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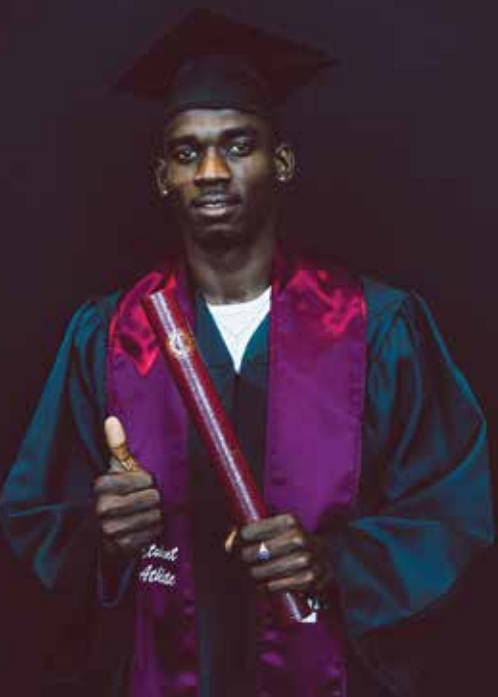
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OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES CONTINUED TO RAISE THE BAR IN 2017-18

990

Department Average NCAA APR Score (School Record)

618

Named to Athletic Department Honor Roll

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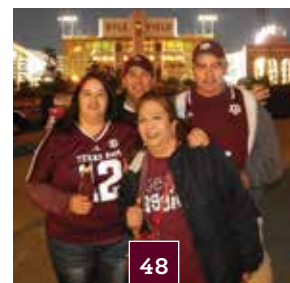
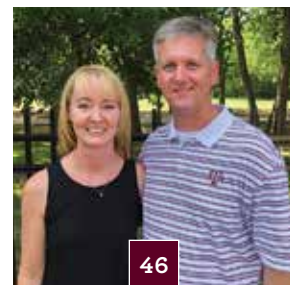
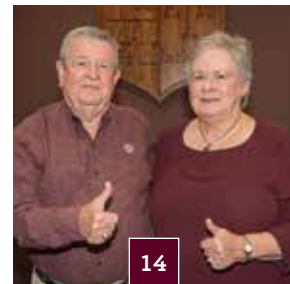
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2018 ATHLETIC AMBASSADORS SUMMER MEETING IN BASTROP FEATURES E. KING GILL AWARD PRESENTATION

The 12th Man Foundation was honored to conclude the 2018 Athletic Ambassadors Summer Meeting by presenting Carolyn and Tommie Lohman '59 with the 2017 E. King Gill Award. Longtime supporters of Aggie Athletics, Carolyn (above, left) and her late-husband Tommie have been instrumental in A&M's rise to athletic prominence and embody every aspect of the award, which is presented annually to donors who have generously helped the 12th Man Foundation realize its mission of funding scholarships, programs and facilities in support of championship athletics. Other highlights from the annual fun-filled Summer Meeting included a luncheon and autograph session with student-athletes, presentations from A&M Athletics and 12th Man Foundation leadership and a speech and Q&A session with Jimbo Fisher. The 2019 Summer Meeting will be held at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa on June 20-22. For information about becoming an Athletic Ambassador, call 979-260-2394.












CHAMPIONS COUNCIL MEMBERS HOST REGIONAL RECEPTIONS WITH JIMBO FISHER

12th Man Foundation Champions Council members hosted regional receptions for fellow members in the spring featuring new Texas A&M head football coach Jimbo Fisher. Special thanks to hosts Shannon '86 and Wayne Roberts '85 (Austin, pictured to the right), Steve Brauer Jr. '02 (Fort Worth), Trisha and L.C. "Chaz" Neely '62 (San Antonio), Cynthia Ann and Kendall A. Miller '88 (Houston), Michele and Jack Lafield '72 (Dallas) and Oldham Goodwin Group, LLC (Bryan/College Station). Champions Council members represent A&M Athletics' most financially committed former students and friends. Members enjoy access to exclusive events in an effort to form an intimate connection with Aggie Athletics. For more information about Champions Council, please call 979-260-7595.



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THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO OUR DEDICATED STAFF:

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-  **Matt McQuillan**
Manager of Information Technology

In other staff news, the Marketing & Communications Department is excited to announce that Brian Davis '01 will be serving as the Editor of *12th Man Magazine* in addition to his role as Director of Communications & Creative Services.



AGGIE ACCOLADES



AGGIES FOR HAITI

For the third year in a row, Texas A&M student-athletes displayed selfless service by helping others with Mission of Hope Haiti. "We're going to go and give hope, but the beautiful people of Haiti turn around and give us hope," Director of Player Development Mikado Hinson said. "We're just a small piece of that, but we're honored to be a part of it."



COMPLIANCE CORNER CROWDFUNDING

In recent years, there have been many NCAA violations related to crowdfunding, the practice of funding a project or venture by raising monetary contributions from a large number of people, typically via the internet.

Generally, the violations have resulted from prospective student-athletes, student-athletes or their friends or relatives starting crowdfunding campaigns to raise money for the prospective student-athlete's, student-athlete's or their relatives' expenses (e.g., prospective student-athlete accepting crowdfunding donations from boosters to buy a car; a student-athlete accepting crowdfunding donations from boosters to pay for her spring break vacation; a student-athlete's parent accepting crowdfunding donations from boosters to pay for her travel expenses to watch her son play in away-from-competitions).

As a rule of thumb, if you are not related to a prospective or enrolled student-athlete but are a Texas A&M booster, then do not donate to the respective prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete's (or his or her relatives') crowdfunding campaign.

Finally, if you hear of a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete (i.e., PSA) who is in need of emergency financial assistance, contact Texas A&M Athletics Compliance.

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12TH MAN FOUNDATION'S JACOB GREEN NOMINATED FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME BALLOT

Texas A&M football legend Jacob Green joined 75 players and six coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision on the 2019 ballot for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. "I am humbled to be considered for this great honor," Green said. "Knowing the players and coaches that have been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, it is an honor to even be considered." Green earned first-team All-America honors in 1979 as one of the Southwest Conference's most feared pass rushers. He still owns the single season record with 20 quarterback sacks in 1979 and the career record with 12 forced fumbles. Green, who went on to a long and productive career with the Seattle Seahawks in the NFL, currently serves as vice president for major gifts and endowments for the 12th Man Foundation. The announcement of the 2019 Class will be made Jan. 7, 2019.



41ST-ANNUAL BURGESS BANQUET SET FOR SEPT. 14

Seven Hall of Famers, a Hall of Honor recipient and a Lifetime Achievement Award winner will be recognized at the 41st-annual Burgess Banquet on Friday, Sept. 14 in the Hall of Champions at Kyle Field. Legendary Aggies R.H. "Steve" Stevens '62 (Hall of Honor) and David Heath '76 (Lifetime Achievement Award) will be honored along with the Texas A&M Lettermen's Association's Hall of Fame Class of 2018: Bronson Burgoon '09 (men's golf), Kip Corrington '87 (football), A'Quonesia Franklin '08 (women's basketball), Laura Jones Hahn-Conti '06 (volleyball), Claude Riley, Jr. '84 (men's basketball), Kati Jo Spisak '06 (soccer) and George Woodard '79 (football). **For more information or to purchase tickets or sponsorships, visit 12thman.com/burgessbanquet or call 979-846-3024.**

TOP 10 EFFORT FOR TEXAS A&M IN 2017-18 LEARFIELD DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS

Texas A&M placed No. 10 overall and No. 3 in the Southeastern Conference in the final 2017-18 Learfield Directors' Cup standings. "A top 10 finish in the Learfield Directors' Cup is no small feat and something that Aggies everywhere can take pride in," Texas A&M Director of Athletics Scott Woodward said. "Our success is made possible by the tremendous hard work and sacrifice that our coaches, student-athletes and staff display on a daily basis." It was Texas A&M's first top 10 effort since 2013-14 and a two-spot improvement from last year's No. 12 finish. It was the 13th straight year that the Aggies have finished in the final top 25 of the Directors' Cup.



SUZANNE & CHARLES BOYETTE '79

BY CASEY PACE '18 & BRIAN DAVIS '01

SUZANNE AND CHARLES BOYETTE SHARE a passion for education and athletics.

They are dedicated Aggies who support Texas A&M as season ticket holders in football, women's basketball, baseball and softball.

They are active Champions Council members who have stepped up and answered the call to help fund facility projects like Davis Diamond.

And they are leaving a lasting impact on the lives of student-athletes through a generous contribution to the 1922 Fund, which represents the 12th Man Foundation's desire to endow scholarships for all student-athletes at Texas A&M.

"Donating to the 1922 Fund is a great opportunity to meet some of our fantastic student-athletes and make a real difference in their lives."

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

The son of an Air Force non-commissioned officer, Charles was living in Alexandria, Louisiana when he began considering four schools to pursue his college education.

"When I was admitted to Texas A&M, I stopped looking anywhere else," he recalled.

Charles arrived on campus in 1975 as a first-generation Aggie. When he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in Dec. 1979, he became the first college graduate in his family.

"I enjoyed all the traditions and made some really good friends," Charles said of his time in Aggieland. "It was a lot of fun."

Following a two-year stint with Amoco Production Company, Charles began working for DeGolyer & MacNaughton (D&M), a petroleum consulting company based in Dallas. It was there that he met Suzanne, a fellow D&M employee at the time.

"I started working there on January 1, 1982, and

we got married on October 2, 1982," Charles said.

"You could say it was love at first sight," Suzanne added.

BLEEDING MAROON

Charles has built a tremendously successful 36-year career at D&M and has served as the corporation's president since 2016. He previously served as executive vice president and co-manager for the firm's Central Europe-Asia Division. It's a career that has taken Charles all over the world representing an organization he's proud to say is full of Aggies.

A Michigan native, Suzanne holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. She retired in 2013 after a 15-year career as a teacher at Allen High School.

As the daughter of a professor, she had already seen her share of college campuses by the time Charles introduced her to A&M when they were dating.

"I immediately fell in love," she recalled. "I had been to a lot of universities, but I never saw anything like this. There is no other place like this."

Suzanne became an Aggie that day and has bled maroon ever since.

"That's all it took," she added.

FAMILY AFFAIR

The couple raised two Aggie sons, Stephen '07 and Chad '11, who now have successful careers of their own – Stephen with Deloitte in San Francisco, and Chad with Tonti Properties in Dallas.

Stephen and Chad were the impetus which led to the Boyettes becoming more involved with A&M Athletics.

"When they were in college, we started coming

Through their philanthropic endowment to the 1922 Fund, Suzanne and Charles have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know several Texas A&M student-athletes including Aggie All-American Christian Kirk.



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DONATING TO THE 1922 FUND IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SOME OF OUR FANTASTIC STUDENT-ATHLETES AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES.

— SUZANNE & CHARLES BOYETTE '79



As active Champions Council members, Suzanne and Charles have made impactful gifts towards the 12th Man Foundation's mission of funding scholarships, programs and facilities in support of championship athletics.

Suzanne calls supporting student-athlete scholarships a no-brainer.

"Education is so important," she said. "I know a lot of kids would not be able to go to college without a scholarship. Being involved in athletics builds so much character for these kids, and their coaches provide a tremendously positive influence in their lives. Any little thing we can do to help enhance student-athlete education and help them build relationships is so worth it to us."

Ultimately, people are the reason Suzanne and Charles continue to support the 12th Man Foundation and A&M Athletics. It's the student-athletes they are able to meet and positively impact. And it's the lifelong friendships they have made at events and games, win or lose.

"Building a relationship with the Boyettes over the last several years reminds me how blessed I am to interact with donors who have such a deep love for Texas A&M and want to help any way they can," said Brady Bullard, Senior Vice President of Major Gifts. "Charles and Sue certainly are those people and the 12th Man Foundation is proud to call them friends. Their gifts to support Aggie Athletics have made a significant impact on our student-athletes."

Indeed, the Boyettes are making a profound difference through their support of education and athletics at A&M. And while Charles has traveled all over the world during his 36-year career, for the Boyettes, Aggieland is the place to be. ■

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

Suzanne and Charles Boyette '79 are making a lasting difference with their generous financial contributions to Texas A&M Athletics.

Join the Boyettes as 1922 Fund donors and help support the 12th Man Foundation's desire to endow scholarships for all Aggie student-athletes.



CONTACT PATRICK WILSON '10 AT 979-260-7595

back to more events here," Charles said. "After they both had graduated, Stephen convinced me to buy football season tickets. He's a sports nut. Our involvement has continued to grow since then."

Now Suzanne and Charles, when he is not traveling for work, attend every Aggie Athletics and 12th Man Foundation event they can. They even bought a second home in College Station to be closer to the action.

