

## SHSU HONORS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Sam Houston State University honored five individuals who have brought pride to the university through their achievements, examples of good citizenship, and their contributions to society at the 44th Distinguished Alumni Gala on October 14 as part of Homecoming activities. The 2016 honorees include Distinguished Alumni Earl "Duke" Austin, Jr. '92 and James F. Lopez '91; the Outstanding Young Alumni recipient Mia D. Gradney '98; and the Alumni Association Service Award recipients Nan M. McRaven '73 and Jerry N. Streater '61.

Full biographies for the recipients may be found online at: [alumni.shsu.edu](http://alumni.shsu.edu)

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Award recipients James Lopez '91, Nan McRaven '73, Mia Gradney '98, Jerry Streater '72 and Duke Austin '92 pictured with SHSU President Dana G. Hoyt

Ronny '65 and Faye '69 Carroll/Len '63 and  
Marlene Keeling  
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# Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

*New Life Members from July 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016*

## 60's

Betty Williams 1962  
Jan Fields 1964  
William McGonagle 1965  
Steve Pavlicek 1968

## 70's

Ronnie Cole 1970  
Bill Robinson 1970  
Marshall Willey 1970  
Don Bolton 1971  
Louis Evans 1973  
Russell Maziarka 1973  
W.L. Young 1973, 1971  
Mike Bendiksen 1974  
Drew Lambright 1974  
Webb Bailey 1975 1973

Geraldine Brown 1975  
Rickey Brown 1975  
Lillie Turner 1975  
Dean Bolton 1977  
Lee Ann McGonagle 1979 1973

## 80's

E. J. Arnold 1980  
Cynthia Reeves 1980  
Sherrie Barratt 1981  
Steve Childs 1981  
Randy Reeves 1981  
Dan Goodwin 1984  
Carol Joy 1984  
Kimberly Willey 1984  
David Hester 1985  
Jeff Powell 1985

Rob Kimbrough 1986  
Troy Finner 1989  
**90's**  
Pamela Zelbst 1997 1998

## 00's

Matt Richard 2001  
Sarah Evans 2007 1994

## 10's

Matthew Stepan 2013  
Jennifer Babcock 2015  
Benjamin Blacklock 2015  
Brittani Collins 2015  
Dustin Foret 2015  
Tyler Fredregill 2015  
Michelle Gentry 2015  
Justin Jordan 2015

Kelly Ross 2015  
Amanda Abrego 2016  
James Balthazar 2016  
Jerry Barratt 2016  
Tiffani Gallegos 2016  
Ashley Gollub 2016  
Alec Haeberle 2016  
Megan Holtz 2016  
Andrea Lofye 2016  
David McConachie 2016

## Friends & Family

Caroline Crimm

## Joint Life Endowed Members

C. Tom '56 & Melba Reese

## Upcoming Events/Activities

January 23 ..... Walker County Alumni Club Scholarship Fundraiser, Huntsville  
February 25 ..... Life Member Celebration, JW Marriott Downtown Houston  
February 28 ..... Sam Houston Birthday Celebration, Austin  
March 25 ..... Alumni Golf Tournament, High Meadows Ranch Golf Club, Magnolia, TX  
April 4 ..... SHSU Ring Ceremony, SHSU  
April 7 ..... SHSU Night @ the Rockets, Houston  
April 22 ..... Founder's Day, SHSU

*\* For a complete listing of upcoming alumni association events, visit [alumni.shsu.edu](http://alumni.shsu.edu)*

# Traveling Bearkats

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## COLLETTE TRIPS IN 2017

- **SOUTH PACIFIC WONDERS** (from \$6,999\*)  
Departs March 14, 18 Days – 23 meals
- **THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S COASTAL TREASURES** (from \$3,999\*)  
Departs June 18, 9 Days – 13 meals
- **SPOTLIGHT ON BARCELONA** (from \$3,299\*)  
Departs October 7, 7 Days – 8 meals

## CONTIKI TRIPS IN 2017 – YOUNG ALUMNI TRAVEL FOR 18-35 YEAR OLDS

- **CANOPIES AND CABANAS** (FROM \$1,101\*\*)  
Departs July 29, 7 Days – 6 meals
- **BERLIN & PRAGUE PLUS VIENNE** (FROM \$1,175\*\*)  
Departs October 28, 9 Days – 11 meals

*\*double room, airfare included*

*\*\* single traveler, airfare not included*

# ALUMNI TAILGATES SPONSORS FY 2017

## Touchdown

John R. '59 and Judy Ragsdale  
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## Bearkat

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John '75 and Dana Hoyt  
Robert and Stella '71 Koryciak  
Larry '77 and Marijane  
Larrison-  
In Memory of Jeff "Jumbo"  
Larrison '54, '64  
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## Orange

Joe Amato '72  
Dr. Roland Black '61  
Jerry '89 and Tracy '89 Bush-  
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Bobby and Karen '80, '90 Gray  
Rick Hanna, CBO '79  
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'69  
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## White

W.D. and Geraldine Dickerson  
Judge James W. Dinkins '68  
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## YOUNG ALUMNI WEEKEND



*Prize Winners (Left to Right): Megan Kaltenbach, Basketball tickets; Aerial Kerr, Signed football; TJ Schwenke, Flag; Lauren Smith, Yeti Cooler (Prize for early registration); Kathy Macias, Flag; Sean Kipp, Flag*

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## BAY AREA CLUB DINNER



*The Bay Area Club presented a \$1000 check to President Dana G. Hoyt (pictured with) SHSU Food Pantry faculty rep. Melissa Tackett-Gibson and student rep. Bridget Munezero, in support of the SHSU Food Bank.*

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## BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION CLUB DINNER



*B/CS Alumni Club members: Ron Gay '77, '84, Josh Benn '95, Mike '82 & Jan '82 Laine and Mike Pavelka '96*

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## SHSU NIGHT AT HOBBY CENTER



### Gold Sponsors

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Register Online at [shsu.edu/foundersday](http://shsu.edu/foundersday)  
  
APRIL 22, 2017  
FOURTH ANNUAL  
*Founders Day*  
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