**Bearkat All Paws In**

The Bearkat All Paws In is a volunteer initiative at Sam Houston State University that was started in 2010. Through service-oriented activities, “All Paws In” promotes campus and community unity as students come together for one day to express their gratitude for the support from the surrounding community. The campus initiative is hosted by the Student Government Association.

On Saturday, March 1, 2014 over 750 students, including many Student Alumni Association members, came together to give back to a community that has given so much to them during their time at SHSU. Whether it’s picking up trash in the Huntsville State Park, spending time with the elderly at a local nursing home, or helping at the local Mission, this event exemplifies the university motto of “The Measure of a Life is its Service.”

This commitment to service by students extends beyond Huntsville and The Woodlands campus, through the work of our alumni. The Young Alumni Club of Houston joined the SHSU community by providing a community service opportunity to young alumni in Houston.

On March 1, the Young Alumni Club in conjunction with the campus event, held their first annual “All Paws In” by volunteering at the Houston Food Bank. The Young Alumni Club was formed in 2013 and is for alumni age 35 and younger in the Houston area. Club involvement is a great way to network with other Bearkats. For more information about the club please email SHSUyoungalumni@gmail.com.
NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS RECOGNIZED
AT CELEBRATION

More than 300 Bearkat alumni and guests enjoyed an evening of fellowship and fine dining during the Alumni Association’s fourth annual Life Member Celebration on Feb. 20 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel.

SHSU President Dana Gibson updated those attending about the activities taking place on campus, as well as current and future programs planned for the university, and thanked the Life Members for their continuing support. The Alumni Association now has more than 2,300 Life Members.

Following the presentation of plaques to the newest Life Members, new SHSU head football coach K. C. Keeler spoke about his plans for the future of the Bearkat football program.

Among those recognized were Michael ‘06, and Thelma Weatherford ’07 Lopez, from San Antonio. Michael is the regional manager for Cobalt Automotive Marketing, and Thelma is a branch manager for Woodforest National Bank.

“I had always thought about joining the Alumni Association, but I really became interested after participating in the Alumni Golf Tournament,” Michael said. “Once I saw the work of the Alumni Association in person and realized that I could re-connect with my Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity brothers through alumni events, Thelma and I decided to become Joint Life Members.”

Ryan McConnico, ’11, of Houston Heights, is a project-planning analyst for FMC Technologies. He has been a sustaining member of the Alumni Association since graduation and a member of the Young Alumni Club in Houston. When it came time to renew his membership, he decided to become a Life Member.

“I wanted to give back to Sam Houston while staying connected to the university as much as possible,” he said. “Becoming a Life Member allowed me to do both in a meaningful way.”

Michael Silva, ’11, who works in marketing and advertising for Reynolds & Reynolds in Houston, and his fiancé, Ashley Skates, ’12, a first grade reading and language arts teacher in Houston, see many benefits of Life Membership.

“For me, the college experiences of Jackson Mayes, ’12, influenced his decision to become a Life Member. Mayes, who works with technology and smart process applications in the oil and gas industry in Baytown, was the Sammy Bearkat mascot and very active with the spirit programs at SHSU.

“I was like most 18-year-olds, coming into college and not knowing much about life,” he said. “However, in my journey through college, I acquired a ‘tool box’ with so many tools to help me make good decisions in my professional life. As a Life Member, I am able to demonstrate my appreciation to Sam Houston State by giving back to my university.”

Jason Culpepper, ’99, is another graduate who wanted to give back as a Life Member. Now the Houston publisher for Community Impact Newspaper, Culpepper felt the time was right to activate his membership.

“I owe a lot to Sam Houston State University,” he said. “Life Membership gives me the opportunity to show my gratitude.”

Over 300 Alumni Life Members and guests attended this year’s celebration to honor new life members.

