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JOHN SHARP'S FARWELL

June 30, 2025 by Chancellor John Sharp, Chancellor's Century Council News

As I wrap up my final day as Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, I wanted to send you one last note.

I'm deeply grateful for your membership in the Chancellor's Century Council and for the vital role you've played not just through your financial support, but through the sage advice and constant encouragement so many of you have offered over the past 14 years.

We've shared many experiences, but what unites us all is our love for the Texas A&M System and our commitment to its continued success.

As I leave for Austin to begin a consulting business, I will always be thankful to so many of you who have become such good friends.

I'll always be here to support you however I can. You can reach me anytime at john@johnsharp.com, and I'll continue using the same cell number I've had for the past 30 years.

Please don't hesitate to reach out, and let me know if there's ever a way I can return the generosity you've shown me during my time as Chancellor.

As always, thank you for your support.

To read more visit the link below:

<https://ccc.tamus.org/organization/program-activities/#>

CARING FOR CANINE HEROES

July 14, 2025 by Jennifer Dauntt, Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
Texas A&M serves search and rescue dogs deployed to Central Texas.

To read the full article visit the link below:

<https://stories.tamu.edu/news/2025/07/14/caring-for-canine-heroes/>



HEGAR OPENS DOOR ON NEW CHAPTER

July 2, 2025 by Stephen Whitaker

New A&M System chancellor begins first day on the job Tuesday morning.

After four months of waiting, Glenn Hegar finally strolled into Texas A&M University System headquarters as chancellor for the first time Tuesday morning. It wasn't his first time in the Moore/Connally Building on Tarrow Street as he has been a regular at the office learning the ropes from former Chancellor John Sharp.

"I feel like a kid. I'm back in class all over again," Hegar told local media after his entrance through the front doors. "It's like the first day of class. Obviously there has been a lot of work over the last three months working with Chancellor Sharp and the administration on the transition. Today is really nice to be officially in the role. I'm extremely excited about what's on the horizon for the Texas A&M University System."

"First and foremost, it's always about the students," Hegar said. "It's about the 170,000 students that we educate across all 12 campuses. That's the most important thing and we never need to lose sight of that."

Hegar's first order of business Tuesday was to go through what every new employee of the A&M System goes through: new hire orientation. He later went to the headquarters' top floor and worked in a temporary office while the chancellor's office is repainted and prepared for him to move in.

Hegar is looking forward to continuing to lead the A&M System forward on the path that Sharp began in his nearly 14-year tenure.

As he's done since he was named chancellor, Hegar will continue to travel to system schools speaking with the administration of each university and state agency before campuses begin filling up with students.

"We do a lot of great things in the university system and there is a tremendous amount of things on the horizon," Hegar said. "Our state has grown immensely in population and economic power and it's going to continue to grow. The future is really bright for the state of Texas and for the Texas A&M University System. Being able to be part of that and steer in a direction with a great team here across all of our campuses and agencies is really exciting."

"There are many responsibilities and they're all important, but just being able to be engaged with the next generation and being able to give some direction on where we

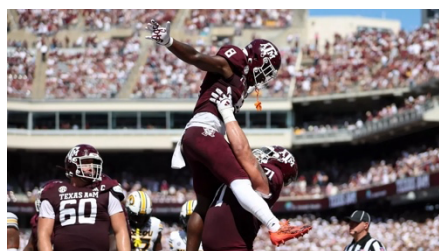
are going as a university system as it impacts so many lives," Hegar said of his next task. "That's the most exciting part more than anything else is helping [students], giving them that edge that they can make a better life for themselves and for future generations. It's so exciting."

To read the full article visit the link below:

https://theeagle.com/eedition/page_d65846f2-174f-5422-9645-3d9db4fc3909.html#carousel-example-generic

NIL COMPENSATION TOPS \$50 MILLION FOR TEXAS A&M

July 21, 2025 by John Brice



In spring 2024, only 67 NCAA athletics programs reported revenues of more than \$51 million. In the past year alone, Texas A&M athletes have earned more than \$51 million.

And therein shows the giant disparity sweeping college athletics since the onset of the Name, Image and Likeness.

The earnings of the Texas A&M athletes are detailed today in a report by The Eagle newspaper, which also outlined the exponential growth of Aggies' earnings in the few short years since the NIL era dawned.

Utilizing a Freedom of Information open records request, The Eagle obtained documents that outlined how Texas A&M athletes earned \$51.4 million in compensation in the past fiscal year -- from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

The figure represents a more than 250-percent year-over-year increase from the \$19.4 million earned by Aggies in the prior fiscal year and also is larger than the reported revenue of 165 NCAA athletics programs, per USA Today's spring 2024 NCAA finances report.

Of note, 96% of the NIL earnings went to male athletes at Texas A&M, per The Eagle. Men accounted for \$49.2 million while females earned \$2.2 million. Texas A&M officials have revealed the school has agreed to fund scholarships for all sports, per athletics director Trev Albert, and also opted in to the House Settlement at the maximum level of \$20.5 million in the coming year, with the pact calling for annual 4-percent increases.

