





QUICK OVERVIEW

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speeches

heard today

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candidates

running for slots

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positions

up for election

6

minutes

per speech











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Luke Anderson and Caleb Crubaugh









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Secretary

Will Flack

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Jakob Denton

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Treasurer

Izzy Petersen and Ben Walker

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President

Tristan Barron and Jenna Crabtree







Paige Hudson



Social Media Officer

A LIL BIT ABOUT ME

FAVORITE ABOVE GROUND

ACTIVITIES:

~ SURFING

~ HIKING

~ CAMPING

~ MUSI

~ COLORING WHILE
WATCHING THE

~SHARKS

~CUDDLING MY DOG

~OBSESSING OVER HARRY POTTER CLASS OF 24

B.S. IN PSYCHOLOGY WITH A MINOR IN ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

FUN FACT: I'VE BEEN STUNG ON THE BUTT BY A TELLYETSH!



CAVE BABY, CAVE



WHIRLPOOL



STEPHENS GAP



RUSTYS



BLUE SPRINGS (FAVORITE!)



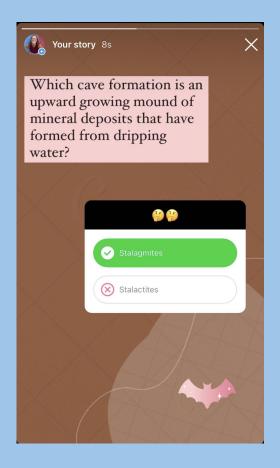


OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

OUR IMAGE IS IMPORTANT!

- EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
 - More activity on the story
 - INTERACTIVE POST
 - BE ENGAGING, NOT JUST FOR US BUT FOR OTHER PEOPLE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN JOINING, IN WHO WE ARE, OR EVEN WORKING WITH US!
- CONSERVATION
 - SUPER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF WHAT WE DO
- NETWORKING
 - OUR SOCIAL MEDIA COULD BE OUR FIRST IMPRESSION
 - O THE SOCIAL MEDIA MAY BE WHERE SOMEONE GETS MOST OF THEIR INITIAL INFORMATION ABOUT WHO WE ARE
- SHOWING OFF ALL THE COOL SHIT ASS DOES











OFFICER POSITION

OUTSIDE OF SOCIAL MEDIA, WHY WOULD I BE A GOOD OFFICER!

(GREAT QUESTION!)

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

- MARINE ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM
- POOL MANAGER
- LIFEGUARD TRAINER/INSTRUCTOR
- SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY POOLS
- SENIOR DIRECTOR

- Local Connection for New Opportunity
- OPEN FOR COMMUNICATION WITH OFFICER TEAM
- ORGANIZED
- OPEN TO IDEAS
- Passionate about who we are and what we do



Bianca Mendoza

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Social Media Officer

Who am I?

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Bianca Mendoza. I am a freshman psychology major from El Paso Texas and hopefully the grottos next social media officer. I've been in ASS since the beginning of my first semester here at Texas A&M and have loved every single second of it.









"But bianca what makes you qualified to run an instagram page?"

Proof that I do a darn good job. —---->
Feel free to check out my highlights and post... and might as well follow while you're here.

Peep the bat highlight and my ass posts

@bbiancaraquel



"Dont you have to run the facebook page?"

Yes!

I am painfully aware that I dont have much experience in facebook except helping my grandma set up hers, I am super excited to learn more about the platform that connects cavers!

this is her, you can ask her —>

"What the heck have you done with ASS?"

Thanks for asking!!

- I have gone on several trips with the grotto (including caving trips, band field trips camping trips, etc) and even planned one myself (spring break)
- Absolutely DOMINATED the volleyball court with our ass intramural team...we didn't dominate anything but we sure had a good time
- Helped out with the ASS social banner
- Big event... yes I was a little shlumped bc of social but I was still there
- But my favorite thing I've done was form connections and vibe with the people
 Ive met in this kick ass org.

Goals:

- Through social media platforms, get the TAMU grotto the exposure it deserves! I
 want to show everyone and their moms just how cool we are
- I have some fun ideas for the grottos instagram page
- I also have some super fun ideas for the grotto itself
- Learn how to facebook
- Be super duper cautious of what gets posted so we dont damage our reputation... I
 WILL photoshop if needed... Im actually really good at that
- Work alongside my fellow officers to make this next year the best year yet!

REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS...

I know this grottos is gonna get a kick ass social media officer! You got some really awesome people running and regardless of who gets it, it's gonna be an awesome year.

Thanks and Gig Em

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Don't forget to vote Bianca for Social Media Officer





Luke Anderson for ASS Webmaster

About me!

- Sophomore studying Mechatronics (robotics)
- 2 years of experience with ASS
- Been to over a dozen caves!!
- Moderate web development experience
- Experience in design and running of a website



What will my goals be as webmaster?

