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CHAD STOERMER '08

Chad paid his own way through college working as the Graphics Editor for the campus newspaper along with an ROTC Scholarship in the Corp of Cadets.

Chad released his first product line of Art in April. A set of 6 paintings raised over \$49,000 for A&M Student Scholarships. A long way from painting seasonal murals on store-front windows at the age of 12.

Chad was a member of Texas A&M's first National Championship Track and Field Team in 2009, under the leadership of Coach Pat Henry.

During the 2016 Olympic Season, Chad was ranked 262nd in the entire world in pole vault. He has trained with more than 50 Olympians and studied under more than 30 World Class Coaches.

Chad has spent the last 9 yrs as an Officer in the U. S. Army where he was deployed to Afghanistan, certified in Global Logistic, and Mobilized for Hurricane Harvey.

In 2018, Chad was personally asked to join the executive staff of both a Major General and a Brigadier General. Chad is currently on pace to becoming a 1-Star General Officer.

Chad received his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering and later came back to A&M to begin working on his Master's and PhD in Education, where he is currently developing research to improve the U. S. Public Education System.

During his 5 years at A&M, Chad volunteered at nearly all of Aggie Athletes Involved's 100+ events, including the "Aggie's CAN" Drive and "Big Event," as well as a handful of events hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Chad commanded 1 of 7 Army Reserve Units, personally selected by the President's Cabinet, to Mobilize for the Emergency Relief Efforts of Hurricane Harvey 2017. His unit saved more than 50 civilians less than 24 hours before the Arkema Chemical Plant explosion in Crosby, TX.

In Afghanistan, Chad ran the 3rd largest Airfield in theater, and had the highest per-capita workload of the entire war. His Airfield was in the top 10 highest traffic Aerial Ports throughout the entire history of any war fought by any country.



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Before welcoming thousands of Aggies for the 2018 football season, the hotel opened its doors to a handful of guests for a trial run.

Thanks to Debra Johnson for inviting the Houston Aggies to be a part of this historic, once-in-a-lifetime event.



Join us for a sneak peak in this issue of:

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We were invited to be guests at the soft opening of the new hotel on A&M's campus, across the street from the new Kyle Field. Knowing that we'd have to find a way to share this experience with the Houston Aggies, we prepared to write a travelogue featuring Rock & Rockelle as they drop their kids off for a new school year. But to try to put this hotel into words would do it a disservice. The hotel is truly a magical place that has to be experienced. So instead, we'll show you.



Sam Kotch '20



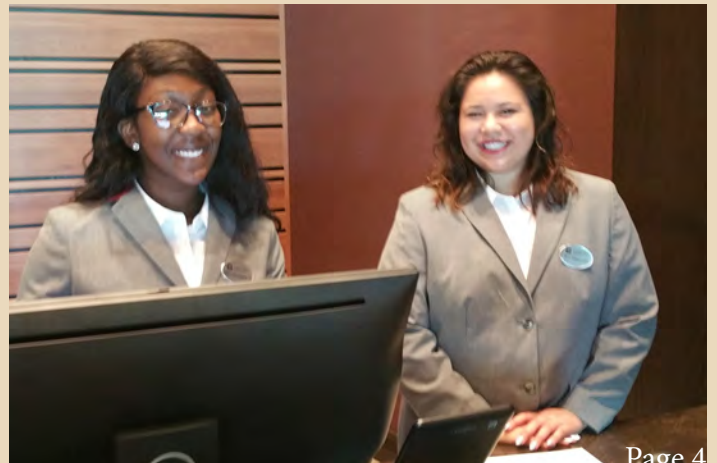
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Danielle Manley '18

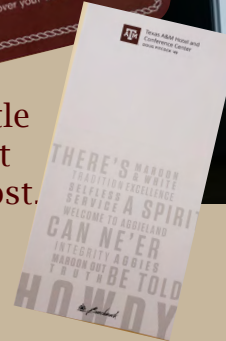


Claire Bonaparte '18 & Roni Burgos '21





It's the little things that matter most.



Game day coffee will never be the same after you stay in a room with a personal k-cup machine and mini-fridge.



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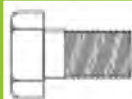


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little
story
for you
Aggies!



"This is the greatest gift that the system has given Texas A&M. This is the second gift. The first was Kyle Field. And the first thing I did was move the cannon from under my suite, to under his."

~President Michael K. Young after receiving the ceremonial "key" from Chancellor John Sharp.



