



¡ADELANTE!

Promoting Hispanic Diversity

The mission of the Texas A&M Hispanic Network is to serve as an advocate and support group on Hispanic concerns and issues at the University and local communities within the larger Association of Former Students organization. The Texas A&M Hispanic Network shall dynamically work towards increasing the number of Hispanic students attending Texas A&M University (TAMU), and enhancing their experience, education, and quality of life on campus.

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Texas A&M Hispanic Network (TAMHN) Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM SOLE FINALIST FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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Dear Faculty and Staff of Texas A&M Agriculture:

As you may have heard, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System today announced my name as the sole finalist for the office of President of Texas A&M University.

When I was first contacted about this position, I was reluctant to participate as a candidate. The reason was simple: I love what I do as Vice Chancellor, and as Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences! Since assuming my current position in 2005, we have made tremendous progress. We have secured opportunities for our faculty, and staff through the legislative appropriations process in terms of salary increases, infrastructure support, and funds to support special research and extension initiatives. We have also focused our programmatic priorities through our science, extension, and teaching roadmaps, and have elevated the recognition of the value that those programs bring to the citizens of this great state with our stakeholders. We have reversed the downward trend in our undergraduate student enrollment, and have begun to take exciting new steps in recruitment for our college through novel marketing initiatives and other efforts. As I have heard so many of our constituents say, in these three years we, and that means all of us, have managed to put the "A" back in Texas A&M!

It is undeniable that former Texas A&M

President Robert Gates left us with a great legacy and a strong foundation on which to build. This foundation has been very aptly maintained by Interim President Ed Davis over the last year. If appointed, I pledge to build on their efforts, moving forward towards establishing Texas A&M as one of the top public academic institutions in the world. And, as we march aggressively towards academic pre-eminence, the values and traditions that Aggies hold so dear will be marching with us.

Many will say that today is a historic event in the life of Texas A&M, a day in which a Hispanic female is named as the sole finalist for the presidency of this great University. As for me, it is a day to reflect and to be grateful. As I write this, I am reflecting on the heartbreak that my parents went through when they left their native Cuba so many years ago, with a couple of

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Hola Gente! It's that time of year again. TAMHN has already received two lists from the TAMU Admissions Office of Hispanic early admits. Most of these High School seniors applied to A&M, and have been accepted based on automatic admit for their extremely high SAT/ACT scores. These are among the best and the brightest of young

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CONGRATULATIONS...

To Jesse Garza for submitting the winning name for our newsletter! Thanks so much for your submission.

TAMHN Website

www.tamhn.org

WHEN TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO TEXAS A&M

Term:
Summer/ Fall 2008

Opening date:
September 1, 2007

Closing date:
February 1, 2008

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT CENTERS

Texas A&M University has Prospective Student Centers (PSC) throughout the state where you can meet one-on-one with an advisor to learn more about admissions, academic programs, financial aid, housing and student services at Texas A&M. Advisors answer questions, organize events and help you with every step of the application process.

Corpus Christi Regional PSC
(361) 289-7905

Dallas/ Ft. Worth Regional PSC
(214) 623-9039

Houston Regional PSC
(713) 454-1990

Houston Regional PSC-
Power Center
(713) 551-8719

Laredo Regional PSC
(956) 795-0412

Rio Grande Valley Regional PSC
(956) 683-8647

San Antonio Regional PSC
(210) 212-7016

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young children in tow, never again to return. And I am grateful, because as a result of their bold decision, I now live in a country that has given me so much, including the great honor to potentially serve as president of Texas A&M University.

It has been a distinct pleasure working alongside each of you since 1995, first as a faculty member in the Department of Animal Science, then as Director of the Center for Food Safety, and most recently as Vice Chancellor for the A&M System, and Dean of this great college. If I'm appointed, I promise to continue to support your efforts, as well as those of the rest of the university community, as President of this unique American institution.

Thank you, and Gig 'Em,

Dr. Elsa A. Murano

Vice Chancellor and Dean
Agriculture and Life Sciences

Phone-a-Fish

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Hispanics in Texas so we owe it to our alma mater to make some calls and try and convince these young men and women to

actually accept and enroll at A&M for the Fall.

We can anticipate getting more lists of Top Ten percent automatic admits and we need to work on these as well. The idea is to use our grass roots network across the state so that Hispanic Aggie former students from a certain hometown are calling those admits that are from the same hometown. We are competing with other schools and sometimes elite schools like Princeton or Notre Dame for these high quality Hispanic students from Texas. More often than not, once our bright Latino students leave Texas for other states they usually stay there. Let's keep these bright young leaders of the future here in our home state, by convincing them to attend A&M.

So what can you do? If you have a TAMU Prospective Student Center (PSC) in your town, contact them and establish a phone-a-fish program. Organize your region to distribute the list of names and call them at home, answer their questions, tell them about your experiences at A&M, and basically motivate them to make their decision to attend A&M. If you don't have a PSC in your town, check with one of the officers from TAMHN via your Region Leaders. If you have not received any names yet in your town, don't wait. Be proactive and call or e-mail one of the TAMHN officers.

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