



# Aggie Moms Connecting

Collin County Aggie Moms Club

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## President's Message

Howdy Aggie Moms!

On behalf of Collin County Aggie Moms, I want to start off this 2018- 19 school year by welcoming back all our returning moms and Ring of Honor moms. I also would like to extend a special Aggie welcome to our new Aggie Moms of freshmen and transfer students! The Board hosted our new Aggies students at our annual Howdy Party in July and were honored to have the Yell Leaders join us for the celebration. We welcomed New Aggie Moms at our New Moms Welcome on Thursday, September 13, where the moms enjoyed an evening of delicious snacks, beverages, learned about the activities, and fellowship of CCAM. We have a wonderful group of moms that have committed their support and energy to serving on our Board. They along with our committee chairs have been working all summer to plan an exciting year for our club. We hope you will find a place to serve and contribute to the successes we anticipate for CCAM.

This is an exciting time of year! Aggie spirit is in the air at Texas A&M, and by now your Aggie has completed their third week of school, and you're hoping they are finding time to study along with their new activities... not to mention the excitement of Aggie football and tailgating! Football season is in full swing and the excitement can be felt across campus. Whether you are a new mom, a transfer mom, a returning member, or a member of our

### Howdy Party 2018

We held our annual Howdy Party this past July at the Dallas AgriLife Center. We hosted new and transfer students and their families to a tailgate themed get together. We had Aggie students lead a panel discussion.

We were also honored have three of the Yell Leaders attend and teach our new Aggie and their families several Yells and lead us in a Yell Practice. And, yes, Aggie Moms can Whoop!! — we have earned it!! A fun time was had by all in attendance. The students and families gained information about A&M, College Station, and experiences that await them in Aggieland.

ring of honor, let's make it a great year of serving TAMU, supporting our Aggies, and being there for each other. We are so glad you are joining us as we come together to serve our students, our community, and build lasting friendships along the way! We have a full schedule of events planned for this year. Our general meetings will be a broad range of programs and speakers – some specific to A&M, others on broader topics. We also have opportunities for purely social activities, including a brewery tour and game-watching



party, cookie decorating, and holiday lights tour. I look forward to seeing all of you at our first General Meeting on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are a new mom to our organization, please do not hesitate to contact me or any board member if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Thanks and Gig 'em!

Caryn Schniederjan  
Mom of Sarah '18

## First General Meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>

**New Meeting Location**

Dallas AgriLife Center  
17360 Coit Rd, Dallas, TX 75252

Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm for our first general meeting of the 2018-19 school year. We are meeting at the Dallas AgriLife Center on Coit Road this year. Parking and entrance are at the back of the building.

Our speaker will be Kathy Walter with Brain Basics. She is an Executive and Life Coach. She will be discussing value processing as we move into this new stage in our lives.

## Fall Aggie Goodie Bags On Sale!

Our Fall Aggie Goodie Bags are on sale now and can be ordered at the September & October meetings if you haven't had a chance to purchase one yet. The bags cost \$15 and may be paid for with cash or a check made out to CCAM. If purchasing at the meeting with cash, please bring exact change.

We sold out of our first 100 bags, so we are going



to order additional blankets to make more bags. Bags will be on a first come, first served basis. This year's bag contains a fleece maroon embroidered

stadium blanket that says either Texas A&M University or Texas A&M Aggies, a \$5 Starbucks gift card, and other treats for finals. We will have them available for pick up at the October and November meetings or, if you prefer, Patti Mitcham will deliver them in College Station at the MSC on November 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Bleggi at [denise.bleggi@pisd.edu](mailto:denise.bleggi@pisd.edu) or Julie Ratliff at [julratliff@att.net](mailto:julratliff@att.net). Thanks and Gig 'Em!



## 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)
- ◆ TAMU or Texas Flag gift tin: \$12  
(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 15<sup>th</sup> CCAM General Meeting. Pecan bagging will occur on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and orders will be available for pick up later that day or by other arrangement.

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 or Tracey Koerner at [ccampecans@gmail.com](mailto:ccampecans@gmail.com).



## Newsletter Update!

*Last year's CCAM Newsletters (2017-18) located on the CCAM website will be deleted at the end of September, If you want to save the newsletters for nostalgic reasons, save or print them before they go away!*



## RING OF HONOR MOMS

**Howdy Ringers!** We will be having a ROH Progressive Dinner on Thursday, September 27, 6:30 to 9:30pm at **The Village in Allen** (rain or shine & will update evite if needed). You are welcome to join us at anytime.

