

Newsletter

Parents' Association Awards Fall Scholarships

The Sam Houston State University Parents' Association is proud to announce the winners of three \$1,000 scholarships for Fall 2004. Winners are Melanie Machost, Brittany Patterson and Lauren Smith. They were selected by a committee composed of faculty and student services staff.

Brittany is the daughter of Cheryl Patterson of Pearland. She is a sophomore Radio and Television major and Journalism minor. Brittany is news anchor and producer for 90.5 The Kat, campus radio station, and has held several positions with Cable Channel 7 news productions. She has volunteered with Region 6 Education Service Center and is employed off campus. Her plan following graduation is to pursue a career as a television news reporter.

Lauren Smith is the daughter of Gurden and Teresa Smith of Madison, Alabama. She is a junior Biology major and Chemistry minor and is a distance runner for the SHSU cross country track team. Lauren participates in the Honors Program and is a member of Circle K International, a small group leader for the Baptist Student Ministry and a member of Tri-Beta Honor Society. She is a volunteer for the Texas Marine Mammal Network and is employed as a veterinary technician during breaks from school. Lauren plans to attend veterinary medical school after graduation and plans a career as a marine mammal veterinarian.

Melanie is a junior Academic Studies major with a specialization in Early Childhood Education. She is the daughter of Gil and Sally Machost of Livingston. Melanie is a member of Golden Key Honor Society, the SHSU Concert and Symphonic Choir, the Baptist Student Ministry Leadership Team

and is employed as a tutor at the SHSU Writing Center. After graduation she plans to teach reading and possibly English as a second language overseas while pursuing a masters degree in English.

Parents of all SHSU students are encouraged to participate in the SHSU Parents' Association, which supports SHSU students through a variety of programs throughout the year. They network with new and prospective parents during Saturdays @ Sam and New Student Orientation, co-sponsor Parent and Family Weekend with the Dean of Students' Office each fall, and provide apples, candy and scantrons to students before finals each semester.

Students' whose parents are active members of the Parents' Association may apply for the six annual scholarships. Requirements for selection include completion of at least 12 hours at SHSU, a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and enrollment in 12 semester hours in the semester the scholarship is awarded. Students may receive the scholarship only once while attending SHSU.

The deadline for applications for Spring 2005 scholarships is February 4. For information about the application process, contact Assistant Dean of Students Mary Ellen Sims at mesims@shsu.edu or 936-294-3026.



SHSUPA is very proud of the Fall 2004 Scholarship Winners. Left to right: Mary Ellen Sims, Assistant Dean of Students presents scholarships to Brittany Patterson, Lauren Smith and Melanie Machost.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December 2004

Dear Parents,

Welcome to your Sam Houston Parent's Association.(SHSUPA)! I took office along with a new board on September 18, 2004 during Parent/Family weekend and SHSUPA has had so many events happening that I have not had time to smell the roses!

Our Parent/Family weekend September 17-19, 2004 was a huge success! It was well attended with many activities for the students and their families. Our "Third Annual Homecoming Tailgate Party" was held on October 16, 2004 at Bower's Stadium. We had all our t-shirts, sweat shirts and other items for sale. We had wonderful "neighbors" at the Tailgate party. The SHSU Alumni and a fraternity who were very helpful to all our needs.

If you missed the opportunity to attend either weekend and share it with your student Bearkat, please mark your calendar for next year.

On November 20, 2004, SHSUPA attended Saturday @ SAM. We spoke to numerous parents at the morning coffee and sold our wonderful merchandise to perspective Bearkats. The money from the merchandise that we are selling at all these events will go toward at least three \$1,000 scholarships each semester. Be sure to read the newsletter to be informed on how to apply for these scholarships in the fall and spring semesters.

The SHSUPA gave away free apples, cookies and scantrons on December 6 and December 7, 2004 in front of the Lowman Student Center (LSC).

This year, I have identified three goals for SHSUPA: expand our membership numbers, increase the number of scholarships given each semester, and start a webpage for the SHSUPA. If you have any ideas on how to increase our membership base, please give a call to any board member. Due to the selling of merchandise at the above events, hopefully, we will be able to increase our scholarships. I have started working with Sam Houston State University on the web page and possibly, it will be working by next semester.