"The other reason is we are thinking we will have grandkids someday," Charles added. "The two places the kids want to come visit are Disney World and College Station. So, if you're going to see them, you have to buy a house here."

Their College Station home has become a gathering place for family and friends, especially for Aggie football weekends.

"Their friends all come down, so we may have three or four couples stay at the house," Charles said. "They sleep on couches and floors, and they tend to have a lot of fun here, too."

THE PLACE TO BE

When the Boyettes made a contribution to the 1922 Fund, they were paired with Aggie All-American Christian Kirk. A philanthropic gift of \$100,000 or more to the 1922 Fund includes being assigned to a specific student-athlete's scholarship.

"Christian is a great young man and is really easy to talk to," Charles said. "He's smart and very family-oriented – he always likes to talk about his sister. Every once in a while, we will get a letter from him thanking us. He has a great head on his shoulders and will be successful in life."



12TH MAN FOUNDATION
1922 FUND

**THE 1922 FUND REPRESENTS
OUR DESIRE TO PERMANENTLY
ENDOW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ALL
AGGIE STUDENT-ATHLETES.**

It is an initiative that will benefit student-athletes from all teams, with different backgrounds and upbringings, and it is one that will forever resonate.



The 1922 Fund provides a perpetual impact on the education of Texas A&M's student-athletes.

Every year, the athletics department pays the university the current cost of attendance for every student-athlete on scholarship, including tuition and student fees. Donors can help minimize that burden by funding a scholarship with a gift of \$25,000 or more.

1922 Fund donors receive a variety of benefits, including:

- *\$50,000+ endowment: An invitation to an exclusive student-athlete engagement event.*
- *\$100,000+ endowment: Assignment of a specific student-athlete's scholarship offering a unique engagement with a Texas A&M student-athlete.*

An investment in the 1922 Fund is a direct investment in the long-term viability and success of Texas A&M Athletics.

**“IT GIVES ME CHILLS
THINKING ABOUT HAVING
A SCHOLARSHIP TO
ATTEND TEXAS A&M.
IT MEANS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO GET A DEGREE FROM
THE BEST SCHOOL AND
PLAY THE BEST FOOTBALL
IN THE COUNTRY.”**

– Nick Starkel '20

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FACILITIES UPDATE

Kevin Hurley, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Athletic Facilities



◀ E.B. CUSHING STADIUM

LEAD DONORS: AMY & TIM LEACH '82

Texas A&M track and field is on schedule to move into its new home this fall with a formal dedication tentatively planned for the inaugural meet in spring 2019. The 90,500-square-foot E.B. Cushing Stadium will seat 2,200 fans and will feature locker rooms, training areas, meeting spaces and more for both the men's and women's programs.

"We're excited about our upcoming season and are thankful to all Aggies who have cared and contributed to this project. Our program is moving from a very poor facility to maybe the best facility in the country. Our program has been successful and this can only be viewed as a tribute to the efforts of the Aggies who were part of our national championship teams. Those past teams and athletes are proud of their accomplishments and contribution to the program and Texas A&M. As the head coach, I can say nothing more than thank you from all of our past, present and future Aggies."

– COACH PAT HENRY

▶ SWIMMING & DIVING FACILITY PROJECT

Texas A&M Athletics is on track to hire an architect this fall for a much-needed swimming and diving facility that will provide spaces for student-athlete wellness, dryland training, locker rooms and team meetings. The project will also include a grand entrance for both the men's and women's teams.

"The swimming and diving facility project will provide an enormous benefit for our programs. We've always had a first-rate pool area, but the project will give our teams a dedicated area for student-athlete wellness, dryland training and locker rooms, and provide a space for the entire team to meet, which is something we've lacked for many years. The new entry area will be the 'front porch' of the facility and let everyone know that it's the home of two championship-caliber programs. We are so thankful for the dedication and generous support of the 12th Man Foundation and its donors."

– COACHES STEVE BULTMAN AND JAY HOLMES

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12th Man Foundation donors are vital to facility projects like these to ensure Texas A&M Athletics continues to compete at the highest level. Make an investment in the development of our student-athletes today.



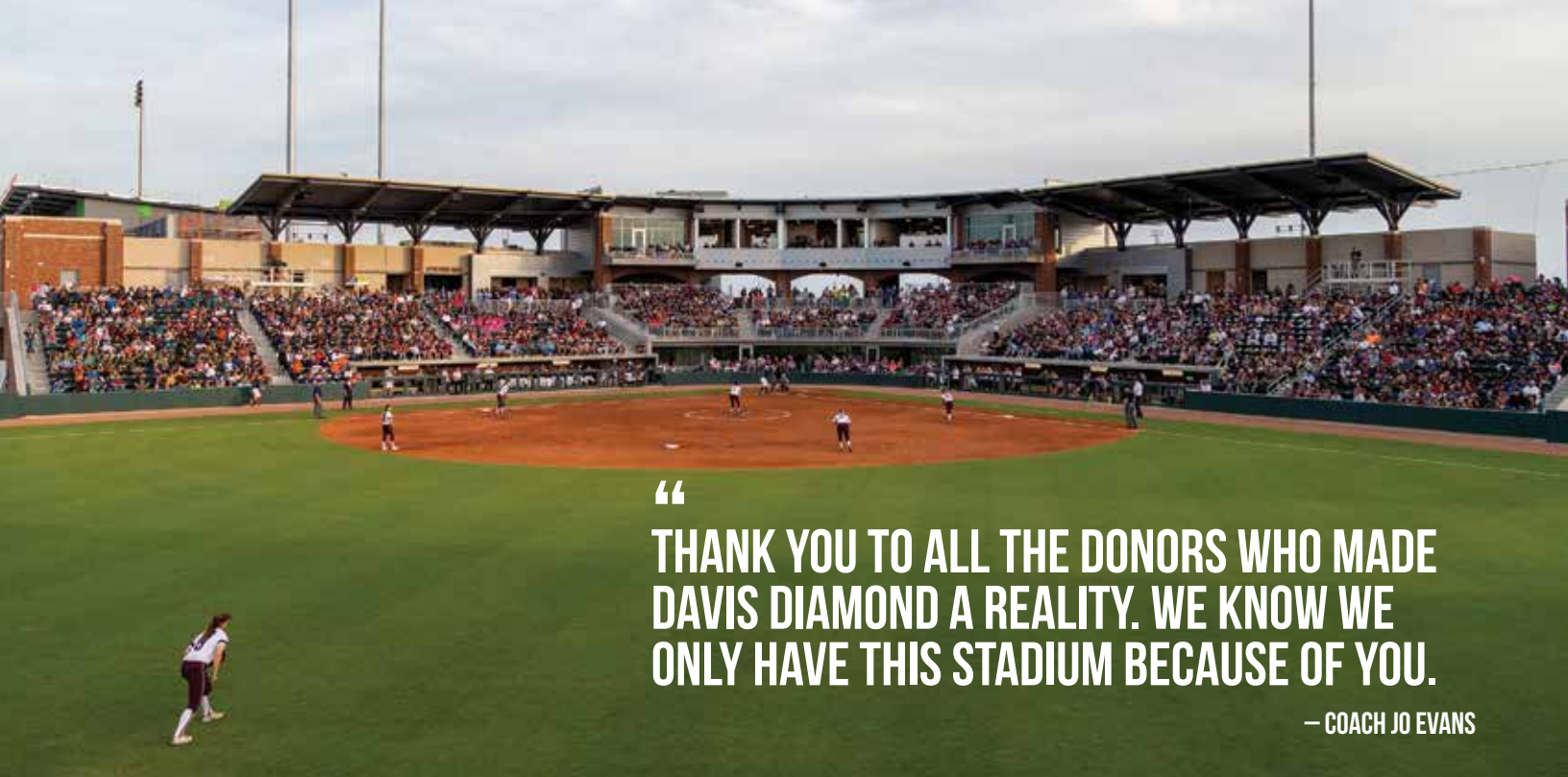
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▶ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STUDENT-ATHLETE CENTER REDEVELOPMENT

The Major Gifts staff is raising funds to redevelop the Texas A&M women's basketball student-athlete center. Like the Shannon '86 & Wayne '85 Roberts Basketball Student-Athlete Center that serves as home to the men's program, the project will include an improved nutrition area, updated graphics, enhanced technology, upgraded meeting space and a players' lounge. With critical support from donors, this project will help the women's basketball program continue to recruit and compete among the nation's elite.

▶ DAVIS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTER RENOVATIONS

To win championships you have to train like champions. This mindset is what caused coach Jimbo Fisher to hire Jerry Schmidt – widely considered one of the most accomplished and innovative strength coaches in the country – and it's also what drives us to improve one of the nation's best player development facilities. To continue to stay at the forefront of player development, technology and equipment improvements are needed throughout the Davis Player Development Center. In addition, this project will increase the square footage devoted to player nutrition.



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**THANK YOU TO ALL THE DONORS WHO MADE
 DAVIS DIAMOND A REALITY. WE KNOW WE
 ONLY HAVE THIS STADIUM BECAUSE OF YOU.**

— COACH JO EVANS



DAVIS DIAMOND

LEAD DONORS: BECKY '76 & MONTY '77 DAVIS

Texas A&M softball swept Auburn in its first series at Davis Diamond on April 27-29. The stadium's opening weekend featured a first pitch by Becky Davis '76 in the inaugural game and a seat selection event for season ticket holders following game two.

"The opening of Davis Diamond proved that if you build it, they will come. A lot of people came to experience the new stadium with its comfortable, chair-back seating that puts you right on top of the field. The fans who sampled Davis Diamond that weekend were duly rewarded. I believe this is the gold standard that every softball stadium will be judged by in the years to come." - KEVIN HURLEY

The Aggie softball team is scheduled to move into Davis Diamond in August with a formal dedication tentatively planned for the opening series in February 2019. If you're interested in purchasing season tickets or supporting the softball program with a gift, call 888-99-AGGIE or visit www.12thmanfoundation.com.



12th Man Foundation staff members (left) helped season ticket holders and donors select their new seats at Davis Diamond following the Aggies' win over Auburn on Saturday, April 28.

"Thank you to all our wonderful season ticket holders and donors who participated in our seat selection event. It was our pleasure to serve you!"

— BRITTON DOUGLASS, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PREMIUM SERVICES

ELLEN & PENROD S. THORNTON '63

BY BRIAN DAVIS '01

SOON AFTER GARY BLAIR BECAME the head women's basketball coach at Texas A&M, he reached out to the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation with a unique request.

He wanted to inquire if former President George H. W. Bush and former first lady Barbara Bush would be willing to speak to his team at an upcoming practice.

Penrod "Rod" Thornton '63, the Foundation's deputy director at the time, answered the call and made the arrangements.

That practice turned out to be one of many the Bushes would attend with Rod over the coming years. The 41st president and his wife became big fans of Blair and his program.

"They're very perceptive of how people are treated," said Rod, who worked for former President Bush. "They noticed how Gary and his staff were very concerned about what the girls learned and how they were developed."

Rod also discovered something special in Coach Blair that day.

"I really appreciate the kind of coach he is," Rod said. "He develops student-athletes' entire lives – not just their athletic lives."

Rod and his wife, Ellen, developed a friendship with Blair and have become dedicated supporters of Aggie women's basketball.

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Rod always seemed destined to be an Aggie. The Corpus Christi native had an opportunity to attend the Air Force Academy after high school, but ultimately decided to follow in the footsteps of his Aggie father and grandfather, classes of '39 and '15.

"I didn't want to put all my eggs in one basket to be a military officer and a pilot," he said. "Texas

A&M afforded me an opportunity to have more options."

After earning a bachelor's in business administration from A&M in 1963, Rod was commissioned into the Air Force where he served for 20 years. He received a Bronze Star Medal for his service during the Vietnam War.

"He won't tell you," Ellen said, "but he's a hero."

Rod continued his career in public service working for the Central Intelligence Agency in clandestine services where he gathered information, trained officers and briefed former President Bush while he was in office.

Ellen, a Florida State University graduate, met Rod in Washington D.C. She heard a lot about A&M while living there, but did not become fully indoctrinated until Rod took her to her first Aggie football game at Penn State in 1979. A&M upset the 6th-ranked Nittany Lions, 27-14, behind Curtis Dickey's running attack and an outstanding Aggie defense led by All-American and current 12th Man Foundation Major Gifts fundraiser Jacob Green.

