



# **THE FIGHTIN' TEXAS AGGIE BAND**

**2025-2026**

## **FISH PARENT MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 13, 2025  
2:30 PM**



# Welcome to the Aggie Band!

[tx.ag/ftab](http://tx.ag/ftab)

- Band calendar
- Staff contact information
- This presentation



# Dr. Timothy Rhea

## DIRECTOR OF BANDS & MUSIC ACTIVITIES

- 33rd year at Texas A&M University
- Administrative head of the Music Activities Department - All Bands, Orchestras & Choirs
- Director of the Aggie Band - 24th year
- Conductor of the University Wind Symphony



# Aggie Band Staff



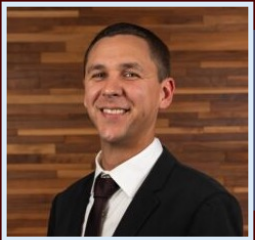
**Dr. Russell Tipton**

Senior Associate Director  
Aggie Band



**Dr. Lance Sample**

Associate Director of Bands



**LT Brandon Laird**

Assistant Director of Bands



**Dr. James Van Zandt**

Associate Director



**Gail Burleson**

Administrative Coordinator



**Gunner Sergeant Chad Parker**

Cadet Training Officer



# White-Walker Music Activities Center

- Moved in six years ago after five years of planning and construction
- \$42.5 million (\$70 million today)
- Home for all Texas A&M University Bands, Orchestras, and Choirs
- One of the finest facilities of its type in the nation



# Who should I contact?



## Daily Life

Contact Gunny Parker  
regarding your cadet's daily  
life in the Corps of Cadets  
[cparker@corps.tamu.edu](mailto:cparker@corps.tamu.edu)



## Logistics & General Travel

Contact Mrs. Gail Burleson  
regarding band logistics and  
general travel information  
[gburleson@tamu.edu](mailto:gburleson@tamu.edu)



## Other

Contact the Band Directors  
for all other questions  
beginning with Dr. Tipton  
[rtipton@tamu.edu](mailto:rtipton@tamu.edu)

# Weekly Rehearsal Schedule



- Each weekday morning from 0700-0830
- All rehearsals take place in Motheral Rehearsal Hall or the Dunlap Drill Field.
- Dunlap Drill Field rehearsals are open to the public, but spectators should remain outside of the fence. Indoor rehearsals are not open to the public.

# Football Season Schedule

- Seven home football games played in Kyle Field
- Full band bus trips to LSU & Texas
- 100-piece select band trips to Notre Dame & Arkansas
  - does not include halftime performance
    - Upperclassmen only
- Midnight yell practice on Friday evenings of home games
- Halftime performances are both streamed and recorded





## Next Few Days

- Fish are here for the next few days to learn the marching and playing basics of the Aggie Band prior to the arrival of the upperclassmen on Sunday
- Goal is for all freshmen to march at the first performance
- After first game, alternates are selected on a rotating basis and includes both fish and upperclassmen
- Health & safety of everyone remains our number one priority



# Spring Semester Items

APRIL 10      Family Weekend Review

APRIL 11      Aggie Band Awards in  
Rudder Auditorium

APRIL 24      San Antonio Battle of  
the Flowers Parade

APRIL 25      Final Review

TBD            Maroon & White Game



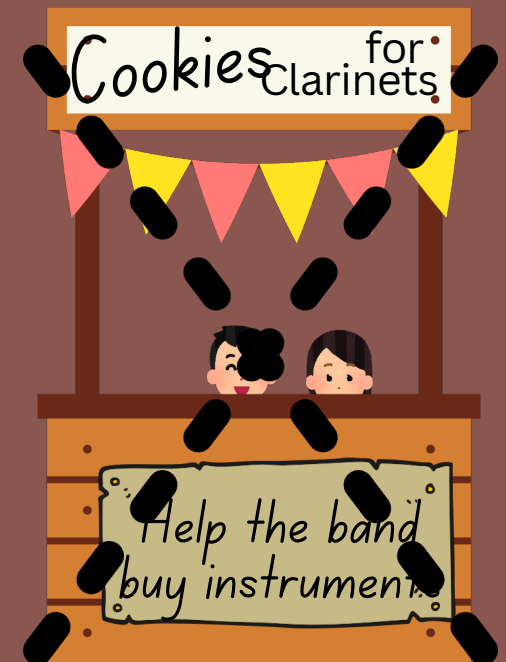
# FOOTBALL GAME DAYS

- Aggie Band steps off from the quad 1.5 hours prior to game time
  - It is not appropriate for civilians to march in a military formation
- Football Tickets – 12th Man Foundation is your contact
- Date Policy – senior class



# Band Boosters

- DO NOT EXIST IN THE  
COLLEGIATE WORLD OF THE  
AGGIE BAND



# Bowl Game Policy

- The full Aggie Band attends post season bowl games
- We do not know where we are going until the end of the season
- Bowl attendance is required of all Aggie Band members
- Expenses are paid by the university departing from and returning to College Station





# Cadet Leadership

**Avery Owens**

Combined Band Commander

**Natalie Holder**

Combined Band Head Drum Major



# TEXAS AGGIE BAND ASSOCIATION

- The Texas Aggie Band Association (TABA) is a 501c3 non-profit organization formed in 1967 to provide support to former, current and future members of the Texas Aggie Band. TABA provides direct financial support to the Texas Aggie Band in several areas.
- Examples of TABA support given to the Texas Aggie Band are listed below
  - 13 Sul Ross Scholarships. These scholarships provide a \$1,200 yearly benefit.
  - Reimbursement for scholastic tutoring
  - Travel shirts for incoming freshman
  - Aggie Band sweaters
  - Senior Induction Banquet
  - Texas Aggie Band Formal Dinner & Dance
  - Aggie Band Awards
  - Special needs as identified by the Directors

Membership information is available at [www.tabaonline.net](http://www.tabaonline.net)

Thank You For Your Support





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