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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT
Summer 2014
Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum

Saturday, August 2, 2014
Morning Ceremony
9:30 a.m.
College of Criminal Justice
College of Education
College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication

Presiding
Richard F. Eglsaer, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp & Circumstance .........................SHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble
Edward Elgar
Brian Gibbs, Conductor
James Franklin, Song Leader

The audience will stand for Posting of the Colors and remain standing respectfully until the
ROTC Color Guard has exited the coliseum.

Posting of the Colors..............................SHSU ROTC Color Guard

The Star-Spangled Banner .......................James Franklin, Song Leader
Text: Francis Scott Key; Music: John Stafford Smith

Introduction of the Speaker.......................Dana L. Gibson
President, Sam Houston State University

Commencement Address
Saturday, August 2, 2014.................................Alan Tinsley
Distinguished Alumnus

Alma Mater ..............................................James Franklin, Song Leader
Anonymous/Allen R. Hightower

Conferring of Degrees ..............................Dana L. Gibson
President, Sam Houston State University

Remarks to the Graduates .......................Terry Williams
President, Alumni Board of Directors

Auld Lang Syne ......................................James Franklin, Song Leader
Robert Burns

RECESSIONAL

Rondeau............................................Brian Gibbs, Conductor
James Franklin, Song Leader

The Platform Party enters first; the faculty enter in the following order:
Saturday, August 2, 2014
Morning Ceremony
• College of Criminal Justice
• College of Education
• College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication
• Dr. Sam Sullivan will be Mace Bearer.
• Ms. Penny Hasekoester will introduce the graduates.

Saturday, August 2, 2014
Afternoon Ceremony
• College of Business Administration
• College of Health Sciences
• College of Humanities and Social Sciences
• College of Sciences
• Dr. Nedom Muns will be Mace Bearer.
• Dr. Donna Desforges will introduce the graduates.

Audience seated for Processional and Recessional
As a courtesy, please refrain from using noise makers during the graduation ceremony.
Upon graduation from South Texas College of Law in 1983, Mr. Tinsley was accepted to the Bates School of Law at the University of Houston, where he obtained his Master of Laws (L.L.M.) in 1989.

For over 32 years, Mr. Tinsley has practiced law, not only in Texas courts, but also in Federal Courts such as the U.S. Tax Court, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. In addition to holding Board Certification in both Tax Law and Probate and Estate Planning, Mr. Tinsley specializes in business entities, real estate, oil and gas, contracts, and both civil and commercial litigation. Mr. Tinsley was appointed to the Probate and Estate Planning Commission by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and served previously as Chairman of the District 2C Grievance Committee for the State Bar of Texas.

More impressive still is his reputation for prolific community involvement. Mr. Tinsley provides an unlimited amount of pro bono legal assistance to those who cannot afford legal representation. He is also the director of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and currently serves as a member of the Area Go Texas Committee, the Armed Forces Appreciation Committee, and the Legal Advisory Committee. Mr. Tinsley further acts as advisory director on fellow alumnus Marcus Luttrell’s Lone Survivor Foundation; similarly, he is the director of the Wounded Warrior Banquet. Moreover, Mr. Tinsley has maintained strong ties to his alma mater, serving as past director of the Sam Houston State University Alumni Association, past member of the President’s Circle, and as past president of the Athletic Department Advisory Board. He also supports programs at Sam Houston State University like Let’s Talk, Bearkat Champions, and SHSU baseball and football.

Additionally, Alan Tinsley owns the Landmark Title Company in Madisonville, TX and is the founding member and current trustee for the CrossRoads Cowboy Church.
Guidelines for Guests

Commencement is a significant and solemn event, the recognition of years of study. To make it more meaningful to all guests, participants are requested to avoid all unnecessary conversation and movement during the exercises.

Only the official photographer is allowed on the floor by the stage.

Candidates will cross the stage as listed in the program.

The audience is asked to remain seated for processional and recessional.

As a courtesy, please refrain from using noise makers during the graduation ceremony.
The University Mace is symbolic of the authority of the Board of Regents, The Texas State University System, and the Office of the President of Sam Houston State University. The mace, used in academic convocations, is carried by the senior tenured faculty member of the University. The initial use of the University Mace at Sam Houston State University was on the occasion of the summer commencement on August 20, 1988.

The walnut staff is bound in brass and has a hexagonal head with inlays of pecan denoting the state tree and recessed brass medallions cast with designs for General Sam Houston, Austin Hall, Old Main, Bearkats, and the completion date of the mace. The walnut holder base or stall is six-sided to match the mace head.

The crown of the mace is a circular casting bearing the name of the University and the date of establishment, 1879. The center of the circle contains the state emblem, the lone star. Below the crown, the names of past University presidents and the dates of service are engraved on a brass collar.

The University Mace was designed and hand crafted by the late Charles R. Jedlicka, Associate Professor of Industrial Technology, who retired in 1989.
The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias. The seven gonfalons displayed represent the seven colleges of Sam Houston State University. The initial use of gonfalons at Sam Houston State University was on the occasion of the spring commencement on May 7, 1988.

**College of Business Administration**

The globe represents the international economy and the development of international trade and exchange. The handshake represents the human commitment to teamwork, leadership, diversity, and ethical business practices. The bar and line graphs represent the financial markets and the use of data in the pursuit of quality, efficiency and effectiveness.

**College of Criminal Justice**

The seal of the College of Criminal Justice includes a scale encircled by an oak bough and an olive branch. The scale represents the spirit of the Latin proverb, Jus est ars boni et aequi, Justice the art of the good and fair. The oak bough with 16 leaves symbolizes strength while the olive branch with 20 leaves represents peace. The number of leaves recalls the year, 1620, when the pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact, the first American political document, whose purpose was to preserve order by means of the principle of rule of law.

**College of Education**

The departments in the College of Education are represented by the open book and the lamp of knowledge, which embody the value of literacy and education. The yellow represents Library Science. The royal blue at the bottom represents the Ph.D. degree. The light blue at the top signifies the Ed.D. degree, and is the hood color for education in general.

**College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication**

The hands hold and present the flame of human creativity. The blue radiant circle represents the dissemination of creative endeavor to the world at large. In these images the important meaning-making functions of the Fine Arts — Visual Art, Music, Theatre and Dance — are merged with the many modes of communication that are studied and practiced in the field of mass communication.

**College of Health Sciences**

The simple droplet shape represents a water droplet or the flicker of a flame and when duplicated, the droplet becomes a lotus flower bud symbolizing long life and purity; growth is demonstrated by the progression from small to large. The final mark demonstrates the connection of organic and inorganic, moving beyond natural - suggesting science, digital, and data. These are all direct representations of the College of Health Sciences’ mission to provide accessible student-centered education in the health professions for a diverse population of traditional and non-traditional students; advance health science knowledge and evidence-based practice through scholarship; and promote stewardship of individual and population health and quality of life in Texas, the nation, and the world through evidence-based practices.

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences’ gonfalon symbolizes that life is shaped by learning, communications, and the human social experience. The quill connotes the importance of creative endeavors to human existence while the ruler along the rooftops illustrates a concern with the scientific method. The arched lines represent communication and its wide-reaching effects, hovering over the home, which emphasizes the importance of human bonds and of the family’s formative role for the individual. Overlooking all of the other symbols are four face profiles representing the celebration of the diversity that strengthens each of the disciplines within the college.

