The Platform Party enters first; the faculty enter in the following order:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016
Morning Ceremony  ▪  9:30 am
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES
Dr. Sam Sullivan will be Mace Bearer.
Dr. Ronald Daigle will introduce the graduates.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016
Afternoon Ceremony  ▪  2:30 pm
COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND MASS COMMUNICATION
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Dr. Raymond Teske Jr. will be Mace Bearer.
Dr. Donna Desforges will introduce the graduates.

Presiding  ▪  Richard F. Eglsaer, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp & Circumstance [Edward Elgar] ................................................................. SHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble
Wayne Barrett, Song Leader

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

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

The Star Spangled Banner [Text: Francis Scott Key, Music: John Stafford Smith] .................................. Wayne Barrett, Song Leader

Introduction of the Speaker ........................................................................ Dana G. Hoyt, President, Sam Houston State University

Commencement Address  ▪  Friday morning ceremony .................................. Cathleen Nash, President and CEO of Woodforest National Bank

Commencement Address  ▪  Friday afternoon ceremony ........................... David Argueta, President of CHI St. Luke’s Health–The Woodlands, Lakeside, and Springwoods Village

Alma Mater [Allen R. Hightower III/Anonymous] ................................................... Wayne Barrett, Song Leader

Conferring of Degrees .................................................................................. Dana G. Hoyt, President, Sam Houston State University

Remarks to the Graduates ........................................................................... Roland Black, President, Alumni Board of Directors

Auld Lang Syne [Robert Burns] ........................................................................ Wayne Barrett, Song Leader

RECESSIONAL

Rondeau ............................................................................................................ Wayne Barrett, Song Leader

Audience seated for Processional and Recessional
As a courtesy, please refrain from using noise makers during the graduation ceremony.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduate,

We at Sam Houston State University are pleased and honored to share such a wonderful milestone with you today. Your degree represents a significant accomplishment in your life, and I congratulate you on the attainment of this goal.

When you first began your college career, I’m sure you had dreams of what you wanted to achieve. Your degree is tangible evidence of your success in making those dreams reality, and we are happy to have been a part of your education. We hope your association with us will continue, and as an alumnus you will feel the same pride for our university that you felt when you were here as a student.

Your graduation is the beginning of a new and exciting journey into a world filled with glorious opportunities. I urge you to keep alive your love for your alma mater and always remember you are a part of Sam Houston State University, a great name in Texas education.

Sincerely,

Dana G. Hoyt

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AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never bro’t to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And days of auld lang syne?

Chorus: For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne; We’ll tak’ a cup o’ kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

And here’s a hand o’ thine; And gie’s a hand o’ thine; We’ll tak’ a cup o’ kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

Robert Burns

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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Hail to Sam Houston, School we love best, Mighty in battle, True to the test. Bearkats so loyal, Ever we’ll be. Orange and white will lead Us to victory!

Hats off to you, Ever you’ll find us Loyal and true, Firm and undaunted, Ever we’ll be. Here’s to the school we love. Here’s a toast to thee.

First verse sung at August 9, 2003 commencement by composer Allen R. Hightower III. Second verse, Anonymous.
CATHLEEN NASH
Cathleen (Cathy) Nash is the President and CEO of Woodforest National Bank, located in The Woodlands, TX. The bank offers both consumer and business products and services at more than 750 locations in 17 states across the United States.

She has more than 20 years of experience in banking, joining Citizens in July 2006, as Executive Vice President and Head of Consumer Banking. Prior to Citizens, Nash was Senior Vice President, Director of Branch Banking for SunTrust Corporation, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Nash was with SunTrust for more than 13 years. Prior to joining SunTrust, Nash held a number of positions for Bank of Boston in Marketing and Human Resources.

An active voice in the banking industry, Nash has served on the board of directors for the Consumer Bankers Association and as a member of ABA's American Bankers Council. Within the Midwest, she has served on the board of directors for Citizens Research Council of Michigan, and Business Leaders for Michigan. Since the mid-1990s, Nash has been actively involved with Give Kids The World, an organization that provides memorable, magical, cost-free experiences to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. She serves on the board of directors as well as the audit and investments committees and chairs the governance committee.

Nash received her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Central Florida and a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Ithaca College.

DAVID ARGUETA

Argueta is passionate about healthcare policy. He served as Chairman of the Texas Hospital Association’s Leadership Development Council in 2014, and also serves as an Advisory Board Member for the Baylor University Robbins Institute for Health Policy and Leadership.

