

## Presidents

### Class of '90

**James Beck**  
Business Administration

Howdy Ags! As Class of '90 president I promise a longer lunch period, recess between classes and no homework. I also think it would be a good idea to tackle larger issues like freeing the hostages in Lebanon, balancing the budget and creating more jobs in the American economy.

All seriousness aside, I see great potential in the Class of '90. Through strong leadership, a positive attitude and an overwhelming spirit, our class has a tremendous potential to leave a lasting mark on Texas A&M.

I am a firm believer in teamwork. A close-knit class council working together is the first step in creating a stronger class. I believe that from my past leadership experiences and past experiences in dealing with other people, I am the right choice for Class of '90 president.

**Brent Flatt**  
Chemistry

"Why do I want to be Class of '90 president?" I ask myself. I enjoy making others happy. If a fellow Aggie has a problem and I produce the solution, then we both are happy. In the office of class president, I have the opportunity to make more people happy than before. Both the extended exposure and the power to represent their requests enable me to achieve this goal. At Texas Boys State I learned and demonstrated the responsibilities that accompany an office such as that of president. Possessing the necessary tools and desire for this office, I ask for your vote on April 1. So please vote Brent Flatt for Class of '90 president.

**Dan Gattis**  
Agricultural Economics

I am from Friendswood, a small town between Houston and Galveston, and I am majoring in agricultural economics. My extra-curricular activities

include being the current Class of '90 president, being in the Corps of Cadets and representing the freshman class before the Student Senate.

When asked why I am running I must say that in being the Class of '90 president this past year much of my responsibility was organizing the class council into something that would last and run smoothly for the next four years, and I would like to be around next year when the Class of '90 shows Texas A&M who it is and what it's made of.

**Kevin West**  
Political Science

I believe a leader needs to have a few basic qualities. First, a leader needs to be able to communicate his or her ideas and be able to communicate the group's ideas. Secondly, a leader must be enthusiastic and be able to motivate the group he or she is in charge of. Thirdly, and probably the most important quality a leader needs to have, is the quality of being a listener. Being a good listener enables a person to work with other people, which is also a very important characteristic a leader needs. I feel I have each of these qualities due to my past experience. In a high school of almost 2,300 students, I served as an officer in many organizations, including class council vice president and student body president. I also was chosen as one of two people in Texas to receive the U.S. Senate youth scholarship, which included a trip to Washington to take an in-depth look at the way our national government works. This year, as a freshman I have been involved in Student Government, as a senator, a member of the Student Services Committee and External Affairs Committee, MSC Freshman Leadership Dynamics and the Corps of Cadets. All of these activities have taught me several things both as a leader and a follower. If elected as Class of '90 president, I will see to it that the quality and tradition of our class is upheld and hopefully have fun doing it.

### Off Campus Aggies

**Chris Masi**  
Junior  
Biology

Why am I running for Off-Campus Aggies president? The answer: OCA is the largest student organization at Texas A&M and is comprised of approximately 27,000 students who live off campus. Yet to my experience in the past three years as a member and officer, I have seen only a minute part of this 27,000 involved in OCA. To reach out to more students and help this organization grow to its full potential, I would stress inter-apartment complex activities, much like the dorms have on campus, as well as expanding on the successful events of OCA held this past year such as, the Mardi Gras Parade and Masquerade Ball, Halloween Haunted House and a

domino tournament, to name a few.

The success of this organization truly depends on the Apartment Council Presidents (elected representatives) from each complex, and their potential to communicate with students in their complex about OCA activities. You, an off-campus student and so automatically a member of OCA, may not even know OCA exists. I would like to change that. In the past three years that I have been active in OCA and held the position of apartment council president, director of fundraising and director of intramurals, I have seen an enormous amount of unreached potential in our organization. TOGETHER WE CAN REACH IT. Thank you.

**Scott Mendell**  
Junior  
Biomedical Science

I am running for president of Off-Campus Aggies for several very good reasons. The most important to me is that in the past year I have served as president and OCA has really begun to grow. We have started a new tradition at Texas A&M with Mardi Gras and we are trying to get an intramural point system (similar to the ones the dorms use) started in the apartment complexes. Next, OCA lost the best adviser they have had in years and will be getting a new one next year and I just believe it will be important to have someone as president who knows how everything works. I really want to serve in this office again, if not to see the current projects through, to start new and bigger ones.

### Class of '89

**Denise Arledge**  
Education

Hi! My name is Denise Arledge, and I'm running for Class of '89 president. I have several goals that I intend to achieve as president. I want to promote class pride, spirit, involvement and unity, keep our class aware of what is happening through Battalion ads, banners and general class meetings, restructure class officer responsibilities by delegating specific duties to each officer and produce a better turnout and increase future interest in class balls by combining the sophomore and junior class balls. Our class currently owes money to the Class of '88. Immediate action needs to be taken through various fundraisers, and we need to continue to work hard to stabilize and build up our class. I have the experience to do the best job as your president from my involvement in: freshman class ball committee, this year's class council (class ball chairman), sorority, Fish Camp counselor (two years), Youth Fun Day adviser (two years),

Special Olympics volunteer, Town Hall, Aggie Friends and high school student council (four years), student senate (two years) and president of Youth Against Cancer. One of my last qualifications is my love for our class and the desire and ambition I have to be the best president for the Class of '89.

**Elissa Ellis**  
Business Administration

My primary goal as class president will be involving the Class of '89 in Texas A&M and the surrounding community. In the past, the major goal of class council has been to organize a class ball. I would like to broaden this goal and utilize the potential that is being wasted because no one has made a move to organize and build. I realize it is not a simple task to organize a class of so many people, but I have a few ideas. I would like to form committees such as fundraising, service and social, which will work to develop the different aspects of my goals. Through these committees, I think I could raise funds that

could go toward a class gift or be contributed to a charity on behalf of the Class of '89. I also think class council needs to weigh other options to the class ball. If the response is positive on keeping it, then the involvement needs to be stimulated so attendance will rise. If response is negative then the funds could be shifted toward an informal class dance or activity. Overall, I would like to form an identity for the Class of '89 that will be a lasting one.

**Ken Holthouser**  
Business Administration

Texas A&M became a great place long before I arrived here, and it is my deep appreciation for the traditions and people of A&M that make me want to see its uniqueness continue. A class president should represent this feeling, which all Aggies share. My characteristics of initiative, dependability and servitude will reinforce this desire, and as Class of '89 president, I can give as much as possible of myself to a place that has given so much to me.

