



# WELCOME TO THE CITY – FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Home of the Fort Worth A&M Club & the Texas A&M  
University School of Law

# DINING

## Favorite Coffee Shops

- **Acre Distilling Co.:** “Just a block from the law school is a great place to have a great cup of coffee, a bite to eat, and study at one of their tables. It’s definitely a favorite among students for coffee and studying” – Lauren T ’19 (Law)
- **Avoca Coffee Roasters:** “The space, the light, and the discounts on multiple cups!” – Lauren H ’21 (Law)
- **Brewed:** “The different types of lattes they have to offer” – Gillian M ’19 (Law)
- **Buon Giorno Coffee:** “It is convenient for downtown, and the coffee tastes great” – Kim D ’13
- **Craftwork Coffee Co.:** “A locally owned joint cafe and co-working space (with social memberships & personal office spaces) who roasts their own beans and has 3 locations across Cowtown (as well as in The Domain in Austin). Their mission focuses on creating community and their staff does a great job living this mission.” – Robert D ’12
- **Lazy Daisy Coffee:** “It has a great location on Camp Bowie (easy to access) with an actual parking lot! Limited seating, but there are several groupings of chairs throughout the space - and tons of outlets for working. I really like the vibe, nice people, nice background music, original drinks. Oh, and they make their own syrups in-house!” – Sarah S ’04 ’10
- **Sons of Liberty:** “Modern industrial atmosphere, best pour over in FW, fun stuff on tap (chocolate milk, house made energy drinks)!” -- Betty C ’18
- **Vaquero Coffee Co.:** “Their delicious coffee and baked goods are amazing. It’s in a great location downtown and has plenty of space to get work done” – Cassidy I ’17

## Brunch Recommendations

- **Cat City Grill on Magnolia:** “With parking behind the building. Amazing food and cheap drinks (like \$3 champagne) on both Saturday and Sunday. And since you’re already on **Magnolia**, you can walk around before or after. The restaurant is near the local Fort Worth merch shop and **Ephemera Terrariums**, where you can make your own succulent garden.” – Sarah S ’04 ’10
- **HG Sply Co:** “Great food and drinks and they have a great outdoor patio along the **Trinity Trail**. Highly recommend the Moscow mule.” – Lauren E ’13
- **Hot Box Biscuit Club:** “THE BEST! It started out as a random pop-up brunch in a warehouse and now the owners have a restaurant located on **South Main**! All of their food is amazing, and you can even buy full bottles of champagne for mimosas!! What more could you want?” – Cassidy I ’17
- **Mash’d:** “The best brunch food all day! The chicken and biscuits are amazing.” – Morgan P ’19 (Law)
- **Ol’ South Pancake House:** “It’s a Fort Worth institution and has a pretty varied menu with a lot of good stuff.” – Matthew S ’19
- **Press Café:** “Great food, great service, great atmosphere. Located in **Clearfork** at **The Trailhead** of the **Trinity River**, their dog-friendly patio is the best place to spend a Saturday or Sunday morning/afternoon. Pro tip: put your name on the waitlist (usually 1 hour wait time) then take your pup for a loop on the trails - the restaurant will text you when your table is almost ready and you’ll have earned that Bloody Mary.” – Robert D ’12
- **Social House on West 7<sup>th</sup>:** “My favorite brunch spot! Their menu is loaded with brunch favorites like omelets, waffles, French toast, and I haven’t had a bad meal yet. They also sometimes have a special on mimosas.” – Lauren T ’19 (Law)
- **Taqueria Melis on Vickery:** “They have the BEST breakfast tacos and street tacos, and sometimes, if you’re lucky in the winter, you’ll catch them serving tamales until they sell out. Bring cash and some basic Spanish!” —Betty C ’18
- **Yolk:** “The name says it all, but it has a great menu and usually pretty short wait time for **Sundance Square**.” – Lauren H ’21 (Law)