- Add trip report guide/ online submission portal to the website
- Expand caving related resources offered on website
- Get feedback on current website and improve based on suggestions
- More interactive content on the website
- Easter Eggs???



Austin Vance

KYLEWELBORN

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I'm Tristan Barron and I am running for Safety Officer too :3







Experience and Qualifications

- ASS & Aggie Grotto member since Spring '22
 - 11 caves, 2 digs, 3 survey trips in the last year
- Experience with human factors planning
- Attended female rigging workshop with UTG
- Trip lead for March '23 Honey Creek
- First Aggie Grotto surveying team
- Attending NSS this summer & taking a vertical training workshop while there
 - NSS member since yesterday :)
- Obsessively follows r/Caving and multiple caving facebook pages for all the cool
 tips and trixs



Goals As Safety Officer

Create updated SOPs s

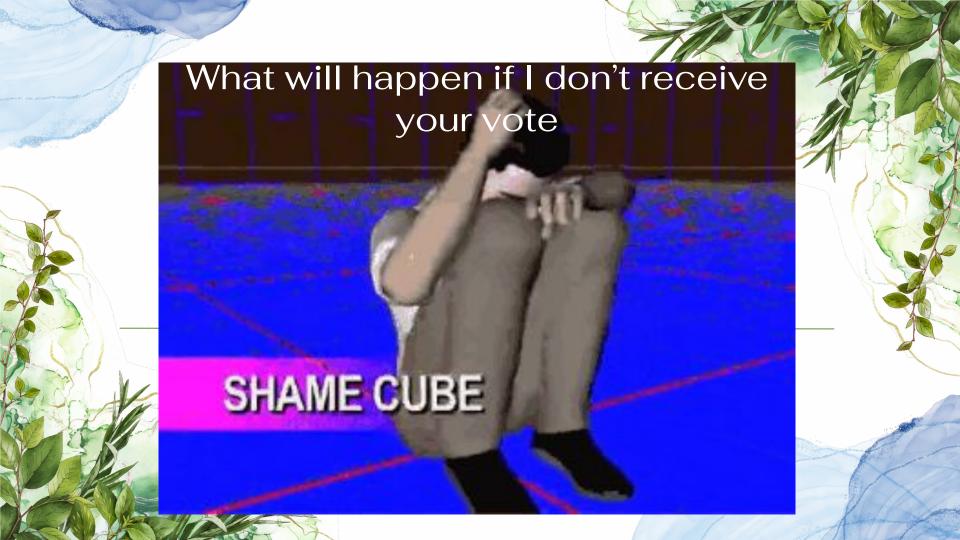
Host Knot Nights, riggir

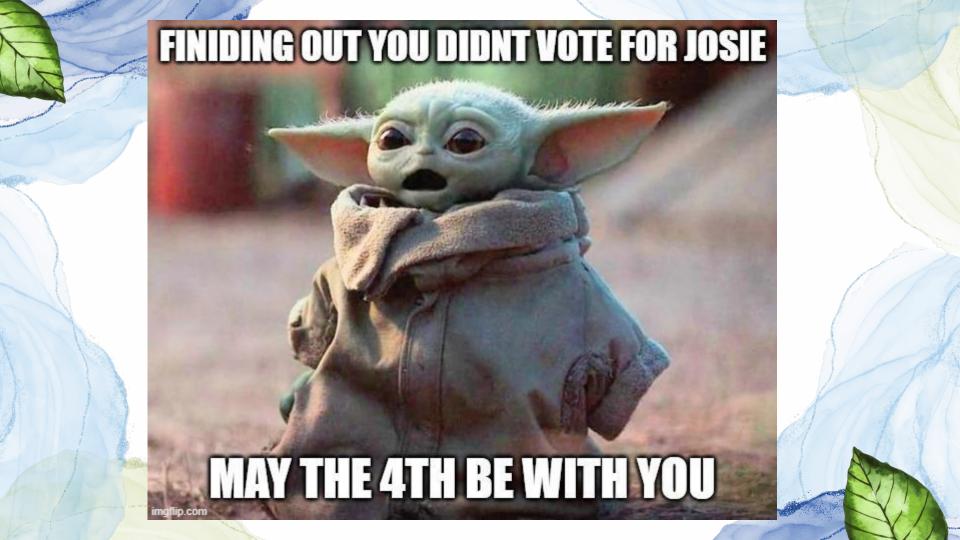
Standardize vert trainir

Foster a safe and supp













What will my goals be as Quartermaster?

- Acquire more survey equipment
- Offer more flexible vert training sessions
- Put priority in survey, more survey trips/survey practicals
- Expand aggie led project caving
- Work on getting more people as trip leads/ vert trainers





Cave Resume

- Approx. 86 cave trips
 - 45 caves
 - 41 trips led or co-led
 - 10 regions
 - 8 vertical
 - 20 caves with ASS
- 35 volunteer caving hours
- ASS accomplishments
 - Found and organized buying new wetsuits for the grotto
 - o Organized cave trips with old ASS in Kentucky
 - Found and met with the property manager of O-9 Well and Amazing Maze to continue ASS trips to those caves.





