

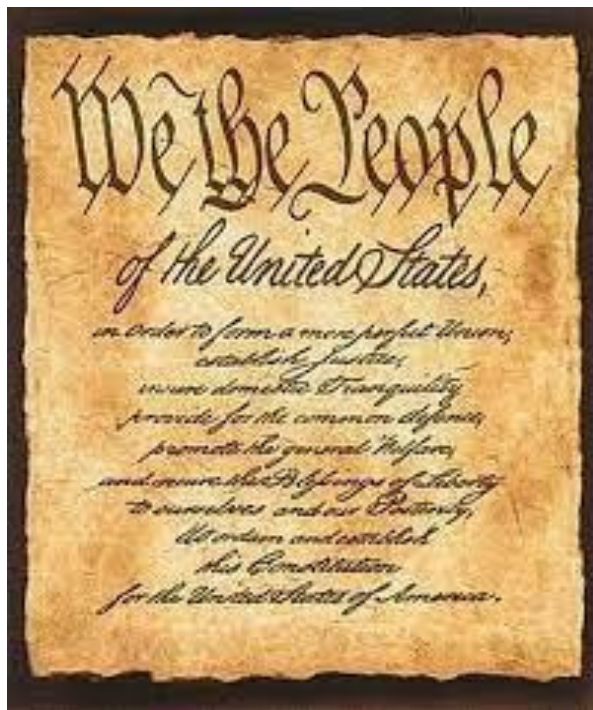
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SEPTEMBER 17, 1789 – CONSTITUTION DAY – THE DAY WE BECAME A REPUBLIC



United States Constitution Preamble –
September 17, 1789

“We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity,”

As Ben Franklin stated at the time, “A Republic, if you can keep it.”

This is still true today. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

Figure 1 - Preamble to the US Constitution

TEXAS A&M RANKED AS ONE OF THE MOST CONSERVATIVE COLLEGES IN THE NATION



Chancellor's Century Council
COUNCIL NEWS

Figure 2 - CCC News Logo

Century Council's Century Council's News –
September 20, 2023

In a week when Texas A&M was named the No. 1 public university in Texas by the Wall Street Journal and one of the top 20 public universities in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, another top ranking should be no surprise to Aggies: Texas A&M is also one of the most conservative colleges in the nation. (Read Articles below)

Texas A&M University was ranked as the 13th most conservative college campus out of more than 4,000 colleges in the U.S. by the 2024 Niche College Rankings. That's up from the 19th spot for the 2023 rankings. Utah State — No. 10 on the list — was the only public university rated higher than Texas A&M.

Brigham Young University, Liberty University and Bob Jones University topped the list, which was based on self-reported student surveys submitted to Niche.

You can find Niche's rankings of the most conservative campuses [here](#).

Niche also rated Texas A&M as the 16th best overall public university in the nation.

This just goes to show that the more things change here at A&M, the more things stay the same. Texans still cherish the values that made America great, and A&M offers a top-notch education that's affordable and accessible to all. It's no wonder that so many Texans — and those who love traditional Texas values — choose A&M.

As always, thank you for your support



TEXAS A&M RANKED BEST IN TEXAS



Figure 3 - Campus overview

The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse rankings came out, and Texas A&M University was named No. 1 in Texas.

By Tom Corrigan and Kevin McAllister - Wall Street Journal – September 3, 2023

Only 2 Texas schools ranked in top 100 on WSJ's best colleges in America with Texas A&M at the top in Texas at number 38 in the United States and the only top-50 school in Texas. Rice cracked the top-100

at 64th. Looking at only public universities, Texas A&M ranked 6th overall in the country.

The WSJ/College Pulse 2024 Best Colleges in the U.S. ranking rates the top 400 universities in the country. The ranking was developed and executed in collaboration with our research partners College Pulse and Statista. The Wall Street Journal/College Pulse rankings emphasize how much a college improves its students' chances of graduating on time, and how much it boosts the salaries they earn after graduation.

Notably, the University of Texas at Austin did not make the top 100, coming in at No. 118.

To generate the rankings, the Journal partnered with research groups College Pulse and Statista to analyze a mountain of data, measuring everything from expected student salaries and years needed to pay for attendance to the quality of the school's "learning-related facilities" and on-campus diversity.

The Journal then generated both an overall score and a ranking for each school by comparing their results on several key data points. "Salary impact versus similar colleges," or how much attending the school boosted graduates' salaries above an expected average for similar colleges, was most the most important factor in determining the school's ranking and overall score, the Journal explained. Years needed to pay off the net cost of attending the school and graduation rate compared to similar colleges were also heavily weighted, per the Journal.

<https://www.wsj.com/rankings/college-rankings/best-colleges-2024>

TEXAS A&M SEES SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN US NEWS BEST COLLEGES UNDERGRADUATE RANKINGS



Figure 4 - Academic Plaza

By Lesley Henton, Texas A&M University
Division of Marketing and Communications
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The recognition from U.S. News comes on the heels of another article notable ranking from the Wall Street Journal, which recently named Texas A&M the No. 1 university in the state of Texas. – Laura McKenzie – Texas A&M University Division of Marketing and Communications

Texas A&M University made an extraordinary showing on the latest annual ranking of the nation's best colleges by *U.S. News and World Report*, moving up 20 spots to No. 47 overall.

