

Keyword: What It Means to Be an Aggie

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[00:39:38] So what does it mean to you to be an Aggie?

[00:39:42] To be an Aggie is, Aggie is an interesting term? Sure, It's like just being a student here. But in order to be like a real life Aggie to embody what like A&M wants of an Aggie, there's like the RELLIS acronym, the respect, excellence, loyalty, leadership.

[00:40:08] Integrity

Yeah, integrity and service is a yes service. Where did I hear selfless service. I think I heard that somewhere else.

Yeah that very here too

[00:40:19] Yeah. That's here too. But yeah, that acronym I think really embodies it.

[00:40:23] And you can really see that with a lot of students here. There's like some people that don't really like the respect aspect down, but that would be anywhere you go. But like to be an Aggie, you have to really like you don't necessarily have to be like not a two percent or like it's not like the whole like like going to football games or waving a little towel around, whatever.

[00:40:46] It's more about like what you do for people like if you'd like caring for others.

[00:40:53] Like if someone drops their books on the ground, like it's really nice, like someone drops her books on the ground here. There's like fifteen people like ready to pick up all their stuff and they're like, oh my God. Here I'll put it in alphabetical order for you.

[00:41:02] Like people here are just so helpful and so nice and they just really want everyone to have a good time. And which is like I really like going to the library here because I could leave all of my stuff.

[00:41:15] I can have my Social Security card out and my birth certificate like all my passwords to everything. And no one will touch a thing. No. Tried to steal my identity because everyone here just is really looking out for it like others and you won't even know it.

[00:41:28] People you don't know at all are going to really be like rooting for you. And I think that's what it really means to be an Aggie kind of just to care for others and to take the initiative and meet like people you don't know at all. But if you see someone having a bad day, like someone's probably going to come up to you like, hey, are you OK? I remember I was like crying the MSC once it was over accounting.

[00:41:51] And someone was like are you good? and I was like we're go through it, but like, I'll be OK.

[00:41:56] It's just really nice cause you have complete strangers you don't know that aren't like genuinely want the best for you. And I think that's what it really means to be an Aggie.

[00:42:03] You just to care for others and to respect others and to kind of take the initiative in making sure like your peers are OK. I think it's just really like a big community here and that this is probably the only school that has such a big feeling of community.

[00:42:23] Like Aggie Twitter is a thing like you follows someone with A&M in their bio , follows you and you follow them back and like immediately become best friends.

[00:42:30] That's that time at my roommate, that how is met one of my really close guy friends? That's how I. I didn't mean one of my friends on Aggie Twitter, but I met her on Aggie groupme.

[00:42:41] People just see like Aggie in your bio or like A&M or whatever and they immediately just want to be a part of your life and that they will like my roommate Madison is the one who like my roommate Madison.

[00:42:53] She's actually not my roommate this semester because shes going to Argentina. But she's the reason I'm doing this little like this video project, interview. She's the reason I'm doing this interview because she saw that you needed like you need people to be on this interview. And she's like, hey, like my roommate or she'll be a good fit because she's a first gen college student.

[00:43:13] And then she messaged me and I was like, yeah, I have no idea who this is, but I will definitely do this for her because I want to help out. So I think that's what it really means to be an Aggie.