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2009 Distinguished Alumni Gala



2009 Distinguished Alumni recipients Ronny Carroll, Ed Reyna, Outstanding Young Alumnus Edd Compton, University President Dr. James Gaertner, Jerry "Gene" Marshall and Tommy Frank



JoAnn & Allan Triplett



Wanye and Kelly Davis, Charlie and Kay Davis with Ed and Rissie Owens



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Tailgate Season '09



*Thanks to our Tailgate Sponsors
for another great season!*

The Arbors of Sam Houston

First National Bank of Huntsville

Domino's Pizza

Law Office of Bennie D. Rush

Charles "Choc" Harris '78

Charles "Chuck" '81 & Lina Jones



Sam Works



The SHSU Alumni Association
teamed up with the Huntsville-
Walker County Chamber of
Commerce for
SamWorks
on November 5th at Margarita's
Mexican Restaurant.
More than 150 alumni and
friends attended!



Class Notes

Marcus Stephenson ’58 was inducted into the Brazosport ISD, Wall of Fame for his outstanding and constant civic involvement which includes serving for 25 years on the Brazosport ISD school board.

Mr. Carroll F. Burrell ’69, ’70 retired from San Jacinto College in Pasadena, TX, where he taught Business for 34 years. Prior to being a Bearkat, Carroll served in the US Air Force. His wife Linda also worked at San Jacinto College in the Student Center & Business office.

John R. Thomas ’70 president and founder of Wildseed Farms, Inc. of Eagle Lake and Fredericksburg, TX, was honored as American Solutions’ 2009 Texas Entrepreneur of the Year. American Solutions is a tri-partisan citizen network of over 1.5 million members that focuses on small business leadership and job creation in America. The Award was presented during the Awards Dinner on October 7, 2009 at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, DC.

David Miller Crosswell ’73 is president of David Crosswell Builders in Houston, TX. He and his wife Carolyn have two grown children, Miller and Courtland. David is a member of Greater Houston Builders Association, Texas Association of Homebuilders, National Association of Homebuilders, the Custom Builders Council, and the Remodelers Council.

Dr. Susan S. Lenamon ’73 was awarded the 2009 John E. Wolf Citizenship Cup Award from the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR) on December 16, 2009 at the annual REALTOR celebration held at the Hilton Hotel Americas. The award is for making outstanding contributions to the community, primarily outside the scope of the real estate industry. The award is presented annually to a member of exemplary reputation.

Lindsay Siriko ’74 is a senior police officer with the Houston Police Department and former Harris County Pct. 4 Constable Candidate.

Larry Zacharias ’75 has been named Chief of Police for The University of Texas at Dallas. Larry left the Richardson Police Department in 2008 after a 31-year career that included steady promotions leading to his appointment as Chief in 2002.

Ron Rozelle ’77 is the author of seven books and has had articles appear in numerous publications. His newest book is Sundays with Ron Rozelle, a collection of columns published by TCU Press. He is currently working on a modern novel set in Galveston and writes a weekly column for The Brazosport Facts. In 2007, Ron was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters. He and his wife Karen, a third grade teacher, are empty nesters.

Stephanie DeWaegeneer ’89 was crowned with the national title, Ms. Plus America at the 2009 Miss Plus America Pageant™. Ms. DeWaegeneer resides in Katy, TX and works as the Sales Director and a regular Performer with ComedySportz™, “Houston’s Best Live Comedy Show” (click2houstonsbest.com). She is active member of the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau, Houston West Chamber of Commerce, and Christian Networking Group.

LaDawn Fletcher ’95 is a weekly Dallas Morning News Moms blogger and writes for the Dallas Morning News on Tuesdays. Her posts can be found at: <http://momsblog.dallasnews.com/archives/2009/10/ladawn-fletcher-loves-the-wisd.html>

Alan Hale ’96 has been a bilingual consultant in the energy industry for over 25 years and has worked with people of more than 70 different nationalities in 28 countries on six continents; including several years in Latin America. View Alan’s website at <http://www.magicvocabulary.com/>.

Tiffany D. Thomas ’03 recently accepted a position with Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston as a Development Officer. This organization is Houston’s oldest and largest faith based social service provider.

In Memoriam

Dr. James E. Gilmore ’49, ’57 passed away at the age of 83, on November 8, 2009. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at First Baptist Church in Huntsville, TX.

SHSU Freshman Wins Alumni Tuition Drawing

Jessica Petersen of Arlington, TX will not have to worry about paying for classes at Sam Houston State University next year.

That’s because her name was selected during the Fourth Annual SHSU Tuition Scholarship Drawing on Nov. 13. The SHSU Alumni Association held the drawing during the last board of directors meeting for 2009.

The Alumni Association has awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships to 50 individual students as a result of the tuition raffle during the program’s first three years. In addition, three lucky students have won more than \$2,500 each in financial assistance because their names were selected in the annual drawing.

