Aggie Recruitment Committee is an SGA organization dedicated to recruiting high school juniors and seniors to attend this wonderful university! This is achieved through the two conferences we hold each academic year. The first, Seniors Experiencing Aggie Life, is dedicated to showing seniors all about Aggie life. They get to experience their first college class, tour our beautiful campus, attend Midnight Yell, and go to a Fighting Texas Aggie football game. For many, this is their first time visiting Aggieland and their visit often leads to their decision to attend A&M (WHOOP!).

Our second conference, Whoopin' Weekend, is aimed to get high school juniors to place Texas A&M on their radar. Activities are similar to S.E.A.L and students leave with a better sense of the Aggie Family and all that our university has to offer. During both of these conferences, our members serve to be informative to participants. They form friendships and it is always a wonderful experience when we receive news that a participant has been accepted!

Aside from holding these conferences our members also participate in winter recruiting activities. During our winter break, members travel to high schools around their hometowns and set up different presentations to inform students about traditions, Aggie life, and about college life in general. Our diverse membership allows for information about Texas A&M to travel all around Texas to get students excited about the possibility of attending school here. Winter recruiting gives our members an opportunity to reach out to various students that may be unsure if A&M is the place for them. Through our recruiting efforts students are made aware of both conferences we offer and other university events that they can attend as prospective students.

As a committee, we strive to present Texas A&M positively in all that we do. This vision to recruit students to become a part of the Aggie Family is always present in all aspects of our committee. ARC loves Texas A&M and we love knowing that our participants leave our conferences feeling the same way!

For more information, please check out arc.tamu.edu!
Fish Aides develops future SGA’ers

Our mission: Fish Aides is a freshman leadership organization within student government designed to develop Texas A&M’s leaders of tomorrow. We believe this is accomplished by focusing on the cultivation of integrity, motivation, confidence, respect and social skills. We also value service as an important component in a leader, so we strive to give freshmen opportunities to serve the needs of those around them. Fish Aides endeavors to create an environment for freshmen to grow by learning from one another, experiences in the SGA committee they are placed in to serve, and different leaders of all ages and walks of life. These experiences help equip the Fish Aides for leadership in the future. Fish Aides is a community that seeks to empower not only its members, but each individual that its members encounter, through encouragement, enthusiasm, and service.

We are very fortunate to have the privilege of working so closely with other Student Government committees. Serving on another committee within SGA is an incredibly valuable experience for the freshmen and a crucial part of the freshmen’s development and growth as leaders. It enables them to learn from the many strong and unique leaders that we are surrounded by throughout SGA. This is such a special opportunity for the freshmen and we are so grateful for each committee’s efforts and commitment to get their Fish Aide’s involved. They have already gained so much from their time with each committee.

The Fish Aides this year are a particularly enthusiastic bunch. They bring so much energy and positivity wherever they go and it is a joy to watch them build relationships with one another at such a rapid pace. They have already expressed such a special passion for serving through kindness and support of one another, hard work in their committees and their efforts to plan this month’s service project for Fish Aides. Those of us on staff have been amazed by their eagerness to get involved and make an impact.

We are excited this year to be expanding our spring Custodial Banquet to an all SGA event. This will enable us to reach such a greater number of people on the custodial staff to give them thanks for their service. It will also give us the opportunity to work and serve with each committee in SGA. Each year, this event serves as such a powerful reminder of the value of service and how doing a little good for someone, can go such a long way. We sincerely hope that each committee is able to contribute in helping us thank the custodial staff on campus this year. We are still in our planning stage, but are so grateful for all of your support!

We want to thank all of the committees for making the freshmen feel so warmly welcomed into the SGA family!

Meet Your Advisor

Name: Ruthi Hernandez

Organizations I advise: Texas Aggies Making Changes (TAMC) and Freshmen in Liberal Arts Reaching Excellence (FLARE)

How long I’ve been at TAMU: since 2007

Favorite Aggie Tradition: Reveille. I get so excited when I see her on campus!

Favorite part of my job: my co-workers, students, and the Student Activities environment – true embodiment of the FISH! Philosophy

Favorite local restaurant: Mr. G’s Pizza and Café Capri
Where I am from: Wichita Falls, TX (not Kansas, lol); it’s two hours northwest of Fort Worth

Favorite vacation spot: beach - I love reading by the ocean!

Something we wouldn’t know about you by looking at you: I was an Organ Performance major in college and had the privilege of performing on the amazing instruments at St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York City and Dornoch Cathedral in the Scottish Highlands.

Other things you are involved in: Raising my soon-to-be 10-month-old daughter, Elena; I also enjoy sewing, reading, swimming, and cooking.

Favorite Quote: I don’t have a favorite quote, but one that I’m currently processing through is, “I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.” - Maya Angelou
Development: Leave a Legacy

The Development Commission exists to serve you! This commission strives to build our SGA endowment in order use the collected funds to appropriate to the committees, thus relieving us of our dependency on student fees. The Commission currently is working on two main projects:

**PATH TO SUCCESS BRICK CAMPAIGN:** This campaign was initiated to ensure the longevity of organizations by providing additional finances for current programs, traditions, and new initiatives. The bricks, ranging in size from 4x8 to 8x8, make excellent gifts for graduation, birthdays, holidays, or even as a way to commemorate achievements and legacies! The Path to Success is prominently located on the plaza in front of the Koldus Student Services Building next to Kyle Field. To purchase a brick with your own customized inscription, please visit bricks.tamu.edu.

**TEE UP WITH SGA GOLF TOURNAMENT:** This will be SGA’s second golf tournament! We are inviting old Ags and current students and staff to come play a round of golf and learn about what makes SGA special. To sign up for the tournament or for more information, please visit: http://sgadevelopment.tamu.edu/golftournament.

TAMC: ACRE Project Is Back

We are Texas Aggies Making Changes (TAMC) and we are having our ACRE event on November 3rd!

ACRE stands for Aggie Campus Restoration Effort and it is a fun filled day full of volunteering to help clean up our campus!

"Take pride in campus" is one of our mottos at TAMC and we do this by participating in ACRE and you can too!

Go to acre.tamu.edu to sign up! Volunteer shirts are included!

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