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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI GALA

Sam Houston State University honored six individuals who have brought pride to the university through their achievements, examples of good citizenship, and their contributions to society at the 43rd Distinguished Alumni Gala on October 23 as part of homecoming activities.

The 2015 honorees include Distinguished Alumni Stan Blinka '79 '84, Carolyn Chipman Faulk '70, and Cynthia Marion '81; the Outstanding Young Alumna Ashley Etienne Stephens '00; and the Alumni Service Award recipients John Peltier '72 and Alan Tinsley '72.

Full biographies for the recipients can be found online at: alumni.shsu.edu. Click on the Alumni Awards link.

Videos of the recipients are available through the SHSU YouTube channel at: youtube.com/user/SamHoustonStateU



▲ The Alumni Association would like to give special recognition to our platinum sponsors (pictured with SHSU President Dana G. Hoyt), Carolyn Faulk '70, and John '59 and Judy Ragsdale.



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▲ Attendees were honored with a special visit at the close of the Gala when the Bearkat Marching band entered the ballroom to lead alumni in singing the Alma Mater.

The SHSU Alumni Association would like to thank our sponsors for their generous and ongoing support of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Gala

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10 Days – 14 Meals
March 09 – 18, 2016

Highlights: Rome, Colosseum, Assisi, Perugia, Siena, Florence, Chianti Winery, Venice, Murano Island, Milan

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7 Days – 9 Meals
June 28 – July 04, 2016

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8 Days – 10 Meals
October 02 – 09, 2016

Highlights: Boston, Woodstock, Quechee Gorge, Stowe, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Rocks Estate, North Conway, Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise, Kancamagus Highway, Boothbay Harbor, Lobster Dinner

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For more information visit alumni.shsu.edu or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 936.294.1841.



Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

(New Life Members from March 1, 2015 through October 15, 2015)

Mark your calendar for the 6th annual Life Member Celebration – February 25, 2016

60s

Joe Campise, Jr. '62
Gary Matula '64
John Henning III '66
Donna Wallace '67
Harold Wallace, Jr. '67
Aubrey Garner, Sr '68
Joyce Neff '69

70s

Bonnie Corbett '70
Michael Madden '70
J. D. Davis '72
Karen Dooley '72
Barbara Lynch '72
Albert McCaig, Jr. '72
Louis Peltier '72
John Peltier '72
Larry Taylor '72
Arleen Lona '73 '76
Michael Murphy '73
Jerry Zamzow '73 '74
Michael Clements '74
John White '74
Ronald Wood '75
Tony Dooley '76
William Butler III '77
Bruce Agness '78
Jimmie Dunaway '78

80s

Robert Hurst '80
Cynthia Williams '80 '02
Janet Williams '82 '86

Marla Slaughter '84 '10
Jerry Slaughter '84
Barbara Solow '86
Earnest Richards '87
Connie Booker '88

90s

John Michna, Sr. '90
Katie Michna '90
John Weidemeyer '91
Tomeka Herod '94
Peggy Gentzler '95
Lavone Jones '95
Valerie Leonard '95
Joshua Bruegger '97 '14
Michael Rohrig '97
Janet Rohrig '98

00s

Brian Marquis '01
Lawrence Saenz '01
Heather Althoff '02
Bradley Davis '02
Molly Davis '02
Ross Pilcik '02 '03
YharNahKeeShah Smith '02
Sheena Abernathy '03 '06
Tina Cox-Kowis '05
Summer Neill '05 '15
Jon Kolaja '06
Alexander Gladstone '09
Benjamin Paul '09 '13

10s

William Kerr '10 '13
Christina Lowry '10 '12
Hannah David '12
John David '12
Mallory Justice '12
Jacqueline Delgado '13
Tiffany Hare '13
Justin Haynes '13
Madison Huffman '13
Jasmin Kolaja '13
Sara Leos '13
Robert Matus III '13
Todd Stone '13
Audrey Williams '13
Brittney Bailey '14
Daniel Blosser '14
Stephanie Bluth '14
Brianna Bonnette '14
Santiago Casas '14
Stacey de Sorgo-Albers '14
Megan Emrich '14
John Flowers '14
Jeffrey Holverson '14
Deborah Kerr '14
Tina Lacy '14
Jerry Leigh '14
David May '14
John Michna, Jr. '14
Kayla Michna '14
Patricia Pfeiffer '14
Taylor Price '14
Cyndy Rivas '14
Brett Thomas '14
Uju Ukwuoma '14

