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UNBRIDLED ACHIEVEMENT





## Happy Birthday, Dear Peruna!

The Dallas Hall lawn became a Mustang playground as the SMU Student Foundation hosted Perunapalooza April 15. Students enjoyed sliding, ziplining, racing around in human hamster balls and other activities during the annual birthday celebration for Peruna. SMU's favorite pony and his human counterpart were on hand for pictures. For the first time, Perunapalooza included a philanthropic mission: Attendees were asked to bring SMU gear, video games, makeup kits, toiletries, books, etc., to donate to Ronald McDonald House.





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## New Building Supports Education Leaders

Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Harold Clark Simmons Hall in February were (from left) Emma Yolanda Cepeda, a bilingual education master's candidate; Michael M. Boone, chair, SMU Board of Trustees; Annette Caldwell Simmons; SMU President R. Gerald Turner; David J. Chard, Leon Simmons Endowed Dean of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development; and Brad E. Cheves, vice president, SMU Development and External Affairs.



## Paving The Way

Alumna Carla L. Mendiola '10 finds her brick paver on the new Crain Family Centennial Promenade, a pedestrian-friendly walkway that links the Hughes-Trigg Student Center to the Residential Commons.



## Guildhall Ranked No. 2!

The SMU Guildhall has risen to the second spot among the world's top graduate game-design programs in *The Princeton Review's* 2016 report.

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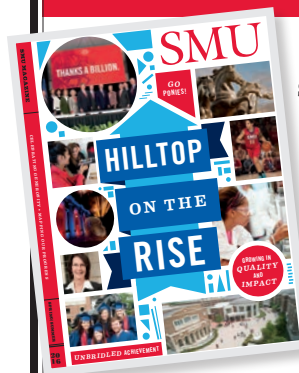


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## NEW LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TRAVIS MAYS BRINGS AN OUTSTANDING BASKETBALL PEDIGREE TO HIS NEW POST AS SMU'S HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH. MAYS ARRIVES ON THE HILLTOP AFTER 14 YEARS AS AN ASSISTANT COACH AT THREE UNIVERSITIES AND 11 YEARS AS A PROFESSIONAL PLAYER.

## ON THE COVER



SMU celebrated the success of its Second Century Campaign during Founders' Day on April 15 by announcing the final total achieved of \$1.15 billion. Images represent campaign fundraising priorities, including

scholarships, endowed faculty positions and buildings that support the campus experience. See article on page 4.



# SMU HOMECOMING 2016



## SAVE THE DATE

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# From 100, Charging Ahead



President R. Gerald Turner

When our campaign leaders raised the goal for SMU's Second Century Campaign to an ambitious \$1 billion, all of us agreed that we wanted not only to reach that goal, but we wanted to finish strongly. Today, we can happily say that we have done just that.

At our February Board of Trustees meeting, we reported the final – and indeed grand – total of our efforts: \$1.15 billion in gifts and pledges for student scholarships, endowed faculty positions, new academic programs and enhancements to campus life. This is the largest amount raised by any private university in Texas. SMU is now among only 34 private institutions in the nation that

*We look with optimism toward the open pages of our future, knowing that we can – and will – do more.*

have undertaken campaigns of \$1 billion or more. We express our deepest gratitude to 65,000 SMU donors around the world.

But this milestone is not so much an ending as it is a beginning – energizing our entry into our second century of achievement. As I've reminded our loyal campaign volunteers, this campaign was always intended to be a foundation enabling us to do even greater things – for the good of our students, our community and the impact we can make around the world.

What more must we do?

To make an SMU education accessible to diverse students of promise and achievement, we will continue to pursue additional scholarship funding.

To strengthen the undergraduate experience along with research and graduate studies, we must fund additional endowed faculty positions. We want more scholars who are devoted teachers as well as producers of new knowledge and creative achievement.

To remain strong in our core disciplines and have the flexibility to address emerging fields, we must be able to fund new academic programs. In finding

ways that disciplines can be combined for new intellectual pursuits, we must be interdisciplinary and entrepreneurial.

To provide our students with the best campus experience, we must offer innovative living and learning facilities, and we must support programs that help students learn beyond the classroom. Anyone who knows today's high-achieving students understands that they expect – and deserve – an educational “package” that includes not only outstanding professors teaching in small classes, but also opportunities for real-world research, study abroad, community service, internships and mentoring. The fullness of our educational experience is one of the assets that sets SMU apart from many other institutions, and it leverages the unique strengths of our dynamic region.

So, as SMU closes the book on the history of its first 100 years, we celebrate what our Second Century Campaign is providing. We also look with optimism toward the open pages of our future, knowing that we can – and will – do more.

R. GERALD TURNER  
President

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# A DAY *of* HONOR

## SMU CELEBRATES HISTORIC GENEROSITY

**F**ounders' Day 2016 marked another milestone in the history of SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign. In addition to the campus campaign finale celebrating \$1.15 billion raised in gifts and pledges, Founders' Day April 15 honored more than 65,000 donors to the campaign.

Among them are 10,000 individuals whose names are now literally etched into the history of SMU. They gave funds for pavers, at \$100 each, to create a new campus promenade. The pavers are engraved with the donors' names or the names of others they wish to honor – families, friends, favorite professors or administrators. Invited to share online their stories behind the pavers, donors recalled special memories ranging from “this is where I met my wife” to “these professors changed my life.” (See article on page 7.)

A 2012 gift from the Crain Foundation enabled construction of the Crain Family

Centennial Promenade, which in turn offered the opportunity for others to join in with honorific pavers. The promenade makes the campus more pedestrian-friendly, linking the Hughes-Trigg Student Center on the north with the new Residential Commons complex on the southern end of the campus. It is a convenient passageway to sites including the George W. Bush Presidential Center, Moody Coliseum, Collins Executive Education Center and Blanton Student Services Building. The Crain family represents three generations of SMU alumni. (See article on page 6.)

The Crain Promenade provides the setting for other historic markers on campus – a permanent plaque wall, over 6 feet in height, honoring the highest-level donors who have made campaign history with the size and scope of their giving. They include 183 donors of \$1 million and up and 601 supporters giving from \$100,000 to \$999,000.

“It takes donors at every level for a campaign to succeed,” says Brad E. Cheves, SMU vice president for development and external affairs. “We appreciate every gift and are pleased that our campaign finale could honor so many generous donors. These donors are paving the way into our second century of achievement.”

The Founders' Day campaign finale celebrated the official campaign results reported to the University's Board of Trustees at its February meeting. The \$1.15 billion total represents the largest campaign amount raised by any private institution in Texas.

The campaign is providing 689 new student scholarships; raising the previous number of 62 endowed faculty positions to a new total of 116; and supporting 68 new or significantly enhanced academic programs and initiatives, including endowments for two schools. Twenty-four capital





projects have been substantially funded, including new facilities for academic programs, student housing and athletics. Other gifts for campus enhancements support expanded career services and leadership programs.

SMU joins 34 private universities nationwide that have undertaken campaigns of \$1 billion or more. The institutions include Columbia University, the University of Notre Dame, and Emory and Vanderbilt universities.

## PROGRAMS IN EMERGING FIELDS

Among academic program enhancements, campaign resources enabled SMU to endow the Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering and SMU's newest and seventh degree-granting school, the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development.

Also endowed during the campaign was the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal

Center for Victims of Crime Against Women at the Dedman School of Law and other innovative legal clinics and centers. The new Darwin Deason Institute for Cyber Security in the Lyle School is an example of new interdisciplinary programs, joining expertise in engineering, political science and psychology.

Mirroring the importance of the arts in a thriving community, the Meadows Foundation provided the largest single gift to the campaign, \$45 million, the largest in SMU history. The gift benefits SMU's Meadows Museum and the Meadows School of the Arts, which offer collections and events that strengthen cultural programs of the region.

## ATTRACTING THE BEST STUDENTS AND FACULTY

New funding for student scholarships will enable SMU to attract greater numbers of high-quality students.

Those who remain in Dallas after graduation will strengthen the talent pool in the area, while those who leave for other cities will elevate recognition of SMU's success in producing outstanding professionals.

"What this campaign will do for the next generation of leaders, researchers, innovators, artists and entrepreneurs is impossible to measure at this time, but the impact will be unprecedented," says Gerald J. Ford '66, '69, trustee and convening co-chair of The Second Century Campaign.

New endowed scholarships created include support for undergraduates and graduate students in all seven schools of the University. New support also is being provided for SMU's top two merit scholarship programs – the Nancy Ann and Ray L. Hunt Leadership Scholars and the SMU President's Scholars.

Endowments for new faculty positions enable SMU to broaden the subjects taught and researched at the University. Faculty endowments provide support for research projects in addition to salaries, and enhanced research enables SMU scholars to make an impact on their varied disciplines and global issues.

## LIVING AND LEARNING FACILITIES

New campaign-funded facilities include buildings for the Simmons School of Education and Human Development, Perkins School of Theology and Lyle School of Engineering, as well as a new Mustang Band Hall, new tennis center, and renovation and expansion of Moody Coliseum for athletics and academic ceremonies. In progress are the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center and Fondren Library Center renovation, parts of which were dedicated on April 15, such as the Fondren Foundation Centennial Reading Room.

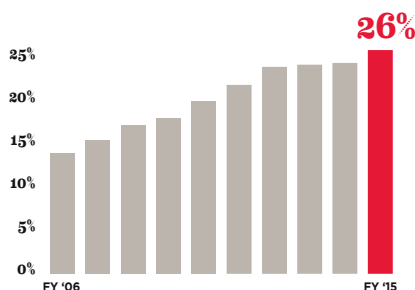
Upcoming construction projects include the Gerald J. Ford Research Center and the Robson-Lindley Aquatics Center. At SMU-in-Taos, new facilities include a campus center, new and renovated housing and a chapel.

One of the most visible campaign

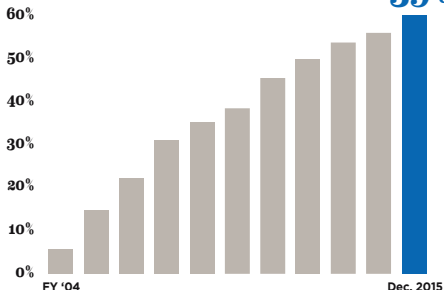
### ALUMNI GIVING

The Second Century Campaign set records for two key areas of alumni giving. The University exceeded its goal to receive gifts from 50 percent of alumni over the course of the campaign, achieving 59 percent. It also surpassed its goal to achieve 25 percent of undergraduate alumni giving in a single year, reaching 26 percent in 2014-15, doubling the percentage before the campaign. SMU has joined an elite group of universities in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings with a 25 percent alumni annual giving rate. Rankings organizations use alumni giving to measure graduates' satisfaction with their alma maters.

Yearly Alumni Giving

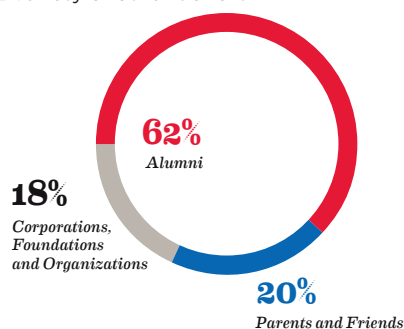


Campaign Alumni Giving



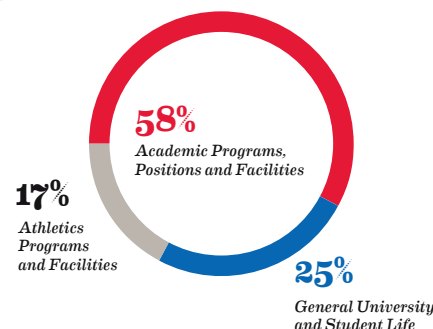
### DIVERSE SOURCES

The Second Century Campaign received strong support from alumni as well as a variety of other donors.



### UNIVERSITY-WIDE IMPACT

Campaign gifts provided critical support for each of the University's priorities.







projects is the addition of five new residence halls and a dining center as part of SMU's new Residential Commons system, including on-site classes and faculty in residence. Six other halls have been renovated as Commons.

The Second Century Campaign was launched in 2008 with a goal of \$750 million. Rapid progress toward that goal and opportunities for further advancements led SMU leaders to increase the goal to \$1 billion. The last four years of the campaign, 2011-2015, coincided with SMU's centennial era, marking the 100th anniversary of the University's founding in 1911 and opening in 1915.

## ACHIEVING LOCAL AND NATIONAL STATURE

The multiyear centennial commemoration has provided SMU with greater opportunities to recognize its special relationship with Dallas. In 1911, the city fought to become the location of the new university being planned by Methodist Church leaders, who then partnered with the city in establishing SMU in and for Dallas.

"Dallas and SMU have grown up together, and both are experiencing an era of great promise and momentum," says Michael M. Boone '63, '67, chair of SMU's Board of Trustees and a campaign co-chair. "I'm thrilled that this fundraising success helps ensure that SMU will continue to play a pivotal role in advancing the growth and entrepreneurial culture of Dallas."

The prominence of SMU now transcends regional recognition.

"All major metropolitan areas have at least one nationally competitive university that educates the area's workforce and leadership, serves as an intellectual and cultural hub and, through its research and innovation, contributes to the broader progress of society," says President R. Gerald Turner. "SMU is proud to be that university for Dallas, with an impact that is national and global."



Lawson M. Crain '11 and B.W. Crain IV '05 attended the dedication of the Crain Family Centennial Promenade on Founders' Day April 15. The cousins are grandsons of the late Ann Lacy Crain '41 and represent the third generation of SMU alumni from the Crain family.

## SMU DEDICATES CRAIN PROMENADE

SMU dedicated the Crain Family Centennial Promenade during Founders' Weekend April 15-16 and paid tribute to the long-standing support of the Crain family. A 2012 gift from the Crain Foundation enabled the family to continue advancing the beauty of the campus through the Promenade. The walkway makes the campus more pedestrian-friendly, linking the Hughes-Trigg Student Center on the north with the Residential Commons complex on the southern end of the campus.

"This is a joyful day for all of us," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Not only are we celebrating a job well done by our major donors and legions of others, but we invited our friends and families to stroll this beautiful new promenade and read the inscriptions. It's a perfect finale for The Second Century Campaign and a lasting tribute to our generous donors."

The Crain family's ties to SMU began with the late Ann Lacy Crain '41. She earned a B.A. degree in English and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma

sorority. She later became president of R. Lacy, Inc., an oil and gas production corporation founded by her father, Rogers Lacy, and based in her home community of Longview, Texas. She also was president of the Crain Foundation. Mrs. Crain served her alma mater as a member of the SMU Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1987 and as a member of the Dedman College Executive Board.

Ann Lacy married Bluford Walter "B.W." Crain, Jr. and they had three children: Lacy Crain, B. Walter Crain, III '72 and Rogers Lacy Crain. The Crain family comprises three generations of SMU alumni.

Crain Foundation support includes funding of the Ann Lacy Crain Fountain on the east plaza of the Blanton Student Services Building, as well as support of Meadows School of the Arts, Edwin L. Cox School of Business, the Hamon Arts Library Building Fund, the SMU Annual Fund and Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, among other areas.





# STORIES THAT PAVED THE WAY FOR NEW PROMENADE

As part of dedication festivities for the Crain Family Centennial Promenade, donors of engraved pavers were asked to share the stories behind the bricks. While there are thousands of stories, many reveal common themes of a passion for learning, a love of SMU and the bonds that were formed on the Hilltop. *SMU Magazine* shares a few stories that were posted online at [sites.smu.edu/apps/100pavers](http://sites.smu.edu/apps/100pavers).



For paver donor **Jack Benage** '11, '13, SMU is where he found the love of his life: "I donated this paver as a Valentine's Day gift to Meredith Levine '11, '14, commemorating the day that we met on campus years ago. As it turns out, months later I asked her to marry me just steps from where the pavers [were] placed. Our paver is now a lasting tangible reminder of SMU's role in bringing us together!"



**Kellie P. Johnson** '95 honored Professors Brad Carter, Dennis Simon and Joe Kobylka: "I graduated with my B.S. in poli sci in 1995. I took almost

every class taught by Drs. Simon, Carter and Kobylka. They were, by far, my favorite professors. I named my oldest son after Dr. Carter. I still email all three of them regularly and often stop by the

**"I bought my paver to honor three individuals who made a lasting impact on my life."**

**– Kellie P. Johnson '95**

Poli Sci Department when I'm on the Hilltop to just say 'hi' or chat as long as they'll have me. They are great men, great teachers and great friends. I bought my paver to honor three individuals who made a lasting impact on my life."



Many multigenerational SMU families are represented on the promenade. Among them are **Deva Fontenot** '88 and her son, **Dustin Fontenot** '13. She donated the brick as a lasting tribute to their Mustang pride: "I completed my education at SMU in 1988 with a degree in advertising. I always felt that this great University introduced me to talented people and had the ability to attract great professionals here to share their knowledge. When my oldest son applied to SMU, it was thrilling to see him accepted and create a legacy for our family. We have commemorated that with this paver displaying both of our names. It's an honor to be a part of this beautiful promenade for always."

## SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

**\$1.15 billion**

raised, the largest campaign amount by a private university in Texas history.

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**689**

new endowed scholarships were created to attract and retain top students.

**116**

is the new total of endowed faculty positions, with 54 added by the campaign.

**68**

academic programs and centers, including two schools, were generated through new funding.

**24**

capital projects were built or renovated to support academics and student life.

**65,000**

donors from every part of the nation and internationally made gifts.

**59%**

of SMU alumni made gifts over the course of the campaign.

**26%**

of undergraduate alumni made gifts in a single year, making SMU one of only 30 national universities to achieve such a rate of giving.

**183 gifts**

of \$1 million or more received.





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# FOUNDERS' DAY 2016:

SOMETHING FOR EVERY MUSTANG





**1.** President R. Gerald Turner (fourth from left) and his wife, Gail, celebrate with campaign leaders at the ribbon cutting for the dedication of the Crain Family Centennial Promenade and campaign major donor monument.

**2.-5.** Alumni and donors enjoyed finding their engraved bricks on the new Promenade.

**6.** Former first lady and librarian Laura Bush '68, an SMU trustee, spoke at the celebration of donors to the renovations of Fondren Library.

**7.** Duncan MacFarlane, the Bobby B. Lyle Centennial Chair in Engineering Entrepreneurship, and sophomore Diana Cates, a 2016 Tower Scholar, spoke at the campaign finale about how they have benefited from donor support.

**8.** A student sits patiently while her face is painted with her favorite running Mustang.

**9.** A budding artist concentrates on his work at the Meadows Museum Community Day.

**10.** The Mustang Band helps inaugurate the Promenade on Founders' Day.



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**H**undreds of SMU family members returned April 15 to participate in Founders' Day festivities, from marking the milestone of \$1.15 billion raised during The Second Century Campaign to dedicating the new Crain Family Centennial Promenade. Individuals and families enjoyed finding the engraved brick pavers that are among the 10,000 that were bought to help create the Promenade. Students celebrated Peruna's annual birthday at Perunapalooza held on the main quad. On Saturday, participants attended Inside SMU

sessions presented by faculty on topics ranging from the overuse of antibiotics to global economic challenges. SMU Athletics held its spring football game and the Meadows Museum opened its doors for Community Day. Duncan MacFarlane, the Bobby B. Lyle Centennial Chair in Engineering Entrepreneurship, and sophomore Diana Cates, a 2016 Tower Scholar, spoke at the campaign finale about how they have benefited from donor support. The following photos capture a fun-filled weekend.



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SMU football played its spring red-blue game in Ford Stadium, where the offense defeated the defense 45-35, on Saturday during Founders' Day weekend.



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**2.** Robert G. White, Jr. '74 and his wife, Brenda G. White '74, look at the list of major donors to The Second Century Campaign on a new campus marker on the Crain Family Centennial Promenade.

**3.** Campaign co-chair Caren Prothro stands next to the table that was given in honor of Cullum Clark, her son-in-law, by the Vin and Caren Prothro Foundation for the new Centennial Reading Room in Fondren Library.