This year’s award of 24-hours of undergraduate in-state tuition has an approximate value of \$3,720.

The SHSU Alumni Association will award net proceeds from the tuition raffle in \$1,000 increments to eligible students for the following fall. Students interested in applying for alumni scholarships should complete the ScholarX Application by Feb. 1, 2010, to be considered. Criteria for alumni scholarships can be found on the alumni web site at alumni.shsu.edu.

For more information on the tuition drawing or alumni scholarships, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478.



SHSU President James F. Gaertner; Michelle, Jessica and Rob Petersen; TSUS Regent Trisha Pollard and Alumni Association Executive Director Charlie Vienne

Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

From August 1, 2009 until November 30, 2009

Friends and Family

Jerry D. Anglin
Mildred J. Anglin
Donald L. Bumpass
Joey B. Chandler
Kane DuPont
Stanley F. Kelley
Frank Holmes
Gerald N. Raap

’40s

Thomas J. Mitchell, BS ’48

’50s

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Ruby L. Boren, BS ’58
Sandra L. Standley, BBA ’58
Jerry A. Sandel, BBA ’59
June S. Sandel, BS

’60s

Judith C. Steffen,
BA ’68, MLS ’78
James K. Chandler, BS ’69

’70s

Victor Caballero, BS ’71
Ediberto B. Reyna, BA ’71
James B. Neal, BBA ’72
Rebecca W. Nicholson,
BAT ’76, ME ’77
Herman L. Smith,
BM ’74, MS ’76
Robert A. Lane, BS ’77

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Join our growing alumni association with a life membership.
800.283.7478 or alumni.shsu.edu

Francis E. Smith, BA ’74, ME ’77
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Cecelia P. Marquart,
BBA ’77, MBA ’79

’80s

Donna D. Gilbert,
BS ’82, MA ’90
Arthur D. Evans BBA ’84
Dwayne Pavelock, BS ’86, ME ’93
Barbara A. Frazier, BBA ’87
Richard L. Rydzeski, BS 89

’90s

Cheryl K. Bumpass, BBA ’94
Ann S. Hurst, BBA ’93, MBA ’95
Melissa A. Raap, BS ’98
Lane A. Hurst, BS ’99, MS ’08

’00s

Jimmie L. Holloway, BS ’04
Pamela G. Lane, MLS ’04
Jacqueline Brossman-Ashorn,
BS ’05, MBA 09
Aaron Guerrero, BA ’07
Laurie H. Jordan, BBA ’07
Echo C. Cathey, BBA ’08
Melina F. DuPont, BA ’08
Dustin L. Harwell, BS ’08
Ryan C. Hotchkiss, BS ’08
Randall Psencik, BS ’08
Christopher Ashorn, MBA ’09
Maria A. Holmes, MA ’09

2010 Alumni Board of Directors by College

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College of Humanities and Social Science

Marta Edwards '02
Sally Kelly '61, '66
Ron Koska '61
Linda Bowers Rushing '64
Michael A. Sizemore '80
Ted Irving '92

College of Criminal Justice

B. Allen Fletcher '94, '97
Cutty Gilbert '93, '03
Charles “Choc” Harris '78
Ed Reyna '71
Dick Rydzeski '89

University President's (1 yr. Appointee)

Estella Koryciak '71

Student Appointments

Ronell Walker
Candice Heard

Alumni Club Presidents:

Position Open – Black Alumni & Friends Club
Daniel L. Valdez '05 – Hispanic Alumni Club
Position Open – N. Harris/Montgomery Co. Club
Wade Lee '02 – Austin Area Alumni & Friends Club
Rob Brown '02 – Alamo Area Alumni & Friends Club
Bob Haberman '70 – Austin/Washington County
Alumni & Friends Club
Alyssia Young – Student Alumni Association

Spring 2010 Event List

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478 for information and details of all alumni events.

January 13 – “A Chorus Line”

Houston, TX – The Hobby Center

**February 6 – Alumni Reception @
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo**

March 3 – Austin, TX Alumni Event

**March 11 – Alumni Reception @
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**

March 27 – Legacy Golf Tournament
High Meadow Ranch Golf Club, Magnolia, TX

April 1 – Official Ring Ceremony

April 8 – Let’s Talk

**April 29 – Austin/Washington
County Alumni Event**

The Welcome Hall, Welcome, TX

**May 1 – Alumni Reception @ 15th
Annual Seabrook Car & Boat Show**

May 7 – Service Awards Luncheon

**May 8 – SHSU Night @
Rangers Ballpark in Arlington**

Texas Rangers vs. Kansas City Royals

**June 2 – SHSU Night @
Minute Maid Park**

Houston Astros vs. Washington Nationals

Legacy Golf Tournament

High Meadow
Ranch Golf Club

March 27th

Join Us!



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of The Texas State University System.*

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