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An interview with Mr. William Corrigan, President & CEO of Goddard Investment Company. Corrigan is a 2001 graduate from Texas A&M and an inducted member of the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry.

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Could you please introduce yourself and tell us a little about your career?

My name is Bill Corrigan. I'm class of '01. I work for the Corrigan Goddard family office in Dallas, Texas, CEO of the family there and run a family business that's been around since 1931.

Could you tell us a little about your experiences at Texas A&M?

I love Texas A&M. I thought that it's... well it is the greatest university, I think, in the country. The camaraderie of the students is fantastic, and I loved my four years there, and the interaction between professors—that's how I know Dr. Rister, who I still keep in touch with—I think is unique and something that a lot of other universities don't have.

Can you describe your early career?

I got out of school, went to TCU, or out of A&M. Ag economics farm and ranch management major. I thought I was going to go specifically into agriculture, so I went to TCU's ranch management program to run the families ranching operations. That did not work out, and then got into finance, and then in into the family office, and now I manage a consortium of the family's holdings.

In your opinion, what does it take to achieve success?

I think to achieve success takes honesty to others and yourself, especially when you make mistakes, not to point fingers. You have to be diligent in your work, try hard, and I think success is not, not necessarily defined by someone's income or value they create, but what kind of person you are. A successful person is also a good father, a good husband, and has an all around good life, and not just a wealthy individual.

What advice do you have for students of Agricultural Economics?

Advice that I have for the students in ag economics is what you learn in the classes that I took, that you will take, you can use universally in any business, especially valuation economics on how to appraise an industry, even from your home budget to your own business, to buying a business. I think the financial side of that is so important. I loved my ag career. Even though I ended up not being directly in agricultural or solely in ag, I use the economics every day. It's a great value.

How were you able to manage time for family, work and other priorities throughout your career?

I think that's part of success... is the balance. A successful person, like I said earlier, is not somebody that just acquires a lot of wealth, but actually is a well-balanced person, and happiness is huge so in doing that I think you need to make that a priority up front, and sometimes it takes realizing that God, family come first, and if they come first then you might need to take a career or a path that requires you be at home more. I think that's important, I think it's what's wrong with a lot of Americans is that they don't put their family first. You need to, and I have always done that, and I consider myself very successful all the way around.

What are your thoughts on being selected to the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry?

I'm flattered. I'm honored to be associated with the registry. I think A&M has such a wonderful fraternity of individuals. They contribute not only while they're in school, but out, and that's what I'm proud of is—and to be associated with something that people give through their whole lives once you become an Aggie, you're always an Aggie, you die an Aggie, and I'm just honored, thank you.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This is the greatest university, and I hope that students, if they watch this, realize that once you graduate you always wear that ring, and it's important to give back to A&M your whole life and reach out to other

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Aggies. I've done that, and that's part of the reason why, why I am where I am, and I just hope that that tradition continues, and thank you. Gig 'em, Ags.

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