

## Excellence in Diversity Awards Competition

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Feminism for Aggies did not start out as an academic project but it was a result from what I felt lacked in a university like Texas A&M. As an architecture student, I do not usually have time for extracurricular activities outside the realm of architecture but as I continued my studies I felt as though there was not an active group that addressed diversity but more specifically intersectional feminism. Despite the conservative nature of the university, I decided to put forth in motion the formation of a university recognized organization in which students and faculty could come together to engage and discuss with each other important topics that affect not only my generation but everyone, regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status, sexuality, etc. After Feminism for Aggies' first year as an organization, I believe the group has been doing exceptionally well in creating a diverse and safe place for students to exchange ideas and interact on a bigger scale. Feminism for Aggies has covered topics that range from toxic masculinity to female reproductive issues as well as helped in the organization of events such as the International Women's Day conference that was co-hosted with several other organizations. The formation of this group has also allowed some of its members to be able to travel to conferences outside of the state where they learn more about feminism and how to disseminate that information. Ultimately, Feminism for Aggies was created to promote, develop, empower and provide a forum of diversity for people of any gender in all sectors of society on the Texas A&M campus and Bryan/College Station community.





