

Deep Roots. Grow Strong.



November marked the five-year anniversary of the Aggie 100 at Texas A&M. Five years of establishing deep roots and growing them strong. This is the Aggie 100.

The Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship is pleased to present the 2009 Aggie 100:

- 37 new companies,
- Representing 7 states, 4 foreign countries,
- Employing more than 10,000 people,
- Combined revenues of \$7.6 billion.

As in the past, the class of 2009 impacts nearly all walks of life; housing, commercial construction, energy, education, manufacturing and all points in between. The Aggie 100 continues to be a dynamic group, led by Aggies who truly want to make a difference.

The Number One Company

The #1 company on the list is Andersen Schoel of Harker Heights, Texas. They are in the contract office furniture space, founded in 2002 and growing at a 2-year compound annual growth rate of 287%. Andersen Schoel made its first-ever appearance on the Aggie 100 at the #1 slot. The 2009 Top 10 is rounded out

with five more companies new to the Aggie 100 along with 4 returns.

The 2009 Honorees

Arguably, the most powerful aspect of the Aggie 100 is their selfless service to our students. Dozens of honorees and company representatives volunteer their time while on campus to connect with students. They visited classes and club organizations, sharing their real world wisdom and insights. This critical link from today's successful business person to tomorrow's leaders is a key component of the program.

The Aggie 100 honorees were welcomed back to campus in early November at a reception held in the newly remodeled Clayton W. Williams Jr. Alumni Center. Co-hosted by The Research Valley Partnership, the Welcome Reception hosted 200 people to honor the Aggie 100. The guests included honorees, families and employees, as well as University dignitaries and CNVE council members. The



Aggie entrepreneurs are everywhere.

following day, many honorees attended breakfasts across campus hosted by college deans and department heads. The campus celebration culminated with an Awards Luncheon at The Zone Club at Kyle Field for more than 625 people, including 120 current students. The luncheon, co-hosted by Texas A&M University Dining Services, also highlighted a student poet who performed a custom-written piece marking the Aggie 100 five-year anniversary. The event featured a keynote address by Coach Pat Henry, head coach of the Texas A&M men's and women's track and field team. Coach Henry brought home a dual national championship to Texas A&M earlier this year.

Additionally, the 2009 event also recognized all former #1 honorees, coming from far and wide to attend the anniversary celebration. Also recognized were the two companies making the Aggie 100 all five years; MacResource

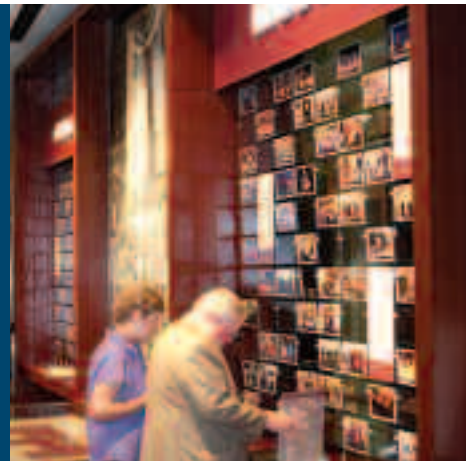
companies in particular; PKF Texas and Hollinden Professional Services Marketing. PKF has been the 'accounting firm of the Aggie 100' since the inception of the program. PKF reviews and verifies all information submitted by the applicants each year. Hollinden is the marketing firm of the Aggie 100. All graphic design, marketing material and programs are

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and tickets for the event and helped underwrite the cost of student attendance at the luncheon. Student organizations such as the Texas A&M Singing Cadets and MSC Hospitality helped entertain guests and ensure that everyone was warmly welcomed to campus. The support of all of these organizations is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. The Aggie 100 would not be a reality without all of them.

Our Volunteers

Finally, the Center must recognize its core team of volunteers. The Center is a self-supporting unit of Mays Business School and could not accomplish its mission without the unending support of the individuals and companies serving on its Executive Committee and Advisory Council. The members of this group are recognized later in this publication. The ideas, time and financial support provided



Computers from Bryan, Texas and New Tech Engineering of Houston. One Aggie CEO, Phil Miner of New Braunfels Texas, was recognized for having a total of 5 companies appearing among the 2005-2009 ranks, with 10 appearances in total.

Special Thanks

The Aggie 100 is the flagship program of the Center. It is an undertaking that would not be possible without the assistance provided by two

designed and produced by Hollinden. They help create the face of the Aggie 100. The Aggie 100 would not be a reality without PKF and Hollinden.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to three more long-term contributors. The Texas A&M Foundation, The Association of Former Students and Infinity ProSports provide ongoing support to help this program become one of the best in all of Aggieland. Many other companies and individuals purchased tables

by these volunteers truly enables the Center to continue making a difference for Texas A&M University.

The Aggie 100 highlights Aggie entrepreneurs, but there are many, many more. Next time you meet an Aggie entrepreneur, tell them *'Thanks for a job well done.'*



Aggie entrepreneurs are changing lives.