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NEW SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED FOR OUT-OF-STATE CADETS



Figure 1 - Photo by Abbey Santoro - The Battalion

As reported by Aubrey Vogel in the Battalion, The Maj. Gen. Raymond L. Murray, '35 Corps of Cadets Scholarship will now be offered to out-of-state cadets to offset tuition costs.

To cover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition, a new scholarship has been developed for Texas A&M Corps of Cadets members who reside outside of Texas, as announced by an [April 22 press release](#).

Hoping to grow the enrollment of the Corps to 3,000 cadets, the Maj. Gen. Raymond L. Murray, '35 Corps of Cadets Scholarship will help to maintain retention of cadets who may experience financial hardships due to increased out-of-state tuition. Eligible new and current students will begin receiving the scholarship during the 2022-23 academic year, and officials estimate this will benefit approximately 150 students immediately. "The new scholarship will be available to students who receive a Corps of Cadets scholarship valued at \$1,200 or greater and are not receiving a non-resident tuition waiver such as the Competitive Scholarship Waiver or Military in Texas Waiver," the release reads. "The scholarship will be awarded in an amount equal to the additional tuition and fees charged to non-residents, thereby reducing total tuition and fees to be equivalent to those paid by Texas residents."

Named for the late Raymond L. Murray, Class of 1935, the scholarship aims to honor his accomplishments during his time in the armed forces including two Navy Crosses, four Silver Star Medals for valor and a Purple Heart for two wounds sustained in combat.

“During his 33 years as a Marine Corps officer, Murray served in three wars in numerous combat positions, including the Sino-Japanese War in 1937 and World War II in which he led the Marines in the Pacific campaigns at Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan,” the press release reads. “In Korea, he led the 5th Marines in the landings at Pusan and Inchon and in the Chosin Reservoir campaign. Murray was also deputy commander for all Marine forces in Vietnam.”

University president M. Katherine Banks told Texas A&M Today the program will help to grow the number of outstanding Corps members.

“Texas A&M has a long history of educating leaders of character committed to serving the greater good, and this will allow us to enable more of those promising students to become Aggies,” Banks said. With the goal of growing the number of cadets, System Chancellor John Sharp emphasized the importance of the Corps in a statement to Texas A&M Today. “I can’t think of anything more important right now than growing the Corps,” Sharp said, and followed with, “Congratulations to President Banks for this initiative and others to ensure the vibrancy of the Corps.”

To read more go to:

Apr 22, 2022, [The Battalion](#), article by [Aubrey Vogel@aubrey.vogel](mailto:Aubrey.Vogel@aubrey.vogel)

TEXAS A&M WOMEN'S TENNIS WINS FIRST OUTRIGHT CONFERENCE CROWN SINCE 1986



Figure 2 - The 2022 SEC Champion Texas Aggie Women's Tennis Team and Coaches.

The Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team concluded its regular season with a 30-1 record and won its last 21 matches thereby winning the SEC championship. This is the first time A&M has won a conference championship in this sport since it won the Southwest Conference championship in 1986. The final contest resulted in a 4-0 win over the defending SEC champion Georgia Bulldogs.

Texas A&M placed two women on the 2022 All-SEC Tournament Team, and they were Jayci Goldsmith and Tatiana Makarova who was named Tournament MVP.

Head Coach Mark Weaver said, “We are very pleased to be hosting the NCAA Tournament. We played Texas A&M-Corpus Christi earlier during the regular season. They are a very well-coached group led by Steve Moore and we are very excited to get started with the opening rounds in front of the 12th Man.” The Aggies are a 7th seed for the tournament to be played at the George P. Mitchell Tennis Complex.

To read more go to the following link:

TEXAS A&M ANNOUNCES “MARCH TO 3,000” PROGRAM ‘ FOR CORPS OF CADETS

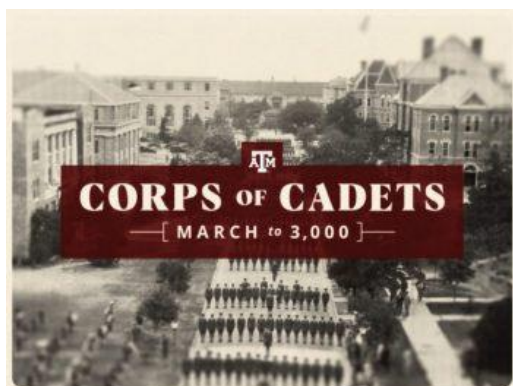


Figure 3 - The March to 3,000 Announcement

As reported by Lesley Henton, Texas A&M University today announces the “March to 3,000,” a new campaign to grow its Corps of Cadets to 3,000 members.

Henton wrote “The Corps is the oldest student organization at Texas A&M and one of its most visible representations. Corps participation was mandatory when A&M opened in 1876 as a result of the Morrill Land Grant Act. In 1965 under President Gen. James Earl Rudder, membership in the Corps ceased to be a requirement. As of fall 2021, the organization has 2,143 members and is the largest uniformed student body in the nation,

aside from the military academies.”

“The Corps of Cadets is an important part of our long history and many graduates have gone on to serve with excellence across a broad spectrum of careers,” said Dr. M. Katherine Banks, Texas A&M president. “We have a duty and obligation to our state and nation to continue developing leaders of character and I am in full support of expanding the opportunities the Corps provides our students.”

