FOR THE YELL OF IT

Yell Leader Chris Powell ’14 carries on a time honored tradition—Aggies don’t cheer, we YELL
Meet Alyssa, a senior psychology major at Texas A&M and chair of CARPDDL, a student-run organization recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for its efforts to provide free, safe, and non-judgmental rides to college students and community residents. Alyssa is a shining example of how Texas A&M is developing leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good.

"I’m so honored to have been shaped and molded by such an amazing organization and such an amazing school." —Alyssa Hoover '14

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On behalf of the current student body, administration, and hundreds of thousands of former students, I would like to personally invite you to learn more about what I believe to be the greatest university in the world.

At Texas A&M, you will have some of the best times and most memorable relationships of your life. During my time as a student I have developed not only life-lasting relationships, but also leadership and character. This has been accomplished through many avenues, including the Corps of Cadets and the Student Government Association, which included committee work in organizations like Fish Aides, Traditions Council and Aggie Muster Committee. I have been able to serve and interact with former students and donors by serving as a Ross Volunteer and as a Texas A&M Foundation Maroon Coat. My most memorable experience as an Aggie came when I had the opportunity to campaign for Student Body President and interact with thousands upon thousands of my fellow Aggies. I truly believe that choosing to attend Texas A&M is one of the greatest decisions of my life and it can be the same for you.

Inside Aggiebound magazine both parents and students will read about academics, traditions, student life and everything else that makes us so unique. All content is written by current students for prospective students and their families, and you can continue to receive the latest issue by joining the Admissions mailing list at Aggiebound.com. I also highly encourage you and your family to come to College Station to take a campus tour and see for yourself what being a part of the Aggie Family truly means. There has never been a better time to be a Fightin’ Texas Aggie.

Reid Joseph ’14
Texas A&M University Student Body President
Campus Events

Campus Tours & Prospective Student Sessions
The Appelt Aggieland Visitor Center leads tours year-round, helps you schedule time with staff in your college of interest and will set you up to attend an admissions session. campus.tamu.edu

College-Specific Programs
Many of Texas A&M’s colleges host programs for high schoolers with specific academic interests, including Camp ARCH, Veterinary Enrichment Camp and the Geosciences Exploration Summer program. There are also a ton of programs focused on leadership growth. admissions.tamu.edu/events

Regional Events
Prospective Student Centers (PSCs), located state-wide, host events year-round to help you become Aggiebound. Trips to College Station, application workshops and meet-and-greets with future classmates are just a few of the offerings that the PSCs have for prospective students. admissions.tamu.edu/psc

Campuswide Open House
This campus-wide open house is your chance to see everything Aggieland has to offer. Customize your schedule with college/departmental presentations, admissions/financial aid discussions, campus tours and so much more. admissions.tamu.edu/aggielandsaturday

Spend the Night with the Corps
High school juniors and seniors interested in the Corps of Cadets stay on campus overnight and see what it’s really like to be a member of this historic group. For those who can’t stay overnight, a Spend the Day with the Corps program is also offered. corps.tamu.edu

Whoopin’ Weekend
Tenth through twelfth graders can get the true Aggie experience in one weekend during the spring. You’ll be hosted by current students who will lead a campus tour, take you to Yell Practice and you’ll watch the Aggies BTHO their opponent at a sporting event. arc.tamu.edu/whoopinweekend

Freshman Information Day
High school seniors and their families are given an up close and personal look at Texas A&M. Come this fall and tour campus, check out a residence hall, talk to different colleges and get application, scholarship and financial aid info. admissions.tamu.edu/fid

It’s late but my family made me a celebratory dinner and got me presents. Can’t wait to be a part of #TAMU18!

FYI, licking application is not required. RT @georginamcs14: So close to turning in my A&M application I can taste it! #TAMU18 @Aggie_Bound
Elected by the student body, Yell Leaders carry on a time honored tradition—Aggies don't cheer, we YELL.
Every fall during football season over 83,000 Aggies flood Kyle Field with maroon and white. On the field facing the student section in white uniforms with sleeves rolled to their biceps are five Yell Leaders who, each game, run from end zone to end zone leading the student body in “yells.”

The Yell Leaders are the official spirit organization of the university and are the only one of its kind in college sports. Unlike cheerleaders who perform gymnastic stunts and cheers, Yell Leaders perform a series of hand signals known as “pass backs” which are followed by a loud, synchronized yell from the student body—also known as the 12th Man.

