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EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Howdy Ags!

Nope, much to the dismay of Chicken Little, the sky is not falling. In fact this special edition of *The Abilene Aggie* will confirm just the opposite, the sky and the future of A&M is bright and Sunny. This month we have the pleasure of introducing 13 young men and women who have earned scholarships from our Club. It is also an opportunity to say **Thank You** to all of our members who generously contribute their time, talents and financial support to make the scholarships possible.

It all started in 1952 when a group of Abilene Aggies decide to sell French fries at the West Texas Fair. 65 years and several additional Club projects later, our Club has contributed well over a half of a million dollars to support students striving to achieve their dream of becoming an Aggie. Other, larger Clubs have contributed more money, but proportional to our membership, we are still one of the top sponsors of scholarships. If you don't think they make a difference to the recipients, you missed Tom Osborn's ('64) expression of gratitude last year and you haven't read Roxanne's *Did You Know* in this edition.

Yep, we still sell french fries, but that project alone will not generate the funds we need for the scholarship program. Luckily, when the Golf Tournament became infeasible and was discontinued, Nick Arrott and a crew of good Ags stepped up, organized and reinstated Coach's Night to support the scholarship program. It's a good thing Aggies are devoted to their school and not afraid of old fashioned, hard work because these projects require a bunch of it.

Once again Ags, **Thank You** for your hard work, commitment and financial support for these programs. I know when you meet the young ladies and gentlemen we are helping attend and learn the core values we learned at a little school on the Brazos, a school called Texas A&M you will know your contributions are well placed.

Gig 'em,
J. Clay Deatherage '84

UPCOMING
EVENTS

JUNE HAPPY HOUR

June 8, 2017 • 5:00 PM • Lytle Land & Cattle Company

All Regular Club Meetings are at Noon at Joe Allen's Corral Room

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

June 15, 2017 at Lytle Land & Cattle Company



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2017 Abilene A&M Club Calendar

JUNE

- 7th - Monthly Meeting
- 8th - Happy Hour Lytle Land & Cattle
- 14th - COACH'S NIGHT
- 15th - Board of Directors Meeting

JULY

- 4th - Happy Birthday USA!
- 5th - Monthly Meeting
- 13th - Aggie Happy Hour
- 20th - Board of Directors Meeting

Coach's Night June 14, 2017

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THE ABILENE A&M CLUB PRESENTS

THE 4TH ANNUAL COACH'S NIGHT

FEATURING:

COACH RON COOPER

TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL SECONDARY COACH

Where: Abilene Women's Club
3425 South 14th Street
Abilene, Texas 79605

When: Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

What: The event includes a steak dinner, silent auction, cash bar, and a Texas A&M football state-of-the-union presentation from Coach Cooper.

Tickets: \$35.00 per person if ordered by June 7.
\$50.00 per person thereafter or at the door.

Century Sponsor Package: \$400.00 for a premium reserved table for 8 people, sponsorship mention in the event program, and an Abilene A&M Club collectible glass mug for all 8 attendees.

Title Sponsor Package: \$1,500.00 for the same as above Century Sponsor plus recognition as the Coach's Night's title sponsor and Coach Cooper sits at your table with you and your guests.

See the back for ticket or sponsorship ordering details.

Contact Nick Arrott at (214) 683-6154 if you have any questions.

All proceeds benefit the Abilene A&M Club's Scholarship Fund.

The Abilene A&M Club's 4th Annual Coach's Night Ticket and Sponsorship Order Form

TICKET ORDER FORM

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to reserve the following tickets:

_____ Single Ticket(s)* \$35 or \$50 Each X _____ = \$ _____

*\$35 per ticket if ordered on or before Wednesday, June 7, 2017; \$50 per ticket if ordered thereafter

To reserve tickets in advance, either register online at <https://abileneamc.aggienetwork.com/clubevents/coachs-night/> OR mail or deliver your payment with this completed ticket form to: Nick Arrott, 2 Village Drive, Suite 101, Abilene, Texas 79606.

