## **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE - MAY 2025**

The Aggie Band completed the 2024–25 academic year with a total membership of 376 cadets. One of the highlights of our fall semester was a trip to Las Vegas that marked the first out of state bowl trip experienced by current members of the band. The fall 2024 football season included Aggie Band travel to Florida, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Auburn, and our final regular season visit to AT&T stadium in Arlington for the Arkansas game, which returns to campus locations for the upcoming season. The Aggie Band additionally represented Texas A&M University at both the Bryan Fiesta Patrias Parade and the Houston Livestock Show Parade during the past year.

For the upcoming Fall 2025 semester, we are expecting approximately 115 incoming fish, for a total membership of around 395. In addition to home games at Kyle Field, regular season travel plans include full band trips and performances at LSU and Texas, and upperclassmen bands to both Notre Dame and Arkansas (Fayetteville).

All involved with the Aggie Band continue to be grateful for the financial support that is provided to us each year by the Texas Aggie Band Association. I would like to specifically thank you for the yearly contribution that covers BQ Ball, allowing for a significant event that recognizes the band members each February for the work and effort they extend in their continued efforts to make the band remain nationally famous.

In January, we welcomed Mrs. Gail Burleson as our new administrative coordinator. Mrs. Burleson joined us following several years with the central office of College Station ISD. She is a welcome addition, and we are fortunate to have her on our staff. If you are near the Music Activities Center this summer or fall, please stop in and introduce yourself to her.

I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and productive summer.

Yours truly,

Dr. Timothy Rhea Director of Bands & Music Activities Director, Texas Aggie Band