

Keyword: What It Means to Be an Aggie

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Transcript (copy segment transcript here):

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[00:03:33] So what does it mean to you to be an Aggie?

[00:03:38] I think that being an Aggie is pretty largely rooted in sort of owning who you are. Like, I think that a lot of A&M culture has revolved around sort of like everyone becoming this big uniform, like homogeneous mob. But I think that over time, Aggies have sort of begun to realize that we can sort of embrace our own stories. Like everyone thinks that, like, Aggies look a certain way or act a certain way. But the truth is that like.

[00:04:09] And that's why I was hesitant to call myself an Aggie because I thought Aggies look like this, Aggies do this. Aggies are red ass. But I pretty quickly realized I have friends who are Aggies and they are not the way I imagined Aggies to be. So like, it's OK to be an Aggie and it's OK to want to embrace that. And actually, it's not just OK, it's what it is like, its being an Aggie means being kind.

[00:04:32] I've never, like, left headphones on my desk and had them stolen and I guess but like, you know, being an Aggie means owning your narrative and realizing that that's what makes the Aggie community so special that there are, you know, more and more every day, like different people on campus and different people who are coming to become sort of part of that Aggie community. So I think it's definitely owning your story and sharing it with other people and being kind when you hear it from others.