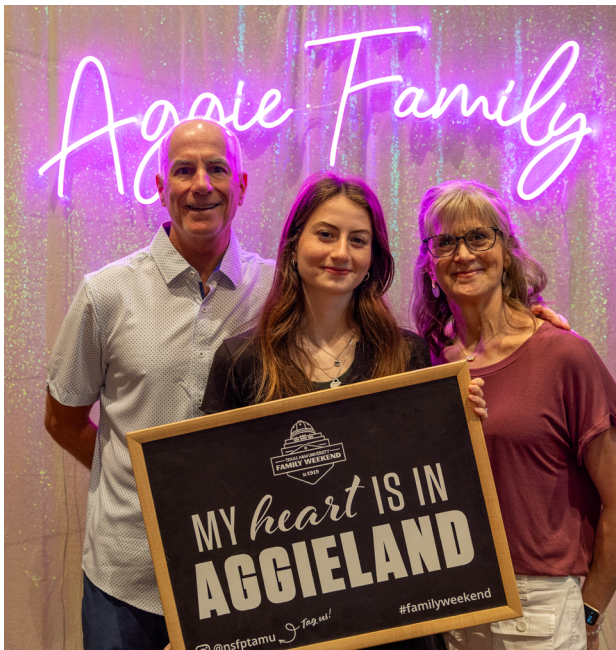


SPRING BREAK FAMILY TUNE-UP CHECKLIST

The goal of this checklist is for parents and family members of Texas A&M students to utilize this as a conversation starter and a potential to-do list for your student and you during Spring Break. As Spring Break is a shorter break, your student may or may not be home during this time. However, it is still good practice to go through the list and ensure your student has thought about or done the items below.

Use the buttons below to navigate to the section that best fits your student. Regardless of what year your student is in, we suggest going through the questions in the other sections of this tune-up checklist to review and prepare for the upcoming semester. These questions are a good way to start the conversation and check-in with your student.



Student Life
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Life
New Student & Family Programs
familyprograms@tamu.edu
Call: 979.845.5826
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CONTINUING STUDENTS

Checking In With Your Student

Resources:

[University Health Services - Mental Health Resources](#)
| [Student Life - Support Services](#)

How would you rate your stress-level right now?

Is there something I/we can do to support you through the last few weeks of the semester?

How is your semester going?

What are you working on in your classes right now?

Academics

What class(es) are you feeling confident about? What class(es) are you a little nervous about?

Have you thought about Summer Break? What is your plan for Summer Break?

Will you be taking summer courses – either at Texas A&M or a local community college?

Looking Forward

Will you have a job?

What does financial support look like over the summer?

What do we need to think about to prepare for your living arrangement for next year?

Housing

Resources:

[Student Life - Off Campus Student Services](#) | [Residence Life](#)

Are there any changes to your living arrangement that we need to prepare for (example: Moving off-campus, new roommates, etc.)

Have you submitted your FAFSA yet?

Financials

Resources: [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)

Have you applied for any scholarships for the following year?

If you have an off-campus apartment through the summer, who is paying for your rent over the summer? Is it an option to sublease the apartment?

Continuing Student To-Do List

- Car Maintenance – Spring Break can be a good time to do routine maintenance of your student's car such as checking on the battery life, tire rotations, and oil changes.
- Plan out what Summer Break looks like. Don't forget to include things such as:
 - Planning around family vacations.
 - Scheduling any routine medical appointments such as yearly exams or dental cleanings.
 - Financial Planning (i.e. who is paying for what and how).
 - If your student is taking classes at a community college over the summer, make sure they apply to that college by Spring Break.
- If your student is moving off-campus for the first time next year, check-out [Student Life – Off Campus Student Services](#) website for tools and resources that support off-campus students.
- Finalize any applications for FAFSA or Scholarships.
- Create a plan for summer employment, summer classes, and/or internships.

Final Year Students

By Spring Break of your student's final year at Texas A&M, they likely only have a few more weeks until graduation. While the above questions may be relevant, the questions and to-do list must also include information related to graduation and commencement, transitioning to a full-time job or graduate school, and closing out their time in college well.

As you enter the last few weeks of college, how are you feeling?

Checking In With Your Student

What are you most excited about?

Is there anything I/we can support you on?

Have you applied for graduation yet?

Graduation

Resources:

[Graduation](#)

[Check-List](#) |

[Commencement](#)

[Ceremony](#)

[Information](#)

Can we look at your Graduation Application and Status together to see if there's anything that still needs to be done?

When is commencement?

Who do you want to attend commencement?

What does the graduation website say about guest attendance?

What does the transition into working full-time look like?

If your student has a job lined up

What is the dress code for your new job? Do you have what you need to dress appropriately everyday for work?

If your student is still job-searching

Resources: [Career](#)

[Center](#) | [Hire](#)

[Aggies](#)

Have you reached out to the Career Center for support on job-searching and resume building?

When do classes begin for the graduate program?

**If your student
is going into
graduate
school**

What logistics planning is needed for a move to a new area?

Are there any financial differences in family support from undergraduate degree to graduate degree?

Final Year Student To-Do List

- Create a family plan for commencement. This should include:
 - Review the [graduation website](#) for information related to the schedule, guest attendance, and other critical to-do's for graduation.
 - Flight reservations, if applicable.
 - Hotel/Airbnb/VRBO Reservations, if from out of town.
 - Dinner reservations for pre- or post- commencement. Restaurants in Bryan and College Station can get busy those days.