David Watkins '14
Jennifer Bean '15
Mackayla Bernard '15
Christopher Bertaut '15
Alexis Bloomer '15
Kyann Cambron '15
Spencer Copeland '15
Reagan Diaz '15
Jacob Dowell '15
Baltazar Espinoza, Jr. '15
Jennifer Frosch '15
Victor Garcia '15
Jordan Graham '15
Cynthia Joyce '15
Shelby May '15
Kristopher Moore '15
Haylie Nolan '15
Tyler Patek '15
Angela Rosenkranz '15
Arthur Semein '15
Catherine Till '15
Reynaldo Torres '15
Adan Trejo, Jr. '15

Friends & Family

Duke Coon
Ronald Corbett
Charles Holmstrom
Margaret Holmstrom
Marden Leonard
Kevin Norton
Alyssa Paul
Stephanie Pilcik
Shelley Solow

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Life Member Celebration
February 25, 2016
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Table Sponsorships Available

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Founders Day
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
shsu.edu/foundersday

Alumni & Friends

The Sam Houston State University Alumni Association club network is stronger than ever and growing. For more information, or to start a club in your area, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at **936.294.1841**. 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.

STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



▲ SAA members participated in the homecoming parade with an 80's "Let's Get Physical" theme.

HOMECOMING PARADE | OCTOBER 22



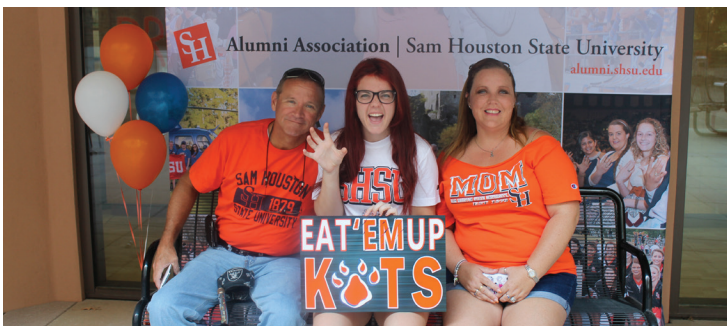
▲ Rainy weather didn't dampen the Bearkat homecoming spirit of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and friends. Pictured (l-r): Jr. Bearkat Rawls, Stella Koryciak '71, Mary Ellen Thornton '64 '68, Leanne Woodward '74 '78, Roland Black '61, (back row) Robert Koryciak, Wayland Rawls '95, Ronny Carroll '65, Rick Hanna '79 and Ray Burgess '75.



▲ SHSU Alumni Association parent member Patty Lalonde, with SHSU daughter and SAA member Brittany Lalonde, won the Bearkat Family Pack and BOTPW tickets during the Family Weekend activities sponsored by the Alumni Association.



▲ 2015 Service Award recipient John Peltier '72 and wife Jane.



▲ Several hundred SAA and parent members of the Alumni Association attended the Family Weekend reception held in the John R. Ragsdale Visitor and Alumni Center on September 26.

CLASS NOTES

****Updates now found in the Heritage magazine!**

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 shsu.edu/~alu_kat/services/classnotes

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA – ASHLEY ETIENNE STEPHENS '00



▲ Women of 1520



▲ 2015 Outstanding Young Alumna recipient, Ashley Etienne Stephens volunteered her time while on campus for homecoming weekend, to speak with two student organizations (Women of 1520 and SHSU Elite).

▲ SHSU Elite

HUNTSVILLE, TX - BLACK ALUMNI & FRIENDS CLUB – OCTOBER 24

Thank you to our event sponsors for their generous support: *Roland E. Black '61, Annette Womack Graves '79, Rick Hanna '79, Willard Taylor Jr. '82, Preston '77 and Joslen Johnson, Robert and Stella '71 Koryciak, DST Kappa Mu Alumni Fall '87*



▲ The annual Black Alumni & Friends Club scholarship fundraiser was held on October 24 in conjunction with the SHSU Homecoming. Contributions to the Scholarship may be made by contacting University Advancement at 936-294-3625.



