At its meeting in November 2017, The Association of Former Students’ Leadership Council elected our 2018 Chair of the Board and Chair Elect. The Council also elected three new Directors to join the 13 other Directors who will continue to serve. Association President and Chief Executive Officer Porter S. Garner III ’79 serves as a nonvoting member. The Board took office on Jan. 1. A description of the Board’s responsibilities can be found at tx.ag/Board; biographies of current and past Association Board members are online at AggieNetwork.com/tribute.
Meet Our 2018 Chair, Dr. Jimmy Williams, Jr. ’83

As the fourth of 10 children growing up in St. Louis, Dr. Jimmy Williams ’83 didn’t have the opportunity to travel much as a child, but he had a great desire to experience other places, and especially to attend college out of state. A family member in Texas persuaded him to visit Texas A&M, and that one visit convinced him that Aggieland was the place for him.

Williams was the first in his family to attend a four-year university. He struck a deal with his parents to stay in state for his first year while he began his mechanical engineering studies at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo. While it delayed his arrival at Texas A&M for a year, it proved to be a fortuitous decision, as he had a statistics class with Valerie, an electrical engineering major, who would later become his wife. After his freshman year in Rolla, he packed up and headed to College Station, but not before securing Valerie’s phone number.

“I was on full scholarship at A&M, but had a part-time job to pay my phone bill,” Williams said.

As a student, Williams lived off-campus and participated in engineering-related student organizations. He was a self-described shy and quiet student who felt that he needed every extra minute to study. His diligence paid off and he earned his Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering in 1983. As he embarked on an impressive career in engineering, Williams continued his pursuit of education, earning an MBA from Lindenwood College and a doctorate in engineering and policy from Washington University.

Today, Williams is the executive director and distinguished service professor of the Engineering and Technology Innovation Management Program at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Prior to his time in academia, he built a distinguished career in his industry, leading engineering, technology, and research and development efforts for Boeing, Alcoa and Pall Corp.

Despite a busy and demanding career, Williams found time to stay involved with Texas A&M and was one of the founding members of the Gateway A&M Club in the St. Louis
area in 1998. It was there that he first met Porter Garner ’79, now President and CEO of The Association of Former Students, who encouraged him to find additional ways to stay involved with Texas A&M.

“Porter saw the contributions I could make to the Aggie Network long before I did,” Williams said. “He stayed in touch with me, and introduced me to opportunities to serve Texas A&M.”

Garner has seen those contributions to the Aggie Network first-hand through Williams’ service as an Area Representative and Representative-At-Large to The Association of Former Students’ Leadership Council prior to his election to The Association’s Board in 2012.

“Jimmy has answered the call of The Association at all levels and is a great ambassador for Texas A&M,” Garner said. “As a member of our Board, he is a clear and strategic thinker who always asks the right questions.”

While on the Board, Williams has served on the Affinity, Finance, Fundraising and Compensation committees and chaired the Compensation Committee in 2016.

He said serving as the 2018 Chair of the Board is a daunting opportunity, but one that he feels prepared for after spending six years on the Board. He is proud of the balanced evolution of The Association – maintaining focus on the loyal current base of former students, while concurrently engaging younger classes in new and different ways. On the horizon, he sees even more opportunities for The Association.

“I would like see us leverage to an even greater extent the synergy of The Association, the Texas A&M Foundation, the 12th Man Foundation and the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation,” Williams said. “We work well together today, but there’s even more we can do to leverage the generosity, aspirations and capabilities of the Aggie Network to serve Texas A&M.”

As Williams leads The Association in 2018, he will be the first African-American Aggie to serve as Chair of The Association of Former Students’ Board. It is a designation he accepts with both pride and conviction.

“I have been the first African-American at many levels of my career,” Williams said. “With each of those opportunities comes a responsibility for execution and to blaze the trail for others.”

