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The Denver A&M Club cordially invites you to

Aggie Muster 2024

featuring

Susan N. "Sue" Owen '94

Sunday, April 21, 2024
10:30am

Baldoria on the Water
146 Van Gordon Street
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

Each year in April, Aggies around the world gather to honor fellow Aggies who have passed on during the year. Muster is one of Texas A&M University's greatest traditions and serves to bring Aggies together to remember and celebrate their time in Aggieland. Each celebration is unique, reflecting the preferences and personalities of the communities and volunteers who step forward to host them. Attendees with answer "Here." As the names are read from the Roll Call for the Absent to symbolize their presence in our hearts and the Aggie Spirit, forever.

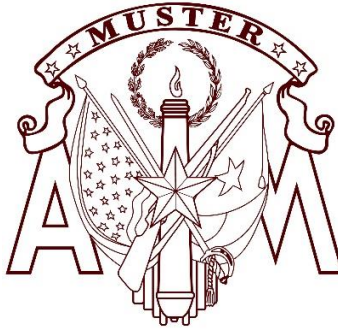
Muster Registration:

Advance payment is recommended.

Registration for Muster 2024 may be completed online through the DAMC website at
<https://denveramc.aggienetwork.com/events/annual-muster/>

But, tickets may also be purchased at the door.

If you have questions about Muster 2024, please contact us at denver.aggie.events@gmail.com.



Aggie Muster 2024

Date:	Sunday, April 21, 2024	
Location:	Baldoria on the Water 146 Van Gordon St Lakewood, Colorado 80028	
Time:	Doors Open	10:30am
	Brunch Catering	11:00am
	Ceremony	12:00pm
Cost:	Buffet & Ceremony	\$50
	Ceremony Only	\$20
	Kids Brunch & Ceremony	\$30

We will have a catered brunch and refreshments as well as a silent auction to raise funds for our club to give a scholarship. If you choose to not eat, please join us for the ceremony only. Prices are set to cover for the venue rental. All proceeds afterward go toward our endowment scholarship fund and supporting future events for Denver Aggies.

Call for Muster Silent Auction Items

In preparation for Muster 2024, the Denver A&M Club is asking for your involvement in enhancing our philanthropic efforts by contributing to the Silent Auction. Funds are raised to benefit our scholarship fund, which enables us to continue to send deserving Colorado students to Texas A&M University with academic scholarships.

We welcome items such as gift cards to storages and restaurants, accessories like purses, scarves, and jewelry, electronics, event tickets, a weekend getaway, and Texas A&M paraphernalia - anything of value that your fellow Aggies would love to bid on! As an approved 501(c)(3) organization, your donation is tax deductible.

Please contact us at denver.aggie.events@gmail.com for more information about donating to the silent auction.



We are pleased to welcome

Susan N. “Sue” Owen ‘94

as our speaker at

Aggie Muster 2024

In the 1910s, Silver Taps included cadets carrying their friend’s remains to Texas A&M train depot. Before the 1940s, Aggie Muster wasn’t called “Muster” – it tended to feature boisterous “April 21st parties.” And part of the Aggie War Hymn medley comes from a French opera!

These are stories Sue Owen ’94 has uncovered as part of her work for The Association of Former Students, writing about Texas A&M history and traditions. Other stories include Aggie Ring history; visiting the facility where Reveilles retire; helping host away yell practice at Aggie games across the country; learning about pilots’ precise timing of Aggie football flyovers; and more.

Sue has visited Texas A&M Clubs from coast to coast, been active in the Capitol City, Williamson, and Brazos County A&M Clubs, and serves as a proud Class Agent for the Class of ’94. She is a communications manager for The Association of Former Students.

State of the Club 2024

Howdy Denver Ags!

How is it already less than 2 months away from Muster 2024? 2023 seemed to have flew by! I'd like to first and foremost thank all of the club officers and volunteers that have stepped up this past year to help to continue to reshape and grow the club as the times of the pandemic become a more distant memory. This year with their help we were able to setup a successful Muster, fun monthly happy hours, entertaining events with the SEC alumni group, and the energetic yet sometimes disappointing watch parties at Stoney's Cantina. We have continued to see increased attendance in these events and look forward to that trend continuing at the events we have planned for this year.



Travis Pollok '12
President Denver A&M Club

Our Officer Team is working very hard right now to put together another successful Muster as well as a multitude of other events, all with the common goal of providing opportunities for Aggies in the Denver area to connect and to raise funds for our Endowment Scholarship. If you have suggestions or would like to help organize an event, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other officers. We welcome new ideas and new faces!

I'm very excited to announce that one of those events is the inaugural Denver A&M Club Golf Tournament! This initiative has been one of my top goals as a major fundraiser and an incredibly fun way to bring Aggies together. Events like these can raise thousands of dollars in just one day, all going back into the Endowment and increasing our scholarship awards. More details below and you'll be able to buy tickets for it soon. Tell your friends and I'll see you at the clubhouse!

To the new Aggies in the Denver area, I wish you a warm welcome! Please don't be afraid to join us at our events and meet some new friends and get to know the city. You'll find that the Aggies that have been here for a while are more than happy to help you navigate the area and answer any questions you may have and provide recommendations based on their experiences here.

To the current Aggies still in the area that support the club, thank you for your continued support! I hope to see you again sometime this year. It's because of you that this club exists. We do this for you and for the future Aggies continuing the traditions we hold so dear.

