# 12 UNDER 12 Young Alumni Spotlight

# Meet these 12 young Aggies exemplifying the Texas A&M core values in their careers and through their service.

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#### **NOMINATIONS FOR 2024**

Submit an application or nomination at tx.ag/12Under12.



#### Ande Burks '13 🕮

**CAREER:** Assistant to vice chancellor and dean of engineering, Texas A&M. Co-owner of Burks Creations.

**SERVICE:** Active volunteer with Junior League of Bryan-College Station. Member and leader of various A&M staff committees. A&M awards include College of Engineering Staff Excellence Award, Department of Nuclear Engineering Staff Excellence Award, Buck Weirus Spirit Award. President's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient for 4,000+ volunteer hours.

**IMPACT:** "Ande possesses a set of personal values lived and witnessed daily, all of which personify the core values of Texas A&M."



# Maj. Aramis Brewington '13 @

**CAREER:** Deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army's Chief of Public Affairs. Gen. Omar N. Bradley fellow.

**SERVICE:** Involved with Young Professionals in Foreign Policy and Globally's EaGLE Program. Founded nonprofit to enable mentorship for tech innovation in government services. Active contributor to soldier and family readiness groups. Volunteered with Killeen and Belton ISDs' Adopt-A-School programs.

**IMPACT:** "Aramis' commitment to selfless service is remarkable. He's not just a leader on the field but also a change-maker in his community."

#### Chris Tucker '11 @

**CAREER:** Owner of Rail & Rye Kitchen & Rooftop Bar, Revival Barbershop, Navasota WiFi and various real estate assets.

**SERVICE:** Class Agent. Serves on Board of Directors for Navasota/Grimes County Chamber of Commerce and Harris County MUD 570C. At A&M: Ross Volunteer, student senator and Buck Weirus Spirit Award recipient.

**IMPACT:** "Christopher's pursuit of excellence is evident in all his endeavors, whether it's his role as a Class Agent, his involvement on various boards or his many entrepreneurial ventures. He consistently delivers high-quality work, exceeding expectations, and sets a standard of excellence for others to follow."

#### Christian Joel Gonzalez '11 @

**CAREER:** Associate director of product marketing, Endotronix. Involved in product development and launches of more than 20 medical device products in surgical, interventional and digital health markets with a focus on cardiology.

**SERVICE:** Youngest member of Advisory Board for Department of Biomedical Engineering. Served as marketing chair for DFW Chapter of Texas A&M Hispanic Network and member of Young Alumni Council.

IMPACT: "Christian is an exceptional leader, role model and representative of Texas A&M University. He has a passion for advancing medicine through innovation, and he selflessly dedicates himself to encourage students to do the same"

### Max Gerall '18 @

**CAREER:** Executive director and founder, The REACH Project.

**SERVICE:** Established 34 programs spanning health/wellness, homeownership, entrepreneurship and education that serve 4,000+ working poor families in the Brazos Valley. Member of TAMU Community Engagement Advisory Committee. 2022 American Institute for Public Service Jefferson Award recipient.

IMPACT: "Max is not only a man with a vision, but he also works with commitment and perseverance to act on that vision.

Family by family, he is changing our community and the world. Max is a powerful testament to the core values of Texas A&M."





#### Dr. Judy Amanor-Boadu '13 ♀

**CAREER:** Technical lead, data center & AI with Intel Corp.

**SERVICE:** Founder of STEM GEMs, an after-school robotics program to spark STEM interest in young girls in low-income communities in Ghana. Co-founder of Graduate SWE Committee and Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Students Association. Awards include George W. Kunze Endowed Graduate Student Award, IEEE Instrumentation and Measurement Society J. Barry Oakes Advancement Award, SWE Distinguished New Engineer Award.

**IMPACT:** "Judy is fearless, selfless, tenacious, responsible and caring. She continues to excel in her career and advance quickly because of her positivity and driven work ethic."





#### Mason R. Parish '14

**CAREER:** Manager of workforce transformation and future of work with Deloitte Consulting. Founder and owner, Parish Holdings.

