IN & ABOUT CStat

1. Excellent web site re: Texas A:&M & Bryan / College Station information:

* [www.experiencebcs.com/about-us/](http://www.experiencebcs.com/about-us/)
* <http://www.12thman.com/facilities>

1. While my family is in town, where can we all **eat together** in a fun environment?

* Sodelak’s (Hwy on the way to Madisonville, off Hwy 6)
* Martin’ Place: BBQ (3403 South College)
* Hullabaloo Diner

1. **Where do I stay** during Football Games, Family Weekend, and other special weekends?

* Most hotels hold a two-night minimum with higher than normal rates for special weekends, games, graduations…. Book EARLY!
* Options: out of town…Hearne, Caldwell, Navasota, etc. Bread & Breakfasts… What do you do?
* Calvery Court
* Vineyard Court
* 7F Lodge

1. **Bread & Breakfast…**

* Abigaile’s Treehouse – usually don’t raise rates, same all the time but booked early
* The Minton Parker House – more rooms made available this past year
* The Clary House – beautiful and popular
* Fuego Tortilla Grill: Arguably the best place for a little late night meal (or any meal in general), this local joint is packed to the brim from the hours of midnight to 4am. Their creamy, white queso is a god-send, and I’m convinced you won’t find a better selection of breakfast tacos anywhere.

1. A **hotel** that is nice without the big name price?

* Vineyard Courts – Beautiful setting, quiet, and a great value. A few steps away from Gumbys Pizza, central location

(979)693-1220 <http://www.vineyardcourt.com>

1. **Awesome Aggie t-shirts, souvenirs, jackets**, etc?

* CC Creations, The Warehouse – 114 Holleman Dr. everything you ever wanted
* Aggieland Outfitters
* TAMU Bookstore

1. What are some tried & true **Automotive Repair Shops**?

* Brazos Valley Automotive (979) 680-1234
* Aggieland Automotive (979) 693-1000
* Jack Winslow’s Body Shop (979) 690-1487
* Sevcik’s Service Center (979) 696-0065

1. A good **Graduation venue** or **Private Venue** for party?

* Royalty Pecan Farms (10600 State Hwy 25 E., Caldwell, TX - Hwy 21 between College Station and Caldwell, one mile west of the Brazos River.)

Family owned and operated, features gift shop, event venue, orchard tours, wine tasting, dinners, concerts weddings, graduations, etc.

(800) 694-8362, (979) 272-3904

1. **Sweets, bakery**, etc.?

* Cake Junkie – If things are this expensive and busy for graduation, order NOW!

Found a place called Cake Junkie. Anna B. got a fabulous cake for her son’s graduation. The manager was nice and said they were about to book up for graduation – two months ahead of time. They have a multitude of designs, flavors, treats, frostings, etc. (979)268-2342

1. Parents/Grandparents came in town, where do we hang out? (not restaurant)

* George Bush Museum
* Alumni Center
* Parsons Mounted Calvary (Harvey Mitchell Parkway South)
* A&M Book Store
* Golf (public, and A&M)
* Adamson Lagoon: 1900 Anderson, College St. (979) 764-3735

Adamson Pool is a 50 meter, Olympic-size swimming pool built in 1976. It has a diving well, and a wading pool attached. In 1992, this facility was renovated with attractions and decorum to transform this municipal pool into a family-oriented water park called "Adamson Lagoon". The tropical atmosphere in this exciting mini water park provides a pleasant and safe environment for the whole family. Attractions include: a large serpentine water slide, a stump slide, tadpole slide, lily pad walk, and water basketball. Party packages are available.

* Aggieland War Games: indoor tactical laser tag facility in the heart of BCS.

4568 Gloria Allen Dr.

* Arts Council of the Brazos Valley – Open M-Th 9-6 Fri 9-5 Sat 10-2

2275 Darthmont St., College Station, TX 77840

1. FYI…Numerous times over, Kiplinger has ranked College Station as one of the nation’s best places to raise a family because of its low crime rates, affordable housing and top-ranked school system. Not to mention the Bryan-College Station area boasts the fifth lowest property tax rate in Texas among similar-sized communities.
2. FYI…The **Downtown Bryan** square essentially embodies of Main Street USA. In addition to housing some of the city’s best restaurants (Café Capri and Madden’s to name a few), Downtown Bryan hosts First Friday, a free event that shuts down the streets for after-hours art and culture-based fun every month. Looking for a unique weeknight activity? Don’t miss Village Café’s Wednesday night salsa lesson.