AN AGGIE FAMILY

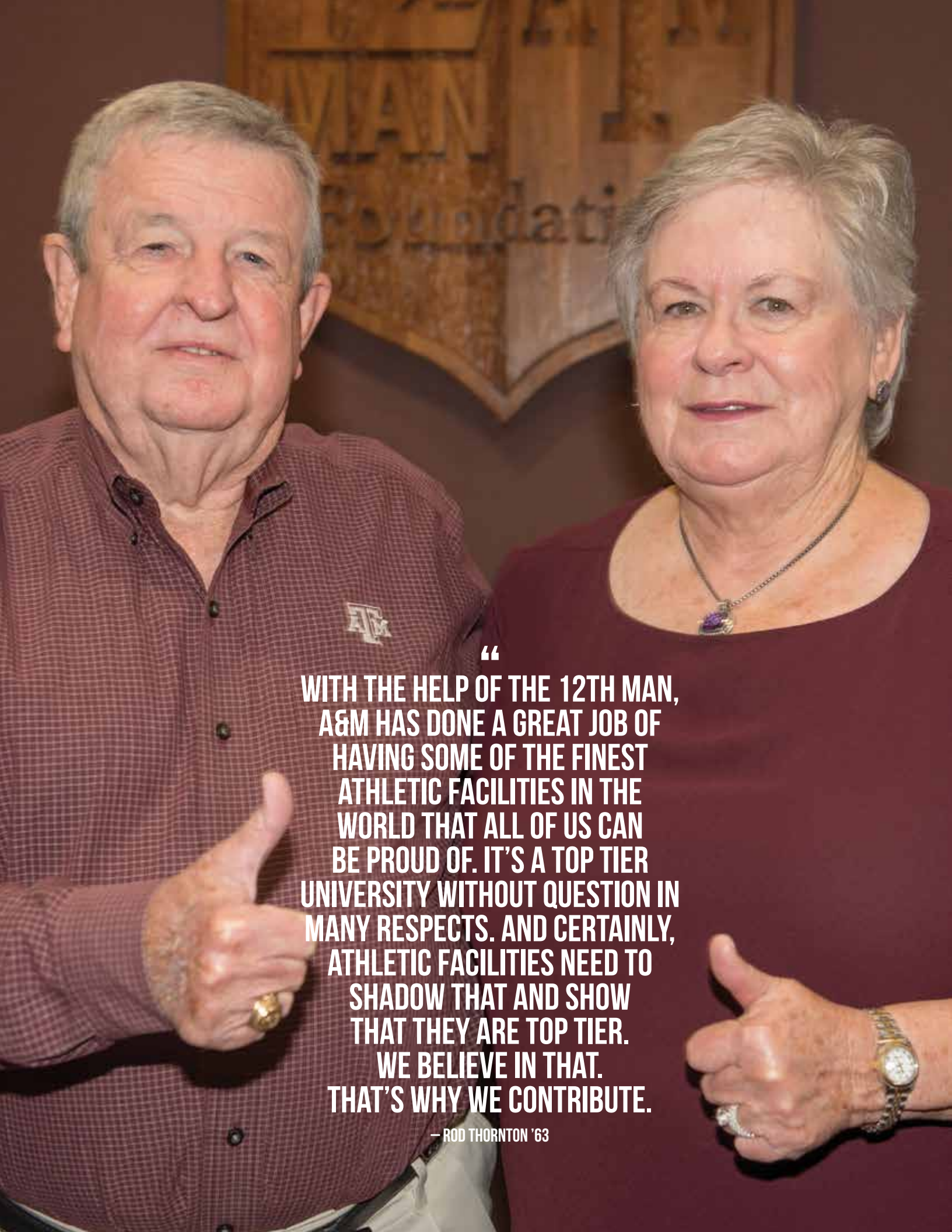
In 1984, the Thorntons moved to Houston and started going to Aggie football games and MSC OPAS events in College Station. Their oldest son, John '88, was attending A&M at the time.

Tragically, John was killed in an automobile accident while he was a student.

Like his father, John was in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. He was also a very active member of the OPAS Student Committee.

Following John's death, Ellen and Rod established the Memorial Student Center Endowment for the Performing Arts in his memory. The scholarship is awarded to a first-year OPAS Student

Throughout their careers and now in retirement, the Thorntons have lived a life of service to their country, to their community and to Texas A&M.



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WITH THE HELP OF THE 12TH MAN, A&M HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OF HAVING SOME OF THE FINEST ATHLETIC FACILITIES IN THE WORLD THAT ALL OF US CAN BE PROUD OF. IT'S A TOP TIER UNIVERSITY WITHOUT QUESTION IN MANY RESPECTS. AND CERTAINLY, ATHLETIC FACILITIES NEED TO SHADOW THAT AND SHOW THAT THEY ARE TOP TIER. WE BELIEVE IN THAT. THAT'S WHY WE CONTRIBUTE.

— ROD THORNTON '63

Rod and Ellen, pictured with A&M wide receiver Camron Buckley at the 2018 Athletic Ambassadors Summer Meeting, have enjoyed learning about the life of an Aggie student-athlete through their involvement with the 12th Man Foundation.



YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Ellen and Rod Thornton '63 have made a tremendous impact on Texas A&M Athletics with their generosity and are now helping lead the charge to redevelop the Aggie women's basketball student-athlete center.

Join Ellen and Rod in supporting this vital project for women's basketball.



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Committee member to cover the expenses required for participation.

"We learned that a lot of Aggies who wanted to serve on the committee were required to have black dresses for the girls and suits for the guys," Ellen said.

Their youngest son, Doug '92, was active on the OPAS committee as well.

Also a member of the Corps, Doug earned three degrees from A&M, completing his PhD in Political Science in 1998. He's currently assistant department head in A&M's Political Science department and has a 9-year-old son.

"He's just getting to the point where he really likes football," Rod said of his grandson. "We are still trying to develop his interest in basketball."

ANSWERING THE CALL

In 2001, Rod answered the call to move to College Station and work for the Bush Foundation, a position he held until retiring in 2008. And although Ellen retired from a 30-year career in education as a teacher and school administrator when they moved, she worked part-time for six years as an instructor at the Student Learning Center at A&M.

"When Rod received the offer to come here, I thought I was going to be an Aggie Athletics widow," Ellen said. "I had never really gone to a basketball game, and now I'm a screaming supporter. I don't miss a game. I love the spirit."

Besides attending events, the Thorntons have stayed busy in retirement volunteering for local non-profit organizations including OPAS, Brazos Valley Symphony and the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. Rod and Ellen also serve on the Development Council of the College of Education

and Human Development. And when Coach Blair needed a new leader for Blair's Buddies, a group dedicated to supporting the Aggie women's basketball program, he called on his friend Rod.

"Ellen and Rod are special Aggies who exemplify selfless service," Blair said. "They are out in the forefront, making sure they are helping our program. I really appreciate them and their service to A&M and our country."

DOING THEIR PART

As supporters of the women's basketball program, the Thorntons have enjoyed watching the student-athletes grow and develop from freshmen to graduating seniors.

"It's been wonderful for us to get to know the life of a student-athlete," Ellen said. "They have a tough schedule. We've been on several trips with them and their day is completely full of film, study hall, practice and shootarounds. It's been so enriching to get to know them and learn what their goals and dreams are."

In addition to their support of women's basketball, the Thorntons have contributed to various scholarship programs within athletics and the university. They have made a tremendous impact on the 12th Man Foundation and A&M Athletics as season ticket holders and with generous contributions to facility projects.

"With the help of the 12th Man, A&M has done a great job of having some of the finest athletic facilities in the world that all of us can be proud of," Rod said. "It's a top tier university without question in many respects. And certainly, athletic facilities need to shadow that and show that they are top tier. We believe in that. That's why we contribute."

TEXAS A&M WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STUDENT-ATHLETE CENTER

SUPPORTING A PRESSING NEED

Ellen and Rod have done their part and more with gifts for the Cox-McFerrin Center for Aggie Basketball, the R.C. Slocum Nutrition Center and Davis Diamond. Now they have stepped up and answered the call again in support of a new project – the redevelopment of the women's basketball student-athlete center.

"We believe that Gary has brought excellence to our women's basketball program," Rod said. "He has developed a class program and we are very fortunate to have that. To keep a class program, you need a facility that reflects your commitment to excellence. To make sure that happens, all of us have to step up and do our part. Every contribution counts."

The current facility within the Cox-McFerrin Center is 10 years old and one of the key highlights of a student-athlete's tenure at A&M.

"What you have in technology and nutrition now is nothing like it was 10 years ago," Rod said. "The student-athletes spend an awful lot of time in those facilities. It's very important for them to have a place where they can take care of their academics and learn basketball while building camaraderie with each other."

Rod stresses that the facility is also critical for Blair and his staff from a recruiting standpoint.

"Gary has built a successful program that attracts top recruits," he said. "If you don't have something that matches the other programs, you're a step behind. We believe that A&M coaches should be able to tell recruits that they're going to have the best facilities in the country no matter what you do."

Ellen and Rod have continued to answer the call with their commitment to A&M and hope others will join them in support of the women's basketball student-athlete center project. ■

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— ROD THORNTON '63

In an effort to stay at the forefront of collegiate women's basketball, we invite you to invest in the redevelopment of the women's basketball student-athlete center.

This space within the Cox-McFerrin Center is one of the key highlights of a student-athlete's tenure at Texas A&M and is one of many important aspects of a recruit's decision to choose our University.

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The facilities at Texas A&M have always been some of the best in the NCAA, and they attract some of the best players and coaches from around the world.

The changes we will make to our locker room, film room and players' lounge will help to keep us as one of the best programs in the SEC and the country.

Texas A&M is a special place. The 12th Man is always standing, ready to help our teams when called upon, and I know they will step up now.

— COACH GARY BLAIR



A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Thank you for your generous support of Texas A&M Athletics and the 12th Man Foundation

PRIDE IS NEVER IN SHORT SUPPLY AROUND AGGIELAND.

The sense of pride Aggies have when they boast about Texas A&M is unmatched. It is part of what makes this place special and is also a driving force at the heart of the 12th Man Foundation's core mission. Your pride and passion for Aggie Athletics is what makes our mission possible.

The 12th Man Foundation exists to serve Texas A&M Athletics by funding scholarships, programs and facilities in support of one of the premier athletic departments in the nation. The landscape of college athletics is one that is constantly evolving, and donors like you help provide the resources needed to keep our school at the forefront of collegiate athletics.

This issue of *12th Man Magazine* features our annual report, which details our most recently audited fiscal year – July 2016 through June 2017. The information in the following pages is meant to educate and inform you about how your generous support makes a difference for A&M student-athletes while highlighting the 12th Man Foundation's commitment to maximizing the impact of every dollar.

As you will see, donor contributions to the 12th Man Foundation represent a significant portion of the A&M Athletics budget. In the most recently audited fiscal year, more than \$36 million in annual donations was passed through to support athletics. When combined with over \$44 million for capital projects, you helped provide roughly \$81 million to ensure Texas A&M's 622 student-athletes have the proper resources to learn, train, compete and win. Your financial support is vital to maintaining an athletics department with a recurring annual budget of approximately \$145 million.

We take great pride in watching Aggie student-athletes enjoy success on the field of competition, but we take just as much pride in seeing them grow into exceptional ambassadors

for Texas A&M while they're on campus and after they leave. The impact that A&M has on their lives is immeasurable and your contributions to the 12th Man Foundation help make that possible.

The most recent athletic year has seen the Aggies garner national headlines with success and accomplishments across the board. Texas A&M finished 10th in the Learfield Directors' Cup standings, the school's first top-10 finish since the 2013-14 campaign, as 19 of A&M's 20 athletics programs advanced to the postseason. In the classroom, A&M set school records with a 990 department average NCAA Academic Progress Rate score and with 56 student-athletes named to the 2017-18 First-Year Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

In athletics competition, the past year was highlighted by SEC regular season championships in men's tennis and women's swimming and diving, an SEC Tournament title in soccer, an NCEA Reining National Championship in equestrian, Sweet 16 appearances in both men's and women's basketball as well as top-10 finishes in equestrian, men's golf and both men's and women's track and field.

Additionally, we have welcomed to Aggieland a trio of highly-respected and accomplished coaches in Jimbo Fisher (Football), Andrea Gaston (women's golf) and Laura "Bird" Kuhn (volleyball).

Much is expected in the coming years and just as A&M's coaches, staff and student-athletes are committed to success, we stand behind them thanks to the support you provide as the foundation of the 12th Man.

In April, A&M softball played its first series in a nearly-completed Davis Diamond. The \$28.6 million state-of-the-art facility was made possible by the generous contributions of 12th Man Foundation donors led by Becky '76 and Monty '77 Davis. A formal dedication of the new home for

Aggie softball is tentatively planned for next season's opening series.