**College of Sciences**

The three columns represent the concept of civilization based on a knowledge of the sciences, humanities, and arts. The purple triangles around the edge represent the disciplines taught in the College of Sciences. The stepped levels represent the bachelor and master’s degree programs offered by the College of Sciences.
Hood trim colors on doctoral regalia indicate the following fields:

Maize — Agriculture
White — Arts, Letters, Humanities
Drab — Commerce, Accounting, Business
Lilac — Dentistry
Copper — Economics
Light Blue — Education
Orange — Engineering
Burgundy — Family and Consumer Sciences
Brown — Fine Arts, including Architecture
Russet — Forestry
Sage Green — Health and Kinesiology
Crimson — Journalism
Purple — Law
Lemon — Library Science
Green — Medicine
Pink — Music
Apricot — Nursing
Sea Foam Green — Optometry
Silver Gray — Oratory (Speech)
Olive Green — Pharmacy
Blue — Philosophy
Peacock Blue — Public Administration and Foreign Service
Salmon Pink — Public Health
Golden Yellow — Science
Cream — Social Science
Citron — Social Work
Scarlet — Theology
Gray — Veterinary Science
Baccalaureate Graduation with Special Recognition

Special recognition at graduation is provided to undergraduate students who compile outstanding academic records. Those graduates who have achieved undergraduate academic excellence at Sam Houston State University receive a gold cord at graduation to reflect this achievement plus an appropriate notation on their academic transcript. The gold cord indicates one of the following academic achievements: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude, With Academic Distinction, and Honors College. (See NOTE below.)

Degrees conferred Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude reflect an outstanding Sam Houston State University grade point average with a minimum of thirty-two semester hours earned in residence (resident classroom instruction). The distinction and corresponding grade point averages are: Cum Laude — 3.50 to 3.66; Magna Cum Laude — 3.67 to 3.85; Summa Cum Laude — 3.86 to 4.00.

The Academic Distinction Program is an individualized learning experience available to outstanding students at Sam Houston State University.

An Academic Distinction Program project provides qualified students with a comprehensive introduction to meaningful research under the guidance of a designated faculty advisor.

Participation in the Honors College at Sam Houston State University is based on a competitive selection process and provides outstanding academic opportunities and distinct undergraduate college experiences. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the Honors College — twenty-four semester hours of Honors courses and two special seminars — the student’s academic transcript will indicate graduation “With Honors” and the student may wear an Honors medallion with academic regalia. To be designated as having graduated “With Highest Honors” the student must also successfully complete a special senior project involving original research and/or an effort of creative expression.

NOTE: Semester credit hours earned in correspondence courses are not considered “resident classroom instruction” hours and are not used in determining the minimum semester credit hour requirement for academic honors: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, Dean’s List, and President’s Honor Roll. However, the semester credit hours and grade points earned for correspondence courses are included in the calculation of the overall grade point average.

Veterans and Military Members

Sam Houston State University is proud to recognize its graduating Veterans and military members with a red, white, and blue regalia cord. The cord colors replicate those of our nation’s flag to denote the valor, excellence, and sacrifice these individuals have exemplified in their service to the United States Armed Forces. On behalf of the entire Sam Houston State University community, President Dana Gibson and the SHSU Administrative Officers extend their deepest gratitude and congratulations to these distinguished graduates.
August 2014 Honors Graduates

Numerals Denote Academic Honors as of the 4th Class Day of Summer 1 2014
1, 2, 3 = Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude
4, 5 = with Honors/Honors College, with Highest Honors/Honors College
6 = with Academic Distinction in an Academic Discipline

John Michael Arensdorf 1,4
Abraham Gamino Aviles 1
Kenneth Ray Barnes 1
Melissa Ann Barrett 2
Irais Guadalupe Becerra 2
Martha Alicia Busa 3
Madeleine Diana Crawford 3
Colleen Lindsay Dayton 2
S. Caitlyn Dennig 1,4
Tracie R. Diehl 1
Stephanie Michelle Fachorn 2
C. Taylor Ferris 2
Gabriela Margarita Finney 1
Carlie Leigh Fletcher 2
Edward Daniel Frackowiak 1
Hailee Joy Gertz 1
James Mathew Goulding 1
Stevie Arlene Hall 1
Morgan Faith Hanson 1
Joel A. Hendrix 1
Elizabeth Cathryn Henneke 2
Meghan Elizabeth Hughes 1
John Michael Juneau 2
Roger Lynn King 1
Brittany Leigh Kleinpeter 2
Pamela Ann Knebel 1
Lorisa Carole Lemon 1
Ashley Marie Long 3
Patricia Lynn Mallory 3
Ashleigh Lane Martin 1
Clint Matthew Masden 2
Jonathan Brandon Massey 1
Christopher John Meachum 2,6
Jenny Marie Mondragon 2
Gerardo Muniz 1
Jessica Ann Odat 2
Eric Robert Olson 2
Caleb Randall Page 2
Meagan Renee Pasket 3
Travis William Peebles 3
Joshua David Pitt 1
Brian Patrick Pittman 1
Karley Renae Roggeman 1
Corey Nathan Ryan 1
Timothy David Sears 1
Heather Nicole Southern 1
Cody Michael Stevens 3,4
Kayla Maree Stevenson 2
Sean Quentin Taggart 1
Ace William Thomas 1
Claudia E. Vazquez 2,4
Deniece Janean Waidhofer 3
Kameron Dion Weaver 1
Sara Beth Winbigler 3,5,6
Emily Grace Adams 4
Corinthia Joy’Tis Alexander 4
Teresa De Jesus Duarte 4
Linden Elizabeth Reid 4
Although Texas escaped much of the destruction wreaked on the rest of the Confederacy during the Civil War, its public school system remained badly underdeveloped, and education reformers expressed anxiety about illiteracy rates among former slaves as well as among poor whites. In 1878-1879, with the political tumult of Reconstruction subsiding, a representative of the Peabody Education Fund visited Texas hoping to convince the state legislature to establish a public institution to train school teachers. George Peabody, a wealthy cotton broker and banker, had endowed the philanthropy with money and a mission to “encourage the intellectual, moral, and industrial education of the destitute children of the Southern States.” The fund offered to help subsidize a state-controlled teacher training institution, and in 1879, the state legislature acted upon the suggestion, establishing in Walker County the Sam Houston Normal Institute, named after Sam Houston, the hero of the Battle of San Jacinto and first president of the Republic of Texas, who had called Huntsville his home. The institute moved into buildings abandoned by Austin College, which had relocated to Sherman, Texas, three years earlier.

The state legislature offered free tuition, laundry, room, and board to select students willing to become public school teachers after graduation. They promised to teach one year for each year of assistance received. Under the direction of Principal Bernard Mellon, who reported to the state board of education, the Sam Houston Normal Institute opened on October 10, 1879, with a curriculum composed of professional and pedagogy courses. Students were admitted on the basis of competitive examinations and hailed from each senatorial district in the state. The first commencement of May 1880 included thirty-seven graduates followed by fifty-five graduates in 1881. Enrollment continued to increase steadily and in 1923 reached a total of 1,089 students taught by fifty-six faculty members.

Consistent with educational values emerging in the United States during the Progressive Era, the Sam Houston curriculum expanded in 1909 beyond teacher education to include home economics, industrial training, and vocational agriculture. In 1911, the state legislature established a board of regents to govern the Sam Houston Normal Institute and authorized a four-year curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. The first B.A. degree was conferred in 1919. Taking into account the more diverse curriculum and broader role and scope, the board of regents in 1923 christened the institution Sam Houston State Teacher's College, although at the time none of the faculty had earned the Ph.D. degree. During the next five years, President H. F. Estill hired four new faculty members with doctoral degrees.