**4.** Debra Tippet Gibbe '76 honored Donald F. Jackson '63, who taught finance at the Cox School of Business, with a chair in the Centennial Reading Room.

**5.** Perkins School of Theology Professor Robert Hunt spoke on "Achieving Solidarity: Religion and Society During Anxious Times" at Inside SMU during Founders' Day weekend.

**6.-7.** Kids of all ages enjoyed the Mustang Fan Fair at Ford Stadium, which featured an enormous bounce slide and an appearance by SMU's mascot, Peruna.

**8.** Students performed in Sing Song, an annual musical competition, which featured an updated take on traditional fairy tales.





# Celebrating Fondren Library's Transformation

## The renovations to SMU's Fondren

**Library**, unveiled on Founders' Day, enhance information technology resources for student and faculty researchers and feature the restoration of the historic grandeur of the Fondren Foundation Centennial Reading Room.

The Fondren Foundation, Hillcrest Foundation, Hoblitzelle Foundation and other donors were honored during a ribbon-cutting celebration on the library steps.

"The renovation of Fondren Library is a successful balancing act that respects the history of the building, yet opens its doors to emerging technology," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "The new spaces will offer inspiring settings for study and exhibits, with access to the digital technology that is essential for contemporary research."

The first phase of the renovations includes the Fondren Foundation Centennial Reading Room and the Hillcrest Foundation Exhibit Hall. The second phase of the renovations, opening in September 2016, will include the Caren H. Prothro Learning Commons, given by the Hoblitzelle Foundation in honor of Prothro for her exceptional services as a trustee for both SMU and the foundation. The Collaborative Commons and Starbucks Café and the Gillian M. McCombs Special Collections Reading Room also will open in the fall.

The 5,100-square-foot Fondren Foundation Centennial Reading Room has been restored as a signature study space. More than 50 donors provided the specially designed wooden study tables and chairs handcrafted by Thomas Moser. Each table is topped with an amber American Craftsman design lamp.

"The renovation plan responds to the demand for varied spaces for learning and research. Students often work in teams, using several work stations at a time," says Gillian M. McCombs, dean and director of Central University Libraries. "Students also requested more individual silent study space, which is why it was so important that the backbone of this project be



Taking part in the ribbon-cutting for Fondren Library renovations are (from left) Gillian M. McCombs, dean and director, SMU Central University Libraries; Celia Crank, great-granddaughter, and her mother, Sue Whitfield, granddaughter of W.W. and Ella Fondren; Michael M. Boone, chair, SMU Board of Trustees; SMU President R. Gerald Turner; SMU trustee Laura Bush; SMU trustee Caren H. Prothro, vice chair, SMU Libraries Executive Board and Hoblitzelle Foundation; William T. Solomon, chair, Hoblitzelle Foundation; William W. Caruth, III, chair, Hillcrest Foundation; Carlton Adams, student body president; and Brad E. Cheves, vice president for development and external affairs.



The Fondren Foundation Centennial Reading Room provides a quiet study space.

the return of the reading room to its original purpose as a quiet oasis for individual study."

The Hillcrest Foundation Exhibit Hall, adjacent to the Reading Room, showcases the treasures in SMU library special collections. "Books, Buildings and Benefactors," the first exhibit, includes rare books, manuscripts, photographs, prints and ephemera.

Other spaces featured in the second phase of the renovations will include the Mary Lynch Healey DeGolyer Library Director's Office, given by Maureen Healy Decherd '09 and Robert W. Decherd, and the Ann Warmack Brookshire '77 and

Bradley W. Brookshire '76 Family Classroom. It also includes the Friends of the SMU Libraries/ Colophon Classroom, the Meredith and Jim Holbrook Family Conference Room, the Jo Ann Geurin Pettus '69, '70 Technology Enhanced Group Projects Room and the Carolyn Lupton Fondren Library Director's Office, a gift of the T.C. Lupton, Jr. Family Foundation. Other

named offices include the Laurie L. Allen and Randolph F. Allen '84 Librarian Office, the Barbara D. Miercort and Clifford R. Miercort Librarian Office, the Jeanne Roach Johnson '54 Reference Librarian Suite, the Jennifer Burr Altabef '78, '81 and Peter A. Altabef Librarian Office, the Becky L. Schergens '62 Librarian Office, the Inge Foundation Librarian Office and the Anne Lund Stewart '68 and James W. Stewart, Jr. Librarian Office. Other donors include the Iota Alpha Chapter of Chi Omega Fraternity and the Vin and Caren Prothro Foundation.





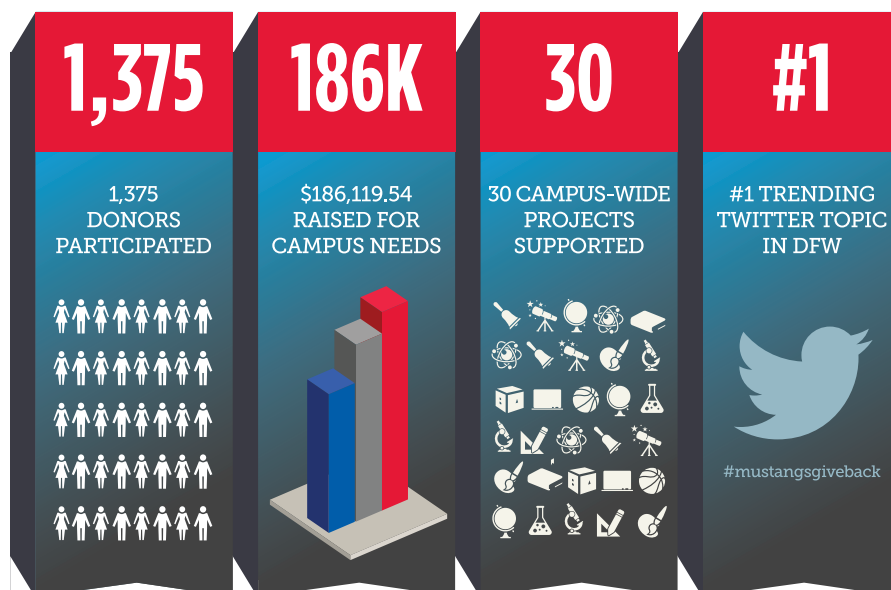
# One-day Challenge, Infinite Impact

**More than 1,300 donors** supported SMU during the Mustangs Give Back challenge March 24, providing funding for campus-wide projects and other important areas that have a big impact on today's students.

The one-day giving opportunity raised \$186,119 for a wide range of student-focused programs and initiatives, including engineering research, new courses in emerging fields, tutoring and scholarships.

A special Mustangs Give Back website provided profiles of 30 featured projects and their funding goals. There also was an option that allowed donors to select a different project, fund or area of the University to support. Those who couldn't make up their minds could take a fun quiz to pinpoint a cause.

All members of the University community were invited to join the challenge and share messages on social media about the projects they chose to support by using the hashtag #mustangsgiveback. Before the drive ended, the hashtag was the top trending topic on Twitter, delivering a



loud and clear message that Mustangs proudly support their University.

By the end of the challenge, each highlighted project had received contributions, and 21 projects had exceeded their goals.

"When Mustangs come together to

support students and faculty, there is no limit to their potential to change the world," says Marianne B. Piepenburg '81, SMU's assistant vice president for alumni and constituent giving and executive director of alumni relations.

## 2016 Horsepower Challenge

**More than 10,317 Mustangs have given to the Horsepower Challenge!**  
**Will you join them?**

Alumni gifts drive campus-wide improvements, fund scholarships, support faculty and shape the next generation of world-changing Mustangs. Your support is vital to SMU.

**Make a gift before May 31 to join the Horsepower Challenge.**

[smu.edu/horsepowerchallenge](http://smu.edu/horsepowerchallenge)

World Changers Shaped Here



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# A New Hub For Innovation In Education

**A second building for the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development** will serve a new generation of teachers and leaders in developing and using evidence-based strategies in education. The three-story Harold Clark Simmons Hall was dedicated February 25.

Annette Caldwell Simmons and her husband, the late Harold C. Simmons, gave \$25 million in February 2013 to fund the new structure and three new endowed academic positions. Mrs. Simmons wished to recognize her husband and his lifelong commitment to education by naming Harold Clark Simmons Hall in his honor.

In 2007 a historic \$20 million gift by Mr. and Mrs. Simmons established endowments for the school and provided funding for its first new building, Annette Caldwell Simmons Hall. The gift created an endowed graduate fellowship fund and an endowed deanship and faculty recruitment fund, both of which honored Mr. Simmons' parents, who were educators in Golden, Texas.

"The Simmons partnership, and this new building, expand the critical national and international role the Simmons



The new 40,000-square-foot Harold Clark Simmons Hall houses The Budd Center: Involving Communities in Education, the Teacher Development Studio and the Department of Teaching and Learning, as well as eight classrooms and six conference rooms.

School plays in research, development of innovative programs and leadership in the field of education," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Work performed here ranges from strengthening the academic skills of the youngest preschooler in West Dallas to conducting research on new uses of technology in education."

The 40,000-square-foot building serves as the home of these innovative programs:

- **The Budd Center: Involving Communities in Education** focuses on a holistic approach to fighting poverty by transforming education. Endowed in 2014 by Russell and Dorothy Budd '06, the center leads The School Zone, a West Dallas partnership of 32 social service agencies and 16 public, private and charter schools. The Budd Center equips school districts and nonprofits to work together to meet the extraordinary needs of children living in poverty.
- **The Teacher Development Studio** consists of three laboratories equipped with technology to train students to become effective teachers. The Teaching Performance Lab simulates pre-K-12 classroom environments through video game technology and computer avatars standing in for students. The Assessment Lab enables SMU students to use software to create assessments and evaluations. Assessment outcomes

are relayed to the Instructional Design Lab, where students learn to develop the resources to connect with their students. With technology like 3-D printers, 70-inch touch screens and large format printers, students learn to develop unit and lesson plans and technology applications to support learning.

- **The Department of Teaching and Learning** prepares educators to be scholars and leaders through undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and graduate levels. Programs offer students a comprehensive curriculum of theory, research, cross-disciplinary studies and practical experience.

Harold Clark Simmons Hall houses eight classrooms, including the McCarthy Classroom, given by Connie McCarthy Sigel '85 and Marc Sigel. Its six conference rooms include the McLamore Conference Room, a gift of the McLamore Family Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons' combined commitment to the Simmons School makes their gifts among the largest to SMU's Second Century Campaign, also making them among the most generous donors in SMU's more than 100-year history. In 2012 Mr. and Mrs. Simmons received the Mustang Award in recognition of their extraordinary philanthropic support of SMU.



The new Teacher Development Studio is equipped with technology adapted from the video game industry that allows SMU students to simulate pre-K-12 classroom environments.



# Lyle Chair Advances Entrepreneurship

**Duncan MacFarlane, a pioneering photonics engineer who transforms ideas into business opportunities**, is the first appointee to SMU's Bobby B. Lyle Centennial Chair in Engineering Entrepreneurship. He is a 1998 Cox M.B.A. graduate.

The new position in the Lyle School of Engineering was made possible by a financial commitment from SMU trustee and longtime benefactor Bobby B. Lyle '67, for whom the school is named.

"SMU is gaining well-deserved recognition as a place where good ideas are nurtured to become good businesses," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Entrepreneurship education has been important for many years at SMU, and Bobby Lyle has been its champion through both the Cox School of Business and the Lyle School of Engineering."

MacFarlane plans to collaborate with existing programs in other SMU schools.

"Just last summer, *Forbes* magazine named SMU as one of the most entrepreneurial research universities in the country, and Dr. MacFarlane intends to work with faculty and students across the University to capitalize on that momentum," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Steven C. Currall. "You can expect me to be an enthusiastic supporter of the cross-campus initiatives Dr. MacFarlane is planning."

The formation of new enterprises and ventures, particularly those that leverage technology, can be a powerful force for world change, MacFarlane said.

"Making it easier for students, faculty and staff across campus to transition their ideas into high-tech companies is the motivation behind engineering entrepreneurship at Lyle," he said. "I want to help people across our entire campus understand and use technology to turn their ideas into products."

MacFarlane said he sees great potential for collaboration with The Caruth Institute for Entrepreneurship in the Cox School of Business, one of the first university-based entrepreneurship centers in the country when it was founded in 1970. Entrepreneurship is taught at Cox through

*Duncan MacFarlane's "combination of engineering prowess and hands-on business experience will help connect programs and people from all of the schools on our campus, and, more broadly, throughout the Dallas community." – Bobby B. Lyle*



SMU trustee and donor Bobby B. Lyle (left) joined the University community in welcoming Duncan MacFarlane (right) to SMU February 2. He holds the Bobby B. Lyle Centennial Chair in Engineering Entrepreneurship.

17 graduate courses, five undergraduate courses and a variety of special programs and business plan competitions. The Cox School's Caruth Institute is led by Jerry F. White, the Linda A. and

Kenneth R. Morris Endowed Director.

The Dedman School of Law's Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation, as well as Dedman's patent law, trademark and small business clinics, also provide opportunities for collaboration, MacFarlane said.

MacFarlane's appointment brings to three the number of entrepreneurial positions Lyle has endowed in the engineering school. Others are the Bobby B. Lyle Endowed Professorship of Leadership and Global Entrepreneurship, endowed in 2009, and the Bobby B. Lyle Endowed Professorship of Engineering Innovation, endowed in 2010 and held by Lyle Dean Marc Christensen.

In addition in 2006, Lyle funded an Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurial Studies in the Cox School of Business, held by Gordon Walker. That same year, he established the C. Jackson Grayson Endowed MBA Scholarship in Entrepreneurial Studies in honor of a former dean of the Cox School of Business.

"When Dr. MacFarlane joined the faculty, he immediately demonstrated

his enthusiasm for helping students and faculty members take their innovative ideas to the next level," Lyle said. "His experience, curiosity and creativity have prepared him to recognize opportunities during the innovation process that others might overlook, whether an idea is a simple one-person project or a sophisticated telecommunications start-up."



The announcement of Duncan MacFarlane's appointment was followed by a panel discussion hosted by SMU Provost Steven C. Currall (left). Representatives from the University's seven schools shared interdisciplinary strategies for advancing entrepreneurship.



# Honoring A Dedicated Professor And Legal Scholar

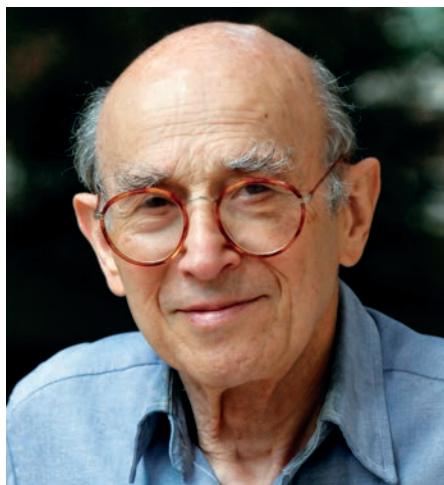
**Anne R. Bromberg of Dallas** has committed \$2 million to SMU for the creation of the Alan R. Bromberg Centennial Chair in Corporate, Partnership and Securities Law in honor of her late husband, a renowned professor in the Dedman School of Law.

The new chair will strengthen research and coursework in corporate, partnership and securities law, honoring Bromberg's prolific scholarship, mentoring and leadership.

The gift will provide \$1.5 million in endowment funds to guarantee permanent support for the faculty position, as well as \$500,000 in immediate operating funds.

"This is a gift from the heart, and it will provide great benefits for the students that Alan Bromberg was devoted to serving," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Alan will remain a perpetual presence in Dedman Law through the chair that carries his name."

Anne Bromberg is the Cecil and Ida Green Curator for Ancient Art at the Dallas Museum of Art, where she has worked for more than 40 years. She was inspired to honor her late husband through an endowed chair after learning of a similar gift in May 2015 by SMU law alumna and professor *emerita* Ellen K.



Alan R. Bromberg

Solender '71, who endowed a faculty chair in Women and the Law shortly before her death in August 2015.

"This gift is the most suitable way of remembering Alan since he was so devoted to the Law School and his students," says Anne Bromberg. "Alan loved being a professor and encouraging his students to think harder and better. Having a professorship in his name is the ideal way to honor his life, which was dedicated to enriching the legal profession."

"Alan Bromberg gave us almost 60 years of faculty camaraderie and dedicated teaching, and he made significant contributions to scholarship in the law of business enterprises," says Jennifer Collins, Dedman Law's Judge James Noel Dean and professor of law.

Alan Bromberg's legal writings on corporate tax, partnership, securities and commodities have been used in more than 500 judicial opinions, including 10 in the U.S. Supreme Court. His work and expertise also have appeared in thousands of articles, including many in the *Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*. He also helped write substantial portions for the Texas statutes on corporations, partnerships, securities and fraud crimes. He was a senior fellow of the Yale University law faculty and a visiting professor at Stanford Law School, among numerous other accomplishments.

Alan Bromberg earned his undergraduate degree from Harvard University in 1949 and a J.D. from Yale University in 1952. After working several years at the law firm Carrington, Gowan, Johnson, Bromberg and Leeds, he joined the faculty of SMU in 1957. In 1983 he began service as a distinguished professor of law until his death March 27, 2014, at age 85.

## Family Celebrates Parents With Planned Gift

**When the children of retired SMU faculty member Henry L. "Buddy" Gray** and his wife, Rebecca, surprised their parents with a \$1.5 million planned gift in their honor, they celebrated a lifelong passion for family, teaching and research.

The gift was made by the Grays' son, M. Scott Gray '90, and his partner, Duane Minix, on behalf of the Grays' children. It will establish the Henry L. and Rebecca A. Gray Endowed Chair in Statistical Science in SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.

"SMU has been my life," Buddy Gray said at a ceremony in Heroy Hall on January 15.

Scott said his father frequently exclaimed: "Can you believe we get paid to do this!" He added that Rebecca "Becky" Gray was an equal partner, who "gave as much to this institution as Dad."

Scott, who served as SMU student body president, holds fond memories of the University. "When I think of every organization that's had an impact on my life, SMU is at the top of the list," he said.

At the ceremony, son Robert Gray '87

read from a letter written by his father to his family 10 years before, expressing gratitude for the support of his wife, Becky, and their children while he pursued his professional passion as a mathematical sciences researcher.

Buddy Gray worked at SMU from 1973 to 2004 in the Department of Statistical Science with a joint appointment in the Department of Mathematics as the C.F. Frensky Professor of Mathematical Science. During that time he also served in several administrative roles, including as dean of Dedman College from 1989-91.





# Gifts Support National Arts Research



**The National Center for Arts Research** (NCAR) at SMU met a \$500,000 challenge grant from Dallas philanthropist and civic leader Donna Wilhelm, raising a total of \$1 million in 2015 for its research, programs and services.

Wilhelm's matching funds endow a new Wilhelm Research Fellow for NCAR, with Richard Briesch, a professor of marketing in the SMU Cox School of Business, as the inaugural Fellow.

The center, which was established in 2012 by the Meadows School of the Arts and Cox School of Business at SMU, analyzes the largest database of arts research ever assembled, investigates important issues in arts management and patronage and makes its findings available to arts leaders, funders, policy-makers, researchers and the general public.

"Rick has been working with NCAR since we launched in 2012," said Zannie Voss, director of NCAR. "He is one of the most well-respected econometricians in the country and specializes in consumer behavior."

Numerous individual donors and foundations contributed generously to help NCAR meet the challenge grant. They include Jennifer and Peter Altabef, Belle and Don Berg, Diane and Hal Brierley, Melissa and Trevor Fetter, Ann and Trey Fielder, Carol and Don Glendenning/Locke Lord LLP, Ann and Lee Hobson, T.J. Brown & C.A. Lupton Foundation/Kit Moncrief, Communities Foundation of Texas, M.R. and Evelyn Hudson Foundation, Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation, The Sarah and Ross Perot, Jr. Foundation, Vin and Caren Prothro Foundation/Perkins-Prothro Foundation, and the Tolleson Family Foundation.