Why Quartermaster:









Will Flack

ASS Secretary 23-24

About Me:)

- BS in Environmental Engineering and Wildlife & Fisheries Science
 - Requires excellent time management and responsibility
 - ~17 hours per semester
- ASS Webmaster '22-'23
 - Kept up with all responsibilities for the role
 - Planned/led trips
 - Been to 10 different caves/12 caving trips
- Senior Student Coordinator of Residence Life
 - Manage ~23 employees
 - Plan and conduct bi-weekly staff meetings
 - Send professional emails every day
 - Communicate with professional staff on a daily basis
- Engineering Intern
 - o 4 summers, 3 winter breaks, 2 remote semesters
 - Led 3 separate projects, ranging from administrative organization to subdivision design
 - Communication with clients





























About Me



Class of 2025

In the professional program for accounting at Mays business school getting my bachelors degree in accounting and my masters in financial management

On track for a 3.8 GPA (God willing) with 74 hours

Hobbies:

- Reading
- Movie fanatic
- Camping
- Piano
- Violin
- Home bartending
- Lego modeling
- Endlessly replaying Assassins creed and the Witcher 3

Future hobbies: electric guitar & managing ASS funds







Benjamin Walker

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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University
Sachelor of Business Administration in Accounting
May 2025
Mays Business School
Cumulative GPA: 3.79/4.00

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

 A-BeautifulPools
 Cypress, Texas

 Supervisor
 July 2020 – December 2021

- Supervised day-to-day operations of three pools and ensured lifeguards were working responsibly and efficiently
- · Trained lifeguards on rescue skills and audited guards to make sure they were competent in said skills
- . Developed new ways new ways to solve maintenance problems and taught others how to perform these solutions
- · Managed deliveries of pool chemicals and distributed these chemicals to keep pools in a state of equilibrium
- · Led and planned weekly in-services as well as company events and activities

Manager

Member

May 2018 - June 2020

- · Performed routine equipment checks to make sure facility equipment was operating properly
- Created the weekly schedule for lifeguards and made arrangements for substitutes when guards were unavailable
- Communicated with upset neighborhood residents and proposed/implemented solutions

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May 2017 - August 2017

- Enforced pool facility rules and observed swimmer behavior in order to spot hazards and prevent accidents
- Conducted rescues that helped weak and injured swimmers in distress and provided the proper follow up care
- · Maintained facility cleanliness via pump vacuuming, hourly bathroom/chemical checks, and sanitizing touch points

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Aggie Investment Club

College Station, Texas

January 2022 - Present

- · Develop an understanding of personal finance and the basics of investing
- Attend speaker series which taught about finance topics such as real estate, cryptocurrency, and private equity
- · Travel to Houston and Dallas to meet and network with investment banking and private equity firms
- Participate in stock pitch and portfolio competitions which require and develop both research and presenting skills
- · SAW workshops give opportunities to learn through case studies and projects

Aggie Speleological Society Member

College Station, Texas September 2022 – Present

- · Attend weekly meetings to discuss caves, cave safety, bats, and the act of cave diving
- . Go on camping, caving, and hiking trips across Texas as well as trips to national parks
- · Learn about speleology and help in the process of creating cave reports

Aggie SWAMP

Member

- Attend weekly meetings to discuss caves, cave safety, bats, and the act of cave diving
- Work in small groups/teams in order to create, write, and produce short films and movies
- Take part in workshops and competitions for film making techniques as well as video/sound editing

SKILLS, ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Skills: Conflict resolution, teambuilding and leadership, teaching, creating positive client relationships Interests: Reading, Music/Piano and Violin, Film, History, Swimming

My Resume





Caving Experience

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Fall 2022 - Current



- Deep Cave, TX
- Punkin Cave, TX
- Honey Creek Cave, TX
 - o Survey
- Panther Cave, TX
 - o Scientific
- Walkup Cave, TX
 - Scientific
- Boulder Cave, TX
 - o Scientific
- Cedar Cave, TX
 - Scientific
- Jester Cave, OK
- Powell's Cave, TX
- Vertically Checked-Off
- Basic Rigging Skills





