

TEXAS A&M  
AGRI LIFE  
EXTENSION

**Texas Agricultural  
Lifetime Leadership Program**

**Class XV  
Session 1 - College Station  
July 19-22, 2016**

***“Extension, Education, Expectations”***



**Check in: Hilton Garden Inn**  
**3081 University Drive East, Bryan, Texas, 77802 (979-703-7919)**

*Room assignments as directed at front desk.*

NOTE: If rooms are available, you may check in prior to 1:00. If not, the Hilton will store your luggage at the bell stand

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016**

**Presider:.....Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.**  
**Attire:.....Business Casual**  
**Location: .....Hilton Garden Inn- Oakwood A**

- 1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks.....**Jim Mazurkiewicz**  
Regents Fellow Professor and Leadership Program Director
- 1:10 p.m. Welcome .....**Douglas Steele**  
*Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service*
- 1:20 p.m. Orientation..... **Jim Prewitt**  
CEO & President, Landmark Nurseries and TALL Foundation President
- 1:40 p.m. Introductions .....**TALL XV**

**Presiders:.....Ramon Alvarez & Remi Wright**  
*(Please make sure that you get the laptop and projector at the end of the session and return to Dr. Mazurkiewicz)*

- 2:00 p.m. "Texas Department of Criminal Justice Agriculture Today" .....**Todd Swick**  
*Program Specialist - V Livestock and Beef & Pork Processing*  
*Texas Department of Criminal Justice Minerals*
- 3:00 p.m. Load charter bus for the Texas Forest Service, Emergency Operations Center  
*200 Technology Way, College Station, Texas 77845*
- 3:30 p.m. "Welcome and Overview of Texas A&M Forest Service" ..... **Tom Boggus**  
*State Forester & Director*
- "Texas Wildfires and All Hazard Response" ..... **Mark Stanford**  
Associate Director, Forest Resource Protection
- "Overview of Emergency Operations Center and the Tools / Technology  
Texas Forest Service Uses"..... **Don Hannemann**  
*EOC (Emergency Operation Center) Coordinator*
- "Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (TxWRAP) and Southern Wildfire Risk  
Assessment Portal (SouthWRAP)..... **Curt Stripling**  
GIS Specialist
- TxForestInfo.com Demonstration.....**Hughes Simpson**  
Program Coordinator II
- 5:15 p.m. Load charter bus and return to hotel

**Presiders:.....Kyle Watts & Brett Bamert**  
**Attire.....Business**  
**Location .....Hilton Garden Inn-Rosewood A**

- 6:30 p.m. **Etiquette Training and Meal.....Susan Quiring, Ph.D.**  
*Director, Susan's Ballroom Dance & Class Act Etiquette*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016**

**Presiders:.....Jennifer Blackburn & Jeffrey Sarchet**  
**Attire.....Business Casual**  
**Transportation..... Charter Bus**  
**Breakfast ..... On your own**

7:30 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby to load bus for AGLS RM 129  
8:00 a.m. AG Media Training.....**Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication**  
*Texas A&M University*  
10:00 a.m. Break  
10:15 a.m. Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Issues Facing Agriculture”  
**Dr. Craig Nessler**  
Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research

**Presiders.....April Bonds & Pat Carson**

11:00 a.m. Load bus and travel to Royalty Pecan Farms  
11:45 a.m. **Lunch & Program.....**  
Location: ..... Royalty Pecan Farms  
Address.....10740 State Hwy 21 E Caldwell, Texas 77836  
**Program**  
**Moderator..... John Smith**  
*Lending Officer, Citizens State Bank / TALL Alumnus*  
**Remarks.....John & Connie Giesenschlag**  
**“Overview of Royalty Pecans”.....Mike Adams**  
*Managing Partner of Royalty Pecans & President of Texas Pecan Board  
President of American Pecan Board*

**Lunch Sponsored by:**

- Tri-County Extension Field Crops Committee
- Citizens State Bank of Somerville, Caldwell, Deanville, Snook, Brenham and Navasota
- Monsanto Company.....**Lynn Angell**  
*Chemical Account Manager, Monsanto Company / TALL Alumnus*

1:30 p.m. **Load bus travel to Wiggins LLP-Watermelon Warehouse, Inc**  
Address:..... 7979 FM 50, Caldwell, TX 77836 (Snook)  
Tour.....**Jody and Clint Wiggins and family**  
*Wiggins LLP-Watermelon Warehouse, Inc.*

2:30 p.m. Load bus and travel to Blue Bell Creameries, Brenham.