He hopes that his service on the Board and selection as Chair will serve as inspiration to other Aggies of color that they, too, can be involved with Texas A&M in key leadership roles.

Williams said it is important to give back and to serve. He said he feels blessed to have led research, engineering and development organizations at the executive level for Boeing, Alcoa and Pall and to have seen his dreams become reality.

“I am reminded that to whom much is given, much is required,” he said.

He and Valerie have put that into action as Gold level members of the Century Club and through contributions to the renovation of the Memorial Student Center. Williams has also served as a member of the Department of Mechanical Engineering Industry Council and was honored in 2017 as an Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Engineering.

Jimmy and Valerie have been married 33 years and have two children, Danielle and Justin. Danielle had a strong interest in attending Texas A&M, but her interest in physical therapy drew her to the University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in athletic training and a master’s in exercise physiology. Justin played football at Oberlin College in Ohio, earned a degree in neuroscience and is now preparing for the MCAT.

Williams remained committed to Texas A&M despite spending his career out of state.

“Each of us has been given valuable gifts, and the objective is to find the venue that allows us to best leverage it,” he said. “I, fortunately, found Texas A&M.”
Our great Aggie culture is sustained and evolved as a result of reciprocal giving of time, money, and priceless knowledge.

The Aggie Network is unparalleled in its ability to bring together fellow Aggies to provide assistance and support to individuals and communities in time of need.
I have seen the Aggie Network make a critical difference countless times in so many different ways. As our worldwide network has grown and engaged with The Association, it has been very gratifying to see Aggies connect with one another, help each other, and indeed help Texas A&M. There is simply nothing like it.
There is nothing like the worldwide Aggie Network; no introductions are necessary. It’s always there to provide real help, the right help, at the right time.
The majority of Aggies speak about how much A&M has given them. By giving back, we can reciprocate, further strengthen our traditions and values, and influence the next generation of current and former students.
In times of crisis, Aggies have always been the first to answer the call to be on the front lines – be it world wars or Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Joining as one, the Aggie Network provides an instant worldwide system of support and encouragement for any Aggie. From times of personal need to business connections and growth, you can always count on the Aggie Network to be standing strong.

The Aggie Network has reach throughout the world and links all of us together. In good times and in times of distress, Aggies are a group of individuals who believe in selfless service to others, respect of fellow man, and loyalty.
Bobby Jenkins ’81
AUSTIN, TEXAS

CAREER EXCELLENCE: President and owner of ABC Home & Commercial Services with offices in Austin, San Antonio, College Station, Corpus Christi and Bell County. ABC employs over 750 people and offers a wide variety of services including pest and termite control, lawn care and mowing, landscaping and irrigation, tree trimming, air conditioning and heating, plumbing and electrical, pool cleaning and repair, handyman services, appliance repair, security system installation and monitoring, window cleaning and power washing.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS: Texas A&M University, bachelor’s degree in management, 1981.

AS A STUDENT: Intramural sports.

SELFLESS SERVICE: Century Club member. Appointed in 2011 by then-Governor Rick Perry ’72 to a six-year term to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Appointed Vice Chair in 2013 by Perry and in 2015, appointed Chairman Governor Greg Abbott. Board member, United Way; national board of the Sudden Unexplained Death in Children Foundation; College for All Texans Foundation; BBB Education Foundation; Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse; Alzheimer’s Association; Moss Pieratt Foundation; and Texas Business Leadership Council. Co-founder and board chairman, Recognize Good. Serves on Texas A&M University’s College of Agriculture Development Council and Mays Business School Development Council. Past president, Texas and National Pest Management Associations. Past chair and board member, Austin Chamber of Commerce; Better Business Bureau; American Heart Association; Austin Gives; and Caritas of Austin.

FAMILY: Wife: Jan ’82. Children: Jessica ’08, Chelsea ’11, and Bo ’14

“In times of crisis, you can always count on Aggies to step up and do whatever is necessary to help those in need. Aggies are doers and no challenge is beyond their ability to solve and find solutions to problems facing their fellow citizens.”