Just a short distance from Davis Diamond is the site of E.B. Cushing Stadium, the future home of A&M's nationally-ranked track and field program. A 90,500-square-foot complex with seating capacity for 2,200 fans, E.B. Cushing Stadium will be able to host events at the collegiate and high school levels, as well as conference and national championships along with Olympic qualifying events. Total cost of the project is \$39.8 million and was made possible by 12th Man Foundation donors with a lead gift from Amy and Tim Leach '82. The project is scheduled to be completed this fall with a formal dedication tentatively planned for the first home event next spring.

Inside the Cox-McFerrin Center for Aggie Basketball, contributions by 12th Man Foundation donors led by Shannon '86 and Wayne '85 Roberts made it possible for the Aggie men's basketball program to redevelop its locker room and team area. The space, which features a comfortable team meeting room, nutrition station, locker room, equipment room and a recreation area, is already paying dividends with current student-athletes as well as the recruitment of top talent to Aggieland.

Thanks to your generosity, we have made tremendous progress in our efforts to fund arguably the best facilities in the nation for many of our athletic programs. As we look to the future, we are continuing to work with A&M Director of Athletics Scott Woodward and his administration to identify new areas of growth and potential. I'm thankful for Scott and his leadership as well as the special relationship that A&M Athletics and the 12th Man Foundation share in our common goal of championship athletics.

We take pride in serving as the ticket provider for A&M Athletics and we are implementing new ticketing systems and fundraising platforms

that will allow us to better serve our donors. The revenue from ticket sales through the 12th Man Foundation along with seat contributions, philanthropic gifts from our annual fund and major gifts donors make a significant impact.

In the coming year, we are going to continue to be ambitious in our support of A&M Athletics as we raise funds for renovations to the Davis Player Development Center and Bright Complex as well as redevelopments of the swimming and diving facility and women's basketball student-athlete center.

We're also exploring avenues to endow several coaching and staff positions in the athletics department while continuing to improve and enhance our donor service experience.

While there have been many things to celebrate in A&M Athletics, there is much work left to be done as we continue to strive for excellence in everything we do. Your support makes that possible, so please know that our hard-working staff is eager to continue producing a championship-level donor experience. We can assure you that your financial contributions have been felt in many positive ways by student-athletes and staff all across this high-achieving department.



Gig 'em!

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "T. Dabney". The signature is stylized and written over a white background.

Travis Dabney '96
President & CEO

A photograph of Cason Sherrod '18 and Carolyn Lohman. Cason is on the left, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt, smiling and giving a thumbs-up. Carolyn is on the right, wearing a dark, sequined top and a necklace, also smiling. They are standing in front of a backdrop with stage lights.

CASON SHERROD '18

BASEBALL | SENIOR | SPORT MANAGEMENT

LOHMAN INSPIRATION AWARD

2018 TEXAS A&M BUILDING CHAMPIONS AWARDS

Pictured with Carolyn Lohman, the award's namesake

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**MY FAMILY WOULDN'T
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TO COME TO TEXAS A&M.
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I WOULDN'T BE WHERE
I AM OR HAD THE
OPPORTUNITIES I'VE
HAD WITHOUT THAT
SCHOLARSHIP.**

— CASON SHERROD '18

A senior sport management major from Dallas, Texas, Cason Sherrod, was born two-and-a-half months premature resulting in permanent nerve damage that caused over 50 percent hearing loss in both ears.

Growing up, Sherrod's family couldn't afford hearing aids; he was limited to whatever his school provided, but was embarrassed to wear them. He managed to get by without them by reading lips, but could only hear half of what everyone else was hearing.

Due to his struggle with hearing, Sherrod's grades began to slip and baseball practice became miserable, as he chose not to vocalize his impairment to others. While in high school, a group of family friends teamed up with Callier Center in Dallas and raised \$7,500 to purchase digital hearing aids. With this assistance, Sherrod's pitching quickly improved and his performance was rightfully noticed by scouts as a result.

To inspire others with hearing loss to chase their dreams, Sherrod volunteers at the Brazos Valley Regional School for the Deaf. After recently completing his last season with the Aggie baseball team as No. 10 on the career list for games pitched, Sherrod was selected in the 7th round of the 2018 MLB Draft by the Miami Marlins.

The Lohman Inspiration Award recognizes the student-athlete at Texas A&M who has demonstrated integrity, and most importantly, perseverance in overcoming incredible challenges in pursuit of his or her education. This person is a role model for others who have faced adversity in their own lives and thought about giving up.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended June 30, 2017

| ASSETS | 2017 | 2016 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$19,481,560 | \$17,173,911 |
| Contributions receivable, net | \$24,877,123 | \$46,276,039 |
| Investments | \$68,427,706 | \$76,875,396 |
| Prepays and other | \$711,773 | \$240,928 |
| Total current assets | \$113,498,162 | \$140,566,274 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Property and equipment, net | \$4,341,641 | \$3,662,583 |
| Contributions receivable, net | \$42,848,098 | \$39,925,345 |
| Memberships | \$32,000 | \$32,000 |
| Investments | \$111,441,708 | 99,693,488 |
| Total other assets | \$158,663,447 | \$143,313,416 |
| Total assets | \$272,161,609 | \$283,879,690 |

| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$3,395,635 | \$1,439,685 |
| Deferred revenue | \$2,359,181 | \$2,252,411 |
| Current maturities on long-term debt | --- | \$952 |
| Total current liabilities | \$5,754,816 | \$3,693,048 |
| Deferred Revenue | --- | \$535,722 |
| Total liabilities | \$5,754,816 | \$4,228,770 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted | \$55,740,344 | \$64,799,986 |
| Temporarily restricted | \$163,876,300 | \$168,685,606 |
| Permanently restricted | \$46,790,149 | \$46,165,328 |
| Total net assets | \$266,406,793 | \$279,650,920 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | \$272,161,609 | \$283,879,690 |

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended June 30, 2017

| | UNRESTRICTED | TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED | PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED | YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 TOTAL | YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 TOTAL |
|--|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Revenues, Gains and Other Support | | | | | |
| Contributions | \$43,281,815 | \$23,344,214 | \$624,821 | \$67,250,850 | \$81,165,264 |
| Investment income | \$991,736 | \$14,671,472 | --- | \$15,663,208 | \$(1,921,743) |
| Other revenue | \$2,554,026 | \$460,200 | --- | \$3,014,226 | \$2,835,399 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | \$43,285,192 | \$(43,285,192) | --- | --- | --- |
| Total revenues, gains and other support | \$90,112,769 | \$(4,809,306) | \$624,821 | \$85,928,284 | \$82,078,920 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Distributions to Texas A&M University: | | | | | |
| Facilities | \$44,277,028 | --- | --- | \$44,277,028 | \$44,906,738 |
| Annual | \$36,571,386 | --- | --- | \$36,571,386 | \$31,240,284 |
| Contributor costs | \$3,367,503 | --- | --- | \$3,367,503 | \$3,913,925 |
| Total program services | \$84,215,917 | \$0 | \$0 | \$84,215,917 | \$80,060,947 |
| Fundraising | \$6,187,715 | --- | --- | \$6,187,715 | \$6,215,090 |
| General and administrative | \$8,768,779 | --- | --- | \$8,768,779 | \$9,727,766 |
| Total Expenses | \$99,172,411 | \$0 | \$0 | \$99,172,411 | \$96,003,803 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$(9,059,642) | \$(4,809,306) | \$624,821 | \$(13,244,127) | \$(13,924,883) |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | \$64,799,986 | \$168,685,606 | \$46,165,328 | \$279,650,920 | \$293,575,803 |
| Net Assets, End of Year | \$55,740,344 | \$163,876,300 | \$46,790,149 | \$266,406,793 | \$279,650,920 |

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THIS UNIVERSITY TRULY CARES ABOUT ITS STUDENT-ATHLETES AND PROVIDES THEM WITH THE TOOLS TO SUCCEED IN LIFE BEYOND COLLEGE. AND FOR THAT, I AM TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE DONORS WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE MY PAST FOUR YEARS REWARDING.

— LISA BRATTON '18

LISA BRATTON '18

SWIMMING & DIVING | SENIOR | OCEAN ENGINEERING

BILL ERWIN FEMALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

2018 TEXAS A&M BUILDING CHAMPIONS AWARDS

A senior from Richland, Washington, Lisa Bratton is a 15-time All-American in swimming who is majoring in Ocean Engineering with a 3.712 cumulative GPA. She was named the 2018 SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and has earned first-team Academic All-American honors three consecutive years by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America.

A six-time Texas A&M AD Honor Roll recipient, Bratton serves as the vice president of Omega Epsilon, the Ocean Engineering Honors Society on campus. She recently was named outstanding undergraduate student by the department of Ocean Engineering.

Bratton has twice been a team captain for the Aggies. She holds A&M school records in the 200 backstroke and 400 medley relay while producing top five all-time marks in three other events - 100 back, 200 IM, 400 IM. Bratton is also a four-time SEC Champion.

Named for longtime Texas A&M Athletics supporter and local philanthropist Bill Erwin, the Scholar-Athlete of the Year award is given to a male and female student-athlete who is in their final year of athletic eligibility and demonstrated outstanding academic and athletic performance.



TORI VIDALES '18

SOFTBALL | SENIOR | AG COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM

DISTINGUISHED LETTERMAN AWARD

2018 TEXAS A&M BUILDING CHAMPIONS AWARDS

Pictured with Cathy Capps, Texas A&M Lettermen's Association

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I WANT TO GIVE A HUGE
THANK YOU TO EVERY SINGLE
DONOR FOR THEIR SUPPORT.
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BEEN SUCH A PRIVILEGE
AND I WILL FOREVER BE IN
DEBT TO THE 12TH MAN. FOR
THE REST OF MY LIFE, I CAN
PROUDLY SAY THAT I WENT
TO TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY.

— TORI VIDALES '18

An All-American softball player from La Porte, Texas, Tori Vidales graduated in May 2018, earning a degree in agricultural communications and journalism with a 3.52 grade point average. Vidales worked with 12th Man Productions, represented Texas A&M during the SEC Career tour and was named to the SEC Academic honor roll for four consecutive years.

Last fall, Vidales served as a panelist in a discussion on the importance of networking with a group of Aggie female athletes during a WE3 event held at A&M. The WE3 program is a student-athlete initiative that stands for Women: Encourage, Equip, Empower. Vidales is one of the founding members of WE3, as well as its chief marketing officer.

One of the best to ever play for the A&M softball team, Vidales was selected for All-SEC, All-SEC Defensive team and All-SEC Freshman team during her Aggie career. She played and started in all 240 games of her career, finishing as A&M's all-time leader in runs batted in and runs scored, and second all-time in home runs.

The Distinguished Letterman Award is the highest award presented to a student-athlete once a year by Texas A&M Athletics. The individual is someone who displays extraordinary talents in the areas of athletics, scholarship, leadership and service.

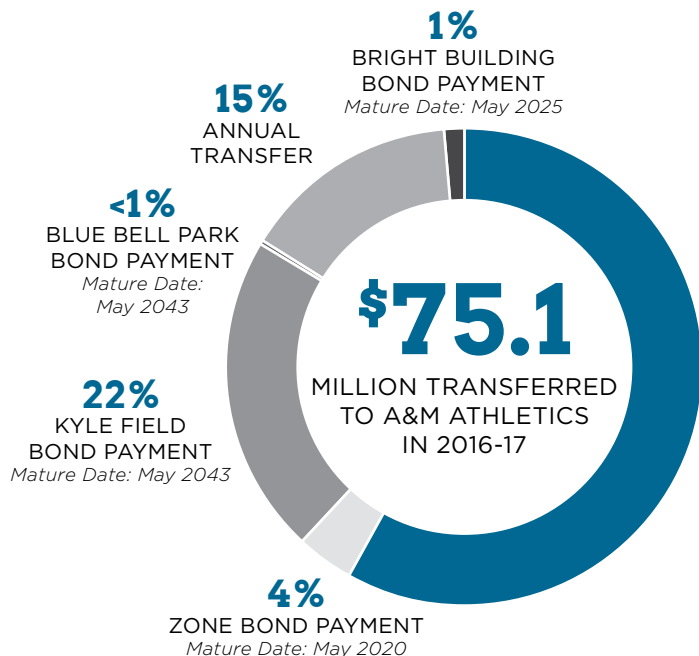
ENDOWMENT VALUE AND DISTRIBUTION

The 12th Man Foundation's endowment funds are invested by the Texas A&M Foundation

| ENDOWMENT FUNDS | BALANCE AS OF 6-30-17 | DISTRIBUTION |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 12th Man Endowment | \$61,887,090 | \$2,622,794 |
| Football Scholarship Fund | \$1,850,321 | \$68,876 |
| Men's Golf Scholarship Fund | \$20,753 | \$409 |
| Women's Golf Scholarship Fund | \$142,583 | \$3,938 |
| Baseball Scholarship Fund | \$795,508 | \$22,852 |
| Men's Basketball Scholarship Fund | \$186,575 | \$7,137 |
| Swimming & Diving Scholarship Fund | \$696,105 | \$29,138 |
| Unrestricted Scholarship Fund | \$156,548 | \$6,831 |
| Track & Field Scholarship Fund | \$119,646 | \$1,951 |
| Center for Student-Athlete Services | \$149,409 | \$5,542 |
| Women's Basketball Scholarship Fund | \$52,311 | \$1,489 |
| Women's Soccer Scholarship Fund | \$107,166 | \$3,774 |
| Volleyball Scholarship Fund | \$26,711 | \$1,036 |
| Women's Tennis Scholarship Fund | \$52,230 | \$921 |

This list is a portion of the 44 endowment funds maintained by the 12th Man Foundation

FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS



YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS

The 12th Man Foundation transfers funds annually to Texas A&M Athletics, which, in 2016-17, included \$43.6 million in contributions for facilities and \$20.4 million for bond payments.

