The lessons learned at Sam Houston State University go beyond curriculum or the conventional classroom. Our students also have many opportunities to experience first-hand how service and giving impact lives.

Every year I am privileged to observe extraordinary examples of selflessness, dedication and philanthropy by individuals and organizations within and outside our university community. And every year, I am honored by the unflagging generosity and support demonstrated by our alumni, friends, faculty and staff. In 2011-2012, our university received over $9 million in gifts from more than 10,000 donors, and a member of every graduating class, beginning with 1939, made a contribution.

A legacy of generosity is being passed on to new generations of graduates and we are pleased to see it gaining strength with our youngest alumni. Four of the top five class years in terms of the number of donors graduated within the past five years.

Not only does your support set the example for future Bearkats, it also impacts the lives of students today. Each person and organization listed within the Donor Report has helped to touch thousands of lives this past year and have made a difference that will resonate for generations. Scholarships, academic programs, division support and building expansion are just a few of the ways your generosity enhanced the educational experience at SHSU.

Each of you plays such an important role in providing an accessible college education and raising the quality of academic programs at Sam Houston State. And, each of you teaches our students, through example, that the spirit of giving should not only be treasured but shared with others.

Thank you for what you make possible and for setting a standard for others to emulate.

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Eleanor Smith Garrett never questioned where she would attend college. For her, the only choice was Sam Houston State Teachers College.

“Is there another college as desirable?” she asked.

As a child, Eleanor visited the campus numerous times with her father during the summer months when he was taking classes. By the time she was 13 years old, she had already decided which dorm she would live in when she came to Sam Houston.

“I was impressed by the columns on the front of Elliott Hall,” she said.

She graduated from high school when she was 16 years old, turning 17 a week later on May 24.

“On June 3, 1951, I was in Miss Baldwin’s history class and Miss Oliphant’s English class,” she said. “Summer school was small and fun.”

While attending college, Eleanor worked at the Ex-Students Association Office for Martha Mitchell and typed papers for other students. She also sang with the college choir.

Just as she had planned, she lived in Elliott Hall, room 211, which soon became a popular “hang out” for the other residents.

“My room faced up the hill toward Dr. Lowman’s house, and each day the ROTC guys would march up the hill,” she said. “Also, the football players had to walk in front of our dorm to go to the dining hall. I should have charged an admission fee to come to my room, because the girls on the other side of the hall would come over to hang out my window and look at the boys!” she laughed.

Even with a busy schedule of work, touring with the choir, and taking a full load each semester and in summer school, Eleanor graduated in three years, with 12 hours toward her master’s degree.

“I was 19 when I received my Bachelor of Science degree,” she said. “I think I was one of the youngest, at that time, to finish SHSTC. However, I was still too young and immature to really settle down.”

She attended night classes in the fall of 1954 while teaching and enrolled in summer school at Sam Houston in the summer of 1955. She graduated that August with her Master of Education degree.
In addition to teaching a year in Trinity County, Eleanor taught at schools in Nederland, Vidor, Port Neches and Garland, and founded the kindergarten program at Orchard Hills Baptist Church, also in Garland.

In 1964 she teamed up with her husband, Charles, to establish the Garrett Metal Detector Company, which has become the world’s largest manufacturer of virtually all types of metal detection equipment, including hobby, law enforcement, security, and all-metal detection military devices.

Since 1984, the company has furnished metal detectors for all the summer Olympic games and most of the winter games. A few of those games were especially memorable for Eleanor.

“The heat in Atlanta during the Summer Olympics in 1996 was almost unbearable,” she said. “I remember having a Hershey’s candy bar that I was saving to eat. By the time I was able to take a break from the work we were doing, the candy bar had melted, and I ended up drinking it!”

Through the years as the Garretts became successful, they both remembered their respective universities. Charles, an engineering graduate of Lamar University, has been a faithful supporter of that institution along with Eleanor.

They have also remained connected to Sam Houston State, supporting the College of Education from which Eleanor earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The Garretts have a vested interest in those who work to educate individuals with special needs.

“Our oldest son had a high fever when he was 20 months old that damaged his brain,” Eleanor said. “We donated the money that would have paid for his college education to Sam Houston State to establish the endowments.” The Garretts’ other two children are both college graduates. They also have two grandchildren.

Gifts from the Garretts to SHSU have created the Eleanor and Charles Garrett Endowed Chair for Special Education and the Eleanor and Charles Garrett Graduate Fellowships in Special Education.

Earlier, in 2003, they established the Eleanor Smith and Charles Lewis Garrett Endowment to provide scholarships for students majoring in elementary education.

Eleanor also served as a member of the SHSU Share the Vision Campaign’s Executive Leadership Council and is a Life Member of the SHSU Alumni Association.

She was named a Distinguished Alumna of the university in 2008.

In 2010 the Texas State University System Board of Regents approved the university’s request to name its Teacher Education Center in honor of the Garretts, in recognition of their lifelong support of elementary, secondary and higher education. In addition, Eleanor received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during SHSU’s spring commencement ceremonies.

“We are very pleased to be able to help college students help themselves,” Eleanor said. “We all need to be as educated as possible to help ourselves, as well as our fellow man, woman and our citizens, achieve the desires we have in life.”
Ben Lenamon, Class of ‘74, and his wife, Susan, Class of ‘73, believe Sam Houston State University is “all about the students.” Susan, a third generation Sam Houston graduate, chose to attend SHSU due to a long family lineage of Bearkats. She began her teaching career in 1973, teaching business courses in Pearland ISD. She went on to earn a master’s degree and then a doctorate in Educational Leadership. Susan became the principal of Pearland High School and was awarded the position of director of communications for the district’s first communications department, where she remained for nine years until her retirement after 25 years of service to Pearland ISD. She is currently the broker/owner of David L. Smith Realty (The Legacy Group), a company founded by her parents in 1960. She is also the COO of David L. Smith, L.P., Smith and Wesson Sand Company and the Frankie W. Smith Agriculture Project in Save, Benin, South Africa. Susan is a consummate volunteer and is president-elect of the SHSU Alumni Association.

