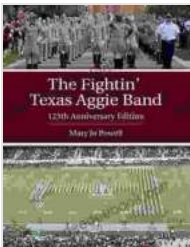


125th Anniversary Edition: Centennial of the Association of Former Students

On this momentous occasion, the Association of Former Students (AFS) at Texas A&M University proudly celebrates 125 years of unwavering dedication to the university and its alumni. Since its inception in 1897, the AFS has played a pivotal role in fostering a spirit of unity, service, and support within the Aggie Network, a global community of over 500,000 former students.



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Mission and Vision

The AFS is guided by a noble mission: to serve as a lifelong connection between Texas A&M University and its former students. This mission encompasses a diverse range of initiatives, including:

- Providing scholarships and financial assistance to deserving students

- Organizing alumni events and reunions to reconnect Aggies worldwide
- Advocating for the university and its alumni at the state and national levels
- Supporting Texas A&M's academic and research endeavors
- Preserving the university's rich history through the Cushing Memorial Library and Archives

The AFS envisions a future where all Aggies remain actively engaged with the university and its alumni. This vision drives the association's commitment to innovation and excellence, ensuring that it continues to meet the evolving needs of its members.

Historical Milestones

The journey of the AFS has been marked by countless milestones and achievements. Some notable events include:

- **1897:** Founding of the Association of Former Students
- **1907:** Establishment of the Aggie Ring Program
- **1931:** Inauguration of the All-American Council
- **1947:** Creation of the Texas A&M Foundation, the fundraising arm of the AFS
- **1968:** Opening of the Cushing Memorial Library and Archives
- **1973:** Establishment of the Aggie Century Club, recognizing lifetime members

- **1987:** Launch of The Association magazine, the official publication of the AFS
- **2014:** Construction of the new AFS headquarters, the Aggie Network Center

These milestones reflect the AFS's unwavering commitment to its mission and its dedication to serving the Aggie Network.

Impact on Texas A&M University

Throughout its 125-year history, the AFS has made profound contributions to Texas A&M University. The association's support has been instrumental in:

- Providing over \$1 billion in scholarships and financial aid to students
- Establishing and maintaining numerous academic programs and research centers
- Preserving the university's traditions and heritage
- Building and renovating campus facilities, including the Kyle Field grandstands
- Recruiting and retaining world-class faculty and staff

The AFS's impact extends beyond the university campus. The Aggie Network, fostered by the association, has played a vital role in the social, economic, and cultural development of Texas and beyond.

As the Association of Former Students celebrates its 125th anniversary, it stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of the Aggie Network. The

association's unwavering dedication to its mission and its deep commitment to Texas A&M University and its alumni have made it a beacon of excellence and a source of pride for all Aggies. As the AFS embarks on its next 125 years, it looks forward to continuing to connect, serve, and inspire Aggies around the world.

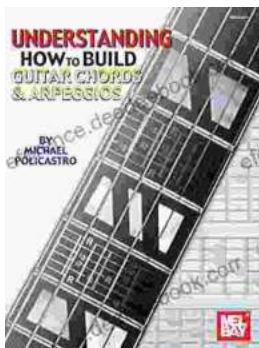
To learn more about the Association of Former Students and its 125th anniversary celebration, please visit <https://www.aggienetwork.com/>.



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