In 1935, Sam Houston further transcended its teacher training mission. The board of regents had authorized bachelor's degrees in business administration, and the first graduates received diplomas in the spring of 1937. The bicentennial of Texas independence in 1936 had also occasioned establishment of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum as an affiliate of Sam Houston State Teacher's College, and the board of regents had authorized a graduate program, which produced three Master of Arts degrees in 1937. Sam Houston's president, Charles N. Shaver, then decided that the curriculum also needed to be expanded to accommodate
the needs of students interested in pursuing postgraduate training in law, dentistry, and medicine, and in 1938-1939, he added advanced undergraduate courses in biology, chemistry, physics, English, government, and history. In the fall of 1938, Sam Houston enrolled 1,112 students.

Enrollment took a hit in 1942, however, when World War II drew so many young men and women into the military and defense industries. In the fall semester of 1942, less than a year after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, total student enrollment at Sam Houston had plunged to 786 students. Following the war's conclusion Congress passed the G.I. Bill in 1946, making it financially easier for veterans to enroll in college. As a result student numbers climbed and Sam Houston enrolled more than 1,100 students that year.

Worried about housing so many new students, Sam Houston acquired 837 acres of land formerly used as a prisoner-of-war camp for German POWs. “Country Campus,” as it became known, was located about ten miles north of Huntsville on Highway 19. Two years later, enrollment reached 2,410 students, of whom more than 1,000 were veterans. The faculty consisted of fifty men and women.

In 1950, Harmon Lowman, who had been Sam Houston’s president since 1946, negotiated a deal to acquire a used, 1,075-ton refrigeration system. Installation of the unit and construction of the duct work necessary to make it operational consumed several years, but the project’s completion rendered Sam Houston the first and only fully air-conditioned college in the United States. Summer school enrollment immediately increased, however, the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 slowed enrollment once again, and in 1952, Sam Houston began to sponsor a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) unit. Because ROTC was mandatory, more than half of all male students were active in the program, which helped set the tone for campus social life. The broadening of Sam Houston’s mission also produced changes in the profile of college graduates. In 1960, more than one quarter of Sam Houston students majored in fields other than teacher education.

In 1964-1965, Sam Houston State Teacher’s College experienced three changes that would significantly reshape its future reputation. President Arleigh Templeton, who had succeeded Harmon Lowman in 1964, added research to faculty responsibilities; 259 people now had the charge to teaching and to produce new knowledge. Additionally, in response to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Sam Houston ended its eighty-three year-old policy of denying admission to African Americans. John Patrick, valedictorian of Huntsville’s Sam Houston High School, subsequently matriculated as Sam Houston’s first African-American student. Furthermore, the state legislature established on campus the Institute of Contemporary Corrections and Behavioral Sciences, whose criminal justice program was destined to generate national recognition. Enrollment in 1964 reached 5,738 students, and Sam Houston no longer served the monolithic mission of teacher education. Because the college offered nine degrees in twenty-seven subject areas, including four graduate degrees, the legislature designated it Sam Houston State College. In 1969, when enrollment reached 8,594, with 350 faculty members, the state legislature acted again, and Sam Houston State College became Sam Houston State University.

During the next four decades, under the leadership of Presidents Elliot T. Bowers, Martin J. Anisman, Bobby K. Marks, and James F. Gaertner, Sam Houston State University continued to grow — in size, mission, and reputation. By the fall of 2010, when Dr. Dana Gibson inherited the mantle of the president’s office, the university offered to its 17,200 plus students a total of seventy-nine undergraduate degree programs, fifty-four master’s degree programs, and doctoral programs in Criminal Justice, Educational Leadership, Counselor Education, Clinical Psychology, and Reading. The university had become, in the words of CBS News anchor Dan Rather, its most well-known alumnus, a gem in Texas higher education.

“For all the changes, for all the expansion of infrastructure, mission, and educational ambition,” Rather said, “people have been Sam Houston’s constant. The names and faces change, but the spirit they have brought to and taken away from Huntsville, Texas remains the same. People are Sam Houston’s strength, and so long as that is true, the college I knew and that today’s students know will be, in the ways that matter most, one and the same.”

1919 Student Army Training Corp.
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, Dean

Congratulations. The faculty and staff of the College of Business Administration are proud of you and are pleased to welcome you to our family of Bearkat alumni. We are confident that the knowledge and skill sets you have acquired will serve you well in your future endeavors. Just as important, the personal traits that contributed to your success at Sam Houston State University will continue to play a prominent role in your life. Your ability to learn, your work ethic, your willingness to be a productive member of a team, your acceptance of constructive criticism, and your communication and interpersonal skills will serve as a solid foundation for a successful career.

Today’s commencement marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another. As you pursue your professional dreams, please remember to seek a balance in your life and pursue excellence. The pursuit of excellence will provide you with many opportunities to position yourself to help your family, friends, and society as well as gain financial independence.

Sam Houston is a great name in education and we are proud that you have joined the thousands of quality graduates who are now fulfilling their dreams. Please stay in contact with us and the many friends you have made during your time at SHSU. The faculty and staff of the College of Business Administration congratulate you on this significant milestone.

Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, Dean

Master Degree Candidates

Riaz Ahmed, MBA  
Kolawole Maruf Alabi, MS  
Valerie Lynn Alvarado, MBA  
Jennifer Carol Bailey, MBA  
Brett Lemar Garcia Bartell, MBA  
Natalie Michelle Bienski, MBA  
Melissa Ann Brooks, MBA  
Shara Shree Brown, MBA  
Yisel Castillo, MBA  
Thomas Emerson Chingos Jr., MBA  
Ashley Marie Chunn, MBA  
Angelica Delgado, MS  
Sergio B. Donis, MBA  
Travis Bond Flipse, MS

Christopher Wyatt Fowler, MBA  
Katie Elizabeth Fowler, MBA  
Olufemi Akinola George, MBA  
Amanda Wiesman Gibson, MBA  
Amanda Jean Gleason, MBA  
Kellie Marie Grace, MBA  
Viola Laraine Hollis, MBA  
Landon Wesley Hopper, MBA  
Luke Ryan Jackson, MS  
Nora Jansone Back, MBA  
Juliana Marie Kennerly, MBA  
Fatima Nakabuye Kibirige, MBA  
Weston Davis Killian, MBA  
Hailey Adela Kutac, MBA  
Kyle Wade Liner, MBA  
Daniela Romonti Mutenha, MBA  
Gregory Chase Nelson, MBA  
Roberto Alan Nieto, MS  
Janet Lynn O’Dell, MBA  
Reynaldo Paz Jr., MS  
Alyssa Caitlin Seal, MBA  
Asongna Alvin Tajong, MBA  
Angela Quyen Tran, MBA  
Adam Chase Trevillian, MBA  
Emmanuel Ray Tunley, MBA  
Clayton Robert Whitehead, MBA
Bachelor Degree Candidates