"In a few short years, NCAR has placed Meadows at the epicenter of research-based insight into the arts ecosystem with the underlying purpose of helping arts leaders make better decisions," says Samuel Holland, dean of the Meadows School.

A former student of Buddy Gray, Wayne Woodward, chair of SMU's Department of Statistical Science, said, "As a mentor and role model, I couldn't have found a better one."

"Commitments accomplished through estate and gift planning are vital to our fundraising success," said Brad E. Cheves, vice president for development and external affairs. "These planned gifts allow our supporters to plan for their own financial security in a tax-effective way, while also providing for their families and the institutions they love."



Becky and Buddy Gray receive a congratulatory certificate from SMU Vice President for Development and External Affairs Brad E. Cheves (second from right) as Dedman College Dean Thomas DiPiero (right) and the Grays' family, friends and colleagues join them in celebrating the new endowed chair named in their honor.





# Welcoming A New Home For Club Sports

**With the dedication** of the new Crum Lacrosse and Sports Field February 24, a wide range of SMU club sports teams has a new field to call home.

The field was made possible by a gift from Gary T. Crum '69 and Sylvie P. Crum, whose support reflects their family's longtime love of lacrosse. The couple's three children – Ashley, Christopher and Clayton – each played lacrosse in their youth, with Christopher playing on the SMU club team while an undergraduate. Sylvie Crum is a current board member of the US Lacrosse Foundation.

"The new multipurpose sports field will help promote and support a healthy lifestyle for our students who are involved in club sports," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

Men's and women's lacrosse will have priority use of the field. SMU's soccer, baseball and rugby teams also will have opportunities to use the field.

Among the new facility's features:

- A synthetic turf field with 6,945 square feet of space
- A field house designed in Collegiate Georgian that includes locker rooms, a concession area and covered bleachers
- Six tennis courts
- Additional parking for Park Cities Plaza

Gary Crum received his B.B.A. from SMU in 1969 and was an active member of

*"The new multipurpose sports field will help promote and support a healthy lifestyle for our students who are involved in club sports."*  
– President R. Gerald Turner



A 6,945-square-foot synthetic turf field is ideal for lacrosse. SMU's soccer, baseball and rugby teams also will have opportunities to use the field.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He went on to earn his M.B.A. from The University of Texas at Austin in 1972, where he later served as the chairman of the McCombs School of Business Advisory Council. Before his retirement from private industry, Crum was co-founder of

AIM Management Group and served as director of AMVESCAP PLC.

Sylvie Crum is active in numerous civic activities in their home community of Houston. Graduating from The University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in French, she formerly served as the Regent's representative on the UT Intercollegiate Athletics Council for Women and is a member and former chair of the Longhorn Foundation Advisory Council.

Gary and Sylvie Crum serve as the chief executive officers of the CFP Foundation, a Houston-based charitable organization focused primarily on educational issues related to Texas.

Continuing the legacy of their father, Ashley '03 and Christopher '05 earned B.B.A. degrees at SMU. Clayton earned her B.B.A. from The University of Texas at Austin, and Christopher earned an M.B.A. from Stanford University.



The Crum Lacrosse and Sports Field is the new home to men's (left) and women's lacrosse teams. It providing a state-of-the-art venue for other club sports as well.





# Making A Splash On The East Campus

## Building on a legacy of proud Olympians,

world records and 155 national titles, SMU broke ground on the Robson-Lindley Aquatics Center and Barr-McMillion Natatorium February 26.

The 42,000-square-foot center will be home to SMU's internationally recognized men's and women's swimming and diving teams. Located at 5550 SMU Blvd. on the University's growing east campus, the center will provide facilities for practice, competition and community use.

"SMU swimmers and divers have a legendary record of success, both in the pool and in the classroom," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "The facilities at the aquatics center will help student-athletes continue the Mustang swimming legacy and enable fans to enjoy the highest levels of competition at a premier venue."

The Robson-Lindley Aquatics Center will house the Barr-McMillion Natatorium, an Olympic-sized, eight-lane indoor pool with a platform diving well, including four springboards and a 10-meter tower for training and competition. Coaches' offices, locker rooms and a classroom and meeting area will be located adjacent to the pool. Spectator seating for 800 will be on the mezzanine level.

The center also will be available for community use and swimming lessons.

Lead donors to the aquatics center



George "Coach Mac" McMillion, then and now, at the groundbreaking for the Robson-Lindley Aquatics Center and Barr-McMillion Natatorium. The new natatorium has been named for him and another legendary Mustang coach, the late A. R. "Red" Barr.

include Shelli and Steve Lindley '74 and the Willard M. and Ruth Mayer Johnson Charitable Foundation, the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, Emily and Bruce Robson '74, Hannah and Joe Robson '76, and Susan Cooper Wilson '67 and Robert A. Wilson '67.

Major donors include Michele Stackhouse Berube '97 and Ryan T. Berube '97; Frank M. Dunlevy '71 and Susan Dunlevy; Maureen G. Frieze '84 and J. Ed Frieze '81; John M. Haley '64 and Margie Jackson Haley '67, '68; Cindy L. Hawkins and Pat C. Hawkins '70, '71, '72; Anna Marie Krizman Hurwitz and Joseph M. Hurwitz '75; Dane K. Johnson, D.O., FACOS '75; Mr. and Mrs. T. Gregory Kraus '80; Greg M. Swalwell '79 and

Terry G. Connor; John T. Unger '73, '74 and Kathy J. Welch '74; and Terry Warner '74.

"These generous donors are ensuring a strong future for SMU swimming and diving," says Brad Cheves, SMU vice president for development and external affairs. "We are grateful for their support and commitment to future student-athletes."

A permanent exhibit in the aquatics center will honor former swimmers, divers and coaches who have built the strong reputation of SMU's program. Much of the programs' storied success can be traced to the two legendary coaches for whom the new natatorium is named: A.R. "Red" Barr and George "Coach Mac" McMillion '55. As head coach at SMU from 1946-71, Coach Barr led the Mustangs to 17 Southwest Conference championships. As a student, McMillion was captain of the 1954 SMU team, winning seven Southwest Conference individual championships. He returned to SMU to become assistant coach for 14 years, then succeeded Coach Barr in 1971. McMillion led the Mustangs to eight consecutive conference championships and a top 15 ranking each year he coached.

Fundraising for the aquatics center continues. To make a gift, contact Kurt Pottkotter, [kpottkotter@smu.edu](mailto:kpottkotter@smu.edu) or 214-768-3639.



The 42,000-square-foot Robson-Lindley Aquatics Center will serve SMU's internationally recognized men's and women's swimming and diving teams.





# Center Focuses On Texas-Mexico Relations

**SMU will enhance** the important relationship between Texas and its cross-border neighbor by establishing the Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center. The center will be part of the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences and will work in collaboration with the Cox School of Business.

The center is made possible by a total commitment of \$4 million from GRUMA-Mission Foods, a Mexican corporation based in Dallas. The corporation made a commitment of \$1 million in September 2015 toward the establishment of the unique initiative, first called "The Texas-Mexico Program," to begin researching and promoting policy-based discussion on the economic, political and social ties between Mexico and Texas.

An additional \$3 million committed by GRUMA-Mission Foods will support expansion of the program into the Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center. Its research programs will focus on such issues as trade, investment, dynamic economic sectors, government and political relations, human capital and security.

The additional gift was announced April 7 at a conference at SMU featuring an address by Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs. She noted that the Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center will be pivotal to strengthening the links between industry and the academy and called the effort a "public-private success story."

## BUILDING BRIDGES

"We share more in common than what divides us," Ruiz Massieu said. "That's why this program is so important. America is a beacon of liberty that represents a bridge of understanding, one not built by divisive rhetoric."

"The late Sen. John Tower would be pleased to know that the Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center will be rooted in the academic center that carries his name," said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Being able to partner with the Cox



GRUMA Chairman of the Board and CEO Juan Antonio González Moreno (left), Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs Claudia Ruiz Massieu and SMU President R. Gerald Turner announced the new Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center at a conference on campus April 7.

School, particularly through its Texas Economic Freedom Project, creates a strategic opportunity for improving relations between Texas and Mexico whose benefits can't be overstated."

GRUMA Chairman of the Board and CEO Juan Antonio González Moreno drew sustained applause when, in announcing the financial commitment, he said, "Today we are building bridges, not walls. Working together is the best way to find solutions to common challenges."

## PUBLIC POLICY IMPACT

The center will make public policy recommendations on Mexico-U.S. economic, historic, political, social and border issues through production of original research, reports and white papers; binational, bilingual annual conferences; and academic seminars and public forums.

Research conducted through the center will help to shape the growing economic relationship between North Texas and Mexico, between Texas and Mexico and between the United States and Mexico. The expanded funding will enable SMU to recruit a recognized leader to direct the Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center. The executive director will travel regularly to Mexico to collaborate with partnering institutions and to present research findings.

Mexico's Consul General Octavio Tripp noted the appropriate timing of the announcement, occurring during a presidential election season that includes debate on issues of immigration and border security. "This event is like a dream come true ... especially at such a relevant time," Tripp said. "The Center will allow for understanding in a systematic, holistic way."

SMU and Dallas are at the geographic crossroads of the increasingly integrated market amplified by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between the U.S., Mexico and Canada. The city also is home to the greatest concentration of Fortune 100 companies in the United States outside of New York City. Texas exported to Mexico goods valued at more than \$102 billion in 2014, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, and imported from Mexico goods valued at over \$90 billion for the same period.

"The Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center has the potential to significantly improve relations between neighbors who depend on each other," said Brad Cheves, SMU vice president for development and external affairs. "We are grateful for the opportunity to make a real difference in international relations."





## SMU Continues Expansion East Of Central Expressway

**The University's East Campus may not reflect the same Collegiate Georgian architectural style as the main campus, but make no mistake: The SMU buildings east of Central Expressway contain a hive of University activity.**

Since 2006, SMU has acquired 15 acres east of U.S. Highway 75 (Central Expressway). Many of the buildings line SMU Boulevard (formerly Yale Boulevard), the most predominant of which is the 15-story Expressway Tower, a Dallas landmark that once served as headquarters for the Dallas Cowboys.

Today Expressway Tower houses administrative offices for human resources, financial operations, and facilities planning and management. Across the street is 6200 Central Expressway, housing some units of development and external affairs, including alumni relations.

SMU's Office of Human Resources (HR) was one of the first to relocate to Expressway Tower in 2007. "The move enabled HR to have a beautiful new space, including a full state-of-the-art training room; however, we knew we would miss being on the main campus,"

says Sheri Starkey, associate vice president and chief human resource officer. "HR had to learn to reach our faculty and staff in new and different ways, and we've found that people enjoy coming to our offices or attending a course in our training center."

Expressway Tower also houses Dedman College's Department of Psychology, Lyle School of Engineering labs and its Darwin Deason Institute for Cyber Security, and several programs of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development, including Research in Mathematics Education, StemPrep and the Center on Research and Evaluation. Simmons' Locomotor Performance Laboratory is housed in a building at 5533 Dyer, where research is conducted on the mechanics of movement, performance, metabolic energy expenditure and metabolic power.

Having Psychology housed at the Tower has been an adjustment, because classes are still taught on the main campus, mostly in Hyer Hall, says George Holden, professor of psychology and department chair. Many students now prefer to contact their professors

via email rather than come to the Tower for office hours. But the move has provided more space for research labs.

Continuing and Professional Education (CAPE) moved into an SMU building at 5539 SMU Boulevard. Because CAPE offers hundreds of courses and registers from 6,000 to 10,000 adult students each year, "having a permanent building has given our small unit an important identity and allowed us to provide better service," says Kimberly Rutigliano, director of CAPE. "Having our own classrooms has allowed us to expand certificate programs, and we now have the space to offer weeklong intensive programs for working professionals."

To ensure that the surrounding community knows of SMU's presence in the area, a sign atop Expressway Tower features the SMU logo and the words East Campus. Added more recently is a large outline of the familiar running Mustang that lights up nightly and in red when SMU wins home football and basketball games. The cupolas atop the Blanton Student Services Building and Armstrong Commons also light up in red after wins, creating a spirit connection between the east and main campuses.

SMU's East Campus also has become an integral part of the University Crossing Public Improvement District (UCPID), a neighborhood comprising more than 200 organizations and businesses within a 122-acre radius defined by North Central Expressway, Mockingbird Lane, Greenville Avenue and Lovers Lane. Brad Cheves, SMU vice president for development and external affairs, and Paul Ward, SMU vice president for legal affairs, serve on the UCPIID board of directors. Improvements made to the area include beautification, lighting and brick paving.

The latest development on the East Campus was the groundbreaking in February for SMU's new Robson and Lindley Aquatics Center (see article on page 19). The future site of SMU's outdoor pool is next to the center. Two new parking lots are being constructed on Dyer Street next to Central Expressway and are scheduled to open this summer.



# Students Work Behind The Scenes To Make SMU More Inclusive, Diverse

BY REECE GRAHAM '17

CONTRIBUTING WRITER, SMU CAMPUS WEEKLY

*As at many universities throughout the country, SMU is engaged in important discussions about diversity and inclusion, with the goal of strengthening the University as a welcoming and respectful environment for learning. President R. Gerald Turner and other SMU officials have been meeting with faculty, staff, students and alumni to hear goals and concerns, to result in recommendations for supportive actions. In an effort to share this dialogue with recipients of SMU Magazine, we publish, with permission, the following story from the April 7, 2016, SMU Campus Weekly, the student newspaper.*

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY'S EFFORTS, SEE:  
[www.smu.edu/News/2015/diversity-commitment-15dec2015](http://www.smu.edu/News/2015/diversity-commitment-15dec2015)



awkward, tense and uncomfortable. That is how D'Marquis Allen, president of SMU's Association of Black

Students, describes the initial meetings earlier this semester between the administration and student activists of the #BlackatSMU movement.

#BlackatSMU had delivered a 10-point list of demands to the administration after racial tensions boiled over on campus last fall. A racist post on GreekRank.com referring to black women as "aesthetically unpleasing" and an invite to a "thug"-themed fraternity party had sparked outrage on campus.

Now it was time for student leaders of the #BlackatSMU movement to meet with President R. Gerald Turner, Dean of Student Life Joanne Vogel, and other high-ranking university officials.

"We had no idea where the conversation was going to go," Allen said. "They received this document. Where do they stand?"

Among #BlackatSMU's demands: black student enrollment must increase to at least 10 percent of the student population; mandatory racial sensitivity training must be implemented for all faculty and staff; and the University must hold student organizations accountable for racially insensitive conduct.

"The ultimate goal is to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and welcomed on campus," said Jessica Mitchell, co-chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Inclusion and Diversity created by SMU's Student Senate in November.

However, some students worry that nothing tangible has happened yet to improve conditions for minority students at SMU. Others worry that not everyone on campus is onboard with the goals of #BlackatSMU and other minority students.

Allen senses apathy among some students. There is not a sense of urgency that things should change, or that the issues facing minority students are always valid and valued.

"The most impactful thing for me is the response we've gotten from those who support us and the lack of response we've gotten and the apathy that comes from





some students,” Allen said. “Is there remorse? Is there any sympathy? To this point I can’t say that I’ve heard that.”

Allen sees the demands drafted by #BlackatSMU as an attempt to bridge the gap between white and minority students. While he recognizes the group may be unable to change the minds of every student, he is thankful the administration has been responsive.

“The school, the administration and the Board of Trustees have been nothing but proactive and not retroactive with this issue,” Student Body President Carlton Adams said. “Just the fact that these conversations are being held by those who previously didn’t take part or even realize it was an issue. That’s what’s been so exciting to me.”

Dialogues with SMU’s administration regarding the demands are only the beginning of what #BlackatSMU hopes will someday be a massive culture change on the Hilltop. While talks between University and student leaders have not yet yielded many tangible results, leaders of the #BlackatSMU movement are meeting with Turner every three weeks.

“President Turner has a long track record throughout his career, even before SMU, of promoting diversity in his student bodies as well as his faculty,” Mitchell said. “He’s been absolutely amazing at trying to find tangible solutions that we can implement as soon as possible.”

Allen believes that a major part of closing the racial divide at SMU is getting more students of minority backgrounds to the Hilltop. Less than 30 percent of undergraduates in 2012 were minority students. Less than 10 percent of those identified as black. Allen believes that all of the demands drafted by #BlackatSMU are achievable, but the speed at which they get done may be slow.

Mitchell believes that a slower pace may play to the advantage of student leaders who want to see lasting change.

“It’s better to be deliberate in the planning of something to make sure that it’s effective rather than being like ‘oh just make a Kumbaya circle and everyone will stop being racist,’” she said.

## PROMOTING DIVERSITY

Mitchell says the administration has begun fundraising efforts to create more scholarships for students of color. Turner reaffirmed the University’s commitment to creating a diverse population in a memo emailed to faculty on March 14.

“This spring provides an opportunity to assist the Office of Enrollment Management to enhance the yield of minority students who have been admitted to SMU,” Turner wrote. “The Provost and Office of Access and Equity are already working very closely with department chairs and deans to encourage the efforts of academic units to increase their diversity.”

## SENSITIVITY TRAINING

#BlackatSMU also demanded that the University require sensitivity training for all faculty, staff and tenured professors. It also insisted that any student considering initiation into a Greek organization go through some form of cultural intelligence training before being eligible.

Faculty at the Simmons School of Education and Human Development are evaluating the curriculum of SMU’s Personal Responsibility & Wellness courses. The evaluation includes investigating the plausibility of cultural intelligence training for first-year students.

Turner indicated in his March 14 memo that he and the Faculty Senate support the development of faculty training designed to create a welcoming classroom environment for students of all backgrounds. Turner and the administration will be taking suggestions from faculty members regarding sensitivity training and hope to solidify a plan later this month.

## GREEK LIFE

The Student Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Inclusion and Diversity is also working to address instances of racism and intolerance pertaining to Greek life. The committee is working with the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards to improve how the Student Code of Conduct handles themed parties that contain microaggressions and racial intolerance. The committee hopes to prevent racially insensitive events by

adding parties to the social event registration process. Turner’s stance on instances of racism among the Greek community was made clear in a public apology regarding last fall’s AEPi/Pike “Ice Age” party:

“The key point is that SMU students should know better than to engage in such irresponsible and insensitive conduct,” Turner said in a statement published on the University’s website on October 29. “It is simply unacceptable for any campus group or individual to employ images and language that promote negative stereotypes and are demeaning to the dignity of any member of our campus community.”

## ARE THE DEMANDS PLAUSIBLE?

While administrators believe the #BlackatSMU demands are valid, the resources may not be there to pursue all of them. The National Center for Education Statistics reports that in fall of 2013, only 6 percent of full-time faculty at degree-granting postsecondary institutions were black. In 2007, Emory University in Atlanta led the nation in black faculty at 6.8 percent. How would SMU attract a faculty of 10 percent black professors when other prominent universities struggle to do so? Without funding and useable land to work with, how would SMU construct a dedicated center for minority students? How would the University budget for and select an officer dedicated strictly to issues of diversity and inclusion?

These are the questions the University needs to answer, say student leaders and activists.

Until then, senior student leaders like Allen will continue to try to improve the climate for minorities at SMU.

In a recent guest column in *The Daily Campus* commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s visit to the Hilltop, Allen encouraged University and student leaders to think about how issues of race and inclusion should be approached in the second century.

“Acknowledging the existence of these flaws and circumstances is where the University must begin in order to truly pursue the ‘world changing’ status it so desperately desires,” Allen wrote. “Only after this, will we be fully committed to changing the cultural climate of this campus.”



# Duke Divinity Leader Named Perkins Dean

**Craig C. Hill, a Duke University leader** in theological education with strengths in practice, research and church relations, has been appointed the new dean of SMU's Perkins School of Theology effective July 1, 2016.

Since 2010 Hill has served as executive director of the Doctor of Ministry and Master of Christian Practice programs at Duke, as well as research professor of theological pedagogy.

He previously served the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where he held several positions: professor of New Testament, executive director of academic outreach, director of the Wesley Ministry Network, co-director of the dual degree program with The American University and director of the Master of Theological Studies degree program.

