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Howdy Ags,

Here is the Sul Ross Group's Bulletin 103. Our intention is in keeping with one of our four charged SRG Constitution's purposes, to keep the Sul Ross Group membership informed on pertinent topics and occurrences at TAMU in a timely manner.

The SRG Board hopes you enjoy this bulletin and finds it informative. We encourage you to distribute it to your classmates, Aggie buddies, and friends. Thank you.

Gig 'Em!

Sul Ross Group Board

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY #1 IN TEXAS AND SEC

September 30, 2025 By Glenn Hegar Chancellor's Century Council News

Howdy!

I wanted to share an interesting new set of college rankings released this week by The Wall Street Journal and College Pulse.

Texas A&M University has once again earned top honors, securing the No. 1 spot among public universities in Texas, No. 1 in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) and placing No. 12 nationally among public institutions.

The rankings underscore something I believe is essential to our mission at The Texas A&M University System: value.

Unlike most rankings, this list looks beyond reputation or research dollars to focus on a single question: How well does a university prepare its students for financial success? It measures outcomes like graduation rates, salary growth and how quickly students can pay off their education. The rankings also highlight schools that deliver a real return-on-investment for their graduates.

These results reaffirm what we're focused on every day across the A&M System, which is, of course, putting students first, keeping education affordable and ensuring that every degree we award translates into opportunity. Our goal is not just to hand out diplomas. Rather, it's to prepare Texans for good jobs and a lifetime of contribution to our state.

Our friends at Texas A&M wrote a story about the rankings. Please read more [here](#). Thank you, as always, for your support.

God Bless,

Glenn Hegar Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

<https://ccc.tamus.org/>

ONE FINAL SALUTE TO MISS REVEILLE IX

October 10, 2025 By Stephen Whitaker

Thousands of Aggies gathered together Friday afternoon around O.R. Simpson Drill Field to pay their respects to Reveille IX. Reveille IX, the beloved First Lady of Aggieland, died Sept. 27 of pneumonia. She would have turned 12 in November.

Company E-2 Commander Rache; Rosser spoke during the funeral while mascot corporals who had served with Reveille IX carried her onto the drill field. After the service the corporals carried her the two-tenths of a mile from Simpson Field to her final resting place at Reveille Memorial on the north end of Kyle Field.

"On May 9, 2015, [Reveille IX] stepped into her role as the First Lady of Aggieland right here on this very field. From that day forward she carried herself with grace, joy, loyalty and the spirit that defines Texas A&M," Rosser said.

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

https://theeagle.com/news/a_m/article_cf7bed89-5c7b-49f1-85b2-2126d7b7138b.html

SEC OPPONENTS REVEAL 2026-2029



The graphic features the SEC logo and the text "OPPONENTS REVEAL 2026-2029 TEXAS A&M". Below this, a row of 11 "ATM" logos is displayed. The main content is a table of annual opponents for the years 2026 through 2029. Each year has a column of 11 opponents, each preceded by a small icon (either a house or a square with a house inside). At the bottom, there is a small SEC logo with the text "IT JUST MEANS MORE."

	2026	2027	2028	2029
ANNUAL OPPONENTS	TEXAS	TEXAS	TEXAS	TEXAS
	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
	MISSOURI	MISSOURI	MISSOURI	MISSOURI
	ARKANSAS	GEORGIA	ALABAMA	AUBURN
	KENTUCKY	OLE MISS	SOUTH CAROLINA	FLORIDA
	TENNESSEE	VANDERBILT	OKLAHOMA	MISSISSIPPI STATE
	ALABAMA	AUBURN	ARKANSAS	GEORGIA
	SOUTH CAROLINA	FLORIDA	KENTUCKY	OLE MISS
	OKLAHOMA	MISSISSIPPI STATE	TENNESSEE	VANDERBILT

125 YEARS OF HISTORY AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

September 15, 2025 By Catherine White

The Department of History celebrates over a century of scholarship, growth and a lasting commitment to preserving the past to shape the future. Now in its 125th year, this internationally recognized department offers a global curriculum, award-winning faculty and countless opportunities for students to engage with the past in ways that shape the future.

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

<https://artsci.tamu.edu/news/2025/09/125-years-of-history-at-texas-am-university.html>



In 1932, this was known as the Agriculture Building. Today, it is the Melbern G. Glasscock Building, home of the Department of History.
Image: Cushing Memorial Library and Archives, Texas A&M University

TEXAS A&M LAUNCHED THE AGGIE LYCEUM TO ADVANCE CIVIC DIALOGUE DURING CONSTITUTION WEEK

September 3, 2025 By Heather Rodriguez '04

Developing great citizens is a priority driven by Texas A&M University's core values. Last fall, Texas A&M former University President General (Ret.) Mark A. Welsh III announced a Citizenship and Service Initiative, to ensure that all graduating students are ready and willing to "serve as ethical, informed, equipped and contributing citizens of their communities, state of Texas and the United States." In conjunction with Constitution Week, Texas A&M's College of Arts and Sciences launched Aggie Lyceum, a new program open to all students that is part of this initiative.

