



March 2022 Newsletter

A Message from our President...

Howdy, Aggie Moms!

The arrival of March means Spring has sprung! I hope each of your families enjoy Spring Break. Once our Aggies return to campus, the days will fly by and summer will be here before we know it.



March is a big month for Collin County Aggie Moms as we focus on our last two fundraising events – Parents Weekend Boutique and Raffle (April 8-9), and Spring Golf Tournament held on Apr 25. We need everyone to reach out to secure a \$100 Tee Golf

Sponsorship to help make this tournament as successful as the last two. If you are heading down to College Station, please sign up for one of the shifts to help out at our Aggie Moms Boutique and then take some time to shop around – there are many one-of-a-kind Aggie items that you can only find at Aggie Mom Events.

At our March meeting we will hear from CARPOOL, a student organization that helps our Aggies get home safely after a night out. Hear how they are helping to keep College Station Safe for all Aggies. We will also be presented with our slate of officers to vote on for next year.

The Spring Federation Meeting will be held during Parents Weekend on Friday night from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please attend if you can. It is always great to meet other Aggie Moms and vote for the new board.

In a show of appreciation to the Texas A&M AgriLife Center here in Dallas, we will be participating in The Big Event on Saturday, March 26, the same day as the campus Big Event. Please see the website for more information and sign ups.

We have had a great year fundraising so far and so appreciative of all your support. Let's keep the momentum going!

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.” – Erma Bombeck

Thanks & Gig'em!

Kathy Terzis '90

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Proud Mom of Auriel '15, Ashley '16, Annabelle Leigh '21, & Aristotle '22

Next general meeting

March 21

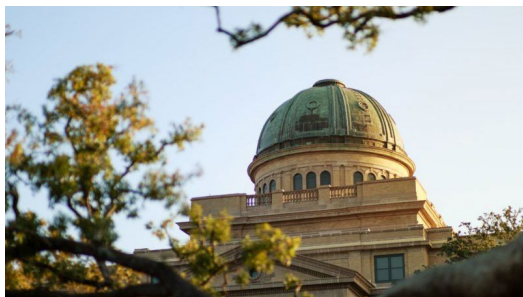
Our next **general meeting** will be **March 21** at the **Texas A&M AgriLife Center** located at **17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX 75252**. Social time will begin around 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7.

Our guest speaker will be **Lalita Kunamneni '23**, Director of Development & Gala for CARPOOL, which offers free, safe, and nonjudgmental rides home to Aggies. Visit their website to learn more: carpool.tamu.edu.

We will be taking orders for **Spring Goodie Bags** (\$25 cash or check) and selling Raffle Tickets (\$10). We will also be voting on our slate of new officers.



Lalita Kunamneni '23
Director of Development - CARPOOL



**Scholarship
application deadline
March 15**



Incoming freshmen and transfer students as well as current students are encouraged to apply for one of our \$1,000 scholarships. The deadline to apply is **March 15**. Please share the link below.

[Scholarship Info & Application](#)

How CCAM Club impacts the next generation of Aggies

Over the last four years, CCAM has awarded an average of 16 annual scholarships. We are committed to assisting students in meeting their educational goals. Every year it takes dozens of volunteers to support this endeavor.

Annual club fundraising activities have a direct impact on the number of scholarships we can provide. In 2021, we were able to provide 14 - \$1,000 scholarships to freshman, transfer, and current A&M students! In addition to our annual awards, we also provide two – 4-year endowments through the A&M Foundation and are currently working on funding for a third.

Our simple eligibility requirements, coupled with our scoring categories of Character, Leadership, Aggie Spirit, Academic, and Volunteerism helps us to determine the best applicants each year.

We are always looking for members to help review applications. If you would like to support our 2022 scholarship program, please contact our Chairs at CCAMScholarships@aggienetwork.com.

BIG Event set for March 26

[Sign up for CCAM Big Event](#)

Our CCAM club is going to complete a service project on **March 26** from **9:15-11:30 a.m.** right here in Collin County. We are going to "give back" to the **AgriLife Center** for allowing us to meet monthly in their facility.

