

## CRITICALSTART Named to Aggie 100 List by the Texas A&M Mays Business School

List Recognizes the Fastest-Growing Aggie-Owned Businesses in 2018

Plano, TX – November 13, 2018 – CRITICALSTART, a leading provider of <u>cybersecurity</u> solutions, today announced that it has been selected by the Texas A&M Mays Business School's McFerrin Center for Entrepreneurship for the 14th Annual <u>Aggie 100</u> list. The honorees were announced on Friday, November 9th during a private, invitation-only awards ceremony at the Hall of Champions at Texas A&M University. Rob Davis '90, CEO, and Tera Davis '94, Managing Director, are both graduates of Texas A&M University and attended the ceremony to accept the award for CRITICALSTART.

The Aggie 100 program identifies, recognizes, and celebrates the 100 fastest-growing Aggie owned or operated businesses throughout the world. To be considered for the Aggie 100, companies (corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships) must meet specific criteria and operate in a manner consistent with the values and image of Texas A&M University.

"As an alum, being honored on the Aggie 100 list is especially rewarding and reflects a year of strong growth and achievement at **CRITICALSTART**, and I would like to thank our customers for their support and our employees for their commitment and effort," said Rob Davis. "The knowledge, skills and experience we acquired at Texas A&M laid the foundation for the success of **CRITICALSTART** since its inception in 2012. Tera and I are honored to be a part of the Aggie 100."

"The amazing companies on the Aggie 100 list demonstrate the strong technology, engineering and entrepreneurial programs and culture that Texas A&M fosters," added Tera Davis. "In fact, we regularly recruit and hire Texas A&M graduates based on their ability to immediately make an impact in helping to continue growing **CRITICALSTART**'s business."

**CRITICALSTART** offers a powerful combination of professional services, strategic product fulfillment, and Managed Detection and Response (MDR) services, making it well positioned to protect important data and customer brands. The company increased year-over-year (YoY) revenue 87 percent in the first seven months of 2018, and its MDR business has grown 300 percent YTD in 2018 when compared to all of 2017.

A complete Aggie 100 list can be viewed at <u>www.aggie100.com</u>.

## About CRITICALSTART

**CRITICALSTART** is the fastest-growing cybersecurity integrator in North America. Our mission is simple: protect our customers' brands and reduce their business risk. We do this for organizations of all sizes through our award-winning portfolio of end-to-end security services – from security-readiness assessments using our proven framework, the Defendable Network, to the delivery of managed security services, professional services, and product fulfillment. **CRITICALSTART** has achieved the Service Organization Control (SOC) 2 Type II compliance certification and was recently named a CRN<sup>®</sup> 2018 Triple Crown Winner. Visit <u>www.criticalstart.com</u> for more information.

## About the McFerrin Center for Entrepreneurship

The Texas A&M <u>McFerrin Center for Entrepreneurship</u> provides support, education, experiential learning opportunities to entrepreneurially-minded students, faculty and Texas businesses. Founded in 1999, The McFerrin Center is part of Mays Business School's Department of Management. The McFerrin Center enhances student education through campus speakers, competitions, a student business incubator, work experiences and financial support. Texas A&M faculty and students benefit from the center's educational programs, extensive business community network and entrepreneurial support services.