Osei Owusu Agyeman, BBA
Rachel Michelle Bancks, BBA
Tanya Regina Banks-Young, BBA
Anthony Thomas Barth, BBA
Jon David Blacklock Jr., BBA
Timothy Glynn Boatman, BBA
Keith William Bradford, BBA
Keegan Cole Bradshaw, BBA
Caleb Salem Branham, BBA
Travis Burns, BBA
Karisma Yarne Caicedo-Battles, BBA
Amber Leigh Cauble, BBA
Tiffany Louise Caughron, BBA
Madelyn Jo Clarke, BBA
Shauntel Desiree Clay, BBA
Tiffany E. Cochran, BBA
Gerardo Cortez, BBA
Toribio Cortez Jr., BBA
Madeleine Diana Crawford, BBA
Jennifer Lynn Cross, BBA
Kevin Ray Crowl, BBA
Ilse Dalila Cruz, BBA
Narciso Cuellar Jr., BBA
Timothy Allen Davis, BBA
Camillious Da’Vette Denning, BBA
Kathryn Elizabeth Durham, BBA
Arondo D. Elias, BBA
Christopher Olawale Idris Fariogun, BBA
C. Taylor Ferris, BBA
Mark Fieramusca, BBA
Clay William Finke, BBA
Carlie Leigh Fletcher, BBA
Jesse John Forester, BBA
Colton Richard Frankeny, BBA
Catherine Marie Fredrichsen, BBA
Lauren Ashley Fulmer, BBA
Gregory Taylor Funderburk, BBA
Britany Danette Gallegos, BBA
Manuel Alan Garcia, BBA
Kiana Mone’t Gardner, BBA
Stephanie Rae Geiser, BBA
Michael Arthur Gillespie, BBA
Ryan Michael Glover, BBA
Andre George Gobert, BBA
Alina Gomez, BBA
Vanessa Gonzalez, BBA
Andrea Elizabeth Green, BBA
Ian Anthony Hamlin, BBA
Morgan Faith Hanson, BBA
Aaron C. Harper, BBA
Amber Marie Harrison, BBA
Sarah-Anne Elizabeth Hartman, BBA
Justin Matthew Havard, BBA
Elizabeth Dianne Haynes, BBA
Richard Drake Hernandez, BBA
Kasey Elizabeth Holt, BBA
August Robert Horne, BBA
Benjamin Marshall Horne, BBA
Shanna Lee House, BBA
Haley Jenna Marie Hunter, BBA
Darren Michael Hymel, BBA
Jeannette Joy Jimenez, BBA
Kayla Noelle Johnson, BBA
Travis Sherome Kidd, BBA
Roger Lynn King, BBA
Kyle Matthew Kusak, BBA
Sheridan Milan Labbe, BBA
Marlon Rawson Lacayo Wallace, BBA

Sam Houston State University is known for a diverse student body and friendly atmosphere.
College of Business Administration

John Timothy Lawrence, BBA
Brandon Felix Leyva, BBA
Stephanie Lynne Lopez, BBA
Kyra Nicole Mable, BBA
Gayla Renee Macha, BBA
Brandon Phillip Madison, BBA
Patricia Lynn Mallory, BBA
James Earl Mangum III, BBA
Ashleigh Lane Martin, BBA
Louis Henry Martinez, BBA
Clint Matthew Masden, BBA
Daniel Pearce Mathews, BBA
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Phennapha Nakapatkorn, BBA
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Jennifer Elizabeth Nesmith, BBA
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Tyler John Olson, BBA
Jenna Lee O’Neill, BBA
Veronica Rodriguez Owen, BBA
Brady Michael Patterson, BBA
Megan A. Pearson, BBA
Alonso Pedroza, BBA
Dustin Alan Pfeffer, BBA
Shannon Robert Quintos, BBA
Clinton Anderson Reno, BBA
Tiara Joy Reyes, BBA
Jacob Tyler Richardson, BBA

William Anthony Richey, BBA
Alyssa Marie Robertson, BBA
Jessica Jesenia Robles, BBA
Melissa Christina Rocha, BBA
Jesus Emanuel Rodriguez, BBA
Joshua Joe Rosales, BBA
Jennifer Leeann Russell, BBA
Dillan O’Neal Sanford, BBA
Ashley Kipanie Scott, BBA
Megan Anne Shackelford, BBA
Jamarcus Trayveon Siverand, BBA
Heather Nicole Southern, BBA
Amanda M. Sparks, BBA
Desiree Ann Stephens, BBA
Cody Michael Stevens, BBA
Stefany Kaye Straiton, BBA
Travis Carlisle Tabb, BBA
Lisa Ter Morshuizen, BBA
Ace William Thomas, BBA
Darrell Delon Thomas Jr., BBA
Roy Patrick Thorsen, BBA
Eric Torres, BBA
posthumously awarded
Matthew Joseph Torres, BBA
Emilie Rose Tucker, BBA
Kaitlin Nicole Tucker, BBA
Deniece Janean Waidhofer, BBA
Casey Elizabeth Warren, BBA
Jennifer Marie Warren, BBA
Pamela Ann Widmier, BBA
Paula Michelle Willhouse, BBA
Dallisha Lapecal Williams, BBA
Lindsey Marie Williams, BBA
Lauren Michelle Wooldridge, BBA
Aaron Ray Wright, BBA
Jamyl Eche’ Young, BBA
Austin Thomas Zajicek, BBA
Ulises Zavala, BBA
Rafael Zuluaga Jr., BBA

The Peabody Memorial Library (current day) was the first library built at a Texas higher education institution.
Dr. Phillip Lyons, Interim Dean

Congratulations on this important milestone. If credit for this accomplishment is shared in some way by your parents, spouse, significant other, or children—as so often is the case—congratulations are extended to them as well. As suggested by the term, “commencement,” you are now about to go forth in the world and begin the next chapter of your life’s journey. Equipped with knowledge from your chosen field in criminal justice and your critical thinking skills, you are prepared to chart your own course as 100,000 Sam Houston State University alumni before you have done.

You are undertaking that journey at a truly remarkable time. Buckminster Fuller determined that, in the early 1900s, human knowledge doubled every 25 years. Now it doubles every 13 months. Many of the textbooks you purchased when you started your program are already out of date. The earth beneath our feet is spinning at 1,000 miles per hour, but gravity allows us to keep up without effort. The same cannot be said of our understanding of that world and the people who inhabit it. You should commit yourself to becoming a life-long learner. To that end, I hope the College of Criminal Justice will remain an important part of your life.

On behalf of the other faculty and staff of the College of Criminal Justice, I wish you happiness and success in what lies ahead. We will always consider you to be one of ours and hope you will always consider us to be yours.

Dr. Phillip Lyons, Interim Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Jeong Lim Kim
Dissertation Title: Examination of Six Aspects of Police Officer Stress: Looking into Organizational Stressors for Police Occupational Stress in South Korea
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. William Wells

Robin Jackson
Dissertation Title: Empirical Assessment of the Theory of African American Offending among a University Sample and a Partial Test of Gender Differences in African American Offending
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Leana A. Bouffard

Mai Naito
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Michael S. Vaughn

Melissa Petkovsek
Dissertation Title: Molecular Genetic Scaffolding of Maladaptive Behaviors and Victimization
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Brian Boutwell

First Sam Houston football team is formed.
The Houstonian school newspaper is first published on campus.
Master Degree Candidates

