FORMERS' NEWSLETTER



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Welcome



Thank you for taking the time to read this year's edition of the Formers' Newsletter.

This past semester was excellent, and served as the conclusion of the first year we have had without any COVID impacts since 2020. We hope to recap the semester we've had and also give insight to the semester ahead of us.

Matthew 7:24-26

Thank you all for building a solid foundation to grow from.

Please stay connected by updating your contact information by visiting aggiemensclub.com or emailing publicrelations.aggiemensclub@gmail.com.

MENTORS NEEDED



Gentlemen,

The Aggie Men's Club Formers Board and The active body of The Aggie Men's Club are jump-starting the <u>summer mentorship program</u>.

This program is an incredible opportunity to share your life experience, faith experience, and professional experience with young men who are eager to learn from you and have a desire to foster intergenerational friendships.

If you are interested in mentoring a current member of AMC please fill out the google form below and an active will reach out to you soon!

If you are interested at all, please take the time to fill this form out by May 27th so that we can get you connected with an active member as soon as possible while we head off to our summer occupations.

If you have any questions, please reach out to JT Carr at: <u>publicrelations.aggiemensclub@gmail.com</u> or 713-715-8806

Click **HERE** to access the form!



Advisor's Report





Dr. Ben Welch

Men,

It is hard to believe that 27 years ago next semester I was approached about serving as the advisor for Aggie Men's Club. Each year, I continue to feel honored to be part of such an auspicious group of Christian men on campus. I often share that Dr. Robert Gates, our former President of Texas A&M University, and U.S. Secretary of Defense, had lunch with me when he was serving in his presidency and wanted to know how we continue to recruit the top leaders across campus. Foremost, God continues to bless us with incredible men; however, we owe our Formers a debt of gratitude for building the foundation that we continue to build upon.

We still hold to the scripture that says, "As iron sharpens iron so man sharpens man." We continue to hold our candidates accountable with interviews, which gives us an opportunity to truly know the men in our group as opposed to them just being called an "active".

We started the year strong by welcoming Candidate Class XXXVII, a group of young men who readily accepted the challenge of Candidacy and worked together as a Candidate Class to overcome the many ups and downs of Candidacy.

Similar to the many Candidate Classes I have had the pleasure of working with over the years, I saw Candidate Class XXXVII band together, relying on one another, while trusting in the process, but most importantly I saw a Candidate Class trust God as they faithfully chose to lean not on their own understanding, instead choosing to submit to Him. We have already seen members of Candidate Class XXXVII begin to step into leadership roles within the group, as some members of Candidate Class XXXVII will be serving on the EC or in Ex-Officio positions this upcoming year. I am proud of their desire to lead and I know their impact will be vast based on their passion to so readily become more deeply involved with our beloved group.

A special thanks to our Formers Board that have deeply impacted the group with their tenacious efforts. This past Former's event was an incredible success as we engaged in fellowship through Baseball, Golf, and a wonderful dinner at the A&M Hotel.

As many of you know, my favorite quote is from Winston Churchill when he said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." We continue to celebrate what you each have given to AMC. May God continue to richly bless each of you and know that I look forward to spending eternity with each of you my Christian brothers!

In Him,

Brief Year In Review

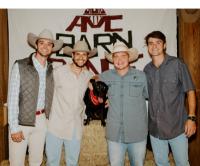




Crush Party 2021



Barn Dance 2021





May Flower Ring Dunk 2021



Former's Tailgate -BTHO BAMA 2021





Fort Worth Formal 2021



Semi-Formal - Iron Horse Ranch 2022



Mission Trip 2022



Spring Good Bull 2022

President's Farewell





Will Langenbahn

Howdy!

As you may know, AMC completed its first full year unaffected by COVID since the 2018–2019 school year. Texas A&M University saw all-time lows this year in the Corps, Greek life, and on-campus organizations but this year we welcomed 28 men into candidate class 37. Already these men have gotten involved in various leadership positions both inside and outside of our group. We were grateful to have 99 active members this year. Our annual crush party was back at Spirit Ice. Barn Dance was held this fall and our social committee planned an amazing formal in Fort Worth.

We entered into our second year of working with Reach as we hosted Meal Distribution Mondays throughout the fall and spring semesters. We launched the first annual Fall Festival in November for our essential Aggies and partnered with Zeta for The Big Event in March. Also in March, we sent 27 guys to serve our philanthropy, Kairos Christian School, in Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala. 21 of 27 guys experienced Kairos for the first time. We were able to build 3 houses, distributed 150 meals, and were continually amazed at how the Lord faithfully works through our friends at Kairos. In the last two years, AMC has raised nearly \$40,000 through our annual philanthropy event, GLOW 5K, and generous donations from friends and family.

It was no surprise that our Formers event in October was a huge hit and it was even sweeter when we BTHO Alabama! Our spring Formers weekend was a great opportunity, as always, to foster relationships over good food, golf, and Aggie baseball. Thank you, formers, for continually investing in us as the years go on. We look forward to the next Formers weekend in the fall.

