Good Bull Story of the Week

The pride of Texas A&M students has long been rooted in the ideals and values that we hold so dear. The core values of excellence, leadership, integrity, respect, loyalty, and selfless service are made evident as they are embodied by the students that are fortunate enough to call themselves Fightin’ Texas Aggies—students such as Quinn and Will Nereson, Class of 2014. The twin brothers, Quinn and Will, are first generation Aggies that began their decent on A&M’s campus in the fall of 2010. Made evident through the character of every Aggie they came to meet, the values of Texas A&M University are what first sparked their passion to become Aggies themselves. “It is a place unlike any other place, and the people and experiences have made me into the person I am today,” said Will.

From the very beginning of his time as a student at A&M, Will was drawn to the Big Event. Beginning in his freshman year, he served as a Staff Assistant, and has moved onto now serve as the Director of BE for 2014. The Big Event is the largest one day student run service project in the entire nation. The mission of the Big Event is to promote campus and community unity by uniting on one day to say, “Thank You” to the residents of the Bryan & College Station community through service oriented activities. “It is for these very reasons,” said Will, “that I decided to join the Big Event. When asked what the Big Event meant to him, Will stated, “To me The Big Event is a way to actively live out the very values that drew me to A&M. Selfless service and servant leadership are defining characteristics of The Big Event. To lead is to serve. I knew that the best way I could provide leadership was to serve the community and students of A&M in a way that will continue to impact Texas A&M for now the 32nd year and change lives around the entire nation and world.”

Will isn’t the only one that found himself in the midst of student leadership through selfless service since his decent onto campus. His twin brother Quinn Nereson found his home and passion at Texas A&M through the MSC Abbott Family Leadership Conference. Beginning in the fall semester of his sophomore year, Quinn attended the conference and was blown away, which sparked his desire to become more involved with AFLC (Abbott Family Leadership Conference). The Abbott family started this conference in 1995 in order to provide a new type of leadership conference that focuses on ethics, values, service, and the importance of family. “The MSC Abbott Family Leadership Conference digs down to the core roots of leadership,” said Quinn. During the conference delegates are challenged to consider some of their most pressing questions. Abbott gives your five days to be honest with yourself and realize some of your biggest dreams and aspirations. Also Abbott gives you five days to really consider the simple aspects of life, such as how you want to live your day to day life now and in the future.

Quinn explained that, “for me Abbott means that I am helping participate in a mission to challenge people to consider and live by their personal values.” While looking back on his time at Texas A&M, Quinn stated that Abbott would undeniably be the first memory that pops into his mind when he thinks of his time here. And with applications out for sophomores and juniors until September 23rd, Quinn couldn’t help but put in a plug so that he could share the joy he found in the Abbott Family Leadership Conference with others.

For your selfless service to Texas A&M University through the Big Event and through the MSC Abbott Family Leadership Conference, we’d like to say thank you for your Good Bull, Will and Quinn! Thanks and Gig ‘Em!