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.