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Dear Jennifer,

The 2010-2011 school year is off to a great start! We look forward to the many exciting events happening around campus and invite you to stay connected with Cameron.

If you haven't been on campus recently, we invite you to stop by and see all the changes. From the new McMahon Centennial Complex to the Bentley Gardens, campus is always bustling.

Enjoy this edition of Forever an Aggie! Please feel free to forward this email to your fellow alumni.

CU on Campus,
 Jennifer Bowen, MBA '09
 Director of Alumni Relations

CU graduates continue to carry low-debt load

Graduates of Cameron University for 2008-09 had the third-lowest debt load in the nation, according to the just-released U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges 2011" report. Of the 572 universities surveyed in the Regional Universities category, CU ranks third nationally and second in the West region. This continues Cameron's trend of having its graduates leave with low-debt totals, as CU has ranked in the top three nationally each of the past three years. Significantly, only 35% of CU's 2009 graduates completed their degree work with any debt, while 89% and 55% of graduates from the first and second-ranked schools,



Join the CUA

Joining the CUA is easy! Annual memberships are available for \$25. Two-year and three-year options are also available for \$45 and \$67 respectively. A lifetime option is also available for an affordable \$250.

To activate your membership you can pay [online](#) or call the alumni relations office at 580-581-2988.

All memberships have a common expiration date of September 30.



respectively, incurred debt upon graduation.

In tabulating debt load, the report includes loans taken out by students from colleges, private financial institutions and federal, state and local governments. Parents' loans are not included.

According to the report, the average financial aid package for full-time Cameron students is \$10,100 per academic year, more than that received by students of other regional universities in the state.

For more information on this story, [click here](#).

CUAA Seeks Nominations For Awards

The Cameron University Alumni Association (CUAA) is currently accepting nominations for the association's highest honors: the CUA Distinguished Alumni Award, the Outstanding Young Alumni Award and the Faculty Hall of Fame Award. Students, graduates and



friends of the university can submit nominations to the Office of Alumni Relations until November 5, 2010. The awards will be presented during Cameron's annual Homecoming Weekend festivities in February 2011. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to Cameron alumni who are age 41 or older as of the nomination deadline. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award is presented to Cameron alumni who are 40 or younger as of the nomination deadline. Alumni who attended but did not graduate from Cameron may be considered at the discretion of the Distinguished Alumni/Outstanding Young Alumni Awards Committee.

The awards will be presented to alumni who have made significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to Cameron in one or more of the following areas: by distinguishing themselves in their careers, in service to their community, or through continued support of Cameron University. Up to two awards within each category may be presented annually. Posthumous nominations will be considered.

The CUA Board presents the Faculty Hall of Fame Award, initiated in 1995, to honor current or retired professors for their teaching effectiveness, positive impact on students' lives and involvement at Cameron outside of the classroom and in the community. Nominees must have taught at Cameron for a minimum of five years. Up to two awards may be presented annually. Faculty and students from the Cameron State School of Agriculture (1908-1927), Cameron State Agricultural College (1927-1971), Cameron College (1971-1974) or Cameron University (1974-present) are eligible to be nominated.

Nomination forms and lists of previous recipients for any of the awards can be obtained from the Office of Alumni Relations, located in the Administration Building Room 145. Forms can also be requested over the phone by calling 580.581.2988 or downloaded by [clicking here](#).

Cameron University Recognized as Military Friendly School

Cameron University has been selected by G.I. Jobs magazine as a Military Friendly School for 2011. This honor places Cameron in the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students. Criteria for making the list include efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students and academic accreditations. More than 7,000 schools nationwide were polled.



Cameron's commitment to active duty military, veterans and dependents is multi-faceted. Below are some examples of ways CU provides support.

- Military and military dependents attend CU at the in-state rate.
- Cameron has had an office at Fort Sill providing admissions and enrollment services since 1989.
- Cameron has offered regularly scheduled courses on post since 1983 and over that period has provided more than 1300 courses at Fort Sill.
- Cameron is a member of Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC). Through SOC, service members and their family members can start, continue, or complete Cameron University degrees while attending other consortium member schools.
- Cameron has provided computers for computer labs in the Harry S Truman Education Center at Fort Sill. These computers are available for use to any student at the center regardless of their enrollment with Cameron. Cameron also maintains these computers, keeping them on a four-year replacement schedule to ensure that the computers are state-of-the-art and in good working condition.

For more information on this story, [click here](#).

Aggie Athletics Update

Men's Basketball

The 2010-11 men's basketball season begins Friday, Nov. 12, when the Aggies welcomes Texas A&M International to town. The first two contests of the season for Cameron will be a part of the Lone Star Conference/Heartland Conference Crossover Classic.



The Aggies will also have a chance to play prior to the Oklahoma City Thunder game against the New Orleans Hornets Monday, Nov. 29. The Aggies and Rhema Bible College Eagles will tip-off at 1 p.m.

Before the fall semester ends, Cameron will also get a chance to play six games inside the LSC beginning with Tarleton State Nov. 27.

Head coach Wade Alexander welcomes six new student-athletes; three

freshmen and three transfers.

Women's Basketball

Highlighting the Cameron women's basketball schedule this coming season will be an exhibition game at the University of Oklahoma. The Aggies travel to Norman Wednesday, Nov. 10 to play a team that has advanced to the Final Four two straight years.

The regular season starts with the Lone Star Conference/Heartland Conference Crossover Classic Nov. 12 and 13. The Aggies welcome Texas A&M International and Newman to Lawton. Cameron will also have chance to play a mile and a half above sea level in a pair of games at Adams State (Colo.)

Head coach Tom Webb will have seven returnees and six new student-athletes.

Volleyball

After starting the 2010 season 5-5 the Cameron volleyball team has lost 11-of-13, which includes having dropped seven straight. The Aggies close the regular season, which ends Nov. 6, with four straight home games.

Cameron has won several individual honors this season, junior Adrienne Lawson and freshman Megan Olivarez have been named Lone Star Conference Player of the Week, while both have also captured all-tournament team awards.

Olivarez leads Cameron's offense in kills and points, with Lawson topping the team in digs, while junior Amanda Filiaga anchors the defense. Also having a quality freshman year is Jenna Risoli, who leads the Aggies in assists.

Cross Country

The cross country team has had three top 10 finishes at Arkansas, which featured teams from NCAA Division I and II along with NAIA. During its first two races Cameron, junior All-American Julius Korir was out with an injury.

Since coming back from the injury, Korir finished the Arkansas Chile Pepper Race as the eighth fastest runner in D-II and closed the East Central Tiger Chase in second. At Arkansas, Korir also had his fastest time ever in the 10k at 30:58, which is the best time in the Lone Star Conference for the 2010 season.

For his outstanding run in the Chile Pepper, Korir was named LSC Runner of the Week and was nominated again after the ECU Tiger Chase.

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