

Texas A&M University-San Antonio
FAQ
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What will be the new name for Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio? Texas A&M University-San Antonio (or A&M-San Antonio)

When will the new name take effect? It took effect immediately after the governor's signature on SB 629 (Saturday, May 23, 2009)

What degrees will Texas A&M University-San Antonio offer? A&M-San Antonio will continue to offer the current Table of Programs. Additional degrees are under discussion for consideration with the A&M System and the San Antonio business community.

Will Texas A&M University-San Antonio be an accredited University? Yes. The University will be applying for separate accreditation but during the application process will continue to be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

When will the first official commencement for Texas A&M University-San Antonio take place? Fall 2009 will be the first official Texas A&M University-San Antonio commencement ceremony. Date and time: TBA.

What effect does the name change have on current students? Current students should not be affected in any way by the name change.

What is the new website address? Currently we will continue to use: www.tamuk.edu/sanantonio until a separate URL address is issued by EduCause.

Will alumni that graduated under TAMUK-SA be able to request new diplomas with the new name? This is under consideration but no decision has been made at this time.

Will transcripts for alumni read Texas A&M University-Kingsville or Texas A&M University-San Antonio? All transcripts for graduates whose degree(s) were conferred prior to Fall 2009 transcripts will read Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

If I am an Alumnus that graduated while the University was a System Center, would it be accurate if I stated I graduated from Texas A&M University-San Antonio? How would I identify my alma mater on a job application and/or

resume? When you document in writing your academic accomplishments, as in a resume, list first the university name as it appears on your graduation transcript and diploma. Next to that, in parenthesis, you may want to indicate the new name of the university:

Texas A&M University Kingsville-System Center San Antonio (known today as: Texas A&M University-San Antonio). Graduated on <date>. Academic major: <title>

It is perfectly acceptable and customary to identify yourself when you speak and introduce yourself verbally as a graduate of Texas A&M University-San Antonio. In addition, as one of the first 5,000 graduates of TAMUK-SA/A&M-San Antonio, your name and graduation date will be recorded on a brick at the new campus, recognizing you as a founding A&M-San Antonio graduate – even if it was during the transition period.

Will Texas A&M University-San Antonio remain at the temporary campus at 1450 Gillette Blvd.? If yes, how long? Yes. The temporary campus at 1450 Gillette Blvd. will continue to be utilized to keep up with the growth of the university.

When will the RFQ (Request for Qualification) for an architectural firm be posted and how can someone apply? The RFQ will be posted June 2009. You may go to the Electronic State Business Daily at www.esbd.cpa.state.tx.us to review the RFQ and application guidelines.

When will the new campus be ready? When construction begins, it is expected to take 18-24 months for the first building to be complete.

Will the new campus be a four-year institution? Eventually the Texas A&M University-San Antonio campus will be a four-year institution, admitting freshman and sophomores. It is expected to take 5-7 years.

Will the new campus have student housing/dorms? Yes. The Master Plan for the university does include plans for student housing/dorms.

Will the university have a sports program? Eventually A&M-San Antonio will develop a sports program. Division status will be determined at that time.

Will the university have a Corp Cadet program? Our intention is to develop and implement an ROTC program for our students as soon as possible.

When the university is complete how many students is it expected to serve? The Texas A&M University-San Antonio Master Plan was envisioned and planned to

accommodate 25,000 students. A&M-San Antonio is expected to be the second largest university in The Texas A&M University System in 20 years.

Will Texas A&M University-San Antonio be Aggies? No. A&M-San Antonio will not be Aggies and students will not use the Aggie reference, however, A&M-San Antonio does plan to add Agricultural Programs to our offerings. As a member of the Texas A&M System Family, A&M-San Antonio will create a university with the *SAME SPIRIT & NEW TRADITIONS*.

What are plans for new university identifying collateral? The university Public Relations & Marketing Department will begin working immediately on a new logo, Mascot selection, school colors, official Seal, graduation ring design, etc. – All new identifying imagery will be presented to The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents for approval. Upon approval all imagery will be unveiled and announced in a public manner.

What will the new university logo look like?

- 1) First, we will remove Kingsville System Center San Antonio from current logo and use temporary logo.
- 2) We will immediately begin work creating a new logo that best symbolizes the name, spirit, the A&M System culture, the San Antonio culture & environment, etc.
- 3) The University will consult with an imagery designer

What will the new university mascot be?

- 1) A Mascot Selection Committee will be formed to select a mascot/symbol of pride and spirit that best represents the school and community
- 2) It will include students, alumni and the San Antonio Community in the selection process
- 3) We will research local and regional mascots to avoid repetition
- 4) We will develop contest criteria for selection, focus groups, etc.
- 5) We will include local business with large presence to distribute and collect ballots
- 6) We will create a prize for the winner

What will the new school colors be?

- 1) A School Colors Selection Committee will be formed to select new school colors
- 2) It will include student, alumni and the San Antonio Community in the selection process
- 3) It will research all Texas A&M System School color schemes
- 4) It will research local and regional school color schemes

What will the new school seal look like?

- 1) A new School Seal Design will be created to include, history, core values, regional influences, etc.
- 2) The University will consult with an imagery designer.

What will the new graduation ring look like?

- 1) Upon creation of the above listed imagery, logo, mascot, colors and seal, a new school ring will be developed.
- 2) The university will work with a ring designer
- 3) The university will inform all past graduates that they will have the opportunity to have their ring re-designed for one year after the new design is unveiled

IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT MARILU A. REYNA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING AT (210) 932-6299 OR EMAIL AT MARILU.REYNA@TAMUK.EDU.

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