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The English Aggie



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What is a “Kolbitar?”

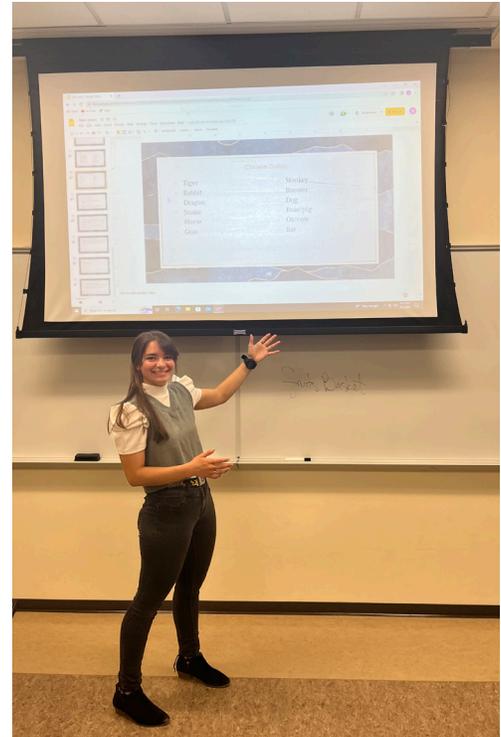
The original Kolbitar Society included well-known members such as C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien and existed for the purpose of studying Icelandic mythology. Tolkien coined the group’s name with the term “Kolbitar” or “Coalbiter” coming from the idea that the group would gather so close to the fire that the coals would bite them. This group later became the Inklings.

What is the Aggie Kolbitar Society?

The Aggie Kolbitar Society, abbreviated AKS, is a university organization dedicated to exploring topics within the liberal arts. It was founded in 2016 by Dr. Elizabeth Robinson. Currently, the AKS is led by president Gwynn Worthington and treasurer Sydney Kester.

What does a typical meeting look like?

Each week, one member will present on a topic of their choice within the semester’s theme. The meeting ends with group discussion, and there is always a lot of fun and laughter. Previous semesters have had themes including “myth,” “good-natured curiosity,” and more!



Pictured above: Sydney Kester presenting on New Year’s Traditions and the Zodiac during the last meeting of the fall semester.

Is the AKS open to new members?

Yes! AKS is open to new members, and dues for the spring semester are only \$10.

When/where does the AKS meet?

The Kolbitars meet on Thursday nights from 7-8 PM in LAAH 504.

DEDICATED TO EXPLORING THE LIBERAL ARTS



AGGIE KOLBITAR SOCIETY

✦ **Share Your Passions** ✦

✦ **Get Creative Feedback** ✦

✦ **Join a Community** ✦

Meetings Every Thursday

@7PM in LAAH 504

Open to All Majors





Congratulations,

Jaelyn Lynch is a December 2022 graduate with a degree in English and a minor in Africana Studies. She is grateful for the warm welcome she received from the English department during her New Student Conference, and she is sure she chose the right major. After graduation, Jaelyn plans to begin working in communications and media as well as finish her first novel!

Jaelyn Lynch!

**CONGRATULATIONS,
DECEMBER GRADS!**



Congratulations,

Irene Robles-Ramirez is a December 2022 graduate with a degree in English. Her favorite memory from her time at Texas A&M University is the day she ordered her Aggie ring. After graduation, Irene plans to start her own notary business and pursue copywriting.

Irene Robles-Ramirez!

Looking Forward

Upcoming Awards, Contests, and Deadlines

Dr. Stanley L. Archer Memorial Award

The Archer Award recognizes and rewards the best writing in response to an Early Modern, Renaissance, or Shakespeare class.

2022 submissions are being accepted from undergraduate students. Papers must have been written for an appropriate class (ENGL 314, 315, 317, 412, or 415) during the 2022 calendar year.

The award will be in the amount of \$500 if a paper of suitable quality is found.

Entries should follow MLA conventions with a separate title page including: the name of the submitter, UIN, email address, name of the instructor and course, and term composed. The student's name should be removed from all pages except the title page. Submissions should be sent as a Word document to engl-undergraduate-office@lists.tamu.edu by the deadline for consideration. Only one entry per student.

Submissions accepted **January 17, 2023 - February 7, 2023.**

Rhetoric and Discourse Studies Essay Contest

The Rhetoric and Discourse Studies Essay Contest annually recognizes and rewards outstanding undergraduate writing at Texas A&M University. The winner of this contest will receive a \$250 stipend and recognition at our annual awards banquet.

Submissions must relate to rhetoric, linguistics, or discourse studies, between 2500 and 5000 words, and written in response to an ENGL or LING course at Texas A&M during the 2022 calendar year.

Entries should follow MLA or APA conventions with a separate title page including: the name of the submitter, UIN, email address, name of the instructor and course, and term composed. The student's name should be removed from all pages except the title page. Submissions should be sent as a Word document to engl-undergraduate-office@lists.tamu.edu by the deadline for consideration. Only one entry per student.

Submissions accepted **January 31, 2023 - February 28, 2023.**

English Faculty Graduating Senior Award

The Graduating Senior Award recognizes an outstanding graduating English major for their accomplishments throughout the undergraduate career. The winner will receive a \$250 stipend and a recognition at our annual awards banquet. Interested students should fill out the Graduating Senior Award Application and email the required documents to engl-undergraduate-office@lists.tamu.edu by the deadline for consideration.

Students graduating in December 2022, May 2023, or August 2023 are eligible to apply. Applicants must have at least a 3.5 GPA overall and a 3.75 GPA in the English major.

The selection committee considers GPA, number of Honors courses taken, awards and scholarships earned, participation in cultural activities, and other activities in student life. Applicants are asked to submit a copy of their best paper written for a Texas A&M English class as a writing sample.

Submissions accepted **February 7, 2023 - March 7, 2023.**

GORDONE WRITING COMPETITION



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the following genres:

- fiction
- nonfiction
- poetry
- scripts

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share your work at a
public reading.

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determined by a panel
of Creative Writing
faculty and outside
judges.

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ENROLLED
UNDERGRADUATE AND
GRADUATE TEXAS A&M
STUDENTS ARE
ELIGIBLE**

**Open
now!**



Deadline to submit:

April 7th, 2023

We look forward to seeing
your entries!





Science Fiction & Fantasy Contest

Accepts all forms of speculative fiction from science fiction to fantasy and more!

Winners will have the chance to perform their pieces at a public reading and win cash prizes!

You must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student at Texas A&M to submit. The word count is limited to 3000 words.

Submission link:

<https://forms.gle/4XSUcPqyLjFFx-kaJ6>

Submission deadline: Feb. 13, 2023

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