▲ Proceeds from the annual event go to support the African American Friends of SHSU scholarship, in honor of Dean William R. Powell. Dean Powell was the first African American to serve as an administrator at SHSU.

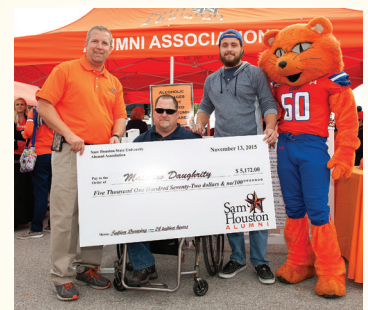
Alumni Tuition Raffle in 10th Year

Matthew Daugherty from Dickinson Texas will not have to worry about paying for classes at Sam Houston State University next year. That is because Daugherty was selected during the tenth annual SHSU Tuition Scholarship drawing on November 13.

The Alumni Association has awarded more than \$180,000 in awards and scholarships to individual students as a result of the tuition drawing during the program's history.

This year's award of 24-hours of undergraduate in-state tuition has an approximate value of \$5172. The SHSU Alumni Association will award net proceeds from the tuition drawing in \$1000

increments to eligible students for the following fall. Students interested in applying for alumni scholarships should complete the scholarship 4Kats application by February 1, 2016, to be considered. Criteria for alumni scholarships can be found on the alumni website at alumni.shsu.edu. For more information on the tuition drawing or alumni scholarships, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478



SEABROOK, TX – BAY AREA ALUMNI CLUB



▲ Thank you to our generous sponsors for their ongoing support of the Bay Area Club. Pictured with President Dana G. Hoyt (left to right) Jay '62 and Bobbie Bain, Jack '61, '65 and Sue Ann Compton, Annabelle Hay '64, Stella '71 and Robert Koryciak, Joe Amato '72 and Robert Fuller '63



▲ The Bay Area Club presented President Hoyt with a portrait by artist Brian Sterling. Pictured (left to right): James Dinkens, Katie West, Club President; Dr. Hoyt; Joe Amato, Alumni Association Board Member; and Bob Fuller, Alumni Association Life member and host at the Lakewood Yacht Club.



Saturday, April 2, 2016

HIGH MEADOW RANCH GOLF CLUB

— 37300 Golf Club Trail, Magnolia, TX —

11:30 AM – Registration / Range Warm-up / Lunch
1:00 PM – Shotgun Start

For sponsorship information or details on how you can support or participate in the **2016 Alumni Golf Tournament** please contact the **Office of Alumni Relations** directly at **936.294.1841** or via e-mail at **alumni@shsu.edu**.



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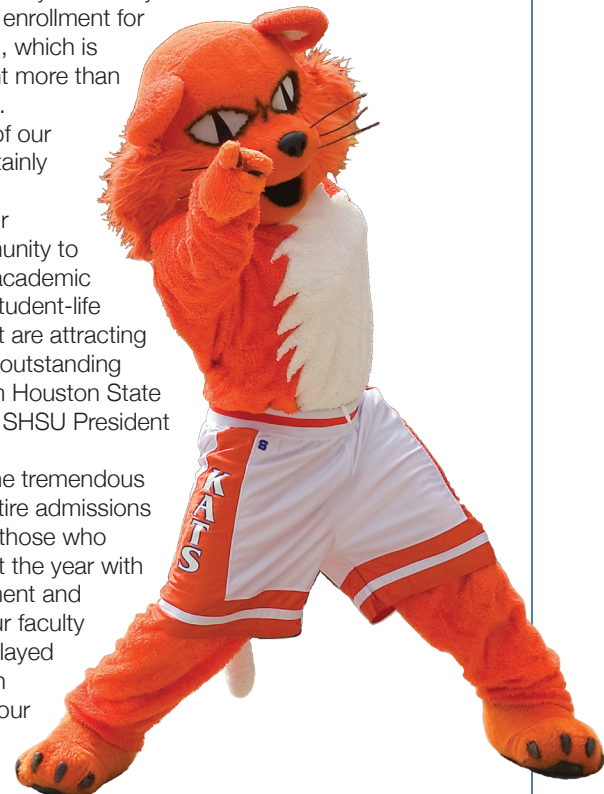
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Fall 2015 enrollment passed the 20,000 mark for the first time in the school's 136-year history. The total preliminary enrollment for SHSU is 20,181, which is almost 3 percent more than last year's figure.