## Best Happy Hour Spots

- **Abbey Pub, The:** “My favorite local happy hour spot because it is located on West 7<sup>th</sup>, and they host all of our Aggie gameday watch parties.” – Cassidy I ‘17
- **America Gardens:** “Pretty big with lots of outdoor seating. Great for bringing dogs and enjoying some nice weather!” – Harrison H ‘18
- **Blue Sushi West 7th area:** “There are two parking garages nearby if you can't get street parking. Cheap wine (like \$4/glass) and food specials, including several roll and sushi options. I love the slick look of the interior, and they have a huge bar area with tables and countertop. Bartenders remember you, make sure you are having a good time. And they often play Japanese movies on the big screen for extra fun. BONUS: Happy hour all day Sunday!” – Sarah S ‘04 ‘10
- **Flying Saucer Emporium:** “Within walking distance of the law school, great trivia, happy hours, and live music” -- Gillian M ‘19 (Law)
- **Fort Worth A&M Club Happy Hour:** “The Fort Worth A&M Club hosts monthly happy hours on the 12<sup>th</sup> of every month at a new place every time!” -- Jaedeanne S ‘02
- **Houston Street Bar & Patio:** “A great place for happy hour because of its low prices, good drinks, proximity to the school, and rooftop area for large groups to hang out!” – Lauren T ‘19 (Law)
- **Mutt’s Canine Cantina:** “Even if you don’t have a dog, I recommend their happy hour. 3-6 Monday through Thursday and 12-6 on Friday. 4-dollar frozen drinks that are GOOD AND STRONG. What’s better than drinking and being surrounded by dogs??” – Anna M ‘17
- **Reata:** “The rooftop offers a great atmosphere, and **Thompson’s** is probably the most unique place you can go.” – Morgan P ‘19 (Law)
- **Salsa Limon:** “Amazing margs and they’re huge! \$4 for a huge goblet. And it’s every day of the week!! Can’t beat it.” – Lauren H ‘21 (Law)
- **Stirr:** “Off of West 7<sup>th</sup>, this happy hour goes until 7pm during the week, and it's half off apps and discounted drinks.” -- Lauren E ‘13
- **Zenna Thai & Japanese Restaurant:** “Located in **West 7th**, they have \$1 beers and affordable small bites. It’s the perfect after-work hangout.” – Caitlin F ‘17

## Restaurants to Try

- **Cannon Chinese:** “On Cannon Street and is Aggie owned! But seriously, a great fusion of Chinese, TX and wonderful drinks.” -- Hillary S ‘96
- **Grace:** “If you're going to go out for fine dining, Grace is your best bet. Whether you need a great date spot, celebration dinner, or just want to dress up and be fancy for a night, Grace has you covered. Top notch menu featuring steaks and seafood, an extensive wine list, and THE BEST service. Their bar and cocktail menu are also great for Happy Hour (half price champagne from 4-6pm EVERYDAY) or pre-night out downtown drinks.” – Robert D ‘12
- **Heim Barbecue:** “Hands down probably the best barbecue I have ever had. The brisket potato skins are phenomenal, and the Heim burger is the only burger I will eat and it’s to die for. Also, the bacon burnt ends would be my death row meal.” – Anna M ‘17
- **Joe T Garcia’s:** “The atmosphere and legendary Fort Worth status and **Pacific Table** for the seafood!” – Lindsey K ‘11
- **Kincaid’s:** “You just can’t beat an old-fashioned burger.” – Lauren H ‘21 (Law)
- **Nonna Tata:** “Authentic Italian food, in a super small and cozy space. However, it is only open on the weekdays so kind of a hidden gem” – Kim D ‘13
- **Press Café:** “Sits on Trinity River, so you can people watch (and farmers market nearby on Saturday mornings). Food is a little pricier, but that's due to quality ingredients. Always good food! And this place has one of the best patios around, with fire pits for cooler weather.” – Sarah S ‘04 ‘10

- **Reata**: “When you want to splurge! The rooftop area overlooking downtown Fort Worth is so pretty, and the food is amazing. Another local favorite that is less expensive and known for its unique burgers is **Rodeo Goat** on West 7th.” – Lauren T ‘19 (Law)
- **Salsa Limon**: “A local Fort Worth business with multiple locations in the city, they have the BEST food and drinks alike. The downtown location is PERFECT to start a night on the town, while the River District location has a great patio for day-drinking.” – Caitlin F ‘17
- **Tavern, The**: “Located on Hulen, they have great food and a low-key restaurant. Highly recommend the queso americano.” – Lauren E ‘13
- **Tributary**: “The closest thing to real Cajun food up North” – Marc S ‘15
- **Tokyo Café**: “Great Japanese restaurant that's reasonably cheap but really good.” – Matthew S ‘19
- **Woodshed Smokehouse**: “My favorite because it is located on the Trinity and it has outdoor seating with live music. It’s such a hip spot with a unique menu and it is DOG FRIENDLY!” – Cassidy I ‘17

# RECREATION

## Favorite Museum

- **Amon Carter Museum of American Art:** “Rotating modern exhibits and the best photography collection in Texas. They also have (low key) a research room: you can request items from their archives to be brought up into a special conference room for viewing and have a curator on hand to help you look at them and explain the stories behind them. Lots of Fort Worth historical documents and books! Ask for Jonathon!” Betty C ‘18
- **Fort Worth Museum of Science and History:** “Their exhibits are full of information not only about Fort Worth, but also awesome things like dinosaurs, space, raising cattle, and more. There’s also a planetarium and IMAX theater which is perfect for relaxing and learning.” – Cassidy I ‘17
- **Kimbell Art Museum (“The Kimbell”):** “A great art museum that, among other things, has the only Michelangelo painting in the western hemisphere. Additionally, they also have a cafe there for a quick bite. Grab a membership for only \$75, which grants you access to the exhibits for free.” – Matthew S ‘19
- **Military Museum of Fort Worth:** “In the **Stockyards**, the museum shares a building with **the Neon Moon Saloon** and the **Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame**. I enjoy it because it reminds me a lot of the Hall of Honor at the MSC. They have displays and artifacts from WWI, up through the Gulf Wars and beyond. They do a fantastic job of telling the stories of those who served through the artifacts on display. These include uniforms, weapons, and even letters written to loved ones while on duty. My favorite exhibit must be the life-sized WWI trench replica! Admission prices are super cheap, and if you’re somebody who appreciates history, don’t pass this one up!” – Austin M ‘16
- **Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth (“The Modern”):** “So many reasons to love this place. Changing feature exhibit, amazing restaurant in-house, and a film showing almost every week. Also, as a bonus, the **Kimbell** museum is right next door, so you can always walk over and visit two museums in one day. Half-price admission on Sundays and free admission on Fridays.” – Sarah S ‘04 ‘10
- **Sid Richardson Museum:** “This Western art museum is in a great location downtown, right across the street from **Sundance Square**. It’s free to get in, and you can go on a guided tour for free as well. They have “Movies and the Museum” events as well as some lectures. Definitely something to add to your schedule if you are planning on spending a day downtown!” – Wes R ‘12 ‘16

