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TEXAS A&M LAW SCHOOL CONTINUES METEORIC RISE

April 8, 2025 by Chancellor John Sharp, Chancellor's Century Council News

The Texas A&M Law School continues to surprise everyone (except us) with its meteoric rise in the rankings. Today U.S. News & World ranked Texas A&M Law 22nd in the nation. No law school has ever risen faster.

When I started as chancellor, my first goal was to acquire a law school for Texas A&M, but not just any law school. We wanted one with huge potential. This latest rise in rankings shows that we are accomplishing our goal, and I'm certain Texas A&M's School of Law will be in the top ten in no time!

Up four spots from last year, the law school remains the second highest-ranked law school in Texas — just eight places behind the University of Texas. It was born just 13 years ago.

Texas A&M Law's continued rise is no surprise to us. We've recruited world-class faculty. We've got a 100 percent employment rate for recent graduates. And we've got the highest bar passage rate in Texas for the second year in a row, to mention the highest undergraduate GPA median in the nation.

The Texas A&M Law School's Aggie Dispute Resolution program rose to 3rd in the nation, and the Center for Law and Intellectual Property again ranked 6th.

Join me in congratulating Dean Bobby Ahdieh and his world-class faculty at Texas A&M Law School today. And stay tuned — I am certain Texas A&M Law School will be in the top ten in no time. As always, thank you for your support.

DISASTER DAY: STUDENT-LED EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

This mock emergency event mimics the real-world collaboration required during an actual disaster, preparing graduates to step up and stand together to serve others.

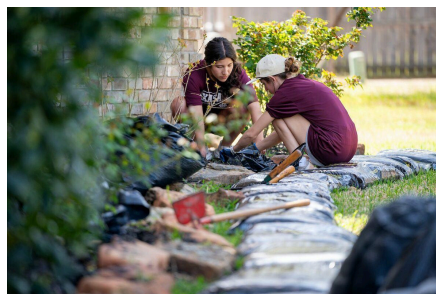
April 16, 2025 by Abby DeFily, Texas A&M University Division of Marketing and Communications

<https://stories.tamu.edu/stories/disaster-day-student-led-emergency-response-training/>

THE BIG EVENT: TEXAS A&M'S STUDENT-DRIVEN PURSUIT TO SELFLESSLY SERVE

More than 100 college campuses across the United States follow Texas A&M's model in citizenship and service.

April 15, 2025 by Beka James, Texas A&M University Division of Marketing and Communications



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<https://stories.tamu.edu/stories/the-big-event-texas-ams-student-driven-pursuit-to-selflessly-serve/>

KELLEY SULLIVAN GEORGIADES JOINS TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

April 3, 2025 by Chancellor's Century Council News

Late yesterday, the Texas Senate confirmed Kelley Sullivan Georgiades to The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Governor Greg Abbott appointed Kelley Feb. 26. He also reappointed Regents Jay Graham and Mike Hernandez to continue with new six-year terms.

Kelley is a native Galvestonian and rancher whose expertise and love for Texas will help guide the board as it plans the future of The Texas A&M University System.

Kelley is the executive vice president of Sullivan Brothers Family of Companies and co-owner of Santa Rosa Ranch and GKG Land and Cattle, a commercial cow/calf and equine operation. She is also a board member for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas A&M University Press, as well as a delegate for the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching. Kelley additionally serves as international committee captain for the Houston Livestock and Rodeo and a former executive board member for the Texas Beef Council.

Kelley earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Texas A&M University in 1992.



Photo by: Laura McKee/Texas A&M University Division of Marketing & Communications

TEXAS A&M PRESENTS 2025 STAFF AND STUDENTS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The annual awards recognize individual staff members, supervisors, teams, and student employees for their contributions to the university community.

April 23, 2025 by Texas A&M University Division of Marketing and Communications

<https://stories.tamu.edu/news/2025/04/23/texas-am-presents-2025-staff-and-student-excellence-awards/>

TEXAS A&M NAMES FINALISTS FOR VP OF STUDENT AFFAIRS POSITION

April 16, 2025 by Stephen Whitaker

Texas A&M University has narrowed the list of finalists for the opening in the office of Vice President of Student Affairs to three. The three finalists — Cynthia L. Hernandez, Ainsley Carry and William L. Kibler — will each visit campus between Thursday and April 25.

