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If you're serious, you will go to the houstonags.org website and sign up for membership in the Houston A&M Club in order to get the weekly e-mails that give the specifics of the available opportunities you have in the Houston area. It is that easy and it's free.

More than ever with the move to the SEC there are many opportunities to become involved, network with, benefit from and support Texas A&M University and the Association of Former Students. You can make a difference!



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The results of the first ever FoodBank Food Fight are in. The challenge: to prepare "Buddy Bags" (each containing 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners). Final score: Aggies 1718; Teasips 1268. That's a total of 17,916 meals feeding Houston... Whoop! Join us next time, when the competition will be even tougher!



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2012 Dean's Roundtable Honors Dr. Norvella Carter



This spring, the Houston A&M Club had the privilege of hosting one of Texas' top educators at the 2012 Dean's Roundtable. Since 1991, the College of Education and Human Development has honored Texas' finest educators, recognizing those teachers and administrators who have dedicated their lives to ensuring the success of young people across Texas. This year, 23 educators were recognized for setting an example for their students and peers, mentoring new education professionals, and acting as servant leaders in their communities.

Dr. Norvella Carter is Professor of Education and Endowed Chair in Urban Education in the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture at Texas A&M, engaging in the preparation and development of educators for urban and diverse environments through master's and doctoral programs. Norvella has received national and international recognition for her work on urban education, African American learners, and equity pedagogy as it relates to race and class issues.

"A Tradition of Honoring Texas Educators"

Norvella was awarded the Houston, Inc. Endowed Chair in Urban Education based on her proven history and commitment to excellent work in urban education. Norvella claims an invitation to provide expert testimony at a Congressional Hearing at the Capital Building in Washington DC on "Closing the Achievement Gap for Children of Color as a career highlight. Additionally, Norvella worked for two years with the Black Caucus in DC to develop policies regarding African American children in public schools. Through a series of external grants, Norvella works closely with school districts across the nation.

Before joining the Aggies, Norvella earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education and a Master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Wayne State University in Detroit. She earned a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Human Resource Development from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University in Chicago. Norvella is the Director of the Center for Urban School Partnerships and editor of the national Journal for Urban Education and Practice.

The positive contributions that educators like Norvella make every day – a true commitment to education, students, Texas, and the nation – have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for your gift of service and devotion.

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THE GREAT GATOR RUN

Living in Houston all my life, I have become somewhat familiar with preparing for approaching tropical storms and hurricanes. Just like clockwork, when a storm is headed for our region, thousands of people make a mad dash to the store for supplies. Most folks stock up on the essentials: generators, plywood, batteries, gasoline, water, food, and alcohol.

One thing that never ceases to amaze me in these times is looking at the bread aisles. Each and every one will be empty. Loafs, hot dog buns, hamburger buns, and every other type of bread...all sold out. This has become known as "The Great Bread Run" in our house.

The week leading up to the first SEC conference game in A&M history, Houston had another type of run. This time, it was alligator meat.

With the recent rise in tailgaters at A&M, the excitement for this game was at an all-time high. People who had never tailgated before were suddenly caught up in the excitement of planning a pregame party in College Station or in their own backyards here in Houston. One thing was constant on everyone's menu: Alligator meat.

"Beat the hell outta Florida" suddenly became "Eat the hell outta Florida." Tailgaters in the Houston area flocked to every meat market in town the week before the game. Alligator meat became a must have for anyone with a grill or deep fryer.

I'll admit; I was caught up in it as well. I started looking for alligator meat on Monday before the game. Several stores in town had it, but it was going quick. Most places were selling it for \$25-\$25/pound, with a minimum purchase of five pounds. I waited. Big mistake!

By Wednesday I knew I was in trouble. Planning a tailgate where I had promised alligator meat to everyone was suddenly backfiring on me. Every phone call I made to local stores was met with "Are you planning to go to the A&M game? Yes? Well, we are all sold out. Aggies have been in all week to buy everything we have. Sorry."

I ended up finding some alligator and pork sausage and buying the last of it at a meat market before the game. Yes, it was a compromise, but it worked.

Part of me was disappointed. Part of me was proud. Houston Aggies had created the "Great Gator Run" on every store in town.

Walking through the tailgates on game day, it seemed that everyone was serving gator. Fried gator, gator on a stick, bbq gator, gator sausage, and the list goes on and on. Though the final score of the game was not what we all hoped for, Houston Ags did not lose a tailgate that day.

Well done everyone. Keep up the good work.

(Also, I hesitate to think what y'all will serve when the LSU Tigers come to Kyle.)