58%
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FACILITIES

Donors pledged \$1.7 million to the 1922 Fund in 2016-17. Help the 12th Man Foundation endow scholarships for all Aggie student-athletes through the 1922 Fund.



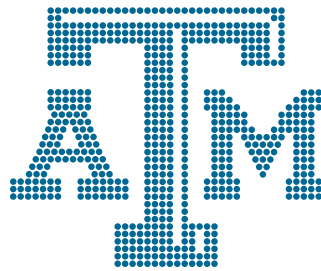
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FUNDING STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS

Your generous contributions to the 12th Man Foundation benefit every student-athlete and every sport

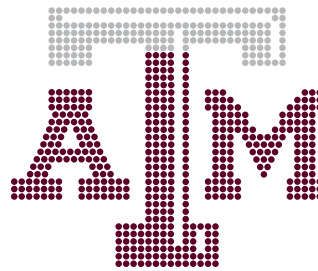
YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

With 73 percent of student-athletes in 18 sports receiving athletic aid, the costs of tuition, academic support, room and board, sports medicine, equipment, nutrition and more are exceptionally high. Covering these rising expenses would not be possible without your generous support.



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TEXAS A&M STUDENT-ATHLETES



456

STUDENT-ATHLETES RECEIVE ATHLETIC AID



255.2

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

170.2

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL

11.7 ●●●●●
BASEBALL

13 ●●●●●
MEN'S BASKETBALL

15 ●●●●●
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

12.6 ●●●●●
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD/
CROSS COUNTRY

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WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD/
CROSS COUNTRY

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EQUESTRIAN

85 ●●●●●
FOOTBALL

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MEN'S GOLF

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WOMEN'S GOLF

14 ●●●●●
SOCCER

12 ●●●●●
SOFTBALL

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MEN'S SWIMMING &
DIVING

14 ●●●●●
WOMEN'S SWIMMING &
DIVING

4.5 ●●●●●
MEN'S TENNIS

8 ●●●●●
WOMEN'S TENNIS

12 ●●●●●
VOLLEYBALL



\$48,410

AVERAGE ANNUAL COST PER IN-STATE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT-ATHLETE

\$67,782

FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENT-ATHLETES

BREAKING DOWN EXPENSES PER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT-ATHLETE

\$26,967

IN-STATE TUITION, ROOM, BOARD, BOOKS, FEES

OUT-OF-STATE: **\$46,339**

\$5,741

EQUIPMENT, GEAR, UNIFORMS

\$5,005

SPORTS MEDICINE

\$3,730

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

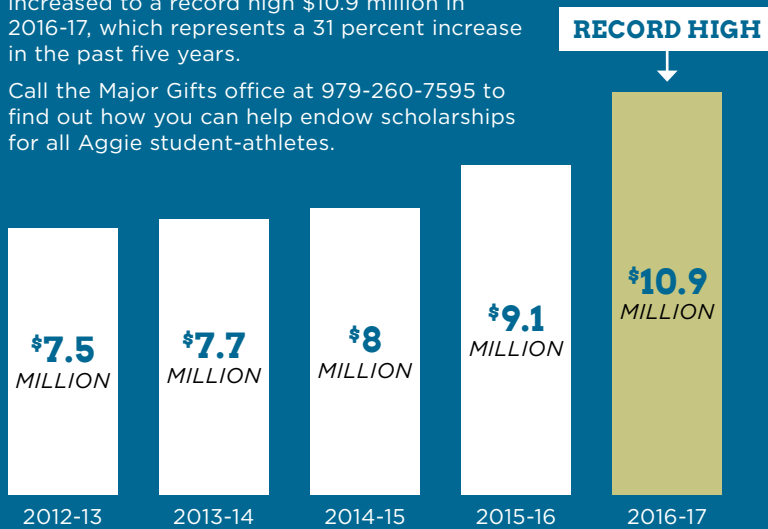
\$6,967

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE AND NUTRITION

THE RISING COSTS OF STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS

Texas A&M Athletics' annual scholarship costs increased to a record high \$10.9 million in 2016-17, which represents a 31 percent increase in the past five years.

Call the Major Gifts office at 979-260-7595 to find out how you can help endow scholarships for all Aggie student-athletes.



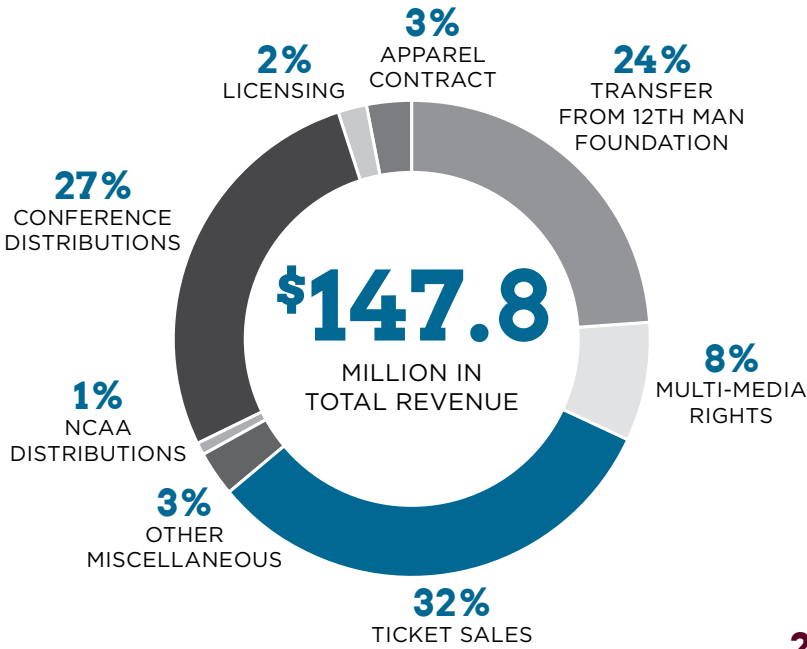
32%

OF THE 622 TEXAS A&M STUDENT-ATHLETES ARE FROM OUT OF STATE

THE COSTS OF CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS

Texas A&M Athletics is 100 percent self-supporting, so your gifts contribute directly to the needs of our student-athletes, coaches and staff

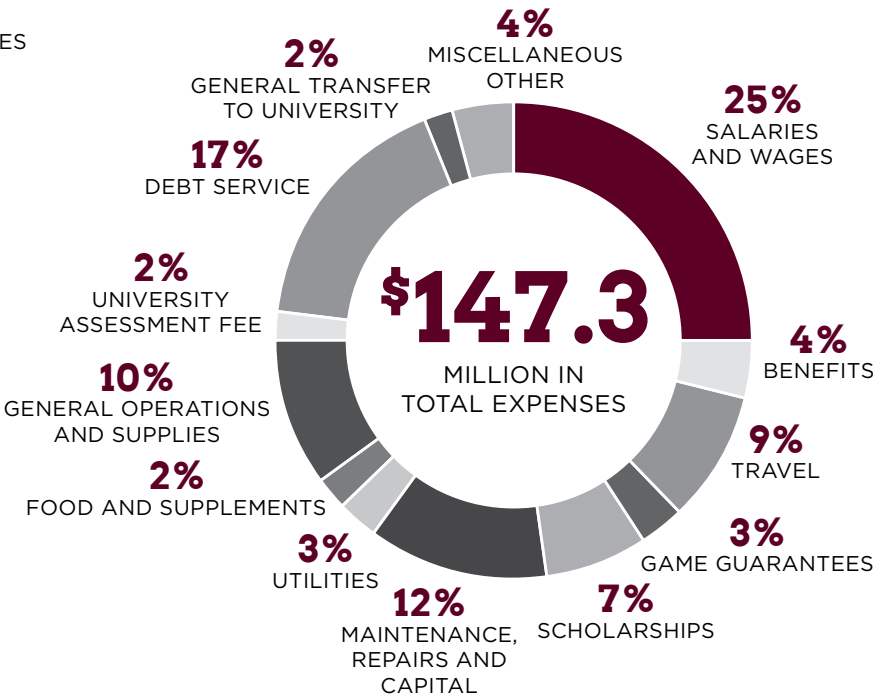
REVENUE



BUILDING CHAMPIONS BEGINS AND ENDS WITH YOU

Donor support enables Texas A&M Athletics to increase its standing, in both athletics and academics, over the competition beyond what can be accomplished from ticket sales, conference distributions and other revenue sources.


EXPENSES



56%

OF TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS' REVENUE COMES FROM 12TH MAN FOUNDATION DONORS AND TICKET BUYERS

MVP Donors contributed \$400,090 to the 12th Man Foundation in 2016-17. Support Texas A&M Athletics by becoming an MVP Donor with an additional \$750+ annual gift.



CONTACT CALLIE BOENIGK '14 AT 979-260-2397

“
MY EXPERIENCE HERE HAS BEEN FILLED WITH THE MOST INCREDIBLE CHALLENGES, WISEST MENTORS AND ENCOURAGING FRIENDS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE PERSON I AM TODAY. BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND ATHLETICALLY, I HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED TO FIND THE BEST IN MYSELF TO OVERCOME SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE OBSTACLES. AS A RESULT, I HAVE GROWN MORE THAN I EVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED, AND I FEEL PREPARED TO TAKE ON ANYTHING.

— NATHAN HITE '18

NATHAN HITE '18

TRACK & FIELD | SENIOR | MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

BILL ERWIN MALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

2018 TEXAS A&M BUILDING CHAMPIONS AWARDS


A senior from Bellville, Texas, Nathan Hite maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.971 as a mechanical engineering major at Texas A&M. He has been named to the SEC Honor roll twice, and earned a USTFCCCA All-Academic honor in 2017.

At the 2018 NCAA Championships, he won the NCAA Elite 90 Award for track and field, which is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average competing at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 championships.

Hite earned a bronze medal in the heptathlon during the 2018 SEC Indoor Championships, which was hosted by A&M. His score of 5,592 points ranks as the second-best performer and sixth best performance on the Aggie all-time list.

Named for longtime Texas A&M Athletics supporter and local philanthropist Bill Erwin, the Scholar-Athlete of the Year award is given to a male and female student-athlete who is in their final year of athletic eligibility and demonstrated outstanding academic and athletic performance.





“
GIVING BACK TO THIS COMMUNITY,
WHICH SUPPORTS TEXAS A&M
ATHLETICS WITH UNWAVERING
DEDICATION, AND BEING ROLE
MODELS TO LITTLE KIDS IS WHAT
THIS AWARD IS ALL ABOUT. I WANT
THE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
TO LOOK UP TO US, NOT ONLY
FOR OUR ATHLETIC ABILITIES,
BUT ALSO TO SEE THAT PUTTING
OTHERS BEFORE OURSELVES
IS JUST AS IMPORTANT.

— EMILY GUNDERSON '18

EMILY GUNDERSON '18

TRACK & FIELD | SENIOR | RECREATION, PARKS & TOURISM SCIENCES

SELFLESS SERVICE AWARD

2018 TEXAS A&M BUILDING CHAMPIONS AWARDS

A 2018 graduate with a bachelor's degree in recreation, parks & tourism sciences, Emily Gunderson has set an example for all student-athletes with her dedication of service to the community.

Organizations and projects that Gunderson volunteers with include Boys & Girls Club, Aggies Read, Aggies Can, Aggies Move, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands and Brazos Valley Food Bank. Gunderson has also been involved with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee the past three years. In 2017, she served on a chair position within the executive board, working with engagement coordinators to find volunteer opportunities and encourage student-athletes to volunteer at those opportunities.