Ben received his BS degree from UH, but chose Sam Houston for his master’s degree because of its reputation for quality education programs. After graduation, he spent four years in the United States Air Force with the Strategic Air Command. He became a middle school art teacher with Pasadena ISD where he remained for 30 years; he retired as a principal in Pasadena ISD. Ben has served eight years as a county commissioner for Brazoria Drainage District. He now spends his time on hobbies: landscape painting, wood carving and furniture making.

Ben and Susan feel indebted to SHSU because it provided them with the education and opportunity to work with school age children.

The Lenamons are giving back to the Alumni Association and have two scholarship endowments: Frankie Walker Smith Education Endowment in memory of Susan’s mother, who was a lifelong Huntsville resident and attended Sam Houston Normal Institute as an education major, and David L. Smith Criminal Justice Endowment in honor of Susan’s father, who at 86 years old still maintains his peace officer license. The Lenamons hope the endowments will be used by students who are truly dedicated to principles of education, criminal justice and the well-being of all mankind.
The Old Main Society

The society commemorates the historic significance of the building that was completed in 1890 and destroyed by fire in 1982. Revered as a traditional symbol of the university, its foundation footprint is maintained.

Horace Brock, Class of ’46 and ’51, did not choose to attend Sam Houston State University; it was chosen for him. And to this day, he believes the three years he spent on the Huntsville campus were the most rewarding years of his life.

At the age of 15 in 1943, Brock finished high school in Leggett and immediately got a job digging “slurry” ditches for 50 cents an hour in a cement plant on the Houston Ship Channel. A man by the name of Dr. Floyd, whom he worked with at the plant, noticed Brock’s impeccable work ethic and asked him if he had ever thought about going to college. Brock’s response was, “Yes, but I don’t have any money.” The following Monday, Dr. Floyd asked Brock if he could be in Huntsville the next day. Dr. Floyd, along with his brother, W.W. Floyd, chairman of the department of chemistry at SHSU, had arranged for Brock to be enrolled in three courses at Sam and found him a job at a boarding house to pay for his meals and a second job on campus to pay for other necessities.

Brock was on bus the next day to a place that would change his life forever. While working toward a degree in mathematics and a minor in physics, Brock also enjoyed working as sports editor of the campus newspaper. In 1946, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, and mailed back his remaining assignments so he could earn his degree.

After his military service, Brock returned to Sam and earned an MBA in accounting. He was then awarded a full scholarship at UT–Austin by Humble Oil Co. (now EXXON).

After receiving his PhD in accounting in 1954 he joined the faculty of the University of North Texas. He went on to co-author numerous books on accounting, which led him to teach accounting courses at universities across the country.

It was at UNT that Brock met his wife, Euline, also a professor. He retired from the UNT faculty in 1992 and from other positions at the university in 2010.

Brock believes his life would have been “far different” had he not had the opportunity to attend Sam Houston. He hopes to give others the same opportunity given to him. Brock gives annually to the Juanita Brock Lieerman Scholarship Endowment, in memory of his sister, who was a beloved elementary teacher. The scholarship aids students majoring in elementary education.
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The society commemorates the oldest building on campus, dedicated in 1851 for Austin College with Gen. Sam Houston in attendance. A group of Huntsville citizens acquired the building and contributed it to the state in 1879 to open Sam Houston Normal Institute.

Brad Hildebrandt, Class of ’02, earned a BBA in finance and his wife, Carrie, also Class of ’02, earned a degree in academic studies. The Hildebrandts have many fond memories of their time at Sam Houston. Brad remembers afternoons wakeboarding in the Trinity River and biking at Huntsville State Park with classmates. Carrie especially enjoyed the smaller class sizes and meeting non-traditional students like herself who were already married and having children. The Hildebrandts had two children while attending SHSU and two others since graduating.

After graduation, Carrie taught school in Huntsville ISD before moving to College Station where she taught preschool. Brad is president of his own company, Hilco Metal Supply, which continues to grow at a rate of 18 percent each year.

The Hildebrandts give back to the College of Education, College of Business Administration and the Alumni Association. The couple hopes their contributions will further job placement for Sam Houston graduates, as well as increase awareness of the great value of a Sam Houston education to potential employers.

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The Harry F. Estill Society

The society commemorates the university leader who served as president for 29 years, longer than anyone in Sam Houston State history. Among his many achievements, the curriculum was expanded and the first baccalaureate degree was awarded in 1919.

There was no doubt in Kenneth Maeker’s mind that he wanted to attend Sam Houston State University. The Class of ’75 alum believes it offers the best criminal justice program in the state. His fondest memories of his time at SHSU are the relationships that the professors had with the students. “The professors were always available for questions or advice and cared about the progress and wellbeing of the students,” said Maeker.

Since graduation, Maeker has enjoyed a successful career in law enforcement. He has worked with one federal law enforcement agency and four Texas law enforcement agencies. He is currently a lieutenant with the Houston Police Department and has been with HPD for 27 years.