**Presiders.....Lee Burton & Heath Reeves**

3:20 p.m. **Tour Blue Bell Creameries..... Paul Kruse**  
*CEO and President, Blue Bell Creameries |TALL Advisory Board Member*  
5:00 p.m. Load bus & travel to Brazos Valley Recycling, College Station  
Address: 8825 Stewarts Meadow, College Station, Texas 77845  
5:45 p.m. **Tour Brazos Valley Recycling..... Charlie Mancuso**  
*Owner, Brazos Valley Recycling and The Big Dumpster*  
6:45 p.m. Load bus and return to the Hilton.  
**FREE EVENING**

**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016**

Presider.....	Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.
Attire:.....	Blue jeans or knee length shorts, T-shirt, tennis shoes, sun screen
Transportation.....	Charter Bus
Location: .....	Challenge Works
Breakfast .....	On your own

**\*\* DRESS COMFORTABLY! \*\***

- 7:30 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby and travel by charter bus to TAMU Challenge Course
- 8:00 a.m. “ChallengeWorks”..... **Bob Gantt**  
*Program Coordinator, TAMU ChallengeWorks*
- Leadership for Change
  - Communication
  - Trust Building
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30 p.m. Lunch at the course
- 12:30 p.m. **ChallengeWorks continued:**
- Creative Problem Solving
  - Collaborative Decision Making
  - Celebrating Diversity
  - Project Teams
- 2:30 p.m. Load bus and travel to H. D. Smith Operations Complex, Brayton Fire Training Field  
Address: 1595 Nuclear Science Rd
- 3:00 p.m. Overview and of Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Emergency Services  
Training Institute..... **Mike Wisby**  
*Associate Division Director*
- 4:00 p.m. Return to hotel
- 5:50 p.m. Travel in personal vehicles to TALL reception

Presider.....	Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.
Attire.....	Business
Transportation.....	Personal Vehicle
Location:.....	Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM `56 Equine Complex Auditorium
Address.....	3240 F&B Road, College Station, TX 77843
Parking.....	Parking is free to non TAMU passes after 5pm

- 6:00 p.m. Social and Reception at the Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM `56 Equine Complex

# Reception hosted by Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

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Cash bar and light Hors d'oeuvres will be served

**NOTE: Individual TALL XV Portrait Photos (Taken between 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.)**

6:00pm.....*Social*  
*Light Hors' D'oeuvres & Cash Bar*

7:00 p.m. Opening Remarks .....**Jim Mazurkiewicz**  
Regents Fellow Professor and  
Leadership Program Director,  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Welcome.....**Doug Steele**  
Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Comments.....**Jim Prewitt**  
President, TALL Foundation & Chairman, TALL Advisory Board  
CEO & President, Landmark Nurseries

Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....**Larry Boleman**  
Associate Vice Chancellor  
Outreach and Strategic Initiatives  
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Texas A&M AgriLife

Keynote Speaker.....**Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez, Jr.**  
BG, US Army (Retired)  
Commandant, Corps of Cadets Texas A&M University

TALL XV Cohort Introductions.....**TALL XV Cohort**

Dinner Host Announcements.....**Jim Mazurkiewicz**

Closing.....**Jim Mazurkiewicz**

**TALL XV class participants depart with individual hosts for dinner**

**FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2014**

**NOTE: Check out of hotel. Take care of incidentals. Luggage can be left at desk if needed.**

**Presider.....Patrick Dudley & Sarah Cortese**  
**Attire.....Business**  
**Location..... The Bush School of Government & Public Service , Room 1017**

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast set up in hotel lobby hallway (Grab as you go or sit in lobby and eat)  
7:30 a.m. Depart Hotel in personal vehicles  
8:00 a.m. “Setting the Context: Strategy, Policy and the Fate of the Nation”  
**David McIntyre, PhD**  
Director of the Integrative Center for Homeland Security at Texas A&M University
- 9:00 a.m. “Government and Public Policy in Today’s World” ..... **Kenneth J. Meier**  
Charles Gregory Chair in Liberal Arts-Director, PMRA Journals  
Dept. of Political Science, Texas A&M University
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. “Responsibilities of the TVMDL” ..... **Bruce L. Akey MS DVM**  
Director, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory
- 11:00 a.m. Depart for George Bush Library and Museum in personal vehicles.

**Presiders.....Clifton Castle & Alicia Meinzer**  
**Location.....George Bush Library and Museum**  
**Address.....1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station, 77845**

- 11:30 a.m. “Behind the Scenes” Tour of the George Bush Presidential Archives  
**Matt Lee & Chris Pembelton**  
*Archivists*
- 1:00 p.m. **Photo Session** .....**Freedom Horse Sculpture**  
**George Bush Presidential Museum & Library**
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn** .....**Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.**  
*NOTE: Lunch on your own & Optional Museum Tour (on your own)*

*Powell’s Rules for Picking People”*

*Look for intelligence and judgment and, most critically, a capacity to anticipate, to see around corners. Also look for loyalty, integrity, a high energy drive, a balanced ego and the drive to get things done.” How often do our requirement and hiring process tap into these attributes? More often than not, we ignore them in favor of length of resume, degrees and prior titles. A string of job descriptions, recruit held yesterday seem to be more important than who one is today, what she can contribute tomorrow or how well his values mesh with those of the organization. You can train a bright, willing novice in the fundamentals of your business fairly readily, but it’s a lot harder to train someone to have integrity, judgment, energy, balance and the drive to get things done. Good leaders stack the deck in their favor right in the recruitments phase.*

*General Colin Powell*