Here's to another great year, I look forward to continuing to serve as your club president in 2024.

Thanks and gig 'em,

Travis Pollok '12

2024 Club Officers

Travis Pollok '12, President

Originally from San Antonio, Travis moved to Brighton, CO when he was 9 years old. He spent a year at CU Boulder before moving back to Texas and finishing his B.S. in Aerospace Engineering in 2013. While at A&M, Travis was a T-Camp counselor and a Student Engineer at the AggieSat Lab.

After graduating, he began his career in Sunnyvale, CA with Lockheed Martin Space as a Systems Integration and Test Engineer. He transferred within the company to finally return to his second home of Colorado in 2015 and has been here ever since. He received his M.S. in Mechatronics Systems Engineering from the University of Denver in 2020. He currently lives in Littleton and enjoys spending time with friends and family, barbecuing, fishing, watching sports, and is currently getting into golfing.



Rebecca Evrard Martinez '16, VP of Activities-Programs

Rebecca originally came from New Jersey where she completed her B.S. in 2014 in Meteorology from Rutgers University. She then saw the light and received her M.S. in Atmospheric Sciences from Texas A&M in 2016. She has worked in the public and private sectors through multiple internships and jobs including NOAA. She currently works as an air quality professional at Kleinfelder. She happily lives in Aurora with her husband Chris.



Kyle Falke '17, VP of Finances

Kyle grew up in Houston and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2017 where he was in the Corps of Cadets, Squadron 4. In 2020 he received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston. He currently works in the energy industry as a manager overseeing the transition to renewable energy sources.



Celine Kirk '17, VP of Membership

Celine graduated in May 2018 with her Bachelor's in International Studies with a double minor in Mandarin Chinese and Business Administration. She also received the Hollingsworth Leadership Excellence Program Certificate in Leadership Study and Development which she earned during her time in the Corps of Cadets (Corps Staff/Squadron 18). In 2022 she received her Master's in Organizational Leadership from CU Boulder. She's currently a Campus Recruiting Consultant for Plante Moran and owns and operates her own travel agency part time. She currently resides in Arvada with her husband.



Kelsey Walla '22, VP of Social Media

Kelsey grew up in San Antonio, TX and graduated with a Masters of Science in Accounting and Bachelors in Business Administration in 2022. While at A&M, she also received certificates in International Business and Internal Audit. While living in Colorado, she has obtained her CPA license for both Texas and Colorado. She currently works in external audit at PwC and resides in Westminster, CO.



Christine Dittfurth Hogan '89, Muster Chair

Christine grew up in Cypress, TX, and graduated with a BA in English in 1989. She married her college sweetheart, Charles '89, and traveled the world with his Air Force career. They have 2 grown children, Kirsten and Charles '17. She is currently a teacher at Platte River Academy and lives in Highlands Ranch.



2023 Year in Review



Muster: On April 22, 2023, around 70 Denver Aggies gathered to Muster. Our featured speaker was Dr. Craig Rotter '92. The Silent Auction raised approximately \$1,700 for the Denver A&M Club Endowment Fund, benefitting future Aggies from the Denver area.



SEC Events: Denver Aggies celebrated the end of summer at the 2023 SEC Picnic. They also joined together the same month to see the Rockies take on the Braves at Coors Field.

Watch Parties: In 2023 the Denver Aggies met up for multiple watch parties for basketball and of course football for our second year at Stoney's Cantina.

Hockey: The Denver Aggies supported the Texas A&M Club hockey team when they came to the area for a 4 game road trip against DU, UNC, MSU, and CU Boulder.

2024 Save the Date

Happy Hours

The club will be organizing happy hours for months where no other events are going on. Happy hours will be hosted at different breweries, bars, and restaurants around the Denver area. In February we went to Old 121 Brewery, a local Aggie owned establishment.

SEC Events

The SEC alumni teams are continuing to set up group outings to sports events in the area and the annual picnic will be coming up in August. In January we went to see the Avalanche take on the Golden Knights and in March we saw the Denver Nuggets play the Phoenix Suns. We have a game on the books for June 15th to watch the Colorado Rapids against Austin FC. We will likely also participate in a Rockies game this year as well.

Inaugural Golf Tournament

The beginning of a new Denver Aggie tradition. The first golf tournament will take place on June 29th at Racoon Creek Golf Course in Littleton, CO. Spots will be limited to 120 participants (30 foursomes) so start thinking about who you would like to join you! We will be looking for sponsors for various aspects such as food, beverage, hole sponsors, overall donations, etc. If you would like to advertise your company or business this would be a great opportunity to do so! More information such as registration, fees, meals, etc. available on the club website here: <https://denveramc.aggienetwork.com/events/annual-golf-tournament/>.

Aggie Football Watch Parties

Join us for cold beer, raffles, and food specials as we cheer on the Aggies and BTFO the SEC, and start getting ready to saw off those horns once again! More information about watch parties will be sent out prior to each game, but check out the schedule below.

August 31st - Notre Dame
September 7th - McNeese State
September 14th - Florida
September 21st - Bowling Green
September 28th - Arkansas
October 5th - Missouri
October 19th - Mississippi State
October 26th - LSU
November 2nd - South Carolina
November 16th - New Mexico State
November 23rd - Auburn
November 30th - University of Texas

For the latest news on the club, follow us on Facebook and Instagram! Or check out our club website where you can also find out more about your club officers and donate any time to the club.