Life Endowed Members

Justin Moore Burnett ’02
Leo Thomas Metcalf III ’71

Charles Joseph O’Dwyer ’56
Grace E. Ashley ’59

Kenneth N. Coleman ’60
William G. Wilson, Jr. ’61
William Edward Carroll ’62
Jeanie Santam Green ’62
Robert Daniel Pierce, Jr. ’64
Joe L. Smith ’65
Robert Dennis Moland ’65
Verna June Smith ’67
Annette Louise Smith ’68
James B. Stewart, Jr. ’69

Mark Steven Hardcastle ’70
Brian Chris Lee ’70
Leo Francis Mock, Jr. ’72
Linda Ruth Mock ’76 ’81
Larry Dean Harrison ’77
Cynthia Jane Pierce ’79
Roger Neal Collins ’79

Bruce Kelly LaMarr ’80
Patricia Mc Call Collins ’81 ’13
Keith Lynn Hollis ’83
Michael Robert Martin ’83
Ronald L. Hubb ’86
Debra Lee Sizler ’86
Michael Dean Bell ’87
Wesley Eagle Boyd ’89 ’90 ’02
Jeffrey David Mueller ’99
Christopher D. Niederhauser, Sr. ’89

Patricia Irene Speer ’92
Edd Jack Compton IV ’94 ’95
Janet Lyn Frias ’95
Louis Isaac Frias ’95
Lisa G. South ’96 ’99
James Ritchie Field II ’96
Julie Marie Irvin ’96 ’97
William F. South II ’97
Shane Reece Sklar ’98
Taneka Lazette Williams- Bruce ’99

Toya LaRosa Davis ’00
Melissa Marie Downing ’00

Ashley Amber Riley ’02
John Clint Riley ’02
James E. Williams ’04
Courtney Ann Shelton ’07

Amanda Lynn Naron ’10
Tahra Jecori Pantallion ’10 ’13
Richard Andrew Narro ’11
Megan Renee Spencer ’11
Nathan Randall Spencer ’11
Christopher Anthony Arcos ’11
Ryan Taylor McConnico ’11
Garet Powell Sprott ’11
Stephen Edward Carroll, Jr. ’12
Jacob Barnes Darnell ’12
Dinyane Marie Galganski ’12
Jason Carl Groebe ’12
Corey Christine Hatcher ’12
Dana Janelle Koci ’12
Casey Scott Salinas ’12
Jennifer Christine Schimpf ’12
Dietrich Andra Shepard ’12
Jennifer Christine Schimpf ’12
Shane Reese Sklar ’98
Taneka Lazette Williams- Bruce ’99

Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

(NEW LIFE MEMBERS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2014)

ShSU President Dana Gibson with new Life Endowed Member Tommy Metcalf ’71.

New Life Members were presented with a Life Member plaque during the celebration. To see all event photos go to alumni.shsu.edu and click on “Event Photo Albums”.

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Are you looking for a way to stay connected and keep the Bearkat spiritstrong? Look no further than your local SHSU Alumni Association club.

According to Charlie Vienne, Director of Alumni Relations, the Sam Houston State University Alumni Association club network is stronger than ever and growing.

Clubs are generally organized around geographic areas but also can represent alumni who share a common culture, profession or even an interest. Clubs are not only a great way to meet and network with fellow Bearkats, they can also provide a means for alumni to come together toendorse scholarships, act as local contacts for prospective students, and perform service projects in the community.

The Alumni Association is excited to announce the hiring of our new Assistant Director of Alumni Clubs and Regional Programming, Kelsey Christian. Ms. Christian is enthusiastic about the growth and participation in the regional clubs and is eager to continue making the clubs a great experience for all Bearkats. There are currently clubs/special Interest Groups in the following areas:

Geographic Area Alumni & Friends Clubs
Alamo Area - Austin Area - Austin/Washington County - Bay Area
Bryan/College Station - Conroe/Montgomery Area - Cowtown (Ft. Worth area)
Fort Bend County - Greater Dallas Area - North Harris/Montgomery County
Tomball Area - Waco Area - Walker County Area

Special Interest Alumni & Friends Clubs
Black Alumni & Friends - Hispanic Alumni & Friends - Military Science
Retired Faculty and Staff - Student Alumni Association - Young Alumni (Houston area)

For more information, or to start a club in your area, contact Kelsey, at kmchristian@shsu.edu or 936.294.2403. You may also visit our website at alumni.shsu.edu and click on the alumni chapter/club link to find a club in your area.