Please make checks payable to: The Abilene A&M Club

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*All sponsorships paid before June 7, 2017, will be included in the Event Program.

If you are purchasing a table or multiple tickets, then please provide a list of names of attendees:

**We are PROUD to INTRODUCE the 2017
Abilene A&M Club Scholarship Recipients**

Colin Kappel	Hunter Owen
Collin Gardner	Rebekah Mullin
Kyle Medlock	Hailey Moore
Chandler Smith	Nathan Browning
Halee Sanderson	Colton Harris

The Blue Denham Scholarship
River Young

The Jim & Kim Snyder Scholarship
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Colin Kappel is Salutatorian at Cooper High School. He is also an Eagle Scout and avid violinist. Colin is majoring in Honors Biomedical Science and wants to become a veterinarian.

Collin Gardner is a graduate of Anson High School. He plans on majoring in Computer Science and working in research. Collin will be a first generation college student. He was active in band, student government, UIL competitions and FFA where he competed on multiple ag skills and leadership teams including a national placing entomology team. He wants to utilize his computer skills to improve agriculture productivity. If his 1450 SAT score is any indication he will definitely achieve his goals.

Kyle Medlock is a graduate of Wylie High School. He is an Eagle Scout and plans on being in the Corps. He is majoring in Biomedical Science and wants to become an ER physician eventually. He has volunteered at the French fry booth for several years.

Chandler Smith is also a Jim Ned graduate. He wants to major in Mechanical Engineering. He would eventually like to get an engineering job where he can do some traveling and gain a lot of work experience.

Halee Sanderson is Valedictorian at Blackwell High School. She will major in Agriculture Communication. She eventually wants to go to law school and advocate for people in the agriculture industry. Dream job – Ag Commissioner for the State of Texas!

Hunter Owen graduated first in his class at Albany High School. He is also an Eagle Scout. Owen wants to major in Business, then go on to medical school (yes, it's a thing!). Specifically he wants to be an orthopedic surgeon and work mostly on sports related injuries. He hopes to still be playing baseball and leading the Albany Lions to a state championship long after you read this.

Rebekah Mullen is the Valedictorian at Aspermont High School. She is heavily involved in agriculture and wants to major in Wildlife Biology. Her goals are to work for Texas Parks and Wildlife, get a Master's and Doctorate, and eventually wants to be a professor. She was inspired to be an Aggie by her grandfather, Gary Walters '76.

Hailey Moore is a Wylie graduate. She will be a Business-Marketing major. She also plans on getting her Master's, be an intern, then open her own business in retail. She has also helped us out in the French fry booth.

Nathan Browning graduated from Clyde High School. He plans on being in the Corps and joining the band (did you know you have to try out for band now?). He is very interested in Aerospace Engineering and aircraft design. He wants to design and build aircraft for personal and sport flying.

Colton Harris is also an Eagle Scout and graduated from Jim Ned High School. He plans on majoring in Sports Management/Journalism. He wants to travel and report on all kinds of sports.

The CFA Snyder scholarship went to Grant Head this year. Grant is an Albany graduate and will be participating in the Blinn Team program. He will major in Rangeland Ecology and Management. His dream job is for him and his Aggie sister to open a feed and seed store somewhere close to the family ranching operation.

The CFA "Blue" Denham scholarship went to River Young. He is a Cooper graduate and plans to join the Corps. He plans on majoring in Accounting/Forensic Accounting. His plans include doing an internship in Austin, then get a job in New York City. (New York City?)

The CFA Abilene A&M Club scholarship was awarded to Lauren Jones. Lauren graduated from Sweetwater High School. She is majoring in Construction Science. She told us she has always liked building things and wants to be a project manager to oversee and coordinate project activities.

Based upon the cost of attending A&M (see Roxanne's Did You Know) and the success resulting from your hard work and generosity, we were able to raise our 10 fish scholarships and the White Belt Scholarships to \$3,000 this year. Thank you Ags! Have no doubt, your investment in these members of the Class of '21 is money well spent.