## Best “Instagram” Spots

- **Brewed:** “The mural outside is perfect for pics!” -- Kayla H ‘17 (Law)
- **Fort Worth Stockyards:** “It’ll bring out the cowboy/cowgirl side of you that you didn’t even know you had. The historic Stockyards will take you back to the western days and have many spots to take the next viral pic!” – Cassidy I ‘17
- **Fort Worth Water Gardens:** “It’s very unique and right downtown.” – Anna M ‘17
- **Foundry District, The:** “Chock-full of colorful murals, local eateries, shop, coffee, and bars. This area of the city is growing quickly and adding new cool stuff all the time.” – Robert D ‘12
- **Sundance Square:** “I love downtown (and easy to get to with parking garages in every direction). Fountains, famous cattle herd mural, and seating make this a fun spot to sit. There are several restaurants with patios that face the square if you want to eat/drink while you people watch, and there are often free musical shows on the stage.” – Sarah S ‘04 ‘10
- **Trinity Trails:** “Along the Trinity River, facing towards downtown, is always a great shot. Just don’t look too sweaty from your run!” – Pryce M ‘06

## Most Fun Parks / Outdoor Area

- “Any park where the **Wrecking Brew** (the intramural arm of the **Fort Worth A&M Club**) can kick some butt! We may not always wreck, but we for sure always brew! For a nice run though, I head to **Trinity Park** and jog along the river.” – Caitlin F ‘17

- **Bear Creek Park:** “Quiet and family friendly” -- Gillian M '19 (Law)
- **Burnett Plaza (Downtown, near St. Andrew's Church):** “You can pop over to **Buon Giorno** and get a coffee, or **Neighbor's House** and get some lunch, and then sit at the tables or under the trees. **Trinity Park** has a lot to offer, but I love me a good downtown park.” – Betty C '18
- **Gateway Park:** “This park has it all (dog park, disc golf course, mountain bike trails, sports fields, and scenic views) and is currently awaiting another renovation from the city. Additionally, its' where our **Wrecking Brew** (the **Fort Worth A&M Club's** intramural team) kickball teams plays each Thursday!” – Robert D '12
- **Sansom Memorial Park:** “Great short hiking trails if you enjoy biking, running, or taking your dogs out.” – Maggie R '21 (Law)
- **Trinity Park:** “The trails begin in **Benbrook** and go all the way to **downtown** Fort Worth, so any park along the river is a good choice. But I love the park off University because there are more parking options, places to rent bikes and walk/run/bike/picnic, etc. You'll always see people in hammocks, too, if that's your thing.” – Sarah S '04 '10
- **Z Bonz Dog Park:** “For the pups, of course! They have a place to practice agility away from the other areas plus a place to jump in the pond. So much space here!” – Heather N '19 (Law)

### Live Music Venues to Visit

- **Billy Bob's Texas:** “My favorite place to enjoy live music and concerts because it is a staple in Fort Worth. It's cool to be able to step foot in a place where hundreds of legends have been before. They have multiple bars inside with a dance floor and food and three different women's restrooms!” – Cassidy I '17
- **Dickies Arena:** “The pride of Fort Worth - from hosting the legendary **Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo** and NCAA events, this venue is also the home to a stage that hosts heavy hitters in the music industry - in its first year open it has already hosted greats like The Black Keys, George Strait, Jason Isbell, Steve Miller Band, and Lizzo.” – Robert D '12
- **Flying Saucer Emporium:** “Happy hour & music at a downtown location” -- Gillian M '19 (Law)
- **Lola's Saloon & Trailer Park:** “The Saloon is geared more toward local rock artists and the Trailer Park is a huge patio geared toward the same types of artists as Magnolia Motor Lounge.” – Robert D '12
- **Magnolia Motor Lounge:** “Intimate venue in **West 7th** great for up-and-coming Texas Country/Rock artists - easy access to a slew of other bars in the area for a night cap.” – Emily T '17
- **Panther Island Pavilion:** “You can enjoy the music in your tube or on your paddle board.” – Heather N '19 (Law)
- **Pete's Dueling Piano Bar:** “I'm a firm believer that style plays a huge part in making a venue enjoyable for live music. **The Stockyards** are loaded with bars if you're into country. If I'm in a “night on the town” mood, I'll pop into **Pete's**. Most of the local breweries have stages for live music, so I would look out for good brews and tunes there as well!” – Austin M '16
- **Post at River East, The:** “Great food, great beer & cocktail list, large patio, and live music - what more could you ask for? Inside is an intimate listening room great for singer-songwriters and their outdoor stage always has a FREE show with local musicians in a wide range of genres (jazz, acoustic, singer-songwriter)” – Caitlin F '17
- **Southside Preservation Hall:** “A live big band every first Friday, and you can BYOB and swing dance. Hidden gem!” – Betty C '18
- **Tulips:** “This soon-to-open (Summer 2020) venue is what Fort Worth has been missing - it is a mid-sized venue geared toward routing more popular acts to the city (Band of Heathens, Kurt Vile are set to start out the calendar, so far)” – Robert Delozier '12