"Dr. Hill's broad achievements as a scholar and pastoral leader make him well-equipped to guide and strengthen the next century of theological higher education at SMU," says Steven C. Currall, SMU provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Theology was one of the first subjects taught when SMU opened in 1915, and today Perkins School of Theology remains central to the mission and character of the University. Dr. Hill will further cement the close relationship between Perkins and The United Methodist Church, as well as with other faith-based organizations in the region, nationally, and around the world."



Craig C. Hill

*"Perkins School of Theology has from the beginning sought, in the words of Charles Wesley, to 'unite ...knowledge and vital piety,' to pursue the highest standard of theological scholarship, not simply for its own sake, but for the benefit of the Church," Hill says. "I was delighted to discover one of the school's earliest mottos: 'Take the School of Theology to the Church.' My own career has been defined by that same goal, so I feel incredibly privileged to join the Perkins community as it seeks faithfully to fulfill its mission in its second century of service to the Church."*

Hill brings a broad overview of best practices and evolving challenges in different regions of the nation and world. The positions include those at seminaries in Moscow, Russia; Seoul, Korea; and the University of Cambridge, England. In the

United States, he has been a visiting professor at Howard University Divinity School and Indiana University and was a Henry Luce Fellow at Yale Divinity School. Based on his experience at Duke University, Hill will bring insights into how theological education aligns with other academic programs in a global research university with a liberal arts tradition, such as SMU.

"Trends in theology education, the growing need for outreach to underserved communities and the importance of preparing ministers for new challenges and opportunities – all demand the balance of theological practice and reflection that Dr. Hill will bring to his leadership of Perkins," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

Among Hill's church positions, he served as director of Christian Education at First United Methodist Church, Meriden, Connecticut; as chaplain at Christ Church College, University of Oxford; as associate pastor at First United Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois; and as associate pastor at Woodside United Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois.

"In a very competitive field, Dr. Hill stood out for a number of reasons," says Samuel Holland, chair of the search committee and dean of Meadows School of the Arts. "He has served in various executive positions at Duke Divinity School and Wesley Theological Seminary. He brings an international perspective to SMU. In all, he will provide ecumenical breadth and theological depth that Perkins School of Theology will need going forward."

Hill is the author of numerous scholarly articles and the forthcoming book *The Greatest Among You: Reclaiming a New Testament Perspective on Status and Ambition*. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion from Illinois Wesleyan University, a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Oxford (Christ Church College).



## Relay for Life

More than 1,500 participants, including students, faculty and staff, raised more than \$145,000 April 8 during Relay of Life on campus. This was SMU's 13th year to participate in the annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, in which volunteers walk or run on Bishop Boulevard for pledged donations. Luminarias were lit to remember loved ones lost to cancer and support those who are fighting the disease or are cancer survivors.



# New History Of SMU Traces 100 Years

**SMU's first comprehensive history**, *One Hundred Years on the Hilltop*, by SMU professor emeritus of communications Darwin Payne was released April 15 as the University celebrated Founders' Day.

As SMU's centennial historian, Payne spent more than five years researching and writing the 525-page hardback book, which begins with the debate among Texas Methodists that led to SMU's 1911 founding and ends with the 2015 conclusion of SMU's centennial celebration. In between, the book covers the strengths and weaknesses of University presidents, influential faculty members and alumni, campus reaction to world events, the highs and lows of intercollegiate athletics and student life.

"Anyone who enjoys a good story will like the book," Payne says. "Researching and writing its history have been a genuine pleasure. As I undertook this work, I believed it would be a far more interesting story than most casual observers might realize. And indeed, it proved to be even more interesting than I expected."

Payne used a wealth of primary materials, including the Board of Trustees minutes, University archives, newspapers, yearbooks, faculty members' papers, oral histories and interviews conducted specifically for the project.

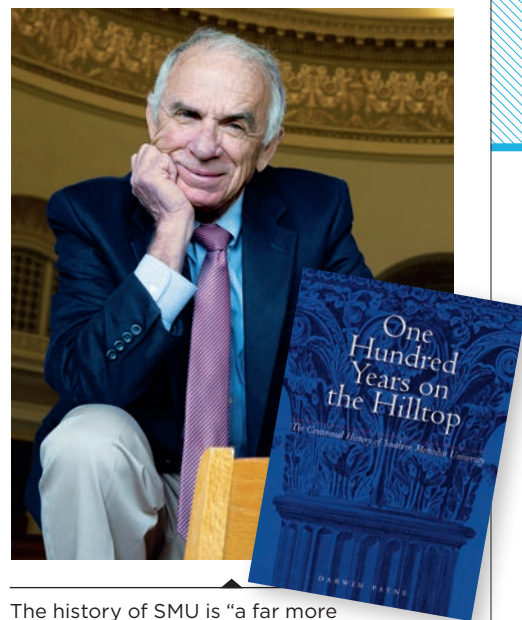
"Darwin tells the story well, never reluctant in lively style to delve into the University's crises as well as its many successes," says Russell Martin, director of DeGolyer Library, publisher of *One Hundred Years on the Hilltop*.

This is Payne's second book on SMU. In 2011 he wrote *In Honor of the Mustangs: A Centennial History of SMU Athletics*. Payne earned an M.A. degree in history from SMU and a Ph.D. in American civilization from The University of Texas at Austin. In addition to teaching journalism at SMU for 30 years, Payne was a newspaper and television reporter, published a weekly suburban newspaper

and wrote several books on Dallas history and biographies of leading Dallas citizens. Payne helped cover the Kennedy assassination as a reporter for the *Dallas Times Herald* and co-edited the book *Reporting the Kennedy Assassination: Journalists Who Were There Recall Their Experiences*.

His previous book, published in 2014, is titled *No Small Dreams: J. Erik Jonsson, Texas Visionary*. His book *Indomitable Sarah: The Life of Judge Sarah T. Hughes* won the Texas State Historical Association's Liz Carpenter Award for the best book on the history of women in 2004.

*One Hundred Years on the Hilltop: The Centennial History of Southern Methodist University*, made possible by a grant from the Hoblitzelle Foundation, can be ordered online at [smu.edu/100/gifts](http://smu.edu/100/gifts).



The history of SMU is "a far more interesting story than most casual observers might realize," says author Darwin Payne.

## Meadows Museum Acquires Early Salvador Dalí Work



Photo by Brad Flowers

**SMU's Meadows Museum** has acquired an important work by Salvador Dalí (1904-1989), one of the most influential artists of the 20th century and a prominent member of the Surrealist movement. *L'homme poisson*, an oil-on-canvas painting from 1930, is an example of work created during one of the Spanish artist's most prolific and creative periods. It is currently displayed at the Meadows Museum through July 3, 2016, and will remain a part of the permanent collection. The acquisition of *L'homme poisson* was made possible by the following donors: The Meadows Foundation, Holly and Doug Deason, Mrs. Eugene McDermott, Linda P. and William A. Custard, and Gwen and Richard Irwin. Visit [www.meadowsmuseumdallas.org](http://www.meadowsmuseumdallas.org) for more information.

Salvador Dalí (Spanish, 1904-1989), *L'homme poisson*, 1930. Oil on canvas, 10.5 x 7.5 in. Meadows Museum, SMU, Dallas.



# Stanley Named Vice President For Executive Affairs

## Academic leader and political science scholar

Harold W. Stanley has been named SMU's vice president for executive affairs. Stanley had been serving as vice president for academic affairs and provost *ad interim* since last June. He previously served as an SMU associate provost.

In his new role he will work with SMU President R. Gerald Turner on strategic planning, campus master planning and a variety of other University matters. He replaces Thomas E. Barry, who had served in the position since 1995 before retiring in December.

"Harold Stanley's service in the Office of the Provost has provided him with deep knowledge of the University and its operations," Turner says. "He has served on committees focusing on the curriculum, honors program and The Second Century Campaign. As a distinguished political science professor, he brings a strong understanding of the University's mission. I am delighted that an accomplished academic administrator from within the SMU community is stepping into this important role."

As an associate provost, Stanley oversaw study, research and internship programs in the International Center; teaching, research and other activities at SMU-in-Taos; the Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center and the Loyd Center for the Academic Development of Student Athletes; and the University's most prestigious scholarship for exceptional students, the President's Scholars program.

Stanley joined SMU in 2003 as the Geurin-Pettus Distinguished Chair in American Politics and Political Economy in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. He has been a member of the Executive Board of the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies since 2003. He also has chaired the Honors Task Force (2006-07), served on the General Education Review Committee (2007-09) and co-chaired the Faculty/Staff Steering Committee for the Second Century Campaign (2009-10).

He received SMU's Distinguished University Citizen Award in 2008 and the University's highest recognition, the "M" Award, in 2010. He was honored



Harold W. Stanley

with the Outstanding Administrator Award in 2013.

Stanley received his B.A. degree from Yale in 1972, graduating *magna cum laude* as well as with honors with exceptional distinction in political science. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University (Worcester College) from 1972-75, earning a Master of Philosophy in politics. He returned to Yale to earn his Ph.D. in political science in 1981.

# SMU Guildhall Rises To No. 2 In Rankings

The SMU Guildhall has risen to the second spot among the world's top graduate game-design programs in *The Princeton Review's* 2016 report, published in March. UCF's Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy ranked No. 1 on the graduate school list.

At No. 2, the Guildhall ranks above the University of Utah (3), USC (4), New York University (6), Rochester Institute of Technology (7), Drexel (8), Michigan State (10), Abertay University in Dundee, Scotland (12), DePaul (15), MIT (18), the University of Pennsylvania (19) and Ohio State (20). It ranked higher than three other top-25 graduate programs in Texas:



Students work on video game development at Guildhall.

UT-Dallas (9), Texas A&M (14) and St. Mary's University (25).

The *Review* surveyed 150 institutions in the United States, Canada and abroad that offer game design coursework and/or degrees. Schools were asked to report on a range of topics, from academic offerings and faculty credentials to graduates' employment and professional achievements.

The Guildhall is one of the premier graduate education programs in video game development, located at the SMU-in-Plano campus.

Visit [www.smu.edu/guildhall](http://www.smu.edu/guildhall) for more information.



# Maguire Center Presents Dallas Educator With Jonsson Ethics Award

**Terry J. Flowers**, headmaster and executive director of the South Dallas St. Philip's School and Community Center, received the 2016 J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award from SMU's Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility in March. The annual award honors a community leader who personifies ethical, inspiring leadership.

Flowers, who once turned down an invitation to try out for the Chicago Bears to pursue a master's degree in education, has worked to provide an exemplary education to low-income, South Dallas residents since becoming principal at St. Philip's School in 1983. As the first member of his family to graduate from high school, Flowers understands the importance of that accomplishment and the significance of receiving a college education, so he's made college preparation a special focus for St. Philip's.

After completing the school's K-6th-grade program, St. Philip's graduates go on to attend some of the finest private schools in Dallas as well as the country's most selective universities. Since St. Philip's began keeping track 19 years ago, 100 percent of the students who complete its program have graduated from high school and 95 percent have been accepted to a university.

"In many ways, my childhood in Chicago helps to inform some of the programs and services we provide here," Flowers says. "We were po', which is when you're so poor you can't afford the O or the R. I'm the oldest of five kids, and my dad died early on, so we knew help wasn't coming. Our mother was working in a sweatshop doing all she could to make ends meet. What got me here today was fear of my mother, fear of God and education."

Over the past 33 years, Flowers has guided St. Philip's in offering services beyond education, including a health clinic that serves over 1,500 children, a food pantry that feeds over 1,600 children and adults, a variety of after-

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Honoring Terry Flowers (second from the right) with the J. Erik Jonsson Ethics Award were (from left) Bobby B. Lyle, vice chair of the board of Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility; Cary M. Maguire, chair of the board; and SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

school programs and hot meals for the community.

"Every child needs a successful model to emulate, and Dr. Flowers is that person for so many," says SMU Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor Rita Kirk, director of the Maguire Center. "His devotion to the idea that each person can make a difference empowers young people to dream beyond circumstance to envision a better community. That is why he has been chosen to receive this year's prestigious J. Erik Jonsson Award – he has raised our hopes for the future."

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into significance, we'll continue to have challenges in our neighborhoods."

Under Flowers' leadership, St. Philip's has given the school's neighborhood new life and hope by leading the effort to create a safer community. Flowers has worked with parents and neighbors to shut down seven liquor stores and more than 50 drug houses. Additionally, he guided the school toward purchasing a nearby nightclub that is being refurbished into an athletic field house for the 700 area students who participate in the school's athletics program.

In addition to his work at St. Philip's, Flowers has served as an adjunct professor at SMU and Cedar Valley College. He is active in his church and has served on a variety of boards and advisory councils.





## SMU Awards Honorary Degree At Commencement

**SMU chose a visionary leader** devoted to improving the lives and health of the world's poor to receive an honorary degree at its May Commencement Convocation.

Groesbeck Parham, a leader in cancer prevention and treatment in underdeveloped countries, will receive the honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Parham is a gynecologic oncologist and professor of gynecology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has spent much of the past 30 years in Africa, where he is helping to lead and implement Zambia's first national cervical cancer control program.

For Zambian women, cervical cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer and is fatal to 81 percent of the women affected. Cervical cancer is particularly



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dangerous to HIV-infected women. Parham helped develop a simple and

inexpensive screening procedure that has been used by 350,000 Zambian women and has been adopted by health providers in countries from South Africa to China.

In 2013 four SMU students traveled with President George W. Bush and Laura Bush and SMU Global Health Professor Eric Bing to volunteer with Parham in Zambia. Other SMU students also have worked with Parham to develop cervical cancer research applications.

Parham's work to combat cervical and breast cancer in Africa and Latin America is supported by Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon, a partnership founded by the George W. Bush Institute, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, UNAIDS and the Zambian government.

## Waggoner Leads Enrollment Management

**Wes Waggoner**, SMU's dean of admission since 2011, has been named associate vice president for enrollment management in the Office of the Provost, making permanent the interim position he has held since July 1 last year.

"Wes Waggoner is one of the nation's brightest minds in the areas of marketing to prospective students, student recruitment and ensuring that higher education is financially accessible to students from all socioeconomic circumstances," says SMU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Steven Currall. "After a rigorous international search, Wes was the ideal leader to take SMU into the future in recruiting an even more diverse and ever-stronger academic student body."

Waggoner oversees the Division of Enrollment Services, which includes the Office of Undergraduate Admission, the Office of Financial Aid and the Office of the Registrar. He also will

provide guidance for summer school enrollment.

"Admission to SMU is more competitive now than any time in the University's history," Waggoner says. "It was most competitive for first-year students applying to enter in fall 2015. The average SAT for the 2015 fall entering class was 1308 and the average ACT was 29.3. There are so many great students who want to attend SMU now," he adds.

Waggoner joined SMU in 2011 as dean of undergraduate admission and executive director of enrollment services. During that time SMU reached record levels of selectivity and academic quality for its first-year class. In fall 2015 more than 60 percent of new students came from outside Texas, including 7 percent from outside the United States.

He previously held admission roles at TCU, the University of Tulsa, Tulane University, Fort Worth Country Day School and the Episcopal School in Baton Rouge. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Tulane University and



Wes Waggoner

an M.B.A. with a concentration in not-for-profit management from the University of Dallas.

Waggoner is nationally known in the admission profession, having served in leadership roles for the National Association for College Admission Counseling, the Texas Association for College Admission Counseling and The College Board.





# Smart Phones Tested For Cancer Screening

**Nicholas Saulnier**, a master's degree student and graduate research assistant in SMU's Lyle School of Engineering, always hoped he'd be able to solve problems and help people over the course of his career as an electrical engineer. To his surprise, that time came sooner than he expected.

"I never thought I'd be able to make a difference while I was still a student,"

says Saulnier, one of several SMU engineering students to help develop hardware and software to screen for cervical cancer with a smart phone. The technology, for use in remote regions of the globe where physicians are in short supply, is being tested in Zambia.

Department of Electrical Engineering Chair Dinesh Rajan, the Cecil and Ida Green Professor of Engineering,

conceived of the research project in 2014 with Eric G. Bing, professor of global health in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences and the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development, during a research meeting of the SMU Center for Global Health Impact, which Bing directs. Other project members include Prasanna Rangarajan, research assistant professor, and master's student Soham Soneji.

"It's meant to assist the person in the field, a nurse or other medical practitioner, to make better decisions," Rajan says. "Cervical cancer is a curable cancer when detected early. But there's a lack of experienced doctors in many countries, or people must travel far to reach a clinic to be examined."

The smart phone technology leverages a well-known algorithm used in a wide variety of applications, Rajan says. The SMU engineers coupled the algorithm with hardware that improves performance of smart phone cameras in low light, where focusing is difficult, and impeded by scattering reflections from the speculum used in the cervical examination. The software compares the photo to pictures stored in a vast medical database. When a possible abnormality is detected, patients are referred to a clinic or specialist for further evaluation.

"Technology must and will be leveraged to improve healthcare for everyone and break the divide between the medical haves and have-nots – this is just among the early steps in that direction," Rajan says.

Bing saw the need while a senior fellow and director of global health for the George W. Bush Institute, where he co-founded Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon, a public-private partnership to combat cervical cancer in Africa.

"Through innovative and interdisciplinary research like that is being conducted at SMU, our students and faculty can help save lives throughout the world," Bing says.

– Margaret Allen



An interdisciplinary research team – (from left) Eric G. Bing, Nicholas Saulnier, Dinesh Rajan and Prasanna Rangarajan – has developed a smart phone-based screening system for early cervical cancer detection that is being test in Zambia.

## New Math For Walkers

**Walking is the most common exercise**, and many walkers like to count how many calories they burn.

Little known, however, is that the leading standardized equations used to estimate walking energy expenditure – the number of calories burned – assume that one size fits all. The equations have been in place for close to half a century and were based on data from a limited number of people.

A new study at SMU found that under firm, level ground conditions, the leading standards are relatively inaccurate. The standards predicted too few calories

burned in 97 percent of the cases that researchers examined, says SMU physiologist Lindsay Ludlow.

A new standardized equation developed by SMU researchers is about four times more accurate for adults and children together, and about two to three times more accurate for adults only.

Accurate estimations of the rate at which calories are burned could help predict a person's aerobic power and ability to execute a task, such as training for an athletic competition or carrying out a military objective.





# International Team Discovers New Species Of Prehistoric Toothy Mammal In North Pacific

**An international team** that includes faculty, students and alumni of SMU's Roy M. Huffington Department of Earth Sciences has identified a new species of prehistoric toothy mammal unique to the North Pacific.

The team was led by Louis L. Jacobs, professor of earth sciences and president of SMU's Institute for the Study of Earth and Man, and adjunct research professor Anthony Fiorillo, vice president of research and collections at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas and Perot chief curator.

The discovery was reported recently in a special issue of the scientific journal *Historical Biology*. The researchers identified fossil bones recovered from the island of Unalaska, one of only a few places in the world that was home to the order of marine mammals known as Desmostylia 23 million years ago. Every species of Desmostylians lived between 33 and 10

million years ago, at which time the group went extinct. It is the only major order of marine mammals to go wholly extinct.

The discovery shows just "how surprising Earth history is," Jacobs says. "Here we have a family group – a troll – of an extinct species of oceangoing herbivores living where we did not expect them to live. By studying this species, we can see what big changes the Earth has undergone ... and what will come next."

A creature the size of a hippopotamus, Desmostylians lived along shorelines and probably swam like polar bears, using their strong front limbs, and lumbered a bit like a sloth on land, Jacobs says.

They are believed to have been vegetarian. "Its strange columnar teeth and odd style of eating don't occur in any other mammal," Jacobs says.

Working like a vacuum cleaner, they rooted around coastlines including along the Aleutian Islands off the southeast

coast of Alaska, ripping up shoreline vegetation and suction feeding on plants such as marine algae and sea grass.

The specimens also represent a new genus – meaning they represent a Desmostylian that diverged from others in key physical characteristics, particularly their long snout and tusks, and tooth and jaw structure.