New York, NY | New York Alumni & Friends Dinner | November 2013
Sponsored by: Carolyn (Chipman) Faulk ’70, Jenna Jackson ’97, Todd Kercheval ’97, Hugh & Patricia ’73 O’Kane, Don ’53 & Joan Rather, Joseph & Janet Smyth, Universal Subscription Services- Michael Quilio ’86 & Mari Dubois ’82

American journalist Dan Rather ’53 served as the keynote speaker during the annual NYC Alumni & Friends dinner.

Alumni & friends mingle during the pre-dinner reception.

Jerry Williams ’61, George Walker and Wade Hopper ’78.

We want to hear from you!
Send us updates on work, relocations, marriage, family, degrees, accomplishments - and a photo, too. Let other Bearkats know what you’ve been up to by completing the online form or emailing us your updates. Class Notes are shared in the Heritage magazine. Email: alumni@shsu.edu or fill out the form at alumni.shsu.edu/alumni_services/class_notes

Huntsville, TX | Walker County Area Alumni & Friends Club
Scholarship Auction & Dinner | January 2014

AUSTIN, TX | Sam Houston Birthday and Texas Independence Celebration | March 2014
Thank you to our generous sponsors pictured (l-r) Mark ’77 & Shelly ’70 Beto, Todd Kercheval ’97, John ’76 & Jennifer ’99 Garrett – Community Impact Newspaper, and H.L. ’65 & Barbara Farrell.

SHSU alumni, Gloria Wright checks out the silent auction items.

Over 150 people attended the Walker County Area Alumni & Friends Club Scholarship Auction & Dinner in January. The auction raising event benefits the Walker County Alumni Club Scholarship Fund and students from Walker County. The club meets the first Monday of every month. For more information, please contact walkerscountyaaf@gmail.com.

SHSU alumni, Gloria Wright checks out the silent auction items.

CLASS NOTES
**Updates now found in the Heritage magazine!**
North Harris/Montgomery County Alumni & Friends Club participated in Arbor Day 2014 on February 1. The club participated in the tree planting competition by planting 100 5-gallon trees in the HCFRD Retention Basin in North Houston.

Arbor Day Tree Planting with the North Harris/Montgomery County Club

In December, SAA members made and delivered Christmas cards to elderly residents in Huntsville.

Thank you to our sponsors: Larry ’75 & Donna ’75 Zacharias, Scott ’72 & Judy Goe, Ed ’71 and Carla Reyna, Chuck ’71 & Wanda Beckner, Roland E. Black ’61, M.D. and (not pictured) Joe & Carol Hall ’69 Wolfe.

Guest Speaker Justin Schreiner ’05 discusses the wine growing industry in Texas with alumnus Wayne Little ’70

SAA Officers Spring 2014 - Anna Lee Lynch, Tracy Ford, Brenda Juarez, Bryan Leturia, Kimberly Gonzales, Manita Cavazos, Tony Talerico

SAA members provided Carnations for Seniors during the Valentine’s Day party at a local nursing home. This is an annual community service project that SAA began in 2010. – Brenda Juarez, Matthew Maddox, Jessica Montoya, Manita Cavazos, Lisa Lee Activity Coordinator at Green Acres Nursing Home, Bryan Leturia, Kimberly Gonzales and Tony Talerico

SAA members donated items to send overseas in support of the SAA Adopt A Soldier project.

Upcoming Events

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New Sponsorship levels

- SPIRIT SPONSOR - $250
- FENCE SPONSOR - $500
- FOOD SPONSOR - $1000
- TENT SPONSOR - $5000

For information and details about the sponsorship opportunities, please visit alumni.shsu.edu or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478.

New Sponsorship Opportunities for 2014 Season

- Alumni Association hosted tailgate 2 hours prior to game time.

BE A PART OF THE LARGEST TAILGATE IN BEARKAT ALLEY

Game Day Tailgate 2014!

New Sponsorship Opportunities for 2014 Season

For a complete listing of club meetings and networking activities please go to alumni.shsu.edu/alumni/chaptersclubs
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