Ada Hudnall Anthony, MS  Andrea Nicole Drab, MS  Ronald Kent Parker, MS
Aaron Vernon Ausmus, MS  Debbie K. Erwin, MS  Kimberly Gayle Powell, MS
Brooklyn Marie Bookman, MS  Connor Charles Evans, MA  Eric C. Robins, MS
Lajoyce Michelle Bowie, MS  Mark Virgil Flathouse, MS  Doralisa Reyes Saenz, MS
Marcus Skylar Brown, MS  Beverly Ann Freshour, MS  Charlotte Camille Sanders, MS
Sharon L. Brown, MS  Johnny Gonzalez, MS  Michelle B. Schmitz, MS
Robert Norman Caballero, MS  Eric Matthew Hendershott, MS  Eve Maria Shelly, MS
Brian Daniel Cantrell, MS  Javier M. Hernandez, MS  Stryker Austin Swindle, MA
Reid Matthew Cashdollar, MS  David Newell Hildebrand, MS  Thomas Chapman Teel, MS
Ahram Cho, MA  Emily Marie Jaso, MS  J. Mark Trower, MS
Laurie Lee Christensen, MS  Brent Alan Jaso, MS  David Sherrill Watkins, MS
Christopher Wesley Cirrito, MS  Jennifer J. Kirkpatrick, MS  Jocelyn Denise Wilson, MS
Jennifer Ann Clausen, MA  Jo Nelson Lilley, MS  Jun Wu, MA
Glenn M. Cole, MS  Gregory Michael Mason, MS
Willard L. Davis, MS  Erica Paige Monk, MS

Bachelor Degree Candidates

Corinthia Joy’Tis Alexander, BA  Caitlin Gail Fenley, BA  Kyle Michael Jaeger, BS
Andrew Ryan Allen, BS  Felicity Ekaterina Flynn, BA  Remington Joswiak, BS
Llolanda Becerra, BA  Edward Daniel Frackowiak, BS  Dymninha Leigh King, BA
Channel Tiffany Elouise Beverly, BS  Bradley Glen Fulton, BS  Brittny Leigh Klempeter, BA
Bailee Kathryn Blackerby, BA  Diane Gisela Galaviz, BS  Cathy Kummermehr, BS
Marissa Borrego, BS  Lauren Ashley Garrett, BS  Aaron Ladino, BA
Julie Ann Bowen, BS  Cynthia Carolina Gaytan, BS  Emalie Jayne Lerma, BA
Chastity C. Braxton, BS  Keith Allen Golightly, BS  Maria Carla Liddiard, BS
Cody James Buntion, BA  Cassidyie Lynn Gonzales, BA  Kelli Anita Lindsey, BS
Bradley Kane Butler, BS  Karina M. Gonzales, BS  Angela Maria Lopez, BA
Michael Owen Candler, BA  Troy Hector Gonzales, BS  Esmeralda Lopez, BA
Benjamin Nicholas Cardy, BS  Carlos Alberto Gonzalez, BA  Brett W. Lowe, BS
Jonas Anthony Annias Chism, BS  Christine Nichole Goodman, BS  William J. Luther, BS
Min Woo Choi, BS  James Mathew Goulding, BS  Joshua Lynch, BS
Oscar Antonio Cisneros, BS  Joseph Atlee Greer, BS  Andrea Victoria Marmorato, BS
Leoncio Coronado Jr., BS  Amanda Michelle Grubs, BA  Frankie Paul Martinez, BA
Jackson Alexander Crawford, BS  Veronica Marie Guerrero, BA  Mercedes Martinez, BA
Richard Dee Dabney, BS  Megan Elizabeth Gustafson, BS  Troy D. McFarland, BS
Ashley Elizabeth Day, BS  Barrett Clayton Hamilton, BA  Jennifer Elizabeth Melendez, BS
Kimberly Ann DeFrance, BS  Chad Ernest Harkins, BA  Michael Joshua Mills, BS
Emiline May Dodson, BS  Justin Lee Horne, BS  Kenyatta Denay Mingate, BA
Spencer Bradley Doss, BS  Shae David Horsley, BS  Ashleigh Nichole Moore, BA
Dempsey Fallon Doyle, BS  Jessica Danielle Houston, BS  Gerardo Muniz, BS
Amber Lynn Duque, BS  Brian Mark Hughes, BS  James Marshall Myers, BA
Aaron Wade East, BS  Meghan Elizabeth Hughes, BS
Michael Abayomi Eletu, BS  Julie Woods Ikpah, BS
Alexandria Brooke Fancher, BS  Mitchel Clayton Jackson, BS
William T. Nielsen, BS
John Krpec Norton, BS

First Student Army Training Corp formed.

1919

SHSU begins awarding bachelor's degrees.
Construction of the Estill Library is completed.

In 1937, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt addressed the student body.

John Michael O’Connor, BS
Jessica Ann Odat, BS
Eric Robert Olson, BS
Cody W. Palasota, BS
Patricia Lynne Pannell, BA
Taylor W. Parinello, BS
Ahmed Ayoola Pedro, BS
Travis William Peebles, BA
Oscar Perales, BA
Jonathan Ryan Perez, BS
Emily Monk Pillows, BS
Andrew David Polk, BS
posthumously awarded
Katelynne E. Prescott, BS
Benjamin Marsalis Rankin, BS
Patrick Taylor Rattray, BS
Jess Martin-Earl Rawson, BS
Sonja Annionette Reector, BA
Christopher Sean Redd, BS
Ashley Loren Redden, BA
Brandon Michael Rippy, BS
Alicia Juanita Rivera, BS
Argelya Argentyna Rivera, BS
Cassandra Raquel Rodriguez, BA
Brian James Connally Roese, BA
Danielle Andries Romagus, BS
Rosario Nallely Rosales Ramos, BS
Garrett Emil Sakhel, BS
Larissa Alois Sbrusch, BS
Kayla Renea Schrimpf, BS
Andrew Robert Sebaugh, BS
Sandra Yvette Servin, BA
Jessica Renee Smith, BS
Melanie Kelly Smith, BA
Clayton Ross Sonntag, BS
Destini Daisha Nic Stewart, BS
Sean Quentin Taggart, BS
Amanda Kay Tamplin, BS
Russell Bradley Tarasiewicz, BS
Jennifer Marie Tomaszyci, BA
Anthony Toral, BS
Lauren Ashley Tucker, BS
Hannah Danielle Upton, BS
Keith Ray Vandiver, BS
Tomas Vasquez Jr., BA
Claudia E. Vazquez, BA
Michael Joseph Velez, BA
Daisy Jazmin Vidal, BA
Jedidiah Daniel Walker, BS
Krystle Bailey Wallner, BA
Brenda Katherine Ward, BS
Kameron Dion Weaver, BS
William Gibson Webb Jr., BS
Kyle Preston West, BS
Michelle R. Wharton, BS
Jasmine Marie Wiggins, BS
Sara Beth Winbigler, BS
Mistie M. Wood, BS
John Christopher Wostarek, BS

In 1937, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt addressed the student body.
Dr. Stacey L. Edmonson, Dean

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of the College of Education, it is my pleasure to congratulate each of you on your graduation. You have achieved a great milestone, and we applaud you for this accomplishment. We recognize the hard work, commitment, and discipline that you have put forward in order to reach this point. We also want to thank the parents, friends, and other special people in your life who contributed to this accomplishment.

As you pursue your career in the field of education, know that you have chosen one of the most important, impactful professions our country has to offer. We commend you on this choice and know that you will have a positive influence on the future of our nation, our communities, and our children. President Theodore Roosevelt said, “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs…[and] if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly.” As an educator you will face a variety of challenges. You will also possess limitless opportunities to truly touch the future and to make a difference. Our hope for you as you graduate from the College of Education is that you always dare greatly, that you move forward after your graduation celebrations today and begin a career marked by caring, service, and integrity. We challenge you to embrace this responsibility and use the tools and skills you have developed at Sam Houston State University to give of yourself in the greatest way possible. Be the type of educator that, when the next generation of students is asked who made a lasting difference in their lives, the person they think of is you. The opportunity is yours, and we know you are ready. Enjoy the journey!

Again, we offer you our sincere congratulations on this special day. May the future bring you much happiness and success.

