

# Denton County Aggie Moms' Club

## Newsletter

### 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.



## The President's Corner

Howdy,

*I hope you all are doing great! By now all our Aggies are back to school and busy studying. We are finally catching up from the summer and beginning to plan for Thanksgiving to see our Aggies. Now the question is, since Aggies are playing home this year, will your child be coming home or will you be preparing turkey in a cramped dorm/apartment. No matter what everything will turn out great!! Look forward to seeing you all at our next DCAM meeting on October 6th at Lakeland Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall.*

Gig'em  
Celine Wettergren

## Calendar

Save the date . . . **September 1**

### Aggie Moms Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month

Lakeland Baptist Church

[Get directions](#)

397 S. Stemmons Fwy, Lewisville

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

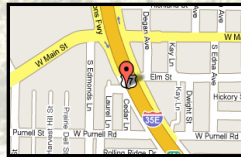
7:00 p.m. Meeting

**Next Meeting: October 6**

**Fire Safety - David Driver from the Masterguard Company**

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**Background Picture:** The Century Tree. Well over 100 years old, the tree, a live oak, was one of the first trees planted on Texas A&M's massive 5,200-acre campus. The tree has been the site of numerous marriage proposals, weddings and tourist snapshots because of its immense size and its unique drooping branches, many of which rest on the ground.



<http://www.dentoncoaggiemoms.com>



Howdy Party!

# Welcome Class of 2015



## September Meeting

We had a great turn out for our first meeting and had the privilege to meet several of our Freshman Aggie Moms! Some of our more veteran Aggie Moms gave us a stunning example of what some of the changes we will probably experience as our students progress through their Aggie careers!



## Scholarship Update

We are pleased to report our scholarship results for the year. Based on our account balance, the Board voted to give away \$8000 as follows:

One \$1500 scholarship will be sent to TAMU, where it will be awarded to a continuing student from Denton County (note TAMU will use its continuing scholarship process; there is NO extra form your student has to submit to be eligible). 26 organization scholarships of \$250 each will be sent to TAMU; they will put the money in the organization's account.

Note that we were able to provide a scholarship to EVERY organization requested by our Aggies (26 different organizations is a RECORD number of requests; if you see a "x2", it means 2 Aggies requested for the same organization). Whoop!

1. I Am Second – Texas A&M
2. PREP (Progressively Reaching Excellence in Professionalism)
3. Break Away Ministries
4. Fish Camp x 2
5. Texas A&M Carpool x2
6. Texas A&M Hillel Foundation
7. Sigma Alpha Mu
8. Fightin' Texas Aggie Fish Drill Team
9. The Wells Project on Texas A&M's campus
10. MSC A LOT
11. Chi Omega Song Fest 2011
12. Residence Hall Association
13. Engineers Without Borders (EWB) TAMU
14. Stealth Squad
15. Squadron 21
16. Judo Club- TAMU
17. Corps of Cadets Company S-1
18. Project Sunshine
19. Hispanic Studies Assoc
20. Women's Water Polo
21. Orchestra Club
22. Zoo, Exotics and Wildlife club
23. Aggie Rotaract
24. Student interest group in neurology
25. International Business Assoc (IBA)
26. Student Government Association

## How can you be involved?

Make sure your Aggie fills out the TAMU Continuing Student Scholarship application (Usually available in Oct and due in Dec). That one application makes your Aggie eligible for dozens of scholarships, including Aggie Mom individual scholarships that we fund. Also make sure you fill out the FAFSA, even if you are certain you won't be eligible for any need based aid. It's a "box" that must be checked in order for your Aggie to qualify for some scholarships. In Feb we'll send out the forms for Aggies to complete for Aggie Organization scholarships. Our Aggies can email, snail mail or hand deliver their nominations. In the past, we've funded scholarships to a number of Aggie organizations, including Carpool, Corp units, Breakaway, Impact, Fish and Transfer Camps, and service groups.

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# Aggie News!