# NIGHTLIFE

## Favorite Hole-In-The-Wall

- **Abby Pub, The:** “Not very crowded bar, even on busy nights, so you can avoid some of the hubbub in these spots that are a great time.” – Caitlin F ‘17
- **Basement Bar, The:** “I like it because they don’t charge cover like everywhere else in the stockyards. They also have reasonably priced drinks, good music and Jell-O shots. Plus, interesting people watching because it brings in a lot of locals. Second would be **Lowkey Tavern** on South Jennings. It’s always empty and they allow dogs inside. Cheap drinks and **\*\*Bachelor Monday’s\*\***” – Anna M ‘17
- **Basement Lounge, The:** “Great craft cocktail bar off Camp Bowie on the west side of town - this literal basement bar has friendly staff, a dynamic cocktail menu, and local art adorning the walls.” – Robert D ‘12
- **Proper:** “Aggie-owned bar on the less busy side of Magnolia. Very small, but extensive drink menu and trivia on Monday nights. They do have a patio area, but I prefer to sit inside and chat with locals/bartenders. Everyone is always friendly, guaranteed good time. The Thai place next door, **Spice**, will deliver right to the bar. You don't even have to leave the bar to get some good drunk food!” – Sarah S ‘04 ‘10
- **Thompson's:** “Pretty quiet and they make great cocktails. Great spot for a date or to chill with a small group of friends.” – Harrison H ‘18
- **Sarah’s Place:** “A hole in the wall karaoke bar off Camp Bowie. It is so much fun and a great place to just laugh and hang out with friends.” – Lauren E ‘13

## Most “Chill” Places to Hangout

- **America Gardens:** “Great atmosphere and delicious drinks. Easily somewhere you could stay all night when the weather is nice. I also like the **Lazy Moose** on **Magnolia**. Very much a ski lodge vibe. Great Moscow mules.” – Anna M ‘17
- **Boiled Owl Tavern, The:** “Think dive bar, with mostly locals and cheap drinks. Seating options include small patio or booth/bar seating, and it is completely chill. Easy going, never overly crowded, just a good time.” – Sarah S ‘04 ‘10
- **Flying Saucer, The:** “THE BEST patio in Fort Worth. They keep a steady list of events from live music, movie nights, and trivia so it's a great place to go to have a couple drinks without getting too wild. Free parking after six and on weekends in the garage.” – Caitlin F ‘17
- **Lazy Moose, The** “and **The Usual** are my go-to chill bars on **Magnolia**” – Lauren E ‘13
- **Martin House Brewing Company:** “Literally my #1 go-to for locals and visitors alike. Play board games and drink amazing beer, and then get late night tacos and elote at **Fuel City!** Ugh now I'm hungry haha.” – Betty C ‘18
- **Post at River East, The:** “Great food, great beer & cocktail list, large patio, and live music - what more could you ask for?” – Robert D ‘12
- **Sundance Square:** “Great to walk around and stop in at different places, bars, coffee shops” – Summer S ‘19
- **Twigs or City Works (Clear Fork):** “A bit pricey so (maybe) fewer drinks, but good atmosphere for a calmer evening” – Wes R ‘12 ‘16

