

# 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	Hallettsville
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	Abilene
Venton Carlos Jones Jr.	Dallas
Stacy Colleen Reeves	Irving
David Wayne Thompson Jr.	Austin
Crystal Nicole Y'Barbo	Nacogdoches

## SOPHOMORE

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

## JUNIORS

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

## SENIORS

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

## GRADUATE STUDENTS

Yakut Gazi	Turkey
Prakash Krishnan	India