David served as campaign chair for the Montgomery County United Way in 2015, and was recently appointed to the United Way Greater Houston Board. He also serves on the boards of the Montgomery County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Montgomery County American Heart Association. Argueta is a member of The Woodlands Economic Development Partnership and The Woodlands Chamber of Commerce boards of directors.

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Gowns are generally black. The bachelor’s gown is simple, with long pointed sleeves. The master’s gown will have either long sleeves with narrow wrist opening or long sleeves with the hand emerging from the sleeve at elbow length. The doctor’s gown is fullest in cut with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

Length of the hood represents degree level: the master’s hood is three and one-half feet long and the doctor’s hood is four feet long. The velvet trim on the edge of the hood is three inches wide for the master’s degree and five inches wide for the doctor’s degree. The color indicates the field of study. A color or pattern between the trim indicates the university awarding the degree.

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To reflect their achievement, graduates who have earned undergraduate academic excellence receive a gold cord at graduation 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, Alpha Chi, and Honors Program.

Veterans stole. The orange stole features camouflage tips bearing the SH logo on the right and the American flag with Veterans and military members with a specially designed undergraduate academic excellence receive a gold cord at graduation. To reflect their achievement, graduates who have earned a minimum of thirty-two semester hours earned in residence Cum Laude reflect an outstanding grade point average with a minimum of 3.50 - 3.66; Magna Cum Laude 3.67 - 3.85; Summa Cum Laude 3.86 - 4.00.

The Department Academic Distinction Program is an individualized learning experience that provides qualified students with a comprehensive introduction to meaningful research under the guidance of a designated faculty advisor.

Alpha Chi, a national honor society organized to recognize and promote scholastic excellence, is open to all University seniors who accepted membership and have achieved a 3.6 or higher grade point average on all college-level course work.

Participation in the Honors College 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.

Academic honors are designated only for undergraduate students completing their baccalaureate degrees. The only honors recognized on-stage at commencement are Latin Honors, Honors College, and Academic Distinction in a specific discipline. The list includes all students who applied through 06/22/2016.

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 senior tenured faculty member carries it during academic convocations. It was first used at summer commencement on August 20, 1988.

The mace was designed and hand crafted by the late Charles R. Jedlicka, Associate Professor of Industrial Technology. The crown is a circular casting bearing the name of the University and date of establishment, 1879. The circle features the lone star, the state emblem, in the center. Names of past University presidents with their dates of service are engraved on the brass collar below the crown.

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

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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.

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DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Accounting BBA, MS
Banking and Financial Institutions BBA
Business Administration MBA
Economics BBA
Entrepreneurship BBA
Executive Master of Business Administration in Banking and Financial Institutions EMBA
Finance BBA
General Business Administration BBA
Human Resource Management BBA
International Business BBA
Management BBA
Management Information Systems BBA
Marketing BBA
Project Management MS

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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 the 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 M. Lyons Jr., Dean

DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Criminal Justice BA, BS, MS, PhD
- Criminal Justice and Criminology MA
- Criminal Justice Leadership and Management MS
- Forensic Science MS, PhD
- Homeland Security Studies MS
- Victim Services Management MS
- Victim Studies BA, BS