“There are certainly some fans that think it is comical that we don’t have female cheerleaders, but an overwhelming amount think that it is an awesome tradition that makes our school special,” said Chris Powell, senior Yell Leader and Company D-2 Cadet Major in the Corps of Cadets.

Before the admittance of women and a record enrollment of 53,000 students, Texas A&M was once an all-male military institution. During the enrollment of 53,000 students, Texas A&M was before the admittance of women and a record.

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Among the many responsibilities of a Yell Leader, the one that best captures who the Yell Leaders are and what they do is Midnight Yell. On Fridays at midnight before every home football game, thousands of Aggies meet in the stands of Kyle Field and are energized as the Yell Leaders lead the crowd in yells, tell fables of the next day’s opponent and conduct the Aggie War Hymn.

Midnight Yell has recently been noted as one of the best traditions in college football and if there’s an environment where passion and loyalty for a university is shared, regardless of class year, it’s Midnight Yell.

Powell said being able to connect with other Aggies across the state and country has been one of the greatest things he’s been a part of this Aggie family. “Being a Yell Leader has certainly expanded my scope on how special the Aggie family is. As a Yell Leader I have met countless numbers of Aggies across the state, and their love for this university can be seen through the way they treat others that are a part of this Aggie family.”

5 FOR YELL by Ashley Adams ’14

Being selected to serve as a Yell Leader is one of the highest honors anyone can achieve as a student at Texas A&M. These five individuals represent what it means to be an Aggie, and choose to volunteer their time serving the university. As student-selected positions, Yell Leader candidates campaign during the month-long student body elections. All juniors and seniors are eligible to run for Yell Leader; however, many students包揽 these positions. Yell Leader candidates campaign during the month-long student body elections. All juniors and seniors are eligible to run for Yell Leader; however, many students

The staff of the 5 for Yell campaign is typically made up of five to ten students. The campaign has a very large support base from the university as well as the community, and although it is not an official student organization it is a great way for students to get involved. The staff works incredibly hard during campaign season planning and organizing events to get students acquainted with the candidates. A few of the events you can expect to see each year are a kick-off retreat, a ‘paint party’ where you can get your hands dirty creating campaign signs, and nightly meetings that are used to strategize and promote the candidates. The staff also holds “media challenges” to encourage students to share information about 5 for Yell through Facebook, Twitter, etc. Social media plays a huge part in campaign season, partly because Texas A&M is a large university with an even larger network, and partly because Texas A&M’s social media presence is one of the best in the country. 5 for Yell is one example of how students get involved at Texas A&M. Whether it’s through an official organization or just a group of students with a common cause, it’s important to participate in the campus community and have your voice heard.
Applying to colleges and deciding which university is best for you can be stressful, so choosing your future lifestyle shouldn’t be! Here at Texas A&M University, freshmen are given a choice of an on-campus or off-campus lifestyle. In fact, when I moved to College Station I chose to live off campus because living in an apartment seemed to better fit my lifestyle. However, I have learned from friends that living on campus is truly unique.

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Imagine having all the resources you need to succeed right outside your door. You can easily meet up with study groups or friends, talk with professors and even wake up ten minutes before class starts and still make it to class on time! (Who doesn’t like some extra sleep?) There are many attractions and advantages to living on campus, such as easy access to an all-you-can-eat buffet at Sbisa, one of the largest dining halls in the country and the largest on campus; the Memorial Student Center, known as the university’s living room; Rudder Auditorium, where you can attend Broadway musicals and student group performances; and of course, being only a short

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**Written and compiled by A. Micah Mills ‘16**

College can be considered a scary place, especially to high school students. It’s a place of new beginnings that voids the comfortable routine that high school provides. It’s a place of independence and self-discovery, where you can transform goals and dreams into careers and opportunities. College is always on the lips of teachers’ tongues, the back of parents’ minds and sought by the majority of high schoolers, but getting there can seem daunting. Whether it be applications, scholarships or admissions—college, from the outside looking in, can create a web of questions waiting to be answered. Luckily, outlets to answer those questions and guide you to success are out there. One of the most helpful of these outlets can often be advice from people who have been in the frenzy of how, what, where and why in the search for the right college. These five people are your day-to-day college students sharing their wisdom of what they found most important in their pre- and post-college application process, if you have any questions regarding the application process, scholarships or Texas A&M, you can always ask an Aggie to help you get started, or ask @Aggie_bound on Twitter.

1. **Gabriel ‘16**
   - It is important to dive into different organizations to try to figure out your niche and be able to show those talents. Getting involved in different areas of your school and your community can really speak wonders for you on paper and in person.