After the visits, the search committee led by Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Tim Scott will meet again to select the sole finalist. The next VP will take over for interim vice president Tim Reber who has been serving in the role since January following the retirement of Gen. (Ret.) Joe Ramirez.

Hernandez will be the first to visit campus with her open forum scheduled from 10-11 a.m. Thursday in the Gates Ballroom in the Memorial Student Center. Carry will take part in an open forum next from 10-11 a.m. next Wednesday in Rudder Forum. Kibler will take part in an open forum from 10-11 a.m. Friday, April 25, in Rudder Forum.

Hernandez, a 1994 Texas A&M graduate who went on to earn master's and Ph.D. degrees from the university, is currently the Vice President for Student Success at Texas State University in San Marcos, a post she has held since January 2023. Hernandez worked at Texas A&M from 2001 to 2021, including 15 years in various roles in the office of the vice president for student affairs.

Carry, a 1993 graduate of the University of Florida who added master's and Ph.D. degrees from there, is currently the Vice President for Students at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, a position he has held since 2019. Prior to that he was Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles from 2013-19.

Kibler, who earned bachelor of arts and master's degrees from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. in educational administration at A&M, has been the acting president of the College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas since July 2024. Before that he was a consultant for Academic Search in Washington D.C. from 2020-24. Kibler has previous experience at Texas A&M working from 1980-2004, including a stint as interim Vice President for Student Affairs in 2003-04. Kibler was president at Sul Ross State University in Alpine from 2014-20.

https://myaggienation.com/am_news/texas-a-m-names-finalists-for-vp-of-student-affairs-position/article_33b496c4-e2d8-54c0-9506-b7dab3217911.html

AGGIES GATHER TO 'SOFTLY CALL THE MUSTER'

April 21, 2025 by Stephen Whitaker

Aggies from near and far gathered in Reed Arena on Monday night for the annual Muster ceremony. They came to remember the Aggies lost in the last year and to be a representative for those departed Aggies as the roll was called with the simple remark of "here." Candles were lit for all the departed Aggies as a symbol that they will not be forgotten.

The ceremony included a 21-gun salute from the Corps of Cadets Ross Volunteers, the playing of Silver Taps and a performance of Auld Lang Syne by the Singing Cadets. Keynote speaker, Lt. Gen. Michael L. Downs of the United States Air Force and the associate director for Military Affairs at the Central Intelligence Agency is a graduate of the Texas A&M University Class of 1992 where he was a member of Squadron 15 and the Ross Volunteers. Downs spoke of his long family connection to Texas A&M and his own connection to Muster from his time as a member of the Ross Volunteers.

"Standing here tonight, I am taken back to two Musters I experienced. One of them was my first year at A&M when I attended the Muster ceremony in 1989. I felt connected to my dad, who had mustered in that building 34 years before as a Fish Downs. The other was my junior year when I answered 'here' for my sister Kathleen, who was Class of 1984. She was a nurse who loved her patients, and at the age of 27, she was diagnosed with cancer. She passed away the day I returned to campus for the spring semester. I still have the shell I fired at that Muster as a member of the Ross Volunteers." This year's ceremony also included the 50-year reunion for the Class of 1975.

Once the speeches were done it was time to do what the thousands of people in Reed Arena had come to do. To remember Aggies who were lost in the last year. As each name was read off, someone in the room would simply reply "Here."

It was a word heard hundreds of times Monday night and heard countless times at 273 different Muster ceremonies in 42 states around the country and 16 countries around the world as Aggies gathered to remember over 2,000 Aggies lost in the last year. From Sydney, Australia, and Yokohama, Japan, to Anchorage, Alaska, and Tampa, Florida, from Eden Prairie, Minnesota, to College Station, Aggies gathered to remember and to softly call the Muster.

https://myaggienation.com/am_news/aggies-gather-to-softly-call-the-muster/article_c4ef10f3-0953-5e9d-a26e-4df8ffb51e33.html