Policies

As treasurer I plan on

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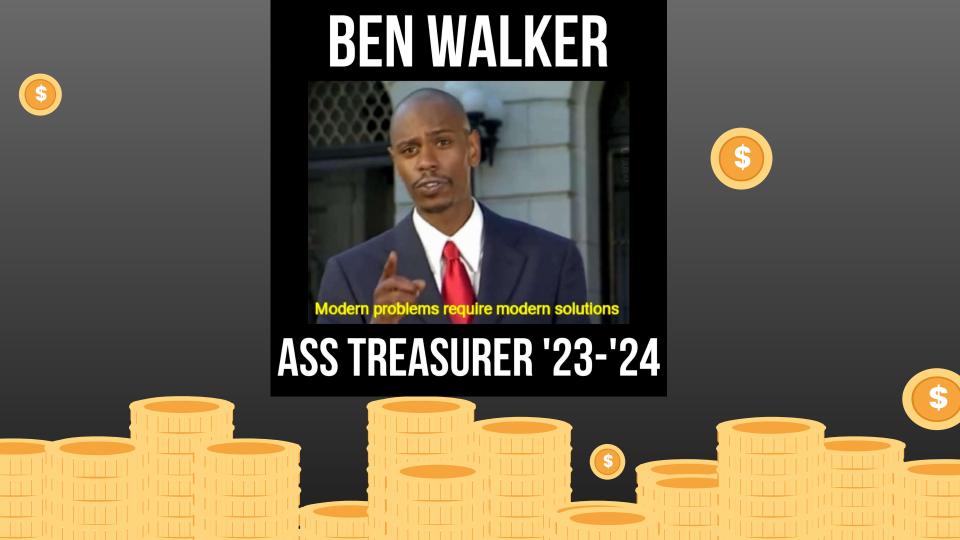
- Creating a 1, 3, and 5 year rough budget for the club
- Collaborating with the webmaster to make a merch store along with collaborating with members to help design merchandise
- Ensuring we have thank you gifts for guest speakers (via a slight increase in merchandise prices)
- Being transparent about our funds and making sure people know how our money is being allocated
- Bringing merch to meetings as well as larger caving events like TCR and NSS for people to buy
- Helping us to become a non-profit organization so that we can start taking donations that would help to fund various caving activities
- Having membership cards for members
- Becoming a vertical trainer and hosting sessions
- Raising dues to 30 for the semester and 45 for the year since we have doubled our membership which means current vertical gear is getting depreciated at twice the rate.





Why I am a Good Fit for Treasurer

- My experience as a lifeguard manager and supervisor
 - Confirming employee salaries and facility expenses
 - Budgeting for company events and pool socials
 - Hosting in-services and training new lifeguards
 - Having to be flexible and adapt to new situations
- My ability to budget and plan for seemingly *impossible* expenses
- The tools and methods I've learned from my coursework that will only continue to expand in the coming semesters
- My obsession with recording my own transactions as well as my affinity for financial statements





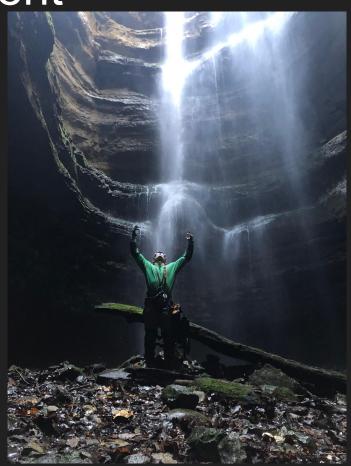
Jakob Denton- Vice President



"Cave father figure"



"Milf mobile enthusiast"





Jakob D. Denton

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EDUCATION:

Student at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX Major: Rangeland Wildlife Fisheries & Management Graduation: 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Soil Carbon Lab Texas A&M University: Lab assistant, College Station, Texas October 2021-Present

- · Aided in the operation of machines which determine nutrient levels in soils
- · Practiced precaution when handling USDA regulated soils and hazardous chemicals
- · Frequently and efficiently used Microsoft Office on a daily basis

Nitro Fluids LLC: Valve technician assistant, shop-hand, Nordheim, Texas June-Aug. 2021

- · Disassembled, cleaned, and rebuilt various models of valves for use in the oilfield
- · Operated forklifts, 15-ton shop crane, and SkyTrak lifts
- · Practiced communication skills in high-stress environments and situations

Edgar and Gladys' Café: Bus Boy, Waiter, and Dishwasher, Nordheim, TX

May-Aug. 2019

- · Frequently exchanged communication with coworkers
- · Gathered customer's meal requests
- Practiced sanitary precautions

Landhaus Family Ranch, Yorktown, TX

May-Aug. 2019

- · Utilized tractor to move round hay bales and conduct small construction projects
- . Landscaped general vicinity of house (~10 acres)
- Utilized chemicals with regards to land management

Hobbs Family Ranch, Yorktown, TX

May 2019-Present, Seasonal

- · Executed odd jobs such as painting, trench digging, and wood stacking
- · Utilized chemicals in relation to land management
- Operated standardized tractor
 Dement Family Ranch, Runge, TX

Feb. 2020-Present, Seasonal

- · Transported hay via operation of tractor, truck with trailer, skid-steer
- Utilized chemicals with regards to land management
- Performed tasks related to landscaping, brush control, and cattle vaccinations