Since its introduction in 1982, **The Big Event** has become the largest one-day, student-run service project in the nation. Each spring, tens of thousands of Texas A&M students come together to say "Thank You" to the residents of Bryan and College Station. For the past 40 years, Aggie students have participated in this annual event to show their appreciation to the surrounding community, completing service projects such as yard work, window washing, and painting for residents of the community. Although The Big Event has become the largest one-day, student-run service project in the nation, our message and our mission remains the same--to simply say "Thank You."

If you are interested in sponsoring the campus Big Event 2022 in a monetary way, you can click the button below and search for the "Big Event" account.

Kick Off Sponsorship options are the following:

- **Tool Distribution:** \$1,000
- **Mobile Command Unit/Headquarters:** \$500
- **TBE Exhibit:** \$250
- **Supply donations:** Purchase tools

from their [Home Depot wish list](#)

For more information, email:

tbedonorrelations@aggienetwork.com

[The Big Event 2022 Sponsorship](#)



We have some great opportunities to connect and have fun! The events are active from the **Events Page**. Just login to your WildApricot account to register. You should have also received invitations through email.

March

23rd - Breakfast Bunch at Le Peep - Plano - 9 a.m.

28th - Bowling at Strike & Reel - Garland - 11 a.m.

[Click to Register for Events](#)

Spring Raffle drawing set for April 9

The Spring Raffle has begun! Drawing is April 9th, at

Family Weekend! We need you to BUY and SELL to your family and friends! We will sign out a packet of Raffle Tickets to our members, or you can point your friends to us, directly. This year, we are not using credit cards for payment, to avoid the fees, but **Linda Ali** and **Andrea Greenwald**, Raffle co-chairs, are making their Venmos available. They will be set up at the March general meeting, as well.

The three raffle items:

1. Broken Bow Cabin (Value \$1400)
2. ROUBAIX Miller Belt Bag (Value \$650)
3. Rustic Cuff Bracelets with bonus Big O Key ring (Value \$290/\$25)

If you have questions, or are interested in a packet of tickets, please email Andrea at

CCAMVPatLarge@AggieNetwork.com.

To Venmo a purchase: Andrea Greenwald @Andrea-Greenwald-1 OR Linda Ali @LindaDiAli please be sure to tell us into which item bucket you want your raffle ticket(s) entered (1, 2, or 3)



Aggie Angels

to meet April 13

Aggie Angels had to cancel our last Happy Hour in February due to inclement weather and school closures. We are now set to meet on April 13 at Union Bear, Granite Park, 5:30-7 p.m. Invitations will be sent via email and posted on social media.

We will be excited to share stories about our Aggies and share experiences from Family Weekend, April 7-8!

In Loving Memory:

Denise Pelletier

(1956-2022)



3rd Annual Golf



Denise joined CCAM (Plano Aggie Moms, at that time) in 2000 as proud Mom of Joseph '04 and then Jenni '07. She approached everyone and everything she did with a smile and a can-do attitude. Denise was known for her sparkly personality and charming smile.

She was always involved in club activities, serving on Boutique, Scholarship Committee, VP-Projects, Raffle and Goodie Bags over the years. She also joined the Bunko Babes and Bookie Babes Book Club and was still active in both.

The Bunko Babes decided to see the world and started taking annual road trips in 2005 and then began flying to more exotic locations like New Orleans, Disney World, Vegas, San Francisco, Vail and New York City, and even a couple of cruises.

Denise enjoyed every minute of her time with her Aggie Moms and is the true embodiment of an Aggie Angel. She will be dearly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her and call her a friend.

She is survived by her husband, Joe, her Aggie children and their spouses,

Tournament scheduled for April 25

The Spring Golf Tournament is an excellent opportunity to bring former students, parents of current Aggies and anyone you know that is a Texas A&M fan out to Hurricane Creek Country Club for a round of fun. For those of you who are new – Hurricane Creek is in Anna, just a short drive up 75. Even if you don't play golf on a regularly basis or ever – plan to come out and have a little fun with us.

Our tournament will be held on **Monday, April 25th**. Please share the [registration link](#) with anyone you think may be interested.

