ALUMNI PROVIDE OVER 600 MASKS TO STUDENTS

Earlier this semester, the Sam Houston State University Alumni Association launched the “Give a Mask, Get a Mask” campaign to supply students with a limited, custom-designed Sammy the Bearkat facemask. The project offered alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the university the opportunity to support the Alumni Association while also helping students and encouraging the use of facemasks on campus.

“The Alumni Association is proud of our members for providing an important product to help keep our campus community safe,” said Donna Gilbert, associate director for membership and marketing. “Our mask project allowed Bearkats to show their pride while also honoring our motto of service by giving back to students.”

Through the month-long initiative, Alumni Association members raised funds to donate over 600 masks to the SHSU student population. Proceeds will also fund services the association provides to SHSU’s strong alumni base including the Student Alumni Association, which helps students prepare for success through networking and development opportunities.

During the campus giveaway event on Nov. 11, students were happy and surprised by the generosity.

“I’m excited to just be walking by and receive a free mask. I appreciate the thought and effort our Alumni Association put into this for students. I really love that. Thank you,” student Michael Moors said.

Members of the alumni association were pleased to help out fellow Bearkats with masks while also supporting the use of wearing them.

“The Bearkat alumni family cares about protecting each other during this challenging time,” alumna Lavone Jones (’95) said. “I am thrilled that a student will receive a facemask on my behalf.”

ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT STERLING COUNTRY CLUB

The SHSU Alumni Association Golf tournament will be held at the Sterling Country Club @ Houston National on March 26, 2021. The facility is owned and operated by SHSU alumni Robert and Erin Steele. Sponsorships and entries are now available at: alumni.shsu.edu
Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

New Life Members from July 15, through November 15, 2020

50's
LeBland McAdams 1956

60's
Joyce Ahearn 1964
Bill Dabaghi 1966
Marilyn Parker 1968
Jane Keese 1968
Charlotte Wilson 1968
Sharon Lout 1969

70's
Billie Lemon 1971, 1965
Donald Lemon 1971, 1965
James Brien 1972
Ellen Brien 1973, 1970
Kay Rigsby 1973
Mindy Estes 1974
Mike Ussery 1976

80's
Janice Amsden-Doggett 1980, 1978
Larry Scott 1982
Walter Boone 1986
Kevin Patterson 1988

90's
Amy Short 1993
Deirdre Holloway 1994
Miller King 1996
Brent Plant 1997
Leslie Boykin 1999

00's
Adam Pasket 2000
Tamika Tyson 2000, 1997
Nikki Talley 2000

Dan Zaccagni 1977
Stacey Ussery 1978

Dana Pasket 2000
Holli Koster 2001
Scott Talley 2001
Mandy Dennix 2002
Carolyn Murray 2003
Danny Ratliff 2005

10's
Eder Bracamontes 2016
Derrick Reiner 2018
Kaetlyn Sandoval 2019
Nicholas Castaneda 2019
Brittany Dean 2019
Kevin Glover 2019
Jeffrey Johnson 2019
Rosa Ledezma 2019
Nathan Bennett 2019
Ali Howard 2019
Timothy McCurley 2019
William Hicks 2019

Nicholas Jalowy 2019

20's
Melisa Appleton 2020, 2016
Delana Boone 2020
Matthew Peavy 2020, 2018
Taylor Hitt 2020, 2019
Kayla Reiner 2020, 2019
Gabrielle Abowd 2020
Kitty Horst 2020
Danielle Polendo 2020
Elise Dollar 2020
Jonathan Hall 2020
Gloria Sidney 2020
Kelcie Raymond 2020
Addison Barnum 2020

FAMILY & FRIENDS
Benito Avila
Marilyn Harris
Misty Bennett

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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.

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2021 ALUMNI TRAVEL

SHADES OF IRELAND – MAR. 20-29
HIGHLIGHTS OF NORWAY – JUN. 25 – JUL. 3
CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS – JUL. 10-16
DISCOVER SCOTLAND – AUG. 8-17
TREASURES OF EGYPT – OCT. 14-25
CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE – DEC. 9-17

*Visit our Traveling Bearkats page at alumni.shsu.edu to view trip information and pricing details.
Fall Ring Ceremony

Congratulations to the 470 students that crossed the stage and received their SHSU class ring on November 12, in the Bernard G. Johnson coliseum. The ceremony was a little different this year due to social distancing with only the students in attendance. Family and friends were able to view the ceremony live through the SHSU YouTube channel.

Alumni Tuition Drawing in 15th Year

Congratulations to Jessica Hurtt from Austin, Texas. Jessica is the lucky winner of the 2020 tuition draw. The 15th annual SHSU Tuition Scholarship drawing was held on November 18 in the John R. Ragsdale Alumni Center. Associate VP for Alumni Relations, Charlie Vienne along with alumni staff drew the lucky winners name from over 5,600 tickets.

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 21 semester. For more information on the tuition drawing or alumni scholarships, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478.

Alumni Virtual Book Club

Staying physically distant, yet connected, remains a challenge during the coronavirus health crisis. However, the Office of Alumni Relations at Sam Houston State University is unyielding in their efforts to support current and former students by offering innovative ways to strengthen ties and create meaningful connections with their alma mater.

One silver lining to emerge from the pandemic, is the return to reading. Since many people are confined to their homes, individuals are finding themselves putting down their electronic devices and picking up a book. For this reason, the Office of Alumni Relations launched a virtual book club for SHSU alumni in October.

Over 300 alumni are now participating and have just concluded discussions on their first book “A Gentleman in Moscow”. In January 2021, the book club will begin reading a new book, “Atomic Habits” by James Clear.

Interested readers can now join, learn more, and get details about the upcoming book online at [http://www.pbc.guru/SHSU](http://www.pbc.guru/SHSU).

Though there will not be any in-person meetings, the online forums will help facilitate engagement from alumni around the world.
The SHSU Alumni Association app brings new meaning to alumni engagement.

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- Discover nearby alumni events
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Life Member Celebration

Save the Date!
June 12, 2021

Woodlands Waterway Marriott
The Woodlands, Texas

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