EXTRACURRICULAR LEADERSHIP:

Aggie Awakening 119 Staff, St. Mary's Catholic Church College Sation TX Spring 2022 Semester

- Volunteer position in which I lead a group of retreatants ensuring they have a good experience in a timely manner
- TAMU Bodybuilding Club, Texas A&M University, College Station TX Spring 2022-Present
- · Officer- Photographer, club in which we study the sport of bodybuilding
- Aggie Speleological Society, Texas A&M University, College Station TX

 Spring 2022-Present

 Officer-Quartermaster, club in which we study the sport and science of caving
- Aggie Grotto, Chapter of the National Speleological Society, College Station TX Spring 2022-Present
- . Officer-Trip Leader, Quartermaster, club in which we teach the necessary skills for safe caving

ACOMPLISHMENTS:

Eagle Scout, Troop 245 Cuero, TX Sept. 2019
Class of 2020 Valedictorian, Nordheim High School, Nordheim, TX Jun. 2020



What ASS has done for me:

- Will to live
- Life long friends
- Passion for caving
- Career opportunities
- A general good time







What I want to do for ASS:

- Regularly scheduled vertical trainings
- Storage unit for quartermaster
- Increased time value of meetings
- Getting new members into leadership positions
- Best TAG Spring Break in ASS history
- Keep ASS silly yet safe







Why you should vote for me:

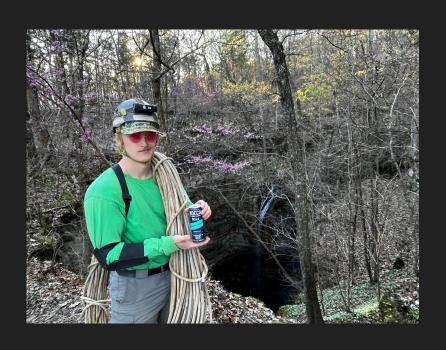
- -I am the only one running
- -l know how to balance general goofiness with responsibility
- -I have a Milf mobile
- -I have two semesters of trip leading and rigging experience
- -I want to help provide a friendly and inclusive environment within the club



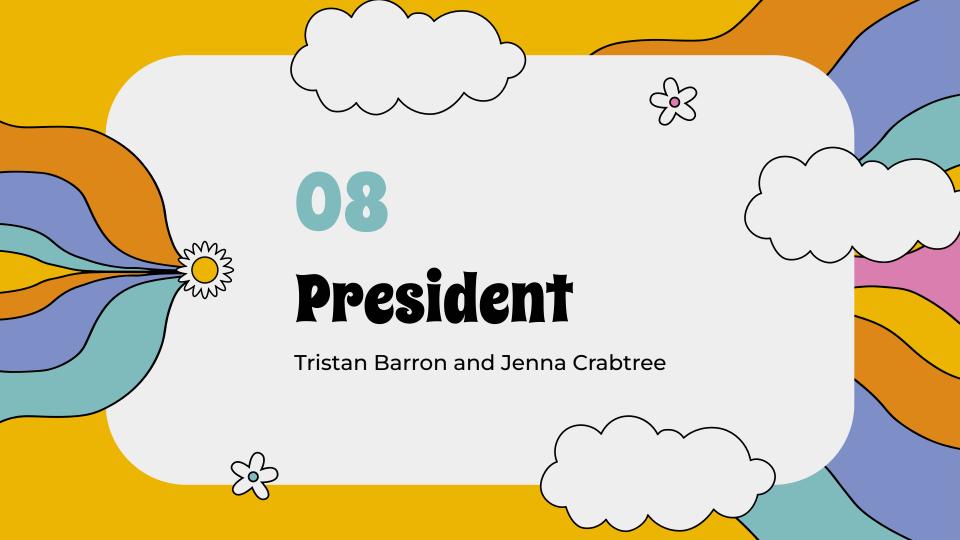




Questions:







Why should I be Πρόεδρος (Próedros)

Pre-packaged product containing Experience, Leadership, and Interpersonal relations





Experience

I have been recreationally caving since I was 11 years old, 10 years now, joining the Devils Canyon Wilderness Program (DCWP) Fall Caving in 2013, my 6th grade year. Continuing both caving and rock climbing in high school, I became the captain of DCWP in 2018, 2019, and 2020 — both my coaches and classmates entrusted me with ability and knowledge of caving for both vertical training and leading trips. I first time teaching vertical was in 2018, when I first became a captain, and I have slowly built my teaching skills since then. I first led a trip to Whirlpool in 2019 while my coaches waited outside, this later expanded into me leading caves I had previously done in TAG that same year, such as Neversink or Stephan's Gap.