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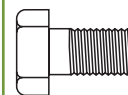


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Michael Cordua: My Journey from Aggie to Cook

At 2 o'clock in the morning on a June day in 1976, a Greyhound bus pulled into College Station, disgorging a new load of Aggies. Bright-eyed Nicaraguan immigrant Michael Cordúa stepped from that bus into his future, a degree in Economics and Finance from Texas A&M and a long career as a banker. Fortunately for Houston, fate had other plans.

Michael soon enrolled at A&M and found himself immersed in the English as a Second Language program, where he quickly made friends and became a true Aggie. Then it was time to find work. As an immigrant, Michael could only work on campus, so his choices were limited. In fact, there was only one opportunity left. Thus, despite having never been to an all-you-can-eat restaurant, Michael put on the red and white striped apron of Sbis Dining Hall. But Michael didn't want to wear a hairnet, so he volunteered to work in the warehouse where he spent his time unloading trucks.

"FROM A GRATEFUL HEART, GENEROSITY AND HUMILITY SPRING."

In 1979, a communist revolution changed the banking industry in Nicaragua, and Michael realized that he needed a new plan. He was offered a position in the maritime shipping industry, which sounded perfect. And it was, until his boss retired in 1985, leaving Michael, again, out of a job.

After a bit of soul-searching and asking himself "what is it that God wants you to do on this earth?"; Michael kept hearing "cook!". Of course, when he told this to his father, the response was "What are you going to be? A cook?" Michael then had to come to terms with his "Latin American maleness," which said: Nicaraguan men do NOT cook! So his uphill battle began. He called his mom and asked for recipes.



"DAMN! WE SHOULD HAVE CHARGED FOR THE PLANTAINS."

And so it was that on a fateful day in 1988, 8/8/88 in fact, Churrascos first opened its doors. Michael admits that he had no restaurant experience. His only qualification as a restaurateur was cooking for his friends and a variety of guest experiences during his world travels. The landlord at his first-choice location didn't think that was enough. More determined than ever, Michael secured a location in a seedier part of town and soldiered on, advertising Churrascos as "further south than you've ever been before."

He soon found that serving Latin American food in a market accustomed to Mexican food was a challenge of its own. He frequently heard comments like: "What is Latin American food? You eat monkey brains, right?" His first customers perused the menu and then, without ordering, started to leave. Michael chased them down and when faced with "we just wanted some Mexican food," offered them a free lunch to get them to stay. Eight other restaurants had already failed in this location, and for the first four months, Michael thought his might be the ninth. But just when all seemed to be lost and the doors were about to close, Churrascos made a splash in the papers and the customers started to come. In fact, the reviews were so good that before the restaurant celebrated its first anniversary, Michael had a benefactor who helped him secure a small business loan for a second location in River Oaks. How you ask? By bringing the bankers to Churrascos, of course!





Michael has been a leading pioneer in the nouveau Latino food movement. Michael dreamed of sharing the exuberance and enthusiasm of the Americas in what he dubbed the “United Nations of America.” Thus, in 1993, Americas joined the Cordúa family of restaurants, and was quickly followed by Artista and Amazon Grill.

Intending only to be a cook, Michael started a legendary restaurant company that is currently celebrating its silver anniversary, marking 25 years of creative entrepreneurialism. Michael’s secret to success: “constantly engaging the guests and finding a passion that is aligned with your vocation.” Describing his business success, Michael smiles and says: “I am only a cook. Our business is a mixture of adventure and passion.”

***“ WHEN I HUMBLLED MYSELF, I FOUND THE BLESSINGS
ON THE OTHER SIDE. ”***

If you haven’t yet tried Michael’s cooking, the Houston Aggies invite you to join us for a three-course meal on the first Wednesday of every month at Artista downtown in the Hobby Center and on the third Wednesday of every month at Americas in The Woodlands. Some Aggies come just for the tres leches dessert!

What’s next for Michael Cordúa? “The universe will conspire to see it through. . . .Baby, you ain’t seen nothing yet!”

***“ THIS AWARD GOES ‘STRAIGHT TO MY HEART, NOT MY HEAD;
THAT’S WHERE HUBRIS LIES.’ ”***

Michael Cordúa, one of Texas’ most respected and celebrated restaurateurs, is owner and executive chef at seven award-winning Houston-area restaurants, including Amazón Grill, Américas Post Oak, Américas Woodlands, Américas River Oaks, Artista, Churrascos River Oaks and Churrascos Westchase. Since making his debut in 1988, Cordúa has been recognized as a pioneer of South American cuisine and has received national acclaim for his creative ideas and artful presentation. He was named one of America’s “Top Ten Chefs” by Food & Wine and is the only Texas chef to be inducted into the “Food & Wine Hall of Fame.” He is a recipient of the Robert Mondavi Award for Culinary Excellence, a member of the Continental Congress of Chefs & Sommeliers and a semifinalist for the 2011 James Beard Foundation Outstanding Restaurateur award.

