



Aggie Moms Connecting

Collin County Aggie Moms Club

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President's Message

HOWDY! Welcome Collin County Aggie Moms!

Can you believe school has started and we are already almost halfway through September – where does the time go? It seems like just yesterday I was moving my little transfer student Christina '19 into her apartment and I was about to attend my first Aggie Moms meeting. Now she has graduated, and I find myself welcoming a new group of Aggie Moms as well as our existing members back for what I know is going to be an exceptional year!

For some of us, the firsts have come and gone and we remember them so fondly and in my case with LOTS of tears in my eyes. For others, you are beginning a fabulous year of firsts – your first child to go off to college, your first time as an “empty nester”, your first time experiencing the “Aggie experience” and most importantly, your first time as an Aggie Mom.

I am honored and proud to serve as President of the Collin County Aggie Mom Club and am super excited for the upcoming year. We have lined up a wonderful group of speakers and programs for our meetings. Gwen Rost and Anne McLaughlin, Co-Chairs of Aggie Moms Connecting, have some fun social events planned for us. Pecan sales have already kicked off and Becky Bird is ready to take your order and poinsettias are just around the corner. Christy Kinnaird and Troie Birch are ready to welcome all of our new and returning Ring of Honor members and if you don't already have enough maroon and white and Aggie gear, Deb Merrill is ready at boutique with anything and everything Aggie your heart desires.

At the recent Federation meeting, our new Federation

General Meeting October 21st

New Meeting Location

Dallas AgriLife Center
17360 Coit Rd, Dallas, TX 75252

Monday, October 21st, at 7:00pm for our second general meeting of the 2019-20 school year. We are meeting at the Dallas AgriLife Center on Coit Road. Parking and entrance are at the back of the building. We will be having a speaker!

President Cathleen Inman announced this year her theme is sisterhood and I believe that couldn't be a more appropriate theme for Collin County as well. We have a fantastic group of board and committee members that have been working over the summer and continue to work behind the scenes to bring us all together and united to support not only our students at A&M but each other as well.

Our club is as great as our members and I think we are one spectacular group of women. Please join us this Monday September 16th for our first general meeting. For those of you at the new moms tea, please come at 6:15 to meet with your committee chairs and for everyone else, please join us at 6:30 for social time before our meeting officially kicks off at 7pm. Our meetings this year are being held at the Aggie Agrilife Extension Building located at 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX 75252. We will be in the smaller building to the south of the new main building. Parking is in the back of the building. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you this year!

Gig 'Em ~ Emily Smith President 2019-2020



We have the privilege of participating in North Texas Giving Day on September 19th for the first time this year.

Communities Foundation of Texas' North Texas Giving Day is an 18-hour online giving event designed to empower every person to give back to the community by supporting local nonprofits and causes they care about in one easy-to-use platform.

We have set a goal of \$5,000 for this year's campaign so that we will be able to fund our third Endowed Scholarship. Scheduled giving begins on September 9. If you have any questions about North Texas Giving Day email: ccamprograms@aggienetwork.com.

More information can be found here: <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/>

Donate
Now!

Fall Aggie Goodie Bags On Sale!

Goodie Bags will be on sale for \$20 at the September and October General Meetings. These will be a cooler/lunch bag along with some snacks for finals which may include items with nuts. They will be delivered on campus on Monday, Nov 25 or you can pick them up at the November General Meeting. Cash or check will be accepted for Goodie Bag sales.



Aggie Moms Connecting

"Can't We Just Talk" – Please join us for dinner and get to know other Aggie moms at a restaurant in Granite Park.

Day Trip to Brushy Creek Winery – bring a picnic lunch or snacks. A designated driver will be available so we can carpool.

For more info please contact Gwen Rost at ccamconnect@aggienetwork.com



Let's Start Selling Pecans!

Our annual Pecan Fundraiser has begun! We offer delicious Texas freshly grown pecans. Buy plenty for baking, snacking, freezing, and gift giving.

Here are this year's choices:

- ◆ 1 lb. Pecan Halves: \$14
- ◆ 2 lb. Pecan Halves: \$22
- ◆ 2 lb. Pecan Pieces: \$20
- ◆ 13 oz. Flavored Pecans: \$15
(Choose from Cinnamon Spice, Milk Chocolate, or Praline)
- ◆ 13 oz. Sampler of 4 flavors: \$16
(the four flavors may vary)
- ◆ 6 oz Pecan or Jalapeno Pecan Brittle \$8
- ◆ TAMU or Texas Flag gift tin: \$14
(empty—**tin only**)
- ◆ TAMU gift tin or Texas Flag gift tin: \$24
(tin is filled with pecan halves)

The pecan order form is included with this newsletter and is also on our website. Different ways to order are listed on the order form. All pecan orders and money will be due by the October 21st CCAM General Meeting. Pecans will be ready for pick up on November 10th, details to follow!