In Spring of 2020, I worked for a non-profit organization called Explore Austin, in which I planned and led numerous cave, rock climbing, mountain biking, and camping trips for underprivileged middle school and highschool students. I became a student mentor for them, many of the current high schoolers (then freshman and middle schoolers) still reach out to me for advice

I have led numerous trips since high school

And arranged and led ASS trips since my position as Quartermaster my Sophomore year

I did my best to ensure we could take and introduce a large amount of cavers to the TAG area this past Spring Break

I also take extra care to ensure people have quality meals on trips I go on, as the only thing as good as a hot shower after cave is a filling meal

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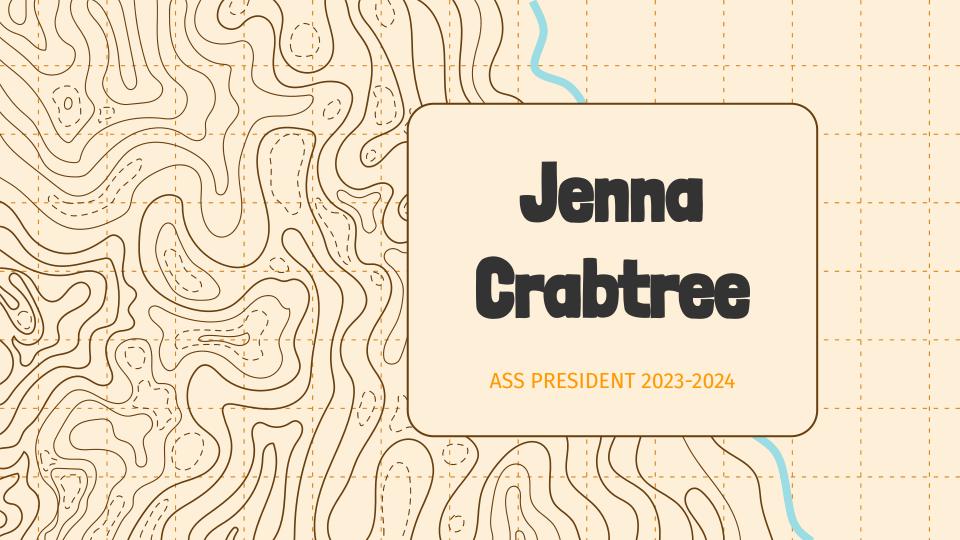
- 34 trips in Middle school & High school, 8 different caves
- An additional ~ 30 trips since joining ASS in Fall of 2020, at least 15 new caves
- Total of ~64 caves since 2013
- 1 cave in another country (ARKOUDOSPILIOS: Bear Cave)



Incorporate more camaraderie within the club

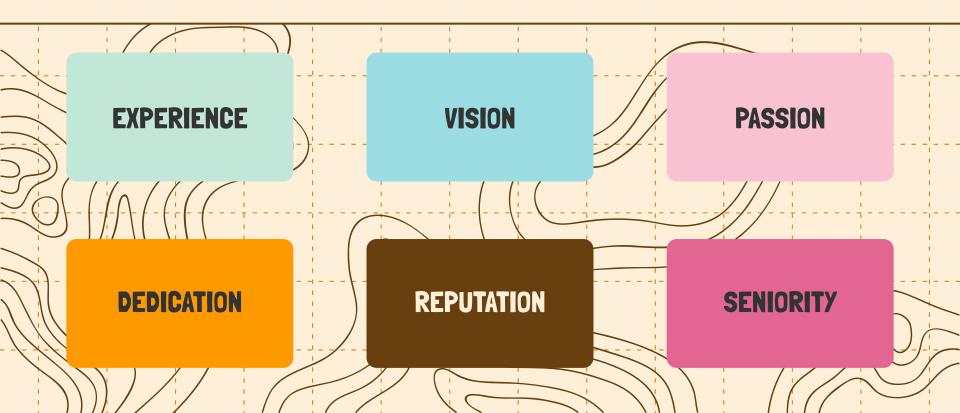
At the beginning of the year, the ASS officers established the vice-president position to be the main "public relationship" towards newer members of the club. While my memorization of your names took MORE than a while, I would like to continue being the "face" of both the club and the grotto for both new and recurring members

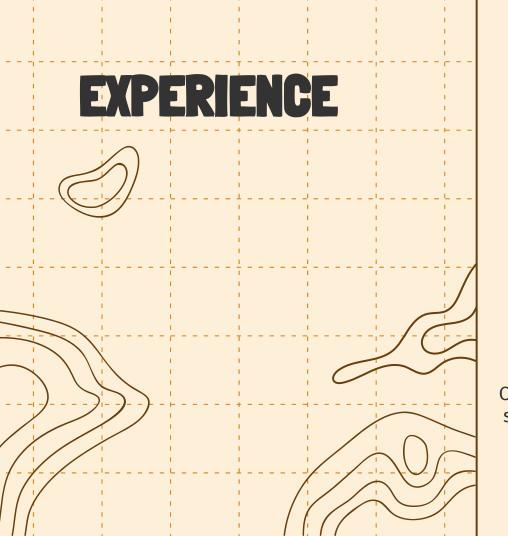
In addition, I would like to acknowledge Mason Ammon for his outstanding work of creating and continuing ASS volleyball almost every week. I hope I can foster an environment where even more people feel comfortable creating events during the week or while other members are on cave trips (therefore I can promote more NOCCO and get paid even more next year)



Full Ass or No Ass. I Don't Believe in Half-Assing.

