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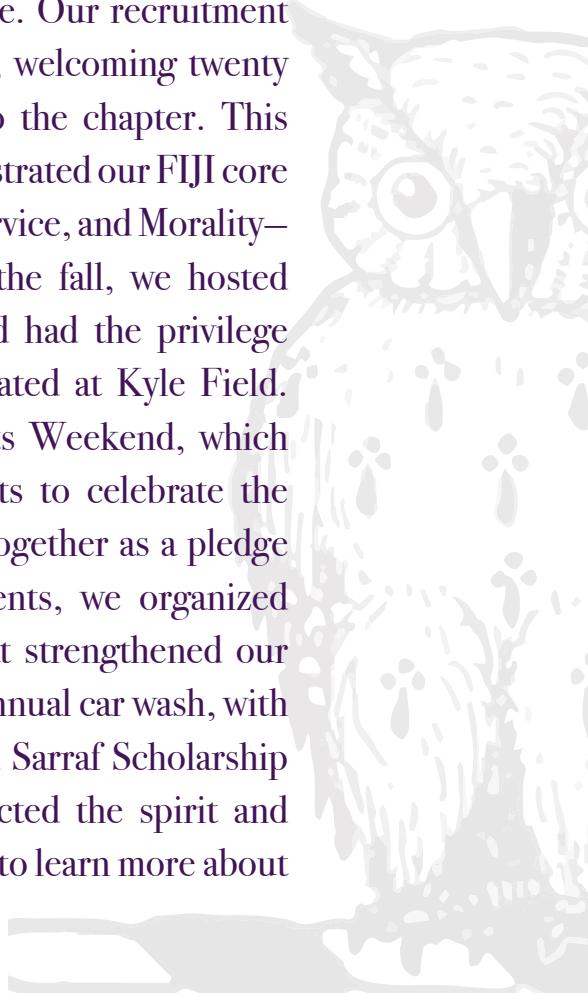
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# Alpha Mu of Phi Gamma Delta NEWS

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## Celebrating a successful semester

This past semester has been one filled with strong brotherhood, meaningful bonding, and experiences we will remember for years to come. Our recruitment efforts were a tremendous success, welcoming twenty six outstanding new members into the chapter. This new pledge class has already demonstrated our FIJI core values—Friendship, Knowledge, Service, and Morality—at the highest level. Throughout the fall, we hosted tailgates for every home game and had the privilege of watching the Aggies go undefeated at Kyle Field. We also held an incredible Parents Weekend, which brought out more than 500 guests to celebrate the senior class and their Ring Dunk together as a pledge class. Along with these major events, we organized multiple brotherhood activities that strengthened our internal bonds and continued our annual car wash, with all proceeds benefiting the Nikman Sarraf Scholarship Fund. Overall, this semester reflected the spirit and excellence we strive for. See page 3 to learn more about our events.



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# President's Report

## Blake Miri '27

Howdy, My name is Blake Miri, and I have the honor of serving as the President of Alpha Mu Fiji. This past semester has been a tremendous success across the board—brotherhood, recruitment, community service, and the many unforgettable experiences that continue to define our chapter. Serving this brotherhood has been one of the greatest privileges of my time at Texas A&M, and I remain committed to building on the progress we've made. I am also proud to share several key accomplishments from this past semester. As a chapter, we raised over \$2,000 through our philanthropic efforts. Additionally, our brothers continued to prioritize academic excellence, earning a top-3 GPA among all IFC fraternities. These achievements are a direct reflection of the standards you set for Alpha Mu and the legacy we strive to uphold. After speaking with several graduates and consulting with our cabinet, we are excited to announce that our annual Pig Dinner will be held on April 17 at our newly renovated property. This year, we are proud to honor Jeff Steen as the William A. Martin III Distinguished FIJI. Jeff's dedication and accomplishments have made a lasting impact on our brotherhood, and we hope to see strong graduate representation as we celebrate him and his contributions to Alpha Mu. Below, you

will find information on how to RSVP. As we look ahead, one of our top priorities is strengthening our relationship with all of you—our alumni. The legacy you built is the foundation we stand on today, and we want to ensure that Alpha Mu continues to be a chapter you're proud of. We are open to any ideas, feedback, or opportunities you may have that could help us better connect our undergraduate brothers with our graduate members—your involvement, whether large or small, makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for your continued support of Alpha Mu Fiji. We are excited for what lies ahead and hope to see greater alumni involvement as we work to build an even stronger chapter. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to get involved, reconnect with the brotherhood, or share any guidance with our active members. Together, we can continue the tradition of excellence that defines Phi Gamma Delta at Texas A&M.

Blake Miri President,  
Alpha Mu Fiji



## Treasurer Letter

Howdy, my name is Blake Scheinberg, and I am the Treasurer for the 2025–2026 calendar year. First and foremost, thank you all for your generous donations so far. Because of your support, we've been able to host some incredible events.

From a financial standpoint, the Alpha Mu chapter collected 98.7% of dues this year—an unheard-of number in our history. This puts us in a strong financial position for years to come.