As a pole vaulter on the Texas A&M track and field team, Gunderson became the first Aggie female to vault over 14 feet when she set the school indoor record in 2017. The Mont Belvieu, Texas native cleared 14-0 $\frac{3}{4}$ at Gilliam Indoor Stadium that season, and improved the school record to 14-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to place fifth at the SEC Championships.

The Selfless Service Award is given to recognize the student-athlete who has completed the most service hours in the academic year.

MAJOR GIFTS

Major gifts are given to support capital improvement projects, student-athlete scholarships or direct support for a particular sports program

MAJOR GIFTS

THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION'S MAJOR GIFTS STAFF WORKS DILIGENTLY WITH DONORS WHO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A TRANSCENDENT IMPACT ON THE PURSUIT OF ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AT TEXAS A&M.

Providing unmatched service and stewardship, they guide you through the giving process, focusing primarily on elevating excellence within the scholarships, programs and facilities that set student-athletes up for success during their time at A&M.

Whether you wish to support educational endowments such as the 1922 Fund, or prefer to direct your gifts toward specific sports or ongoing facility campaigns, the Major Gifts staff takes pleasure in helping donors make a lasting impact in the lives of Aggie student-athletes.

CONTACT THE MAJOR GIFTS STAFF AT 979-260-7595 TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CONNECTION WITH TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS



Brady Bullard '95
Senior Vice President
of Major Gifts



Jacob Green '80
Vice President of Major
Gifts and Endowments



Kelly Corcoran '95
Vice President of
Major Gifts



Clint Dempsey '04
Vice President of Major
Gifts & Planned Giving

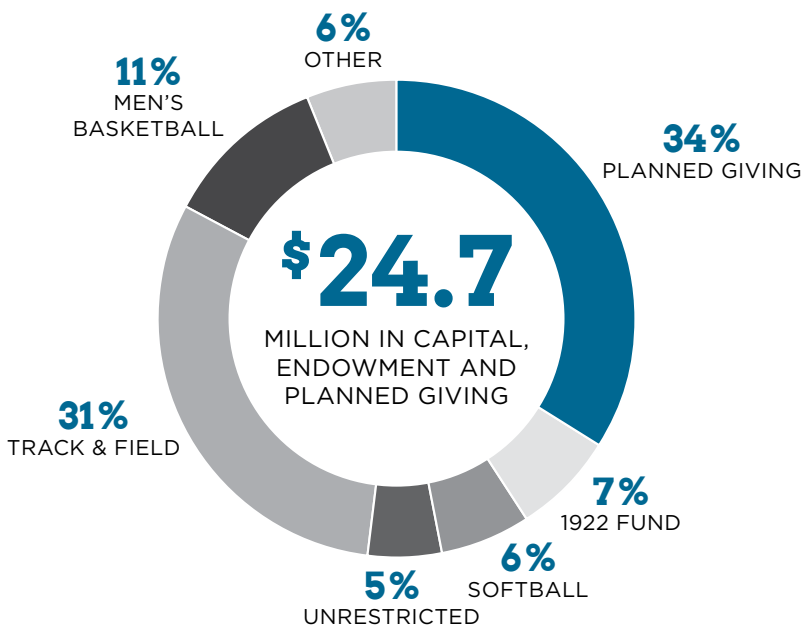


Patrick Wilson '10
Manager of Donor
Relations



Lauren Cooper '14
Manager of
Development Services

PLEDGES COMMITTED



YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMATIONAL

Major gifts create a legacy between donors and Texas A&M Athletics while enhancing the educational and athletic opportunities for student-athletes.

PLANNED GIVING

WITH PLANNED GIVING, YOU CAN PROVIDE FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE NEEDS WHILE MAKING AN IMPACT ON AGGIE STUDENT-ATHLETES TODAY AND TOMORROW

Planned gifts are typically after-life gifts established through a donor's estate plan.

These include direct bequests, gifts of appreciated assets, IRA distributions, life insurance, trusts, annuities, property or cash.

For more information on planned giving, contact Clint Dempsey at 979-260-7584.

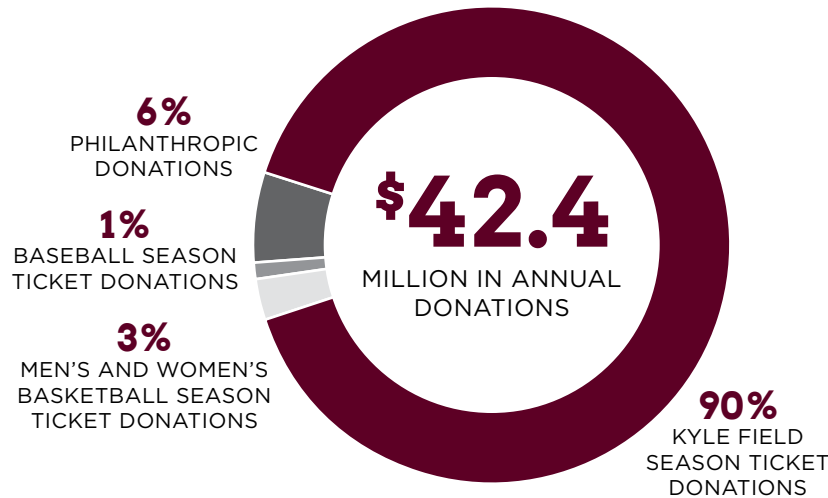
\$8.5

MILLION IN PLANNED
GIFTS PLEDGED
IN 2016-17

ANNUAL FUND

Annual donations consist of philanthropic gifts as well as contributions tied to season ticket purchases

ANNUAL DONATIONS



YOUR ANNUAL GIFTS ARE CRITICAL TO THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION'S MISSION

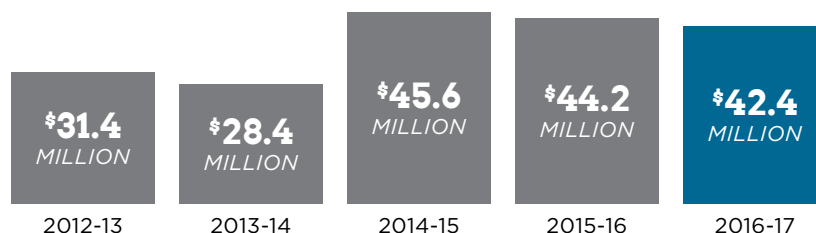
Donors contributed \$2.7 million in philanthropic gifts to the 12th Man Foundation's Annual Fund in 2016-17.

While donations tied to season tickets are the lifeblood of the Annual Fund, the philanthropic gifts make an indelible difference in funding championship athletics.

ANNUAL DONATIONS SINCE 2012-13

YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS HELP FUND SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAMS FOR TEXAS A&M STUDENT-ATHLETES

These numbers show the last 5 years of annual donations made to the 12th Man Foundation (including both cash donations and distributions from the Foundation's endowment).



ANNUAL FUND

THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND DEPARTMENT IS A MULTI-FACETED GROUP CONSISTING OF DONOR SERVICES, DONOR PREMIUM SERVICES AND TICKET SALES & DEVELOPMENT.

Dedicated to membership management and attentive stewardship to donors, the core foundation of the Annual Fund department is what allows each and every donor to make a substantial impact and to experience the benefit of their giving through the organization of various events and accommodations.

Donor support of the Annual Fund keeps the Foundation operating at its greatest potential, securing the development of the future and facilitating excellence within Texas A&M Athletics.

In return, the Annual Fund department strives to deliver the best possible experience to donors to show appreciation for their annual contributions and philanthropic gifts throughout the year, no matter the occasion.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT, CONTACT THE ANNUAL FUND DEPARTMENT AT 979-260-2397



Michael Solomon '04
Senior Vice President of Annual Fund and Donor Services



Samantha Milroy
Director of Annual Fund



Callie Boenigk '14
Manager of Annual Fund

A photograph of Lindon Victor, a male athlete, smiling and holding a trophy high above his head with both hands. He is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt. The trophy is silver and has a plaque that reads "MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR LINDON VICTOR 2017, 2018". The background is a blurred indoor sports arena with white structural beams.

LINDON VICTOR '18

TRACK & FIELD | SENIOR | UNIVERSITY STUDIES

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

2018 TEXAS A&M BUILDING CHAMPIONS AWARDS

“
THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME TO COMPETE AND STUDY AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CHANGED MY LIFE. GROWING UP ON THE ISLAND OF GRENADA, IT'S RARE THAT SOMEONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR ATHLETIC ABILITIES. WITH THE GUIDANCE OF THE COACHING STAFF AT TEXAS A&M, I WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE SOME OF THE GREATEST MOMENTS OF MY LIFE, WHICH MY COUNTRY SHARED IN.

— LINDON VICTOR '18

A 2018 graduate, Lindon Victor earned his bachelor's degree in university studies from Texas A&M this past May. A finalist for the Bowerman Award, Victor defended his NCAA title in the decathlon during a senior campaign in 2017 that included breaking the collegiate record twice. Victor became the first Aggie to win the Texas Relays decathlon, producing a score of 8,472 points which bettered the meet and collegiate record of 8,465 set by Trey Hardee of Texas in 2006.

In defending his SEC decathlon title, Victor improved his conference meet record and bettered his collegiate record with a score of 8,539 points. He then scored 8,390 to win a second NCAA title. Producing three decathlon scores over 8,300 points in one season, as well as generating the best ever first day score (4,516) and second day score (4,174) by a collegian made Victor an overwhelming favorite in being selected National Field Athlete of the Year for a second consecutive season.

Athletes of the Year honors are awarded to the top male and female student-athletes based upon athletic excellence and team leadership.

A photograph of Chennedy Carter '21, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling and holding a silver trophy. She is wearing a dark, sleeveless top. The background is a blurred crowd of people.

CHENNEDY CARTER '21

BASKETBALL | FRESHMAN | UNIVERSITY STUDIES

FEMALE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

2018 TEXAS A&M BUILDING CHAMPIONS AWARDS

“
WHEN I WAS 13, I STARTED
WATCHING THE TEXAS A&M
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM.
THEY MADE ME FALL IN LOVE
WITH COLLEGE BASKETBALL.
SYDNEY COLSON, DANIELLE
ADAMS, TYRA WHITE... THAT
TEAM WAS GOOD. REAL GOOD.
THEY WENT ON TO WIN THE
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND
THAT GOT ME HOOKED. I WANTED
TO PLAY COLLEGE BASKETBALL.
AND I WANTED TO BE AN AGGIE.

— CHENNEDY CARTER '21

Chennedy Carter, a freshman from Mansfield, Texas, produced a 2017-18 campaign that earned her a collection of national honors. She became the first Aggie women's basketball player to be named WBCA NCAA Division I Freshman of the Year. In addition, Carter was selected National Freshman of the Year by *espnW* and *USA Today Sports*.

Named the SEC Freshman of the Year, Carter was also honored with first-team All-SEC as well as the SEC All-Freshman team accolades. Leading all Division I freshmen with 22.7 points per game and 4.9 assists, Carter was an honorable mention selection on the AP All-American team.

Carter also set a Texas A&M freshman record with 785 points, which is the second highest total by any classification. She averaged 31.3 points per game during the NCAA Tournament as the Aggies reached the Sweet 16 and Carter was named to the Spokane Regional All-Tournament team.

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ANNUAL FUND

Every annual fund donation combines to help furnish a significant portion of Texas A&M Athletics' budget

DONOR SERVICES

THE DONOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING AN EXEMPLARY EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY 12TH MAN FOUNDATION DONOR.

When you call the 12th Man Foundation, the friendly voice that greets you is likely a member of our Donor Services staff. They are here to serve you and are always happy and eager to help.

For example, during the 2018 football seat selection and relocation process in May, the Donor Services staff answered 4,105 phone calls assisting with many of the 4,614 donor appointments.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, CONTACT DONOR SERVICES AT 979-846-8892 MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.