Dr. Stacey L. Edmonson, Dean
**Doctor of Education**

**Christina L. Ellis**  
Dissertation Title:  *From Hiring Process to Retention: The Relationship among Accurate Job Previews, Position Fit, Teacher Satisfaction, and Retention*  
Dissertation Committee Chairs: Drs. Julie P. Combs and Susan Troncoso Skidmore

**Jacqueline Marie Ingram**  
Dissertation Title:  *Out-of-School Activities, Reading Practices, Digital Practices, and Perceptions of Select Sixth-Grade Students: A Mixed Methods Study*  
Dissertation Committee Chairs: Drs. Mary E. Robbins and Hannah R. Gerber

**Hilton J. LaSalle III**  
Dissertation Title:  *An Exploration of Urban African American Males Postsecondary Life-Pathway Choices: Ecological Experiences*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Rebecca M. Bustamante

**Craig Lawrence Randle**  
Dissertation Title:  *Effectiveness of Developmental Reading Programs: How Research-Based Best Practices are Implemented*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Debra P. Price

**Kelly Elizabeth Weller**  
Dissertation Title:  *Compass® Scores as Predictors for Success on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians® Exam*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Sheila Joyner

**Doctor of Philosophy**

**Stephanie J. Bluth**  
Dissertation Title:  *Breaking the Culture of Silence in the Sisterhood: Using Bystander Intervention*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Amanda La Guardia

**Brenda Ruth Fore**  
Dissertation Title:  *Collaborative Leadership between School Counselors and School Administrators in Texas Public Secondary Schools*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Judith A. Nelson

**Jana Marie McLain**  
Dissertation Title:  *Aligning Hispanic School Counselor Roles with Administrator Perceptions*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Judith Nelson

**Tiffany T. Simon**  
Dissertation Title:  *Professional Development of Secondary School Counselors: Counselors’ Self-Efficacy on Teen Dating Violence*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Amanda La Guardia

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Sam Houston becomes America’s first fully air-conditioned college.  
1950

Rodeo team wins Sam’s first sports national championship.  
1956
Shermin Akbar Ali, MED
Dan Tu Alves, MED
Brandi Anderson-Martin, MED
Brittany DeLeigh Bailey, MED
Ruth Ann Bailey, MED
Kelli Lynn Barak, MA
Maria Teresa Barcena, MED
Rachel Elaine Barrios, MED
Weslie Alexandria Barry, MED
Dianne Elizabeth Blair, MED
Rae Elizabeth Booth, MED
Rosylyn R. Bowen, MED
Terra La Shaun Bozeman-Gilder, MLS
Amy Elizabeth Bruner, MED
Brittni Michelle Canizaro, MED
Jessica Blujean Casey, MA
Ruthanne Cassidy, MLS
Ryan McLain Causey, MED
Karina Crystelle Cavazos-Garza, MLS
Angeline Ansari Clark, MA
Martha Virginia Clark, MLS
Amanda Evelia Cleveland, MED
Luzmar Cobos, MLS
Dawn Faith Cohea, MED
Akwar Denis Collon, MED
Crystal Garcia Coronel, MED
Crystal Renee’ Cox, MED
Elisa Crossland, MA
Lisa Marie Cummins, MED
Chelsea Jeniece Davis, MED
Sandra Alicia Delgado, MLS
Carmen Leanne Dennistoun, MA
Janice Denise Doan, MLS
Paula Michele Doan, MED
Kaci Danielle Felder, MED
Keri L. Finnegam, MA
Kelly A. Flaherty, MED
April Michelle Floyd, MED
Terri Denice Freyou, MLS
Meagan Dianne Gaines, MED
Victoria Ann Galvan, MLS
Diamantina Yvonne Garcia, MLS
Silvia Gavirola, MED
Kristi Dawn Gavranovic, MA
Lindsey Michelle Gibson, MED
Jemaniece Tamara Gilbert, MED
Blaire Elisabeth Glockzin, MED
Belen Gonzalez, MLS
Lorena Lilliana Gracia, MLS
Joseph Dewayne Green Jr., MED
Frances D. Greene-McClendon, MED
Dawn Marsha Grove, MED
Tiffany Breanne Grymes, MA
Kimberly Hendry Guess, MED
Lauren Michelle Guest, MED
Paula Ann Harrison-McClendon, MED
Elizabeth Ann Hartley, MLS
LaTonya Marie Hendricks, MA
Eric John Hernandez, MED
Owen Ross Howard, MED
Scott Eugene Humes, MED
Pearl Renee’ Ivory, MED
Jolie Jennings, MLS
Alesia Marie Joiner, MA
Deborah Duarte Jones, MLS
Elizabeth Kaftan, MED
Nicole Marie Keenan, MA
Deborah Becan Kerr, MED
Stephanie Kettler Ingram, MED
Wendy Delane Key, MA
Heather D. Kirby, MA
Michael Angelo Kury, MED
Regina Marie Listiecki, MA
Alison Michel Love, MLS
Dario Alberto Lozano Jr., MED
Claryssa Rae Manzilas, MA
Liliana Martinez, MLS
Linda Autumn Martinez, MLS
Maritza Martinez, MA
Nieisha Nay’Shawn Matthews, MED
Lacresha Deche Mealey, MED
Alma Rosa Melendez, MED
Cherrell L. Mike, MED
Silvia Ann Mishler, MA
Jeanette Elizabeth Mitchell, MED
Amber Renee Moore, MA
Martha Leticia Neely, MED
Dominique L.R. Nelson, MED
Amanda Kay Nicewarner Hamlett, MED
Barry William Nichols, MED
Amanda Brielle Owens, MA
Jesus Guadalupe Oyervides, MED
Shelley D. Paris, MLS
Linda Savadina Parks, MED
Ashley Augusta Pauley, MED
Brandi Jill Peterson, MA
Lashawn Pierce, MA
Christie Len-Marie Quan, MED
Steven Michael Ragusa, MA
Patricia J. Rahbani, MED
Tea Lee Reed, MA
Christopher Charles Reue, MED
Tiffany Deanne Rieves, MED
James Francis Rike, MED
Ashley Elizabeth Riley, MED
Brandi Nicole Riley, MA
Delma Rios, MLS
LeAnn L. Robertson, MED
Averil Vanessa Robinson, MED
Kristin Kay Robinson, MLS
Mayra Danielle Rojas, MED
Elda Romero, MLS
Noemi Salinas, MLS
Violeta H. Salinas, MLS
Allen James Schwind, MED
Dawn Marie Sharpeta-Black, MED
Amanda Leigh Shippey, MED
William David Short Jr., MA
Danielle Bougere Smith, MED
Ieshia Shanta Smith, MED
Ashley Lorraine Smith-Jackson, MED
Renee Bougere Sorrell, MED
Anna Marie St. Martin, MED
Maria R. Statham, MED
Allison Reber Steele, MED
Jesse Jay Steele, MED
Staci Leann Stephens, MED
Tessa Joanne Stuckey, MA
Victoria Cantu Sumera, MLS
Ivan J. Tamayo, MED
Tremaine Renee’ Thomas, MED
Julie Tooke, MA
Sandra Kay Tucker, MA
Kindall Christene Tyson, MED
Marianne Wogan Vergult, MLS
Many SHSU graduates decorate their caps with messages to family and friends.
On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, we offer our hearty congratulations on your accomplishments as a new graduate of Sam Houston State University. As graduates you have practiced and sharpened your intellect and expanded your understandings of the arts and media in a global context. You have been challenged to take creative risks, assume responsibility for your choices, and demonstrated mastery of your area of expertise in the arts and/or mass communication. You are ready for your future and we challenge you to find and live your passions.