# DAY TRIPS

## Favorite Day Trip with Friends

- **Dallas:** “Go to a fun, new restaurant, do some shopping, or catch a Mavs/Stars game. Pro Tip – take the TRE (train) to the AAC and beat all the traffic and parking hassle.” -- Gillian M '19 (Law)
- **Eagle Mountain Park:** “They have walking trails and I've never been there without seeing deer, rabbits, hawks, and beautiful trees and flowers. Then, we'd go to the **Beacon Cafe:** it's on an airfield with unique pancakes, delicious egg dishes, and all the quirk and charm you could ever want (okay confession this is our favorite date).” – Betty C '18
- **Granbury:** “It is a cute little town not too far from Fort Worth. Lots of shopping and dining, and **Revolver Brewing** is there as well.” – Marc S '15
- **Grapevine:** “I'd take the TRE (train) to Grapevine for some shopping and wine on Main Street! There are a bunch of cute shops and places to eat.” – Cassidy I '17
- **Hico:** “Drive down to see the Wiseman House Chocolates. Neat place and there's other things to do and see in Hico.” – Mike S '13
- **Hillbilly Haven:** “This is the most redneck operation in existence, but with only a 40-minute drive from Fort Worth, this tubing place is hard to beat for a day trip. They drop you off upstream on the Brazos river and it's a five-hour float back to your car. Don't forget to pick up sunscreen and beer at the **Hudson Oaks HEB** (the only one in Fort Worth) on the way.” – Caitlin F '17
- **McKinney:** “Adorable town square (**Rye** is the best restaurant north of Dallas, hands down), and **Tupps Brewery!**” – Betty C '18
- **Meridian State Park:** “A fantastic park for camping, hiking, and fishing. It's small enough that you won't get lost and the trails are easy enough for a casual hiker!” – Morgan P '19 (Law)
- **Waco:** “Close (2 hours), lots of interesting things to see if you like Fixer Upper or floating the river.” -- Gillian M '19 (Law)



# HOUSING

Best Area Of Town To Live	Apartment Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Cultural District:</u></b> “You can walk the area with ease. Lots of restaurants and bars, a gym and the <b>Trinity Trails</b> within walking distance. Great when going out and you don’t have to worry about driving home... or paying for parking!” – Kim D ‘13</li> <li>● <b><u>Downtown:</u></b> “If you’re going to the law school. Having no commute saves you loads of time that you can’t really afford to lose.” – Steffani F ‘20 (Law)</li> <li>● <b><u>Fairmount Historic District:</u></b> - I have lots of friends that live over there and love the vibes. It's older homes on small lots and small streets, so people literally live close to each other. It’s just south of <b>Magnolia</b>, and an easy walk for most. It's also pretty close to TCU.” – Harrison H ‘18</li> <li>● <b><u>Magnolia District/Hospital District:</u></b> “Right next to <b>Magnolia</b> Ave and there are bars, restaurants, shops, and so much more easily accessible.” – Kelcy G ‘21 (Law)</li> <li>● <b><u>Near Southside:</u></b> “I live in the Near Southside area like one block from the edge of downtown. It’s a very up and coming area, close to I-35 and I-30 and Chisholm Trail so easy to travel anywhere. Never any traffic. Tons of restaurants and close to <b>Magnolia</b> for chill bars and only an 8-minute Uber to West 7<sup>th</sup>.” – Anna M ‘17</li> <li>● <b><u>South Main:</u></b> “It’s the up and coming area and there are so many fun things to do: patios, breweries, coffee shops, etc.” – Lauren H ‘21 (Law)</li> <li>● <b><u>TCU/Fort Worth Zoo Area:</u></b> “Great for Young Alumni moving into the area because it is close to <b>West 7th</b> and filled with grad students/young families.” – Cassidy I ‘17</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>4000 Hulen:</u></b> “Affordable living (I lived with a roommate), great dog park, and ideally located between a Trader Joes &amp; a Central Market and I20 &amp; I30 on Hulen St. SUPER close to the TCOM and the FWSSR, and a quick drive to downtown/W7th. Not too north, not too south, a good central location.” – Caitlin F ‘17</li> <li>● <b><u>Bowery at Southside, The:</u></b> “So nice, and they are good about giving new move in deals.” – Lauren H ‘21 (Law)</li> <li>● <b><u>Depot, The:</u></b> “The studios are great for one person” -- Steffani F ‘20 (Law)</li> <li>● <b><u>Mag &amp; May:</u></b> “Truly the best. Everyone who lives here is so kind and the management is THE BEST” -- Gillian M ‘19 (Law)</li> <li>● <b><u>South400 Apartments:</u></b> “I’m a big fan!!” – Anna M ‘17</li> <li>● Other Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Firestone</li> <li>○ Bell Lancaster</li> <li>○ Berkeley Luxury Apartments, The</li> <li>○ Canyons on River Park, the</li> <li>○ Chateau on the River</li> <li>○ Elan West 7th</li> <li>○ Historic Electric Building</li> <li>○ Monarch Medical District</li> <li>○ Olympus Properties</li> <li>○ Oxford at Lake Worth</li> <li>○ Stonegate Apartments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# LIFE TIPS