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.
Andrew Michael Garcia, MS
Ronald James Fraser Jr., MS
Carl Andrew Currie, MS
Kiersten Berdette Compofelice, MA
Karen Ann Coleman, MS
Susan L. Clifton, MS
Heather Mercedes Clark, MS
Angela Ne'Cole Chevalier, MS
Alexandra Margaret Chavez, MS
Tyesha Symone Campbell, MS
Chantel Renee Bratton, MS
Candice Renee Anderson, MA
Marlene Maria Acosta, MS
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James L. Balthazar, MS
Matthew James Blakelock, MS
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James L. Balthazar, MS
Candice Renee Anderson, MA
Marlene Maria Acosta, MS
Yudu Li, PhD
Fei Luo, PhD
Amy L. Proctor, PhD
Deborah Ann Sibila, PhD
Nancy Rae Gartner, PhD
Garrett Cole Wickens, MS
William Jason Wheat, MS
Claudia E. Vazquez, MS
Christopher N. Thompson, MS
Hanna Elisabeth Theiss, MS
Ronny R. Taylor, MS
Edward Walter Swenson, MS
Andrea Salazar, MS
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DOCTORAL DEGREE
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Dr. Wendi Pollock
Committee Members: Dr. Jurg Gerger, Dr. Willard M. Oliver,
Chair: Dr. Scott W. Menard
along the U.S.-Mexico Border (2007-2010)
Narcotic-Related Offenses in Federal Judicial Districts
Citizenship Status and Arrest Patterns for Violent and
Deborah Ann Sibila, PhD
Dr. Victoria B. Titterington
Committee Members: Dr. Jurg Gerber,
American College Students
Victimization between Native American and Non-Native
Native on Campus: An Examination of Fear of Crime and
Amy L. Proctor, PhD
Committee Members: Dr. Larry T. Hoover, Dr. Jihong Zhao
Chair: Dr. Ling Ren
Perceptions and Reality: Dimensions and Correlates of
Public Attitudes toward the Police
Chair: Dr. Ling Ren
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BACHELOR DEGREES
Cody Andrew Adams, BS
Daniela Aguirre, BS
Rita Elizabeth Alanis, BA
Rusbel Alaniz, BA
Danny Augustus Allen III, BS
Emily Ann Allen, BS
Justin Allan Amundson, BS
Eric John Andrews, BS
Gail A. Baham, BA
Chandler Alexandra Baker, BS
Deniz Jeremy Barnes, BS
Alexus Briana Benton, BS
Sara Joyce Betts, BS
Channel Tiffany Elouise Beverly, BS
Taylor Alyssa Blanchard, BS
Christopher Deontray Brown, BS
Alyssa Wall Bullard, BS
Christopher Henry Burbidge, BS
Brittany Marie Byrum, BS
Virginia Renee Calvert-Martín, BS
Natasha Marie Camacho, BA
Jen Shawntelle Cavazos, BS
Jinu Chen, BA
Diante Simone Clay, BS
Kan Cheyenne Courtney, BS
Amriel Flexus Crawford, BA
Kellie Marie Da Rosas, BY
Bianna Amparo Diaz, BS
Raul Alejandro Diaz, BS
Michael Alexander Dickerson, BS
Skylar Ariel Dolphin, BS
Nicholas Scott Duhan, BS
Alexandra Mary Emery, BS
Frank Espazar Jr., BS
Mercedes Benz Evans, BS
Kadreta Anne Fannin, BS
Kevin James Fenner, BS
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Elias Miguel Fernandez, BA
Hannah Elyse Fouts, BA
Adella Louise Freeman, BS
Christopher Ryan Freudenberg, BS
James Eddelem Fuller, BS
Jennifer Gallego, BS
Sandra Edith Gallego, BS
Shida Gao, BA
Graciela Elena Garcia, BA
Leah Dawn Gentry, BS
Zachary Taylor Giddens, BS
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Jevon A. Gilbert, BS
Veronica Hilda Gomez, BS
Yule Gong, BA
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Shalecia D. Lee, BS  
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Ke Hui Li, BA  
Xiaolan Li, BA  
Trevor Ray Limmer, BA  
Ling Lin, BA  
Elizabeth Lopez, BS  
John David Lopez, BS  
Mayra Remedios Lopez, BA  
Elaine Lozano, BA  
Nathan Thomas Mabry, BS  
Gina Kimlynette Malgiero, BA  
Kristina Lynn Maloney, BA  
Erica Maria Manzano, BS  
Ana Liliana Marquez, BA  
Lisa H. Martinez, BA  
Yantza Martinez, BA  
Brooklynn Nicole Mayfield, BA  
Sarah Meredith McBride, BS  
DaMonte Deshad McCullough, BS  
Drake Edward McGarrah, BA  
Gregory Patrick McKay, BS  
Kaylee Montelongo, BS  
Samantha Renee Moreno, BS  
Kaylee Montelongo, BA  
Maquita Marie Valentine, BS  
Jessica Monique Umstead, BS  
Roberto Torres, BA  
Kristina Carmen Tikal, BS  
Susan Camille Thompson, BS  
Colin Denzel Thomas, BS  
Robert Lee Tanner, BS  
Juan Carlos Suarez, BA  
Lexi Kay Stavinoha, BS  
Janelle Marie Standley, BS  
Juan Carlos Suarez Jr., BA  
Robert Lee Tanner II, BS  
Celine Delgado Perez, BS  
Juliana Petani, BS  
Andres Ignacio Polanco, BA  
Nolan Lance Carián Quinene, BS  
Patrick Cole Ramos, BS  
Robert Florentino Ramírez Jr., BS  
Reid Christoph Reichle, BA  
Kimberly Michele Ritchey, BS  
John Michael Rodriguez, BS  
Olivia Ann Rodriguez, BA  
Jesse Tyler Roland, BS  
Jasmine Marie Rose, BS  
Adeana Ian Rosignon, BS  
Margarita Ruvalcaba, BA  
Mano De Jesus Caro Ryding, BA  
Stacy Marie Saldívar, BS  
Tracy Lynn Saldívar, BS  

The open book and the lamp of knowledge represent the departments, which embody the value of literacy and education. The yellow represents Library Science. The royal blue at the bottom represents the PhD degree. The light blue at the top signifies the EdD degree, and is the hood color for education in general.
Remember you will always have a home at Sam Houston State University and within the classrooms and stages, rehearsal rooms, your future and don't be afraid of new beginnings and challenges. 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.