This graduation ceremony, a commencement event, marks a clear transition in your life as you continue your journey towards your life goals—every ending becomes a beginning. We urge you to take time today to pause and send thanks to your supportive family and friends, faculty and staff, those individuals who “went the extra mile” to help you balance your student workload and life responsibilities. Although this is your day to shine, we suspect that you will want to share this special day with them as well.

Robert Frost reminds us that life teaches a hard lesson: We all have to “learn to let go of the hands” as we move from one stage of life to the next. This graduation marks one of these times of letting go. Fortunately, the poet also reminds us that we are never forced to “let go of the heart” as we journey forward through life (unless one decides to do so). With this sentiment, I urge you to keep in touch and refuse to let go of the heart. Let us know what life brings as you explore your future and don’t be afraid of new beginnings and challenges. Be yourself with integrity.

We wish you all the best.

Remember you will always have a home at Sam Houston State University and within the classrooms and stages, rehearsal rooms and offices, production shops and media studios of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication.

Ronald E. Shields, Dean

TV news celebrity Dan Rather graduated from Sam in 1953.
Bachelor Degrees

John Michael Arensdorf, BM  
Lauren Ashley Campos, BA  
Kristen Danielle Carr, BA  
Franquette Faith Coleman, BA  
Joshua Aaron Anderson, MM  
Nakayah Ann Box, MM  
Kyler Von Brumbaugh, MM  
Mario Capote, MM  
Arthur Mandart Chan, MM  
Michael Anthony Colletti, MM  
Nathanael David Conrad, MM  
Jacqueline Denise Cramer, MM  
Adam Christopher Creager, MM  
Anthony Charles Dahl, MM  
Meghan Leah Fay Olswanger, MM  
Tristin Ann Ferguson, MFA  
Geoffrey L. Fotland, MM

Scott Thomas Green, MM  
Michael Preston Hancock, MM  
Melanie Joann Hawthorne, MM  
Jack Christopher Holt, MM  
Parker Elliott Jolliffe, MM  
Renata Ramonda Knox, MM  
Mark Allen Legault, MM  
Corderyl JeDayne Martin, MM  
David Evan Morris, MM  
Collin James Myers, MM  
Daniel Robert Paulsen, MM  
John Daniel Pinkston, MM  
John Young Randall, MM  
Eric Arthur Roberts, MM  
Laramie Rodriguez, MM

Matthew John Salzer, MM  
Joseph John Santanello, MM  
Robert L. Sax, MM  
Jacob Alexander Scherr, MM  
Sam Schmetterer, MM  
Andrew Edan Scruggs, MM  
Matthew Peter Sexauer, MM  
Michael Thomas Shirk, MM  
Ian Kendal Simensen, MM  
Jessica Leigh Tippett, MM  
Travis William Tuer, MM  
Timothy Douglas Vande Griend, MM  
James Anthony Verdone, MM  
Spencer Andrew White, MM  
Mary Jewell Wiley, MM

In 1963, SHSU’s men’s baseball team won the NAIA World Series Championship.
Dr. Michael Lacourse, Dean

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of the College of Health Sciences, I wish to congratulate you for this achievement and significant milestone in your professional life. We are proud of your accomplishment and are confident that the knowledge, skills, habits, values and attitudes acquired at Sam Houston State University will provide you with the foundation necessary for a successful career in the health sciences.

The demand for health sciences professionals across our nation and globally continues to rise and the importance of earning a university degree for entry into this dynamic profession has never been greater. You will be entrusted to promote good health and fitness habits to a progressively diverse population, promote the value of sport in an increasingly commercialized world or provide quality healthcare as a caring and compassionate professional. Your responsibilities will be great, but you are ready!

T.S. Eliot wrote, “In my end is my beginning”. Commencement marks the end of your formal university education, and the beginning of your professional life. That life will be filled with many challenges and opportunities to impact the lives of others. Your advancement and success in the health professions will require a lifetime of learning and we believe you are well-prepared for that journey.

With Commencement you join the thousands of Bearkats who have come before you and who have left their mark on society. The value of your education from Sam Houston State University will be measured not by whether you have earned this degree, but how you use the degree to impact our world. We wish you great happiness and success and hope to see you again in the classroom.

Congratulations!

Dr. Michael Lacourse, Dean
Master Degree Candidates

Victoria Lynn Benavidez, MA
Laura Diana Berry, MA
Sarah Jane Browning, MA
Tiffany Janell Ginn, MA
Jessica Irene Jackson, MA
Tiffany Nichole Lane, MA
Casidhe James Leonard, MA
Michael Joseph Morales, MA

Bachelor Degree Candidates

Kristian Patrice Austin, BS
Aaron Ray Bell, BS
Brandon Dewayne Cook, BS
Angel N. Cunningham, BS
Tessa Raye Di Gennaro, BS
Sareena Nicole Fulsher, BS
Guillermo Gomez II, BS
Lisa Beth Gomez, BS

Metrisa Rene’ Gonzales, BS
Ryan Anthony Gonzales, BS
Kevin John Guthrie, BS
YHWH’ A. Johnson-Ellis, BS
Temani Levina Joseph, BS
John Michael Juneau, BS
Cody Lee Kitzman, BS
Shelby Lauren Lancaster, BS
William Ray Lester, BS
Jeremy David Lundenberg, BS
Andrew Lee Mahaffey, BS
Chance Allen Marek, BS
Ethan Marshall Maresh, BS
Jonathan Brandon Massey, BS
Victor Eric McDaniel, BS
Mariah Shanice Mitchell, BS
Demondrae M. Murray, BS
Dat Quoc Nguyen, BS
Donovan Seth Noey, BS
Regina Dianne Offord, BS
Tnechia Kanice Palmer, BS
Kimberly Ann Pepper, BS
Brian Patrick Pittman, BS
Karmen Ann Pursley, BS
Brooke Elizabeth Purvis, BS
Lacey Renee Raska, BS
Stevyn Micheal Rivera, BS
Brandon Lamar Ross, BS
Dellissa Renae Simmons, BS
Justin Ryan Soliz, BS
Kayla Maree Stevenson, BS
Deanna Lynette Tripplett, BS
Clay Martinez Tucker, BS
Andrew Patrick Weaver, BS
Ryan Keith Wilson, BS
Rachelle Kohna Workman, BS
Daniel Evan Yandell, BS

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Sam Houston takes pride in welcoming all non-traditional students.
On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, I congratulate you on your achievement. This is a day that we know you’ve worked hard for and at times thought would never come. But, you’ve persevered. Success in life is to some extent determined by inborn ability. Yet, even more important for success is the ability to set goals and not let momentary setbacks or bumps in the road deter you from achieving your goal. Resilience to withstand the frustrations produced by human imperfections, not letting the outside difficulties derail your march toward success, and shaking off setbacks are the cornerstones of a successful life.

Another key to a happy and successful life is to rigorously maintain your personal integrity. Being a consistently honest, moral, and principled person leads to success in every aspect of life. When your word is your bond and what you say is the same as what you believe and what you do, others know that they can trust you. Trust is the foundation of success in all interactions with others, in business, friendship, and relationships. Integrity leads not only to external success but also, and more importantly to inner happiness and pride. Remember the word inside your class ring that inspired Sam Houston himself, “honor.”

We know that your families and friends are very proud of you and likely have played a significant role in supporting you in concrete or emotional ways. Because we understand that nothing is ever achieved alone, we congratulate your family and friends as they share in your success. We also want you to know how proud and happy the faculty, staff, and administration of CHSS are in being part of your success. Educating students for success in their careers as well as their intellectual and personal lives is our mission and the source of tremendous satisfaction for all of us.