Best Advice You Have Ever Received	Recommendations For Recent College Graduates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “When it comes to either trying to get hired, hiring, or choosing business partners: Work with people you like, not just people who are qualified. Even if someone/a company has all the credentials and skills and big salary in the world, if they don't sit right with you, move on. At the end of the day, it's WAY more important to work with people you can be honest with, problem-solve with, and trust to share your vision. When the you-know-what hits the fan, that personal connection will matter more than your salary or how good their grammar is.” – Betty C '18</li> <li>● “Use the local Aggie Network. Just pick up the phone and call someone on the Board of Directors (in your city) and they are happy to connect you with the right people you need for work, socializing, housing, etc.! We are here for you.” – Mike G '12</li> <li>● “It's okay to "bother" someone with your questions in the workplace or at school; if they don't want to answer they won't but if they do, you'll be better for it.” – Claire B '17 '20 (Law)</li> <li>● “Join your local A&amp;M clubs, here it's the <b>Fort Worth A&amp;M Club</b>. Getting involved in your A&amp;M Club can provide you with many opportunities to make new friends, network, and support your community.” – Cassidy I '17</li> <li>● “Don't be afraid to ask questions. Even if the people you're asking, or the subject matter feels bigger than you. You'll never know if you don't ask.” – Austin M '16</li> <li>● “When you're packing for a trip, always “forget” something important like black heels - that way you just have to go shopping when you get there!” – Jaedeanne S '02</li> <li>● “Stay grounded in your faith and know what you believe.” – Elizabeth M '84</li> <li>● “You can catch more flies with honey, than vinegar.” – Heather N '19 (Law)</li> <li>● “If you don't ask, the answer is always "no"." – Wes R '12 '16</li> <li>● “Work to live, but don't live to work!” – Caitlin F '17</li> <li>● “Branch out of your comfort zone!” – Pryce M '06</li> <li>● “Don't take life too seriously and don't sweat the small stuff.” – Mike S '83</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “GET INVOLVED WITH THE <b>FORT WORTH A&amp;M CLUB</b> ASAP! People don't usually see Fort Worth as a thriving city of young people...but trust me that the FWAMC will help you meet plenty of young professional Aggies and also have a great time. Intramurals, happy hours, game watch parties, networking events.... you name it and the FWAMC has either got it or will help you bring it to life. GET PLUGGED IN!” – Caitlin F '17</li> <li>● “Get plugged into the community quickly. It can be overwhelming stepping into the real world for the first time. Whether it's alumni organizations, religious groups, or even members of your local gym. Life is generally what you make it, and it's a lot more fun when you interact with a variety of people along the way.” – Austin M '16</li> <li>● “I'd tell myself that I'm not alone in feeling overwhelmed and nervous about “what's next”. So many other grads are in the same position as you and are moving to new places with unfamiliar people. It's okay to be nervous, but I'd also tell myself to get excited. There is so much GOOD to come.” – Cassidy I '17</li> <li>● “Have fun, take the extra summer to travel. Join the A&amp;M club ASAP, it is a game changer. Do all the things. Save some money but live. Take that risk. Listen and talk to your parents. Love yourself. Get roommates.” – Pryce M '06</li> <li>● “Get. Into. A. Routine! Make your own schedule outside of work and stick to it. Get up earlier than you think you need to, exercise more than you think you need to, and be nicer to people than you think you need to.” – Betty C '18</li> <li>● “Throw yourself into the uncomfortable. Join groups and attend events you might not usually enjoy and you'll likely find something or some people that stick. Don't just go to work and then go home.” – Wes R '12 '16</li> <li>● “Get involved in a local church. <b>Christ Chapel Bible Church</b> has TONS of Aggies! We have really felt “at home” there.” – Sarah E '09</li> <li>● “It's ok. No one really knows what they are doing. Do your best. Make good choices. Have fun.” – Heather N '19 (Law)</li> <li>● “Don't be impatient to force things to happen.” – Emily M '84</li> <li>● “Ask for help.” -- Gillian M '19 (Law)</li> </ul>

# **AGGIE OWNED & OPERATED**

\*\*Please note – At this time, we are not listing independent contractors or independent practitioners such as Aggie realtors, insurance agents, financial advisors, doctors, etc. unless the firm itself is Aggie-owned. \*\*

An informal resource to search for Aggie Owned & Operated business outside of Fort Worth is <https://aggietoaggie.com/>