Esther Matthaehi '06
Manager of Donor Services



Adrienne Pace
Assistant Manager of Donor Services



Lindsey Aguilar '16
Donor Service Coordinator



Melissa Chavarria
Donor Service Coordinator



Amber Morgan
Donor Service Coordinator

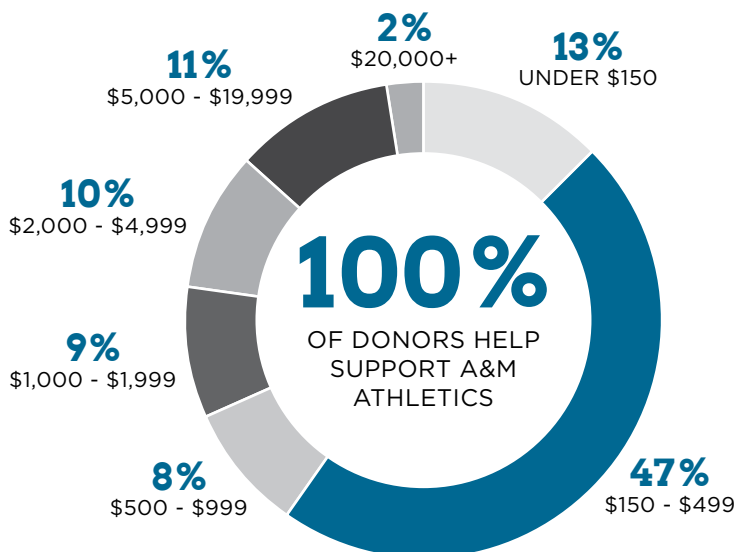


Aubrey Rotello
Donor Service Coordinator

ANNUAL FUND DONORS BY THE NUMBERS

OF THE 18,697 12TH MAN FOUNDATION DONORS, OVER 75 PERCENT IMPACTED A&M ATHLETICS WITH A CONTRIBUTION UNDER \$2,000

As the figure below illustrates, every donor truly makes an impact. No matter how large or small, your annual contribution is the most effective way to provide Texas A&M Athletics with the resources and flexibility to meet the needs of student-athletes and athletic programs.



WHAT YOUR DONATION PROVIDES

\$150
MEALS FOR ONE WEEK OR ONE WEEK OF SPORTS MEDICINE

\$500
ONE MONTH OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT OR BOOKS FOR ONE SEMESTER

\$1,000
BOOKS FOR ONE YEAR OR ONE MONTH OF MEALS AND ACADEMIC AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

\$2,000
ROOM, BOARD AND ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE AND NUTRITION FOR ONE MONTH

\$5,000
ONE YEAR OF SPORTS MEDICINE OR 20% OF OUT-OF-STATE TUITION FOR ONE YEAR

\$20,000
TEAM TRAVEL AND MEALS FOR ONE YEAR OR ONE YEAR OF TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD

Example expenses are per scholarship student-athlete

ANNUAL FUND

The 12th Man Foundation had 18,697 active donors in calendar year 2017 in all 50 states and 211 of 254 counties in the state of Texas

18,697

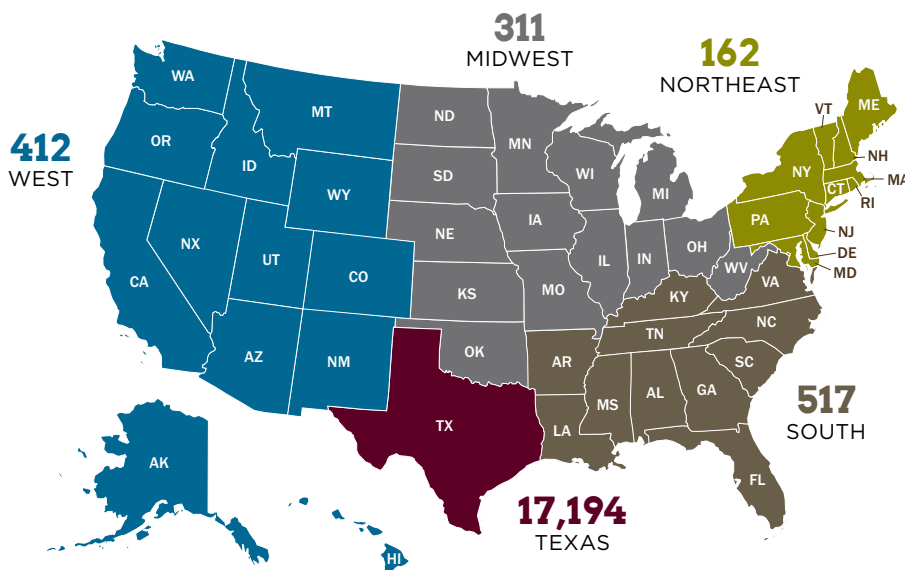
ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION

9,786

ACTIVE MEMBERS WITH FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS

8,911

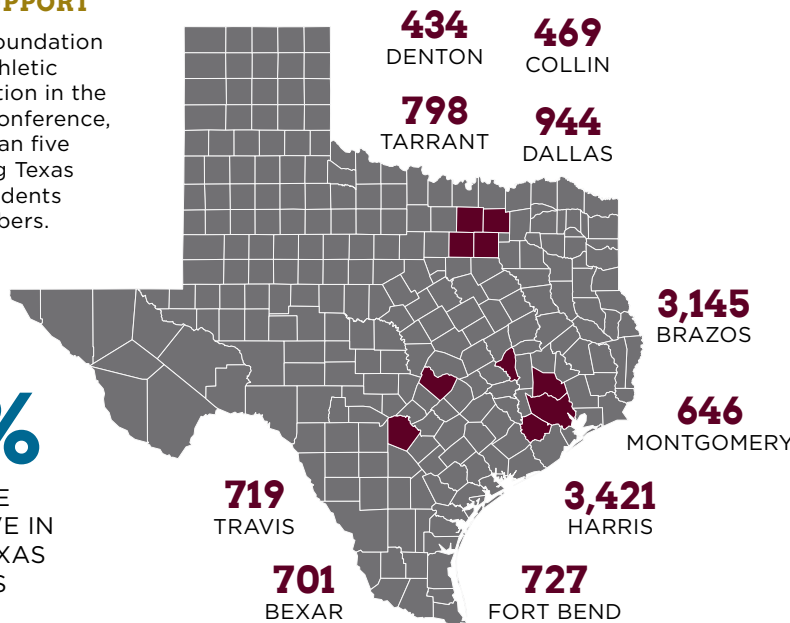
ACTIVE MEMBERS WITHOUT FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS



Excluding 101 active accounts without state residency information or from international locations or US territories

IN THE NATION'S BEST CONFERENCE, YOU SET THE STANDARD FOR ATHLETIC SUPPORT

The 12th Man Foundation is the largest athletic donor organization in the Southeastern Conference, however less than five percent of living Texas A&M former students are active members.



64%

OF ACTIVE MEMBERS LIVE IN THESE 10 TEXAS COUNTIES

PREMIUM SERVICES

SERVING AS THE ADVOCATE FOR EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES AND EXCEPTIONAL HOSPITALITY, THE PREMIUM SERVICES DEPARTMENT STRIVES TO ENSURE THAT ALL DONORS FEEL THE BENEFIT OF THEIR GIVING THROUGH THE SERVICES THAT THEY PROVIDE.

Whether you are enjoying the top-notch accommodations tied to suite and club experiences, or benefitting from the organization of special events and upscale travel outings, donors can rest assured that Premium Services is working relentlessly to serve them with well-deserved and unique experiences that speak volumes to our appreciation for their support.

CONTACT THE PREMIUM SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 979-260-7575 FOR ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO PREMIUM SEATING, SPECIAL EVENTS OR TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



Britton Douglass
Senior Director of Premium Services



Logan Kickham '14
Manager of Suites & Clubs



Shelley Nemece '89
Director of Events & Travel



Haley Clark
Manager of Events & Travel

SYDNEY PICKREM '19

SWIMMING & DIVING | JUNIOR | KINESIOLOGY

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

2018 TEXAS A&M BUILDING CHAMPIONS AWARDS

“
I'M SINCERELY THANKFUL
FOR ALL OF THE AMAZING
DONORS AT TEXAS A&M.
THE 12TH MAN IS TRULY
UNIQUE AND SOMETHING
SPECIAL. DONORS HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO HELP
SUPPORT A&M ATHLETICS
AND PROVIDE ATHLETES
THE BEST POSSIBLE
SITUATION TO SUCCEED.
I'M SO THANKFUL AND
GRATEFUL TO BE A PART
OF THIS UNIVERSITY.

— SYDNEY PICKREM '19

An All-American in swimming during her junior season, Sydney Pickrem placed third in three events during the 2018 NCAA Championships – 200 IM, 400 IM, and 200 breaststroke. She set school records in the pair of IM races. Last summer, Pickrem competed in the FINA World Championships and earned a bronze medal in the 400 IM representing Canada.

Named SEC Swimmer of the Year and earning the Commissioner's Trophy, Pickrem earned high point honors during the SEC Championships, winning three individual events – 200 IM, 400 IM, and 200 breaststroke – while breaking SEC records in each.

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BRADEN SHEWMAKE '20

BASEBALL | SOPHOMORE | SPORT MANAGEMENT

MALE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

2018 TEXAS A&M BUILDING CHAMPIONS AWARDS

“
I JUST WANT TO SAY
THANK YOU TO THE
DONORS. IT MEANS
SO MUCH TO ME AND
MY FAMILY TO HAVE A
SCHOLARSHIP AND BE
ABLE TO PLAY AT THIS
PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY.
WE WOULDN'T BE HERE
WITHOUT WHAT THEY
HAVE DONE FOR US.

—BRADEN SHEWMAKE '20

A sophomore from Wylie, Texas, Braden Shewmake's freshman season with the Aggie baseball team in 2017 included numerous honors as Texas A&M advanced to their sixth College World Series appearance. Shewmake was honored as National Freshman of the Year by Collegiate Baseball while being named Freshman All-America by four different organizations.

Named All-America First Team by Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA), Shewmake also earned District VII Player of the Year by NCBWA. As one of only four Aggies to play in all 64 games, and the lone A&M player to start every game in 2017, he batted .328 with 47 runs, 11 home runs and 69 RBI. Shewmake was also selected to play on the USA Baseball Collegiate National team.

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TICKETING

Ticket sales through the 12th Man Foundation are a vital part of Texas A&M Athletics' budget, accounting for nearly a third of its total revenue in 2016-17

TICKETING

THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION'S TICKETING DEPARTMENT IS THE OFFICIAL SOURCE FOR TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS TICKETS.

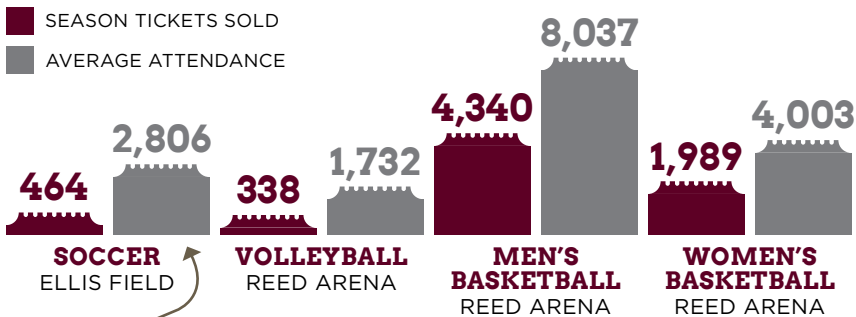
The Ticketing department provides ticket services for donors online at www.12thmanfoundation.com, by phone at 888.99.AGGIE and in person at the Kyle Field North Ticket Box Office, seasonally at the Reed Arena Box Office and at other athletic venue box offices during events.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR FOR TICKET-RELATED QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION AT 888-99-AGGIE.

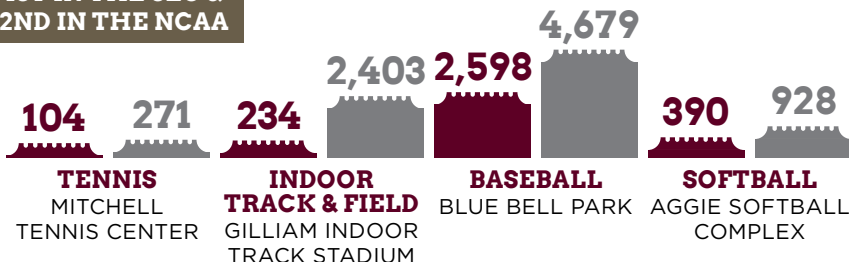
THE 12TH MAN STANDS ALONE IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Season ticket holders are the foundation of every athletic program. Your loyal support at our home athletic venues not only impacts the outcome of the game, it helps provide the very best experience for our student-athletes. Purchasing season tickets is also a great way for donors to accrue priority points.