WHY, JENNA FOR PRESIDENT?





CAVE TRIPS

64

OF CAVES

33

PROJECTS

CAVE guano sampling, CAVE reflagging, UCVC survey, Whirlpool Dig, Whirlpool Survey, BCI Pit Tagging, BCI Survey, NSS Volunteer for Website, Cheve Expedition Packing, TCMA Board of Director - Membership & Communication Committee, Honey Creek Cave Survey



United States Army Reserve

-managed up to 5,000 soldiers' spiritual fitness and mental readiness in the PACCOM
-managed over 800 soldiers for the 420th EN BDE
-moral and ethical advisor to the chain of command
-coordination, management, and provider of force protection for Chaplains

-works alongside a Chaplain to ensure the mental health and spiritual fitness of soldiers through chapel services, counseling, teaching classes such as ACE, and providing recreational opportunities for relaxation

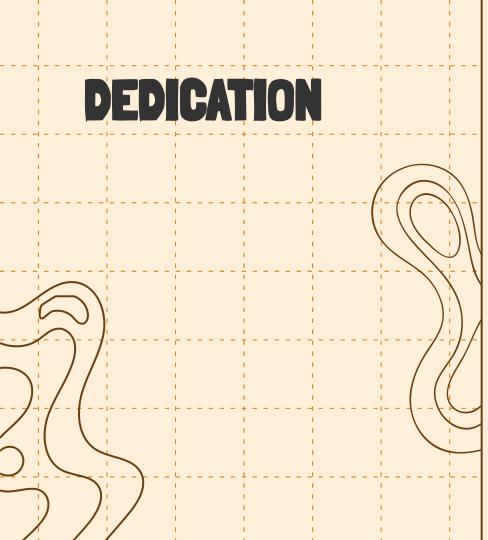
-Army Service Award Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, 2019 3rd place 608th Junior Enlisted Best Warrior Competition, 2019 graduated Basic Leadership Course

from Ft.Sill's Fire School of Excellence and youngest in class

24 Hour Help Desk

Nomination

-managing access cards and keys for 12 dorm halls totaling over 1,000 keys and 100 access cards -Living the Aggie values when interacting with students, parents, and prospective students in person and through telecommunication -revising and editing current training manuals in order to provide up to date information to new trainees -2022 Texas A&M Student Employee of the Year



Vertical Trainings Hosted

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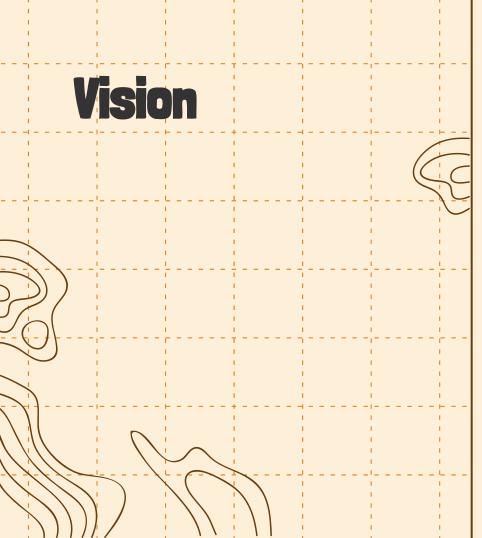
Hours Spent on ASS Since May 2022

977 Hours or 40.7 days

Overnight trips, researching, networking, attending events, attending meetings, vertical trainings, admin things, planning events, answering emails, social media posts

Accomplishments

Trip Leader, Vertical Trainer, Trip Planner, Scheduled Guest Speakers, Networking in the Larger Caving Community, Built Presentations for Grotto Meetings, Hosted Knot Night, Planned Social Events, Gained Access to Honey Creek Cave, Organized volunteer work with CAVE, led the first all Aggie Dig, revived the Instagram and Facebook, Planned 2022 NSS Convention, Planned New Mexico Trip 2023 and Secured Permits, created ASS Hype Video, created Fall 2022 Semester Slideshow, Fall Newsletter, Spring Newsletter, Planned ASS Blowout May 2022, Planned BCI Spring Break Trip 2023, planned Ben Hutchinson survey, led the first all Aggie Survey team, received invites for the grotto to participate in packing for the Cheve Expedition



Leadership Opportunities

Providing leadership opportunities for more members in diverse ways.