**Cannon Chinese**, Jarry Ho '00

**Casey & Co**, Casey R. (Dyer) Oliver '02

**Chick Fil A (Hulen)**, Bruce W. Slone '77

**Chick Fil A** (Montgomery Plaza), Dat T. Nguyen '98

**Cookie Cutters** (Burleson), Katrina L. (Willie) Willie-Musoma '99 & Aubrey C. Musoma '08

**Cooper Companies**, Wesley J. "Wes" Cooper '04

**D&M Leasing**, Michael A. "Mike" Hernandez III '83

**Eagle's Nest Landing**, Richard D. "Rick" Gaskey '90

**EZ Electricity**, Michael W. "Mike" Brasovan '92

**Gold Dust Vintage Wedding Rentals**, Megan G. (Yeats) Koudelka '05 & Rachel A. (Yeats) Grossman '08

**Harvest Returns**, Paul C. "Chris" Rawley '92

**Jonathan D. Berry, PPLC**, Jonathan D. Berry '06

**Legal Draft**, Gregory J. "Greg" McCarthy '83

**Marketing and Specialties**, Melissa D. D. "Missy" (Dill) Moorman '90

**Marshall Career Services**, Pryce R. Marshall '06

**OFCO Office Furniture**, Alfred H. "Al" Lock '51

**Rogue Bick Builders Lounge**, Ryan H. McBryde '05

**Sammies BBQ**, Samuel R. Gibbins Jr. '19

**Shinjuku Station**, Jarry Ho '00

**Solomon-Bruce Consulting**, Joseph B. "Joe" Michels '86

**Texas Sportswear**, Shannon A. Bull '13 & Stephen J. Rios '09

**The Wandering Turquoise**, Amber C. Fogelman '94

**The Woodhouse Day Spa**, Kimberly A. "Kim" Redmon '97

**Toyko Café**, Jarry Ho '00

**TriQuest Technologies**, Gary L. Jr. '92 and Cynthia D. "Cyndy" (Penn) '91 Tonniges

# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

## Advice from Current Students & Alumni

- “Do not work during 1L if you can. Get outlines from a 2L or 3L early in the semester (join an org, someone will give you some). DO NOT get behind on reading. Grab a study buddy or two with similar study habits (orientation, classes, and joining orgs will help you find some). Fall is setting those good habits. Spring semester is “make it or break it” for 2L which feeds you straight into 3L. Focus focus focus. Have fun. It’s a marathon, not a sprint. Prepare your friends and family for your 3 (and a half) year absence (DON’T forget studying for the Bar Exam) before classes begin. Thanksgiving is your few dead days before finals, so is Easter. Mini ‘mesters and pro bono hours take up fall break, winter break, and spring break depending on what you join and how you schedule. You’ll still have clinics, moot court and mock trial intramurals and tryouts, internships, paid internships, summer jobs, and summer classes/trips to fit in. Sooooo, come into 1L refreshed and ready to roll. It’s going to be 1L of a ride! Reach out for help -- especially to the former students! We were where you are standing now. That’s what the Aggie community is about. And if you find a second...BREATHE. Take a breath. But also breathe it in. It goes so painfully slow and so exhilaratingly fast all at the same time. Take pics. Make lifelong friends and colleagues.” – Heather N ’19 (Law)
- “Wow where to begin. I think my first year I spent a lot of time comparing myself to other people or expecting my law school habits to be like other 1Ls. The comparison will really kill you in law school. Put blinders on! Focus on yourself and what works for you. Studying 12 hours a day isn’t for everyone and that’s ok. My other piece of advice is to find something that brings you joy other than “law school success.” Get away from law students and take time to do things for you. Take care of your body, eat well, take time to work out, literally anything that gets you out of your law school head space. Lastly, use your law school time to say “yes” to every opportunity to learn and get new experiences. This is the time to expose yourself to all kinds of law without consequences. And some concrete advice, use office hours and your TAs and do practice questions and tests a lot sooner than you want to. It HELPS.” – Victoria G ’17 ’20 (Law)
- “Law school is a beautiful kind of pain. It is a daily grind, but each day brings you that much closer to your goal and presents a new opportunity to learn that tiny bit of information that will change your client's life forever. Best piece of advice is to take advantage of your professor's office hours. The professors at the law school love interacting with students and genuinely care about their students' success in school and in life. Also, do not be afraid to ask for help. It is not a sign of weakness, but strength. You only have three years, or six opportunities (semesters) to prove your value to future employers. It may be hard to ask for help at first, but it is a lot easier than digging yourself out of a hole trying to recover from a poor performance during one semester. “ – Milo B ’16 ’19 (Law)
- “I would rest and spend quality time with family/friends the summer before school starts. Law school will be very demanding of your time and energy once the semester begins. However, I do think you will find the material that you study to be very interesting and engaging. But you may be exhausted when the semester is over. Fortunately, TAMU gives students a good winter and summer break plus there is a week-long break incorporated into the fall and spring semesters. Take advantage of these breaks by resting, reflecting on your legal career path, getting organized, and staying connected with family/friends. Finally, be mindful of your time commitments, and be confident in your ability to be successful because you WILL BE!” – Cole S ’18 ’21 (Law)
- “Don't be afraid to be the person who speaks up in class. Professors like it when you participate, and you learn better when you play an active role in class. Go to office hours when you don't

understand something; it's literally their job to teach you and grading is anonymous so they won't know who you are on your exams. You might feel starting out that other people already know more than you or are ahead but, they don't because everyone has so much to learn. Find a 2L/3L you trust to ask questions/vent to. Law school is going to be hard no matter what, but it helps to have people who have been through it recently to talk to and support you.” – Claire B '17 '20 (Law)

