The Association Honors Outstanding Students

The Association of Former Students once again honored outstanding students from Texas A&M this year through the Gathright Scholar Awards and Buck Weirus Spirit Awards. The awards were presented at the Parents’ Weekend All-University Awards Ceremony on April 9.

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 students who are enthusiastically involved and who demonstrate high involvement, create positive experiences throughout the Aggie community, impact student life at Texas A&M and enhance the Aggie Spirit. Unlike other awards, the Buck Weirus Spirit Award recognizes those students who make contributions to the university through participation 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.

Bruce and Patsy Nichols of Austin Named “Parents of the Year”

Bruce and Patsy Nichols of Austin and Fredericksburg are Texas A&M University’s 2006–2007 “Parents of the Year.” The couple received the honor April 9 during the All-University Awards program at the closing of the Parent’s Weekend activities on campus. The Nicholls were nominated for the honor by their son and daughter-in-law, Travis and Kat Nichols, both members of Texas A&M’s Class of 2003. Travis said his parents gave “undying support” to him during his undergraduate years at Texas A&M and while he was in the Corps of Cadets. Now, as Travis attends veterinary medical school, they continue to be involved and offer their support to the “Aggie Family.”