The Board of Regents of the Texas State University System unanimously confirmed Alisa White, Ph.D., as president of Sam Houston State University during a special called meeting today. Dr. White will officially assume the presidency Aug. 10.

Dr. White, a Texas native, has served as president of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, since 2014. She previously served as vice president for academic affairs at the University of Texas at Tyler and Midwestern State University.

Dr. White earned a Ph.D. in Mass Communication and an M.S.L.S. degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and a B.A. in Business from Lee College (now Lee University) in Cleveland, Tennessee. In addition to her experience in Tennessee and Texas, she has held faculty and leadership positions in Alaska, Louisiana, and Georgia.

Dr. White and her husband, Elliott Herzlich, a jeweler, have three married children and five grandchildren. She succeeds Dr. Dana Hoyt, who is retiring after serving as president of SHSU since 2010.

Sam Houston State University is a member of the Texas State University System, which consists of seven institutions including Lamar University (Beaumont), Sul Ross State University (Alpine, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde), Texas State University (San Marcos and Round Rock), Lamar Institute of Technology (Beaumont), Lamar State College Orange, and Lamar State College Port Arthur, serving more than 86,000 students.

GENERAL COLIN L. POWELL, USA (RET.) SPEAKS AT VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

In a virtual commencement celebration recognizing the 2020 SHSU graduates for spring and summer, the first African-American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former Secretary of State, General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.) served as the commencement keynote speaker.

On Saturday, August 1 the live streamed ceremony incorporated the most important elements of this time-honored tradition into a virtual event including speeches, conferring of degrees and music performances.

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Welcome To Our Newest Life Members
New Life Members from November 15, 2019 and June 30, 2020

LIFE ENDOWED
Special thank you to our newest Life Endowed member Rod Danielson who became a joint life endowed member with partner Kelly DeHay ’74.

### 60’s
- Donya Conine 1961
- Sue Bloodworth 1965
- Marvin Lamb 1968
- Jenny Cummings 1969

### 70’s
- Carolyn Cannata 1970
- Johanna Whaley 1970
- Noel McGinnes 1971
- Dick Johnson 1973
- Jan Adams 1975
- Connie Emerson 1975
- Marsha Corley 1978
- David Will 1978
- Sharon Burton 1979
- Kimberly Sutton 1979

### 80’s
- Rebecca Ray 1982
- Bill Stice 1982
- Dudley Ray 1982
- Debra Daugette 1983
- Sheri Stice 1985
- Laurie Baker 1986
- Diana Nabors 1986
- Don Burton 1988
- M’Liss Williams 1988

### 90’s
- John Nabors 1991
- Steven Cardenas 1993
- Ken Dickens 1994
- Debbie Dickens 1995
- Richard Urban 1996
- David Glenn 1998

### 00’s
- Marsha Young 2000
- Russell Young 2000
- Maria Trevino 2002
- Denise Rosini-Morgan 2002
- Laurie Stone 2004
- Calvin Martin 2008
- Whitney Martin 2009

### 10’s
- Suzanna (Hernandez) Bachman 2011
- Bill Daugette 2011
- Darwin Luna 2012
- Brian King 2014
- Caroline Tillman 2015
- Keith Jahn 2015
- Hadley Davis 2016
- Rudy Trevino 2016
- Christine Warner 2017
- Michael de los Santos 2017
- Miles Manning 2018
- Elizabeth Stokes 2018
- Jennifer Mock 2018
- Jake Bloomer 2018
- Tyler Carrette 2018
- James Calhoun 2018
- Zachary Leger 2018
- Daniel George 2019
- Abbey Jester 2019
- Irishea Hilliard 2019
- Clemente Rodriguez 2019
- Hunter Strole 2019
- Christopher T. Stefanescu 2019
- Jason Neal 2019
- Jennie Klatt 2019
- Robert Amie 2019

### FAMILY & FRIENDS
- Trevor Bachman
- Debra Johnson
- Daniel Warner

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**UPCOMING FALL EVENTS**

2 Hours prior to every home game ................................................................. Alumni Tailgating
Sept 14 ................................................................................................................... SHSU Ring Day—The Woodlands Campus, Main Lobby
Sept 15-18 .......................................................................................................... SHSU Ring Days—SHSU, LSC, room 144
Oct 23 ................................................................................................................ SHSU 48th Distinguished Alumni Gala
Nov 17 .............................................................................................................. SHSU Ring Ceremony—SHSU, Bernard Johnson Coliseum

* For a complete listing of upcoming alumni association events, visit alumni.shsu.edu

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For more information on our Treasures of Egypt experience or any of our other trips, please visit alumni.shsu.edu or call the office of Alumni Relations at 936.294.1841

**2021 ALUMNI TRAVEL**

- **Shades of Ireland—March**
- **Highlights of Norway—June**
- **Cape Cod and the Islands—July**
- **Discover Scotland—August**
- **Treasures of Egypt—October**
- **Christmas on the Danube—December**

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COMMIT 2020

A message from Christopher Tritico, President, Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Prior to the challenges of the current pandemic, I introduced COMMIT 2020—a campaign to re-energize our individual commitment to the SHSU Alumni Association. Now, more than ever before, the university, Alumni Association and the students need our commitment and support.

This is my challenge to you—support COMMIT 2020 and make the SHSU Alumni Association and our university the best it can be.

Together we CAN make a DIFFERENCE, Eat ‘Em Up Kats!

Please reach out to the Office of Alumni Relations 936.294.1841 or alumni@shsu.edu, to discuss.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Commit financially. Higher Ed fundraising is a changing and increasingly hard target to hit. A new, bigger and better commitment to the alumni association and our university is greatly needed.

Commit to bringing in new members. Not only does this mean new revenue, new members bring new faces and new ideas. We continue to prosper through the commitments we make to growth.

Commit your time. Time and energy can go a long way with advancing the needs of the university. There is nothing like seeing in person the face of a student you have just helped.

Commit to your local alumni club. Participate in local networking and find ways to get engaged. Serve as a mentor to students, sponsor local events and activities.

SHARING THE GIFT OF ART

The campus landscape includes a new, unique work of public art, made possible by a generous gift from Life Endowed members of the Alumni Association, Kelly DeHay ('74) and Rod Danielson. Crafted by Mexican artist Yvonne Domenge, an entwined, vibrant blue “Cicek” (Turkish word for ‘flower’) now sits along Bowers Blvd.

“Several years ago, we had admired the artist’s work at an installation in Herman Park in Houston. The more we thought about a sculpture, the more we knew it had to be created by Yvonne,” DeHay said. “We were so thrilled when the art committee loved our choice as much as we did. The gorgeous new Art Complex seemed like the perfect place for a modern contemporary sculpture by an artist whose work appears all over the globe.”

Sam Houston State and the SHSU Alumni Association owes much of its success to donors like Kelly and Rod who are the epitome of the university motto, “The measure of a Life is its Service.”
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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI GALA
OCTOBER 23, 2020

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD
Mr. Ray A. Burgess ’75
Attorney, Mediator
(The Woodlands, TX)

Mr. James A. Surls ’66
Artist/Sculptor
(Baualt, CO)

Mr. Terry Williams ’83
Regional VP, HEB
(Cypress, TX)

SERVICE AWARD
Mr. Brian K. Hall ’88
Small Business Liaison Officer, Shell Oil Corp.
(Houston, TX)

Mr. Edgar A. Reeves ’56
Retired, Edgar A. Reeves Insurance
(Houston, TX)

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD
Mr. Stephen C. Morgan ’08
President, Trans Tex Treating
(Houston, TX)

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