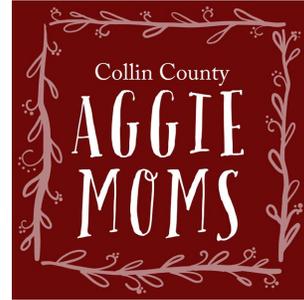


November 2021 Newsletter

# Collin County Aggie Moms



## *A Message from our President...*

Howdy, Aggie Moms!

We are coming up on a busy time of year for everyone – figuring out how the holidays will play out and our students preparing for finals; trying to figure out if they have a chance to pass or make an A. Some have had a great semester



meeting new friends, being involved in student organizations, making A's in their most difficult class, while other students have struggled with feeling alone on a big campus, trying to find their place, and it just seems like no matter how much they have studied they cannot seem to pass a test. We love them all and want to be there for the them – the good and the bad. Most students have had some of the good along with some of the struggle and they will be fine. Just reassure your student that whatever they are going through, someone else has walked in their shoes before. Christmas break is right around the corner and it will be a good time to be with family, catch a breath, and start anew with the Spring Semester. We are here for each other navigating this thing called life, just as we, as moms, are here for our students.

As we approach Thanksgiving in a few weeks, let us focus on our blessings and reach out to those around us who may be hurting or suffering during this time of year. This time of year always reminds me of one of my favorite quotes by Maya Angelou: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Go out and make another person feel cherished.

We are approaching our last meeting of the year, November 15. We will take a break in December and see everyone back after the new year in January.

Thanks & Gig'em!

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## Next general meeting Nov. 15

Our next **general meeting** will be held **Nov. 15** at the **Texas A&M AgriLife Center** located at **17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX 75252**. Social time will begin around 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7.

We will also be hosting a **food drive** at this meeting for the **12th Can**, so please bring donations.

The guest speaker will be **Teresa Woodard '97**, news reporter for WFAA, who specializes in general assignment reporting. The following is her bio:

**1) Who are you?** I must have been born to be a journalist. My mother and father say when I was a young child sometimes I'd grab *The Dallas Times Herald* off the kitchen table and read them the headlines. I also used to beg them to let me stay up past my bedtime to watch the 10 p.m. news. Clearly this job is just in my blood. I am a native Texan, born and raised in Dallas near White Rock



**Teresa Woodard '97 - News Reporter for WFAA**

**2) What are your interests?** The reason I'm a reporter is to share people's stories. I think so much inspiration can be found in everyday people. I love stories of grit and determination. Professionally, there's no better feeling than when someone you're interviewing tells you that you really "get" who they are. Personally, I love travel, I love running and I love dogs. I think experiencing new cultures, eating new food and seeing historical sites gives you a new perspective on life. Running is what I refer to as cheap therapy. And my furry four-legged children are another form of therapy. Hmm...I wonder why I need so much therapy?

**3) What do you like about working at WFAA?** WFAA stands for Working For All Alike. To me, the key there is "all alike". There's a popular quote about treating the janitor the same way you treat the CEO. I wholeheartedly agree with that and I believe WFAA is committed to that, too. I try to live a nonjudgmental life. I believe everybody should have a chance to be their true authentic selves. I also live by one rule – the golden rule. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Kindness matters.

**4) What's one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?** People might be surprised to learn I am a huge sports fan. Baseball is my favorite, so I live and die by the Texas Rangers. But I love football and basketball too. At one point in my career, it was my dream to be a sports reporter. I got to play around in it while I worked in St. Louis. I hosted a show about the St. Louis Rams – the NFL team that has since relocated to Los

Lake. I went to DISD schools and then Texas A&M University. I worked at television stations in College Station, Waco, Knoxville, and St. Louis before coming back home to Dallas. I won a national Edward R. Murrow Award for a series of stories a team of WFAA reporters did on domestic violence in our city. I am also an Emmy winner.

Angeles. I also worked for the team, appearing on the jumbotron during games interviewing fans. One more surprise – I adore George Strait. I think I've seen him in concert a couple dozen times.

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**Poinsettia sales  
end Nov. 17**



**Volunteers  
needed for  
pecan  
bagging**

Our annual pecan sales has come to an end, and now we need help bagging and distributing

Poinsettia sales continue through **Nov. 17**. Please share with your friends and family members!

See what [Neil Sperry](#) says about the Cranfill poinsettias. (Mary Beth Cranfill '79 and her husband Kenneth Cranfill '79)

Choose from red, white, or pink poinsettias. Quantities are limited, so order now!

You can [download an order form](#) from the Collin County Aggie Moms website or [order online](#) at the same site. These big, beautiful plants are \$16 each or \$14 each when purchasing five or more (discount not available when purchasing through the online store).

Orders and payments are due by **Wednesday, Nov. 17**. Poinsettia pickup will be **Dec. 4**, in time for holiday decorating and gift giving.

