

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

**Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr.,
Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership
(TALL) Program**

**Cohort XVIII
Session 1 – College Station
July 12-15, 2022**

“Extension, Education, Expectations”



Check in: The Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center
Room assignments as directed
NOTE: If rooms are available, you may check in prior to 1:00.
If not, they will store your luggage at the bell stand

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022

Presider:.....Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.
Attire:.....Business Casual
Location: Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center: Hullabaloo Meeting Room

- 1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks..... **Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**
Professor and Leadership Program Director
- 1:10 p.m. Welcome **Dr. Jeff Ripley**
Associate Director
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- 1:20 p.m. Introductions – TALL Cohort XVIII
- 2:00 p.m. **Texas Department of Criminal Justice Agriculture Today**
Todd Swick, Deputy Director
Agribusiness, Land and Minerals -
Texas Department of Criminal Justice Minerals
- 3:00 p.m. Load bus for the Texas Forest Service, Emergency Operations Center
200 Technology Way, College Station, Texas 77845

Presiders:..... Kodie Sageser & Robyn Lemon

- 3:30 p.m. **Welcome and Overview of Texas A&M Forest Service**
Al Davis, Agency Director
- Texas Wildfires and All Hazard Response**
- Overview of Emergency Operations Center and the Tools / Technology
Texas Forest Service Uses**
- Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (TX WRAP) and Southern
Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (South WRAP)**
- TxForestInfo.com Demonstration**
- 5:15 p.m. Load charter bus and return to hotel

Presiders: Andrew Sprague & Daniel Alders
Attire..... Business
Location Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center: Reveille Room

- 6:30 p.m. **Etiquette Training and Meal.....Susan Quiring, Ph.D.**
Director, Susan's Ballroom Dance & Class Act Etiquette
- 8:30 p.m. TALL Responsibilities & Expectations..... **Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022

Presiders: Jayci Bishop & Brandon Benton
Attire: Business Casual
Transportation: Charter Bus
Location: Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center: Hullabaloo Meeting Room

- 7:00 a.m. **Breakfast in Hotel Meeting Room**
- 8:00 a.m. **Responsibilities of the TVMDL Guy A. Sheppard, DVM**
Veterinary Diagnostician, TVMDL
- 8:45 a.m. **Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Issues Facing Agriculture**
Dr. Cliff Lamb, Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. **NAFTA, Tariffs and National Policy on the World Stage**
Joe Outlaw, Professor and Extension Economist
Co-Director of the Agriculture Food Policy Center
- 11:30 a.m. Load bus and travel to John R. Giesenschlag Farms
8105 FM 50, Caldwell, TX 77836
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch & Program**
Program
Remarks & Welcome.....John Giesenschlag
Lunch Sponsored by:
 - Tri-County Extension Field Crops Committee
 - Citizens State Bank of Somerville, Caldwell, Deanville, Snook, Brenham and Navasota
- 2:15 p.m. **Load bus travel to Wiggins LLP-Watermelon Warehouse, Inc**
7979 FM 50, Caldwell, TX 77836
Tour **Jody and Clint Wiggins and family**
Wiggins LLP-Watermelon Warehouse, Inc.
- 3:00 p.m. Load bus and travel to Blue Bell Creameries, Brenham
1101 S Blue Bell Rd, Brenham, TX 77833

Presiders.....Reina Lewis & Tyler Randolph

- 3:40 p.m. Tour Blue Bell Creameries **Mr. Sam Sommer, CFO**
- 5:00 p.m. Depart for Stgenetics
22575 State Highway 6 South | Navasota, TX 77868

Presiders..... Jennifer Bremer & Darrell White

- 5:45 p.m. Tour Stgenetics
- 7:00 p.m. Program & Dinner hosted by Stgenetics
- 8:30 p.m. Load bus and return to hotel
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022

Presider..... Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.
Attire:.....*Blue jeans or shorts, T-shirt, tennis shoes, sun screen*
Transportation.....Charter Bus
Location:Challenge Works

**** DRESS COMFORTABLY! ****

- 6:30 a.m. **Breakfast on your own**
- 7:30 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby and travel by charter bus to TAMU Challenge Course
- 8:00 a.m. **TAMU Challenge Works**
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30 p.m. Lunch at the course
- 12:30 p.m. **Challenge Works continued:**
 - Creative Problem Solving - Celebrating Diversity
 - Collaborative Decision Making - Project Teams
- 2:30 p.m. Load bus and return to hotel to freshen up for reception
- 5:50 p.m. Travel in personal vehicles/walk to TALL reception

**Texas A&M AgriLife Center
578 John Kimbrough Blvd, College Station, TX 77843**

Presider..... Jim Mazurkiewicz, Ph.D.
Attire..... Business
Transportation..... Personal Vehicle
Location: The Texas A&M AgriLife Center
Address..... 556 John Kimbrough Boulevard, College Station, TX 77843-2140
Parking.....**Park in Lot 97 ONLY, DO NOT park in numbered or reserved spots**

- 6:00 p.m. Social and Reception

**COHORT MUST CHECK IN WITH JENNIFER AND HAVE
PHOTO DONE WHEN THEY WALK IN**

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

Signature Sponsor:



Bar and light Hors d'oeuvres

6:00pm *Social*

7:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Professor & Leadership Program Director
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Welcome..... **Dr. Jeff Ripley**, Associate Director
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Producers Cooperative – *“From the Ground Up”*

TALL XVIII Cohort Introductions..... TALL XVIII Cohort

Dinner Host Announcements..... Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz

7:45 pm

Closing

TALL XVIII cohort participants depart with individual hosts for dinner

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

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

Presider..... Jessup Yeaman & Ryan Skrobarczyk
Attire..... Business
Location..... The Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center – Reveille Room

6:30 a.m. Check out of hotel. Take care of incidentals.
Luggage can be left at desk if needed

7:00 a.m. **Breakfast in Meeting Room**

VIA ZOOM

8:00 a.m. **Texas A&M AgriLife Institute for Advancing Health through Agriculture**
Dr. Patrick Stover, Director
Institute for Advancing Health through Agriculture
Professor- Biochemistry and Biophysics

9:00 a.m. **International Affairs and moving forward**
Professor Andrew S. Natsios Executive Professor & Director
Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs
Bush School of Government

9:50 am Break – *check out of hotel*

Presiders..... Zane Thornton & Addie Stone

10:00 a.m. **A different kind of undercover** **Jim Olson**, Senior Lecturer
The Bush School of Government & Public Service
Texas A&M University

11:15 a.m. **Center of Excellence for Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense**
Greg Pompelli, Ph.D., Director, CBTS - Texas A&M AgriLife Research

12:00 p.m. Depart in personal vehicles and meet at the George Bush Presidential Library & Museum

GROUP Photo at **Freedom Horse Sculpture**
George Bush Presidential Museum & Library

Closing Remarks and Adjourn **Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**

NOTE: Lunch on your own & Optional Museum Tour (on your own)