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# MEET THE PRESIDENT

HOWDY! My name is Todd Randolph, Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 1993 (WHOOPI!), and I am honored to have been selected by the HAMC to serve as the 2019 President.

## MY PATH TO THIS ROLE WAS FORGED MANY, MANY YEARS AGO.

All the way back when I was 11 years old. As the son of the team doc for Port Arthur Thomas Jefferson, I was fortunate to spend a lot of time on the sidelines watching several players who went on to play college football. If you know your Texas football history, you know the “Golden Triangle” has some great athletes, and you also know Craig Stump and Shea Walker played football for TJ and then the Fightin’ Texas Aggies.

## FAST FORWARD A FEW YEARS.

There was a campus tour and several football games. I believe it is fair to say that I was “gently” nudged by my dad to attend Texas A&M, but it wasn’t necessary. I was hooked, and I knew the school I wanted to continue my education was Texas A&M.

## I AM THE 3RD OF 4 RANDOLPH KIDS, AND THE 2ND TO ATTEND TEXAS A&M.

Dana '91 came before me, and John '01 brought up the rear. Our oldest brother did not attend A&M, but we now have him bleeding maroon like the rest of the family. Even though he did not attend A&M, my dad – Harvey Randolph 'AM, known as “Doc” to his grandkids – is probably the biggest Aggie of us all, and our biggest supporter while at A&M. I am blessed by his nudging and love for Texas A&M.





I graduated from A&M with a degree in Biomedical Science, and went on to become a Vice President for USI, serving as a consultant to my clients for their employee benefit programs. My wife, Tracy, and I have been married for 24 years, and are truly blessed by our two children, Ansley and Weston.

After moving back to Houston 8 years ago to work for USI, I quickly got involved in the Houston A&M Club and have been volunteering ever since. Most notably at Muster, Coach's Night, after Hurricane Harvey at NRG, and serving as Club Secretary to name a few. Being a part of the HAMC has been a very rewarding experience, one that I will cherish always.

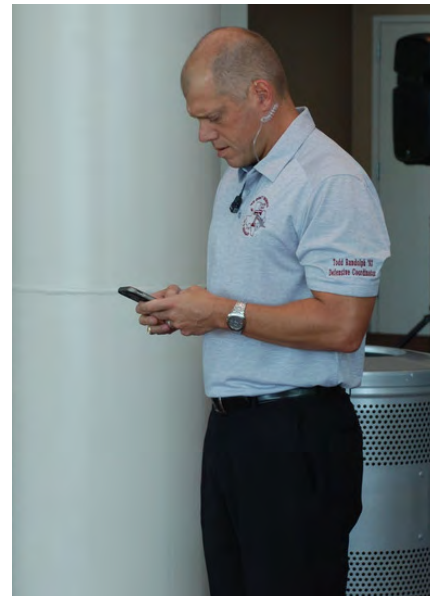
## Todd Randolph '93 HAMC President

As the largest association of former students, there are plenty of opportunities to ATTEND, DONATE, and VOLUNTEER in the HAMC. The HAMC is run by volunteers and funded entirely by the generosity of our sponsors and donors. There are many opportunities to get involved with breakfasts, lunches, happy hours, and special events such as Barn Dance, Muster and Coach's Night throughout the year.

As Former Students we are charged with continuing forth the Spirit of Aggieland and her core values of Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity, and Selfless Service. I am inspired by the dedication of our volunteers, sponsors, and donors, which reflects these values and allows us to continue our three-part mission of supporting TAMU, providing financial aid to Houston-area students attending TAMU, and making a positive difference in the Houston community.

I am excited about the opportunities in 2019 and look forward to Sharing the Spirit with you throughout the year.

**Kind regards and gig 'em! Todd '93**



# A NIGHT WITH THE PRESIDENT

*President Michael K. Young, presented by Gershen Consulting LLC*



The Houston A&M Club was pleased to again host President Michael K. Young at “A Night with the President,” sponsored by Gershen Consulting LLC’s President/Owner, Barnett Gershen ’69.

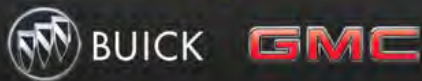
Chef Polo Becerra and his staff helped Courtney Schmidt ’13 and Nellie Smith ’94 offer a beautiful evening of cocktails and a decadent four-course dinner at Post Oak Grill.

The night was filled with Aggie fellowship, talks of old times, amazing food, and new friends. President Young spoke of changes and updates at A&M, and then graciously spent time answering questions from our members. As issues come and go, it is comforting to know that President Young and the campus faculty and staff are all united with one goal in mind – the protection, education, and love of our students and University.





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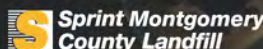
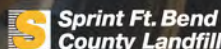
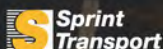
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### *Congratulations to the Houston Aggie Volunteers*

For twenty-five years, the Houston Aggies have been volunteering at the Houston Food Bank. To celebrate, the Aggies marooned out the Food Bank, inviting 250 Aggies to join them for a shift.