60% Recreational 40% Project

Offer more project caving opportunities while retaining recreational trips to our favorite places and more.

Sustainable Development

Putting processes in place to secure the club's growth and development for years to come and to ensure the Aggie Grotto remains the premier student grotto in Texas.

Reputation



Caring for each and every one of your sweet little ASSes.

Texas

Quickly established a network in various
Texas grottos by volunteering for
projects, Facebook communication, and
creating opportunities to learn. Bill
Stone referred to me as, "Bold".
Appointed to the Board of Directors for
TCMA and is their youngest serving
member and first ever current ASS
member to hold a position with TCMA.

New Mexico

Known within the Carlsbad region through recreational and research trips.

I Rather Die

Caved in Powell's cave with a very gnarly sprained ankle just to be able to hang out in the entrance chamber. Drove 6 hours round trip the day of formal to peach a silly little pit. Ditched my brother's birthday party to go to the Cheve packing party.

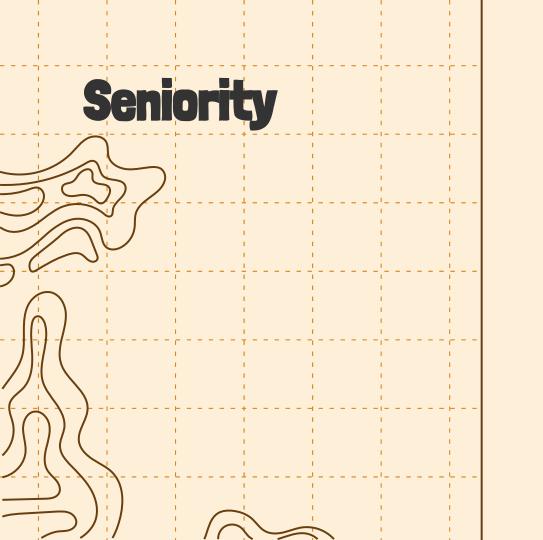
Than Never

I wake up to a map of the Big Room in Carlsbad Cavern on my ceiling. I have a 1930 Carlsbad tattoo. All I think about are caves. I have made 2/4 classes about Carlsbad this semester. I am living out of my car for June to save money so I can cave more.

Cave Again.

I will literally cave until I die. There is no being unable to cave because I will just off myself.

This world is nothing without Okie, Fern,
Dr.Pepper, Twilight, and Caves.



2nd Year in ASS

One of the more experienced cavers within the Aggie Grotto.

Officer Position

Held position of Secretary for a year.

Senior

Graduating in May 2024 Lord Willing. Grad School? Maybe. Internship/Job? Who Knows.

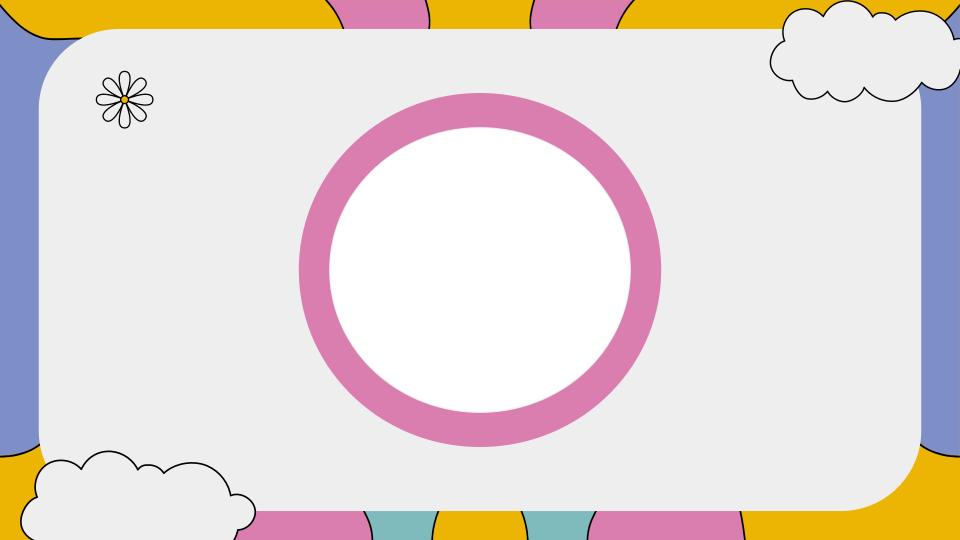
Crabtree

ASS PRESIDENT

2023-2024

Ask not what your Grotto can do for you, but what you can do for your Grotto





And Now For Your New Officers

President: Jenna Crabtree

Vice President: Jakob Denton

Secretary: Will Flack

Treasurer: Izzy Peterson

Quartermaster: Caleb Crubaugh

Safety Officer: Josie Shaw

Webmaster: Luke Anderson

Social Media Officer: Paige Hudson