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# AGGIE NOTEBOOK

## The Association Honors Outstanding Students

The Association of Former Students annually honors outstanding students from Texas A&M University through the Gathright Scholar Award and Buck Weirus Spirit Awards. Established in April 1973, the Thomas S. Gathright Scholar Academic Excellence Award is presented by The Association 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 annually 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**, executive director *emeritus*, who led The Association of Former Students from 1964 to 1980.



**The 2011 Buck Weirus Award recipients and presenters:** Front row, from left: Lt. Gen. Joe Weber '72, vice president for student affairs, Sarah Hall '12, Mallory Myers '11, James Zhang '14, Anna Kelley '11, Jillian Green '10, Pristine Remolona '12, Korri Duncan '11, Taryn Tipton '12, Hilary Albrecht '12, Allison Davis '13, Cate Cerovsky '11, Sara Loupot '13, Vanessa Lee '11, Texas A&M President Dr. R. Bowen Loftin '71; second row: Porter S. Garner III '79, President and CEO of The Association of Former Students, Maggie Beecher '13, Brian McDonald Jr. '12, Katherine Gnadinger '12, Brittany Jones '07, Chenhui Liu '13, Yen-Nan Lin '13, Emma Fisher '11, Paige Toppert '14, Sam Hodges '13, Matthew Kolker '13, Kyle Drastata '11, Jorge A. Bermudez '73, Chair of the Board of The Association of Former Students; Dr. William B. Stackman, Director of Student Activities; third row: Drew Shelnuitt '13, Molly Fleming '11, Pat Reeves '12, Cody Cooper '11, Ryan Byrne '11, Christopher Dismuke '13, Matthew Okeson '11, David Morin '11, Mark Womack '11, Benjamin Pisik '13, Hunter Bollman '10, Evan Shu '11; fourth row: Young Kim '12, Lee Thompson '10, Scott Petrowski '11, Dilim Nwobu '12, Brett Bergamo '11, Richard Fink '11, David Benac '12, David Adame Jr. '12, Matthew Altendorf '12, Stephen Hryshchysyn Jr. '14, John Busch '11, Antoine Long '12. Not pictured: Omar El-Halwagi '11, Alison Gonsalves '08, Scarlett Kioutas '12, Christopher Esparza '13, Roland Vargas '11, and TAMU at Qatar recipient Abdalla Abdalla '11.



**The 2011 Thomas S. Gathright Scholar Academic Excellence Award recipients and presenters:** First row, from left: Marianne Elizabeth Adler '11, Elisabeth Mae Sulaica '12, Audrey Caroline Barrow '13, Erica K. Duran '13, Morgan Alyssa Havard '11, Elizabeth Ray Tschirhart '11, Catherine Michelle Maggio '12, Siying Peng '11, Bethany Christine Dykes '12, Pam Matthews, associate provost for undergraduate studies, Texas A&M President Dr. R. Bowen Loftin '71; second row: Porter S. Garner III '79, President and CEO of The Association of Former Students, Bailey Shea Brown '12, Decebal Adrian Neagu '12, Aaron Robert Burkhard '12, Meghan Elizabeth Hermance '11, Sabrina Louise Luensmann '11, Andrew Baxter Robbins '13, Kyle Wayne Jackson '12, Bethany Marie Lang '13, Jorge A. Bermudez '73, Chair of the Board of The Association of Former Students; third row: Joel Dylan Turtle '11, Eric Thomas Nystrom '12, Steven Kyle Klanske '13, James Arther McClintic '13, Jeffrey Alan Ledford '13, Trey Daniel-Aaron Murphey '14, Nicholas James Passalugo '11, Benjamin Andrew Scott '12. Not pictured: Fatimah Mohammad Al Ismail '12, Emma Marie Glenn '13, and TAMU-Qatar recipients Rinchu Mathew '13, Anas I. Al Bastami '13 and Wael I. Halbawi '11