



# JUNIOR CADET ACCESSIONS PROGRAM

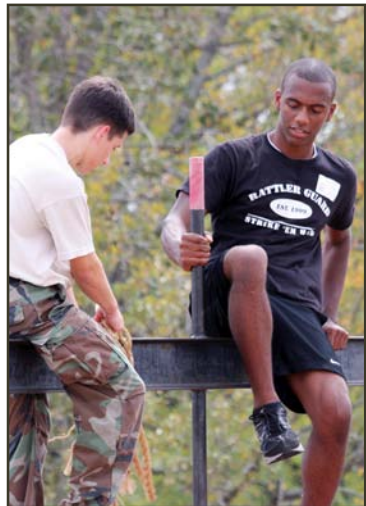


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Above: ROTC cadets, along with members of the Corps of Cadets march to Duncan Dining Hall for the Aggie Eagle Banquet. Below: ROTC cadets stand at attention before being released for the Banquet.

The JROTC cadets have the opportunity to participate in different challenges at the Leadership Development Course.

With Corps members leading the challenges, some are individual tasks while others require the participants to work in groups.



## Who is Eligible?

All attending cadets must be either seniors or juniors in high school. As mentioned in the previous section, all participants must be active in JROTC, CAP, Young Marines or Sea Cadets.



## What Happens During JCAP?

Participants of JCAP have the opportunity to watch and have discussions with Cadet members of the Rudder's Rangers and Recon Company special units. They will also train with the National Champion Fish Drill Team (FDT), and have the opportunity for questions and answers with FDT participants. During the Fall, JCAP cadets will attend Midnight Yell Practice and march into Kyle Field with the Corps of Cadets followed by a Texas A&M football game. At the Spring session, JCAP cadets will attend a Texas A&M men's basketball game. In all sessions,

attendees will have an opportunity to participate in specific exercises at the Corps' Obstacle, Leadership Development and Stamina Courses. In the event of bad weather, JCAP cadets will tour the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Parents will have their own session highlighting the Admissions and Financial Aid processes, scholarships, the Leadership Program and a presentation on Cadet life. Parents are also invited to be our guests at the Awards Banquet at no extra cost.

Cover Photo: JCAP Commander March-in commander Derek Vincent from Johnson HS in San Antonio (2d from left) w staff at JCAP.

# JCAP Banquet

The Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association sponsors the JCAP Awards Banquet for JCAP cadets, family members and special guests on the Friday evening of the program.

All qualified cadets attending JCAP are eligible for a \$2,400 scholarship that may be used in conjunction with other scholarships. A much more significant amount could be awarded as we review each JCAP cadet's Corps scholarship application. These scholarships do not require military service.

If a Corps scholarship is awarded to a JCAP cadet who is not a resident of Texas, the recipient may qualify for in-state tuition. This is a tuition reduction of approximately \$30,000 over four years. These scholarships are contingent on the JCAP cadet being admitted to Texas A&M and joining the Corps of Cadets.



Above: Army JROTC Cadet Duke Sawyer from North Carolina accepts his Corps scholarship from Col. Sam Hawes, Assistant Commandant of Recruiting. attendees about life in the Corps of Cadets.



Left: JROTC cadets have dinner with members of the Corps at the Aggie Banquet. Middle and Right: The Aggie Band provided the music to the *Aggie War Hymn* while attendees "sawed varsity's horns off."

## DID YOU MISS THE FALL JCAP PROGRAM?

JCAP is offered twice a year, once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester.

The next JCAP is 24-25 February, 2012. For eligibility and registration go to [corps.tamu.edu](http://corps.tamu.edu). Contact Major Hoffman for more information at [jhoffman@corps.tamu.edu](mailto:jhoffman@corps.tamu.edu).

# The Corps Way of Life

If you decide to attend the JCAP Program, you will meet cadets from around the nation. You will also learn about the Aggie Code of Honor, Aggie Spirit, and have a unique experience that allows you and your parents to make an honest assessment of what it means to be an Aggie and a member of the Corps of Cadets.



## Should a cadet who is not interested in a military career attend the JCAP Program?

**YES!** The Corps of Cadets has a rich military history remaining one of the largest uniformed body of students in the nation, and, consistently produces more officers for the Armed Forces than any other Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) source outside the Service Academies. However, the Corps does not carry any military obligation.

Nearly 58% of our current cadets have elected not to pursue a military commission. Cadets who want to pursue non-military careers — whether in the private sector or in public service — can declare themselves Academic Certificate in Leadership candidates after their second year in the Corps of Cadets.

Cadets in the Academic Certificate in Leadership Studies Program stay with their units through their entire time in the Corps, share the personal growth and fellowship that only the Corps of Cadets can offer, and enroll in a curriculum of leadership study and practice available exclusively to members of the Corps of Cadets.

The Corps of Cadets guides students through four stages of leadership — from followership, to direct leadership of self and others, to indirect leadership of other leaders, to executive leadership of entire organizations. Combined with the immersion experience of the Corps of Cadets, the Academic Certificate in Leadership Studies Program gives every cadet the most complete personal and professional development experience available.

Past recipients are employed by Fortune 500 companies, various non-profit organizations and in all military branches.

# Top 10 Reasons to Join the Corps of Cadets



10. **CHALLENGE** - To challenge yourself to meet a higher standard during your college experience



9. **FITNESS** - To get in top physical condition through the Corps training program



8. **ATHLETICS** - To participate in competitive athletics on Corps of Cadets teams



7. **ELITE UNITS** - To join elite units such as the Aggie Band, Parsons Mounted Cavalry, Fish Drill Team, Ross Volunteers, and ROTC special units

6. **SCHOLARSHIPS** - To compete for scholarships to help pay for college



5. **SPIRIT AND TRADITIONS** - To fully experience Texas A&M as a member of the "Keepers of the Spirit and Guardians of Tradition"

4. **CAREER GOALS** - To prepare you to accomplish your personal and career goals



3. **FRIENDSHIPS** - To develop lifelong friendships

2. **ACADEMICS** - To gain access to resources to help you excel academically

1. **LEADERSHIP** - To excel as a leader in the premier values-based military and civilian leadership program in the state and nation (there is no military obligation for joining the Corps)



# Letter from the Commandant



Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez, Jr. '79



Howdy!

I would like to encourage you to consider attending one of our premier recruiting programs for the Corps of Cadets, the JCAP program. JCAP is for all eligible high school juniors and seniors in JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, Young Marines and Sea Cadets. Here is a look at what you will do at JCAP:

- ★ Attend the banquet where you will receive a scholarship certificate worth \$2,400 – Parents and military instructors are welcome too, no extra cost! This scholarship carries no military obligation.
- ★ Run through our obstacle course with our ROTC Cadre and their special unit Cadets from the SEAL Platoon, Rudders Rangers, Marine Recon and Air Force Special Ops.
- ★ Train with our national champion drill team, the Fish Drill Team.
- ★ Attend a Texas A&M sporting event. In the fall you will attend a football game and march into Kyle Field with our Corps of Cadets, in the spring you will attend a men's baseball game.
- ★ Stay overnight in our dorms with a Cadet from an outfit that matches your ROTC preference and college major.

Once you have attended JCAP you will have a greater understanding of what it takes to be admitted to Texas A&M, how to pay for college and what this great university and the Corps can do for you and your future. The Corps of Cadets changed my life forever and made me what I am today; it will change your life too! I hope to see you at the next JCAP!

With Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine ROTC instruction available, Texas A&M is one of the few schools to offer military commissions in all branches of service. For more information, go to:



<http://armyrotc.com/edu/txam>

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