To make the specimens readily available for examination and manipulation by scientists anywhere in the world, each fossil was modeled as a downloadable 3-D, interactive animation by Michael Polcyn, research associate and director of SMU's Digital Earth Sciences Laboratory.

"Six of the nine authors on the scientific paper have a connection to SMU, including three who earned advanced degrees here," Jacobs says.

SMU alumna Yuri Kimura '13, one of Jacobs' doctoral students at SMU, determined the engineering mechanics of how the jaws worked. A co-author on the scientific paper, Kimura is now curator of terrestrial mammals at Japan's National Museum of Nature and Science in Tokyo.

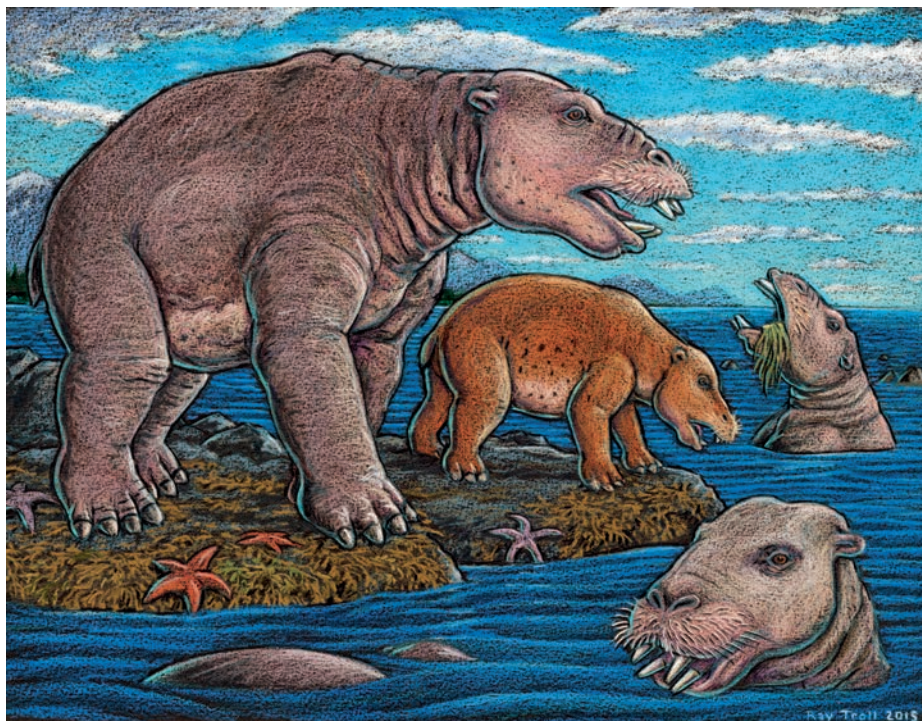
Another former student, Yoshitsugu Kobayashi '04, also contributed. Now a professor of paleontology at Japan's Hokkaido University, he and two of his students joined Jacobs in analyzing the unique chewing mechanics of the largest known Desmostylian. Kobayashi, who has done field work with the Perot's Fiorillo in Alaska, is featured in one of the science museum's career videos.

Another student, Yosuke Nishida '09, wrote the initial descriptions of the fossils while earning his master's degree at SMU.

The researchers named the new mammal *Ounalashkastylus tomidai*.

The Perot Museum of Nature and Science, U.S. National Park Service-Alaska Division and SMU's Institute for the Study of Earth and Man funded the study.

– Margaret Allen



Just as cattle form a herd and fish form a school, Desmostylians constitute a "troll" – a designation selected by Jacobs to honor Alaskan Ray Troll, the artist who has most often depicted Desmostylians.



# Rare Artifact From Italian Dig To Reveal More About Etruscan Religious Life

**Discovery of an artifact** featuring a rare sacred text in the Etruscan language is likely to yield a wealth of new knowledge about the Etruscans, one of the most religious people of the ancient world. The stele (STEE-lee), a 500-pound, 4-foot-tall sandstone slab dating to the 6th century, was uncovered from the foundations of an Etruscan temple at the Mugello Valley Archaeological Project in northern Italy during the summer 2015 field school. Conservation and study of the recent stele find are underway in Florence.

Two decades of excavation at the prolific site have yielded numerous artifacts from the lost culture of the Etruscans, who once ruled Rome and influenced Roman religion, government, art and architecture. Discoveries at the project northeast of Florence wouldn't have been possible without SMU as the main sponsor, says archaeologist Gregory Warden, co-director, principal investigator and professor *emeritus* of art history in Meadows School of the Arts. A native of Florence and the Mugello Valley, Warden launched the project in 1995 and says that many donors from North Texas have provided financial support over the years. Warden is now president and professor of archaeology at Franklin University Switzerland.

Etruscan life was permeated by religion, and ruling magistrates also exercised religious authority. A new religious artifact is rare; most Etruscan discoveries typically have been grave and funeral objects. "This is probably going to be a sacred text and will be remarkable for telling us about the early belief system of a lost culture that is fundamental to western traditions," Warden says.

Over the years about 100 undergraduates from SMU have participated in the annual summer field school, excavating artifacts along with nearly 300 other undergraduates from more than 70 universities around the world.

"It's been great for the students because they were actually engaged in research. They discovered things that are changing

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Archaeologists believe that the sacred text on the stele discovered in northern Italy will yield new knowledge about the ancient Etruscans.

the discipline. Some have gone on to careers in archaeology," Warden says. "Five years from now the various findings will be published, and it will have a huge impact on the field."

In two decades of digging, the project has unearthed objects about Etruscan worship, beliefs and gifts to divinities. The site includes a hilltop sanctuary and surrounding settlements. It's one of the first Etruscan sites with discoveries related not only to the lives of elites but also everyday Etruscans, including workshops, kilns, pottery and homes. The findings in the sanctuary proper document ritual activity from the 7th century to the 2nd century B.C.E., including gold jewelry, coins and the earliest scene of childbirth in western European art.

Etruscans were a highly cultured people, but little of their writing has been

preserved, says archaeologist and Etruscan expert Ingrid Edlund-Berry, professor *emerita*, The University of Texas at Austin. "Any text, especially a longer one, is an exciting addition to our knowledge."

In addition to SMU, collaborating institutions at Mugello Valley Archaeological Project include Franklin and Marshall College, the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology, the Center for the Study of Ancient Italy at UT-Austin, The Open University (UK) and Franklin University Switzerland.

Although the dig portion of the project has wound down, researchers will begin publishing in scientific journals the new knowledge about Etruscans gained from the discoveries.

– Margaret Allen



# Rompola Retires After Accomplished History With SMU Women's Basketball

## After spending 35 years on the Hilltop

as a coach and student-athlete, Rhonda Rompola '83 retired from SMU and coaching at the end of the 2015-16 season in March. In all, Rompola played or coached in 35 of the 40 seasons SMU has sponsored women's basketball as a varsity sport.

"This has been an incredible journey," Rompola says. "SMU has a special place in my heart. It has given me the opportunity to coach this game I love for so many years. However, I've coached the game for 30-plus years, and it's extremely demanding of your time. I am really looking forward to spending more time with my husband and family."

"Any discussion of SMU women's basketball starts with Rhonda Rompola," says President R. Gerald Turner. "We all owe Coach Rompola a great debt of gratitude for her faithful service to the University and to her student-athletes."

Rompola completed her 25th season as head coach of the Mustangs with a 438-314 record. She led the Mustangs to the post-season 13 times, including seven NCAA Tournament berths, and captured five conference championships.



Coach Rompola acknowledges the crowd at her last game at Moody Coliseum February 27.

She guided her teams to 20 wins in a season nine times, including a program-record 24 wins in 2007-08. Rompola has coached 34 all-conference selections, one All-America award winner, three conference Players of the Year and two conference Defensive Players of the Year,

and earned Coach of the Year accolades four times.

Rompola has been a part of the SMU women's basketball program since the 1981-82 season when, as a student-athlete, she led the Mustangs to an 18-15 record. She scored 683 points during her lone season, which stood as the single-season record for over 30 years. She is tied for second in rebounds in a season with 278 and still holds the record for most free throws made in a season with 163.

A native of Sayreville, N.J., she played only one season on the Hilltop after transferring from Old Dominion University, helping the Monarchs to AIAW national championships in 1979 and 1980. After graduating from SMU in 1983, she spent eight seasons as an assistant coach for the Mustangs before taking over the program in 1991.

Rompola provided continuity beyond her own service to SMU. Associate Head Coach Lisa Dark '91, '93 has served under Rompola for 25 years, while Assistant Coach Deneen Parker has coached on the Hilltop for 21 years. "They have been a blessing to me. To find that type of loyalty is rare," Rompola says.

## Mustang Football Signs All-Texas Lineup

**The Mustang football program** and Head Coach Chad Morris signed 25 student-athletes to the football team in 2016.

After bringing in 22 Texans last year, Morris and his staff again focused on the Lone Star State, signing only student-athletes from Texas high schools. SMU is the lone FBS school in Texas to sign only Texans in each of the past two seasons. The class also is highly touted, ranking second in the AAC and sixth among all non-Power 5 programs by Scout.com.

"We signed some difference-makers and some guys who can make an impact next season," says Morris. "I'm also excited

and proud that we were able to sign so many Texas kids."

The Mustangs open the 2016 season at the University of North Texas on Sept. 3 and travel to Waco to play Baylor on Sept. 10. The team plays its first home game of the season Sept. 17 at Ford Stadium against Liberty University. Remaining games include: TCU (Family Weekend), Sept. 23, Ford Stadium; at Temple, Oct. 1, Philadelphia; at Tulsa, Oct. 7; Houston, Oct. 22, Ford Stadium; at Tulane, Oct. 29, New Orleans; Memphis (Homecoming), Nov. 5, Ford Stadium; at East Carolina, Nov. 12, Greenville, N.C.; South Florida,

Nov. 19, Ford Stadium; and Navy, Nov. 26, Ford Stadium.

*SMU will offer new Young Alumni season ticket packages and seating for the 2016 football season. For those who have graduated within the past five years, SMU is offering specially priced Young Alumni season tickets in Sections 121 & 122 - lower bowl sideline seats between the goal line and the 30-yard line. Fans who purchase these packages also will get the first opportunity to buy season tickets in the new Young Alumni seating sections in Moody Coliseum for SMU men's basketball. Call 214-768-4263 or visit [smumustangs.com/tickets](http://smumustangs.com/tickets) for information.*



# Travis Mays To Lead Women's Basketball

**Travis Mays has been named** SMU's head women's basketball coach. Mays arrives on the Hilltop after 14 years as an assistant coach at three universities, where he served under three Hall of Fame coaches, and 11 years as a professional player.

"After meeting with Travis, I immediately knew that he was ready to be a head coach," says Director of Athletics Rick Hart. "He has a tremendous coaching pedigree, having learned from some of the best in the business. He also has strong Texas roots and is a proven recruiter."

"I know the expectations at SMU, and I'm excited about our future," Mays says. "This program has a great tradition, and we will build upon it to create a winning culture through hard work and perseverance. Believing is the beginning of success; I believe we will win at SMU."

Mays previously served four seasons as associate head women's coach at The University of Texas, his alma mater. He made his mark on the men's basketball program as a dynamic guard from 1986-90

and served as an assistant coach for the women's basketball program from 2004-07. His duties at Texas included recruiting, preparing opponent scouting reports, instructing guards on the court and speaking at community events.

Mays began his coaching career in the WNBA with the San Antonio Silver Stars (2002-04). He returned to UT as an assistant to Hall of Fame coach Jody Conradt from 2004-07. Mays moved on to LSU and worked on Hall of Fame coach Van Chancellor's staff from 2007-11. At UT and LSU, Mays helped sign nationally acclaimed recruits; all seven of the recruiting classes Mays assisted in assembling were ranked among the nation's top 25. After his time in Baton Rouge, Mays was an assistant coach at the University of Georgia for Hall of Fame coach Andy Landers.

Mays, a 2002 inductee into UT's Men's Athletics Hall of Fame, was drafted by Sacramento with the No. 14 overall pick in the first round of the 1990 NBA



Travis Mays was introduced to the SMU community on April 8.

draft and played 10 years in the NBA and overseas.

A native of Ocala, Florida, he received his Bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas in 1990.

## A Stellar Basketball Season To Remember



The men's basketball team celebrated senior night and its 80-54 win over Connecticut March 3.

**The men's basketball team finished No. 24** in the final AP Top 25 Poll on March 14. That was the 17th straight week in the AP Top 25 after receiving votes in the first two polls. This is the second-longest streak at SMU and the highest number of weeks in a season for the Mustangs. SMU

finished the season 25-5 overall and was second in the American Athletic Conference at 13-5 in league action. Over the past three seasons, SMU has spent 30 weeks in the Top 25 while compiling a 79-22 record. In that span, the Mustangs are 50-4 at home. SMU has gone 40-14

in AAC play to finish in the top three each season, including a conference title in 2014-15. SMU was ranked as high as No. 8 in the AP poll this season, reaching the top 10 for the first time since 1984-85. For information about the 2016-17 season, visit [smumustangs.com](http://smumustangs.com).





## SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP

### Women Swimmers Repeat As AAC Champions

The women's swimming and diving team won 10 of 18 swimming events, including a sweep of all five relays, to defend its American Athletic Conference Championship in February at the University of Houston. The championship is the Mustangs' second in the three-year history of The American and 17th in the past 20 seasons.

The Mustangs finished with 681 points, runner-up Tulane registered 637.5 and Houston came in third at 554.

Head Coach Steve Collins and assistant coach Ashley Dell were honored as the 2016 AAC Women's Coaching Staff of the Year, an award the staff also was honored with in 2015.

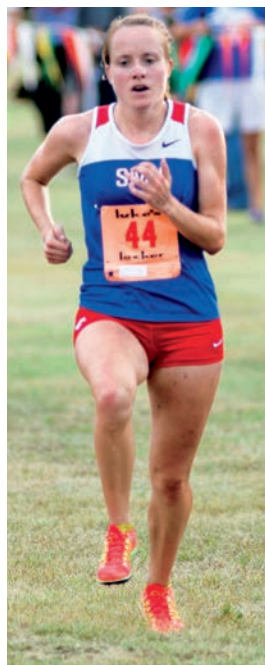
Juniors Marne Erasmus and Tara-Lynn Nicholas each earned her third consecutive bid to the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championship held March 17-19 in Atlanta. Erasmus earned All-America honors in the 100-yard butterfly, and Nicholas competed in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Erasmus and Nicholas are two-time All-Americans in their respective events and hold SMU program records. Erasmus also has swept the event since the AAC's inception in 2014, while Nicholas posted the fastest times in 2015 and 2016.



Marne Erasmus (top) and Tara-Lynn Nicholas competed in the butterfly and breaststroke events at the AAC Championship.

### Runner Earns Top Honors



**SMU's Karoline Skatteboe was named** an All-Academic individual by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). This honor comes for the senior who earned spots on the All-AAC and All-Region teams after the 2015 cross country season.

Skatteboe is scheduled to graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in management science and mathematics and minors in computer science and business administration. She was one of 160 women nationwide to be named an All-Academic individual, one of 48 SMU student-athletes on the Fall Honor Roll and one of 16 named with High Distinction.

Skatteboe was consistently a top performer for the cross country team during the fall. She won the Gerald Richey Invitational 5K at UT-Arlington, finished in 10th place at the American Athletic Conference Championship, earning her All-AAC honors, and finished 20th at the NCAA South Central Regional to earn All-Region honors.

SMU's cross country team also was honored as an All-Academic Team by the USTFCCCA for a cumulative team GPA of 3.48 from the 14 student-athletes on its roster. This is the 10th consecutive season the team has received the honor.

Cross country runner Karoline Skatteboe

### Men Place Second At Conference Championship

The SMU men's swimming and diving program earned runner-up honors, winning 13 of 21 events in February at the American Athletic Conference Championship at the University of Houston. Senior Sam Straughan was named the Most Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet and Bryce Klein was honored as the Most Outstanding Diver.

East Carolina took the championship title with 907 points, while the Mustangs registered 828.5 points.

Straughan won three individual championships, picking up his final victory on the last night in the 200-yard butterfly, posting a career-best and NCAA B standard 1:46.04. The senior also won the 100-distance, as well as the 100-yard backstroke.

Following his wins in the 1- and 3-meter dives, Klein competed on the platform for the first time this season, finishing third behind teammate Daniel Pitts. Klein then competed at the NCAA Zone D Diving Championship held at Texas A&M University in March, advancing on the 3-meter to the 2016 NCAA Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championship held in Atlanta.



Bryce Klein competes in 1- and 3-meter and platform diving.





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**Kermit Cummings** was employed by Proctor & Gamble Manufacturing Company after graduation from SMU, working in Dallas; Sacramento; Augusta, Georgia; and Alexandria, Louisiana before retiring in 1993. And now he is the author of a children's book, *A Backyard Birding Adventure: What's in Your Yard?* (Brown Books Kids Publishing), to share his birding hobby with the youngest generation. The book, which has an interactive phone app for learning calls and songs, was featured last February in the *Abilene Reporter-News* article "Texas Reads: Texas author introduces children to bird watching" and in the Book Notes section of the January/February issue of *Birdwatcher's Digest*.

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**James Hoggard** has two new collections of poems: *Soon After Rain* (Wings Press) and *James Hoggard: New & Selected Poems* (TCU Press).

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**Jim Marshall** retired to Rowlett, Texas, after 35 years at JP Morgan Chase Bank. Reconnecting with music, he has resumed a regular composing schedule, including

## Announcing The 2016 SMU Distinguished Alumni And Emerging Leader Awards Recipients

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

**Sarah Fullinwider Perot '83**  
**John C. Tolleson '70**  
**Richard W. Weekley '67**

*Save the date for the Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner and ceremony Thursday, November 3, which will launch Homecoming Weekend. Check [smu.edu](http://smu.edu) in the fall for more information about award recipients and Homecoming events.*

"Marblehead" for solo flute inspired by a visit to the New England town during a reunion with travel friends. He fills in for band and orchestra teachers in the Rockwall schools.

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**Ellen Castro** (M.B.A. '75) has published her third book, *Happy in Spite of People*, a parable on the power of understanding and embracing the differences in people. Her third edition of *Spirited Leadership: 52 Ways to Build Trust* was awarded the 2014 International Latino Best Self-Help Award. She describes herself as "an empowering coach, trusted consultant and captivating speaker with a global reach." Active in her local community, she serves on the governance board of the Hispanic 100.

### EMERGING LEADER AWARD

**Kevin S. Lavelle '08**

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**Don F. Davison** (M.B.A. '80) has been awarded the rank of full professor at Galveston College, where he has taught for 16 years.

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**Marilyn O'Hearne** is a 2015 Thomas Leonard Achievement Award Recipient: Honoring Innovative Visionary Coaches. She has done work integrating cultural and coaching competencies as a mentor and leadership coach and has six years of service as director of the Global International Coach Federation Board. **Rick Rogers** of Harvard, Massachusetts, will receive \$2,500 as part of the shared \$20,000 winnings from the Bureau of Reclamation for its "New Concepts for Remote Fish Detection" competition. Reclamation supports projects to track and count fish, many of which are endangered species, and monitors the fish to continue to deliver water and generate power. Rick's winning entry suggested the use of piezoelectric film technology to charge a radio frequency tag. His degrees in electrical engineering, biomedical engineering and physics clearly helped. He is a retired software engineer and has managed the creation of software for mobile phones for the past 15 years.

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**Conde Cox** has been named to the Oregon SuperLawyer list as a practitioner in business bankruptcy at the Greene & Markley firm in Portland. He also was nominated

## Alumni Honored At Black Excellence Ball



**Black Alumni of SMU** joined the Association of Black Students (ABS) to present the fifth annual Black Excellence Ball on February 27 as part of SMU's observance of Black History Month. Jennifer M. "JJ" Jones '93, '99 (top), executive director of student life, was honored as a Black Alumni History Maker. Her career has spanned more than three decades of service in a wide range of positions related to the SMU student experience. Internationally renowned dancer/choreographer Jamal Story '99 (bottom) received the Chairman's Award. Story was unable to attend due to a performance but was on campus earlier in the month to conduct a workshop for dance students at Meadows School of the Arts. ABS also honored Jones, as well as David S. Huntley '80, SMU's first black student body president (1978-79); Anga Sanders '70, a member of the "SMU 33" whose activism drew attention to the need for diversity among faculty and in the curriculum and who called for improved working conditions for black employees of the University; Jerry LeVias '68, football legend and the first black player in the Southwest Conference to receive an athletic scholarship, forever changing the racial makeup of college football in the South.