If you have any questions, contact Debby Duty at [CCAMPoinsettias@aggienetwork.com](mailto:CCAMPoinsettias@aggienetwork.com).

[Click to order poinsettias online](#)

all those pecans!

Please volunteer a few hours to help with this endeavor on **Nov. 13**.

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## Aggie Angels needed

Aggie Angels is in need of some "veteran" moms to serve as mentors to some of our new members. The next event is scheduled for **Nov. 10** at Haywire for Happy Hour from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

If interested, please contact Tricia Olson at [ccamaggieangels@aggienetwork.com](mailto:ccamaggieangels@aggienetwork.com).



## Meet board member Sofia Davila

The 2021-22 Aggie Moms Historian is **Sofia Davila**. She is charged with keeping digital and hard copy records of the club and its activities. She takes pictures at events and consults with Federation guidelines for Archives at Cushing Library.

Sofia lives in The Colony with her husband, and they just moved to their



**Sofia Davila - Historian**

The last book Sofia read was *Sapiens, A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari.

If she didn't live in Texas, she would live in South Italy and would travel by train to

"empty-nesters" house in the The Tribute. She loves her new neighborhood and neighbors. Sofia has a bachelor's degree in Architecture from Universidad Rafael Landivar in Guatemala City. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2001.

Her Aggie is Jose Rodrigo '23 who is double majoring with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering and Holistic Leadership. She also has a daughter named Karla, who is a 19-year-old freshman at Syracuse, NY, majoring in Journalism.

Sofia loves her Peloton bike and working out, but she also enjoys a nice recreational bike ride or hike. She also likes to visit museums and wishes she had more time to paint. Sofia also enjoys watching sports and going to stadiums. Traveling is not a hobby, however, because even though she enjoys it so much, she hates packing!

Sofia's taste in music is eclectic and depends on her mood, but for sure she is always surrounded by music--80s glam rock, pop, Latin music, and a little country. Some of her favorites are Bon Jovi, Billy Joel, Elton John, Rod Stewart, Abba, Alejandro Sanz and Fonseca.

all Italian cities during the weekends.

Sofia leans a little more towards the beach over the mountains though she loves both. She definitely prefers cake over ice cream and dogs over cats. She used to love silver, but she recently switched to gold after a saleswoman told her that rose gold matches her skin color better.

Sofia is a very social person, a good listener and easy going. She is always ready to have fun or enjoy a nice talk with a hot cup of tea or coffee--only if it's from Guatemala.

Sofia's advice to other Aggie moms:

***Never underestimate the value of communication. Reach out to your Aggie. They can be busy with school and activities or they want to feel independent, but a text, a short phone call, a Facetime once in a while, a one day visit--anything you can do to connect with them will be appreciated. They need to feel supported, that you are available to talk about the good and the bad stuff. They need advice, guidance and love.***



We have several great opportunities to connect and have fun during the month of November. All events are active from the **Events Page**. Just login to your WildApricot account to register. You should have also received invitations through email.

## **November**

- **13th** - Game Watching Party vs Ole Miss at Kelly's Craft Tavern in Frisco - 5:30 p.m.
- **16th** - Century Tree Painting with a Twist in Plano - 6:15 p.m.

Click to register for Events

- **27th** - Game Watching Party vs LSU at Kelly's Craft Tavern in Frisco - TBD

## Aggie Mom University

All club leaders, future leaders, and members are encouraged to sign up for Aggie Mom University Zoom classes. They are fun, informative, AND you can remain in your yoga pants!

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## CODEMaroon Emergency Notification System

The Texas A&M Code Maroon app is a great tool for students and even useful for parents during an emergency situation. You can download the app through Google Play or the App Store.

[Click here to learn more about the service.](#)

The app offers a way to list emergency contacts, and a mobile blue light can be triggered for help. Students can send their location to a friend so the friend can watch them walk home. There is a safety toolbox that has tools like a flashlight and a notification history. There are also campus maps and emergency procedures for various situations and disasters.

### DID YOU KNOW?

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## 2021-2022 Calendar of Events

**November**

- 6 - Federation Holiday Boutique opens
- 10 - Aggie Angels -Meet at Haywire for Happy Hour - 5:30-8 p.m.
- 13 - Pecan Pick Up

**February**

- 21 - General Membership Meeting

**March**

- 4-6 Aggie Mom Camp
- 21 - General Membership Meeting

15 - General Membership Meeting

17 - Poinsettia sales deadline

**December**

4 - Poinsettia Pick Up

4 - Holiday Bazaar

**January**

17 - General Membership Meeting

22 - Winter Federation Meeting

**April**

8-10 Parent's Weekend

8-10 Spring Federation Meeting

18 - General Membership Meeting

**May**

16 - General Membership Meeting



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