With inspiration from his uncle’s restaurant in Managua, Cordúa conceived Churrascos, the first upscale Latin American-style restaurant in America. Critics were immediately enamored with the tantalizing dishes and unusual blending of spices and ingredients. Churrascos was featured in the New York Times and was named one of the “Best New Restaurants in America” by Esquire magazine. Following the success of Churrascos, Cordúa debuted Américas, a high-concept eatery specializing in the diverse cuisines of North America, Central America and South America. The concept provided Cordúa the opportunity to expand his prolific cooking talents to even further heights, and Américas was named “Restaurant of the Year” by Esquire magazine in November 1993. Américas added a second location in 2008 and a third that opened in September 2010.

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The Houston A&M Club hosted its 2012 Coach's Night on July 27th at the Westin Galleria Houston. Texas A&M Head Coach Kevin Sumlin gave the crowd an insider look at the football program and a sneak peak of his plans for our first season in the SEC. With a sold out crowd on hand, nearly 1,000

Aggie fans were treated to a great night of fellowship and Aggie Football.

Arriving guests were greeted by Miss Reveille, the 2012 Yell Leaders, and a silent auction featuring Aggie collectables, sports memorabilia, golf and spa packages, and much more.

The Associate A.D./ Football, Justin Moore, as well as Assistant Coaches Kingsbury, Yates, Price, and Wallerstedt were all there for the event. For the second year in a row, ABC-13 meteorologist Travis Herzog '04 served as the event's emcee. Otway Denny '71, Chairman of the Board for the Association of Former Students, and Scott Taylor '69, Chairman of the 12th Man Foundation, gave attendees an update on the workings of the Association and the 12th Man Foundation.

Once Coach Sumlin was on the stage, it was easy to see his confidence and passion for the current team and his job. After addressing the crowd, Sumlin answered questions from those in attendance.

The event raised more than \$140,000, to help fund HAMC scholarships and foster the Aggie Spirit in the Houston area. The Club would like to thank all of those who supported the event by attending, participating in the auctions, volunteering, donating, and sponsoring. We could not have achieved this success without you!



thank you!!



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This has been an exciting year for Houston Aggie Women (HAW). Our luncheons have featured wonderful speakers and great networking. Along with building professional relationships, we are dedicated to supporting Texas A&M students.

Aggie Spirits was established by HAW in 2011. We partner with a local Houston winery, Vintners Own, to create custom wine, which is bottled as a fundraiser. All proceeds are used to support Texas A&M student organizations and programs. Reveille Red and Whoop White are currently available, with exclusive label artwork by renowned Aggie artist Benjamin Knox '90. A custom merlot will be available in Fall 2012 featuring a watercolor by Aggie Mark Stewart '74.

Please contact Shannon Paige '87 (shannon@vintnersown.com or (713) 880-3794) at Vintners Own to order your wine today!! You may also contact Lindsey Sharp '05 (lsharp@aggienetwork.com) or Rhonda Batke '84 (rsbatke@aol.com) for more details.

For the best Aggie Women networking south of College Station, mark your calendar for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Meet us at 11:30 a.m. in the Galleria area at Maggiano's Little Italy, 2019 Post Oak Blvd., for good Italian food, great camaraderie and enduring friendships.



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Our mission is to reach out to those Aggies who may not have heard of Reveille or HAMC. We want to create an environment, through an after work Happy Hour setting, where we can not only mingle & network with each other, but introduce our peers to other Aggie opportunities as well.

To find out more about WH30P! events, visit wh30phouston.com or contact dana@wh30phouston.com or ashley@wh30phouston.com

We plan on getting together every other month, on the second Wednesday, at a local bar/restaurant from 5:30pm-8:30pm. We are attempting to choose venue's that will reflect our age demographics (no \$0.50 beer specials and all-you-can-eat hot wings!). Our first social event is November 14th at 13 Celsius, an upscale wine bar in South Midtown, where we will provide complementary appetizers and a glass of wine for a \$15 donation. The event's profits will start an Aggie Ring Scholarship fund.

We have already been very impressed with the response, 321 Facebook members in 3 weeks! We believe this "sub-club" will benefit all Houston Aggies and hope that you will pass along our info to your friends, family, and colleagues. Any questions, concerns, or suggestions? Please visit our website: www.wh30phouston.com (www.WhoopHouston.com also links to the website and is easier to say!) or email us.



