











# THE HAMC'S AMBASSADOR OF FUN SHOWS OFF HIS COOL BUS Lance Cavazos '05

Lance Cavazos '05 was born to go to Texas A&M! Both of his parents went to Texas A&M - Hector '74 & Dianne '75 Cavazos. In fact, that's where they met! "My dad literally swept my mom off her feet, one night in 1974, while dancing at Lakeview Dance Hall. The rest was history!"

After graduation, Hector served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany. Dianne went with him, spending a few years overseas and bouncing around the US, but they eventually settled into their forever home in Humble, Texas. Lance was born in Tyler, in 1982, and his first ever picture, like most 'good Ags' featured his tiny hand wearing his dad's Aggie Ring. "If that wasn't foreshadowing, then I don't know what is!"

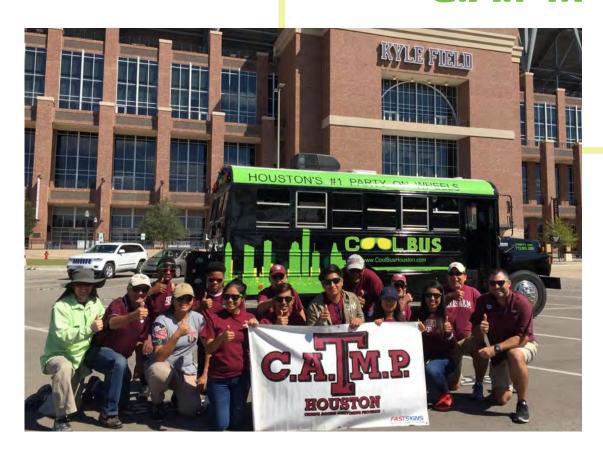
Growing up, there was only Texas A&M. When it came time to pick a college, Lance thought that he had a choice. "I toured and applied to a few other schools, but Aggieland had my heart from the get-go!"

From 2001 – 2006, Lance called Texas A&M and College Station "home." After graduating, in December 2006, he started his sports' career with the Texas A&M Athletic Department, coordinating Marketing & Promotions for various teams, before accepting a job, in 2007, planning events and coordinating game entertainment for the Houston Texans. Lance switched careers in 2013, selling roofs for Corey Construction, and in May 2018 joining Aggie-owned freight brokering company, Patriot Freight Group in business development.

"Once I moved to Houston in 2007, I immediately knew that I needed to get involved in one of the multiple Former Student groups that Houston has to offer. I found myself volunteering with the Howdy Club and later, worked itself in to a leadership role as the Membership Chair. In 2012, I started volunteering with C.A.M.P. (Caring Aggies Mentoring Program) after I heard that my dad had been volunteering with them for the past few years. So we are now the first (and only) father-son duo that is part of CAMP!"

Hector and Lance are the first (and only) father-son duo that is part of CAMP!

# VOLUNTEER WITH C.A.M.P.



Shortly after moving to Houston, in 2007, Lance first heard about the "party on wheels" concept, and the Cool Bus Houston seed was planted. Life got in the way, as it often does, so the seed lay dormant until a fortuitous 2013 wedding bus party in San Diego where Lance spent the evening chatting with the bus driver about his business model. For the next several weeks, their conversation continued and Cool Bus Houston continued to grow.

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Lance established his LLC in June 2013, but spent the next two years creating business plans, logos, bus designs, attending small business workshops and networking events, and visiting with other small business owners to learn about their successes and failures, soaking in all available advice from experienced entrepreneurs. The actual Cool Bus wasn't purchased until 11 November 2015 when Lance spotted a forlorn red, white, and blue school bus turned Texans Tailgate Party Bus with a "FOR SALE" sign taped to the front. After multiple upgrades – including electrical, suspension, brakes, a new fuel pump, and a complete interior and exterior overhaul – on 15 September 2016, the Cool Bus was finally ready to become "Houston's #1 Party on Wheels!"

