

Newsletter

Spring 2006 Scholarship Winners Are Announced

SHSU Parents' Association awarded five scholarships for Spring, 2006. Each of the five students received a \$1,000.00 award based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular involvement, and community and campus service. A committee composed of SHSU faculty and staff members decided the winners. The recipients were:

Jessica Barbier, a senior Academic Studies major from Katy, Texas, who is actively involved in Sigma Phi Lambda Christian Sorority, Alpha Lambda Delta, Golden Key and Alpha Chi honor societies and is employed by the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling. She plans to be a teacher specializing in elementary or special education. She is the daughter of Keith and Martha Barbier.

Kristen Cox, a junior Political Science major from Huntsville. She is a transfer from Brazosport College and is employed at the Counseling Education Center as a student assistant. She is a



Spring 2006 Scholarship Winners are pictured above. Front row, from left are Collin Johnson, Kristen Cox, Kristen Miller. Back row, Lisa Kuehl, Jessica Barbier

member of the Elliott T. Bowers Honors Program and served as a Red Cross volunteer during hurricane evacuations in the fall of 2005. She plans to work for a non-profit organization after her graduation. She is the daughter of Lewis Leonard and Donna Allen.

Collin Johnson, a sophomore Academic Studies major from Watauga. She is a member of the HBS-2 project, Program Council and Baptist Student Ministry. She is employed by the

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 14 Homecoming
- October 27-29 Parents' Weekend
- October 28 Parent Association Meeting
- November 18 Saturdays @ SAM



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Language, Literacy and Special Populations Department and plans to be a teacher after graduation. She is the daughter of Rebecca Johnson.

Lisa Kuehl, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major from Windsor, Colorado. She is a member of Freshman Leaders, President of Spivey House Council and is a resident assistant at Sam Houston Village. Lisa is a member of the Elliott T. Bowers Honors Program and plans on a career as a pharmacist upon completion of college and professional school. She is the daughter of Nathan and

Nadine Kuehl.

Kristen Miller, a senior music education major from Sugarland. She is a member of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, the SHSU Concert Choir and Chorale, Golden Key National Honor Society and the Texas Music Educators Association. After graduation, Kristen plans to attend graduate school to further study vocal performance and pedagogy and become a vocal music instructor at the college level. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Lindy Miller.

Congratulations to all of these recipients!

SHSUPA Congratulates Mary Ellen Sims on Her Retirement From Sam

On September 15, 2006, Assistant Dean of Students Mary Ellen Sims retired from Sam Houston State University. She was the university advisor for the Parents' Association from 2001 until her retirement. She was a great support to our organization through collaboration with university staff for events such as Homecoming, Saturdays at Sam and Freshman Orientation. Mary Ellen was always there to help wherever and whenever we needed her.

Mary Ellen was in the business of helping others. She loved the SHSU students and played an integral part in the Alcohol Abuse Initiative - A Coalition to reduce alcohol abuse at SHSU.

In the fall of 2005, Hurricane Rita was bearing down on the Texas coast and Sam

Houston State University provided shelter, food, clothing and sleeping accommodations for 1,200 people on the spur of the moment. Mary Ellen and the students worked tirelessly to take care of the campus guests. She stayed until the shelter was closed down.

The Parents' Association has lost not only a terrific advisor, but also a very dear friend. We wish Mary Ellen Sims the best in her future endeavors.



Mary Ellen Sims

Fall 2006 Tentative Parent Weekend Schedule

Friday, October 27

Raven Nest Golf Course (parents play at student rate \$19+ tax)

All Day

Raven Nest, 457 I-45 South

Soccer vs. UT-San Antonio

4:30 p.m.

Intramural Field 3

Program Council Movie:Talladega Nights

7:00 pm

LSC Theater

Saturday, October 28

Check - In

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Lowman Student Center (LSC)

Coffee with Administrators

9:00 am - 10:00 am

LSC Rear Ballroom

Set Up Exhibit Hall

10:00 am - 11:00 am

LSC Ballroom

Parents' Association Annual Meeting

10:00 am - 11:00 am

LSC 320

Exhibit Hall

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

LSC Ballroom

Honors Program Parents' Luncheon

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Austin Hall (Invitation Only)

College of Criminal Justice Open House

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Criminal Justice Center

Classic Car Cruise-In

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

North Lot, Bowers Stadium

Pre-Game Party (Bearkat Alley)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

North Lot, Bowers Stadium

Bearkat Football vs. McNeese State

6:00 pm

Bowers Stadium

Raven Nest Golf Course (parents play at student rate \$22 + tax)

All Day

Raven Nest, 457 I-45 South

Sunday, October 29

Interdenominational Christian Worship Service

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Farrington Pit (rain location:Wesley Foundation Chapel)

Raven Nest Golf Course (parents play at student rate \$22 + tax)

All Day

Raven Nest, 457 I-45 South



SHSU Parent Association...What Is It All About?

The Sam Houston State University Parent Association is one of the first groups a prospective student and his/her family sees when they arrive on campus for Saturdays @ SAM.

The table is full of brightly colored t-shirts, golf shirts, hats, visors, and other SHSU merchandise for purchase. Parents also hear about memberships in the organization and ways they can get involved with their students.

SHSUPA raises money for scholarships each year through membership dues and sales of merchandise. Students whose parents are members of the association may apply for the scholarships. Eligibility for scholarships includes completion of at least 12 hours at SHSU and a 3.0 overall GPA. A student may receive only one scholarship during his/her time at SHSU.

The association also provides snacks, apples and other goodies for students during Apple Days, when the students are studying for final exams. SHSUPA volunteers work at Saturdays @ SAM, Homecoming, Freshman Orientation and Parent Weekend activities. Volunteers are needed at all of these events!

COME SUPPORT YOUR BEARKATS!!!

The latest news and current events can be found on the Parents' Association website, www.shsu.edu/shsupa.



Go Bearkats!

Parents' Association is always open for suggestions!

Come join us for the Sam Houston State University Parents' Association Meeting on Saturday, October 28, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in the LSC on campus. This will be during Parent and Family Weekend. We hope to see you there!

For more information contact President, **Mary Doerfler** at **doedoebuck@aol.com** or if you would like to volunteer at any of the activities, contact **Holly Pendleton** at **hpend1151@hotmail.com**

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