"The growth of our institution is certainly the result of the dedication of our university community to offering quality academic programs and student-life experiences that are attracting more and more outstanding students to Sam Houston State University," said SHSU President Dana G. Hoyt.

"Along with the tremendous efforts of our entire admissions team, including those who work throughout the year with student recruitment and engagement, our faculty and staff have played a valuable role in the retention of our students, as well," she said.

The College of Business Administration remained the largest college at SHSU, with approximately 18 percent of the university's total enrollment. The College of Criminal Justice followed closely, with 17 percent. More than half of the currently enrolled students—53 percent—self-reported their official race as white, with 20 percent reporting as Hispanic and 18 percent as African American.



BEARKAT TAILGATE 2015

The alumni association would like to thank all of the alumni and friends who joined us for home tailgates in Bearkat Alley and on the road.

A very special thank you to the following tailgate sponsors for their support in 2015:

Lariat Financial Services - Ron Gay, '77 & '84, John R. '59 and Judy Ragsdale; A&C Plastics - Carolyn Chipman Faulk '70, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Laurie Remschel '85, First National Bank- Huntsville, HGS Storage - John '75 and Dana Hoyt, Joe '72 and Liz Amato, Clint '74 and Becky '75 Fancher, Dwayne E. "Buck" Matthews '69, Jester & Jester Tax & Financial Services - Fred '84 and Martha '81 Jester, Wildseed Farms, Inc., W.D. and Geraldine Dickerson, Judge James W. Dinkins '68, H.L. '65 and Barbara Farrell, Bill Goeke '80, Rick Hanna '79, Chuck '81 and Debbie Jones, Robert and Stella '71 Koryciak, David '81 and Rebecca '83 Mohr, Richard '85 and Sherry Ray, Edgar '56 and Carolyn Reeves, Jerry '64 and Eyvone '64 Stricklin, Troy '87 and Kelly '85 Thompson, Community Service Credit Union - Brenda Hooker '82, CEO, The Best Box Ever



▲ Alumni Board member Steve Seltzer volunteered to discuss benefits of membership with alumni during tailgating.



▲ Affinity Partner, Liberty Mutual provided free quotes to Bearkats during tailgating



▲ Alumni association members enjoy FREE food and Bearkat fellowship during home tailgating.



▲ Sammy Bearkat is a frequent visitor during tailgates.

BATTLE OF THE PINEY WOODS



◀ The Bearkats celebrated a 5th consecutive victory (34-28) over the Lumberjacks on October 3 in the 90th "Battle of the Piney Woods" before a record crowd of 26,990 at NRG stadium

SHSU alumni lettermen cheered the team onto the field for the victory. The Bearkats now have a 53-35-2 edge in the series with SFA that began in 1923.



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SEASONS GREETINGS!

This Christmas season, the Office of Alumni Relations wishes you happiness and prosperity in your personal and professional life. Thank you for your support in 2015 and we look forward to seeing you in 2016!

Pictured (front row): Student employees Justin Vallier, Kyle King, Meagan Mullen and Nancy Lopez, *(Back row)* Meagen Morrison, Event Coordinator, Charlie Vienne, Director of Alumni Relations; Donna Gilbert, Assistant Director for Membership & Marketing; and Theresa Garvin, Administrative Assistant.



Upcoming Events

December 16.....	New York Alumni & Friends Dinner – The University Club (New York, NY)
January 25	Walker County Area Alumni Club Scholarship Fundraiser – Elkins Lake (Huntsville)
February 4	Waco Alumni Dinner – Ridgewood Country Club (Waco)
February 25.....	Life Member Celebration – The Woodlands Waterway Marriott (The Woodlands)
March 2	Austin Area Alumni Dinner – The Headliners Club (Austin)
March 3	San Antonio Alumni Dinner – La Fonda on Main (San Antonio)
March 16	SHSU Ring Ceremony – Johnson Coliseum (SHSU Campus)
April 2	Alumni Golf Tournament – High Meadows Ranch (Magnolia)
April 23.....	Founder’s Day (SHSU Campus)

*For a listing of Club meetings and Networking activities please go to alumni.shsu.edu



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