The now black and neon green Cool Bus Houston seats 16-18 party-goers comfortably, and comes equipped with a booming sound system with Bluetooth radio, a custom-fitted ice chest/trashcan compartment, LED lighting, and a "Vertical Support Beam" (aka "The Dancing Pole"). Each customer also gets a pair of their own signature neon green Cool Bus Houston sunglasses. And if you're sweaty from dancing, you can even roll the windows down to let the wind blow through your hair!



#### Houston's #1 Party on Wheels

Lance offers unlimited stops in the Greater Houston area, including Katy, The Woodlands, Sugar Land, Humble/Kingwood, Spring, Fulshear, Richmond, Tomball, and Magnolia, as well as Red Ass Road Trips to College Station for Texas A&M Football games and to Galveston for Sea Aggie barhopping along The Strand.

Understanding the importance of giving back, Lance has donated to multiple charities, including the HAMC's Coach's Night, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, C.A.M.P., and the Movember Foundation. In fact, check out the photos from the HAMC Board's Cool Bus Christmas Light Tour.



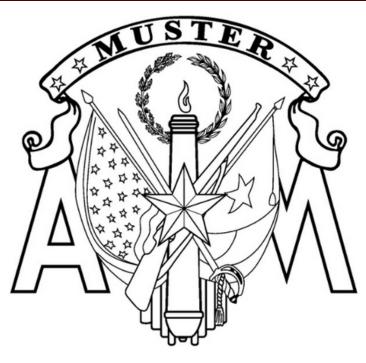






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On 11 December 2018, the Houston A&M Club said goodbye to a dear friend, "Rock" Robinowitz '48. Rock was the HAMC's president in 1974, and continued to be an integral part of our D-Day lunches, organizing an annual reunion for the Class of '48, and later others, to commemorate this solemn day.

Rock served in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific as a teen, immediately after graduating from Lamar High School. The epitome of selfless service, Rock and his wife, Marilyn, worked a zillion hours volunteering for 25+ years at the Houston Arboretum, the Houston Food Bank, and with the MD Anderson Children's Art Project.

Rock had an incredibly dry sense of humor, and undoubtedly the "coolest" name of any former HAMC president, which is saying something when you stand amidst the likes of "Chubby," "Jitterbug," "Lefty," "Shady," and "Tex." All incredible Aggies from the Greatest Generation and before. Almost all gone now.

I served as a pallbearer at the funeral of the mom of a great Aggie friend down in Sugar Land, and while there, learned of the passing of one of our loyal HAMC members - Judge Allan Lerner '47. He was 92.

Judge Lerner served as a state district court judge down in Galveston, and after his "regular" retirement, served as a visiting judge up and down the Gulf Coast until he turned 80. Of the 150+ judges that I figure I have appeared before, Lerner was as fair a judge as I ever saw.

No doubt several of you reading this met him over the last 15 years, as he moved up to Houston after the untimely death of his first wife. When the HAMC met at the HESS Club each Monday, he attended regularly. He was always at Houston's Muster and Coach's Night, and supported us each year.

Judge Lerner was the epitome of the old southern gentleman - very quiet, gracious, and fairminded.

As I write this, I know I should be in Galveston this morning at the start of his funeral in 15 minutes, but 2 funerals in less than 48 hours is a bit too much for me right now.

To honor the spirit of both Judge Lerner and my friend John's mom, Pearl, I encourage you to take five minutes of remembrance and google a video called "Flash Mob - Started by one little girl - Ode to Joy." You will not be disappointed. Very inspirational.

~William V. Wade '73





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Twenty-five years have passed since William V. Wade '73 ended his term as Houston A&M Club President and started the next part of his Aggie legacy in Houston. William saw the need for the HAMC to have a community outreach program that showed the Houston community the selfless service of HAMC volunteers (regardless of any direct ties to Texas A&M and/or its graduates). So, in 1995, William gathered a group of Aggies to start the Houston Aggie Volunteers. The Houston Aggie Volunteers do not exist to raise dollars for local charities, but rather emphasize assistance with physical efforts through labor and time.

While the bulk of the Houston Aggie Volunteers' work over the years has been devoted to providing manpower to the Houston Food Bank (and to a lesser extent to Habitat for Humanity and the MD Anderson Cancer Center's annual Christmas Card Project), our volunteers have also donated many hours of community service to other charities working to benefit the people of Houston.

To commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Houston Aggie Volunteers, the Houston A&M Club is taking over the Houston Food Bank. On Saturday, 27 April 2019, from 1-4 pm, the HAV will "OWN" the ENTIRE Food Bank. We are not providing just some volunteers, we're providing all the volunteers! All 250 of them!

Please sign up now to help us reach our 25th Anniversary goal of 250 Aggies. Volunteers are not limited to Aggies, so feel free to drag your tea-sip spouses and neighbors out to help. Kids over 6 years of age with adult supervision are welcome. Clothing restrictions are primarily limited to no open-toed shoes or flip-flops. Feel free to organize and bring out scout troops, church youth groups, and the like (think outside the box).

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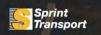
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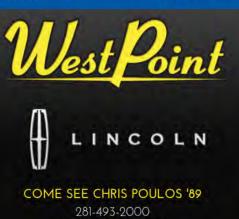
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~Dean Carrie L. Byington

2019 is shaping up to be our best year yet, as we celebrate another graduating class of Texas A&M medical students in the Houston Methodist Program and the start of the inaugural class of the Texas A&M Engineering Medicine (EnMed) Program this summer! The Houston Aggie Medical Society (HAMS) kicked off 2019 with a new member wine tasting event at Pappas Brothers Steakhouse with Dr. Carrie L. Byington, Dean of the College of Medicine. It was a fantastic evening and just one of many events planned throughout the year.

Due to the generous efforts of our Members, we are providing support to the Texas A&M medical students in Houston and celebrating the exciting opportunities that are unfolding as the A&M College of Medicine's partnership with Houston Methodist expands!

In addition, we are reaching out to the local Aggie community, sharing the excitement around A&M's new role in the Texas Medical Center and providing an opportunity to hear from leading professionals in healthcare and research.







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# MEET AGGIE DOC ALEXANDRA SYKES

Good evening,

My name is Alexandra Sykes, and I am a current fourth year medical student at the Texas A&M College of Medicine Houston campus (whoop). I want to thank Dr. Byington and Dr. Boone for being here this evening and for the amazing work they have done to build our program and give the medical students more opportunities than we could dream of.

Tonight, I want to especially thank what has come to be one of the greatest parts of being placed on the Houston campus: HAMS, Houston Aggie Medical Society. HAMS has, to put it simply, been a game changer.

For those who don't know yet, HAMS is an organization of selfless and FUN men and women who have decided to provide encouragement, camaraderie, and stress-relief for the medical students during our clinical years.

As a Texas A&M University medical student, you spend the first year and a half in pre-clinical training... studying textbooks, attending lectures, and taking exams. This is all in preparation for what you really came for: clinicals. They finally release you into the wild to see real live patients.



But as most of you know or personally experienced, medical school is no cake walk. So after many long hours in the Operating Room, it was nice to know there was a snack - or maybe even Torchy's waiting in the student lounge!

#### THANKS AND GIG' EM!

Alexandra Sykes

From delicious lunches to post-board exam celebratory pool parties, from a night with the Houston symphony to my personal favorite Aggie past-time – happy hours with your adopt-a-doc family – HAMS members made the journey fun and kept our enthusiasm high.

Through the trials and the victories, we have a warm, welcoming Aggie family that will see us through it all. Thank you for all of your support and care. You have been a house to relax at, a conversation that helps me unwind, a friendly face in a big city and absolutely, my extended family during this incredible and challenging adventure.

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- Sponsorship of Student Sports Teams registration and uniform fees for participation in intramural sporting activities in the Texas Medical Center
- Houston Event Tickets tickets donated by our members for students to attend local sporting or cultural events
- Adopt-a-Doc a program pairing a student with a local HAMS member or family to provide advice, support, and perhaps an occasional meal together
- HAMS Member Events entry into annual holiday party, member events, and friend mixers is included with membership





If you would be interested in joining this branch of the Aggie family tree, we encourage you to join, get involved, and celebrate Texas A&M medicine in Houston with us!



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