Help us to continue to give back to the students at Texas A&M by selling to your friends, families, coworkers, and neighbors.

If you have any questions, contact [Becky Bird](#).

Sale dates: September 1st to October 21st

Aggie Mom or Individual picking up order:

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

All orders with payment are due by the October 21st meeting.
Checks need to be payable to "CCAM" or Collin County Aggie Moms.

Orders will be ready to be picked up on November 10th in time for holiday baking and gift giving.

Order forms and payment can also be mailed to: Becky Bird, 3608 Hearst Castle Way, Plano TX 75025
Questions? Contact Becky Bird at 214-418-3772 or CCAMpecans@aggiennetwork.com



Take orders from your family,
friends, and neighbors too!

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Aggie Mom Camp Registration and Information



Howdy!

We are so excited for the 2020 Federation Aggie Mom Camp! This "Get-away" has been designed for new and seasoned Aggie Moms! Many hours of thought and planning have gone and are going into designing a fun weekend! You would be hard pressed to find a weekend getaway for two nights at a luxury hotel, all meals, with speakers and tours for the price point offered! We hope you leave this weekend having seen something new, learned something new, and/or made new friendships to last a lifetime! This weekend will be about building bonds of Aggie Mom Sisterhood!

- 1) Please write clearly on your registration form.
- 2) You will receive a confirmation by email that your registration has been received within three (3) weeks upon receipt or sooner.
- 3) You will be contacted by your camp Counselor(s) at least two (2) weeks prior to camp. She will explain check-in procedures, give parking procedure options, and tell you a little about themselves.
- 4) Please **make a copy of your form** for your records.
- 5) We will try our best to honor roommate requests. Camps will be assigned randomly.
- 6) Transportation to the Bush library will be provided on buses unless you indicate you wish to use your own vehicle.
- 7) We have plenty of space for your student at the Kyle Field tour and dinner Saturday night. However, you must purchase the tickets with your registration. We will not be able to honor any requests after registration is closed on December 12th.
- 8) Please send in your registration in a timely manner. Although the registration closes on December 12th, we have 200 spaces and you are not guaranteed a room if the spaces fill quickly. We do fill up every year. We will have a waiting list that will be placed in order of request date. Refunds are made only before the deadline.
- 9) **The first 25 registration forms received will be placed in a drawing for a \$50 Chuy's gift card.**
- 10) If you have a roommate request, it would be helpful if both registrations and checks were sent in together.
- 11) If you wish to request a Triple or Quad occupancy it will **ONLY** be honored if the entire group sends in their registration form and checks in one envelope together. We will not place strangers in a triple or quad room. Beds are standard Queen sized for this option.
- 12) Above all, please remember that this event is created by Aggie Mom volunteers out of selfless service and love for the Federation organization.

Questions?

Website <https://aggiemoms.org/aggiemomcamp>

Email amcchair@aggienetwork.com



Scholarship 101

All of the fundraising endeavors achieved by the Collin County Aggie Mom's club goes directly to fund Aggie student scholarships and student organizations on campus! All of our efforts selling items through our Boutique, pecan sales, poinsettia sales, Scip cards, spring fundraiser, and more are given back to A&M in the form of scholarships.

Beginning in December we will open the scholarship process for current, transfer and in coming Aggie students. Our scholarship committee will review applications and an estimated 15-20 applicants will be selected depending on the amount of funds we raise during this academic year.

Additionally, every CCAM member will have an opportunity to give back to up to three student organizations of their choice in May. This is so much fun. Each member receives three "allocations" of our collective funds to give to one to three student organizations. Additionally, we participate in the Presidents Endowed Scholarship program, offering scholarships to high school seniors selected by Texas A&M's Academic Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship committee is comprised of two co-chairs and a group of readers. One half of our readers are from the Ring of Honor and the other half will be from CCAM volunteers that will not have an Aggie applying for a scholarship this academic year. We will begin meeting in October to review the application and prepare for application distribution in mid-December.

If you have an interest in participating on the scholarship committee or have questions, please contact Marla Larimore Scholarship Chair at:

CCAMScholarship@aggienetwork.com

Going to a Football Game?



There is an opportunity to sign up at the Federation Tailgate for a free drawing that will award 2 Aggie Mom Camp Scholarships. Winners will be selected on December 15, 2020.

