The Association Honors Outstanding Students

A select group of students are recognized each year by The Association of Former Students for academic achievement with the Gathright Scholar Award and for improving the campus environment for themselves and others with the Buck Weirus Spirit Award. The awards were presented at the Parents’ Weekend All-University Awards Ceremony on April 13.

The Thomas S. Gathright Scholar Academic Excellence Award is presented by The Association of Former Students in conjunction with Texas A&M’s Student Government Association. Established in April 1973, the Gathright Academic Award, named for Texas A&M’s first president, honors sophomores, juniors, and seniors with the best academic records in each of Texas A&M’s colleges. It is the most prestigious award for academic performance.

The Buck Weirus Spirit award honors 52 students who are involved, enthusiastic, and help to enhance the Aggie Spirit. Unlike other awards, the Buck Weirus Spirit Award recognizes those students who make contributions to campus life by participating in student organizations, Aggie traditions and university events. The award is named for the late Richard “Buck” Weirus ’42, who served as executive director of The Association of Former Students from 1964 to 1980 and personally awarded each award until his death in 1997.

Honorary Buck Weirus recipient, Dr. J. Malon Southerland (3rd from left) is recognized for his achievements as Vice President for Student Affairs by (l-r) Porter Garner, Dr. David Prior and Bobby Joe “Buzz” Miller.

2003 Gathright Award Recipients

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES**
- Bret Evers, New Orleans, LA
- Magdalena Gotsch, Friendswood
- Karen Schrank, Hamilton

**COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE**
- Daniel Byrom, Atascosa
- Jennifer Graham, Sugarland
- Ashley Ortmann, Adkins

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**
- Brooke Bludau, Halletsville
- Melanie Fox, Baton Rouge, LA
- Marshall Trenckmann, College Station

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**
- Ashley Matt, Alexandria, LA
- Elizabeth Verry, Longview
- Lea Wilson, Abilene

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
- Brandon Johns, Houston
- Stefani Kokel, Spring
- Adam Wyatt, New Braunfels

**COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES**
- Abigail Lawrence, The Woodlands
- Karen Mobley, Portland
- Laura Spanel-Weber, Granger

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**
- LaToya Allen, Houston
- Erin Fleming, Plano
- Apryl Whitaker, The Woodlands

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**
- Leigh Cobbs, Waco
- Chad Hopson, Canyon
- Jennifer Novak, Seymour

**COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**
- Travis Cotton, Wharton
- Mandy Lockhart, Red Oak
- Jamie Misher, Plano
2003 Buck Weirus Spirit Award Recipients

FRESHMAN
- Cinnamon MaryBeth Hodges
- Venton Carlos Jones Jr.
- Stacy Colleen Reeves
- David Wayne Thompson Jr.
- Crystal Nicole Y’Barbo
- Abilene
- Dallas
- Irving
- Austin
- Nacogdoches

SOPHOMORE
- Amy Elizabeth Binks
- Anna Cates Hollier
- Alfred Jason Huebinger
- Lucy Huereca
- Eric M. Parekh
- Lauren Francis Rossman
- Courtney Ann Wall
- Rorey Marie Walsh
- Matthew Gardner Wilkins
- Frederick M. Woods
- Sour Lake
- The Woodlands
- McAllen
- San Antonio
- Odessa
- Tyler
- Atlanta
- San Antonio
- Houston

JUNIORS
- Katherine Elizabeth Bailey
- Robin Elizabeth Cappel
- Justin Jay Clark
- Richard Craig Cronin
- Andrew Russell Herreth
- Katherine Jean Lemmon
- Joseph Arthur Medina
- Lyndon Earl Pryor
- Rodney William Reed
- Jason William Sherrieb
- Cortney Elizabeth Smith
- Shawna D’Ann Smith
- Jonathan Alan Stever
- Jeremy Britton Whitbeck
- Joe J. Williams
- Houston
- Hammond, LA
- Odessa
- Katy
- Missouri City
- Dallas
- Carrollton
- Houston
- Crosby
- Arlington
- Beaumont
- Houston
- Houston
- Fort Worth
- Houston

SENIORS
- Bryan Christopher Barton
- Eric McGregor Bethea
- Justin Paul Bond
- John Erik Casares
- Jason Scott Chaka
- Kelly Leigh Coke
- Elizabeth Faires Dacus
- James William Daniel
- Drew McKenzie Darsey
- Sera Shannon Davis
- Brittany Rene’ Denton
- Christopher Michael Duke
- Rachelle Evette Gentry
- Scott Lockwood Goble
- Alexander Preston King
- Brooks Frederick Landgraf
- Alfred Spence Pennington
- Marion Jean Phoummarath
- Rex Lee Williams Jr.
- Whitley Casey Wolman
- Argyle
- Austin
- Burleson
- Alvin
- Katy
- Cookville
- Dallas
- Wichita Falls
- Corsicana
- Houston
- Valley Mills
- San Antonio
- Pearland
- Waco
- Dallas
- Odessa
- Raymondville
- Houston
- Nederland
- Katy

GRADUATE STUDENTS
- Yakut Gazi
- Prakash Krishnan
- Turkey
- India