Maeker gives to the criminal justice program at Sam Houston because he believes a college education is a necessary component and a great asset to anyone wanting to pursue a career in criminal justice. “I hope my donations might offer an opportunity to a student or students who want to pursue their dream of entering the criminal justice field and doing something worthwhile and meaningful with their chosen career,” said Maeker.
The Mallon-Smith Founders Society

The society commemorates the dedication and sacrifices of establishing Sam Houston State Normal Institute. Bernard Mallon, the first president, died 11 days after classes began on October 10, 1879. Hildreth H. Smith took over and guided the college until 1881.

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Grebe, now 94 years old, has many fond memories of his time at Sam Houston, including Old Main and his 1 p.m. history class. “It was during the summer and it was hot!” said Grebe. He and his wife lived at Country Campus, and he took 30 credit hours every summer.

After graduation, with a degree in history, Grebe taught in a one-teacher school with only 11 students. Two years later, he became the Bellville Elementary principal. Upon retirement, he was elected to the Austin County School District and served as the last county superintendent.

He later was elected as the Austin County constitutional judge and served for ten years in juvenile, probate, civil and criminal courts. He is also the author of the book, “Education in Washington County.”

Grebe loves his alma mater and enjoys giving back. He especially looks forward to sponsoring the Austin/Washington Counties Alumni “Welcome Event” each year.

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Roy Simmons, Class of ’43, decided to attend Sam Houston when he learned his high school band director, Charles Lindsey, had accepted a job on campus. While earning a BBA, Simmons enjoyed eating at Belvin Cafeteria, singing in a quartet (which performed at his own graduation), being editor of The Alcalde, a photographer on campus and hanging out at Old Main.

After graduation, Simmons joined the Marines. Once he completed his service, he continued his education at the University of Houston and was part of the law school’s first graduating class in 1950. He opened a law office in Houston and later moved to Pearland in 1968, becoming the city’s first lawyer/city judge, a position he still holds today.

“My education opened doors for me. In retrospect, Sam Houston showed me various opportunities. All in all, it led to having a very nice life,” said Simmons.

Simmons supports the Office of Alumni Relations, Annual Fund for Excellence and the College of Business Administration.

The Anniversary Society

The society recognizes donors who contribute at least one dollar for each year of the university’s existence during the past academic year. On September 1, 2012 the minimum gift requirement for society listing increased one dollar to $133 for the university’s 133 years of service.
SHSU faculty, staff and community join the Garretts (pictured center) in celebration of the naming of the Eleanor and Charles Garrett Teacher Education Center on August 6, 2010. (feature article on page 2).
**The 1879 Society**

The society commemorates the university’s founding and recognizes individuals who make planned gifts. Gift planning enables donors to make lasting contributions that are often larger than their ability to make an outright cash gift. Planned gifts include appreciated assets, bequests, gift annuities, trusts, life insurance and real estate.

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**Beula Ellisor Rosser**, Class of ’41 and ’46, passed away on March 16, 2011 at the age of 95. Rosser was preceded in death by her husband, **W.G. Rosser**, Class of ’46 and ’49. The couple each earned a Business Administration degree from Sam Houston, followed by a Master of Arts degree in Education.

The Rossers spent their careers teaching in Karnack ISD. Beula taught typing and algebra while W.G. was recruited straight out of the Army to teach mathematics, driver’s education and book keeping. He also coached the high school’s six man football team and toward the end of his tenure, served as the Karnack High School principal.

The Rossers left a portion of their estate to Karnack ISD and also set aside funds to establish a scholarship endowment at Sam Houston State University.

The Rosser Family Scholarship Endowment will provide scholarships to first-time incoming freshmen enrolled full-time at SHSU who are majoring in any discipline within the College of Business Administration or the College of Education. Scholarship candidates must also be accepted to and maintain enrollment in the Elliott T. Bowers Honors College.

The Rossers never had children of their own but proudly kept up with the successes of their students. They lived frugal lives, allowing them to accumulate enough money to give a substantial gift to SHSU. That gift is keeping their love of education alive as it helps others obtain something that was always important to them—a higher education.

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**2011–2012 Alumni**
Glen R “Dick” Pollard, Class of ’51 and ’52, was attributed to Sam Houston because it offered the Smith Hughes Certificate for teaching high school agriculture. After earning a bachelor’s degree in vocational agriculture and a master’s degree in agriculture education, Pollard taught school in Madisonville for one year, and then worked a short time in pipeline welding and on a seismograph crew, before starting a 60-year career in the automobile industry, a career he still enjoys today. Pollard is president and CEO of Pollard Friendly Ford in Lubbock.

He supports scholarships for students studying agriculture. He credits his alma mater for teaching him salesmanship and the Agriculture Department for providing him with lifelong friends.
2011-2012 Allocation of Contributions by Donors

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Why We Give

Johnnie Sandles, Class of ’81, and his wife, Karen, are Joint Life Members of the Alumni Association. “I was blessed to receive a great education at SHSU which propelled my career to unforeseeable heights. My wife and I want to give back to SHSU in order to assist future students in affording a great education,” said Sandles. Johnnie, who is a area superintendent of blending operations for The Ethyl Corporation, located in Pasadena, gives to the Department of Chemistry to support students majoring in the discipline. He also supports the new African American Friends of SHSU Scholarship because he wants to “give back” to deserving students who may want to attend SHSU, but may not have access to the necessary funds to do so.

“I strive to do more and more each year for the university. We need to ‘light a fire’ underneath the thousands of alumni to ‘give back’ to the university which provided us with so much,” said Sandles. “And it’s funny—my wife is an alumnus of the University of Arkansas; however, she decided to become a Life Member of the SHSU Alumni Association because of the relationships that were forged with SHSU Alumni.”
Mike Bakewell earned a master’s degree in sociology from SHSU in 2006. He is a retired power generation executive who spent 34 years in the industry working for Entergy Corporation. He chose to attend Sam Houston because the graduate program offered classes in the evening which allowed him to further his education while working full time.

