

**Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms**  
Newsletter  
**January 2016**



👍 **To All Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Families!** 👍

### **President's Corner**

Happy 2016! The Winter break is made merrier by having your Aggie home for the holidays. We extend a hearty invitation to your students to the January General Meeting before they return for the Spring semester. 2016 brings opportunities for you to get involved at the next level if you are up to it. We will be forming a nominations committee and a scholarship committee. Please let me know if you would consider volunteering on either one of these committees. We are also looking for interested Moms that would like to serve on the executive board. Please consider becoming one of our helping hands. It's very rewarding and a FUN group of ladies to work with.



This is the awesome time of our club year where we get to disperse our proceeds to well deserving future aggies and to organizations making an impact on our current aggies. But we don't want to leave 2015 behind without saying thanks to all our Aggie supporters that made our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Traditions Banquet "Boots and Whoops" in November such a success. Please visit our website page with the list of our banquet donors and say thanks to the donors you visit regularly or consider them in your future plans. Also, thanks to all the great Fall Goody Bag "goodies" made and distributed in December. I hope we added some happiness and love to our Aggies as they finished out their Fall semester.

We will need your help getting the word out to incoming freshman Aggies about applying for our scholarships and getting your Aggies' student organizations nominated to our Scholarship and Philanthropy chairs. We have been able to accomplish so much. Thank you for each and every thing, large and small, you have contributed to making our year a success.

Gig'em!

**Lisa Lawrence '81**  
**2015-16 President**  
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## Dates to Remember



**January 12 6:30 pm General Meeting, Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
**February 9 6:30 pm General Meeting, Christ the King Lutheran Church**

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## Scholarship & Philanthropy

Howdy! Looking forward to starting the year off right and seeing all Aggie Moms again at our January meeting. Please remember to stop by the Scholarship and Philanthropy table and enter your student's name for a chance to receive a student award. The Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms is pleased to award two \$200 student awards at each of our general meetings. Our winners over the past 2 meetings were:

October 2015 Meeting Winners:

James Martin - Class of 2017  
 Krista Ruppert - Class of 2016



November 2015 Meeting Winners:

Katie Sommers - Class of 2018  
 Carter Beck - Class of 2019

Do you know any HS Seniors who will be Aggies next fall? In mid-January, check out the Kingwood/Humble Aggie Moms website or ask your HS counselor for the Kingwood Humble Aggie Moms Scholarship application. Applications will be due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks and Gig 'em!

**Scholarship and Philanthropy Co-Chairs:** Cathy Raney - [cmraney@suddenlink.net](mailto:cmraney@suddenlink.net)  
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## Social

Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments for our November meeting. Aside from the insightful speakers we hear, awesome friendships we make, and amazing fundraisers that we plan...delicious snacks are another great reason to come to Aggie Moms Club meetings! We rely on members bringing food items to share each month. If you would like to sign-up to bring a snack to one of our monthly meetings, please email Kim Levy at [kimboxlev@gmail.com](mailto:kimboxlev@gmail.com) or go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449aaad2daafe3-social> and we will place you on the schedule. Thank you!



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## Programs

**January Meeting** - Aggie Moms is pleased to have Mr. J. David McMahon from TAMU Career Center Services. This is a meeting specially organized for our students, so moms, please bring your students with you to the meeting! Dads are welcome too! This will be a very informative talk to help your students develop their job search skills and find not only full-time jobs when they graduate, but also Internships and Co-op jobs before they graduate. The Career Center helps students understand the hiring process – from determining the job opportunities for their major, to how to differentiate themselves when dealing with employers, to how to evaluate offers and negotiate salaries.



The November meeting featured three terrific student speakers, Ryan Montgomery, Kai Jones and David Trigg from three great student organizations.

Ryan Montgomery, a '17 Construction Science major, serves as Director of Development, for **CARPOOL** ([carpool.tamu.edu](http://carpool.tamu.edu)). CARPOOL is a student-run 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides free, safe rides home on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 10pm to 3am. Students who use the service range from girls needing a ride home from the library at night to students who have had too much to drink on a football weekend. CARPOOL is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year, and founder Jeff Schiefelbein ('00) was honored as a 2014 recipient of TAMU's 12 Under 12 Young Alumni Spotlight.