2. **Annie ‘16**
   - Keep updating your resume regularly. It is easy to forget things you did two summers ago. Your resume is often your one way to get Admissions’ attention, so always keep it in the back of your mind.

3. **Logan ‘15**
   - Many students don’t realize how easy it is to fill out one application that can apply them to a wide array of scholarships. Don’t be one of them. Take time to fill out all portions of the application. You never know what completing it could lead to.

4. **Scott ‘15**
   - Campus life should play a huge role in your college search, but it shouldn’t be the only factor. The environment surrounding the school is equally as important. Get to know the ins and outs of the city. For instance, the Bryan/College Station area has so much to offer outside of the university.

5. **Kendall ‘15**
   - Last, but certainly not least, follow your dreams. Find something you are passionate about and go for it. Don’t let your teachers, parents or friends tell you what your dreams are. Set a goal and find a way to achieve it. Whether it be through a major or organization, there is always a way to achieve your dreams.

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distance away from the many Texas A&M sporting events and the incredible Student Recreation Center.

When asked what the biggest advantage to living on campus was, freshman Business Administration major Zachary Gorhum replied, “Not having to drive anywhere. I just leave my room and I’m basically there!”

SUPPORT

The on-campus living experience at Texas A&M University promotes student leadership and individuality. With residence halls that build a friendly and family-like environment, students can feel at home while excelling academically. The residence halls assign Residence Advisors (RA’s) to every floor to support and give students help with any issues adjusting to college.

Freshman International Studies major Kaitlyn Kellermeyer, a friend I met at Fish Camp, recently told me about a health scare she experienced her first semester of college. Luckily, her residence advisors were there to help.

“About two weeks into my first semester in college I was having some weird chest pains...When my roommate found out what was going on, she immediately called the RA on duty. Lo and behold, three RAs show up at my door, and they stayed with me. They had so many helpful resources...and they were really helpful in just calming me down and being there for me. One of them gave me her phone number and kept checking in on me afterward.”

THE NETWORK

As a result of living on campus, my friends have also developed close connections with students in their hall, which is what I admire most about life on campus. They have such a unique, close-knit family—one that Aggieland is famous for. As a student who lives off campus, hearing my friend Zachary talk about residence life makes me want to experience it myself. Zachary has made many new friends within his residence hall and feels like they have bonded into a family.

“...residence halls create a family environment. I see the same people often, study with them and eat many of my meals with them. They do become your family away from home.”

With a diverse student body at Texas A&M University, living on campus also creates opportunities to meet people from all around the world. “I feel like what makes on-campus life unique is its variety,” my friend Kaitlyn explained to me. “There are so many types of people you could end up living with, or near, or down the hall from. You really never know.”

Texas A&M University offers so much tradition, education and experience for its students. Why not step right into it all and live in a residence hall? Live the on-campus life!

ADVANTAGES TO LIVING ON CAMPUS

• Convenient location for campus events, classes and local shops and restaurants
• Connect with roommates and hall mates
• Quick and easy access to many food options, as well as public kitchens
• Free Wi-Fi
• Laundry facilities (some dryers even text you when your clothes are done!)
• Routine maintenance and cleaning checkups of the rooms
• More opportunities to witness and be a part of the happenings on campus—like Zombie walks, slack lining on the plaza, impromptu student performances (last semester I applauded many random rappers on my way to class), Corps of Cadets training, Reveille (our mascot) getting her morning walk in...just to name a few

ADVANTAGES TO LIVING OFF CAMPUS

• An independent lifestyle
• Many apartments offer extra entertainment such as computer labs, gyms, swimming pools, volleyball and basketball courts
• Some apartments allow pets
• There are many styles of housing to choose from (apartment, townhome, duplex, etc.), so you can find the best fit for you
• Many off-campus housing options are located on or near a campus bus route

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: TYLER ’17, CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE; CECILY ’16, BIOLOGICAL & AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING; THE UNDERGROUND FOOD COURT IN THE SBISA DINING HALL COMPLEX
Are you Aggiebound?
Atmospheric Sciences

MAJOR SPOTLIGHT

Regardless of the season, weather in Texas is unpredictable.

For the average Texan, experiencing nearly freezing weather one day and a high of 75 degrees the next is common; but in the College of Geosciences, students and faculty from the Department of Atmospheric Sciences are dedicated to advancing the scientific understanding of the atmosphere and sharing that information to benefit those who are interested in learning.