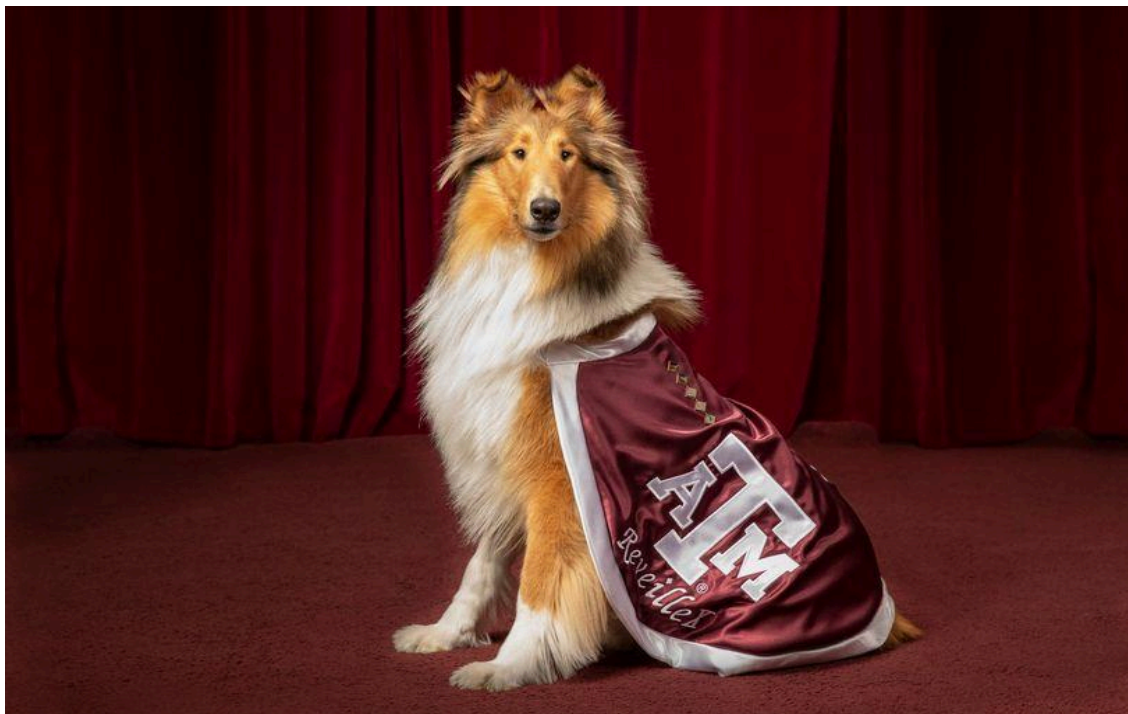
TEXAS A&M VP: SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR REACTORS AT RELLIS WOULD PRODUCE 1 GIGAWATT OF POWER

April 22, 2025 by Joe Southern

The four small modular nuclear reactors proposed for construction at the Texas A&M RELLIS campus would produce 1 gigawatt of electricity and be small enough to fit on a trailer. Joe Elabd, Texas A&M University System vice president of research, said the four companies — Kairos Power, Natura Resources, Terrestrial Energy and Aalo Atomics — were selected last year after the university put out a request for information.

The four companies were announced at a press conference in February. They will work to bring commercial-ready technologies to the site and use it as a place to test the latest prototypes. Elabd said the RELLIS site will be a proving ground for new energy technologies, with electricity production being the end goal. As for the reactors, Elabd said they vary in size, even among the four companies, but said they are small and much safer than the large nuclear power plants of the past. In addition to bringing energy innovation and electricity to the region, Elabd said the program is also bringing jobs.

https://theeagle.com/news/local/article_7f7f6d8b-11f4-4f6a-9822-2be45f5849e6.html



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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.

Note: All the Bulletins from Bulletin #1 to the current Bulletin are available to be viewed on the SRG Website at www.ferrata.net/srg/portal.aspx. Click on 'Uploaded Files.'

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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**.

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SRG Board of Directors' Resolutions for: 2024 – 2025

****To keep the Sul Ross Group (SRG) membership informed of pertinent topics and activities on campus through periodic SRG Bulletins.**

****As investors of A&M, to continue to meet with and to offer our support and assistance to the leadership of TAMUS, TAMU, the Association of Former Students, A&M Foundation, the Commandant, the Corps Commander, and student government leaders.**

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**To support A&M's Core Values and traditions and share these with all we meet, especially students, stressing unity of purpose and effort within the A&M community.

**To continue the ongoing review, execution and improvement of new student integration and assimilation into TAMU, working with and assisting the V.P. of Student Affairs, if invited, by periodically observing new student orientation – avoiding “not too much nor too little” oversight of student run organizations.

**Be it resolved that the SRG support their strategic goal of preserving what sets TAMU apart as distinctive and transcendent, as elder statesmen, and in accordance with the SRG's four established Constitutional objectives while serving TAMU, the Association, and our membership.