## PRECIOUS PONIES



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**1 Henry Christian Bauman and Ezra James Bauman**, born May 7, 2015, are the sons of David Bauman '05 and Nancy Jean Bauman.

**2 Wade Boaz Diebel**, born October 18, 2015, is the son of Lauren Fournier Diebel '06 and Spencer Curtis Diebel '06, '10 and the great-grandson of Nancy Goff Cheney '51 and John Arthur Cheney '51.

**3 Elizabeth McRae Jordan**, born September 22, 2015, is the daughter of Dennis Jordan '06 and Laura Jordan.

**4 Alessia Antara Mandal**, born December 22, 2015, is the daughter of Andrea Curry Mandal '01 and Anirban Mandal.

**5 Catherine Rose Sepkowitz**, born November 12, 2015, is the daughter of Joshua Sepkowitz '02 and Jessica Sepkowitz.

**6 Ryan Paul Villarosa**, born December 31, 2015, is the son of Lisa Coe Villarosa '04 and Marshal Villarosa and the grandson of Janice Becker Coe '74 and Alan Coe '73.

Submit your Precious Ponies to [smumag@smu.edu](mailto:smumag@smu.edu). Please send image files at the largest size with the names and class years of alumni parents (and grandparents) and your child's name and birthdate. Photographs will be published as space allows.

for a James Beard Journalism Award for his magazine wine writing, focused on Oregon Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris.

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**Richard O. Faulk** is an appellate law attorney in environmental litigation returning to Houston to become a partner with Alexander Dubose Jefferson & Townsend LLP, an internationally recognized appellate boutique law firm with offices in Houston, Austin and Dallas. Dividing his time between Texas and Washington, D.C., he will enhance the national reach of ADJT's appellate practice in class actions, multidistrict litigation and individual lawsuits. He was one of the first lawyers board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has argued cases before the United States Supreme Court and federal and state appellate courts throughout the country. In 2015 at ceremonies at the Library of Congress, he received his fourth William Burton Award for Legal Writing for an article on Clean Air Act preemption of public nuisance claims. He has been listed as a "Leading Lawyer" annually in

*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* since 2004, *Best Lawyers* each year since 2008 and *Super Lawyers* each year since 2009.

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**David R. Cassidy** has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for Louisiana for 2016. He is an attorney at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., where he practices corporate/M&A: tax. Dr. **Thomas B. Slater** (DMin '81) has published his third book: *Afrocentric Interpretations of Jesus and the Gospels* (Edwin Mellen Press, 2015), a collection of 10 essays by African-American scholars on Jesus, the Gospels and the interpretation of those two topics. Having earned his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from the University of London, he is professor of New Testament Studies at McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University. **Kimberly Yamanouchi** received the Sustainer of the Year Award from the Junior League of Dallas November 12, 2015, at a luncheon at the Dallas Hilton Anatole. She is an anesthesiologist who recently retired as assistant professor at the UT Southwestern Medical Center.

She serves as a board member for Camp John Marc, the Dallas Summer Musicals, Children's Health System of Texas and St. Mark's School of Texas, among other organizations.

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**Christopher Bolen** (M.B.A. '85, J.D. '85) has been named to the four-attorney executive committee at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP, an AmLaw 200 firm with more than 500 attorneys in 14 offices. He is the managing partner of their office in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, and recently finished nearly two decades guiding the intellectual property practice group. He has 30 years of experience in intellectual property matters, regularly advising technology- and knowledge-based companies on developing and implementing intellectual property strategies. **Martin B. Cominsky** has been hired as president and CEO of Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston to oversee the \$17 million budget, 150 employees and such programs as Meals on Wheels, Refugee Services, Interfaith Relations and Disaster Preparedness and



Response. Previously he served for 15 years as executive director of the Anti-Defamation League in Houston and 33 years working with nonprofit organizations in the arts, human services, education and advocacy. **Elizabeth Harris** has transitioned from her career as physician to that of full-time artist. She was a 2015 recipient of the A.R.T. Fund Award from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation for her solo exhibition *Entangled States* at the McCoy Gallery at Merrimack College earlier this year. It reflects her dual passions for art and science. Her work also can be seen at New York's N.A.W.A. Gallery (National Association of Women Artists).

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**Steve Booth** was promoted in January to chief executive officer of the employee-owned, Milwaukee-based global financial services firm Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc. In 2013 he was promoted to chief operating officer and was named president in 2014. Since 2006 he has served as director of investment banking and co-head of the equity capital markets

business. He previously led the firm's investment banking industrials group and its global M&A business. **James Justin (Jim) White, Jr.** has been named partner at William Blair & Company in Chicago, a global investment banking and asset management firm.

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**Deborah L. Lively** (J.D. '02) recently was elected to The Arts Community Alliance (TACA) board of directors. A partner in the intellectual property practice group in the Dallas office of law firm Thompson & Knight, she has been selected for inclusion in *Texas Rising Stars®* by Thomson Reuters (2011-2012) and World Trademark Review 1000 – The World's Leading Trademark Professionals (2015-2016). She is an active member of the American, Texas and Dallas Bar Associations and a member of the board of directors for the Duncanville Independent School District Education Foundation (2016-2019). **Carolyn Riddell Seaton** has been appointed superintendent of the Orinda Union School District in Orinda, California, effective May 2, 2016.

Previously she served as executive director of Human Resources for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District, where she also was a teacher, assistant principal and principal in middle school and spent nine years as the executive director of Educational Services. In her 32nd year as an educator, having begun her career in public education as an elementary school teacher in Texas in 1984, she says, "I am passionate about teaching and learning and committed to providing Orinda's children with the educational experiences that will best prepare them for college, career and life." **Paula Selzer** is senior policy adviser for Children's Environmental Health with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she coordinates policy actions relating to environmental impacts on children's health for a five-state region including Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. She has more than two decades of experience in public service, working for the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic and for the EPA in Washington, D.C., and Dallas. **Gregory H. (Gregg) Wade** was elected to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2016, on the board of trustees for the Mary Black



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Foundation in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He owns Palmetto Advisory & Investment Co., LLC, a commercial and residential real estate development company. His community service includes serving on the boards of the YMCA of Greater Spartanburg as treasurer, The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg and Spartanburg Children's Shelter as chairman and interim CEO.

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**Michael Truncale** of Beaumont, Texas, has been appointed by the Texas governor to the Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board for a term to expire February 1, 2021. The board oversees the Texas Tuition Promise Fund and the Texas College Savings Plan. He is a senior partner at Orgain, Bell & Tucker, L.L.P. and a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom, and past president of the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association. In addition, he is a member of the federal Judicial Evaluation Committee, board member and past president of the symphony of Southeast Texas and past member of the Texas State University System Board of Regents and SMU's Dedman School of Law Alumni Advisory Council.

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**Missy Brown Bender** recently was re-elected to the board of trustees for the Plano (TX) ISD. Now serving her 10th year, she is board vice president. **Trevor Pearlman** has been appointed by the governor of Texas to the Economic Incentive Oversight Board for a term to expire at the pleasure of the governor. The board will review the effectiveness and efficiency of state incentive programs and funds administered by the offices of the governor, the comptroller and the Department of Agriculture. He is a founding partner of Tregan Partners and a member of the State Bar of Texas, the International Council of Shopping Centers and the National Association of Royalty Owners. He is a member and past chapter chair of the Young Presidents' Organization, president of the Champions of Discovery Foundation and a guest speaker for the American Leadership Academy. He is a past member of SMU's Dedman School of Law Executive Board.

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**Amy Bishop** is the new Texas County & District Retirement System director, effective last January 17, selected by the system's board of trustees. She will implement TCDRS' organizational vision, overseeing strategic planning, employer and member services, benefits administration, operations, communications and financial reporting. Previously she was deputy director, chief customer officer, benefits administrator and director of finance and communications.

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**Alecia Griffin Lawyer** is artistic director and principal oboist for the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) in Houston, which she founded in 2005 to bring musicians and audiences closer together by keeping the house lights on during performances and encouraging musicians to mingle with listeners at intermission and afterwards. The 40-member ensemble has 44 world premieres to its credit in the last 10 years. ROCO performs in a number of venues in the Houston area and live streams some concerts to hospitals and nursing homes. Alecia has been selected for the MA 30, Musical America's Professionals of the Year, which recognizes influencers in the performing arts. **Sally Nystuen Vahle** has a reputation as one of North Texas' premier acting talents. Her onstage performance as Medea in 2015 earned her "Actor of the Year" honors from the *Dallas Voice*.

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**Colin P. Cahoon**, a Dallas attorney with Carstens & Cahoon LLP, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Association in recognition of outstanding professional achievements and demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system throughout Texas. **Sreenivasan K. (KK) Koduri** (Ph.D. '93) has been re-elected by Texas Instruments as a TI Fellow, responsible for keeping TI ahead in the technology industry. He was among seven innovators who received this prestigious title that recognizes those who fuel breakthrough and technology innovation across the company and support TI's

business goals. The group represents fewer than one percent of TI's total eligible engineering population.

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**Sabina Choudhry Bramlett** has been selected to serve a three-year term on the advisory council for the Communities Foundation of Texas, a nonprofit organization that helps donors and grantees connect with local charities. As a council member, she will promote and advocate for the Foundation and provide insight and guidance to the organization. A partner at Fox Rothschild LLP in Dallas, she has more than 20 years of experience handling estate planning, probate and transactional business planning matters. **Matt Zoller Seitz** is editor-in-chief of rogerebert.com, the acclaimed movie-focused website of Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic Roger Ebert. A renowned film critic himself, he also is a respected television critic for *New York* magazine and its entertainment site, vulture.com. He also founded "The House Next Door" blog, now part of *Slant Magazine*, and is founder and publisher emeritus of the "Press Play" blog on indiewire.com. And for fans of the "Mad Men" television series, in November 2015 he was in Dallas to promote his new book *Mad Men Carousel* (Abrams), a compilation of meticulously detailed episode recaps. The copy on the front jacket reads: "This book is a time machine. It goes backwards and forwards through all seven seasons. It takes longtime fans to a place where they ache to go again." Matt lives in Brooklyn with his two children, Hannah and James. His wife, **Jennifer Dawson**, whom he met at SMU when both worked at the SMU Bookstore, died in 2006.

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**Heather Wilson** was named managing director and head of the San Francisco office of the Abernathy MacGregor Group, where she specializes in crisis management, media strategy and corporate reputation. Previously she was based in the firm's Los Angeles office.





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**Kristen Bech Hatton** has had her first book published. *Get Your Story Straight* is a teen devotional published by New Growth Press ([www.kristenhatton.com/books](http://www.kristenhatton.com/books)). Dr.

**Tasha Franklin Johnson** recently launched an educational strategy and leadership development consulting business, Young Minds Unlimited LLC, based on nearly 20 years of urban education and transformational leadership reform experience. **Tracy Claire Sole de Hoop** (B.A. '95) has been welcomed as a new board member of the El Rio Health Center Foundation in Tucson. She is the operations and event director at the Arizona Technology Council, employing her business expertise in project management leadership and integrating and processing financial data supporting analysis and decisions.

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**Melissa Eastman**, senior vice president and commercial services manager at Stewart Title, has been selected to *D CEO* magazine's inaugural edition of the Dallas

500, which identifies the most powerful business leaders in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in more than 60 business categories. She was recognized in the Title Insurance – Commercial category representing both the residential and commercial industries. Her career in the real estate industry spans more than 25 years. She joined Stewart in 1987 and today manages the Stewart Title Commercial Services Dallas office. In 2011 she was recognized by *Real Estate Forum* magazine as a "Woman of Influence" and in 2009 was named one of the "25 Women to Watch" by the *Dallas Business Journal*.

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**Baxter Fain** has been hired as a managing director by JLL Capital Markets, a full-service global provider of capital solutions for real estate investors and occupiers. A debt and equity expert in Denver, Baxter has more than 20 years of commercial real estate finance experience and is tasked with securing debt and equity for all property types including office, retail, industrial, hotel, multifamily and self-storage. Previously he was a senior vice president

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**Melinda Balli** began work in December 2015 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. as chief litigation counsel. **Matt Jacob** has returned to SMU as associate director of Public Affairs at Perkins School of Theology. He also is an adjunct professor in the Department of Communication Studies in Meadows School of the Arts. **Benjamin Lavine** is entering his 15th year as owner/partner of Stone Acorn Builders, constructing custom homes in some of Houston's finest neighborhoods. In February 2015 he was chosen the 2015 *Southern Living* Custom Builder Program Builder of the Year for his work, for hosting a successful *Southern Living* Showcase home and for philanthropy in the community. **Andy Peykoff, II** recently was named EY's (Ernst and Young) Entrepreneur of the Year in the Family Business category for 2015, recognizing visionary business leaders who demonstrate innovation, financial success and commitments to their communities as they create and build world-class companies. He is president and CEO of Niagara Bottling, LLC, which started bottling high quality, low cost Niagara® water in five-gallon glass containers for home and office delivery in 1963. Under Andy, the company has reduced the weight of its half liter water bottle to seven grams, the lightest bottle in the industry. When he took over the company in 2002 at age 26, Niagara had one plant and 50 employees; today there are 19 facilities and more than 2,600 workers. The company has plans to add six more plants by the end of 2017.

## A LIVING LEGACY

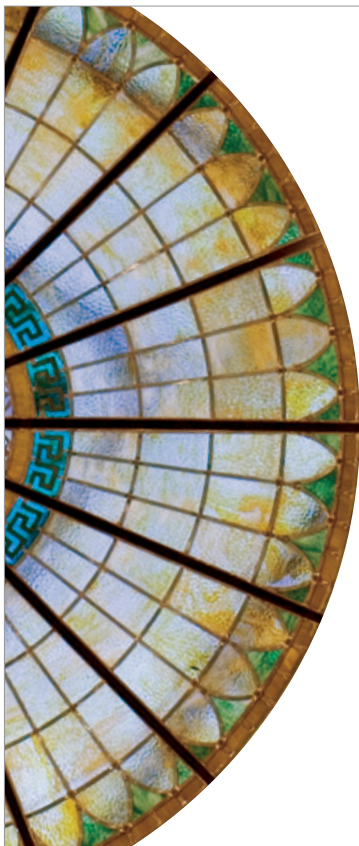
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**Gene Roberts** served as the director for the State Bar of Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution course at the Texas Law Center in Austin in January 2016. **Sharon K. Snowton** is a bilingual ESL teacher at Highlands Elementary in Cedar Hill ISD in Texas. The Highlands 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year, she teaches fourth-grade Spanish reading, Spanish writing and social studies in Spanish. She is looking for a publisher for her book *Just Say So* for bilingual teachers new to the profession. In March she did a presentation on "Using Interactive Notebooks with ELLs and DLLs" at the National Association of Bilingual Educators in Chicago, and in January she received a Bishop's Award from the Diocese of Dallas. Her motto: "We come to school to learn, and we leave school to serve."

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**Michael J. (Mike) Hinson** has joined the benchmarking and best practices authority APQC as chief financial officer to lead the finance and accounting teams and facilities department. He has more than 25 years in a variety of professional, business services, medical device and

manufacturing environments. Prior to joining APQC, he spent more than four years as president and chief executive officer of Wright Therapy Products, Inc., a Pittsburgh-based medical device manufacturer. He is a licensed Texas certified public accountant.

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**Ian McCann** is manager of Talent Acquisition Compliance and Analytics for Comcast's Central Division, based in Atlanta, Georgia.

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**Matthew Crownover** is the third generation of his family to lead the Mesquite, Texas-based company Identification Plates, Inc., servicing awards and personalization, promotional products, manufacturing and government markets, using more than 130 types of sheet metal to fabricate stock and custom products with a variety of imprinting methods. With a Master of Divinity degree, he has volunteered, studied and worked in more than 20 countries. During his 14-year career as a

medical chaplain in Dallas-area hospitals, he received certifications in the fields of oncology, psychiatry, emergency room and neonatology. Discussing with his parents the future of the company they had spent their lives building, he officially joined Identification Plates in September 2013 to reintegrate into the family business and in August 2015 graduated from the Goldman Sachs 10K Small Businesses program in Dallas. He assumed the role of president last January 1. The purpose of the company as he sees it is to bless the lives of others – their customers, vendors and employees. And an example of that purpose came last December 13 at the Dallas Marathon when he won the Columbia Business School's Executive Challenge. His 26.2-mile run resulted in a \$10,000 donation for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children on behalf of Identification Plates. He said: "It was an honor to run through some pain for a few hours to provide this tremendous gift to the hospital." **Rosemary Kriegel Hickman** joined the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio in April 2013 as the museum's Semmes Foundation Museum Educator. She organizes museum events for teachers, including hands-on workshops, biannual Evening for Educators programs and a Summer Teacher Institute; develops online resources for educators and interactive applications for visitors; plans exhibition-related adult programs such as artist and curator talks, lectures and art classes; and supervises education department interns. Last November 13 during the 54th annual conference of the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) at Moody Gardens in Galveston, Texas, she received the TAEA award for the 2016 Outstanding Museum Art Educator.

## 02

**Bonnie Bazley** has joined SMU's Development and External Affairs in the Office of the Assistant Vice President for University Development. She helps implement major gift constituent and volunteer fundraising strategies and processes and serves as a liaison with University development teams and other areas of DEA and SMU to advance the University's major gift fundraising priorities. She began at SMU in 2010 and has previously provided administrative support for

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SMU's vice president for Executive Affairs, vice president for Student Affairs and Office of the Provost. She also has owned an event planning company, where she further developed her skills in project management, volunteer recruitment and training. **Scott Emry** has joined the State of Washington as chief information officer after recently completing a global shared services transformation effort at Tyco International.

## 03

**Jesse Bush Butler** is an equity partner at law firm Hajjar Peters, LLP, focusing on creditors' rights, debt collection and bankruptcy matters. He was honored by his peers as a 2010-2016 Super Lawyer – Rising Star by *Law & Politics* magazine, published by *Texas Monthly*. **Habeeb I. Gnaïm** has been recognized in the 2015 *Super Lawyers Business Edition* for his practice in business and transactions in the Houston office of Chamberlain Hrdlicka. **Christy Pennington** joined Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP as counsel at the firm's Austin office. She assists publicly traded and privately held hospital companies and other health care providers with leasing transactions involving medical office buildings, ambulatory surgery centers and physician practices and other health care facilities. **Ivana K. Rouse** (J.D. '06) recently was named a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, a leading international law firm with more than 900 lawyers in offices throughout the United States, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. She is a member of the firm's investment funds practice, advising management companies in connection with ongoing compliance, fundraising, registration, investment activities, operational issues and marketing as well as internal structuring issues such as mergers, spin-offs, profit-sharing arrangements and seeding transactions. **Steven J. (Steve) Schindler** has been promoted to partner at law firm Perkins Coie. He is a member of the firm's personal planning practice in Seattle, representing individuals and families in personal and estate planning strategies to achieve family legacy and charitable objectives. He also advises U.S. clients with international assets as well as non-U.S. clients residing in the United States regarding their U.S. tax, reporting and compliance obligations.



## Mustangs Keep Airline Trending

These Southwest Airlines employees know how to make visiting Mustangs feel at home, showing off pony ears to welcome members of the SMU Corporate Communications and Public Affairs Board during a recent tour of the corporate facilities at Dallas Love Field. The trio – (from left) advisor Brooks Thomas '06 and specialists Brie Strickland '14 and Derek Hubbard '12 – works in the airline's social business hub.