## **Tree Rings Reveal History Of Forest Fires**

A Texas A&M researcher has uncovered proof of at least a dozen wildfires, dating back to mid-1600s.

## **World Trade Center Site Ship Housed On Campus [VIDEO]**

Remains of a Revolutionary War-era ship unearthed at the site of the new World Trade Center are being studied and preserved at the Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation.



## **Texas A&M Named A Top Public University In New Rankings**

U.S. News & World Report has recognized the university as one of the top 20 public institutions in the nation.

## **New Agriculture, Engineering Facilities Open This Fall**

Students and faculty are beginning the school year with two state-of-the-art buildings; other campus buildings are also under construction.



To read more about it, go to: <http://tamutimes.tamu.edu/>

## **Aggie Moms Say.....**

### **You Know You're an Aggie Mom When:**

You experience an overwhelming sometimes– tearful sense of pride when your Aggie presents you with a plaque that reads "An Aggie never forgets his first true love, MOM!"

When your Aggies talk about the "Dixie Chicken" you know they aren't talking about a new southern recipe for KFC.

When you hear someone talking about "RV's" you think of the Ross Volunteers, not recreational vehicles.

You own more than two pieces of Aggie jewelry, T-shirts, vests and other Aggie items.

When you hear the word "Freebird" you don't think of the classic rock song, but of the world's biggest and best burrito.

When to you, ATM means Texas A&M University, not "automatic teller machine."

You enclose the date for "Parent's Weekend" in your Christmas cards, telling all your relatives not to plan any family reunions on that date.

Your answering machine says, "Howdy!"

When you hear the "First Lady" is going to be making an appearance and you think of Reveille, first.

# Be In The Know!

## **Does your student need tutoring?**

Your student can call the department of the class for which they need help and the department can often email you the names of the tutors.

**\*For the latest Texas A&M news, go to:**

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

**\*Aggie Parent web site for update and helpful resources.**

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

**\*Join the Texas A&M Emergency Notification Service.**

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

**\*Find out more about College Station and the surrounding area.**

<http://visit.tamu.edu/community/>

## **TEXAS A&M LAUNCHES SOCIAL NETWORK FOR RIDESHARING**

Partnership establishes first Zimride network for a university in the state of Texas [COLLEGE STATION, TX, 8/30/2011] Texas A&M University, in association with the Aggie Green Fund and the Environmental Issues Committee (EIC), announced today they've partnered with Zimride to launch a social network for ridesharing. The Zimride platform uses Facebook integration to create a fun way to find friends to share commutes or one-time rides. This private network empowers individuals to join together and offer more transportation options for longer trips out of town or to the airport, and also reduces traffic and parking congestion on campus.

Zimride is the largest online social rideshare community in North America with over 350,000 users. Zimride has implemented private rideshare communities for over 100 of the nation's leading universities and companies including Stanford, UCLA, Michigan, Cornell, Jet Blue and Facebook.

**For more info:** <http://www.zimride.com/tamu>.

# Introducing....

(...another Aggie Mom just like you!)

## *Debra Ferris*

**What DCAM Positions have you held?**

2010 – 2011 Membership and now 2011 – 2012 Membership!

**Were you or your husband an Aggie?** Nope!

**If not, what did you do after high school?**

Took a little time to have my current Aggie then I attended and graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

**Name your Aggie(s) & their current major:**

Kristina Ferris, Major – Civil Engineering, Water Resources

**What is your favorite part of Aggie Moms?**

The fellowship and fun times!

**What is your day job?** Environmental Consultant

**What are your hobbies or special interests?**

Enjoy reading and travelling, especially Cruising. I also sell merchandise online on eBay and Amazon.com.

**Do you have any nicknames?** Nope.

**What is one thing you would tell us that no one would guess about you?** I am 100% Puerto Rican. Both of my parents were born there, though I was born in New Jersey and raised in New York City. I am fluent in Spanish as well.