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ENDOWED OPPORTUNITY AWARD

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"The Houston A&M Club stands for an opportunity for a brighter future to me. The support I receive from the Houston A&M Club serves as motivation and as fuel to improve myself with each passing day."
Jesus Lechuga '14



"Texas A&M has proven to be the best university in the nation due to education and the cultural experience of Aggieland. I wouldn't give it up for anything, thanks and gig 'em."
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"I will forever be grateful to the A&M club for the opportunity they have given me; the opportunity to do great things and to even mess up sometimes, but more importantly, the opportunity to make something of myself. Without even knowing me, this great group of people believed in me, while many who have witnessed my struggles still don't."
Sylvia Guevara '15

"I learned more about myself and who I am here, and I can't think of another place with this sense of community. A&M gave me a sense of life that I won't forget."
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"It's awesome to know that there's a great group of Aggies in my beloved hometown who care about and support my education. Thanks and Gig 'Em!"
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"The Houston A&M Club brings a part of my home town to my college experience, all while completing the next stage of my life in order to achieve my overall goal of becoming an Aggie graduate!"
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PRESIDENT'S ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

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"The Houston A&M Club has allowed me to network with former Aggies and learn more about the great traditions at A&M. I have been inspired to get involved and make the most out of my experience at Texas A&M!"
Bridget Ehlinger



Greetings from the Houston A&M Mothers' Club President

HOWDY! Welcome to the 85th year of the Houston A&M University Mothers' Club. This is an exciting year for us because we are beginning a new tradition belonging to the SEC and embarking on many new adventures. The theme this year for our club is "Quilted Comforts."

We as Moms always try to give comfort to those we love. Just like a quilt, we wrap our arms around those in need and give them a big hug. We are there for our children, family, and friends. Texas A&M Aggie Moms are an unbeatable group at providing support, strength and comfort.

The Houston A&M University Mothers' Club was formed in 1927 when six mothers decided to get together to bring chicken dinners to their "boys" once a month. Today our club is part of a larger organization: The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs. Over 125 clubs from cities and towns across Texas and other

states comprise the Federation. Aggie Moms from all of the clubs converge on the TAMU campus three times annually to share ideas, listen to speakers, and interact with faculty and staff associated with different aspects of the university.

It is my mission as your President to provide a possible new "comfort" to an Aggie. I would like to see us provide a new Endowed Scholarship for a student to Study Abroad.

We have fun during our meetings and special events, such as a Round Top Cabin, Christmas Luncheon, and our Crazy Auction fundraiser. We also have a great time at Parents' Weekend with our children and our Boutique. Through Aggie Moms' we unite our talents and abilities to award scholarships, provide Final Care packages, support libraries and other student activities, and fund a Study Abroad scholarship.

As we begin this new 85th year of service and traditions, we invite you to be a part of this special organization. Please feel free to call any of the Board Members listed in the Directory if you have any questions. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your President.

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President - Houston A&M University Mothers' Club



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If you know an Aggie interred at Houston's National Cemetery, please email the Aggie's name, class year, and birth date (and/or date of passing), if known, to Lara Sterzing '92 at lsterzing@yahoo.com.



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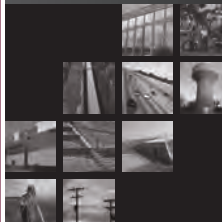
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October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 	3 	4 ANI 	5	6  Ole Miss
7	8 traditions lunch	9 	10 ANI	11  	12	13  La Tech
14	15 traditions lunch	16	17  	18  	19	20  HOWDY Club Bus Trip LSU
21	22 traditions lunch	23	24 ANI	25 	26	27  Auburn
28	29 traditions lunch	30 Roak/Hendricks HOWDY	31 Halloween			

November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ANI 	2	3  Miss State
4	5 traditions lunch	6 	7 	8  	9	10  Alabama
11	12 traditions lunch	13 	14  ANI	15  	16	17  Sam Houston State
18	19 traditions lunch	20	21 	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24  Missouri
25	26 traditions lunch	27	28 ANI	29 	30	

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2	3  traditions lunch	4 	5 	6 ANI 	7	8
9	10 traditions lunch	11 	12 ANI	13  	14 TAMU Graduation	15 
16	17 traditions lunch	18	19  	20 	21	22
23/30	24/31 Christmas Eve/ New Years Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29



Traditions Lunch
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Downtown Meet & Greet Lunch
12pm, Artista Restaurant, 800 Bagby St



Ol' Army Cocktail Hour
5:30pm-?, Willie G's, 1605 Post Oak Blvd



Houston Food Bank
6pm to 8:30pm, 535 Portwall St



The Woodlands Lunch
12pm, Americas, 21 Waterway Avenue



Reveille Club
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Houston Aggie Women's Lunch
12pm, Maggiano's, 2019 Post Oak Blvd



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