## 04

**Ewa Brandys**, without money or knowledge of the English language, came to the United States to pursue the fine arts. Five years ago she founded and now directs Park Cities School of Music, where she inspires the young with music instruction – so much so that her business requires an expansion and a second location. Along with a fellow Poland native, she opened the Lakewood Conservatory of Fine Arts, the only fine arts school in Dallas to offer art, music and dance curricula to all ages. Their vision is not only to identify and refine young talent, but also to ignite camaraderie among students of varying disciplines and dreams. The grand opening celebration of Lakewood Conservatory of Fine Arts was January 30.

## 05

**Scott A. Langley** has been promoted to asset manager at JPI, a national developer, builder and investment manager of Class A multifamily assets. Working from the Dallas office, he oversees all asset management activities in the central region. He has more than 10 years of multifamily experience, and prior to joining JPI he served as a development manager for SNK

Realty Group, where he was responsible for management of \$300 million in new development. **Thomas G. Seward, Jr.** is the new director of corporate location strategy with KMK Consulting Company LLC to lead the site selection and incentive negotiation teams for the company's corporate clients in the Cincinnati region and across the United States. Previously he was part of the team that established JobsOhio where as senior project manager for four-and-a-half years, he worked with more than 500 companies, resulting in commitments of more than 25,000 new jobs and \$3.1 billion in capital investment.

## 06

What do **Nicholas Caluori**, **Drew Mangus** '13 and **Nicole de la Cal Caluori** '07 have in common? All are alumni of Meadows School of the Arts, all alumni of the National Repertory Orchestra, all horn players and all members of the West Point Academy Band. The trio has performed with the New York Philharmonic, participated in September 11 performances at the Holy Trinity Church in Manhattan and opened major venues such as Four Freedoms Park in New York City and the Patriot Plaza in Sarasota, Florida. They also have performed for the president of the United States and in a 4th of July concert with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at West Point. **Emily Stroope** (J.D. '09) has been named to the 2016 edition of *Texas Super Lawyers* "Rising Stars." She is an associate in the Dallas office of McGlinchey Stafford and focuses on the areas of mortgage lending litigation and consumer financial services litigation for lenders, mortgage servicers, banks and other financial institutions.

## 07

**Natalie Bidnick** married Kyle Andreas in downtown Austin last January 16. **Teresa Michaud** was elected partner at Baker & McKenzie, where she is part of the litigation and government enforcement practice based in San Francisco. She advises on all aspects of dispute resolution, with a focus on complex business disputes, consumer class action defense, data privacy and international arbitration.







## 08

**Fiona Nicholson**, M.D., and Nima Esfandari were married April 11, 2015. Fiona is completing an obstetrics and gynecology residency at UT Southwestern at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. **Allison Venuto** is celebrating the five-year anniversary of Ducks in a Row Personal Organizing. During that time she has spoken to thousands of clients about how organizing can save time and money (allison@ducksinarowdallas.com).

## 09

**James (Jim) Honn** has been appointed chief operating officer of American CareSource Holdings, Inc., which owns and manages a growing chain of 14 urgent and primary care centers operating under the tradenames Medac and GoNow Doctors. He has served as chief information officer since joining the company in June 2013 and will remain responsible for the development and execution of the company's information technology strategy. **Sarah Nolen**, a puppeteer and film maker, performed a puppet demonstration with

the audience last January 24 following a showing of her new short, live-action film "Treeples" as part of the USA Film Festival's 32nd annual KidFilm Festival at the Angelika Film Center in Dallas. It's the oldest and largest-attended children's film festival in the United States. **Ross Smeltzer**, reared in Chatham, New York, had an awareness growing up that the past is an omnipresent, pervasive power. He now lives in Dallas and teaches social studies but writes fiction whenever he gets a chance – stories of the weirdest kind. According to his bio, "His imagination can only manufacture demented little yarns." His fiction has appeared in *Bewildering Stories* magazine, *Quantum Fairy Tales* and *Enchanted Conversation*, an online fairy tale magazine. Now this "weird cosmic horror author" announces the release of *The Mark of the Shadow Grove* (Fantasy Works Publishing) (www.FantasyWorks-Publishing.com/authors). **Craig Woodcock** was named general counsel, secretary and vice president of legal affairs at Ben E. Keith Company, where he began his career in 1997, working in roles from warehouseman to financial analyst. Ben E. Keith is the third largest beverage distributor and the eighth largest broad line food service

distributor in the United States. He attended night classes to obtain a Master of Science degree in economics from the University of North Texas in 2001 and received a Juris Doctor degree from the Texas Wesleyan School of Law in 2005 and a Master of Law from SMU in 2009. He also serves on the State Fair of Texas board of directors and was named a "Forty Under Forty" and "Top Attorney – Corporate Counsel" by the *Fort Worth Business Press*.

## 10

**Nina Flournoy** is a former SMU professor and author of *The Lions Among Us: Celebrating 80 Years of The Dallas Petroleum Club* (Taylor Specialty Books), which details how the East Texas oil discoveries of the 1930s ignited the Texas oil industry and led to a significant contribution to the growth and leadership of Dallas. She is a former communication studies professor and an award-winning reporter, editor and contributor for numerous national and Dallas-based newspapers and magazines. Recognized by Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and by the Dallas Press Association for excellence in feature writing, she received the Junior League of Dallas Community Service Award for investigative reporting. **Alex Grassano** owns and manages apartment communities across Texas, all the while acquiring more. Last fall he married his wife, Hillary, at the Joule Hotel in Dallas, where they are building their dream home near Park Cities. **Stephen Bradley (Brad) Green** is the new director of legislative and regulatory affairs for the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the goal of protecting and advancing Missouri business by advocating for pro-business legislation and policy in the State Capitol. He works directly with the state's elected officials to help ensure the business community is represented as proposed laws advance through the legislative process, focusing on transportation, health care and regulatory affairs. He is a native of Farmington, Missouri. **Matt Ruck** brings extensive commercial real estate experience to his new position as a broker at NAI DESCO, a member of the world's premier managed network of commercial real estate firms serving Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois and the local affiliate of NAI Global. A St. Louis native, Matt

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started his real estate career at Duke Realty, then on to Emerald Properties, where he specialized in leasing and marketing of a local shopping center, and later at Balke Brown Transwestern, where he spent five years on the office brokerage team. He is an active member of the St. Louis Association of Realtors – Commercial Division and an assistant coach of the Burroughs Varsity hockey team.

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**Clay Zelbst** recently joined the Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry Law Firm in Longview, Texas, focusing his practice on personal injury.

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**Natalie Coca** appeared as Luisa in "The Fantasticks" December 3-27, 2015, at Theatre Three in Dallas. She has appeared in "Evita" at the ZACH Theatre and as Yum-Yum in "The Hot Mikado," Cinderella in "Into the Woods," Brooke Wyndham in "Legally Blonde the Musical," Carla in "In the Heights" and Belle in "Beauty and the Beast." When not on stage, she enjoys cooking and time with friends and family.

**Charlotte Weatherford Rhodes** is a student initiate welcomed by Alpha Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, at Washington and Lee's annual Founders Day-ODK convocation January 9 at the campus' Lee Chapel. She is an executive editor of the Washington and Lee Law Review and was a student attorney in the W&L Tax Clinic. Upon graduation she will work as an associate for Baker Hostetler in Cleveland.

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**Adam Fulkerson** was promoted to senior associate of Decker Jones, PC, a Fort Worth law firm with 26 attorneys, 10 practice groups and 120 years of history in Fort Worth. With tax knowledge that sets him apart in his field, he practices primarily corporate and tax law and advises clients in forming companies, creating partnerships, buying and selling companies and creating succession plans. **Lindsay Seidel** married **Jacob Fleming** '13 at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas August 1, 2015. Jacob is a second-year medical student at Vanderbilt University. **Mia Rae Wittern** and **Blake Preston Rankin** '13 were married July 25, 2015, at SMU's Perkins Chapel. After a

formal dinner and dancing reception, they honeymooned in Hawaii before returning home to Houston. She is employed by Studio Communications, and he is a real estate analyst for Berkadia.

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**Jaime Michelle DeWees** has recently joined the litigation group in the Dallas office of law firm Kane Russell Coleman & Logan PC. She focuses her practice on general commercial and real estate litigation and employment litigation defense. While a student at SMU's Dedman School of Law, she served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Judge Martin J. Hoffman in the 68th Judicial District Court of Dallas County and as a federal judicial extern for the Honorable Judge Renee Harris Toliver in the Northern District of Texas. She also worked as a *pro bono* legal aide at the Dallas County Probate Court Investigator's Office, where she assisted attorney investigators in evaluating guardianship applications and filing motions to transfer guardianship. **Ashley Leonard Roche** is a new associate in the Oklahoma City office of law firm Hall Estill with a primary focus on energy and natural resources. While at Oklahoma State University, where she received her undergraduate degree, she was named an Outstanding Senior Student and received the Raymond D. Thomas Award, which recognizes the top senior in the business school based on academic achievement and community involvement. **Andrew F. Snow** has left his 12-year position at SMU for a new career at the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. In SMU's Office of Alumni Relations, he cultivated a Young Alumni board, which transformed the level of annual giving for this key group. In addition, he guided the alumni chapters and developed key programs to strengthen connections between SMU and its alumni at events locally and across the country. During the recent SMU Unbridled: The Second Century Campaign, he assumed leadership of SMU's direct marketing program, personalizing messages to alumni through direct mail, telemarketing and electronic communications. His efforts, along with personal solicitations by alumni peers and development staff, helped SMU exceed its 25 percent alumni giving goal for the campaign.



# In Memoriam

The following deaths were reported to SMU between 9/26/15 and 3/4/16.

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**Dorothy F. Kinnard**, 1/12/09
- 27 **Walter P. Hickman** '34, 10/29/00
- 28 Col. **John M. House, Jr.**, 6/25/97  
**Charles H. Webb, Sr.**, 6/25/98
- 30 **Robert J. Sledge**, 3/9/57
- 31 **James S. Rifenburg**, 7/19/96
- 36 **Charles D. Armentrout**, 3/14/15
- 37 **George L. Smith**, 12/12/15
- 38 **Alice Carlyon Miller**, 11/8/12
- 39 **Charlotte Yocum Felt**, 11/27/15 **Julia Majors Harris**, 1/2/16 **Elizabeth Williams Rucker**, 12/4/15
- 40 **Ida Lynch Kalen**, 1/26/16 **William F. Riddle**, 1/27/16
- 41 **Norma Whittekin Allen**, 2/20/16  
**William L. Davenport, Jr.**, 11/7/15  
**Manuel C. DeBusk**, 10/24/11 **Walter E. Judge**, 1/22/16
- 42 **John C. Pritchett**, 1/31/16
- 43 **Leroy J. Garrett**, 9/29/15 **John P. Jones**, 10/6/10 Rev. **Frederick W. Marsh**, 12/1/13
- 44 **Evalyn Martel**, 3/15/10
- 45 **Billie Jones Cook** '74, 1/6/16
- 46 **Joseph W. Geary, Jr.** '48, 1/16/16 **Ada Goldberg Kramer**, 4/29/14 **Angelina Zarafonetis Pappas**, 10/20/15 **Nina Byrom Zapffe**, 11/29/15
- 47 **Leroy Gardner**, 9/19/15 **Betty Walter Guthrie**, 10/23/15 **Renate Fulda Kahn**, 11/18/15 **Richard C. Knowles**, 9/16/15 **Joyce Davis Ledford**, 11/10/05 **Eugene McElvaney, Jr.**, 12/4/15 **Adolph P. Miller, Jr.**, 9/24/14 **Jack C. Phipps**, 2/4/16 **Rebecca Jeanne Wellborn Simpson**, 2/2/16 **James E. Wallace**, 5/27/11 **Patsy Warner Weatherford**, 11/14/15 **Selma Rolnick Winkler**, 9/29/13
- 48 **James L. Basham**, 1/25/16 **Thomas M. Calhoun**, 3/30/12 **Richard D. Carlyon**, 10/24/15 **Ada Henderson Foster**, 12/23/15 **Frances Williams Gifford**, 2/14/16 Col. **Lenore Henson**, 6/9/00 **John L. Keplinger, Sr.**, 11/24/15 Rev. Dr. **Bruce E. Krause** '52, 8/20/14 **Clyde F. Lacy**, 1/24/16 **James M. Ledford**, 9/1/05

- Emily Mills McKelvain**, 11/12/15 **Ruth Edmundson Ramsey**, 12/22/90 **Phil F. Southern**, 12/24/15 **William E. Sprowls**, 1/6/16 **Robert A. Stallcup, Sr.**, 12/1/15 Dr. **Mary Martha Hosford Thomas**, 12/30/15
- 49 **Cecelia Mann Bynum**, 1/7/16 **Curtis B. Campbell**, 12/22/15 **Richard E. Carncross**, 8/18/14 **Robert L. Corley, Jr.**, 3/25/98 **Royce H. D'Arcy**, 10/28/15 **Walter P. Ditto, Sr.**, 10/9/15 **Charles R. Eastham**, 1/29/15 **Darwin R. Fendley**, 1/12/16 **Willis H. Flack**, 10/4/95 **Hildegard Sandberg Gaya**, 11/21/15 **Jack H. Grieder, Sr.**, 10/24/11 **John H. Hall**, 2/2/16 **Frederick B. Loe, Jr.**, 1/7/16 Rev. **Robert R. Miller**, 9/30/15 **Robert C. Muchmore, Sr.** '51, 2/28/16 **Richard E. Reece**, 10/3/15 **Luther W. Starr** '63, 10/2/15 **James A. Taylor**, 8/11/08 **Patricia Seward Ward**, 4/28/15 **Curtis D. Williams**, 10/25/15 **Fred D. Wolff, Sr.**, 10/4/15 **James R. Wood, Jr.**, 10/11/15
- 50 **Merrell H. Bass**, 11/9/15 Judge **John T. Forbis, Jr.**, 12/28/15 **Wilbert K. Gripp**, 11/6/15 **Joseph E. Helton, Sr.**, 1/6/16 **Martha Raley Peak**, 11/10/15 **George F. Ray, Jr.**, 2/26/16 Col. **B. J. Smith**, 10/3/85 **Wallace B. Tracy**, 2/13/16 **Bob L. Wilson**, 1/7/16
- 51 **Elizabeth Buchanan Bacon**, 11/23/15 **John H. Bartlett**, 5/19/12 Rev. **Lawrence B. Bryan** '56, 1/13/16 **Joseph A. Canavespe**, 2/12/16 **Mildred Vrandac Daffron**, 11/21/15 Chaplain **Jefferson E. Davis, Jr.**, 12/29/15 **George W. Gray, III**, 6/21/00 Rev. **Meredith R. Groves**, 8/24/15 Rev. **Staley P. Hackley**, 11/7/15 **Wesley L. Harper** '57, 2/21/13 **Gordon S. Hutto**, 8/22/09 **Lee Clark May**, 9/9/15 **Jack T. Norton**, 12/19/15 **Harry D. Pierce**, 1/1/14 **James P. Sessums**, 12/7/15 **James V. Shannon**, 1/25/16 **Mary Waggoner Swinford**, 11/26/15 **James C. Tubb** '54, 12/4/15 **William H. Ward**, 11/17/12
- 52 Rev. **Gilbert S. Avery, III**, 8/10/15 **Julia Randolph Chiles**, 11/5/15 **Laurel Knorpp Chucovich**, 12/7/15 **Carolyn Stark Crosby**, 10/31/15 **William C.**

- Edwards, Jr.**, 1/24/16 **James P. Ferguson**, 1/15/16 **Wilbur H. Fogleman, Jr.**, 1/6/15 **Norman Mopsik** '57, 11/26/15 **Alexander S. Pearce, III**, 1/28/16
- 53 Dr. **Marilyn J. Byer**, 10/31/15 **Donald N. Ewan**, 10/21/15 Rev. **Louis R. Gant, Jr.**, 1/30/16 **Robert D. Gattis**, 3/31/15 Dr. **Worth W. Gibson**, 1/17/16 **Marianne Fite Green**, 1/1/16 Dr. **Walter R. Grist**, 12/13/15 Dr. **Robert D. Joiner, Jr.**, 8/7/15 **Frank S. LaBarba, Jr.** '56, 11/8/15 **Clarence H. Parsons, Jr.**, 12/8/15 Dr. **Charles D. Whittle**, 11/11/15 **Peter N. Wiggins, III**, 11/20/15
- 54 **Benjamin Engelberg** '55, 2/4/16 **Robert R. Gerlach**, 11/10/15 **Jane Chambers Godfrey**, 10/24/15 **Dawn Simmer Holloway**, 1/21/16 **Ernest R. Meitzen, Jr.**, 10/27/15 **John R. Moore**, 10/5/15 **Jane Rutland Ray**, 1/12/16 **Payton Smith**, 9/22/15
- 55 **Virginia Biggers Adams**, 2/11/16 Dr. **Cecil B. Melton**, 11/12/13 **Adair Tucker Mills**, 12/23/15 Dr. **Cecil J. Milner** '56, 12/27/15 **Jack L. Nance**, Ph.D., 11/9/15 **William A. Riedel**, 1/1/16 Rev. **William F. Roberts, Jr.**, 9/29/13 **Betty Funderburk Robinson**, 12/14/13 **Joseph C. Sumner, III**, 12/31/15 **Buck W. Woolley, Jr.**, 5/4/15 **Ann Overbeck Yorstoun**, 1/4/00
- 56 **George R. Alexander, Jr.** '58, 2/25/15 **Thomas L. Barrow, Sr.**, 1/6/16 **Artiste B. Clifton**, 10/19/15 **Jane Moon Evans**, 12/23/15 **Mary V. Moore**, 7/8/12 **Thomas E. Toone, Sr.**, 5/6/09 **John A. Wiebelt**, 12/2/15
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- 58 **Robert F. Beckett**, 3/25/15 Rev. **James B. Fowler, Jr.**, 11/3/15 **Joseph V. Marchman**, 3/2/16 Dr. **Jesse M. Mothersbaugh**, 10/18/15 **Herschel A.**