Gig 'em!

Aggie Traditions: Fish Camp

Each year, Texas A&M incoming freshmen are welcomed to the university at Fish Camp, a four day orientation program that takes place at the Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, Texas. At Fish Camp, freshmen are given opportunities to learn Aggie traditions, make friends and learn more about life at Texas A&M. The camp is led entirely by Texas A&M students.

During Fish Camp, the freshmen are split into “camp” groups of approximately 120 students and 24 upperclassmen counselors. Each of these camps is divided into Discussion Groups of 10-15 freshmen and two counselors. In addition to meeting friends and forming valuable connections, DG time provides freshmen with opportunities to ask any questions they may have about life at Texas A&M.

This venue to keep the Aggie Traditions we all cherish alive has become an important step in the process of becoming an Aggie. Whoop!

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Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW In 1876 when Texas A&M opened its doors tuition was \$197.00 per term (2 semesters). A four year education was a whopping \$788. Tuition included all "fees", meals and books.

In 1940 when the greatest generation was enrolled they paid \$333.65 per term. Again all inclusive four year degree \$1,334.60. Dub Pritchett worked in Duncan Dining Hall cleaning up after meals in order to pay his tuition.

The flower children of the 1960s were spending \$742.60 per term. By this time that was for tuition only. Now the fees for meals, and tuition were billed separately and the school no longer supplied books for free.

I think tuition charges in the 1970s were about \$1000 per term, with about \$200 for books. In 1973 the minimum wage rose to \$1.75/hour, gas was a horrible \$0.29/gallon. Student tickets to the football games were free and date tickets were \$1.00, and still that was sometimes hard to scrape together.

Today, well we all long for those tuitions of the past as the average tuition is 18,000 per term (remember this is 2 semesters). This number does include some fees however things like parking passes, books, sports passes, rooms/apartments, or meals are not included. A four year degree at an average \$72,000 is an impossibility for many. Today scholarships, grants, loans and work/study programs help students and their parents achieve that dream of a college education.

Roxanne Schoen '74



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This "shack city" was known as "Hollywood" among the students. When it rained the shacks were known as "Hollywood under the sea", not sure if that is because of leaking roofs or the water the students had to wade through to get to their "rooms".

In 1918, former President of the Board of Directors, Judge Kirvin Kade Leggett (of Abilene) wrote a letter to governor William P. Hobby looking for funding, because "this is the only institution in the civilized world where a number of its students are forced to live in tents,". The hall was named after him to honor his efforts.

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Is there anything that you would like to see in the next issue of The Abilene Aggie?

Do you have any ideas for events or fundraising?

We would love to hear about it! Please send any feedback to andrewmoto@suddenlink.net or 325-673-6707.

Prayers and Concerns

Please pray for the Class of '17 as they enter the real world and put their hard earned knowledge and Aggie values to work. Pray for the Class of '21 as they begin the journey of their life.

Memorial Contributions

There are many ways to honor departed family members and friends. Should you select a memorial contribution that embodies the Aggie Spirit as a method to celebrate the life of a loved one, the Abilene A&M Club will consider it an honor to help ensure your wishes are met.

Local Club options include the Senior Ring & Boot Fund, the Freshman Scholarship Fund and the Class of '43 White Belt Scholarship Fund. If your preference is one of the numerous organizations on campus or an affiliate of the Aggie network, please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.

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Statement of Purpose: Primary functions of the Abilene A&M Club are serving as the focus of all organized alumni activity in the Abilene area, and providing scholarship funds for deserving area students who are attending Texas A&M. The Club currently offers scholarships funded by your Membership Dues, Reveille Donations, Newsletter Sponsorships, the Aggie French Fry Booth at the West Texas Fair, A&M Football on radio and the annual Golf Tournament. Donations may also be made directly to the Abilene Community Foundation Texas A&M University Scholarship Fund (tax-deductible) which is a perpetual fund using only the income generated for scholarships.

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