Texas A&M University-Commerce Athletic Director Ryan Ivey today announced a major addition to the Lion Athletic Department as A&M-Commerce will begin competing in softball beginning the 2014-15 athletic season.

“This is an historic moment for the Lion Athletic Department,” said Ivey. “The northeast Texas region is full of quality softball talent and we look forward to having the opportunity to provide for them a place to participate in intercollegiate athletics. Adding a softball program will be a tremendous benefit to the institution and Commerce community. What a great day to be a Lion.”

Ivey announced the nationwide search for the program’s first-ever head coach will begin immediately with the position to be filled by July. Softball student-athletes can begin enrolling at A&M-Commerce in the fall of 2013 and will be given a redshirt season as skill and conditioning exercises will commence during the 2013-14 season.

The Lion softball program will then begin competing in fall exhibitions in 2014, leading up to the inaugural season in the spring of 2015. A&M-Commerce softball will play its home games at the Cain Sports Complex, north of Lion Soccer Field and adjacent to the throws areas for track and field.

Currently, A&M-Commerce offers six women’s sports in addition to five men’s sports. With the addition of softball, the Lions will also become the final Lone Star Conference school to sponsor the sport.

“With the recent changes in leadership in our athletic department, we feel the timing is right to begin softball,” stated Dr. Dan Jones, President and CEO of A&M-Commerce. “Softball will bring a whole new dimension to our athletic program. Talented women athletes will now have one more great reason to make A&M-Commerce their university of choice.”

For more information on the newly formed Lion softball team and the 11 other A&M-Commerce Athletic programs, stay tuned to LionAthletics.com, as well as the A&M-Commerce official Facebook and Twitter accounts.
Mark your calendar! These dates have been set as the sessions for all new incoming undergraduate students starting in the Summer or Fall 2013 semester. Please note you **MUST** have made a reservation in order to attend orientation.

- **Thursday – Friday, May 30 & 31**
- **Friday – Saturday, June 14 & 15**
- **Thursday – Friday, June 27 & 28**
- **Thursday – Friday, July 11 & 12**
- **Friday – Saturday, July 19 & 20**
- **Thursday – Friday, August 1 & 2**
- **Wednesday – Thursday, August 14 & 15**

The registration fees for New Student Orientation are $100.00 for students and $25.00 per parent/guest. This fee will be charged to your student account along with tuition and fees, it is **NOT** paid up front when making a reservation. We encourage you to reserve your date early, as spots are on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Instructions to Register for a Spot at a New Student Orientation Session:**

Once you have been fully admitted to the University, log in to your [myLeo student account](#) and select the "Orientation" link.

**Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Requirement**

Important Information Regarding the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination: During the last Texas State Legislation session, **SB 1107** was passed and beginning with the spring 2012 semester, all new entering or readmit students under the age of 30 at a public or private institution of higher education must provide evidence of vaccination against bacterial meningitis or a signed waiver declining the vaccination. To learn how to upload your documentation and/or for more information, [click here](#).

We have chosen the services of Magnus Health to collect, review, and securely store all student documents pertaining to the meningitis vaccine. Magnus Health’s SMR (Student Medical Record) is a web-based solution that will allow us to manage the vast number of vaccination records that we have to collect to comply with the new state law. A $10 processing fee payable to: Magnus Health SMR (debit or credit card required).

Please visit your healthcare provider, your local health clinic or a local pharmacy to learn about options for receiving the vaccination.
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Let us know what you think. We would love to hear your feedback and suggestions!

Want more information? Let us know what you would like to see!

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