



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Texas A&M is developing leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good
- Ranks as the nation's sixth largest university in enrollment, with close to 50,000 students – including 9,500 graduate students – on the main campus
- One of a select few academic institutions in the nation to hold triple federal designations as a land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant university
- Holds membership in the Association of American Universities, a highly selective organization that promotes high standards for teaching, research and scholarship at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels – one of only 61 institutions with this distinction
- Continues to fare well in national publications and other rating systems on the basis of quality of education, affordability, graduate success in the marketplace and service to nation
- Home to one of the largest chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and largest academic honor society, with its Kappa of Texas chapter having more than 150 members
- Operates centers in Mexico, Costa Rica and Italy and branch campuses in Galveston and Qatar (the latter fully funded by Qatar Foundation)
- Has the only College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences in Texas and is one of the largest veterinary colleges in the nation
- Serves as home to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, which opened in 1997 and has attracted more than 2 million visitors
- Texas' first public institution of higher learning opened Oct. 4, 1876

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

- *The Wall Street Journal* named Texas A&M University second in the nation among all universities, public and private, in a survey of top U.S. corporations, nonprofits and government agencies, based on graduates recruiters prefer to hire
- Ranked second in the nation among public universities in the "great schools, great prices" category – and ranked nineteenth overall among publics by 2011 *U.S. News & World Report*
- One of only sixteen schools nationwide awarded an "A" by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni for the scope of its core curriculum – a grade ACTA bases on "education, not reputation"
- Ranked eighth among U.S. public universities – and first in Texas – in a *New York Times* survey of business leaders worldwide based on the top institutions from which they recruit
- Consistently ranks among the country's top ten universities in enrollment of National Merit Scholars
- Ranked first in the nation by *Smart Money* magazine in "payback ratio" – what graduates earn compared to the cost of their college educations – and *The Washington Monthly* continues to rank the university among the top fifteen nationally on the basis of "what colleges do for the country"
- Ranks first in Texas in student retention rates – among the leaders overall and for minority students, both African-American and Hispanic
- Has an endowment valued at more than \$5 billion, which ranks fourth among U.S. public universities and tenth overall; exceeded its \$1 billion goal by more than \$400,000 in its recent capital campaign

RESEARCH

- Ranks in the nation's top 20 for total research expenditures (\$689 million plus in FY10) and third behind only MIT and University of California-Berkeley for universities without medical schools
- Has formal agreements for collaborative research and faculty student exchanges with more than 130 institutions in 42 countries, with active research programs on all seven continents
- During the most recent fiscal year, researchers at Texas A&M and affiliated A&M System agencies formed six startup companies and executed 50 licenses, bringing the total number of active licenses to 441; 38 licenses for new technology were executed and 32 patents were issued





ACADEMIC COLLEGES

- Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Architecture
- The Bush School of Government and Public Service
- Mays Business School
- Education and Human Development
- Dwight Look College of Engineering
- Geosciences
- Liberal Arts
- Science
- Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

FACULTY

- More than 80 percent of the 2,600 faculty members hold doctoral degrees; more than 300 hold endowed professorships or chairs
- Includes winners of the Nobel Prize, National Medal of Science and Wolf Prize, with 24 holding membership in the prestigious National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering or the National Academy of Medicine

CORPS OF CADETS

- It is among the nation's largest uniformed student bodies and commissions more officers than any other institution except for the nation's service academies; approximately 2,000 men and women participate on a voluntary basis



STUDENT BODY

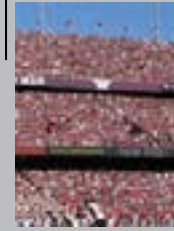
- Twenty-five percent of the freshman class are the first in their family to attend college
- The average SAT score for the freshman class is 1210, well above the national average
- There are more than 800 student-run organizations in which Texas A&M's students can participate to round out their education and hone their leadership skills
- More than 10,000 students – among the most in the nation – work part-time on campus, often in service-related jobs, and share in approximately \$63 million in earnings that will help them – and their parents – defray college expenses
- Approximately 79% of the student body receives some form of financial aid, sharing in more than \$492 million annually
- Ranks 17th in the nation in attracting international students, with more than 4,790 from 125-plus countries currently enrolled, most of whom are involved in graduate studies and research
- The university has a robust study-abroad program involving 50 countries and more than 1,600 students, with undergraduate and graduate opportunities for internships, student exchanges, summer programs, service programs and research studies
- Texas A&M athletics is committed to "Building Champions" through academic achievement, athletic excellence and national recognition of student-athletes, teams and programs; almost 650 student-athletes compete at the NCAA Division 1-A level in 20 varsity sports

IT'S TIME FOR



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

TRADITIONS



12TH MAN

In the spirit of E. King Gill, who was called to suit up during the 1922 Dixie Classic in case his team needed him, students stand during football games to support their team.



YELL PRACTICE

Aggies don't cheer; they yell! Before each home football game, students gather at midnight to pump up the 12th man, led by five select Aggies elected as Yell Leaders.



SILVER TAPS

An honored Aggie tradition, the final tribute - with buglers playing Silver Taps - is held the first Tuesday of the month when a student has passed away the previous month.



MUSTER

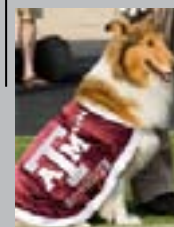
Every April 21, Muster brings Aggies together worldwide. The stirring remembrance ceremony is dedicated to Aggies who have gone before us but are forever united in spirit.



AGGIE RING

One of the greatest moments in the life of an Aggie is the day they receive their Aggie Ring, the most recognizable symbol of their link to the Aggie Family.

QUICK FACTS



- Opened: 1876
- Colors: Maroon & White
- Nickname: Aggies
- Mascot: Reveille

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