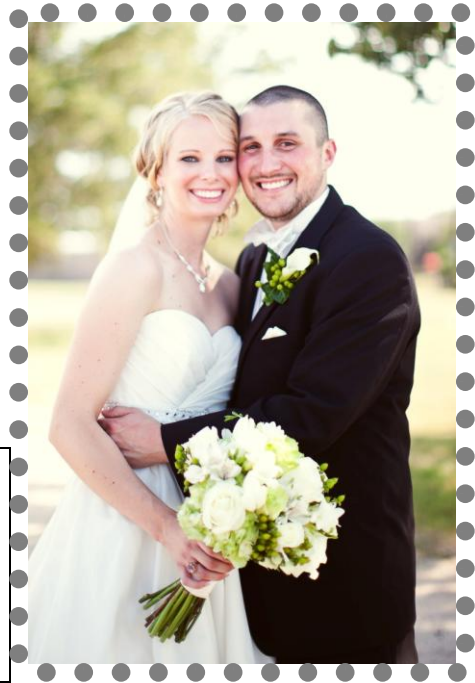


We can't wait to get to know you too!!

# Aggie Brags



Congratulations to **Philip Adamson '08** and **Stephanie Gertson '08** who were married on July 9, 2011, in College Station. They are currently living in Denver, Colorado.



Congratulations to **Dr. Courtney D. Davaloz, DVM, '07 and Vet School, '11**, who is now is working for the most wonderful clinic and Dr. Brian Gray. She is the daughter of Robbie Davaloz.

**Howdy....**to Braxton Hayes Lanning son of **Randi Brooke May '08** and **Greg December '08**. He is the grandson of Ruth Evans.



# What's Cookin'?

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## Angel-hair Pasta with Chicken and Veggies

3 tbsp	Olive Oil	1 cube	Chicken Bullion
2 lbs	Chicken, cubed	1 c	Water
2	Broccoli flowerettes	1 ct	Parmesan Cheese, shredded
2 c	Carrots, sliced	1 lb	Angel-hair Pasta

Cook pasta according to directions while preparing topping.

### Topping:

Boil water and dissolve chicken bouillon; set aside. Heat 2 tbsp olive oil in large skillet. Cook chicken in oil and add garlic while it cooks. Remove chicken when cooked through; set aside. Add 1 tbsp olive oil to heated skillet. Saute both veggies over medium heat; add more olive oil if needed. Add small amounts of chicken broth while veggies cook. When they begin to soften add more broth and cooked chicken. Be sure to cook out all liquid and top with a handful of Parmesan cheese and allow cheese to melt before removing from heat.

Serve over Angel-hair pasta.

\*GREAT one-dish meal with bread on the side

Christina Pope  
Aggie Mom of Justin '14

## Strawberry Dessert

1 Angel Food Cake (cut in small pieces )  
1 package frozen strawberries (sweetened)  
1 large container Cool Whip

Arrange a layer of angel food cake pieces on the bottom of glass bowl.  
Put strawberries in food processor and puree. Spread 1/2 of mixture over the cake pieces. Spread 1/2 of Cool Whip over the strawberries. Repeat the three layers ending with Cool Whip on top. If you like, you can slice fresh strawberries and place on top.

This recipe can also be made with chocolate pudding in place of the strawberries.

Debbie Moss  
Aggie Mom of Shelley '14

# **2011 – Denton County Texas A&M Scholarship Golf Classic**

The Denton County Texas A&M Club is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that was created to develop and promote the Aggie Network in Denton County and surrounding areas. It maintains open lines of communications and information to all Denton County Aggies. The Club provides scholarship opportunities to future Aggies in Denton County as well as activities for Denton County Aggies.



For additional information regarding the Denton County Texas A&M Club, please visit their website at

[www.dentoncountyaggies.com](http://www.dentoncountyaggies.com).

**“We'd love players, sponsors, and volunteers who are associated with Aggies from the Denton County area.”**

**Larry Collis**

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