- “Remember to cherish the memories you make in law school and your classmates because after you graduate, you will greatly miss those times when you are in class learning and studying together, or just simply having fun together on the weekends! Also remember that your classmates after graduation may very well become your co-counsel, someone you make referrals to, or even defense counsel. It is so important to work hard, prepare for class, and outline, but also equally important to treat others with respect and listen to other opinions on the law. I learned so much just from listening to other viewpoints that I hadn't considered.” – Lauren T '19 (Law)
- “There is a steep learning curve the first semester and it may seem impossible. There are a lot of new terms, ideas, philosophies, and concepts that you will be learning. Just trust the process and don't expect the subjects to click immediately. It will take the whole semester for some things to make sense, just keep trying.” – Morgan P '19 (Law)
- “Figure out what you are interested in and contact as many professionals and professors in that area as you can. The network you build will get you a job when you graduate.” – Maggie R '21 (Law)
- “Do practice problems from the supplements in the library. If you have trouble with the questions or topics go to the professor, they are even nicer during office hours.” – Kayla H '17 (Law)
- “Living close to school will mean you don't have to get up super early to sit in traffic after your all-nighters!” – Lauren H '21 (Law)
- “No matter how it may look, everyone is just as clueless as you are. Relax, do your best, and try to have fun!” – Ian K '20 (Law)
- “Take as many clinics and Externship as you can! Don't try to work during the semesters.” – Kelcey G '21 (Law)
- “It's okay to ask for help with things. Have people read your memos or quiz you.” -- Gillian M '19 (Law)
- “It's okay to take a day off and to take breaks. Take care of yourself first.” -- Steffani F '20 (Law)
- “Find a study group!!” – Summer Smith '18 '21 (Law)

### Advice for Students Who Are New to The Aggie Network

- “Take advantage of networking events. But more importantly, do not hesitate to reach out to a former student that is practicing law in an area you are interested in, works at a firm you would like to work at, or clerked for a judge you would like to clerk for. You are a member of the Aggie Family now, and we all want to see you succeed. Just be sure to remember that TAMU grads are called "Former Students" not alumni. I remember sending former students emails asking them if they would be willing to meet and share some advice with me. Don't be afraid to reach out because you would be surprised at how many positive responses you will receive.” – Milo B '16 '20 (Law)
- “I would get involved in the **Fort Worth A&M Club** and specifically the club's **Wrecking Brew** recreational sports teams. I've enjoyed meeting a lot of Aggies at the Tuesday night volleyball matches over at Billy Bob's in the Stockyards. And it's fun to take a break from law school and do something a little different. Also, the law school does a good job facilitating student participation in A&M traditions like Muster, Big Event, game-watching parties, and yell practice in the Stockyards for the Arkansas football game. Be on the lookout for these opportunities and take

<p>advantage of as many as possible to get a feel for what it means to be an Aggie.” – Cole S ’18 ’21 (Law)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “I was not an Aggie under-grad, so the Aggie spirit was a very new thing for me. My best advice is to just dive in to learning what it means to be an Aggie, and attend as many law school events, <b>Fort Worth A&amp;M Club</b> events, and <b>Texas Aggie Bar Association</b>, and <b>Tarrant County Bar Association</b> events to connect with other Aggies. I would also attend Dean’s Roundup and Midnight Yell in the Stockyards that is held when A&amp;M plays Arkansas every football season. The Aggie community has been very welcoming to A&amp;M law students from my experience, and they want to find ways to help other Aggies in any way they can.” – Lauren T ’19 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “The law school takes a bus trip to College Station for a football game every fall so definitely go on that. In the past <b>12th Law Man</b> has had a first football game watch party that is good. The <b>Texas Aggie Bar Association</b> is also a good thing to get involved with; they have regular happy hours and a conference every spring that is fun to go to. Joining a <b>Wrecking Brew</b> (via the <b>Fort Worth A&amp;M Club</b>) sports team gives you a fun break from school and a way to meet other Aggies; there are lawyers and law students on the various teams.” – Claire B ’17 ’20 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Go to College Station at least once during law school. BUY IN to the traditions and don’t resist. Pick one tradition you want to engage in during your time, whether it be Muster, the Aggie Ring, Aggie football or The Big Event and be all in! Remember once you go to A&amp;M law, you’re family. Aggie undergrads will be so pleased to connect with you about traditions and that’s the best way to become part of and take advantage of the Aggie Network.” – Victoria G ’17 ’20 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Join the <b>12th Law Man</b>. Get plugged into the <b>Fort Worth A&amp;M Club</b>. Go to a game (not during memo week!!). Find an undergrad Aggie and make them your friend. They will help translate the lingo and tell you when to hump it and pass it back. And don’t forget to whoop and gig ‘em. Get loud and proud-that’s good bull. P.s. If you want your Aggie Ring on time watch those class credits. They are important.” – Heather N ’19 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Attended as many <b>Fort Worth A&amp;M Club</b> events as you can. I went to UT undergrad and I have fully committed to embracing the Aggie culture, mostly because there are so many fun events!” – Lauren H ’21 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Meet as many people as you can in your class. Shake hands, go to Bar Reviews, see if anyone is watching the game on Saturdays, and be active in your class.” – Ian K ’20 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Well I wasn’t an Aggie undergrad, but it’s so hard not to get into the spirit when you’re surrounded by it. Just be proud of where you are.” – Kelcey G ’21 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Be proud of the Aggie Network and use your developing A&amp;M degree to your advantage during networking events.” – Maggie R ’21 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Embrace the traditions and ask the undergrad Aggies what the traditions mean if you’re confused. Aggies love to talk about A&amp;M!” – Summer S ’18 ’21 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “When the school takes trips to football games, GO!” -- Steffani F ’20 (Law)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Participate in school events.” -- Gillian M ’19 (Law)</li> </ul>
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