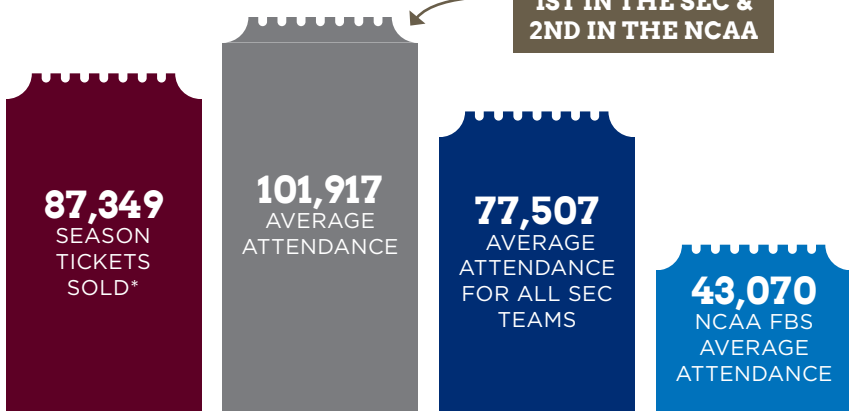
SEASON TICKETS AND ATTENDANCE



1ST IN THE SEC & 2ND IN THE NCAA



1ST IN THE SEC & 2ND IN THE NCAA



FOOTBALL

KYLE FIELD

\$39.9

MILLION IN TICKET REVENUE TRANSFERRED TO TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS

34,049

STUDENT SPORTS PASSES SOLD

*Kyle Field season tickets sold (above) includes student sports passes sold

97,806

SEASON TICKETS SOLD ACROSS ALL SPORTS

TOP 1,000 SUPPORTERS

Thank you to every donor for your generous support of Texas A&M Athletics

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| 1 | Dorothy & Artie R. McFerrin '65 | 69 | Steve Brauer, Jr. '02 | 134 | The Association of Former Students | 196 | Louis "Louie" & Sue Capt '54 |
| 2 | Ashley '88 & David L. Coolidge '87 | 70 | Kristen Distributing Company | 135 | Wells Fargo | 197 | Ben R. Reynolds, Jr. '46 |
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BEN '92 & KATHY '91 MATHIS

BY MATT SIMON '98

BEN '92 AND KATHY '91 MATHIS HAVE SEEN their Texas A&M education take them around the world while working in the oil and gas industry.

The couple, now back in the Lone Star State and settled in Katy, have been longtime supporters of A&M Athletics regardless of how far away they have lived.

Through their consistent annual contributions to the 12th Man Foundation, Ben and Kathy have helped fund scholarships and programs for Aggie student-athletes.

“To know that it’s going to a good cause...it’s people that have the same vision that you do for Texas A&M, and it’s helping student-athletes...it’s a good deal,” Ben said.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BACK

Ben grew up loving A&M thanks to his father, Harry. The Air Force sent Harry to A&M for his master’s degree, and when he later retired from the service, the Mathis family returned to College Station so he could pursue his PhD.

Ben graduated from A&M Consolidated High School and enrolled at Texas A&M, earning a bachelor’s degree in petroleum engineering in 1992. His desire to pay it forward can be traced back to his time as a student.

Billy Pete Huddleston '56, a former professor and Junction Boy, made a lasting impression on Ben beyond his expertise in petroleum engineering.

“He preached to us the importance of giving back when you have the ability to,” Ben recalled. “And that has stuck with me over all these years.”

STAYING CONNECTED

Kathy earned a bachelor’s degree in applied mathematical science from A&M in 1991. Despite being just a year apart, she did not meet Ben until

right before he graduated.

And where did this relationship, which is coming up on three decades strong, begin?

“We met at The Chicken,” he said.

Their careers have taken Ben and Kathy from Texas to Louisiana to Indonesia, back to Texas, then to Oman, on the coast of the Arabian Peninsula, before returning to Texas again.

Throughout their travels, they always found a way to stay connected to the place that means so much to them, usually by finding fellow Aggies wherever they’ve been. They even helped start the Oman A&M Club in Muscat, the country’s capital.

“Having people around that have the same knowledge of A&M that you do made it real easy living overseas,” Ben said.

COMING HOME

In the seven years they’ve been back in Texas, Ben and Kathy have increased their involvement as season ticket holders in football and baseball, and as members of the Athletic Ambassadors program.

They attend games when they can, but their two sons have kept them plenty busy. Their youngest, Braden, is a rising senior at Katy’s Seven Lakes High School. Their oldest, Connor, is a member of the Class of '21 and is studying chemical engineering.

And when the time comes to retire, don’t be surprised if Ben, currently the vice president of operations for Penn Virginia Corporation, comes full circle and calls College Station home once again.

“We’ll probably end up retiring there, mainly because it’s almost year-round sports,” he said. “There’s always something to see and do.”

With their consistent contributions to the 12th Man Foundation’s Annual Fund, Ben and Kathy have made a commitment of lifetime giving in support of A&M Athletics. ■

ANNUAL GIVING BUILDS CHAMPIONS

Through their consistent annual donations to the 12th Man Foundation, Ben '92 and Kathy '91 Mathis are helping support Texas A&M Athletics and scholarships for student-athletes.

Join Ben and Kathy as Athletic Ambassadors in support of championship athletics.



CONTACT CALLIE BOENIGK '14 AT 979-260-2397

In addition to being season ticket holders, Ben and Kathy, along with their sons Braden (left) and Connor '21 (right), have a goal to attend one SEC road game a year. The 2014 season opener in South Carolina was their first. “Being in that stadium with a small group of Aggies and having that camaraderie was a lot of fun,” Ben said.



COURTESY OF BEN '92 AND KATHY '91 MATHIS

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STACY PURYEAR '03

BY MATT SIMON '98

BECOME AN MVP DONOR WITH A \$750+ GIFT

Stacy Puryear '03 goes above and beyond to support Texas A&M Athletics with an annual contribution in addition to the amount required to purchase her football season tickets.

Join Stacy as an MVP Donor to support the 12th Man Foundation's mission.



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Whether they're tailgating with close friends in Lot E or attending a 12th Man Foundation donor reception, Aggie football games are usually a family affair for Stacy, her brother Erik '01, and her parents, Susie and Calvin.

WE ALL KNOW HOW SPECTACULAR KYLE FIELD IS on one of those precious fall Saturdays.

Now just imagine seeing the Home of the 12th Man, filled with maroon, from *above*.

That's exactly what Stacy Puryear '03 experienced as Texas A&M opened the 2010 season against SFA.

Prior to the game, fans were able to bid on an opportunity to ride in a vintage warplane, a B-25 Mitchell, as it flew over the stadium just before kickoff.

"My dad decided to be one of the crazy people to bid on that," Stacy recalled. "He won it and gave it to me. I was able to fly over Kyle Field sitting in the nose seat of the plane. It was an amazing experience, thanks to my dad."

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Stacy did not follow a long line of Aggies to A&M. In fact, her brother, Erik '01, was the first in her family to attend a four-year college.

"My first real A&M experience was going to campus with him as a younger sibling," she said.

Stacy wanted to be an Aggie, but she considered going elsewhere because she would be at A&M at the same time as her older brother.

Her father, Calvin, became the voice of reason. He helped convince Stacy that if she wanted to be an Aggie, she should go for it. Turns out dad was right.

"It was the best decision ever," she said. "I love A&M. And I'm super close to my brother. We actually really liked being in school together. It worked out better than I ever imagined."

SUPER AGGIE DAD

About the time she enrolled at A&M, Calvin's job moved the Puryear family out of the country.

"I was a permanent resident of Aggieland at age

18 or 19," she said.

After earning a biology degree in 2003, Stacy stayed in College Station, attending Aggie sporting events when she could.

When her father retired in 2005, Stacy took the next step.

"When he came back, he asked me what I wanted for my birthday," she recalled. "I said, 'I would really love to get season tickets to football, and for you to go with me.' He had never been to a game. That first year, game one, he was hooked. And that hooked me into it even more. We've had tickets ever since."

Whether it's at Kyle Field or an annual road trip to watch the Aggies play, Stacy's father is always there enjoying the game with her.

"He's always been 'Super Aggie Dad,'" she said. "That's why I buy his ticket every year to go to football games with me. My parents helped get me through school, so it is a way I can give back to my dad."

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Now a software engineer in Austin, Stacy has made it a point to give back to A&M in multiple ways by supporting both the 12th Man Foundation and the Association of Former Students.

Stacy also wanted to do more for A&M Athletics through the 12th Man Foundation than just purchase tickets.

"My focus is football when I think of my tickets," she said. "So, I was looking for another avenue of how I could support athletics and I found the MVP Program. It's a great way to donate into an area that supports other sports."

As an MVP Donor and as a football season ticket holder for nearly 15 consecutive years, Stacy is making a difference for Aggie student-athletes with her generous support of A&M Athletics. ■

SANDRA BOSSE

Receptionist

BY SAMANTHA LATTA '17



FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SANDRA BOSSE

- » LOVES MOVIES, AGGIE FOOTBALL GAMES AND WRITING FROM THE HEART
- » IS THE YOUNGEST OF 11 CHILDREN
- » COMMUTES TO WORK EVERY DAY FROM WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZOS
- » HAS TWO SONS AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN WITH CLINT, HER HUSBAND OF 46 YEARS
- » IS ORIGINALLY FROM NAVASOTA, TEXAS

Whether she is applying temporary tattoos onto the faces of eager children on game days, or baking a batch of chocolate chip cookies for an employee's birthday, Sandra has a way of making everyone feel special in the most genuine fashion.

COMPARABLE TO NONE, SANDRA BOSSE ASSUMES

a vital role at the 12th Man Foundation. She is known for exuding kindness, and for her genuine desire to create a positive impact on everyone she meets. As donors walk through the doors of the 12th Man Foundation office, Sandra is the bright and smiling face that sets the stage for their experience under our hospitality. Because of her caring spirit and warm personality, it is no surprise that visitors soon become friends. As her coworkers claim, Sandra truly pours her heart into her work and takes impeccable care of the details that have so graciously allowed the 12th Man Foundation office to run smoothly over the past seventeen years.

Sandra has made a lasting impact on all who have been graced with her kindness, and her heart overflows with joy as she reflects on her career and the relationships she has built at the 12th Man Foundation.

WHEN DID YOU BEGIN WORKING AT THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION?

"I started in 2001. I worked for the *Navasota Examiner* newspaper for 30 years. After my former boss sold it, it just wasn't for me anymore. It was perfect timing, because my neighbor

Jack Little, who happens to be a Board of Trustees Past Chair, told me the 12th Man Foundation was looking for a receptionist at the time."

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR POSITION?

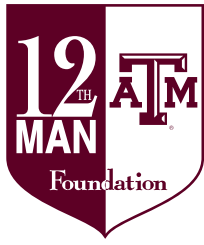
"I enjoy meeting the people and the relationships we've built. My coworkers – I love them all so much, and they know it. I'm comfortable here, and this is where I'm happy. I wasn't an Aggie until I came here, and now I know all the traditions and feel like I'm an Aggie. I have a book that I'm having coworkers and donors sign from when I started. I have a lot of special notes and things written in there. It's a lot of good memories, so when I retire I'll have it to look back on."

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT DONORS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR TIME WITH THE 12TH MAN FOUNDATION?

"I just want our donors to feel welcome, and know that they are appreciated. What they give to us, I hope we can give them back in return of some sort. I want them to feel the warm welcome and the appreciation for what they've done for us to help support Texas A&M Athletics."

To say that Sandra has been successful in making donors feel valued is quite the understatement, especially in the eyes of her coworkers. "She sets the bar high for the level of service expected when you step foot in our office," says Lauren Pearce, director of human resources. "When donors walk in and are met with a face other than hers, their first question is, 'Where is Miss Sandra?'" As she does with donors, Sandra made a lasting impact on Terri McKee, director of accounting, from their first interaction. "She has a real bond with donors," McKee says, "and she makes sure they're comfortable while they're waiting – but they usually don't mind the wait, because they have Sandra." ■





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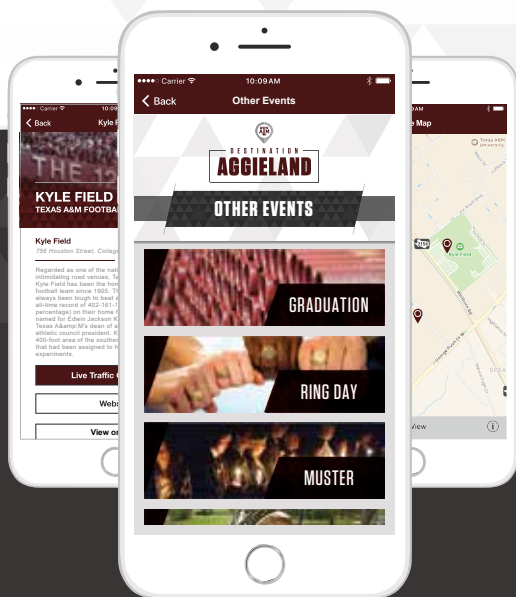


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