*Thank you to our sponsor, Tony Buzbee, who made caring for our volunteers possible.*



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*Thanks to everyone who joined the Houston Aggie Volunteers at the Houston Food Bank.*

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# CLASS OF '69 SPIRIT PLAZA

CLASS AGENT LARRY LIPPKE '69



After four long years of planning, fund raising, countless meetings & approvals, great frustration, loss and graying of hair, remarkable creativity, rewarding partnerships, and just outright hard work, the day has finally arrived. Construction on the Class of '69 sponsored Spirit Plaza has begun. JaCody Construction (aka Wick McKean '69 and his crew) moved in and immediately began work. When all is said and done, it will look roughly like the rendering and will include special displays about Silver Taps, Muster, the Don Coward Letter, the Aggie Honor Code, and the Texas A&M Core Values.

This gateway to the heart of the campus, and to the heart of Aggie Spirit, will be long lasting, especially as we turn it over to the Class of 2019 on April 23 for their safekeeping for the next 50 years. And it will assure that these core elements of what it means to be an Aggie – Silver Taps and Muster – will long endure.





## OL' ARMY

Barney (a/k/a Barnett Gershen '69),

You probably won't remember me since I was in A-1 for the first half of my freshman year. The second half I worked in the sports publicity department with Spec Gammon and moved to the athletic outfit. The past several years, I've marched in The Rally to the Guidons, but missed this past year. I have a picture I have been meaning to give or send to you. It is your convertible GTO - license AGGIE 1 - with you, Jim Starling, Kent Edwards and 2 other classmates in the picture. I think one of them is Grady Fort, but I'm not sure.

Gig 'em,

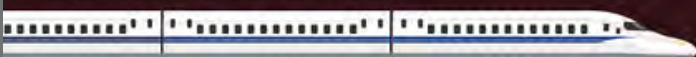
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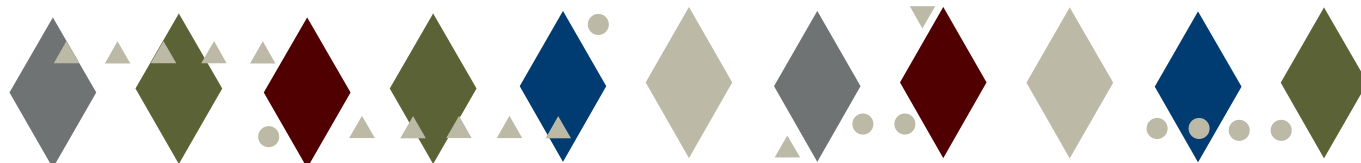


# Houston Aggie Muster

Special thanks to guest speaker Brigadier General Bentley Nettles, a lawyer with a lengthy military background, who now leads the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, our sponsors, BG Mike P. Cokinos Children and Families and Dr. Stuart A. Harlin '83, and to all of the Aggies who joined us for this special day.



Robert "Bob" A. Epstein '44, pictured here with Vicki Brown-Sobecki '78, reminded us that 1946 Corregidor Muster, which he attended, also fell on Easter Sunday. Gerald K. "Gerry" Grogin '47 was also a Corregidor Muster Participant (1942).







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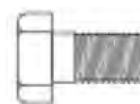
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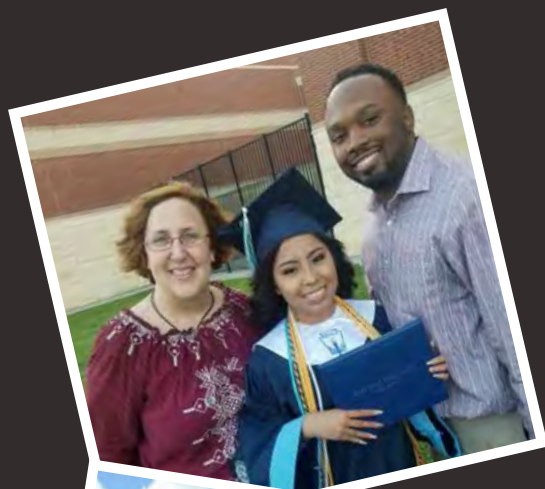
**Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, founders of Messina Hof Winery, joined the Houston Aggie Women for a 1-night-only dinner at Jonathan's The Rub Memorial Green.**

Chef Jonathan crafted a one-night-only menu - four unique courses specifically designed to highlight the four storied wines hand-selected by special guests Paul and Merrill, who shared their knowledge of wine and their experiences as pioneers in the Texas wine industry.



# *Congratulations!*

CAMP celebrated its 4th class of HS graduates! 11 CAMP students – spread across 5 campuses in Alief, Spring Branch, and Fort Bend ISDs – walked the stage in 2019. CAMP volunteers Anne Goldsmith and Hidro Joseph shared this special moment with us.



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