Sam Houston State University Alma Mater

Hail to Sam Houston,
School we love best,
Mighty in battle,
True to the test.
Bearkats so loyal,
Ever we'll be.
Orange and white will lead
Us to victory!

Hail, Alma Mater
Hats off to you,
Ever you'll find us
Loyal and true;
Firm and undaunted,
Ever we'll be,
Here's to the school we love
Here's a toast to thee.

(First verse by Allen R. Hightower III, sung at August 9, 2003 commencement by composer; second verse, anonymous.)

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The Platform Party enters first; the faculty enter in the following order:

Friday, December 14, 2012
Evening Ceremony
- College of Business Administration
- College of Criminal Justice
- Dr. Leroy Ashorn is the Mace Bearer
- Dr. Phillip Lyons will introduce the graduates

Saturday, December 15, 2012
Morning Ceremony
- College of Education, College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication
- Dr. Sam Sullivan is the Mace Bearer
- Dr. Rick Bruhn will introduce the graduates

Saturday, December 15, 2012
Afternoon Ceremony
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Sciences
- Dr. Jim Tiller is the Mace Bearer
- Dr. Donna Desforges will introduce the graduates
DAVID BRADY

David Brady is in his fifth year serving as the Chief Marketing Officer and Vice President of Advancement for the Houston Zoo, which recently reached annual attendance of over 2,000,000 guests and currently has over 46,000 member households. In this role, Mr. Brady oversees the Marketing, Development (Fundraising), Public Relations, Interactive Marketing, Graphic Design, Membership, Group Sales, and Special Events Departments. In addition to his role at the Houston Zoo, Mr. Brady is in his seventh season serving as the stadium voice (P.A. Announcer) of the Houston Texans.

Mr. Brady came to the Houston Zoo after a 20 year career in Sports Marketing and Broadcasting. His most recent full-time position in sports was with the Houston Texans where his responsibilities included the securing of and managing of major events at Reliant Stadium such as college football games, concerts, soccer matches as well as other entertainment events.

During David Brady’s time at Reliant Stadium, he oversaw several major events, including the United States verses Mexico soccer match which generated the highest revenue of any soccer match in U.S. history. Mr. Brady also helped create as well as served as the Director for the first two Texas Bowls: the Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas.

Currently, Mr. Brady serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Channelview ISD Education Foundation and as a member of the Center for Houston’s Future (Think Tank). In addition, Mr. Brady has previously served on the Board of Directors or Committee for — The Texas Bowl, NCAA Final Four Host Committee, Gold Cup Host Committee, and Greater Houston YMCA.

A graduate of Channelview High School, David Brady earned a Bachelor in Fine Arts with an emphasis in radio and television from Sam Houston State University in 1989.

David Brady and his wife, Annie, have three children: Peter, Maggie, and Jack.

BRENT LOVE

Brenda Love is the president of as well as the founder of Love Advertising, one of the top five advertising agencies in Houston, Texas, with annual billings in excess of $35 million. For the past 32 years, Love Advertising has made it possible for hundreds of clients, including several Fortune 250 clients such as Gallery Furniture and CenterPoint Energy, to grow their companies by “providing each and every client with personalized service and exceeding the client’s expectations daily.”

Since its inception in 1979, Love Advertising has won numerous awards, including multiple Agency of the Year designations from the Media Alliance of Houston; Houston Business Journal’s “Top Houston Advertising Agencies” and “Top 50 Women Owned Businesses in Houston;” and Working Woman Magazine’s “American Top 500 Women Owned Businesses.”

In addition to Brenda Love’s endeavors with numerous Houston-
Guidelines for Guests

Commencement is a significant and solemn event, the recognition of years of study. To make it more meaningful to all guests, participants are requested to avoid all unnecessary conversation and movement during the exercises. Only the official photographer is allowed on the floor by the stage. After the graduate has crossed, guests may take pictures in the holding area adjacent to the stage.

Candidates will cross the stage as listed in the program. Audience is asked to remain seated for processional and recessional. As a courtesy, please refrain from using noise makers during the graduation ceremony.

Brenda Love earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism in 1973 from Sam Houston State University (SHSU) and later earned a Master of Science degree in advertising, public relations, and telecommunications from San Diego University. As an alumnus who gives back to her alma mater, Brenda Love has served as a conversation leader for SHSU’s annual “Let’s Talk” benefit for the Elliott T. Bowers Honors College and currently serves as a member of the prestigious President’s Circle. In 2010 in recognition of her personal and professional achievements and contributions which have brought honor and distinction to Sam Houston State University, Brenda Love was awarded the university’s highest honor the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Brenda Love and her husband, Ed Jones, have three children: Lindsey Love, Reese Jones, and James Jones.

area organizations, she has provided pro bono services for organizations and campaigns such as Susan G. Komen of Houston, the Chuck Norris KICKSTARTKIDS Foundation, Lighthouse for the Blind, Catholic Ministries, The Orange Show, Interfaith Ministries, and The Peace of Mind Foundation.
The University Mace is symbolic of the authority of the Board of Regents, The Texas State University System, and the Office of the President of Sam Houston State University. The mace, used in academic convocations, is carried by the senior tenured faculty member of the University. The initial use of the University Mace at Sam Houston State University was on the occasion of the summer commencement on August 20, 1988.