I especially want to thank all the parents who have helped with the above events and especially the board members. There have been so many volunteers at each event, it is so refreshing to see all the new faces! If you wish to be active in the Parent's Association, please contact me or any board member. We look forward to another exciting year!

Mary Doerfler

SHSUPA President

Parents Association is always open for suggestions

- Any ideas to make SHSHPA better, Contact President Mary Doerfler at doedoebuck@aol.com.
- Volunteer to help, please contact: Holly Pendleton at hpend1151@hotmail.com.
- Do you have access to a 10' x 15' tent? Parents association is in need of a tent for many outdoor functions.
- Watch a new and exciting Web page for the Parents Association including:
 - Pictures
 - Weekly Updates
 - Upcoming Events

Winter 2004

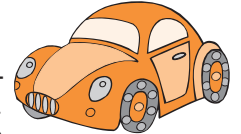


CAMPUS CORNER

Upcoming Campus Events

- January 9 Residence Halls Open
- January 10-11 Registration
for undergraduate and graduate students
- January 12 Classes Begin
- February 16-19 Theatrical performance "Halcyon Days".
A Comedy by Steven Dietz
- February 18-20 Great weekend to visit the campus!
- March Drug / Alcohol awareness days
- March 14 Spring Break begins
- May 14 Tentative Commencement Date

Insurance Rates



In many cases Car insurance is adjusted based on the county you live in. By changing your students address to Walker County from Dallas or Harris County, you could save money on insurance premiums.



Campus Newspaper

<http://www.houstonianonline.com/>
can be delivered to your email address.

Legal Services

If your students need a legal question answered, remember SHSU has an attorney for student's use. This is included in the fees paid. Call for an appointment.



Spring Fees

Spring fees are due by 01/11/05.

Renewal SHSUPA

SHSUPA Membership Application for 2004-2005

Parents and friends of SHSU students are encouraged to join the SHSU Parents' Association. The association awards scholarships, hosts special events and keeps parents informed of important campus issues. Membership dues are \$25 per family per year. A portion of this fee contributes to annual scholarships.

Benefits of membership include:

- Bi-annual newsletter
- Student scholarship eligibility
- Special offers for members

Renewal membership

New membership

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student's Name _____

Membership period: 8/31/04 to 8/31/05

Membership applications must be received by February 1, 2005 for scholarship eligibility.

Please send this form and a \$25 check/money order payable to SHSU Parents' Association

Post Office Box 2201, Hunstville, Texas 77341-2201

Parents Association Email - SHSUPA@HOTMAIL.com

Did you know: School Motto:

Scholarship Application Deadline: February 4, 2005

Requirements for Eligibility

- Applicant's parents or guardians must be members in good standing with the SHSU Parents' Association (SHSUPA), with new or renewal memberships received by February 1, 2005.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours for Spring 2005.
- Applicant must have completed 12 SHSU undergraduate hours by Fall 2004.
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Applicant must not have previously received a scholarship from the SHSUPA.
- Applicant must submit a current transcript.

Award

Three students will be awarded \$1000 each. Recipients will be selected and notified.

Selection Process

Applications will be screened by the SHSUPA Scholarship Screening Committee. Selected finalists will be interviewed by the committee. Decisions made by the committee are final.

INSTRUCTIONS: Type or print all information requested on this form. Please mail completed form and attachments to SHSU Parents' Association, PO Box 2201, Huntsville, TX 77341-2201.

Full Name: _____ SSN: _____

Local Address: _____

_____ Phone: (_____) _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Phone: (_____) _____

Parents names: _____

Hours completed: _____ Hours in progress: _____

Classification: _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____

SHSUPA Scholarship Application Continued

Name: _____

List extracurricular and /or community activities and employment while at SHSU in the space below:

List special academic and/or service awards and special programs while at SHSU in the space below:

- Attach a current transcript (unofficial is acceptable).
- Attach a letter to the committee describing why you feel you deserve a scholarship and describe some of your career objectives.
- Attach two reference letters. Please do not use letters from relatives.

All of the answers provided in this application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date: _____



Parents' association's dates:

Saturday@Sams

April 2nd 7am – 2pm
The Parents' Association hosts a coffee table
for prospective students and parents

Freshman Orientation

June – August with various dates
The PA greets new students and parents.
As well as hosts events for the new Bearkats.

SHSUPA Officers – 2004-2005

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