Modeled after the Texas Lyceum, an organization that brings together various segments of state in a nonpartisan, nonpolitical and non-adversarial setting to solve the problems facing Texas, the Aggie Lyceum will facilitate opportunities for all students to learn critical thinking skills, media literacy, civil discourse and more skills that help them develop as citizens.

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

<https://artsci.tamu.edu/news/2025/09/texas-am-launches-the-aggie-lyceum-to-advance-civic-dialogue-during-constitution-week.html>



TOMMY WILLIAMS NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

October 3, 2025 By The Texas University System

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System unanimously approved Tommy Williams, a former state senator from The Woodlands and longtime public servant, to serve as interim president of Texas A&M University.

Williams previously held the role of vice chancellor of governmental relations for the Texas A&M System, where he worked to advance System priorities at the state and federal levels. His understanding of higher education policy, leadership experience and ties to the Texas Legislature

make him uniquely qualified to guide the university during this transitional period.

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

<https://news.tamus.edu/tommy-williams-named-interim-president-of-texas-am-university/>

INTERIM PRESIDENT LAYS OUT HIS VISION

October 17, 2025 By Stephen Whitaker

Tommy Williams to focus on stability during time in charge, won't seek permanent role. "I'm honored to be here. I want you to know that for me to get a chance to return here, it's unbelievable," Williams said. "My focus is going to be on continuity and stability. I want us to continue all the great things. What's happening here at A&M matters. We are a force for good and that's exciting."

Students, along with faculty members, are among those whom Williams intends to listen to and learn from. He said he'll also listen to former students' ideas.

"What's important to me is to listen to the students and the faculty and also our former students," Williams said. "There are a lot of constituencies that make up the A&M family and I'm still in the process of listening to them. As we hear that we will formulate what other things might need to be done. I'm not here to kick over the apple cart. I want to keep this momentum we've got going."

Even as the university has grown it has remained true to its roots going back to being founded in 1876. That is what Williams believes makes A&M a special place.

"I think the great thing that we've done here more than anything is we've hung on to those same core values that were here before," Williams said. "Even though we've grown endlessly, the school has managed to hang on. I think people are choosing Texas A&M because of those traditions and what makes us different than any other large university is that even though we've grown, we haven't grown away from our core values."

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

https://myaggienation.com/am_news/interim-texas-a-m-president-williams-to-focus-on-stability-won-t-look-for-permanent-role/article_1045b120-c063-5ead-9b53-ab5f9362ccc3.html

DR. SIMON NORTH NAMED INTERIM DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

September 25, 2025 By Sondra White

North, the John W. Bevan Professor of Chemistry, served as the Art and Sciences executive associate dean since June 2024.

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

<https://artsci.tamu.edu/news/2025/09/dr-simon-north-named-interim-dean-of-the-college-of-arts-sciences.html>

ARMY SUNSETS FUTURES COMMAND, ACTIVATES TRANSFORMATION, TRAINING COMMAND

October 6, 2025 By Carley Welch

The Army has officially deactivated Army Futures Command after seven years in service and will combine it, along with the also-deactivated Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), into a new organization dubbed the Transformation and Training Command, or T2COM.

“The deactivation ceremony for the Army Futures Command took place Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, at 7:45 a.m. at the LBJ Auditorium on the University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas,” a spokesperson from T2COM told Breaking Defense today. “The event marked the end of the command’s seven-year history and was followed by the activation of the Transformation and Training Command.” The combination of the two organizations is part of the service’s sprawling Army Transformation Initiative(ATI) effort announced in May. ATI aims to cut the number of general officer billets and restructure the service’s offices responsible for crafting requirements and buying weapons. The idea is to build a “leaner, more lethal force,” according to Secretary Pete Hegseth’s memo announcing the initiative.

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<https://breakingdefense.com/2025/10/army-sunsets-futures-command-activates-transformation-training-command/>

TEXAS A&M BREAKS GROUND ON APLIN CENTER

October 3, 2025 by Emma Lawson

Buc-ee’s founder Arch “Beaver” Aplin III gifted \$60 million toward an immersive learning lab and campus gateway that is expected to be complete in 2028.



Hundreds gathered Friday on the campus of Texas A&M University to celebrate the groundbreaking of what will become an immersive, hands-on learning hub that will also serve as a campus visitor center. The three-story, more than 211,000-square-foot Aplin Center will transform hospitality, retail and marketing education when it opens in 2028.

“Beaver Aplin changed the way Americans travel with Buc-ee’s, and now he’s changing how the next generation of Aggies will learn,” said Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. “The Aplin Center proves Texas A&M is more than a place for education — it’s a hub of innovation where dreamers and doers will shape the future of Texas and our nation. Congratulations to Beaver Aplin, Chancellor Hegar and Texas A&M on this incredible new facility.”

