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Howdy Ags,

Here is the Sul Ross Group's Bulletin 105. The SRG Board hopes you enjoy this bulletin and find it informative. We encourage you to distribute it to your classmates, Aggie buddies, and friends. Thank you.

Gig 'Em!

Sul Ross Group Board

Save the date for the 2026 Sul Ross Group Reunion March 2-4 in College Station.

A block of rooms is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Make your reservations by calling the Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center directly before Jan. 29, 2026, at 979-260-2235, or by booking online tx.ag/SRG26HotelRoom. When calling the hotel to make your reservation, be sure to reference the group name "Sul Ross Reunion" to receive the rate of \$152 per night, plus tax. Rooms will fill up fast, so make your reservations today!

If you would like to stay in a hotel that is not located on campus, you can book a room at The Stella Hotel ([4100 Lake Atlas Dr., Bryan, TX 77807](https://www.stellahotel.com)) for the same rate of \$152 per night, plus tax. To book a room at The Stella, you can visit tx.ag/SRG26StellaHotel. Please note that this hotel is not on campus and will be in a separate location from the Reunion activities. It is approximately a 10-15 minute drive to campus.

Parking Information for the Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center

We are excited to celebrate our first year hosting the Sul Ross Group Reunion at the Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center. Please review the parking details below to ensure a smooth arrival:

- **For Guests Staying at the TAMU Hotel**
 - Your hotel room reservation includes complimentary parking for the duration of your stay. Simply follow the hotel's check-in instructions for accessing the garage.
- **For Attendees Not Staying at the Hotel**
 - Guests who are not overnight hotel guests may receive **ONE parking validation ticket** from The Association. This special accommodation is being offered **only for this year** in celebration of our first year at this venue.
- **Looking Ahead**
 - Please note that parking validation beyond this year **cannot be guaranteed**. We encourage attendees to plan accordingly for future reunions.
 - If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

For questions, please contact the Class Programs team at 979-845-7514 or at Class@AggieNetwork.com.

CHAMPS! TEXAS A&M VOLLEYBALL TEAM BEATS KENTUCKY TO WIN FIRST NATIONAL TITLE

December 21, 2025 By Alex Miller

A year and a half ago, Texas A&M volleyball head coach Jamie Morrison sat down with his coaching staff and realized something. He knew he was building a program that could win a national title, and that A&M was the place to do it. But as he looked around at the landscape of college athletics, he thought his original timeline of five years seemed just a little bit off.

"I sat down and I said, 'We're at the tipping point right now,'" Morrison said. "From a recruiting standpoint, from a development standpoint, I said 'We can do it sooner.' And we kind of sat down and really put the pedal to the metal."

After one of the wildest NCAA tournament title runs in the history of college volleyball — including a reverse sweep of No. 2 seed Louisville, an upset of undefeated No. 1 Nebraska and back-to-back sweeps of two more top seeds, Morrison and the third-seeded Aggies (29-4) accomplished his goal in just three years.



Texas A&M players celebrate after sweeping Kentucky to win the NCAA volleyball championship at T-Mobile Center in Kansas City on Sunday. NIKOS FRAZIER, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

The moment of euphoria came at the hands of senior middle blocker Ifenna Cos-Okpalla, who with the final kill of her collegiate career gave Texas A&M its first national championship in school history after a 26-24, 25-15, 25-20 sweep of No. 1 seed Kentucky (30-3) at T-Mobile Center on Sunday.

“For the rest of their lives, they get to call themselves national champions,” Morrison said. “And again, I’m going to smile every time I say it, because I’m still in a little bit of disbelief.”

The Aggies’ tournament mantra of “Why not us?” suddenly turned into “It is us,” as tears of joy mixed with confetti and tags from national championship T-shirts and hats on the arena floor.

Morrison says these Aggies stuck with the program because they wanted to build something and see the full results of their hard work accomplished by a future team someday, with a banner they could look at in the rafters of Reed Arena.

Instead, this group got to put that banner up there themselves.

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

https://myaggienation.com/aggie_sports/volleyball/champs-texas-a-m-volleyball-team-beats-kentucky-to-win-first-national-title/article_94d119e0-5878-5fdb-af77-6e5bc12ced88.html

LEADING WITH CHARACTER, FOR EARTH AND SPACE

December 12, 2025 By Kala McCain

Recognized for helping shape and equip principled leaders, Texas A&M University welcomes inaugural cohort of U.S. Space Force service members selected to participate in four-week course.

In January, 24 mid-level officers (known as Guardians) from the U.S. Space Force will be welcomed to Texas A&M’s main campus at The Bush School of Government and Public Service as they embark on a four-week Captain’s Leadership Course offered in partnership with STARCOM, the Space Force’s Space Training and Readiness Command. As the first cohort of participants selected to complete the course focused on leadership, these service members bring military experience coupled with highly technical expertise in space launches, orbital mechanics, space intelligence, acquisition and cyber.

Supported by a \$1.8 million grant contract from the U.S. Department of War, STARCOM’s instructors will be embedded in The Bush School, teaching alongside faculty members who are seasoned practitioners in areas like the military and intelligence community. Students will receive classes on space readiness and multi-service integration taught by Space Force instructors. Texas A&M’s faculty will provide instruction on courses in leadership and communication in partnership with the Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership in the Corps of Cadets.

Through the Captain's Leadership Course, Texas A&M continues its legacy of preparing principled, skilled leaders for future challenges in space and technology and demonstrates a commitment in fostering connectivity, mentorship and knowledge exchange about space security and technological innovation through the lens of public service.

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

<https://stories.tamu.edu/stories/leading-with-character-for-earth-and-space/>

1 OF 5 UNIVERSITIES TO WIN 2 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS YEAR

UGA (Women's Outdoor Track & Field / Women's Tennis)

Northwestern (Women's Field Hockey / Women's Golf)

OK State (Men's Cross Country / Men's Golf)

Stanford (Women's Water Polo / Women's Rowing)

Texas A&M (Men's Outdoor Track & Field / Women's Volleyball) Championships

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT MONTHLY UPDATE

November 20, 2025 By Tommy Williams Interim President

Howdy! I hope this message finds you well. As I wrap up my first month of serving as Interim President, I want to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I've received from all of you. These past few weeks have been filled with listening sessions, meetings and conversations that have reminded me – again and again – what makes Aggieland so special.

I also recognize there is uncertainty among the university community, and that's understandable. I want you to know that my focus is on being present, responsive and transparent during this transition. Clear communication will be key, and this message is the first of what will become monthly updates to our faculty, staff and students.

More than anything, my goal is to keep the momentum so the next president is positioned for a long and successful tenure — and that all of you have what you need to continue your important work. At the same time, I want to get the shiny side of Texas A&M University up so everyone can see how amazing this place truly is. From major projects like the Citizenship and Service Program to being named the best public university in the state for the third consecutive year by The Wall Street Journal, what's happening here matters. Texas A&M is a force for good, and we need to make sure the world knows that.

To read the complete article, visit the link below.

<https://president.tamu.edu/messages/office-of-the-president-monthly-update-nov-2025.html>



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

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

To provide our thoughts and communication with our membership, the SRG board has decided to communicate directly through bulletins sent by email to the Class Agents who will then share 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: SRGbulletin@gmail.com**

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 – 2026

- 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.