Please RSVP by 9/26 to [EVITE Link](#). We will start at Aggie-owned *Kelly's*. Several locations are listed for dessert-time because none of the locations can seat all of us. We will rejoin each other at *Bar Louie's* for a nightcap. All the eating establishments are within walking distance from each other. **Whoop!**

### 2018-19 Directory Advertising Opportunity

Do you have a service or home-based business or do you know of a company that would like to reach out to our club members and families? We are offering a limited amount of advertising space in our 2018-19 Directory. The directory will be published then distributed in November. All ads are black and white and there are three sizes available—full page, half page and third page, and must be a high resolution, camera-ready file (.jpg or .pdf file). By Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - Complete the Ads Request form (attached) and return it with a check (payable to CCAM) to: Christy Kinnaird 235 Shady Hill Drive · Richardson, TX 75080 AND email the artwork and any questions to [kinnaird.christy@gmail.com](mailto:kinnaird.christy@gmail.com) Don't miss out on this great opportunity to reach a targeted group of fellow Aggies!

### CCAM Name Badges

Order your Collin County Aggie Mom Name Badge to represent your membership in CCAM and to proudly display your name and your Aggie(s)' name(s) and class year(s).

This attractive maroon name badge is plastic with a magnetic back. The cost is \$9. Order forms are available on our website and at the September 18 and October 16 General Meetings. For additional information, contact Jo Anna Gaudsmith at [jgaudsmith@verizon.net](mailto:jgaudsmith@verizon.net).



### 2017 Poinsettia Sales

**Deadline to order is November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Poinsettia Color Choices:** Red, Pink and White

**Cost:** \$12.00 (Only \$10 each when you purchase 5 or more!)

**Pick up: Saturday, December 1st**

Texas A&M AgriLife Center, Building E  
17360 Coit Road, Dallas 75252

What a gorgeous way to begin your Holiday decorating and gift giving! These Aggie-grown Poinsettias are fresh, full, beautiful and last beyond the Holiday Season. In addition to adorning your home, purchase some for your family, friends, church and co-workers. Pass along this opportunity to others for their Holiday Décor.

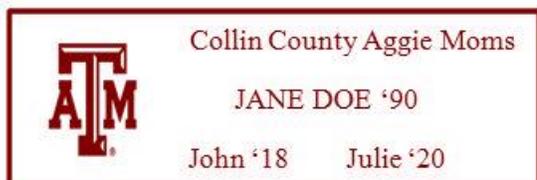
#### Payment options:

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

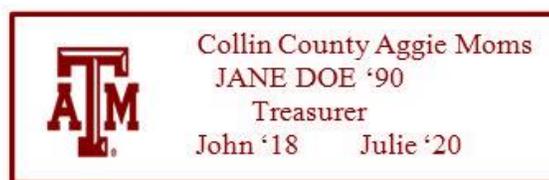
Mail the order form and check payable to "CCAM" to Kathy Larson, 17905 Windflower Way #110, Dallas, TX 75252

For questions, please contact:

Kathy Larson [kathy.larson5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathy.larson5@sbcglobal.net)



#### Sample Name Badges





## 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!

The signup form is available at this location:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/Bj703AdU2Gw4f7zC3>

We will also have copies of the registration form available at our first General Meeting.



## Ring in the News!

First NFL Game! "Braggie Moms" Fantasy Football League 2018 has sixteen teams!



## CCAM Membership

- ◆ Are you a new Aggie mom and haven't joined yet?
- ◆ Are you a returning mom and haven't renewed your membership for 2018-19?

Join the Collin County Aggie Mom's club for the 2018-19 school year. Membership registration is currently underway for new and returning Aggie Moms.

Annual dues are \$25 for new and renewal memberships. Ring of Honor memberships for mom's of graduated Aggies is \$12.50.

Join the club by the October 16 deadline to be included in the annual CCAM membership directory.

Membership forms are available on our website and at the September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> General Meetings. Click the following link and complete the membership form:

### 2018-2019 Membership Form

For additional information, contact:  
Andrea Greenwald '88 Membership Vice President  
[collincountymoms@aggienetwork.com](mailto:collincountymoms@aggienetwork.com)

## CCAM Donations

This information bears repeating for our new members who may not be familiar with the success of our fundraising efforts during the 2017-18 school year.

Through the following programs, our club's fundraising efforts resulted in a very rewarding year:

*Pecan sales, Boutique sales, Scrip, Poinsettias, 35th Anniversary silent auction, and Raffle*

In May of 2018, we concluded the year with the following donations:

- ◆ \$20,000 in student scholarships
- ◆ \$17,018.00 to various A&M student organizations

Our appreciation goes to all of our Aggie Moms and Families and Friends who supported our fundraising efforts last year... this WHOOP is for you!



