bush's 2000 and 2004 campaigns, he was president of Karl Rove + Company, an Austin-based public affairs firm.

The Kay and Britt Rice Lecture Series is an endowed program designed to address emerging topics and current events of interest to members of the international, national, state and local communities. The purpose of the series is to bring to the Texas A&M campus prominent experts and central figures in current issues of public interest. The program is sponsored by the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

This is a ticketed event, and doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to refrain from bringing backpacks, bags, cameras, or other personal belongings. A limited number of free tickets are available at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, the MSC Box Office at Texas A&M, the Bryan-College Station Convention & Visitors Bureau, The Eagle, KBTX-TV and WTAU. For more information, call (979) 862-2251 (979) 862-2251.

Copies of "Courage and Consequence" will be available for purchase at the event.
Contact: [Lane Stephenson](#), News & Information Services, at (979) 845-4662 (979) 845-4662

General David H. Petraeus to Speak at Commencement Convocation

[Gen. David H. Petraeus](#), the top U.S. commander in the war against terrorism in the Middle East and Central Asia, will be the spring commencement convocation speaker at [Texas A&M University](#) on May 13, announced University President R. Bowen Loftin.

Gen. Petraeus has headed the [U.S. Central Command](#) since October of 2008, when he relinquished command of the Multi-National Force in Iraq. He also led coalition forces in the surge initiative that paved the way for the ensuing relative stability under a democratically elected government.

Commencement convocation is a relatively new Texas A&M tradition in which all members of a graduating class have the opportunity to assemble together, along with family members and friends in an informal setting. It is a prelude to the degree candidates formally receiving their degrees in subsequent ceremonies aligned by the academic colleges representing their major fields of study.

Commencement convocation will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, at Reed Arena. Each degree candidate will be given a ticket to attend commencement convocation. Arrangements for degree candidates to obtain guest tickets, as well as more detailed instructions about the event and related matters, will be forthcoming.

Graduation exercises will be held the following two days, also at Reed Arena, where more than 6,000 students are expected to receive degrees during five ceremonies. The fifth one will include commissioning ceremonies for officers entering the military through the Corps of Cadets, followed by the corps' traditional school-year-ending Final Review. Commencement convocation and the graduation ceremonies are open to the public.

“Gen. Petraeus is one of the most gifted military leaders of his time, and we are extremely honored to have him deliver the address for our commencement convocation this spring,” Loftin said. “We are all indebted to him for his inspired leadership in helping protect our great nation.” Loftin credited Dr. Elsa Murano, former Texas A&M president, with extending the initial invitation to Gen. Petraeus to be the spring commencement convocation speaker.

Among the thousands expected to be in the Reed Arena audience will be Ambassador Ryan Crocker, the newly installed dean of Texas A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service. Ambassador Crocker and Gen. Petraeus are colleagues of long standing and worked closely together while both were posted to Iraq.

In addition to numerous military honors, Gen. Petraeus has been cited in a variety of prestigious national publications for his leadership and intellect. In 2005 he was recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of “America's 25 Best Leaders,” and in 2007 he was named by Time magazine as one of the “100 most influential leaders and revolutionaries of the year” and was one of four runners-up for “Time Person of the Year.” Most recently, he was selected in a poll conducted by Foreign Policy and Prospect magazines as one of the “world's top 100 public intellectuals” and was chosen by Esquire magazine as one of the “75 Most Influential People of the 21st Century.”

He was commissioned in the infantry upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1974. He was the General George C. Marshall Award winner as the top graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Class of 1983. He subsequently earned MPA and Ph.D. degrees in international relations from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and later served as an assistant professor of international relations at the U.S. Military Academy. He also completed a fellowship at Georgetown University.

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TAMU Calendar <http://calendar.tamu.edu/>

For more of the latest Texas A&M news, go to: <http://tamunews.tamu.edu/>

For an RSS feed of campus news, go to <http://tamu.edu/home/headlines/wwwHeadlines.xml>

Aggie Moms Business Listings



GRILLED VEGGIES

- *Ansie Twigge, DCAM Programs*

- Yams or sweet potatoes
 - Onions
 - Mushrooms
 - Zucchini
- ✚ Cut all veggies in about 1" chunks.
- ✚ Keep mushrooms and zucchini separate.
- ✚ Coat all veggies in enough olive oil.
- ✚ Put yams and onions on baking sheet & bake about ½ hour.
- ✚ Add mushrooms and zucchini.
- ✚ Bake another ½ hour (until yams are soft & onions are caramelized).
- ✚ Stir every 10 min.



Meet the Board!

Introducing Deborah Farris, Membership 2010-2011

What DCAM Positions have you held? Next year I will be on the Board for Membership.

Were you or your husband an Aggie? No.

If not, what did you do after high school? Had my future Aggie and then went on to graduate from the University of Oklahoma.

Name your Aggie(s) & their current major: Kristina Farris, Civil Engineering

What is your favorite part of Aggie Moms? Meeting new people

What is your day job? Environmental Consultant

What are your hobbies or special interests? Selling items online (eBay and Amazon) for extra spending cash, travelling.

Do you have any nicknames? Dragon Lady

What is one thing you would tell us that no one would guess about you? I'm Puerto Rican and speak fluent Spanish.

Now it's your turn Aggie moms!

Send me a fun photo and answer these questions in an email! We want to get to know you! Have fun with this! I have heard it is the first place people go to when they open their Aggie Mom Newsletter!

COPY & PASTE INTO AN EMAIL, ANSWER, AND SEND TO:

rosannemleroy@gmail.com

- Were you or your husband an Aggie?
 - If not, what did you do after high school?
 - Name your Aggie(s) & their current major:
 - What is your favorite part of Aggie Moms?
 - What is your day job?
 - What are your hobbies or special interests?
 - Do you have any nicknames?
 - What is one thing you would tell us that no one would guess about you?
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Aggie Moms Support

While we exist to support our Aggies in every way, we are also here to support each other! Sometimes, despite our best plans, life takes an unexpected twist and we need some help or advice. Feel free to call an Aggie Mom if you need a listening ear or an experienced Mom to field a question. We'll do our best to point you in the right direction. Please don't be embarrassed or ashamed; we've ALL had a phone call from an Aggie that flipped us for a loop. Some examples of panic calls I've fielded from my college students include: a call from a child so sick she couldn't stand up without passing out, calls when a test was bombed and said student was certain they were failing a class (multiple occurrences, with a least 1 of these from every kid), calls from the ER, calls when a student was deciding to change a major and was torn about what to do, calls from a broken down car, a sobbing call after a breakup, and a call from a despondent Aggie who thought his beloved Aggie ring had been stolen (later recovered in the toe of his rock climbing shoe). We have several Moms whose Aggie "took a break" from the University or even transferred. Let us help you when your turn comes for a bump in the road.

Aggie Moms email loop: If you need a message sent out to DCAM, send it to Martha Baird or Alice Klemashevich, or simply "reply" to an Aggie Mom email with your request. Please include your request, email address and/or phone number so other Moms can respond directly to you.

The Family Newsletter can be downloaded at: <http://parents.tamu.edu/publications>

My name is Alicia Murphy. I'm 15 and I've just started an Aggieland home-business that delivers care packages to Aggie students. I know that some of the Aggie Moms put together goodie bags for their students; I think that is a great idea. In fact, that's one of the reasons I started my business - to do more to encourage our Aggies and deliver them some "love from home".

So whether you send a goodie bag at the end of the semester or not, I invite you to visit our new website <http://www.BagsForAgs.com> and see if we can help you give more bags of tasty treats to your favorite Aggie.

Gig'Em

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