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- 59 **Dr. Thomas M. Babington, III**, 10/2/15 **Jack R. Brennan**, 11/26/15 **Abbie J. Downing**, 10/18/15 **Betty Bentley Garrett**, 2/16/16 **David C. Musslewhite** '64, 12/5/15 **Donald F. Padgett**, 12/4/15 **Ronald D. Smith**, 2/3/16 **William T. Taylor**, 1/29/14 **Edward O. Webber** '66, 12/22/15 **Zygfried R. Wolanski**, 10/28/15 **Thomas R. Yates**, 12/19/15
- 60 **Rufus C. Henderson**, 2/3/16 **David L. Kors**, 12/17/15 **John F. Lovingfoss**, 10/24/15 **Jefferson H. Taylor**, 2/6/16
- 61 **Billy G. Compton**, 12/13/15 **Allen W. Donald**, 11/20/15 **Danny D. Echols, Sr.**, 11/16/15 **Daniel F. Folzenlogen**, 10/22/15 **Gene K. Hunter**, 1/8/16 **Thomas B. Johnson, Jr.**, 3/6/15 **Judge Edwin G. Ruland**, 9/14/15 **Dick E. Stearns, Jr.**, 9/16/15
- 62 **Raymond D. Benison**, 9/13/15 **Donald R. Broadland**, 10/13/15 **Judith A. Carder**, 1/9/16 **Donna Meagher Easterling**, 1/25/16 **Dr. Leo L. Hsu** '76, 7/30/12 **Sister Mary B. Mangan**, 11/29/07 **Keith Newman O'Neal**, 6/14/14 **Melville R. Rose**, 12/21/15 **Roy B. Thomas, Jr.**, 3/24/15
- 63 **Ralph E. Joynes, Jr.**, 4/19/12 **Kenneth E. Shollenbarger**, 1/9/16 **Elsie Sippola Thompson**, 12/3/15 **Bradford W. Tibbitts**, 1/23/16 **Ross M. Williams**, 2/1/16
- 64 **Hugh A. Lockhart**, 5/10/14 **Brenda Bird Matthews**, 10/26/15 **Rev. Arthur M. Saddoris**, 10/6/07 **Judge Howard V. Tygrett, Jr.**, 11/18/15
- 65 **Judith McGuffin Frederick**, 11/3/15 **Ann Muller Parker**, 9/26/15 **William H. Pennington, Jr.**, 11/30/15 **Nancy Crow Sanders**, 1/26/16
- 66 **Marvin W. Carr**, 11/2/15 **Don M. Hamm**, 12/14/15 **William C. Heald**, 12/31/15 **Edsel L. Kuykendall**, 12/22/15 **Robert J. McMurrey, III**, 12/30/15 **Robert B. Montgomery**, 2/10/16 **Dr. Bertrand S. Moore**, 10/20/15 **Isam Munir**, 1/2/16 **Dr. Richard W. Myers**, 1/15/16 **Max R. Scott**, 11/13/15
- 67 **Roy R. Brodin**, 12/24/15 **Mary Johnson Caruthers**, 1/6/16 **Richard L. Cofer, Sr.**, 10/24/15 **Prof. Emer. Elizabeth Stewart Ferguson**, 2/20/16 **Donald G. Ford**, 12/25/15 **Mario J. Foster**, 12/9/15 **James K. Murphey, III**, 1/21/16 **Cornelius J. Nelson**, 12/24/15 **Dr. Rita Gray Newman**, 1/28/16 **Carl P. Pietsch**, 9/26/15
- 68 **Claude L. Milligan**, 1/12/16 **Ruth Weddington Peattie**, 2/25/16 **Philip S. Wuntch**, 10/12/15
- 69 **Sammy F. Carollo**, 1/6/16 **Donald F. Nelson**, 7/30/15 **Gene O. Reeves**, 12/16/15
- 70 **Robert B. Calder**, 1/25/16 **Timothy M. Comstock**, 12/24/15 **Elizabeth Staton Mitchell**, 2/15/09 **Rev. Dr. William A. Rawlins**, 12/22/15 **Stanley D. Shaw**, 7/30/14 **Chester L. Wheless, Jr.**, 10/29/15 **Dr. Roland T. Windecker**, 1/1/16
- 71 **Richard L. Franklin**, 10/11/15 **Jean K. McGowan**, 2/6/10
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- 77 **Chris D. Defenbaugh** '79, 2/7/16 **Thomas J. Faulkenbury**, 3/17/15 **Robert H. Shelton**, 9/26/15
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- 79 **George M. Adams**, 3/27/15 **Wilma Cole Clay**, 1/6/16 **Claudia Edwards Gordon**, 2/18/16 **William D. Parker**, 4/1/15
- 80 **Rosa Sepulveda Abreo**, 10/1/15 **Rev. Robert P. Green**, 1/23/16 **Rev. Charles S. LaRue**, 8/7/15 **Karla Wampler Martin**, 9/17/05 **Cecilia J. Ramos**, 1/8/16
- 81 **Rev. Roger A. Decker**, 3/27/04 **Stephen D. Horchem**, 12/14/15 **Cynthia C. Thomason**, 7/7/84
- 82 **Philip F. Franklin** '87, 6/3/14 **Mary K. Petsche**, 2/4/16 **Mary Mahler Raitt**, 12/11/15 **Kermit K. Rodda, Jr.**, 3/19/15 **Dr. Daniel R. Sunkel**, 10/1/15
- 83 **Lee E. Hansen**, 1/5/14 **Randall K. Murphy**, 5/17/15 **Bonnie Scarbrough Shaver**, 1/29/16
- 84 **Rev. Carl K. Bray**, 4/29/11 **Rev. George H. Hobbs**, 2/19/10 **Deborah I. Pomeroy**, 11/17/15
- 85 **Michael K. Smith**, 10/12/15
- 86 **Hillary L. Link**, 2/7/14
- 87 **Michael J. Flaherty**, 11/17/15 **Ann Cantoni Reeves**, 9/12/15
- 88 **Jeffrey S. Barnes**, 1/2/16 **Judith Calk Croft**, 8/2/15 **James H. Peterman, Jr.** '98, 10/16/15
- 90 **James G. Archuleta, Jr.** '96, 1/16/16 **Rev. José Garcia, III**, 10/20/02 **Rev. Sondra J. Stalcup**, 12/19/15





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- 95 Laurie J. Burkett**, 10/15/15 **Tony Ned. Jr.**, 4/13/15
- 96 Mathias Robles, Jr.**, 2/10/16
- 98 John S. Anderson, II**, 3/6/12
- 03 George J. Lewis**, 10/9/15
- 08 John C. Stevens**, 8/6/15
- 10 Connor W. Patman, III**, 6/26/15
- 11 Caroline T. Parravano**, 11/21/15
- 12 Seif H. Jardaly**, 11/23/12
- 13 Sharon Brown Wootton**, 10/16/15

## SMU Community

- Judy Chiles**, retired SMU staff member, Norwick Center for Media and Instructional Technology, 11/1/15
- Elizabeth (Betty) Adele Stewart Ferguson**, professor *emerita* and former chair of the Division of Dance, Meadows School of the Arts, 2/20/16
- Burt Greynolds**, associate dean of the Cox Undergraduate Program, faculty member for accounting and department chair, Cox School of Business, 12/23/15
- Richard Alan Hunt**, professor *emeritus* of psychology, Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, March 20, 2016
- Joseph McKnight**, the Larry and Jane Harlan Faculty Fellow *emeritus* and professor *emeritus*, Dedman School of Law, 11/30/15
- Megan Rondini**, current SMU student, 2/26/16
- Lanelle Montgomery Thompson**, retired SMU staff member, Grant Accounting, 11/18/15
- R. Hal Williams**, former dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, former dean of Research and Graduate Studies and professor of history, 2/10/16

## Alumni 'Talk Shop' With Students

**Tricia Linderman '91** remembers how important mentors and business contacts were to her as a newly minted SMU graduate.

"I was very fortunate to have a lot of executives who made time for me early in my career, and I believe in paying that forward," she says.

Linderman, executive vice president of recruiting and corporate communications at Texas Capital Bank, shared her time and expertise with psychology major Lauren Gonzalez '16 as a volunteer with the SMU Connection externship program over winter break. A collaboration between SMU's Alumni Relations and Engagement team and the Hegi Family Career Development Center, the program matches alumni across the country with SMU undergraduates for a one-day job-shadowing opportunity.

The externships had been offered during winter break only, but the program was recently expanded to the spring. For the first time, approximately 50 students and alumni have been matched for externships in May.

For consultant Matt Samler '04, who hosted business major Taylor Press '18, the volunteer experience allowed him "to give back to SMU in a more personal way and help a student in the process." Samler serves as vice president of site selection and location economics for JLL, a commercial real estate services and investment management firm. He believes the externship program is "a great way for students to expand their professional network, which will help lead to employment opportunities when they graduate."

Spending a day on the job can be revelatory for students, says Sandy Speegle Nobles '75, director of education at the Momentous Institute, which provides educational and therapeutic services for children and families. She was shadowed by psychology and sociology major Melissa Kraft '19.

"She was able to walk away with an understanding of what we do at the intersection of education and mental health," Nobles says.

An externship can help students discover career options they may not have considered, Linderman says. "Initially, Lauren thought about going to law school, but had recently decided to pursue a role in human resources. I told her that employment law is a fascinating area where she could combine both her passions."

Gonzalez says Linderman "opened my eyes to employment law. It wasn't ever something I considered, but I am looking into now."

For more information about serving as an externship host and other SMU Connection alumni volunteer opportunities, visit <https://link.smu.edu/alumni/serve-lead/smu-connection> or email [involved@smu.edu](mailto:involved@smu.edu).



Tricia Linderman '91



Matt Samler '04



Sandy Nobles '75

## WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

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# Parting Words, Lasting Memories

**This *SMU Magazine* represents** my last issue as executive editor. It's been 33 years since SMU recruited me from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in Washington, D.C., to become editor here. I had previously edited publications at The American University and Georgetown University, but I was attracted to SMU by the opportunity to make a difference at an up-and-coming institution. Today, as we all know, SMU has definitely "arrived" among the nation's distinguished universities.

As I retire May 31, my hope is that the 92 issues I oversaw have told the story of SMU's progress and potential in a compelling way. Yes, we reported on the institutional tragedies of the late '80s, but it was then even more of a joy to report SMU's turnaround and triumphs under Presidents A. Kenneth Pye and R. Gerald Turner. President Pye showed great respect for the role of consistent communications for our alumni, parents, donors and friends, as does President Turner today.

At the same time, we've been fortunate to garner external recognition for *SMU Magazine*, including being named one of the top 10 university magazines in the nation by our professional association. In this digital age, some may consider magazines to be old school, but as one who



Patricia LaSalle-Hopkins

has kept up with communication trends at colleges and universities nationwide, I can attest that the best institutions, and those striving for that status, are producing lively, colorful and frequent (usually quarterly) university magazines. *SMU Magazine* is published twice yearly now, but our content is updated online.

Most SMU staff will tell you that the University is not just a place of employment – it is a community that is embracing and enriching, with an impact on all areas of our lives. My work at SMU has resulted in friendships with many accomplished and caring individuals among the faculty and staff. The most notable relationship, of course, has been with beloved SMU History Professor

James K. Hopkins. I interviewed him for a magazine article shortly after arriving in 1983, and this June we celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary.

I also became an SMU alumna after completing the Master of Liberal Arts degree in 2005. It has been an honor to become a Mustang, one of the more than 100,000 members of the alumni community who receive this magazine.

SMU enabled me to advance professionally as well, moving up to my current position as associate vice president for public affairs, but still watching over the magazine as executive editor, working with Susan White as editor.

I have indeed been fortunate in pursuing my career – which became my calling – at SMU, including collaboration with a remarkably talented Public Affairs staff. In telling my own SMU story, it is difficult to separate the personal from the professional, so I will end by simply, but wholeheartedly, saying thank you. And – Go Ponies!

– Patricia LaSalle-Hopkins '05

**(Below)** Through the years SMU's magazine has chronicled the University's milestones, from restoring integrity after football violations in the 1980s to naming SMU's 10th president in 1995, from opening a presidential library to celebrating the centennial in 2015 and Second Century Campaign in 2016.

Summer 1988

Summer 1995

Spring/Summer 2013

Spring/Summer 2015

Fall/Winter 2015





# Mapping PROGRESS

In reshaping the physical profile of the campus with new facilities for living and learning, SMU also has elevated its academic profile and enriched the campus experience. A tour of what goes on within the bricks and mortar follows.

**1 ELIZABETH PERKINS PROTHRO HALL** is the centerpiece of SMU's renovated quad for Perkins School of Theology. The Hall features gathering spaces, seminar and conference rooms, a lounge, and computer and preaching labs.

**2** The new **DR. BOB SMITH HEALTH CENTER** will provide comprehensive outpatient care to more than 11,000 SMU students each academic year. It will provide medical and mental health care with a focus on wellness and sound health decision-making.

**3** Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, **MCFARLIN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM** seats 2,386 patrons on three levels. A multimillion-dollar restoration includes original architectural features returned to their former glory. Available to the community, the Auditorium hosts celebrated artists and lecturers from Dallas and around the world, among them the Dalai Lama through SMU's popular Willis M. Tate Distinguished Lecture Series.

**4** A redesigned **MEADOWS MUSEUM PLAZA** and sculpture garden welcome visitors to a crown jewel of culture: SMU's Meadows Museum, which features *Sho*, a monumental sculpture by Jaume Plensa. It joins Santiago Calatrava's *Wave*, which now can be viewed from above, as Calatrava intended, from a terrace.

**5** The **CRAIN FAMILY CENTENNIAL PROMENADE** is a new north-south walkway linking SMU's Hughes-Trigg Student Center with its Residential Commons. The Promenade adds a convenient passageway to sites including the George W. Bush Presidential Center, Moody Coliseum and Blanton Student Services Building. Personalized etched pavers recognize donors who contributed to the Promenade.

**6** The Lyle School of Engineering's **CARUTH HALL** houses the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education; the Engineering Management, Information and Systems Department; and Computer Science and Engineering Department; as well as the Deason Innovation Gym, Hillcrest Foundation Amphitheater, Vester Hughes Auditorium and Hunter and Stephanie Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity.

**7** SMU's **FONDREN LIBRARY CENTER** is being updated with new study spaces, technology upgrades, restored historic areas and a cafe. It includes the Fondren Foundation Centennial Reading Room, Hillcrest Foundation Exhibit Hall and Prothro Learning Commons.

**8** **ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS HALL** opened in 2010 as the first new building for the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development. It houses facilities for teaching and research in areas such as literacy.

**HAROLD CLARK SIMMONS HALL** opened in 2016. It is home to interactive teaching labs and The Budd Center: Involving Communities in Education, which works in the Dallas community to improve education as a way to break the cycle of poverty.

**9** Soon to be constructed, the **GERALD J. FORD RESEARCH CENTER** will support SMU's growing research profile, taking advantage of the University's high-performance computing and enabling researchers and students to interact for interdisciplinary studies.

**10** **GERALD J. FORD STADIUM'S** upgrades include a new playing surface, improvements to the locker room and meeting rooms, and a new team lounge. Enhancements for guests include a 233-seat Hall of Champions Club and seven new suites with indoor/outdoor sections.







## 11 The **RESIDENTIAL COMMONS**

complex includes six new facilities, adding 1,250 students to on-campus housing. The complex includes the Anita and Truman Arnold Dining Commons and residence halls:

- Armstrong Commons
- Kathy Crow Commons
- Crum Commons
- Loyd Commons
- Ware Commons

Other halls have been renovated as Commons, which include faculty in residence.

## 12 The **MUSTANG BAND HALL**

and **VAN METER PLAZA** serve the 88-member band, known as “the best-dressed band in the land.” The hall features the Van Meter Performance Plaza, which showcases the band’s jazz-swing style in open-air performances for the community.

## 13 **MUSTANG MALL**

is a pedestrian mall linking Moody Coliseum, Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports, the Residential Commons complex and Doak Walker Plaza. It is also the setting for two iconic SMU symbols – the Mustangs sculpture and Doak Walker statue. Mustang Mall is a much-loved outdoor gathering spot and a visible reminder of SMU’s commitment to preserving open spaces on campus.

## 14 The renovation of **MOODY COLISEUM**

and the construction of the adjacent **MILLER EVENT CENTER** set the stage for “Moody Magic,” accommodating deafening crowd support for exciting Mustang basketball. Moody also hosts graduation for SMU and area high schools.

## 15 The **CRUM BASKETBALL CENTER**

includes separate full-size practice courts for men’s and women’s basketball as well as training and rehabilitation areas. SMU volleyball also uses the facilities.

## 16 SMU’s **DATA CENTER**

houses ManeFrame, named via a student contest. It is one of the fastest academic supercomputers in the nation, capable of processing 120 trillion mathematic operations a second. It supports big data research on topics ranging from particle physics to human behavior, water quality and drug discovery.

## 17 The SMU **TENNIS COMPLEX**

is a new home for the Mustang men’s and women’s tennis teams. Facilities include Turpin Stadium with six outdoor courts, the Styslinger Family Grand Viewing Terrace and the Ann and Brad Brookshire Family Pavilion with six indoor courts, the Edwin L. Cox Club Suite and a patron balcony.

## 18 The newly constructed **CRUM LACROSSE AND SPORTS FIELD**

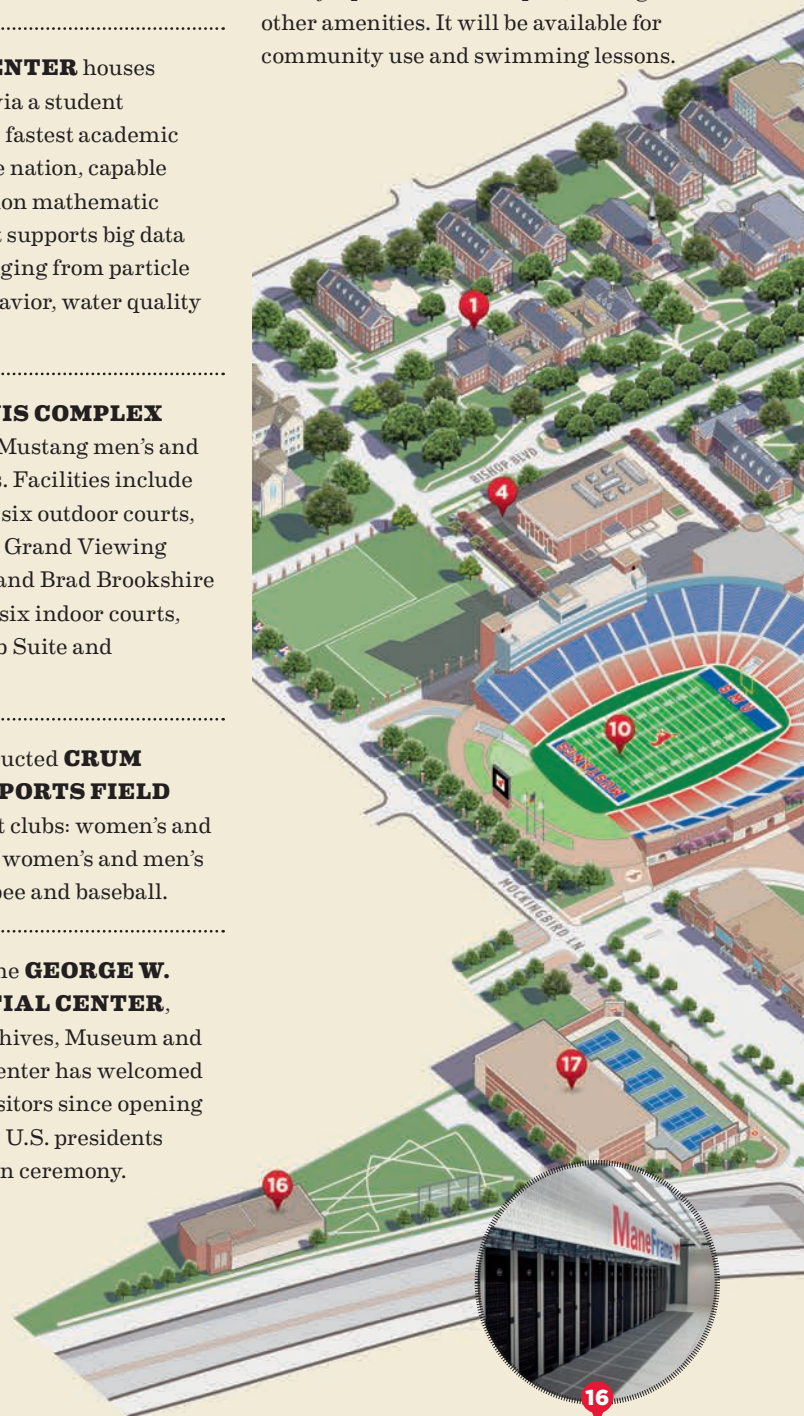
hosts a variety of sport clubs: women’s and men’s lacrosse, rugby, women’s and men’s soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and baseball.

## 19 SMU is home to the **GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL CENTER**,

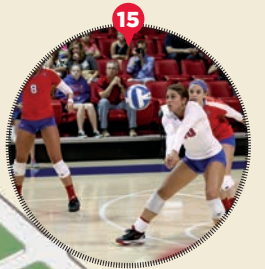
which houses the Archives, Museum and Institute. The Bush Center has welcomed more than 930,000 visitors since opening in 2013. All five living U.S. presidents attended the dedication ceremony.

## 20 Under construction is a 42,000-square-foot **ROBSON-LINDLEY AQUATICS CENTER**

including the Barr-McMillion Natatorium on SMU Boulevard east of U.S. Highway 75. The Center will feature an Olympic-sized indoor pool, among other amenities. It will be available for community use and swimming lessons.









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### Behold, Beauty

It came as no surprise to Mustangs when SMU recently was named one of the most beautiful university campuses in the United States by *Condé Nast Traveler* and Princeton Review, achieving a number one ranking from The Huffington Post. The high marks for beauty come on the heels of The Second Century Campaign, which supports campus enhancements befitting the quality of the academic and student experience at SMU (see page 4).

