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2005 - 2014 Aggie 100 A Celebration of the Entrepreneur

In 2005, the Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship (CNVE) established the Aggie 100, a unique program that aimed to honor Aggie entrepreneurs and their success. Since its inception, the Aggie 100 has grown into a program that has recognized more than 1000 entrepreneurs leading companies from all over the world.

"The Aggie 100 is a celebration of the entrepreneur," comments Lenae Scroggins, former Assistant Director at CNVE and member of the team that originated Aggie 100. **"After all, isn't that what CNVE is all about?"**

At the time it was created, the Aggie 100 was the first of its kind, but over the years other universities have created similar programs. Imitation has been called the highest form of flattery, so it is a compliment that colleges all over the nation – from Georgia to LSU to Ole Miss – have since created their own versions of the Aggie 100. Their imitation affirms the Aggie 100 mission of recognizing outstanding entrepreneurs and enhances this mission.

One of the most significant aspects of the Aggie 100 program is the impact that honorees have on current students. These business owners share their passion for

entrepreneurship through class visits or interacting with students who attend the honoree luncheon. All of the Aggie 100 honorees have a lively enthusiasm that inspires our current students to make a difference in the world, each in their own way. These small interactions have a lasting impact on the young men and women at Texas A&M and have inspired many of them to seek a future in entrepreneurship. **"Our students gain an inside look into entrepreneurship that can't be taught in a classroom,"** explains Richard Lester, Executive Director at CNVE.

The Aggie 100 recognizes not only the honorees' passion for entrepreneurship, but also their hard work and drive. The business owners who have been honored are having an impact on more than just the entrepreneurial community. Nearly every industry has been represented over the past 10 years, and these companies provide the goods and services that support people in all aspects of their lives. Richard Scroggins, former Director of CNVE and member of the team that originated the program, said he especially appreciates the program because it **"highlights this impact and makes you realize just how**

wide-reaching the Aggie touch is."

The Aggie 100 is more than an award, just like being an Aggie is more than simply attending Texas A&M. The honorees are changing the world, impacting future business owners and making a difference in the lives of others. They are taking the Aggie values of excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect and selfless service and implementing them in their careers. Blake Petty, current Director at CNVE, stated that the **"Aggie 100 embodies Texas A&M's comprehensive excellence in developing innovators, builders and leaders in all industries."**

The men and women who are honored truly deserve their place on the Aggie 100 list and are outstanding representatives of our great institution.



10 Years 1000 Honored...

- 25 States Represented, 8 Countries
- 10 Year Revenue Total of Aggie 100: \$42,442,476,097.46
- Oldest Company Honored: Founded in 1916
- Earliest Aggie Class Honored: 1951
- Most Recent Aggie Class Honored: 2010

Summit Award 2014

CIMA ENERGY, LTD.
Houston, Texas

Industry: Energy
Founded: 1996
Average Revenue: \$2,849,731,518

Honorees: Thomas K. Edwards '88
President, Owner, Founder
Michael D. Rupe '93
CFO, Owner, Founder