

BeachBox Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2022 by Harrison Yat and Chad Griffin

Harrison Yat, class of 2010, and Chad Griffin, class of 2009, are the founders of BeachBox, a vacation home rental company with more than 30 properties in the Galveston and Bay area. Both graduated from Texas A&M University—Harrison with a master’s degree in accounting and Chad with a bachelor’s degree in economics. The two met during their time in College Station and enjoyed many Aggie tailgates together.

Prior to starting BeachBox in 2017, Harrison was a management consultant with Alvarez & Marsal for 10 years, while Chad worked at Revenew International for 6 years. Both interested in real estate, they began discussing the idea of a vacation rental business one day over lunch.

Today, these Aggies’ have a thriving hospitality business that has inspired them to create the BeachBox Endowed Scholarship at



Texas A&M-Galveston. This scholarship will support students pursuing a degree in tourism and coastal community development or maritime business administration. They hope the scholarship encourages more students to enter the hospitality industry and develops talented, hardworking professionals that will help Galveston Island continue to grow.