Texas A&M University is the only public university in the state of Texas that offers a B.S. in Meteorology, but more importantly the department is one of the largest and most respected in the nation with a student-to-teacher ratio of about 7 to 1.

With an emphasis in weather and weather forecasting, the Department of Atmospheric Sciences helps meteorology students acquire and develop scientific knowledge and critical thinking skills including opportunities for hands-on experience through individual study and participation in faculty research.

In addition to research, students are expected to take courses including Climatology, Atmospheric Chemistry, Cloud Physics and Remote Sensing of the Atmosphere with Radar and Satellites.

“Students will graduate with the ability to analyze, forecast and assess the impact of weather in public and private operational meteorology,” associate professor Dr. Don Corles says. “They are well prepared for jobs in air quality, aviation support, wind and solar energy and in Meteorology support to the offshore energy industry.”

Meteorology graduates may find themselves working for companies such as the National Weather Service, NASA, TV stations, the Environmental Protection Agency, airlines, the Department of Defense or private meteorological consulting and forecasting firms.

Corles says many students know from an early age that Meteorology is what they are meant to do. “Sometimes we say that Meteorology chooses you! Others like the science in general and are attracted to the way that meteorology applies science in such a tangible way. Either way, a degree in meteorology is both challenging and rewarding. Although large by national meteorology program standards, our program offers students a small college feel even in the midst of all the awesome experiences that A&M offers to its 50,000+ students. Here students know each other, faculty know the students and we look out for one another. It’s a great way to experience A&M!”

Texas A&M gives its students ample opportunities to get involved with a student organization that develops their career interests. Texas Aggie Storm Chasers are not only sure to get a thrill out of driving into the heart of the storm, they’re also certain to gain an invaluable education outside of the classroom.

Texas Aggie Storm Chasers

With the help and supervision of faculty advisors, the Texas Aggie Storm Chasers get the opportunity to observe severe thunderstorms and tornadoes out in the field. Chasing storms not only serves as a learning tool for those weather-loving Ags, their efforts are also used to aid the National Weather Service.

At Texas A&M, you can find other students with shared passions. If we don’t have what you are looking for, we make it easy to start your own!
The stress of passing courses throughout the semesters, the memories you make during the journey and counting the days down until you get your Aggie Ring: this is what makes Aggie Ring Day the proudest day of any Aggie’s college career. Texas A&M has the highest rate, at 95 percent, of undergraduate students to earn and order their school’s university ring. Some of my friends dream about the day they will receive their wedding ring, but if you ask me what day I dream of, I would say it is the day I get my Aggie Ring.

I only filled out one college application and that was to Texas A&M University. To me, there was no other college to attend other than Texas A&M. The suspense was killing me my senior year. It seemed to have taken forever, but when I finally got my acceptance letter I was running down the stage to get my diploma so I could get to College Station. When I see the pride my sister and cousins have wearing their Ring, I cannot wait to have mine. I love the stories my friends and family tell me about receiving theirs on Aggie Ring Day—a day dedicated to awarding and celebrating the latest recipients.

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Story by Lauren Howes ’16

Although the Aggie Ring does not come with a job, it may open the door to career opportunities. A few years ago, a student working at a local restaurant began talking to an “ol’ Ag who was dining there. After talking for several minutes, the “ol’ Ag gave the Aggie waiter his business card. When the student called him the next day, he was told to come visit with him about a job opportunity when he graduated.

The Ring often leads to job interviews and career experience, the Ring’s reach is far beyond occupational opportunities. I recently heard the story of a student whose flight had been cancelled due to weather conditions, preventing him from getting home in time for the holidays. The Aggie began talking to an older gentleman, a former student, who was on the next flight out. He noticed the older man was wearing an Aggie ring, so the two began talking. When it came time for the older Aggie to board his plane, he looked over to the young man and told him to take his ticket.

Carpe Diem

Those who follow Aggie Athletics may know Ty Warren, Class of ’03. Warren was a football player at Texas A&M before he was drafted to the NFL by the New England Patriots. On occasion, it is known for athletes to stop their education once they reach the professional leagues, but that did not hold true for Warren. Juggling school during football season was too difficult since the Patriots, at the time, were playing in the Super Bowl and winning Super Bowl rings. Warren wanted to set a good example for his children and the Aggie community, so he turned down a $250,000 bonus and continued to work towards his degree during his off-seasons. When he had finally reached the requirements, Warren took off his Super Bowl ring and replaced it with his Aggie Ring. This act is an example of the meaning and the “spirit that can ne’er be told” of being an Aggie.