Buc-ee’s founder and CEO Arch “Beaver” Aplin III ’80 contributed \$60 million toward establishing the Aplin Center. The West Campus site, currently a parking lot, sits in the shadow of Kyle Field and across from the Doug Pitcock ’49 Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center.

To read the complete article visit the link below.

<https://stories.tamu.edu/news/2025/10/03/texas-am-breaks-ground-on-aplin-center/>

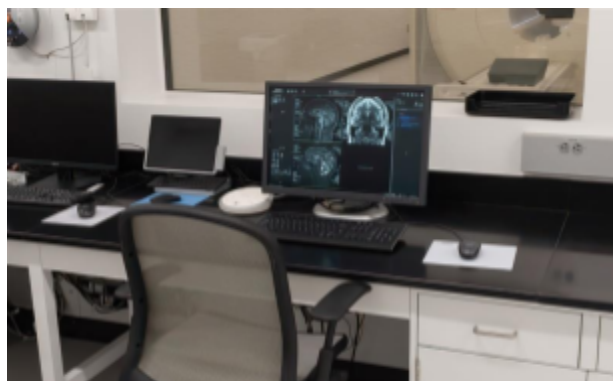
NEW PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BRAIN SCIENCES MAJOR LAUNCHES IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

September 8, 2025 By Catherine White '25

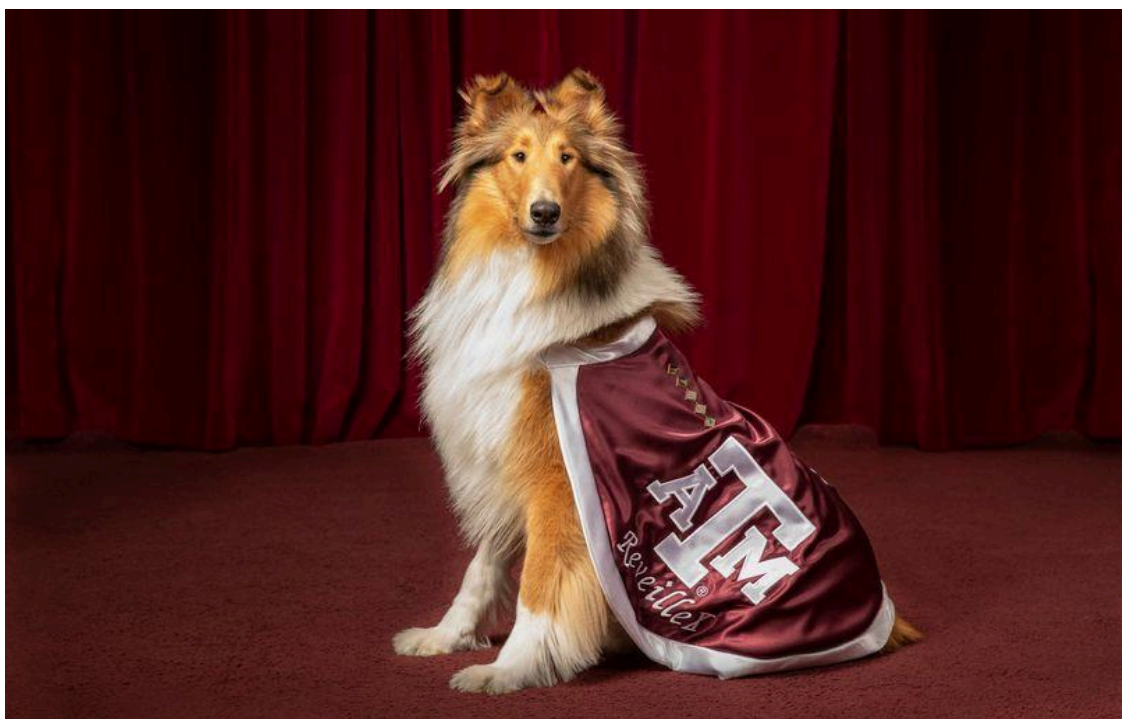
What’s the connection between biology and behavior? The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Texas A&M University has launched a new undergraduate degree in Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience to study that question, giving students an opportunity to explore the intersection of the nervous system, conduct and thought. The program launched Aug. 15 and has already attracted students from other majors.

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

<https://artsci.tamu.edu/news/2025/09/new-psychological-brain-sciences-major-launches-in-the-college-of-arts-sciences.html>



The brain on display at the Human Imaging Facility at Texas A&M University. Image: Chris Jarvis, Arts & Sciences Marketing & Communications



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

WHO, WHY, AND HOW TO RECEIVE THE SRG BULLETINS?

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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.'

Suggest you use “Google Chrome”, “Firefox”, or “Microsoft Edge” as a browser.

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.
- 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.