“I found my classmates to be very bright and creative; most were about 25 years younger than me yet they accepted me as one of their own,” said Bakewell. Bakewell gives to the Ruth A. De Blanc Endowed Scholarship and the Paul D. and Trudy W. Blank Endowed Scholarship in sociology. He is currently a member of the SHSU Alumni Association.

Bakewell also held the position of adjunct professor at SHSU while he taught sophomore level sociology courses.
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Betty (Michaels-Dugas) and
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Janice (Sodek) and Barton Hayes

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Darrell Poehl earned a BBA in finance from Sam Houston in 1995. After graduation, he spent one year working for the Texas Department of Human Services before beginning a career in banking. His first job as Citizens State Bank in Somerville was as a loan teller. Since then he was promoted to loan operations supervisor and then to working in the quality control/lending area, a position he still holds today.

Poehl gives to the College of Business Administration and Sam Houston State University Alumni Association. “I hope my gift provides others the opportunities to achieve whatever goals they set for themselves in life,” said Poehl. “I give to SHSU because I want to give back to the place that has given me so much.”
 Shahley Anderson, Class of ’99, earned a BBA in general business from SHSU. After graduation, she was a juvenile probation officer for a year until a teaching position opened up close to her home of Bay City. She has enjoyed a teaching career for the past 12 years and now is also the Software Specialist for Tidehaven ISD.

Anderson gives back to the College of Education and the College of Business Administration. “I hope it helps someone not to have to work as much as I did to get an education. I had two full-time jobs and two part-time jobs pretty much the entire time I was at Sam. I did not get a loan until my senior year,” said Anderson.

Anderson’s husband was killed in an offshore rig explosion. Although his death has changed her family’s lives forever, it has also allowed them to help others. “I will always love and miss him, but being able to honor him by giving back is a blessing for my family cherishes,” said Anderson.
Stewart proudly supports SHSU students by giving back to the Office of Alumni Relations and the Annual Fund for Excellence.

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Bobbye Burke, Class of ’58, grew up just 30 miles from Huntsville in Livingston. While in high school, she took voice lessons and knew she wanted to join the Sam Houston choir and the Philos (now Zeta Tau Alpha). Her voice teacher was the sponsor of the Philos, so her decision was a natural fit.

Bobbye’s husband, Thomas, Class of ’54, was a Cabalero (now Sigma Chi). The couple married in 1953 and lived off campus. After graduation, Bobbeye taught kindergarten in the Houston ISD for 43 years, teaching three generations of some families. Her husband was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army and worked in the human resources division.

In 1995, Thomas died from leukemia. Two years later, Bobbeye began volunteering for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society and is still active with the organization. She also volunteered with M.D. Anderson Hospital on the hematology floor for 12 years.

After her retirement from HISD in 2000, Bobbeye started working for the Harris County Department of Education at ABC West, a school for students with behavioral problems in Harris County. In 2005, she was awarded the Children’s Champions of Texas State Board of Education.

She was one of 10 national recipients of the 2012 Lewis Hine Awards for Service to Children and Youth. These awards are intended to honor unheralded Americans for exceptional service to young people.

Bobbeye gives back to the College of Education because she feels it is important that teachers receive the best training. She believes the education she and her husband received from Sam Houston State University allowed them to achieve their life goals and steer them in the right direction toward those achievements.

The Burkes have one son, Thomas B. Burke, who is also an SHSU graduate and has two children of his own.
Brooke Beierle, Class of ’04, earned a BBA in accounting from SHSU. Some of her fondest memories of Sam Houston include her involvement with many campus organizations that led to life-long friendships. After graduation, she worked as an external auditor at KPMG until 2007. During that time she and her husband were pursuing the purchase of her grandfather’s manufacturing business, Vanco Ring Gasket Specialty. Beierle is now owner and president of the company.

Beierle has given back to the College of Business, the Accounting Department and the Honors College. “I give to these programs because I feel all of these programs contributed to making my time at Sam Houston successful. I hope my gifts will provide current students the chance to be involved in all of the opportunities the university has to offer,” said Beierle.
Bearkat Football Championship Support

Each year, the Sam Houston State University Athletics Department relies greatly on fundraising, corporate sponsors, patrons and donors to provide more than 400 student athletes with an exceptional education and athletic opportunities.

Several Sam Houston alumni and friends stepped up and showed their support to the 2011 Bearkat Championship Football team by sponsoring meals to feed the team, coaches and support staff. By late October 2011, the team had continued defeating their Southland Conference opponents, keeping their perfect record intact.

During one of their generously sponsored meals, one of the sponsors came up with the idea of feeding the team a steak dinner should they win the conference championship. Most envisioned sponsors cooking steaks for the team in a sponsor’s backyard, but the idea elevated into a Bearkat Football Championship Banquet.

The late Fred Gibson, father of SHSU President Dana Gibson, took the lead in creating a delightful and celebratory event that honored and rewarded the hard work of the players, coaches and staff. It was his vision that the banquet would truly pay tribute to the efforts and determination the 2011 Bearkat football players and coaches gave to the university and community, and everyone who attended that night acknowledged that his goal had been accomplished.

At the end of the evening, the players were surprised with the presentation of their Southland Conference Championship rings at their tables from the table sponsors. Ten other rings were auctioned off, as well as the Sam Houston flag that was flown at the 2012 Division 1 National Championship game in Frisco. The event raised more than $100,000 with 42 sponsorships and 567 people in attendance.