We are excited to have AMC actives involved on campus. Case Harris is Texas A&M's Student Body President, 3 new Maroon Coats were inducted this spring, Mason Goldwasser is the new Director of the Gilbert Leadership Conference, and the list goes on!

Thank you Dr. Welch for your unwavering support and commitment to our group for the past 27 years! Thank you to the seniors for your engagement in the group, you will be missed! And to the actives, thank you for making my job so easy and making this year the best year!

It has been an honor to have served as President. I'm thrilled to pass the torch to Parker Puckett! I have the utmost respect for him and confidence in his ability to guide the next generation of Christian men.

God bless and Gig'em! Will Langenbahn XXXIV

President Introduction





Parker Puckett

Howdy!

My name is Parker Puckett and I have the distinct privilege of serving as the president of Aggie Men's Club this next year. First off, I wanted to express gratitude for the blessing that the Formers Board has been and for the resources that have been put forth by you all, simply out of genuine care for the organization that has impacted all of you so significantly over the years. It is difficult to express in a few words how excited I am for the next year and how Aggie Men's Club will grow to be even better than it is now. I am lucky to have an incredible crew joining me on the Executive Council for the next year, as they will make my job much easier.

The Lord has steadily held His hand over this group and I am grateful for His blessings over the last year. It was a new experience for nearly every member within the group as we were granted a full year on campus unaffected by the COVID. The many novelties of the year stirred up an appreciation within all of us for the incredible benefits found here and the deep impact that we get to have on our peers. We will certainly seek to continue that growth and development of AMC in all areas of life, as our purpose states, to ensure that each active stands a better man a year from now.

Immediately when we return to Aggieland in the fall, we will welcome Candidate Class XXXVIII. Nearly four decades of Aggie Men's Club has led to a reputation that we are seeking to uphold and spur forward through a very purposeful and fun candidacy. Our Selections Chairman, Mathias Brantley, and his outstanding selections committee will do an exceptional job in challenging and leading those incoming candidates. Leading up to the next candidacy, we are ramping up our efforts in recruitment and outreach as we believe this gives us the most optimal opportunity to put together a solid class that can represent all we stand for. AMC has a history of large turnouts for the selections process and many actives are working hard to make sure that large turnout is realized again. We are looking forward to some special opportunities to serve those in the Bryan-College Station area as we continue to partner with the REACH project – we will have a fall service event as well-orchestrated by JD Carter. Philanthropy will remain a focal point for the group, and we are eager to assist philanthropy chairman Cory Chapman in putting on an awesome philanthropy event for the benefit of Kairos Christian School.

There are many other exciting avenues that we are seeking to explore in the upcoming year, but we will certainly remain rooted in the principles of cultivating relationships and spurring one another on in love towards Christ. Once again, the current membership of Aggie Men's Club is very appreciative of the relationships that have been established with past generations of members through the Formers Board. We will certainly see to it that you all are well informed on this upcoming year's undertakings and any exciting new developments for the group. I ask that you pray for the state of the group and all of the exciting initiatives that we have and will continue to have. Prayers for all of the actives as we head into the summer would be greatly appreciated as well. Keep Kairos and the REACH project in your prayers also, as both of those are such steady organizations that we are blessed with the chance to serve. This year should be very fun and full, Aggie Men's Club is in a great spot!

Kairos & Mission Trip





Cory Chapman

Kairos is a private Christian school in Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala that serves as a light for their impoverished community. Not only do they educate children and provide a foundation for the next generation of leaders, but they also work with mission organizations to provide food, cleaning supplies, and housing for those in need. Most importantly, they point others in a lost community to Jesus, our Savior, and King.

We support Kairos by raising money for them during the year through our main philanthropy event, GLOW 5K. This year we are looking to revamp and potentially restructure this event to raise more money than we ever have before for Kairos. We will continue to keep the formers updated on how we are planning on supporting Kairos for years to come!

Mission Trip 2022 was an unbelievable success! We took 27 men down to Guatemala to serve the Lord through laboring for Kairos. We were able to work hard and complete 3 houses for impoverished families quickly, by the grace of God, which allowed us to deliver more food and cleaning supplies than ever before to families in need. We spent intentional time with the staff of Kairos this year and were able to learn so much more about their passion for Jesus and the children as well as the families that they serve. The Lord works so powerfully in communities in need such as Ciudad Vieja, and it is an absolute blessing and privilege for AMC to serve Kairos consistently and well. Mission Trip is also a very special time for the active body to grow closer as a group, becoming united under the purpose of serving the Lord, through serving Kairos.

We are beyond excited to continue our relationship with Kairos this next year and are incredibly optimistic about how the Lord will work through the GLOW 5K as well as Mission Trip.