This graduation ceremony, 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.

Robert Frost reminds us that life teaches a hard lesson: We 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. With this sentiment, I urge you to keep in touch. Let us know what life brings as you explore your passions.

On behalf of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, I offer a 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 or media in a global context. You are ready for your future and we challenge you to find and live your passions.

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

Dr. Ronald E. Shields, Dean

**DEGREES AWARDED IN THE COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND MASS COMMUNICATION**

- Art BA, BFA
- Art-Advertising and Graphic Design BFA
- Art-Photography BFA
- Art-Studio Art BA, BFA
- Band Conducting MA
- Computer Animation BFA
- Dance BA, BFA, MFA
- Digital Media MA
- Mass Communication BA
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- Art-Advertising and Graphic Design BFA
- Art-Photography BFA
- Art-Studio Art BA, BFA
- Band Conducting MA
- Computer Animation BFA
- Dance BA, BFA, MFA
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Congratulations! Today is the beginning of the next exciting chapter of your life. The faculty, staff, students, and administration of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences are proud of you and your accomplishments.

Great success in life rarely is a solo effort. Rather, success most often is the culmination of hard work, perseverance, and a strong support network. As we mark your accomplishments, we also want to recognize your family and friends whose encouragement made the difference along the way.

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Clinical Psychology MA, PhD
Communication Studies BA, BS, MA
Creative Writing, Editing, and Publishing MA
English BA, MA
History BA, BS, MA
Psychology BS, MA
Political Science BA, BS, MA
Sociology BA, BS, MA
Spanish BA, MA
Public Administration MPA
School Psychology SSP
Psychology BS, MA

The quill connotes the importance of creative endeavors 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 university’s motto in mind: “The Measure of a Life is its Service.”

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Agricultural Communications BS  
Agricultural Engineering Technology BS  
Agriculture MS  
Animal Science BS  
Applied Arts and Sciences BAAS  
Biology BA, BS, MA, MS  
Biomedical Sciences BS  
Chemistry BS, MS  
Composite Science BS  
Computer Software Engineering Technology BS  
Computing and Information Science MS  
Computing Science BS  
Construction Management BS  
Design and Development BS  
Digital and Cyber Forensics Engineering Technology BS  
Digital Forensics MS  
Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology BS  
Engineering Technology BS  
Forensic Chemistry BS  
General Studies BS  
Geographic Information Systems MS  
Geography BA, BS  
Geology BS  
Information Assurance and Security MS  
Interdisciplinary Agriculture BS  
Mathematics BA, BS, MA, MS  
Physics BS  
Plant and Soils Sciences BS  
Statistics MS  
Sustainable Agriculture and Food Environment MAg

On behalf of the College of Sciences, I extend congratulations to you on your significant accomplishment of completing the requirements for graduation. This is a milestone in your life and an achievement in which you can always take pride.

The College of Sciences incorporates the philosophy of a liberal arts education with the training for a position in the scientific community. Thus, your education provides you with the skill of critical thinking and the understanding of diverse cultures along with the knowledge of your scientific field. You are well equipped to leave Sam Houston State University and become a valuable professional in our society. As you further your career as a scientist, mathematician, or teacher, you will take with you the knowledge, experience, and history of this university. I am sure that you will use this association well and continue to enhance the reputation of our institution.

It is with great pride that the College of Sciences and Sam Houston State University confer upon you a degree. You have earned this recognition because of your hard work during your academic program. With this degree you can now enter the next stage of your life. In this endeavor I wish you success and happiness. You are now a professional representative of the College of Sciences and I am sure that our reputation is in good hands.

Dr. John B. Pascarella, Dean

The three columns represent the concept of civilization based on 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.
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OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

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In addition to such tangible benefits as the Kat Konnection Newsletter, lapel pin, and 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. Every year the association provides financial support for student scholarships.

Advantages of Alumni Association membership:
- Invitation to special events
- Alumni publications
- Alumni networking
- Monthly Sam e-newsletter
- Alumni discounts (check alumni.shsu.edu for discount listings)
- Regional Alumni Clubs and Special Interest groups

The Alumni Association exists to serve and sustain the Sam Houston State University alumni network. Serving the best interest 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.

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