Russell Molina, Class of ’89, earned a BBA in Marketing and is now president and owner of Custom Rubber Products, Inc. in Houston.

Although Molina did not participate in the athletics program at Sam Houston, he is happy to support the program after seeing the great success of the 2011 Bearkat football team. “When I went to the championship game, it rekindled many fond memories and wonderful times that I enjoyed when I was a student at SHSU,” said Molina. “At the championship game, I saw old friends and young students caught up in the excitement surrounding the event. It was then I decided to support the athletics program. As we know, a solid athletics program can mean so much to SHSU.”

Gary Krone, Class of ’73, earned a scholarship to play football at Sam Houston and became a letterman. Some of his fondest memories of his time at SHSU include Saturday football games with stands full of cheering students, and mostly the friendships and bonds with the players and coaches. “To this day, those friendships and bonds are still as strong as the day I graduated, some even stronger,” said Krone. After graduation, Krone coached at Klein High School in Houston for two years. He later became an insurance adjuster until 32 years ago when he started his own company, Krone Interest LP, a public adjusting firm representing the public side of insurance claims. Krone gives to the SHSU football program because the football program believed in him enough to give him the opportunity to go to Sam Houston and play the game he loved. He hopes his gifts are used in supporting the best facilities for players and helping coaches continue to produce top notch athletes. “Coach Fritz and his entire staff have done an exceptional job with instilling character and ethics into this program. I have never met a player that wasn’t the perfect gentleman. This is not easy to do in this society, but they somehow do it. I wear my Bearkat hat proudly no matter where I travel,” said Krone. “Thanks again Sam Houston football.”

Geraldine and Wilburn Dickerson are proud friends of Sam Houston and supporters of Bearkat Football. “We always enjoy going to all of the events at Sam Houston, but the football banquet was over-the-top and a wonderful way to celebrate the Southland Conference Championship,” said the Dickersons. The Dickersons encourage others to do what they can to support the team, even if it is just by buying a ticket and cheering at the games. They are hoping for all sell-out games in the future.

Billy Smith, Class of ’79, credits Sam Houston for opening many doors for the Smith family, some of which have led to
lifelong friendships with other alumni. Smith played and lettered in football at SHSU. He and his wife, Kathy, Class of ’78, are proud that their son also had the opportunity to play football for Sam Houston. “Sam Houston has always been like family to us,” said Smith. “Coach Fritz has not only built a winning team with his ability as a great coach, but his leadership shines at an even greater level through his service as a personal mentor to the players. He has built a great team and a great group of young men and you just can’t help but want to support a program like this.”

Jackie Peters, Class of ’84, was honored to be able to participate in the Championship Banquet to recognize the football program for its amazing accomplishments. Her son is also a member of the 2011 championship team. “Our student athletes are incredible.

With the hard work and sacrifices they make to participate in all of the practices and team meetings and still maintain outstanding GPAs, they deserve all of the recognition and support we can give them,” said Peters. “It’s great to be a Bearkat!”

Cliff Kuhfeldt, Class of ’02, chose to attend SHSU because he wanted to have the personal attention from professors and not be just a student in a classroom. His fondest memory of his time at Sam Houston was looking at his parents the day he received his degree. Kuhfeldt was the first in his family to graduate from college, so that day meant the world to him and his parents. Since graduation, Kuhfeldt has become an account executive for Chipolbrok America Inc., a career that has taken him around the world. When he’s not traveling, he enjoys supporting Bearkat Football. He and four other SHSU alumni (Aaron Huckaby ’99, Tim Jeske ’11, Chuck Shelton ’04 and Chad Thoe ’04) have started an official tailgating group called “Kat Daddy Tailgaters.” Kat Daddy Tailgaters was responsible for donating and sponsoring more than $5,000 in items that were auctioned off at this year’s Football Charity Auction. Kuhfeldt and his wife are passionate about sports, as well as giving students the opportunity to succeed. They currently donate to the athletics department at SHSU and have grown a small nonprofit organization in Houston, in which their sole purpose is to raise money through various events and then give 100 percent of the money back to students in the form of college scholarships. Last year the nonprofit, International Transportation Management Association, raised more than $20,000 for students.

Honoring Loved Ones, Helping Others

John Harris, attended Sam Houston State University from ’76 to ’79, majoring in management. He was an active member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He earned an MBA from the University of Phoenix in 2008. After college, Harris worked in several sales positions in the oil industry, until 1986 when the things in the oil field slowed to a crawl. He then started a career in pharmaceutical sales, working his way up to specialty district manager over seven states and then to managed care area manager for Abbott Laboratories. He retired from Abbott Laboratories in August, 2012, and began working for his wife’s company, Medicaid360, where he is currently executive director of sales and marketing.

Harris and his wife, Teresa, established the Drs. Robert (Bob) and Mary Barnes Harris Endowed Scholarship in honor of his parents after his father passed away in 1998 and his mother retired in 2001. Harris’s father graduated with a degree in elementary education and received his master’s degree from SHSU. He went on to earn a doctorate at Texas A&M University-Commerce. His mother, Mary B. Harris, taught classes in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department at SHSU for more than 25 years.

Harris hopes to help deserving students obtain a teaching certificate in the field in which his mother taught.

Ashley Riley, Class of ’02, and friend and former classmate, Leenette Wilke, Class of ’03, established the William B. Green International Business Scholarship in honor of their department chair and the former mayor of Huntsville. “Both he and his wife, Diane, have dedicated their lives to educating others and are just wonderful people,” said Wilke. “I had the opportunity to work as an economic development intern for the City of Huntsville and saw first-hand the dedication Dr. Green had not only for SHSU but for Huntsville and its residents.”