We'll have the entire place to ourselves! Proceeds from the event fuel the efforts for scholarships that benefit incoming students as well as TAMU organizations. We'll have a variety of sponsorship opportunities, something for just about any budget!

We'd love your help building teams and looking for sponsors. Our big ASK today is for you to think of one person in your circle that you can connect with to bring a team of 4 to the Spring Golf Tournament.

We'll also be looking for volunteers as we get a bit closer to the event – so if you think you'd like to help out on the day of, please let us know.

Thanks, everyone! This is going to be an amazing event for the Collin County Aggie Moms' Club! We want each of you to be a part of it!

and her seven grandchildren whom she adored.

[Spring Golf Tournament Registration](#)



Meet President-Elect Becky Bird

Our club president-elect for 2021-22 is **Becky Bird**. (She will serve as President for the 2022-23 school year.) In the past, she has also served on the board as Pecans chair, Secretary, VP of Projects, Aggie Angels, Big Event and Rewards.

Becky graduated from Texas A&M University in 1989 with a bachelor's in Business Analysis. She met her husband Mike on her first day of work. Two years later, they married and will celebrate their 30th anniversary this summer. They now live in Plano. Becky works full-time as a Senior Project Manager at DXC Technology.

Becky and Mike have raised three Aggies--third generation. Kristin, Class of '18, earned a bachelor's in Accounting and her master's in Management Information Systems. She works for Deloitte in Dallas. Braden, Class of '19, earned his bachelor's degree in Computer Science. He works for Amazon in Dallas. Becky's current Aggie is Maddie, Class of '25. She is a freshman



Becky Bird & daughter Maddie with Miss Rev

Her advice for other Aggie Moms is the following:

Join the CCAM Board! It is the easiest way to get involved and meet other moms. There are a lot of positions and committees to choose from. They have different levels of time commitment, so it is not necessary to have a lot of free

studying Engineering.

time in order to join the board.

Becky loves Texas and can't imagine living anywhere else!



Register for May Graduate Recognition

GRADUATION will be here before we know it!!

Each semester our club recognizes recent Collin County Aggie graduates. We can't wait to celebrate your graduate and their accomplishments at our **May 16th** meeting!

[Register for May Graduate Recognition](#)



Our Spring Federation Meeting will be on Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9, during Family Weekend 2022

It's time for all members to pre-register for

Volunteers needed for Aggie Moms Boutique

Our club will have a booth and be selling items at the Federation's Boutique during Family Weekend, April 8-9, which will be held in the Gates Ballroom in the MSC. If you are going to be in College Station, please sign up to work a shift or two. We promise you will have fun!

the Federation Spring meeting. Collin County will have seven delegates. If you are planning to attend, please let Kathy (ccampresident@aggienetwork.com) know before March 31, 2022

You must pre-register with the link below for this meeting. **Please register by Monday, April 4**, to help us ensure quorum. Please note time on Friday is 5 p.m.

[Spring Federation Meeting Link](#)

Friday, April 8, 2022 - Gates Ballroom MSC

- 4:30 p.m. Check-In and Cash Bar opens
- 5:00 p.m. Business Meeting, Yearbook Dedication and Election of 2022-2023 Officers (*Club delegates must be in attendance*)
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Boutique Bethancourt Ballroom MSC

Saturday, April 9, 2022 - Gates Ballroom MSC

- Spring Meeting and Installation of Officers for 2022-2023
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee and light breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. General Meeting/Speakers
- 10:30 a.m. Outgoing Board Reception
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Boutique Bethancourt Ballroom MSC

[Sign Up for Boutique Shift](#)

2021-2022 Calendar of Events

March

- 4-6 Aggie Mom Camp
- 21 - General Membership Meeting
- 26 - Big Event

April

- 8-10 Parent's Weekend
- 8-10 Spring Federation Meeting
- 18 - General Membership Meeting

May

- 16 - General Membership Meeting



[Click to view full schedule of events](#)

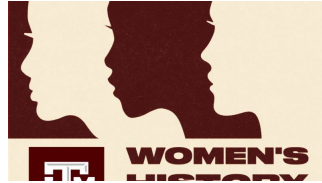


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