THE ASSOCIATION HONORS OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

The Association of Former Students once again honored outstanding students from Texas A&M through the Gathright Scholar Awards and Buck Weirus Spirit Awards. The awards were presented at the Parents’ Weekend All-University Awards Ceremony on April 10.

Established in April 1973, 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. Named in honor of Texas A&M’s first president, the award recognizes sophomores, juniors and seniors with the best academic records in each of the Texas A&M colleges. It is the most prestigious award granted for academic performance.

The Buck Weirus Spirit Award honors 52 students who are enthusiastically involved and who help to enhance the Aggie Spirit. Unlike other awards, the Buck Weirus Spirit Award recognizes 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 presented each award until his death in 1997.

2005 GATHRIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS

First row: (left to right) Association President Richard Kardys ’67, Matthew Luensmann, Heather Jennings, Jacob Paul Crosby, Mary Yvette Keilers, Joanna M. Funk, Christi Hahn, Lea Wilson, Ludwig Binas, Joan Marie Norton, Cassidy Miller, Tyler Leavengood, Courtney M. Volz and University President Dr. Robert M. Gates. Second row: (left to right) Association Executive Director Porter S. Garner III ’79, Brad Malone, Abigail Joni Nance, William Minor, Robin Koester, Melissa L. Halbur, Ashley Lauren Wilcox, Ricardo J. Martinez Ortiz, Cody A Schoener, Blake Edward Birkenfeld, Amanda Sulak, Samuel Sommer, Shannon Stolle and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs and Academic Services Dr. Mark Weichold ’78. Not pictured: Jennifer J. Chancellor and David Morris.

2005 BUCK WEIRUS SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

First row: (left to right) Association President Richard Kardys ’67, Kyle Schielack, Jordan Thebeau, Jennifer Christensen, Beth Brinker, Brian “Gibby” Gibson, Jessica Mason, Kristin Ryan, Kristen West, Amy Boone, Ryan Rocha, Will Dugat IV, Corey Nichols, Tyler Giles and University President Dr. Robert M. Gates. Second row: (left to right) Association Executive Director Porter S. Garner III ’79, Emmanual Guilloy, Molly Dean, Stephanie Lee, Kimberly Harris, Jacob Scher, Ann Nelson, Marcella Colbert, Marcella Colbert, Lindsey Park, Travis Hawkins, Keaton Askew, Andy Liddell, Jordan Baucum, Greg Bergeron, Carrie Marsh and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Dean L. Bresciani. Third row: (left to right) Lauren Echols, Mary Anne Wegenhoft, Kelli Morris, Melissa Reyes, Lindsey Wilson, Laura Pergola, Hayley Henderson, Jerri Ann Henry, Brad Currie, Sara Lott, Kristin DeLong, Narietha Carter, Brandon Foster and Joey Dean. Fourth row: (left to right) Jackson Hildebrand, Jordan Mullins, John Magruder, Kyle Phillips, Zac Nelson, David Hollon, Cassie Rutherford, Ali Shapoury and Charles Glover.