HOWDY!
FROM WELCOME TO THE JULY ISSUE OF THE REGENTS’ REVIEW

As you begin your career as a Regents’ Scholar at Texas A&M University, I would like to encourage you to take advantage of the valuable information we provide to you by reading the Regents’ Review and checking your TAMU email on a daily basis. This is how our office will communicate with you.

As we prepare for your arrival on campus, I would like to remind you of the requirements of the Regents’ Scholarship:

• Live on-campus
• Attend the Regents’ Scholars Orientation on Monday, August 20, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm. More information will be provided to you later in the summer.
• Participate in an Academic Success Program. (Your program is determined by your college.)
• Attend the Regents’ Scholars Spring Reception.
• Have financial need.

In addition to these very important requirements, there are additional dates you should mark on your calendar:

• August 19: Move-In Day
• August 19-26: Howdy Week (You will need to stay on-campus during the week to participate in the activities. Information may be found at studentlife.tamu.edu/howdyweek.tamu.edu)

The Regents’ Scholarship is Texas A&M’s investment in you. This award demonstrates our commitment to help you succeed, but in order to maintain your scholarship, you need to be sure to meet all the requirements. Your job for the next four years is to be a student. A student who serves their community, shares their voice, and leads in excellence. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thanks and Gig ‘em!
Casey Gros
Regents’ Scholars Coordinator
MEET THE REGENTS’ SCHOLAR STAFF

Click the names below to learn more about the Regents’ Scholars Program staff, Casey Gros and Nicole Munyon. For more information about the Regents’ Scholars Program, visit: scholarships.tamu.edu/Scholarship-Programs/Regents-Scholars

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Click the picture below to learn more about managing your money with the Money Education Center’s Mary Recheirt. For more about the Money Education Center, visit: http://money.tamu.edu.

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- Schedule appointments (in-person or phone)
- Find our Howdy Week events
- Access online resources
- Create your own budget
YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

If you have already attended your New Student Conference, you probably met your Academic Advisor when you registered for fall classes. Your Academic Advisor is an important resource when it comes to your academic career at Texas A&M.

It is very important that you take the time to get to know your Academic Advisor, whose role is to help see you through your degree plan from inception to completion. When you arrive on campus in the fall, spend time getting to know your Advisor and letting her or him get to know you.

Your Academic Advisor needs to know you well enough to give you advice and direction and help you create a degree plan that best meets your interests and needs. You will need to invest in a relationship with your Advisor in order for that to happen.

MEAL PLANS

All freshmen and all Corps of Cadets members that live on campus will be required to purchase a meal plan.

Freshmen: https://new.dineoncampus.com/tamu/on-campus-freshmen

Corps of Cadets: https://new.dineoncampus.com/tamu/for-corps-of-cadets

Information regarding meal plan options, dining options, locations, and hours, etc. may be found at https://dineoncampus.com/tamu.
Howdy Week is Aggieland's official Week of Welcome. Howdy Week provides students an opportunity to learn more about the campus, each other, and college life in general through a series of educational and social events sponsored by university departments, colleges, student organizations, residence halls, and community members.

Events include: Aggiefest, GatheRing, Ice Cream Carnival, MSC Aggie Cinema Movie Night, StuAct Block Party, Rec-A-Palooza, and more!

For a full list of events, please visit: https://studentlife.tamu.edu/howdyweek.tamu.edu

You will receive a stamp-card at your Regents' Scholars Orientation. Collect all of the stamps for the chance to win a prize!
OFFICES OF THE DEAN OF STUDENT LIFE

YOUR AGGIE CONNECTION

The Offices of the Dean of Student Life strive to enhance your opportunities as a student to participate fully in the University experience. They do this by providing you with information, services, programs and involvement opportunities that facilitate responsible life choices and promote awareness of yourself and of your community. Each of their program areas has a specific mission, but one common goal: to provide education, outreach, and support to you. Services offered by the department include:

• New Student Conferences
• Free legal and mediation services
• Health Promotion information
• Student media productions such as the Battalion campus newspaper and Aggieland yearbook
• Assistance with student absences, emergencies, and other student welfare issues

For more information about these and other available student services, please call 979-845-3111 or visit online at https://studentlife.tamu.edu.
EXCELLENCE UNITING CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND LEADERSHIP (ExCEL)

Excellence uniting Culture, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) is a student organization and student success program designed to help new students find academic, social, and personal balance at Texas A&M. ExCEL assists students interested in engaging with the Black or African American Aggie community in making a smooth transition during the first year as an Aggie, through a conference during Howdy Week, cultivating relationships between peers and mentors, providing a sense of belonging, offering academic personal support, and serving as a resource.

EXCEL CONFERENCE

ExCEL launches with the ExCEL Conference the Friday before fall classes. During the conference, students become familiar with the year-long program, as they are assigned upper-class peer mentors and a peer group. The Conference consists of motivational speakers, dialogue within the peer groups, developmental series focused on personal development and community, and meet and greet mentor activities.

Membership Fee: $50 (one-time fee)

YEAR-LONG PROGRAM

Following the conference, academic, social, and cultural activities begin through the close of the spring semester. Activities include community events, seminar series covering topics relevant to African American students, mentor engagement activities, community service projects, and socials!
The Regents’ Scholars Organization (RSO), established in the fall of 2007, provides an opportunity for Regents’ Scholars to form a close-knit community at Texas A&M University. The mission of RSO is to help first-generation students with their college endeavors and to serve the community with excellence and integrity. It provides a “home” organization for its members. RSO aims to maximize academic and social cohesion with diligence, honesty, and dedication within the community. We strive to pay it forward!

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

• Make lifelong friends
• Gain valuable experience
• Participate in social and community service events
• Begin to establish your network
• Learn about college from students like you!

SNEAK PEEK OF UPCOMING RSO EVENTS

• Big Event
• Aggie Replant
• Habitat for Humanity
• Pumpkin Patch
• Franklin Animal Safari Trip
• and much more!

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Visit our table at the MSC Open House on Sunday, September 2nd from 1-5pm or contact us at rsoboard@gmail.com.

- Natalie Garcia ’19, President RSO

REGENTS’ SCHOLAR ORGANIZATION (RSO)