In Christ, Cory Chapman Philanthropy Chair **XXXV**



















Formers' Tailgate



We invite you to join us at this year's Formers' Tailgate. The tailgate will take place on November 5th, 2022 at the brand new Aggie Park when Texas A&M will BTHO Florida! Please join us for fellowship with our actives and newest candidates as we host an awesome, completely free-to-you tailgate.

There will be BBQ and an assortment of drinks at this event. We will also have TVs set up at the tailgate if you do not want to go into Kyle Field.

Last year's tailgate was an incredible success and we are beyond excited to invite you all back to enjoy another great time together out at Aggie Park.

Be on the lookout for an RSVP email in the fall as we hammer out more details for this event.

AMC is looking forward to seeing you!

Football season is only 102 days away...



Texas A&M Football 2022 Schedule

Sept. 3 - Sam Houston - College Station, TX

Sept. 11 - Appalachian State -College Station, TX

Sept. 17 - Miami - College Station, TX

Sept. 24 - Arkansas - Arlington, TX

Oct. 1 - Mississippi St - Starkville, MS

Oct. 8 - Alabama - Tuscaloosa, AL

Oct. 22 - South Carolina - Columbia , SC

Oct. 29 - Ole Miss - College Station, TX

AMC FORMER'S TAILGATE

Nov. 5 - Florida - College Station, TX

Nov. 12 - Auburn - Auburn, AL

Nov. 19 - UMASS - College Station, TX

Nov. 26 - LSU - College Station, TX

Campus Update



(Click on the pictures for more information)



Congratulations to current AMC Active, Case Harris, for being elected as the next Student Body President! Case said this following the win:

"It feels amazing, I've never been more proud to be an Aggie, I'm so excited for the year. From the beginning, my two goals were to advance Texas A&M and make sure every Aggie is set up to win, so that's what we're going to do."



"Aggie Park" is planning to be finished the end of this summer, with the new building being finished Spring 2023. This will also be the location of our next tailgate! Click the picture for more information.

Board of Formers



The AMC Board of Formers exists to promote the flourishing of the Aggie Men's Club organization and its members beyond our short time at Texas A&M. It does this in three ways: (i.) by facilitating enduring relationships both personal and professional; (ii.) by planning periodic Formers events; and (iii.) by raising money from Formers through the AMC Formers Foundation to provide need-based scholarships for the Active membership.

The Board is currently led by:

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Elton McIntosh '19, Secretary, eltonemcintosh@gmail.com

Robert McIntosh '17, Director, robertmcinto@gmail.com

Dr. Ben Welch, Director, pshaheen@mays.tamu.edu

If you would like to be further connected within your region, reach out to the current Public Relations Chair at publicrelations.aggiemensclub@gmail.com.

If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to the 501(c)(3)-accredited AMC Formers Foundation, please click the donate button below or visit https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted button id=AEDRDGN7HY5JG.



2022 - 2023 EC:

Parker Puckett - President

Mason Goldwasser - Vice President

Drew Dunsmore - Secretary

Ryan Morris - Treasurer

Luke Spitzer - Social Chair

JD Carter - Service Chair

Cory Chapman - Philanthropy Chair

JT Carr - Public Relations Chair

Mathias Brantley - Selections Chair

2021 - 2022 Composite:



If you have any contact information for the people listed below, please email me @ publicrelations.aggiemensclub@gmail.com

Name, Class Year

Clayton Maples, 2014

Robert Stipp, 2011

Reid Mulligan, 2009

Ryan Collett, 2009

Zane Vinson, 2008

Michael Zobeck, 2008

Kevin Becker, 2008

Greg Yost, 2006

Seth Jones, 2005

Mark Tharp, 2003

Issac Curry, 2002

Joshua Finoglio, 2002

Ryan Forester, 2002

Travis Fruehaus, 2002

Scott Glover, 2002

Bill Scribner, 2002

Braden Haragan, 2002

Cory Ormsby, 2001

Richmond Talbert, 2001

Shane Allison, 2001

Geno Mayo, 2000

Austin Miller, 2000

Justin Moore, 2000

Gerardo Ortiz, 2000

Sam Roberts, 2000

Paul Shmidt, 2000

Steven Camp, 1999

Kyle Cowen, 1999

Chase Hefflefinger, 1999

Jason Layh, 1999

Matt Mahone, 1997

David Mallard, 1997

Dany Millkin, 1997

Jeff Campbell, 1997

Christopher Cannon, 1997

Chuck Chapman, 1997

Matt Pacey, 1997

Alan Hutson, 1997

Bill Johnston, 1997

John Woodard, 1997

Doug Martine, 1996

Reagan Mathews, 1996

Chris May, 1996

Brian McDonald, 1996

Kyle Mezger, 1996

Mike Byers, 1996

Jake Childers, 1996

Ryan O'Keefe, 1996

Alex Ogburn, 1996

Jenks Currie, 1996

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