Texas A&M is the No. 20 Best Public University in the nation in the rankings, up six places from last year. Nationally, three of the university's programs are in the Top 10, and 12 programs are in the Top 20.

Notably, A&M has the No. 1 petroleum engineering program in the nation and its cybersecurity program rose six spots to No. 16 overall (No. 11 public). Additional gains are seen in the education abroad program, which is No. 16 in the nation (No. 2 public), up three spots; best college for veterans, No. 27 (No. 20 public), up 11 places; and nursing, No. 31 (No. 25 public), up 36 spots.

"Congratulations to the faculty and staff," said Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp. "This recognition is a testament to their hard work and world-class scholarship and research."

"We're proud that in the span of a week, not one but two major publications are recognizing Texas A&M as one of the nation's best universities," said General (Ret.) Mark A. Welsh III, interim president. "It's especially interesting to note substantial gains happened for us when student outcomes were weighed more heavily. That's what matters most to us here at Texas A&M and these results are a clear indication we're headed in the right direction."

Texas A&M Sees Substantial Gains In US News Best Colleges Undergraduate Rankings - Texas A&M Today (tamu.edu)

NEW EXHIBIT: "A SPIRIT CAN NE'ER BE TOLD...A CENTURY OF AGGIE FOOTBALL"



Figure 5 - Bush Exhibit - A Spirit ...

Can Ne'er Be Told... A Century of Aggie Football explores the development of Texas A&M University's football program, and its important role in Texas A&M's vibrant history. It also provides a glimpse of why President Bush loved Aggieland and what it truly means to be a part of the 12th Man.

Using original artifacts, as well as historical photographs, documents, and audiovisual materials, *A Spirit Can Ne'er Be Told...* creates an immersive experience in which visitors get an up-close look at the team's history, from its first official football game in 1894, through the era of Coach Jimbo Fisher. The exhibit highlights significant accomplishments, important coaches, and notable players, as well as the unique traditions and celebrations Aggies have known and loved for a century and counting.

<https://www.bush41.org/events?event=216>

A Spirit Can Ne'er Be Told...A Century of Aggie Football will be on exhibit in the Ansary Gallery of American History from August 28, 2023, until April 28, 2024.

Hosted By: George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

Texas A&M football has shaped traditions, forged camaraderie for generations of fans, and embodied a spirit that even presidents of the United States embraced, especially George H.W. Bush.

From its humble beginnings in the 1890s, Aggie football has been a driving force for the university, the region, and the state. *A Spirit*

THE STORY OF MIDNIGHT YELL



Figure 6 - Midnight Yell

"Got a little story for ya, Ags."

The year was 1931. A group of cadets was gathered in Peanut Owens' dorm room in Puryear Hall on the campus of Texas A&M University. Someone suggested the freshmen class should meet on the steps of the YMCA Building at midnight to practice yells. An after-dinner yell practice had been a ritual for nearly 20 years, but

never at midnight.

The two senior Yell Leaders said they couldn't authorize the event, but they might just show up. Word quickly spread, and that evening, Midnight Yell was born. Eventually, the tradition moved to Kyle Field, where it's held the night before every home game.

While the crowds were small in the 1930s, nowadays more than 25,000 people fill the east grandstands for each Midnight Yell. The first time Midnight Yell made it online was in 2016 – shot by just one iPhone. In 2019, KAMU was brought on to stream the event with multiple, high-definition cameras. Now thousands more around the world are now able to join the Aggie tradition online through a livestream produced by KAMU.

https://kamu.tamu.edu/the-story-of-midnight-yell/?utm_source=instagram&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=feeding-aggieland%2F&utm_id=TAMUsocial&utm_term=Social&utm_content=https%3A%2F%2Fkamu.tamu.edu%2Fthe-story-of-midnight-yell%2F



Figure 7 - Figure 1 - Reville X – April 2021 – Texas A&M Today – Jesse Everett/Texas A&M Marketing & Communications

Reville X

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In order to maintain independence of thought and communication with our membership, the SRG board has decided to communicate directly through bulletins sent by email to the Class Agents and then shared with those in their Classes. Anyone is free to pass these bulletins to any Aggie, friends of Aggies, or just friends. The Board plans to maintain our policy of complete transparency and that is the reason we have inserted the disclaimer on the front page of this bulletin. **You can contact us at:**

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The Sul Ross Group (SRG) Board of Directors (BoD) are solely responsible for producing the SRG Bulletins. We do so in keeping with one of our four charged SRG Constitution's purposes, which is to ensure our represented SRG Membership is kept informed on pertinent topics in a timely manner.

Sul Ross Group (SRG) Bulletin

To access information about us as the elected SRG Board of Directors, and our Constitution and By-Laws, and the SRG's history and what we are about, please refer to our new "**SRG Tab**" (Under "**Programs**") on The Association's website, at: **aggienetwork.com**.

Mark your calendar - Sul Ross '24 Reunion will be March 5 – 7, 2024 in College Station

The Hilton Hotel room block is open and ready to book room nights. The Group Code is ROSS24 and the cut-off date to make reservations is February 12, 2024.

**Hilton Hotel - 801 University Dr E, College Station, TX 77840
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