The Federation Tailgate can be found in front of Koldus Building across from Rudder Tower during all our 2019 Home Football Games.

Save the dates!

Friday, January 24, 2020 -

Winter Federation Aggie Mom Dinner

Saturday, January 25, 2020 -

Winter Federation Meeting and Workshops

February 7-9, 2020 -

Aggie Mom Camp (*Space is limited so if you are interested please go to www.aggiemoms.org for more info and to sign up*)

April 17-18, 2020 -

Spring Federation Meeting and Boutique, Family Weekend



RING OF HONOR MOMS



Draft Nite! "Braggie Moms" Ring-of-Honor Fantasy Football League 2019 has 26 teams!



2019 Poinsettia Fundraiser

What a great way to begin your holiday decorating and gift giving! These Aggie-grown poinsettias are fresh, full, beautiful and last beyond the holiday season. Order for yourself, family, office, church etc. Quantities are limited so get your order in asap. Order and payment deadline is Tues., Nov. 19.

Color choices: Red, Pink and White

Cost: \$15.00 (Only \$13 each when an order is placed for a quantity of 5 or more)

Payment options:

Bring order form plus cash or check to the Sept., Oct. or Nov. monthly General Meeting.

Mail the order form and check payable to "CCAM" to Kathy Larson, 17905 Windflower Way #110, Dallas, TX 75252

Pick up will be around the first part of December. More details to come.

Questions? Contact: Kathy Larson or JoAnna Gaudsmith at:

CCAMPoinsettias@aggienetwork.com



Board Meetings 2nd Monday of the Month	General Meetings 3rd Monday of the Month
Sept 9, 2019	Sept 16, 2019
Oct 14, 2019	Oct 21, 2019
Nov 11, 2019	Nov 18, 2019
Dec 9, 2019	Jan 20, 2020
Jan 13, 2020	Feb 17, 2020
Feb 10, 2020	Mar 16, 2020
Mar 9, 2020	Apr 20, 2020
Apr 13, 2020	May 18, 2020
May 11, 2020	Have a great summer!

A vibrant red poinsettia flower with green leaves, rendered in a pixelated, digital art style. The flower is the central focus, with its bright red petals and dark green, pointed leaves. The entire image has a distinct pixelated or dithered appearance, giving it a retro, digital aesthetic. The background is plain white.

Limited quantities, so order early!

Payment by Cash or Check (made payable to "CCAM")

Orders may be submitted in person at the Sept 16, Oct 21 and Nov 18 General Meetings

Order forms and payment may also be mailed to: Kathy Larson, 17905 Windflower Way #110, Dallas, TX 75252

PICK-UP: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Questions? Contact Kathy Larson at 214-662-5437 or JoAnn Gaudsmith at 214-293-5005 or CCAMPoinsettias@aggienetwork.com

Person picking up order

Phone number

Email address _____

Poinsettias are \$15 each. A quantity discount is given if an individual orders 5 or more. The cost will be \$13 each.							
Customer Name	Phone #	E-Mail	QUANTITY			TOTAL \$ AMT	PAYMENT Cash or Check
			RED	PINK	WHITE		
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Payment by cash or check with this order form
Checks should be made payable to "CCAM"

ALL PROFITS GO TOWARD AGGIE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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New Aggie Moms... Sign up for an Aggie Angel!

Do you have questions or concerns? Aggie Angels are here to help. An Aggie Angel is a sophomore, junior, senior, or alumni mom who has "been there" and is available to answer your many questions concerning your student's first year at Texas A&M.

Once you sign up, we will match you with an Aggie Angel and she will reach out to you. You will also be invited to monthly Aggie Angels dinners where all of the Angel Moms and New Moms have a chance to meet as a group. It's a great way to meet new friends!

Veteran moms! We need you to be an Aggie Angel! Thank you to all the awesome moms that have already signed up to be an Angel! You are rockstars!! If you haven't had the chance to sign up yet and want to help, fill out the form for Veteran Moms provided at the general meeting, or email

[Teresa Thornton](#), or [Cheryl Bellamy](#). YOU make this program a success, so be sure to come and join the fun!



CCAM Communications

Weekly emails are sent on Wednesdays. Please send brief and specific information by Tuesdays that you would like included in the weekly email to: CollinCountyMoms@aggienetwork.com

Monthly Newsletter: Articles for the next newsletter are due on Saturday, October 5th. Send your articles and **Aggie Br'Ag's** to CCAMNewsletter@aggienetwork.com.