Last year on the football field in the program's first season under Mike Elko, the Aggies climbed into the College Football Playoff rankings with an 8-2 start to their season that included wins against top-10 Missouri and LSU before they faded with three consecutive losses to finish the year.

Men's basketball engineered a 23-11 record in the 2024-25 season that ended in the Round of 32 of the NCAA Tournament; the Aggies' baseball team was preseason No. 1 but failed to reach the NCAA Tournament after it struggled to a 30-26 mark.

Women's softball had a stellar 48-11 season that ended early when the team was eliminated at home by Liberty in an NCAA regional. Women's basketball was among the worst teams in the SEC and finished at just 10-19.

Texas A&M kicks off its upcoming football season with back-to-back home games against UTSA and Utah State on Aug. 30 and Sept. 6, respectively, before traveling to Notre Dame, national runner-up last season, for a primetime night game inside Notre Dame Stadium.

To read the full article visit the link below:

<https://www.footballscoop.com/2025/07/21/nil-compensation-tops-50-million-for-texas-am-athletes>

A&M SYSTEM JOINS STATE UNIVERSITIES IN OTHER REPUBLICAN-LED STATES TO FORM NEW ACCREDITATION AGENCY

July 23, 2025 by Doug Ferrata

A new accreditation agency is being formed to serve as a counterbalance to left-wing ideological capture of higher education. [Adam Cahn has the details.](#)

Accreditation is a process where an outside entity evaluates a college or university to determine if it meets certain standards. Typically, these standards relate to programs, faculty, and resources. This process has become increasingly controversial in recent years, as accreditation agencies have become vehicles through which left-wing programs are imposed on universities.

In response, Texas A&M is joining the university systems of Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina to launch the Commission for Public Higher Education.

Incoming Texas A&M Chancellor Glenn Hegar called the new agency “an alliance of some of the nation’s top university systems to provide a new, less cumbersome and more objective option for accreditation.”

To read more visit the link below:

<https://texasscorecard.com/texas-minute/>

TEXAS A&M STUDENT BONFIRE VOLUNTEERS HELP IN FLOOD SEARCH AND RESCUE

July 9, 2025 by Joe Southern

Members of the Texas A&M student Bonfire have put their tree-cutting skills to use helping in the search and recovery efforts from the July Fourth flash flood in Kerr County.

To read the full article, visit the link below:

https://myaggienation.com/am_news/texas-a-m-student-bonfire-volunteers-help-in-flood-search-and-rescue/article_6a0238fc-4b15-596c-99e3-b1f1af66f582.html



SANKEY: ATHLETICS STRAINED NOT BROKEN

July 15, 2025 by Alex Miller

Southeastern Conference commissioner Greg Sankey discussed the current state of college athletics at the opening of SEC Media Days in Atlanta on Monday.

Toward the end of Greg Sankey's 30-minute remarks to open Southeastern Conference Media Days on Monday, the league's commissioner wanted to be clear about one thing: From his perspective, college athletics is not broken, but rather under stress and strained.

To read the full article visit the link below:

https://myaggienation.com/aggie_sports/football/sec-commissioner-greg-sankey-college-athletics-is-not-broken-it-is-strained/article_21a8b304-e388-50dc-979f-953957ea226c.html



TEXAS A&M LAUNCHES CLINICAL TRIAL TO MEASURE HEALTH BENEFITS OF 'AGRIHOOD' LIVING

July 15, 2025 by Caitlin Clark

Researcher will track how living in an agrihood, a neighborhood centered around a working farm, changes residents' diet, physical activity and social connectedness

To read the full article visit the link below:

<https://stories.tamu.edu/news/2025/07/14/caring-for-canine-heroes/>



NATURE-INSPIRED VIRTUAL REALITY BOOSTS EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING IN OLDER ADULTS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

July 29, 2025 by Ann Kellett

Texas A&M study finds immersive VR nature experiences improve mood and quality of life.

To read the full article visit the link below:

<https://stories.tamu.edu/news/2025/07/29/nature-inspired-virtual-reality-boosts-emotional-well-being-in-older-adults-living-with-dementia/>

TEXAS A&M SYSTEM'S NEW LEADER HINTS FACULTY SENATES IN STATE LEADERS' CROSSHAIRS WILL STAY

July 28, 2025 by Jessica Priest

In an interview with the Tribune, Chancellor Glenn Hegar said he would prioritize student outcomes over big projects and skirted questions about diversity and academic freedom. Hegar said he wants to help Texas A&M students complete college, expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of now-defunct DEI programs, and

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suggested that the schools in the system will likely continue having faculty senates, even after lawmakers have criticized the advising bodies and gave universities permission to disband them.

To read the full article visit the link below:

<https://www.texastribune.org/2025/07/28/texas-am-system-chancellor-glenn-hegar-faculty-senates/>



Reveille X - April 2021 - Texas A&M Today - Jesse Everett – Texas A&M Marketing & Communication

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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.

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Suggest you use "Google Chrome", "Foxfire", or "Microsoft Edge" as a browser.

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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.
- 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.