The next speaker was Kai Jones, a '17 Industrial Distribution major and Recruitment Executive for the **Big Event**: ([bigevent.tamu.edu](http://bigevent.tamu.edu)): Started in 1982, the Big Event is a tradition 33 years strong. This event is the largest single day service event in the United States; TAMU students work on thousands of local Bryan/College Station projects on a single day. Projects include house repair, park cleanup, etc., basically anything needed in the community. This is a way for the student body to express their gratitude to the Bryan/College Station community that supports Texas A&M; it has been replicated on 110 campuses worldwide.

The final speaker was David Trigg '15. David is a former Corps Commander and serves as a **Maroon Coat** for the Texas A&M Foundation ([txamfoundation.com](http://txamfoundation.com)): 2015 marks the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the Maroon Coats organization, comprised of a select group of highly involved student leaders that serve as the student ambassadors of the Texas A&M Foundation. The group enhances the impact of the Foundation through stewardship and service. Their duties include interacting with donors at special events, providing a student perspective during fundraising meetings, writing thank you notes to donors, and hosting donors or friends of the Foundation on campus visits. Joining David was Shannon Zwernemann '03, Maroon Coats Advisor.



We learned so much about these student organizations. The speakers were GREAT and we had a great time!

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**Goody Bags – ORDER NOW!!! Spring Deadline – April 1<sup>st</sup>**



We want to thank each and every one who made the FALL GOODY BAG such a success. We handed out 162 ATM grocery bags with insulated Aggie cups and none of it would have been possible without ALL the help received. Gig'em to all the moms who .... came to pack the bags; provided the ENORMOUS amount of baked goods; calculated how many of the delicious baked goods each bag should have (a huge job!); loaded the bags in cars; drove our precious cargo to our campuses .... AND for all those that were able to help hand out the bags, it was such a fun day and each of our Aggie students were so gracious.

Thanks again and Gig'em!

**Co-Chairs:** Donna Hunter - [sbmkt@gmail.com](mailto:sbmkt@gmail.com)  
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**Want more information about our club's activities?  
 Join the Kingwood/Humble Area Aggie Moms Facebook Group!**

## Aggieland Athletics, Activities, and Eats!

### Basketball Season

The Fightin' Texas Aggie basketball season has only begun! Basketball games in Aggieland are tons of fun so you won't want your aggie to miss out on them! Below is the men's and women's January home games in College Station!

#### Men's

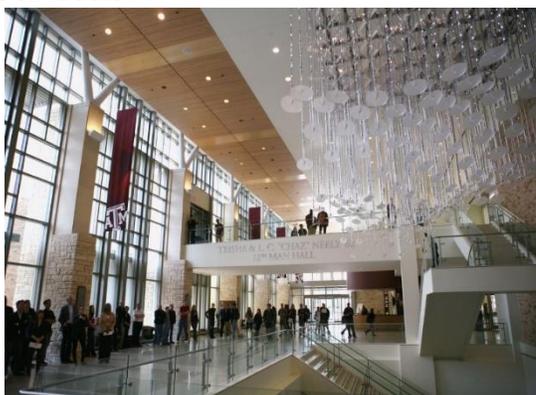
- **January 12<sup>th</sup>** - Florida at 6 p.m.
- **January 19<sup>th</sup>** - LSU at 8 p.m.
- **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Missouri at 3 p.m.

#### Women's

- **January 14<sup>th</sup>** - Ole Miss at 7 p.m.
- **January 21<sup>st</sup>** - Missouri at 7 p.m.
- **January 31<sup>st</sup>** - South Carolina at 5 p.m.



### Activities



MSC Open House - The MSC will be having its annual open house on **January 24<sup>th</sup>**. The open house displays all kinds of different student organizations that your Aggie can join! There will be different booths located all around the MSC from **1-4 p.m.** During the next two weeks after the MSC Open House, many organizations will have informationals for your aggie to find out more about each organization specifically. The MSC Open House is a great place for your Aggie to find out what they want to get involved in this coming semester! To find out more information go to <http://mscopenhouse.tamu.edu> .

### Eats

Paolo's Italian Kitchen is a great place to go if you're visiting your Aggie or if they're looking for something a little nicer than the pasta bar on campus! They are conveniently located not too far from campus at 809 University Drive East.



Here is a link to menu: <http://www.paolositaliankitchen.com/menu.html>

**Student Activities Chair: Leslie Flickinger – [lflickinger@incarnateword.org](mailto:lflickinger@incarnateword.org)**

**Next Aggie Moms Club Meeting:  
 Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
 Christ the King Lutheran Church  
 3803 W. Lake Houston Pkwy  
 Kingwood, 77339**