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 15.

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 up to 55 students, who enthusiastically demonstrate high involvement, create positive experiences throughout the Aggie community, impact student life at Texas A&M and enhance the Aggie Spirit 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. Included as a recipient this year was Bashar Hassna ’07—the first student from Texas A&M University at Qatar to ever receive the award.

2007 Gathright Award recipients. First row (left to right): Texas A&M Interim President Dr. Ed Davis ’67, Kristen Alexander ’09, Jessica Simmons ’07, Jenna Steinbeck ’09, Mary Keilers ’06, Kristin North ’08, Sherry Spacek ’08, Megan Suhor ’08, 2007 Association President Bill Flores ’76. Second row (left to right): Dr. J. Marty Gunn, Michael Murphey ’06, Kristen Wallin ’09, Bryce Buschman ’08, Kaelin Tooley ’09, Stephanie Burns ’09, Nikki Boatenhamer ’09, Meredith Geese ’08, Association Executive Director Porter S. Garner III ’79. Third row (left to right): Alicia Lay ’08, Kati Gore ’09, Kristen Hanel ’08, Ludwig Binas ’07, Sarah Glenn ’09, Julia Petersen ’08, Kendall Runnels ’09. Fourth row (left to right): Robert Aertker ’07, Frederick Eppllright ’08, Pamela Hahn ’07, David Hejl ’06, Ali Ameen Amomin ’08, Luke Hunter ’08.

2007 Buck Weirus Award recipients. First row (left to right): Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Dean Bresciani, Texas A&M Interim President Dr. Ed Davis ’67, Chieduzie Okafor ’08, Dustin McKnight ’09, Miguel Garcia ’07, Kadie Petree ’07, Britanny Brunson ’08, Rachel Wilkins ’09, Charlotte Clinton ’07, Ben Weiner ’08, Jonathan Le’10, Ryan McCready ’08, 2007 Association President Bill Flores ’76, Association Executive President Porter S. Garner III ’79. Second row (left to right): Eric Reed ’08, Katherine St. Clair ’07, Liesl Quick ’07, Sarah Lester ’07, Meagan Berry ’07, Susan Land ’07, Abby Moffitt ’07, Shari Hilding-Kronforst ’08, Jacque Blackmon ’08, Molly Eberly ’07, Ramesh Sagili ’07, David Brueggen ’07, Jonathon Glueck ’08, Christopher Kaspar ’10. Third row (left to right): Josh Peschel ’98, Ben Williams ’07, Ty Reasonover ’07, Nathan Snow ’07, Dillon Dewald ’09, David Moyer II ’07, Karthik Venkatraj ’09, Mikhail Stein ’08, Dyer Hill ’07, Wesley LeRoux ’08, Michael Kurt ’09, Dustin Grabsch ’10, Jeremiah Sherman ’09, Keith Kailh ’07, Alec Towle ’08. Fourth row (left to right): Brian Farr ’09, Eric Elliott ’08, Bret McDonald ’07, Joseph Lukefahr ’07, Robert Hartzell III ’07, Aaron Reitz ’09, Ben Kleckley ’09, Nate Evans ’08, Jake Fullwood ’07, Jake Bathman ’08, William Sea ’07, Michael Knudson ’07, Eric Beckham ’10, Brady Black ’10. Not pictured: Bashar Hassna ’07.