**SERVICE:** Leader in numerous agricultural service organizations, including Texas Farm Bureau, Montgomery County Farm Bureau and Montgomery County Fair Association. President of Young Alumni Council and founder of Texas A&M Career Closet. Awards include American Farm Bureau County Activity of Excellence Award and Buck Weirus Spirit Award.

**IMPACT:** "Mason exemplifies and models the core values that Texas A&M holds dear through his commitment to community development and his passion for savvy business decisions."

#### Dr. Jamie Pawlowski '12 @

**CAREER:** Radiation oncologist and medical director of radiation oncology at St. Joseph Health Cancer Center. Adjunct clinical assistant professor, Texas A&M College of Medicine.

**SERVICE:** Active in community providing education about cancer prevention and treatment. Chair, Cancer Journal Club of Brazos Valley; Survivorship Committee at St. Joseph Health Cancer Center. Chief resident at UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center.

**IMPACT:** "Dr. Pawlowski is extremely loyal to her patients and passionate in her work as a radiation oncologist. Her tenacity as a teacher and physician serves the Brazos Valley well."

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"This year's 12 Under 12 Young Alumni Spotlight recipients are an inspiration for having achieved great professional success and making a positive impact on their communities so early in their careers."

 Cecilee Herd '95, Senior Vice President, The Association of Former Students

#### Dr. Anand Narayanan '12 @

**CAREER:** Genome engineering scientist in therapeutics discovery with Johnson & Johnson. Postdoctoral training in Department of Internal Medicine, Section of Cardiology at Yale School of Medicine.

SERVICE: Director of business for Career Network for Student Scientists and Postdocs at Yale. Member of inaugural Young Alumni Council. Officer in numerous A&M student organizations. A&M Buck Weirus Spirit Award, J. Malon Southerland Aggie Leader and Eppright Outstanding International Student Award recipient.

**IMPACT:** "He is inspiring the next generation to become Aggies and is leading by example."



"We are very proud to present this year's 12 Under 12 Young Alumni Spotlight. These 12 outstanding Texas Aggies exemplify our core values through their contributions in business, service and leadership, and demonstrate that Aggies make a difference in all stages of their careers."

 Porter Garner '79, President and CEO, The Association of Former Students

# Maj. Taylor Rammrath '14 @

**CAREER:** Special assistant to vice chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Gen. Omar N. Bradley fellow.

**SERVICE:** Deployed to establish temporary safe haven at Poland/Ukraine border supporting Operation New Normal. Developed new policy solutions focused on solving suicide crisis facing service members and veterans. Awarded Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and Air Medal – Combat.

**IMPACT:** "Taylor is the finest example of a leader in the U.S. Army. He is an intelligent and dedicated young officer who constantly seeks opportunities to make those around him better and always places others before himself."



## Omar M. El-Halwagi '11 @

**CAREER:** Founder and managing attorney, The Anti-Discrimination Attorney PLLC.

**SERVICE:** Co-founder of nonprofit Grassroots Islam. Board member of Rothko Chapel, former board member of the Arab American Education Foundation and Houston chapter of New Leaders Council. Harry S. Truman Scholar. Nationally recognized speaker and screenwriter.

**IMPACT:** "He has dedicated his life to bettering the lives of others, fighting for those who do not have the resources to do it themselves, and defending justice above all else."

# Dr. Lauren Lewis '11 🥌

**CAREER:** Project toxicologist, senior scientist with Bristol Myers Squibb. Oversees nonclinical safety-evaluation programs for selected drug candidates. Designed regulatory toxicology packages for two new candidate drugs in autoimmune space.

**SERVICE:** Received 23 awards from industry and academia, including Bristol Myers Squibb Nonclinical Safety Innovation Award and A&M Distinguished Graduate Student Award.

**IMPACT:** "She is an exemplary and extraordinary former student who is a hard worker, a tireless volunteer and a dedicated professional. Together, she exemplifies and champions the Aggie values and follows her heart into her passion for drug development and service commitments."