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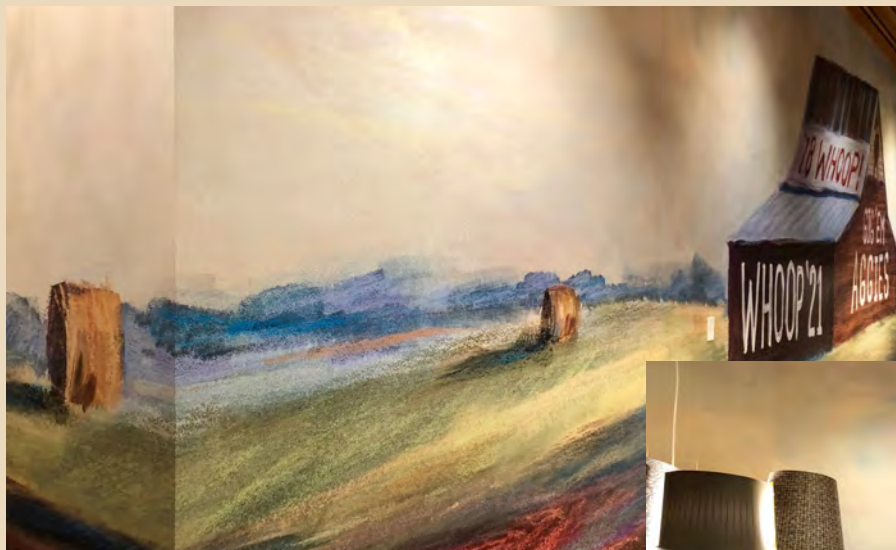
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The restaurant has a contemporary country-chic feel a la southwest trendy meets country kitchen, but with a hint of steampunk added for flavor. Somehow the dark wood floors, walls, and tables, blend seamlessly with the elemental accessories - soft succulents, metallic seats, stainless steel serving-ware, and glass, well, glasses.





Rebecca Tague '21 exemplified “service with a smile,” sharing her unique Aggie story with us over an epic multi-course meal.



Caesar's Salad with house-fried croutons & parmesan crisps



Hell's Eggs are like deviled eggs, but with a subtle heat; the candied bacon is the secret



Black Bean Soup with house-made sour cream, cilantro, & candied bacon



Coriander Tenderloin
with chimichurri sauce,
served with bread-crusted, pan-seared,
parmesan asparagus

Honey Fried Chicken
with scratch biscuits &
home-made whipped butter



Seared Salmon "Fish of the Day"
with a garlic butter sauce,
served with green beans in walnut sauce

Butterscotch Pudding
with salted caramel sauce
and a snickerdoodle



**Purple
Mashed Potatoes**

Heaven & Hell Cake
layers of peanut butter
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The Block T Bar, a two-story bar with a terrace overlooking Kyle Field, named for the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band's famous formation, hopes to capture the millennial market by combining classic cocktails and local pours in an upscale atmosphere. "The bar is where the energy will be, while the upstairs lounge is for relaxation," says David Young. What's unique, you ask? "Liquid nitrogen! We're creating a house margarita and creating exciting new drinks."



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Somehow the mahogany leather bar stools blend with the pigskin chairs and beige benches, completing the perfect space for game-watching.



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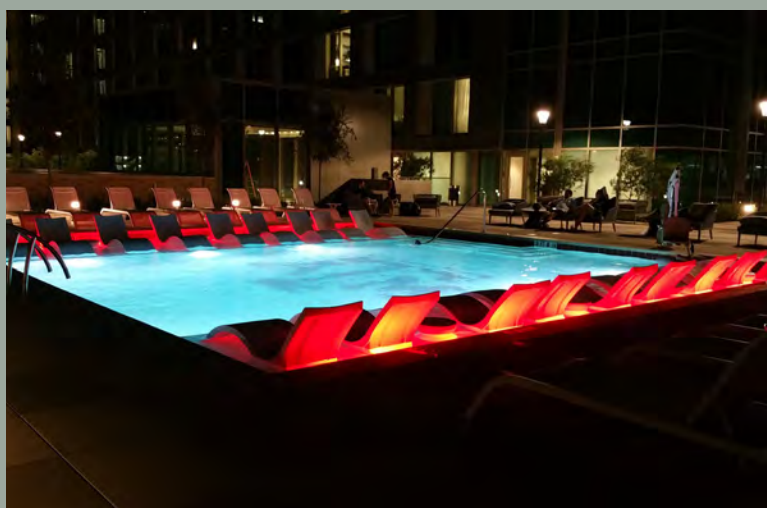




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As you lounge in the secluded rooftop pool, you can watch the sunset over the Academic Building's patinaed dome, the majestic monolith of Rudder Tower, or the epic Kyle Field.





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▲ Jeff Wier wasn't sure that he wanted us to go, but he kept our bags safe until we had no choice.

◀ It's not game day without Bus 12.

Special thanks to Debra Johnson, TAMU Hotel Hospitality Sales & Marketing Consultant, and Claire Weatherby, future Aggie, for making this a spectacular experience (and sharing photos with me).