Since graduation, Wilke has been working for Public Buildings Service managing federal courthouses, federal buildings and other buildings that house federal agencies. Riley is director of lease administration for Transwestern, a national commercial real estate company in Dallas. After graduation, she married her college sweetheart, Clint ’02 and is raising their two sons. She is also active in helping to build the SHSU alumni club in Dallas.

The friends hope the scholarship they established will provide opportunities to students so that their focus will be on their academic studies and not making the decision between studying an extra hour verses working another few hours to ensure they can buy food or gas for the week.
The Life Member program is the foundation of the Alumni Association, fulfilling its purpose of strengthening the Alumni Association’s permanent endowment and providing future growth and development of programs and projects to benefit members and the university.

The past fiscal year, the Life Member program saw its most significant growth-to-date with more than 300 new members in just 12 months. The Life Member Endowment now exceeds $1.4 million.

In 2013, the Life Member program will reach another milestone by welcoming its 2,000th member to this elite group of alumni.

Each year in February, all Life Members are invited to attend the annual Life Member Celebration hosted at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott in The Woodlands. The next celebration will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013. New Life Members will be presented their Life Member plaques during the dinner and program.

Becoming a Life Member of the Alumni Association is also a great way to stay connected with other alumni who truly care about Sam Houston State University.

Trisha and Randy Pollard, each Class of ’74, earned BBA’s from SHSU. They are passionate about higher education and every year contribute scholarships at each of the schools in The Texas State University System. At SHSU they also have the opportunity to support the Alumni Association’s excellent programs and awards that recognize the many accomplishments of Sam Houston’s outstanding alumni. “We became Life Endowed members because we take the SHSU motto seriously – “The measure of a Life is its Service,” said the Pollards.

Troy Thompson, Class of ’87, and wife, Kelly, Class of ’85, are Joint Life Members of the Alumni Association. After graduation, Kelly taught special education in the Spring and Bryan school districts. She credits Sam Houston’s reputation in special education for helping her get a job quickly after earning a degree. After the birth of their first child, Kelly became a stay-at-home mom. She cherishes her time at Sam Houston and still talks on the phone daily to her best friend whom she met at her dorm at Sam.

After graduation, Troy earned a master’s degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M. He is now market intelligence manager for Chevron and is active in the United States Association for Energy Economics where he currently serves as the vice president of membership and was named senior fellow. In addition, he was honored by the Western Agricultural Economics Association for industry service.

Along with being Life Members of the Alumni Association, the Thompsons give back to the Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences. Their oldest son, Nathan, now attends SHSU and is studying chemistry.

Rebecca Harlow, Class of ’80, and her husband, Stuart, are Joint Life Members of the Alumni Association. Rebecca earned a degree in business administration and enjoyed a 23 year career in the oil service industry. She has many fond memories of her time at Sam Houston, including the time it snowed so hard she and fellow students got the rare opportunity to sled down the hills on campus.

The Harlows proudly support the Alumni Association and have given back to the College of Business Administration as well as to the Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences.

Lauren Harlow, Class of ‘11, and daughter of fellow Life Members Rebecca and Stuart Harlow, attended Sam Houston because she always wanted to be a teacher and knew SHSU had an excellent reputation in the field of education. Her favorite memory of her time at Sam Houston was walking across the stage to get her diploma and then running across the street to catch the end of the football playoff game. Lauren is now a first and second grade special education inclusion teacher. She gives to the Alumni Association because she wants to promote Sam Houston so others can enjoy the same experience in higher education that she did.

Roger Adams, Class of ’67, and his wife, Gail, are Joint Life Members of the Alumni Association. “Being Life Members of the Alumni Association gives us the chance to rekindle old acquaintances, to enjoy the fond memories of college life and to give back to Sam Houston some of the things it gave to us,” said the Adamses.
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Mike Yawn (left, center, with Junior Fellow officers), Class of ’92 and ’94, is a clinical professor in the Department of Political Science at Sam Houston, a position he has held since 2001. In addition to being a professor, Yawn is an adviser in the SAM Center, the intern coordinator for the Political Science Department, the adviser to the Political Science Junior Fellows, and serves on various committees and boards in the community and on campus.

Yawn gives to the John Holcombe Scholarship Fund. Holcombe was a friend of Yawn’s, a colleague and a former professor. Yawn also gives to the Political Science Department to help fund student intern programs. “Internships are often unpaid or paid at a lower rate than a student can get elsewhere. These students are making a great sacrifice to build their résumés. As intern coordinator in political science, I hate to see good students forego an opportunity because they cannot afford to take it,” said Yawn. “I think it is important to support the students.”

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Pam Laughlin (far right), director of Career Services at Sam Houston, gives to several scholarships through the Annual Fund Campaign. She also supports the Clay and Margaret B. Smith Memorial Scholarship which she established in honor of her parents. Laughlin is a first generation college student and credits her parents for impressing upon her the importance of having a good education and for making sacrifices so she could attend college. Laughlin is a member of “Bearkats Read to Succeed Program” committee and the FORWARD committee, which exists to “empower former foster youth, orphans and wards of the state by providing the support system necessary to pursue higher education and transition smoothly through college.” She is also currently enrolled in the SHSU Educational Leadership doctoral program and hopes to graduate in 2014.

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To find out if your company participates in the matching gift program, visit matchinggifts.com/shsu or contact the Human Resources Department of your employer.

