The Sam Houston State University Alumni Association recently celebrated Homecoming with a ribbon cutting at the new John R. Ragsdale Alumni Center on campus. The center is conveniently located at 1605 Sam Houston Ave. and is among the most visible locations on campus with over 10,000 motorists passing by each day.

The open house and ribbon-cutting event attracted more than 125 guests including the center’s namesake John R. Ragsdale and his wife Judy. Adding to the festive atmosphere was live music provided by students in SHSU’s School of Music.

The alumni staff along with members of the SHSU Alumni Association Board welcomed guests and provided tours of the center to campus and community dignitaries, alumni, faculty, staff, and students. All attendees received a commemorative SHSU Alumni Association mug to honor the occasion.

The John R. Ragsdale Alumni Center is now home to the SHSU Office of Alumni Relations and provides a beautiful gathering space for alumni visiting campus.

CLASS NOTES
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 Heritage magazine.
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ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT MOVES TO HOUSTON NATIONAL
The SHSU Alumni Association Golf tournament will be held at the Sterling Country Club @ Houston National on April 17, 2020. The facility is owned and operated by SHSU alumni Robert ’80 and Erin ’80 Steele. Sponsorship and entry: alumni.shsu.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES*
January 27 ............................................................................................................. Walker County Alumni Club Scholarship Fundraiser, Huntsville
February 29 ............................................................................................................. Life Member Celebration, River Oaks County Club, Houston
March 26 ............................................................................................................. Austin/Washington County Area Club Dinner, Kenney Store, Kenney
April 17 ............................................................................................................. Alumni Golf Tournament, Sterling Country Club, Houston
May 2 ............................................................................................................. Day @ the Races, Sam Houston Race Park, Houston

*For a complete listing of upcoming alumni association events, visit alumni.shsu.edu
Welcome To Our Newest Life Members
New Life Members from May 1, 2019 and November 1, 2019

50's
- Carol French 1959

60's
- William Howell 1967
- Susan Ray 1965
- Linda Macdonald 1969
- John Spiller 1969

70's
- Dorothy St. Clair-Hill 1970
- Robert Sweeten 1970
- Sherrel Woods 1970
- Robert Whitmarsh 1971
- Julia Woods 1971, 1970
- David Worthington 1972, 1970
- Burton Aber 1973
- Ronald Glash 1973
- Randy Underwood 1973
- Rob Scott 1975
- Sharon Walker 1975, 1968
- Lawrence Hoff 1976
- Michael Keathley 1976
- James Harriss 1978, 1978
- Renae Parham 1979

80's
- Van Parham 1980
- Forest Harrell 1981
- Debra Keehn 1981
- Nathan Partain 1981
- William McAdams 1982
- David Hernandez 1984
- Norris Jackson 1984
- Betty Harris 1985, 1980
- Peggy Graving 1988
- Rosanne Keathley 1989, 1977
- Boris Miles 1989

90's
- Phyllis Krebs 1990
- Toni Holley 1991
- Marney Collins Sims 1992
- Matthew Dexter 1993
- Kerry Sims 1993
- Dimitri Tubbs 1998
- Jewel Jones 1999

00's
- Adrien Lightfoot 2002
- Lisa Moore 2004
- Kyle Fricke 2005

10's
- Stacy McCarty 2005
- Stephen Wellman 2006
- Karen Banks 2009
- Amy Downey 2009, 2007
- Janene Hemmen 2009, 2004

11's
- Gonzalo Correa 2013, 2013
- Clarissa Barboza 2014
- Reynaldo Paz 2014, 2013
- Sabrina Terry 2015
- Kay Angrove 2017
- Kimberly Childress 2017
- Quinlaine Cisco 2017
- Samantha Davis 2017
- Cree Duane 2017
- Shelby Kennedy 2017
- Gabriella Posey 2017
- Logan Terry 2017, 2015
- John Bogan 2018
- Mary Campodonico 2018
- Emily Ericson 2018
- Kenneth Garcia 2018
- Jackson Hutson 2018
- John Lightfoot 2018
- Manuela Paz 2018, 2014

Family & Friends
- Andrea Correa
- John Evans
- Aysiah Garza
- Denise Glash
- Bruce Graving
- Maureen McIntyre
- Benjamin Velasquez Ruiz

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2020 ALUMNI TRAVEL
GREECE ISLAND HOPPER, MAY 1–11
IMPERIAL CITIES WITH OBERAMMERGUA, MAY 27 SOLD OUT
CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS, JULY 18–24
DISCOVER SCOTLAND, AUGUST 18–27
CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE, DECEMBER 9–18
ROSE PARADE AND NEW YEAR’S, DECEMBER 30–JANUARY 4

*Visit our Traveling Bearkats page at alumni.shsu.edu to view trip information and pricing details.
ALUMNI TUITION DRAWING IN 13TH YEAR

Izaiah J. Rodriquez from El Paso, Texas was surprised during class with a giant check and alumni gift basket. Izaiah was the lucky winner drawn during the thirteenth annual SHSU Tuition Scholarship drawing on November 15.

The Alumni Association has awarded more than $240,000 in scholarships through the tuition-drawing program. This year’s award of 24-hours of undergraduate in-state tuition has an approximate value of $5,856. The SHSU Alumni Association will award net proceeds from the tuition drawing in $1000 increments to eligible students for the Fall 20 semester. For more information on the tuition drawing or alumni scholarships, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478.

TAILGATE 2019

Thank you to the many generous sponsors that assist in making the alumni association pre-game tailgate a fun family event prior to each home game. Eat ‘Em Up KATS! Not a member of the SHSU Alumni Association? Join Today online at alumni.shsu.edu.

BAY AREA CLUB DINNER

The Bay Area Alumni Club Presidential Dinner held on November 6 raised over $3,200 for the SHSU Food Pantry. Pictured accepting a check during the dinner presentation are Katie West ’12, Joe Amato ’72, John Eriksson ’63 and ’66, SHSU President Dana G. Hoyt, and Dean of the College of Health Sciences Dr. Rodney Runyan.

SAA BANQUET

The Student Alumni Association showing their support for SHSU by participating in the 2019 Homecoming Parade. Some of the members tie-dyed their SAA shirt to embrace the Sammy Stock theme.

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION CLUB DINNER

The Bryan/College Station Area Club hosted their annual dinner at Christopher’s World Grille on November 7 with over 80 in attendance. Pictured: Alberto Gonzales ‘12, Robert Mandujano, Lauren Galls ’18, Gregory Galls ’95, and Jorge Rojas ’13.
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