In case you're feeling a bit nostalgic, it may help to know that this hotel started off as "Cain Hall Hotel," and that tradition will live on forever.

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Formal invitation to follow



In January 2015, Miss Dallas Madison Fuller '17, joined the Houston Aggie Women for lunch. On September 9th, this extraordinary young Aggie competes for the chance to be **Miss America 2.0.**

Gig 'em, Madison!



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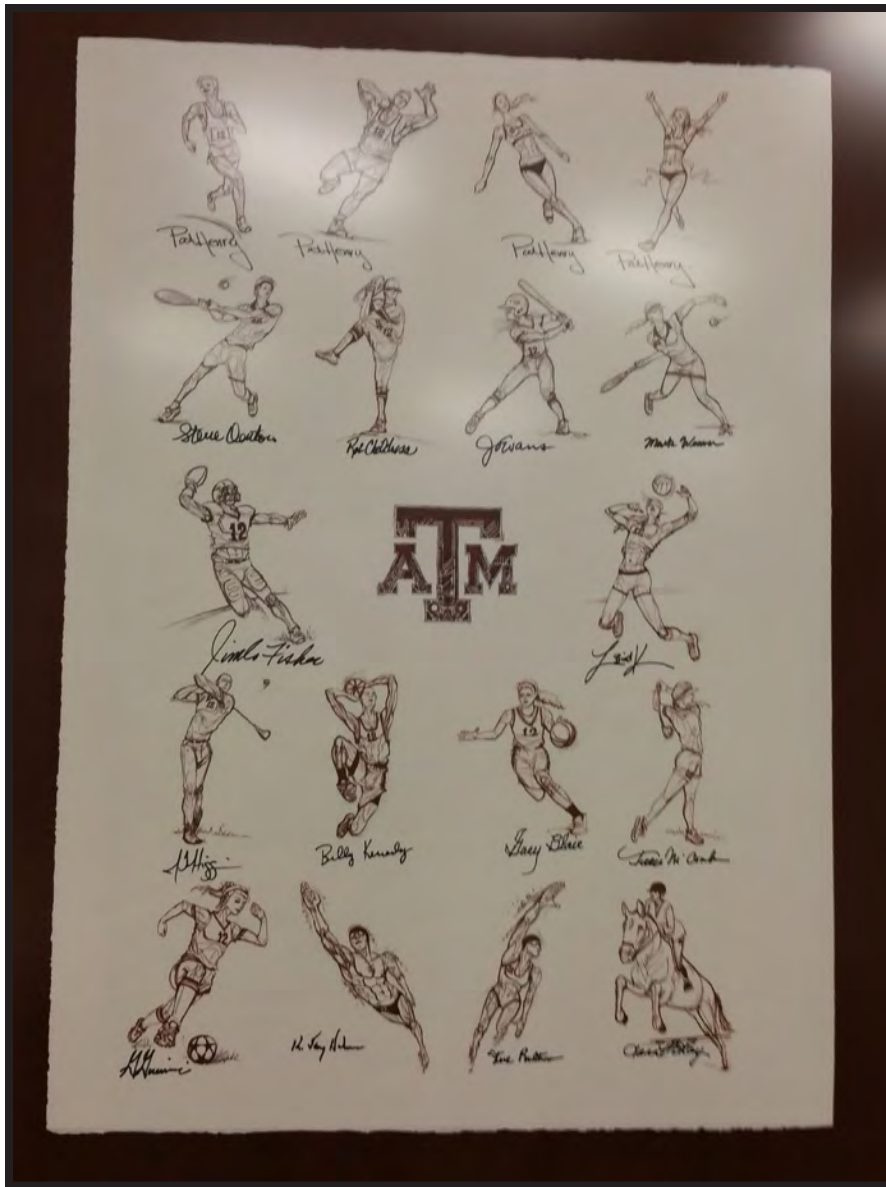


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About the Art:

"I was always taught that 'people connect to people.' Athletics is the celebration of the movement of people."

The featured painting is a very large and finely inked collection of all 18 varsity sports at Texas A&M and the celebration of their unique individual movements, carefully compartmentalized in one cohesive piece. The style stems from the art of 'classic figure drawing' and 'continuous contour.' Using a cocktail of good ol' fightin' Texas Aggie Team Spirit and elegant use of negative spacing and portraiture, the result was truly impressionable.



Note from the Artist, Chad Stoermer '08:

"I consider it a privilege to use my ability to commemorate the A&M Athletic Department. I couldn't have done what I have in my life without the help of the Texas A&M Athletic Community. It is a truly incredible family that has helped me become the man I am today. I am very grateful for the opportunities it has provided me."



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