Robert Jordan ’85
FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS

CAREER EXCELLENCE: Executive Vice President, Corporate Services, Southwest Airlines. Former President, AirTran Airways. Board of Directors, The Container Store.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS: Texas A&M University, bachelor’s degree in computer science, 1985; MBA, 1986. Received a Lechner Fellowship while pursuing the MBA.


“We have all been given so much – be it opportunities, experiences, finances, and friends and family. There is nothing better than to invest in others the way people have invested in you, and there is no better investment than Texas A&M University.”
**DIRECTOR**

Stephen L. ‘Steve’ LaMantia ’81  
LAREDO, TEXAS

**CAREER EXCELLENCE:** Vice President, General Manager and Partner in L&F Distributors, the leading Anheuser-Busch distributor in the lower Texas region, West Texas and southeastern New Mexico. D1 college football referee.

**EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:** Texas A&M University, bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics, 1981. Named to Department of Agricultural Economics’ Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry in 2017.

**SELFLESS SERVICE:** Endowed Century Club member. South Texas Academic Rising Scholars Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to students from South and West Texas. Together with the community’s support, STARS has raised over $28 million since its inception a decade ago and has enabled more than 13,500 students from South and West Texas to receive a higher education.

**FAMILY:** Wife: Linda Peckham LaMantia ’82. Five daughters: Annie ’08 (Casey Cullen), Morgan, Katherine ’10, Samantha ’12 (Matt Luchak ’11), and Molly ’15. Granddaughters: Avery Cullen and Blair Cullen.

**Having someone to reach out to in a time of need has to be the most comforting and reassuring feeling. Knowing that so many Aggies were there to answer the call during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, is the epitome of selfless service. The Aggie Network is the common thread of unity between those in need and those wanting to be of service.**

**DIRECTOR**

Cathy G. Mann ’92  
KINGWOOD, TEXAS

**CAREER EXCELLENCE:** Senior Vice President for Marketing and Communications, American Bureau of Shipping, a leading international classification society. Previously led Halliburton’s global marketing strategy and execution, and held senior leadership positions in corporate communications and human resources management, with global work assignments completed in the U.S., Europe and the Middle East. Named as one of the “Women Worth Watching” by Profiles in Diversity Journal, 2011. Received awards from the American Marketing Association, International Association of Business Communicators, Public Relations Society of America, and Texas Public Relations Association.

**EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:** Texas A&M University, bachelor’s degree in journalism, 1992. Rice University, MBA, 2011. While at Rice, received the Jones Citizenship Award and the M.A. “Mike” Wright Award for leadership excellence and exemplary service to the Jones Graduate School of Business.

**SELFLESS SERVICE:** Endowed Century Club member. Aggie Ring Scholarship donor. Board of directors, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council.

**FAMILY:** Husband: Stan.

**The impact of the worldwide Aggie Network is priceless. It serves as a common ground across all continents and whether at home or abroad, it’s a constant reminder you’re never far from home, or an Aggie. Connecting Aggies and friends of Texas A&M University, whether in peaceful or catastrophic times, makes us all stronger to continue supporting each other as well as our beloved alma mater.**

**General (Ret.) T. Michael ‘Buzz’ Moseley, USAF ’71**  
**SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CAREER EXCELLENCE:** President and CEO – Moseley and Associates, LLC. Served 38 years as a fighter pilot and combat commander at all levels. Following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, assumed command of the 9th U.S. Air Force/U.S. Central Command Air Forces, where he was responsible for the planning and execution of all joint/combined air and space combat operations for Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Northern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Served as the 18th Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, responsible for over 700,000 active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and civilian personnel. Knighted by Her Majesty, the Queen of England. Awarded eight Distinguished Service Medals from the Secretary of Defense, the Departments of the Air Force, Army, Navy and Homeland Security. Presented the Air Force's highest civilian award by the Secretary of the Air Force - the Distinguished Public Service Award. Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University, 2013. Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor, 2005.

**EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:** Texas A&M University, bachelor’s and master’s degrees, political science.

**AS A STUDENT:** Air Force ROTC, 3rd Group Commander, Corps of Cadets. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation.

**SELFLESS SERVICE:** Endowed Century Club member. Served as Muster speaker at various locations around the world while deployed in combat and within the state of Texas. Chaired numerous lectures and discussions on the Texas A&M University campus and led various leadership and character seminars for the Corps of Cadets as well as civilian students.

*The connectivity of the Aggie Network is unmatched by any other university in its ability to assist in times of crisis or in looking to provide personal and professional connectivity for Aggies across a worldwide network of former students.*

**Hon. Ingrid M. Warren ’93**  
**DALLAS, TEXAS**

**CAREER EXCELLENCE:** Presiding Judge for Probate Court No. 2, Dallas County, an elected position and one of 18 statutory probate courts in Texas. Statutory probate courts are tasked with the responsibility to probate wills of deceased persons, declare the heirs of deceased persons who died without a will or intestate, and create and monitor guardianships for incapacitated Texans and minors. The probate court also has the jurisdiction to hear lawsuits related to a decedent’s estate or a ward's estate. Former Shareholder with the law firm of Mahomes, Bolden and Warren, LLP; former law clerk to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Hon. Steven A. Felsenthal.

**EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:** Texas A&M University, bachelor's degree in political science, 1992. The University of Texas, School of Law, J.D., 1996.

**AS A STUDENT:** MSC MBA/Law Committee; Alpha Kappa Alpha – Eta Line 1991; Rudder Scholar; Office of General Counsel for the Texas A&M University System, student worker; President’s Achievement Scholarship; Lechner Scholarship/Fellowship.

**SELFLESS SERVICE:** Century Club member. Served The Association of Former Students as a Representative at Large prior to being elected to the board of directors. Aggie Women; Black Student Former Student Network; Big Sister with Big Brothers & Big Sisters of North Texas; Finance Chair, City of Dallas Cultural Affairs Commission; Trustee, YMCA Metropolitan Dallas Foundation.

**FAMILY:** Loving dog, Loki.

*The Aggie Network is a dynamic body of Aggies ever ready to impact our communities, our state, our country, and our world. When faced with challenges or simply an opportunity to befriend a fellow Aggie, we rise to the occasion and extend a hand. You can count on the Aggie Network.*
Robert H. White ’81
BOERNE, TEXAS

CAREER EXCELLENCE: President, Jefferson Development Co. Upon graduation, worked for Arthur Andersen & Co. in its San Antonio office. In 1984, he joined a privately-owned real estate company in Houston and began developing and managing commercial properties. Robert joined Jefferson Realty Co. in 1992 to focus on real estate acquisition and development opportunities arising out of the real estate market crash of the late 1980s and from asset dispositions by U.S. government agencies and financial institutions. He went on to co-found Jefferson Development Co. in 1996, targeting an array of structured investment opportunities in real estate assets and development projects including apartments, land acquisitions, and master planned communities. Certified Public Accountant. Licensed Real Estate Broker.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS: Texas A&M University, bachelor’s degree in accounting, 1981.

AS A STUDENT: Member, Accounting Society. Puryear Hall.

SELFLESS SERVICE: Endowed Century Club member. Member, A&M Legacy Society. Served The Association of Former Students as a Representative at Large prior to being elected to the board of directors. Mays Business School Endowed Scholarship donor. Member, 12th Man Foundation Champions Council. Member, Eppright Distinguished Donor program. Member, Texas Association of Realtors. Member, National Association of Realtors.


“...There may be no greater assemblage of humanity and capable resources than that offered through the Aggie Network when it comes to effectively communicating and mobilizing behind a challenging cause."