Artwork by Benjamin Knox

# Collin County A&M Mothers' Club

## Membership Form

2017-2018 Club Year (June '17 - May '18)

New ( )  
Renew ( )

### Member Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please note that we will print the information entered here in the membership directory unless specified otherwise.)

### Current Student Information (immediate family for example son/daughter)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ A&M Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Corps Y / N  
 Please circle: Graduating Senior? Y / N Dec May Aug  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ A&M Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Corps Y / N  
 Please circle: Graduating Senior? Y / N Dec May Aug  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ A&M Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Corps Y / N  
 Please circle: Graduating Senior? Y / N Dec May Aug

### Former Student Information (immediate family only, for example self/spouse/son/daughter)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ A&M Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ A&M Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ A&M Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

### Committee Participation (Please check preferences)

Refreshments  Boutique  
 Pecans  Parents' Weekend  
 Raffle  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spring Fundraiser  
 Aggie Angel (Welcomes new moms)

### Special Abilities or Interests (Please check preferences)

Computer Programming (Access database)  
 Website Management  
 Accounting  
 Arts/Craft  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sewing/Needlework

### Membership Type (Please check ALL that apply)

\*Active Member (Mother, Stepmother, Legal Guardian of a current/former TAMU student)  
 \*\*Associate Member (Mother, Stepmother, Legal Guardian of a former TAMU student; or a Relative, Alumni, Friend, Ring of Honor, or a Primary Member of another Aggie Mom Club of current/former student)  
 Ring of Honor (Mom whose Aggies have all graduated)  
 Mom who is a Primary Member of another Aggie Moms' Club, Primary Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues (Deadline for inclusion in directory is October General Meeting)

Please make checks payable to: CCAM  
 Return to: Martha Champion  
 3425 Nova Trail  
 Plano, TX 75023  
 Questions? Please email  
 collincountymoms@aggienetwork.com

Active Member\* \$25.00 / School Year \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associate Member\*\* \$12.50 / School Year \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Directories  
 Pick up directory at General Meeting (no charge) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mail directory (additional fee) to above address \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Collin County Aggie Moms**  
 Now offering advertisement space  
 in the 2018-19 Directory!

Limited ad space . . . don't wait!

### Aggies Supporting Aggies!

Advertise your services to a targeted group of fellow Aggies and increase your business opportunities. All ads (**black and white only**) should be sent in via email by Monday, October 15th and must be a high resolution, camera-ready file (.jpg or .pdf file).

\$100	7.5" h x 4.5" w	Full Page
\$70	3.75" h x 4.5" w	Half Page
\$50	2" h x 4.5" w	Third Page / Business Card
<b>**SOLD OUT**</b>		
Front-and-Back-Cover		

To place your ad for this year's directory, simply complete the form below and return it with a check (payable to CCAM) to:

Christy Kinnaird • 235 Shady Hill Drive • Richardson, TX 75080  
 Email the artwork and any questions to [kinnaird.christy@gmail.com](mailto:kinnaird.christy@gmail.com)

Advertiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Submitting Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone of Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Ad: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## CCAM Board Members 2017-18

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## To our Veteran Moms... Aggie Angel Moms Needed

An Aggie Angel is a veteran Aggie mom who is matched with a New Aggie Mom and acts as a big sister/mentor. As Aggie Angels, we try to help New Moms by answering any questions they might have and helping them adjust to having a college student at Texas A&M.

It is super easy to be an Aggie Angel. Some of the following are examples of what you can do for your New Aggie Mom:

- ◆ Call
- ◆ Text
- ◆ Email
- ◆ Get together for coffee/lunch
- ◆ Direct her to the proper person for things you do not know about
- ◆ Offer to take her to meetings/events
- ◆ Sit with her at meetings

You get the idea! Let her know that Aggies are special and as an Aggie Mom, she is even more special!

We also have monthly Aggie Angels dinners where the Angel Moms and New Moms have a chance to meet as a group. It's a great way to meet new friends!

For additional information, contact either Cheryl Bellamy at [cbellamy1317@yahoo.com](mailto:cbellamy1317@yahoo.com) or Teresa Thornton at [thorntons5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thorntons5@sbcglobal.net).

*Leave no fish behind... pay it forward!*



## 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](mailto:collincountymoms@aggienetwork.com)

**Monthly Newsletter:** Articles for the next newsletter are due on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Send your articles and **Aggie Br'Ag's** to [JamieHanna@verizon.net](mailto:JamieHanna@verizon.net).