Arthur Wiese, Class of ’67, and wife, Nanette, Class of ’70, believe it is important to repay your debts, financial and psychological, to those who helped you succeed.

Wiese received a small scholarship as a student at SHSU, which helped him earn a degree while staying in his hometown of Huntsville. One of his many fond memories of his time at Sam Houston was being chosen as editor of The Houstonian for his senior year, 1966-67.

After receiving a degree in journalism, Wiese spent 17 years working as a journalist, ultimately becoming the Washington bureau chief for the Houston Post and the president of the National Press Club. He then spent 28 years as a communications executive for the American Petroleum Institute and later for Entergy Corporation.

Wiese is pleased to see SHSU’s expansion and the enrichment of its programs. He gives back to the Mass Communication Department, with a matching gift from Entergy Corporation.

Billie Hickman, Class of ’63, fell in love with Sam Houston State University while she was still in high school. She traveled to Huntsville to visit a hometown friend who was a Sam Houston student and quickly learned of the university’s reputation for affordability and a solid curriculum in education.

Hickman has many fond memories of her time at SHSU, including meeting friends with whom she has had continuing relationships with over the years. She also looks back on the small student/teacher ratio at Sam and believes it was a major benefit to her education.

After graduation, Hickman taught elementary education in the Houston area for six years before she and her husband, Jim, traveled to Australia and then England for her husband’s job. She and her husband are both now retired and enjoying life in The Woodlands.

The Hickmans have endowed a scholarship in education to Sam Houston State University and are taking part in the matching gifts program through her husband’s employer, ExxonMobil.

Ann Berger Brannen (pictured below), Class of ’67, received a scholarship to Sam Houston State University, allowing her to attend college away from home and live on campus.

It was during her time at Sam Houston that she met her husband, Jerry Class of ’68, on a blind date, which was to a dance on campus.

From the time she graduated, Brannen taught high school journalism and English in Pasadena ISD. In 1987, she became a State Farm Insurance agent in League City and has just celebrated 25 years with the company.

Brannen and her husband support several scholarships at Sam Houston. They have also donated in memory of her husband’s parents, Ada Mae Smith Brannen and Jasper Wallace Brannen, who are SHSU alumni. Each time the Brannens have made a donation, they’ve participated in the State Farm Matching Gift Program.

“My husband and I both agree it is important to support the university where we studied and received our higher education,” said Brannen. “I hope our gift will give other students the chance to attend college like I did.”

Robert Chambers, Class of ’88, and wife, Sheryl, Class of ’83 and ’01, give to the College of Business Administration with matching gifts from Anadarko Petroleum Corporation.

Chambers has many fond memories of Sam Houston, but what stands out most is the counsel, assistance and encouragement of his professors.

Chambers’ education has led him to many career opportunities. He is currently a senior business services analyst and senior accountant at Anadarko Petroleum Corporation.

Chambers and his wife, Sheryl, hope their contributions will help Sam Houston provide an exceptional and competitive business education for its students that will instill pride in their accomplishments and success in their pursuits.
Bentwater Property Owners Association has established the Bentwater Scholarship Endowment on behalf of all Bentwater property owners. Bentwater is an exclusive, gated, country club community in Montgomery. An anonymous donor made the initial contribution of $100,000 to the permanent endowment which will be used to benefit the current employees of Bentwater Yacht & Country Club, Bentwater Property Owners Association and Bentwater Sales Corporation, as well as their spouses, legal dependents, children and grandchildren. Students may elect to attend Sam Houston State University or Lone Star College System. A large number of Bentwater employees attend local higher learning institutions and struggle to afford tuition, books and other required materials. There are many Bentwater property owners who are helping them by contributing to this scholarship program. The selection process is administered by SHSU and Lone Star College.

A Bentwater Scholarship Dinner Dance was held in August 2012 with Sam Houston State University President Dana Gibson and Lone Star College–Montgomery President Austin Lane as the guest speakers. The dinner was organized to increase awareness of the program and raise additional funds for the endowment.

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From left: Terry Bowie, SHSU President Dana Gibson, Dawn Cleboski, Lone Star College-Montgomery President Austin Lane
College Farm Boys

Three decades after Sam Houston Normal Institute was founded, agriculture was added to the curriculum. A college farm and dairy were then developed to create an outdoor classroom for agriculture students. Every agriculture student at that time was male, and they soon renamed themselves “College Farm Boys.”

From the original College Farm and Dairy, to Country Campus, to the Gibbs Ranch, the concept of College Farm Boys remains an historic part of SHSU’s Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences.

The College Farm Boys Scholarship Endowment was established by a committee of former College Farm Boys. The committee created the endowment in honor and memory of the College Farm Boys, to provide financial assistance to undergraduate SHSU students majoring in any agricultural program, with preference given to students living and working on the SHSU agriculture farm. Many other College Farm Boys also support the endowed scholarship.