It has been said that the mission of a university is the creation of the future. You are the instruments through which we fulfill that promise. By being successful you make us successful. It’s difficult to predict your exact future accomplishments. Your careers will take many surprising and unpredictable twists and turns and your actual accomplishments will likely be very different from those that we currently envision. But, I guarantee that this class of 2014 will accomplish great things, that you will become the leaders of the future, and that you will inspire and support the next generation to create their future.

Dr. Abbey Zink, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Kristy Becker
Dissertation Title: Importance of Factors Associated with Competency for Immigration Proceedings: A Survey of Immigration Attorneys
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jorge G. Varela

Aleha Buffaloe Cantu
Dissertation Title: The Role of Mental Health Professionals in Capital Case Sentencing Phases: Potential Ethical Dilemmas during Mitigation Evaluations
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Mary Alice Conroy

Carol Woods
Dissertation Title: Is Participant Self-Reported Ethnicity Sufficient to Measure the Own-Race Bias (ORB)? The Implicit Association Test (IAT) vs Participant Report
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jeff Anastasi

Students form the first International Hispanic Association.

SHSU makes its first appearance in the NCAA Basketball Tournament.
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

**Master Degree Candidates**

Anna Antony, MA
Chelsea N’Shay Branch, MA
Crystal Dawn Carpenter, MPA
Carolyn Agnes Carroll, MA
Jorge Chavarro, MA
Laura Jayne Condon, MA
Kristin Ilene Edwards, MPA
Brittany Ann Field, MA
Christopher David Foster, MA
Katherine Quiggins Gaskamp, MA
Tess Marion Gemberling, MA
Victoria Nicole Gill, MPA
Thomas Richard Griffin, MA
AnSylvia VelRae Heggins, MA
Stacey Elaine Johnson, MS
Samantha Kaye Jones, MA
Philip Simon Klespis, MA
Kelsey Leigh Laxton, MA
Ashley Lauren Lemar, MA
Kristine Lea McCool, MPA
Rhiannon Desiree Morris, MA
Belen Polanco, MA
Lindsey Kaye Randolph, MA
Barbara Ann Roberts, MA
Jeremy Christopher Rosado, MA
Elizabeth Wood Stackhouse, MA
Colleen Nicole Warren, MA
Amanda Michelle Williams, MA
Andrew Caleb Williamson, MA
Barry Dale Wolfe, MA

Katie Earlene Brown, BS
Stevie Paige Brown, BA
Taylor Shea Brown, BS
John Anthony Buchanan, BS
Nayely Ibeth Calderon, BS
Gian Cardenas, BS
Nwando Uchenna Chike-Udenze, BS
Andrew Michael Coker, BS
Nathanael Ray Cook, BA
Jasmine Michelle Cowl, BA
Zachary Coykendall, BA
Tonya Gale Cyrus, BS
William Brendan Davis, BS
Colleen Lindsay Dayton, BS
Dustin Paul Denmon, BA
S. Caitlyn Dennig, BS
Jacob Machol Diehl, BA
Christina Marie Dillon, BS
Emiline May Dodson, BS
Teresa De Jesus Duarte, BS
Kristin Ally Dudley, BA
Rebekah Marie Edwards, BS
Adam Tyler Estill, BS
Deneen Patricia Fulton, BS
Nancy Elizabeth Garcia, BA
Peter George Gavrilos, BA
Hailee Joy Gertz, BA
Jeffrey Wayland Gonzales, BA
Carlos Alberto Gonzalez, BA
Keira Chance Green, BA
Taylor Lauren Greenwade, BS
Kendy Marisol Guzman, BS
Stevie Arlene Hall, BS
Elizabeth Cathryn Henneke, BS
Viktorya Lynn Hill, BS
Sabine Ibrahim, BA
Ann Elizabeth Inovejas, BA
Cristyn Nichol Jones, BS
Brittany Leigh Kleinpeter, BA
Pamela Ann Knebel, BS
Dana Janelle Kooi, BS
Emily Nichole Laird, BA
Richard C. Lara, BA
Mara Lechuga, BA
Jasmine Thai Lester, BS
Esmeralda Lopez, BA
Kathryne Ann Lozano, BS
LaChanda Malone-Authorlee, BA
Samantha Rena May, BS
Michele C. McCullough, BS
Daniel Jesse McGuire, BA
Amanda Elizabeth Medina, BS
Chelsea Ann Merla, BA
Nikki Newman Metzler, BA
Trevor Roger Meysembourg, BS
Michael Carlton Milam, BA
Lindley Christine Mock, BS
Jenny Marie Mondragon, BS
Carlos Francisco Montalvo, BA
Courtney J. Moore, BS
Maria Jose Mora, BA
Heather Michelle Newsom, BS
Elizabeth Adanna Opara, BS
Jamie Magnolia Orellana, BS
Elizabeth Christine Page, BA
Hannah Grace Painter, BA
Joshua David Pitt, BA
Julie Marie Porter, BS
Katelyn E. Prescott, BS
Amber Latrice Price, BS
Lisa Ann Roberson, BS
Karley Renae Roggeman, BS
Alisha Deann Rush, BS
Corey Nathan Ryan, BA
Belinda Marie Salazar, BA
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2009
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2010
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2011
SHSU rodeo team wins three national titles at the CNFR and Bearkats football team makes its first FCS Championship appearance.
The Alumni Association exists to serve and sustain the Sam Houston State University alumni network. Serving the best interests of our members is a top priority, and it is our hope that you find your membership worthy of continuing for years to come. Whether you become a life member or choose to renew your membership each year, you are important to the Alumni Association and the university. We need your continued support each year to ensure SHSU remains an outstanding public university.

Your ability to connect with your alumni network is your most valuable SHSU asset — right up there with your SHSU degree. Ultimately, a strong alumni network enhances the value of a SHSU degree. More than 11,000 alumni have already discovered that the best way to stay connected and show their Bearkat pride is to join the alumni association.

In addition to such tangible benefits as the Kat Konnection Newsletter, lapel pin and the automobile decal, one of the primary benefits of membership is knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of students, faculty and staff here at Sam Houston State University. Each year the association provides financial support for student scholarships.

Advantages of Alumni Association membership:

- Invitation to special events
- Alumni networking
- Alumni publications
- Monthly Sam e-newsletter
- Alumni Discounts (check: alumni.shsu.edu for discount listings)
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The Official Sam Houston State University Ring has been created as an everlasting symbol of our esteem for the university and our bond with each other. A committee that included students, alumni, faculty and university administration chose the design of the Official Ring in 2003. The committee’s goal was to develop a distinctive design that would reflect pride in Sam Houston State University, be easily identifiable, and stand the test of time.

Cast into the inside of the ring is the word “Honor.” When Sam Houston joined the U.S. Army in 1813, Elizabeth Houston (Sam Houston’s mother) understood her son’s decision. She called Sam to her side and handed him a musket saying, “never disgrace it: for remember I had rather all my sons should fill one honorable grave, than one of them should turn his back to save his life.” She told him to always remember, “while the door to my cottage is open to brave men, it is eternally shut against cowards.” Elizabeth Houston placed a small gold band on his finger with a one-word inscription — HONOR.

The Official Ring Ceremony is held each spring. Please visit us online at alumni.shsu.edu for additional details. Participants are required to RSVP with the Office of Alumni Relations to reserve their space at least one week prior to the ceremony.

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