Thank you again for the time, support, and commitment you continue to invest in this chapter.  
*Perge!* Blake Scheinberg Treasurer, Alpha Mu Fiji

Letter from the  
*Chairman*  
Graduate Board of Trustees

December 12, 2025

Aggie Fiji Board of Trustee News

By Merrill E. Swanson

Chairman, Graduate Board of Trustees

Alpha Mu Chapter, Phi Gamma Delta

The Alpha Mu Chapter was placed on Trusteeship in September 2025 by the Fiji International Fraternity after the March tragic death of Freshman active member Nikman Sarraff from Austin, Texas. We understand that being under Trusteeship is an opportunity for Alpha Mu to thrive rather than lose our Charter or be shut down which could have transpired under the gravity of the circumstances. This transition moved the Chapter from being autonomous control with a Board of Chapter Advisors (BCA) to a Graduate Board of Trustees (BOT). Nine graduates stepped up to partner, encourage and lead the Chapter during the course of Trusteeship. The Trustees have worked hand in hand with the Chapter providing counsel and oversight during this period. Communication is important between the BOT and the Cabinet. The BOT has a monthly Zoom call with the Cabinet to discuss financial soundness of the Chapter, current and future activities, potential or present issues (if any), etc. Communication with the Chapter is weekly to bi-weekly as well with the Parents Advisory Board (PAB). With a request by the Chapter to hold events, the BOT considers and may approve or deny the events. This semester, there have been a number of votes held regarding Chapter events based on risk management which have been successfully approved. The Cabinet is doing a good job leading the Chapter with Trustee oversight. The Fall 2025 has been very successful.



# Semester Highlights

## September 7, 2025

Mandatory Chapter Retreat held at Rudder Tower. Todd Rotdgers, Assistant Executive Director and James Boyers, Association Attorney from the International Fraternity led the meeting on risk management and what is expected from the Chapter. The Chapter had approximately **90-100** members present for the full day event and all learned good information and expectations.

## November 7-8, 2025

Parents Weekend hosted a large crowd at the Richard H. Ballinger Lodge and Ring Dunk for 49 Seniors. Offsite Game Tailgates and Watch Parties throughout the semester

## November 15, 2025

Graduate Tailgate held at the Wills Raba '16 and Mrs. Clayton W. Williams, Jr. parking spaces. Many thanks to Tony Moskal '87, Wills Raba and Clay Pollard '81 for helping coordinate the event.

## April 17 and 18, 2026

B. Frank Norris Pig Dinner Planning. This year's event will be especially memorable as we honor our very own Lias Jeffrey Steen, Jr., recipient of the William A. Martin, III Distinguished FIJI Award—a prestigious recognition granted to only six FIJI brothers annually out of a living graduate brotherhood of over 150,000. More details to come.

Keep up the good work!  
Gig'em and Perge'!  
Merrill E. Swanson '86



# Photo Gallery



# Nikman Sarraf Scholarship Fund

Regarding the Endowment Fund: - When you create an endowed fund to benefit Texas A&M University, the school invests the money with a goal to preserve its principal while increasing charitable distributions each year. Endowments begin at \$25,000.

In order to donate, access the Texas A&M Foundation giving page at

<https://myaggieland.txamfoundation.com/tamf/give>

- Select “General Memorial/General Scholarship Endowment”.
- Locate “Nikman Sarraf ’28 Memorial Endowed Scholarship” under “Find a Designation”.

# SAVE THE DATE PIG DINNER

We are excited to announce that our annual Pig Dinner will be held on April 17th.

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to host this event at our barn this year, which has seen several upgrades over the past year, including new turf surrounding the pavilion, added privacy fencing, and an upgraded game room. This year, we will not only celebrate the gathering of many Alpha Mu Brothers, but also honor Jeff Steen, who has been awarded the William A. Martin III Distinguished FIJI Award.

Please fill out the RSVP form below to help us get an accurate headcount of expected guests. We invite you all to join us this April to celebrate Jeff, our brotherhood, and another memorable Pig Dinner together.

To RSVP for the Dinner, visit:

<https://forms.gle/dXGDN3spXFk3aUWG7>

## Structure of Foundation

- **Official Name:** The Nikman Sarraf Foundation
- **Mission:** Honoring the legacy of Nikman Sarraf through acts of service, shared community, and personal growth. We aim to create lasting impact and belonging at Texas A&M, inspired by Nikman’s generous spirit, joy for life, and his love of cooking, basketball, and authentic friendship.
- **We encourage** students to “Love Like Nikman”
- **Core values:** Service, Community, Selflessness, and Legacy
- **The program is intended** for freshman students, during the spring semester
- **Selection process:** Students are selected after reviewing academic commitment, personal essay questions, and in-person interview responses.

Applicants will demonstrate commitment to service and betterment of the community, as well as values consistent with the mission and purpose of the Foundation (including kindness, inclusivity, positive outlook, etc.)

- **Every spring semester** the Foundation will hold 3 meetings and 3 service events. Meetings will consist of keynote speakers followed by time for discussion. The meetings are centered around personal growth and development, learning to incorporate Nikman’s love, legacy, and attitude towards life into their own. Service events will serve to improve the community in various ways. These events may include: community cooking events and food drives, charity basketball tournaments, etc.