As part of the effort to increase the number of cadets, the university has funded two scholarships: the ROTC Patriot Scholarship Program, available to ROTC scholarship cadets, and the Maj. Gen. Raymond L. Murray scholarship for out-of-state cadets.

“The Corps of Cadets has a long, rich history at Texas A&M, and is an integral part of the overall experience at A&M, especially given that our most cherished traditions began with the Corps,” said Vice President for Student Affairs Brig. Gen. Joe E. Ramirez, Jr., '79 USA (Ret.), the previous commandant who held the position for 10 years. “I saw first-hand the positive impact that the four-year Corps experience can have on our cadets – in academics, leadership development and career readiness.”

To accommodate the anticipated growth, two additional Corps dorms are scheduled to be built, with completion set for 2027-28.

For more on the Corps of Cadets, visit corps.tamu.edu.

EIGHT AGGIES DRAFTED OR SIGNED FREE AGENT CONTRACTS WITH NFL TEAMS



Figure 4 - Michael Clemons 4th Round Pick to the NY Jets

In the 2022 National Football League draft of eligible college football players, four Aggie players were drafted and four more signed Free Agent contracts.

Coach Jimbo Fisher said that the goal is to have ten to twelve players drafted each year. Two players, Michael Clemons and Byron Hansford returned for their fifth years and helped their status by their play in a final year. Three players, Kenyon Green, Isaiah Spiller, and DeMarvin Leal, were all Juniors who opted for the draft early.

The players drafted or signing free-agent contracts are these:

- Kenyon Green (1st round) to the Houston Texans
- DeMarvin Leal (3rd round) to the Pittsburgh Steelers
- Michael Clemons (4th round) to New York Jets
- Isaiah Spiller (4th round) to the Los Angeles Chargers
- Byron Hansford (UDFA) Dallas Cowboys
- Leon O'Neal (UDFA) Dallas Cowboys
- Jalen Wydemeyer (UDFA) Buffalo Bills
- Jayden Peevy (UDFA) Tennessee Titans
- Tyree Johnson (UDFA) Pittsburgh Steelers

Kicker Seth Small was invited to a minicamp with the Indianapolis Colts, according to his agent.

Twenty players from Texas colleges were selected in this years' draft, led by six from Baylor. A&M had four followed by Houston (3), SMU (2), Texas Tech (2), UTSA (2), Sam Houston 1, Texas (0).

AGGIES GATHER TO HONOR LOVED ONES AT MUSTER



Figure 5 - Photo by Michael Miller, *The Battalion*

On April 21 Aggies gathered at Reed Arena for the 2022 Campus Muster Ceremony. For the past two years Muster had been relegated to an all-online or hybrid event due to COVID. During those years, the Worldwide Roll Call for the Aggies lost during the past year was still held.

It is a common belief that the Campus Muster once called the full annual roll, but research by The Association of Former Students' Communications team several years ago uncovered no evidence that this was ever the

case. Since no Muster had ever called the entire annual roll in a single ceremony, it is likely that every year, some names had not been called anywhere. In 2018, a new tradition was created: the Worldwide Roll Call for the Absent. During this special event, all names on the 2018 Roll Call were read from the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center beginning at sunrise and has continued every year since. This year, all 1,394 names on the 2022 Worldwide Roll Call for the Absent were called – and answered – in a live reading that began at sunrise on April 21 in the Williams Alumni Center. Speakers mounted on top of the building once again carried the reading of the Roll Call throughout campus, and the reading was streamed live to Aggies around the world on AggieNetwork.com.

The 2022 Campus Muster Ceremony resumed the traditional candlelight ceremony with several Aggie choral groups, the Fighin' Texas Aggie Band and the Ross Volunteers. The 2022 Muster speaker was Gen. Mark Welch. His moving Muster speech can be found here at approximately the 1:40.00-minute mark and it is well worth a listen.

Watch

Gen. Welch's Muster speech here. ([links to youtube video with auto-start at 1:40:00](#))

NIL Leaves CFB Experts Divided



Figure 6 - LSU Wide Receiver Keshawn Boutte was about to transfer until he received an enhanced NIL deal from LSU. Photo by Stephen LEW/USA TODAY Sports.

As reported by Ross Dellinger in a May 2, 2022, in *Sports Illustrated*, Supreme Court Ruling allowing college football players to earn money through the Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) is having an impact on college football.

Additionally, the Transfer Portal rules that were established to accommodate the

COVID pandemic are having an impact on college football.

Read the full article here. (linked)

AGGIE BASEBALL SURGE LIFTS HOPES TO HOST A REGIONAL PLAYOFF SERIES

As of the issuance of this bulletin, the Fightin' Texas Aggie baseball team has won six straight SEC weekend baseball series against Georgia, Arkansas, LSU, Vanderbilt, South Carolina, and Mississippi State to achieve an overall record of 33-16, and an SEC record of 17-10. The Aggies are now 6th in the D1 Baseball Poll which gets the program near its goal of hosting a regional baseball playoff series at Bluebell Park. The Aggies will play a series starting May 19 against 'Ole Miss. Head Coach Jim Schlossnagle and his staff have done a remarkable job in constructing a balanced team with offensive firepower and the ability to win close games with pitching and defense. The pitching rotation of Micah Dallas, Ryan Prager, and Nathan Dettmer has been solid and five players: Dylan Rock, Jack Moss, Austin Bost, Trevor Werner, and Brett Minnich are all hitting over 300.

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