The College Farm Boys’ goal is not only to reconnect with old friends, but to help perpetuate the College Farm Boys legacy. A plaque recognizing past, present and future men and women who continue the College Farm Boys legacy has been placed in the Agricultural and Industrial Sciences building.
Wilfred Dietrich, Class of ’47 and ’48, spent 58 years teaching school following his graduation from Sam Houston. Even after he and his late wife, Bobbie, had their doctoral degrees, they spent every summer in summer programs, studying in universities in the states or in Europe. “Being married to a speech, English and drama teacher, we constantly traveled and enriched our knowledge to make us better individuals,” said Dietrich. Dietrich and Bobbie established an endowment supporting scholarships for students majoring in English, communications or theater at Sam Houston State University. All of his gifts are now given as a tribute to Bobbie. Besides scholarships, Dietrich has sponsored several lecturer grants in the fields of the fine arts and humanities.
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Friends Honor Alumni

Jim and Melissa Hodges, owners of HBI Office Solutions, Inc., in Huntsville, give to the Sonny Sikes Rodeo and the Sikes Family Endowment which provides scholarships to students on the SHSU rodeo team. “Mr. Sikes and his family have meant so much to SHSU and our community for so many years. It is an honor for us to be able to give to SHSU and at the same time honor Mr. and Mrs. Sikes (pictured),” said the Hodges. “Mr. Sikes is also a wonderful teacher to our children who are 13 and 17 years old. He has helped them with their roping and riding skills since they were young. They each plan to attend Sam and join the rodeo team.” The Hodges hope their gifts will help students participating on the rodeo team with their education and the added expenses of caring for their horses.
Ensuring the Future of SHSU

Giving Opportunities

Your gift to Sam Houston State University promotes the future of a classic and collegiate atmosphere that is rich in tradition, solid in academic programming and prepares students for success in life. The university applies unrestricted gifts to the areas of need and to address opportunities. You can also earmark gifts for a specific college, department, program, approved project, or the general scholarship fund. Gifts can also be restricted for an existing scholarship or endowment fund. Contributions can be allocated to more than one area. Our development team works diligently to deliver a personal and memorable experience for donors.

Tribute Gifts
Your gift can be a personal tribute honoring a family member, friend, or professor who may have made a difference in your life. Notifications are sent to the honorees and, if appropriate, to the families of those being memorialized.

Scholarships
Scholarships allow Sam Houston State University to attract and retain talented and deserving students. For many of these students, scholarships make possible an educational opportunity that they might not otherwise be able to afford. Donors can direct their annual gifts to the university’s general scholarship fund or to existing scholarship-endowment funds.

Named Annual Scholarships
Donors may establish a named annual scholarship, which can be a meaningful way of honoring or memorializing a loved one, friend, colleague, professor, or to commemorate a special occasion. Named annual scholarships can be created with a gift of $1,000 or more.

Endowments
An endowment is a permanent investment of private gifts for the benefit of the university. An endowment gives forever, since the principal remains intact, while the income from the invested assets is used to support student and university needs. Donors can earmark their gifts for an existing endowment fund, or they may create a new, named fund. Endowments can be created by individuals, businesses, and foundations. The amount required for establishing a new endowment fund is $25,000 or more. A commitment of this magnitude can be pledged and paid over a five-year period. Endowments can be created for need-based and merit-based scholarships, for student programs, for academic program enrichment, or for faculty and staff development. Prestigious endowed chairs and professorships can be established to support exceptional faculty in each of the colleges.

Cash, Check, or Credit Cards
Gifts may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card payments. Contributions are tax deductible in the year the gift is given. Secure online gifts can be made at www.shsu.edu/giving.

Corporate Matching Gifts
Many companies will match gifts made by their employees, retirees, and directors. This is an excellent way to double or even triple the amount of your gift. Most companies with matching programs have the forms available in the human resources department or online.

Personal Property
In certain circumstances, you may be able to gift personal property – artwork, collectibles, and antiques – to Sam Houston State University.

Securities, Stocks, Bonds
You may use stocks, securities and bonds as part of your gift or all of it. If the securities have appreciated, you may find that you can make a larger gift due to tax advantages, which may be more advantageous. Gifts of closely held stock or other business interests can be converted into cash.

Real Estate
A gift of real estate provides the donor the opportunity to support SHSU, resulting in a possible charitable income tax deduction, a reduction in estate taxes and reduction of capital gains tax.

Gift-In-Kind
Gifts-in-kind are generally defined as non-cash contributions, other than real estate and personal property of materials or long lived assets. The IRS and the University require that gifts-in-kind valued at more than $5,000 also have an independent appraisal provided by the donor.

How to Contribute

Planned Gift
You can plan to provide a gift of personal assets through your will. Older donors may find charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts advantageous. Planned gifts can include cash, stocks, bonds, retirement plan assets, insurance policies, real property, personal property, or other negotiable items.

Contact Information
Sam Houston State University offers a range of giving opportunities, several of which are mentioned on this page. For more information or to make a gift in support of SHSU, please contact the University Advancement office and ask to speak with a development officer, 936.294.3625.
Why We Give Back....

David Keener, Class of ’78 and ’80, and his wife, Tina, Class of ’97, have established four scholarships to offer assistance to deserving SHSU students: The Keener Family Scholarship in Family and Consumer Sciences to honor Tina’s degree and The Keener Family COBA Scholarship (three scholarships to honor the degrees earned by David and their sons, Grant, Class of ’06, and Blake, Class of ’10).

“Being a first generation college student was exciting for my parents but also difficult for them. The help from people providing financial support for scholarships made my dreams of obtaining a higher education come true. Now we would like to help someone else achieve their dreams, and maybe they will prosper enough to also give something back,” said David.

Since their time at Sam Houston, Tina used her education to work as a substitute teacher around her responsibility of raising a family. David first began working for Ernst & Young in their tax department, rising to the position of senior manager and becoming a CPA. Today he is vice president of finance for National Oilwell Varco.

Why I Appreciate It....

“I am extremely grateful and honored to receive scholarships from Sam Houston State University; with the support of generous donors, an advanced education is made possible for me. Because of scholarships, my dreams are now becoming a reality, and I cannot be more appreciative. Thank you for your charitable support in helping me flourish to the person I want to become.”

Cynthia Chauvin
Junior, Accounting