The walnut staff is bound in brass and has a hexagonal head with inlays of pecan denoting the state tree and recessed brass medallions cast with designs for General Sam Houston, Austin Hall, Old Main, Bearkats, and the completion date of the mace. The walnut holder base or stall is six-sided to match the mace head.

The crown of the mace is a circular casting bearing the name of the University and the date of establishment, 1879. The center of the circle contains the state emblem, the lone star. Below the crown, the names of past University presidents and the dates of service are engraved on a brass collar.

The University Mace was designed and hand crafted by the late Charles R. Jedlicka, Associate Professor of Industrial Technology, who retired in 1989.
The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crospiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias. The six gonfalons displayed represent the six colleges of Sam Houston State University. The initial use of gonfalons at Sam Houston State University was on the occasion of the spring commencement on May 7, 1988.

**College of Business Administration**
The globe represents the international economy and the development of international trade and exchange. The handshake represents the human commitment to teamwork, leadership, diversity, and ethical business practices. The bar and line graphs represent the financial markets and the use of data in the pursuit of quality, efficiency and effectiveness.

**College of Criminal Justice**
The seal of the College of Criminal Justice includes a scale encircled by an oak bough and an olive branch. The scale represents the spirit of the Latin proverb, Jus est ars boni et aequi, Justice the art of the good and fair. The oak bough with 16 leaves symbolizes strength while the olive branch with 20 leaves represents peace. The number of leaves recalls the year, 1620, when the pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact, the first American political document, whose purpose was to preserve order by means of the principle of rule of law.

**College of Education**
The departments in the College of Education are represented by the open book and the lamp of knowledge, which embody the value of literacy and education. The sage green represents the Department of Health and Kinesiology. The yellow represents Library Science. The royal blue at the bottom represents the Ph.D. degree. The light blue at the top signifies the Ed.D. degree, and is the hood color for education in general.

**College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication**
The hands hold and present the flame of human creativity. The blue radiant circle represents the dissemination of creative endeavor to the world at large. In these images the important meaning-making functions of the Fine Arts — Visual Art, Music, Theatre and Dance — are merged with the many modes of communication that are studied and practiced in the field of mass communication.

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences**
The College of Humanities and Social Sciences’ gonfalon symbolizes that life is shaped by learning, communications, and the human social experience. The quill connotes the importance of creative endeavors to human existence while the ruler along the rooftops illustrates a concern with the scientific method. The arched lines represent communication and its wide-reaching effects, hovering over the home, which emphasizes the importance of human bonds and of the family’s formative role for the individual. Overlooking all of the other symbols are four face profiles representing the celebration of the diversity that strengthens each of the disciplines within the college.

**College of Sciences**
The three columns represent the concept of civilization based on a knowledge of the sciences, humanities, and arts. The purple triangles around the edge represent the disciplines taught in the College of Sciences. The stepped levels represent the bachelor and master’s degree programs offered by the College of Sciences.
The academic costume worn at official functions today originated in the universities of the Middle Ages, when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholar and cleric in unheated buildings. By modern times, the growth in the number of universities caused a great deal of confusion in academic regalia and in 1894-95, a commission brought some order into the chaos. The American Council on Education subsequently effected more improvements in 1959-60.

The mortarboard cap, which generally prevails in the United States, originated at Oxford. Cambridge, European universities, and some Latin American universities use other types of caps, which are of course legitimate for wear in any American processional when the individual holds his degree from one of these institutions.

Gowns are generally black, although some few universities depart from this practice. The bachelor’s gown is simple, with long pointed sleeves. The master’s gown will have either long sleeves with narrow wrist opening or long sleeves with the hand emerging from the sleeve at about elbow length. The doctor’s gown is fullest in cut; it has velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as three bars of the same material on the bell-shaped sleeves.

The hood indicates the level of the degree, the faculty in which it was given and the institution that granted it. Degree level is indicated by length: the master’s hood is three and a half feet long and the doctor’s hood is four feet long. The velvet trim on the exposed edge of the hood is three inches wide for the master’s degree and five inches wide for the doctor’s degree. The color of the trim indicates the field of study. A color, or color pattern, between the trim indicates the university granting the degree.

Hood trim colors on doctoral regalia indicate the following fields:
Maize — Agriculture
White — Arts, Letters, Humanities
Drab — Commerce, Accountancy, Business
Lilac — Dentistry
Copper — Economics
Light Blue — Education
Orange — Engineering
Brown — Fine Arts, including Architecture
Russet — Forestry
Crimson — Journalism
Purple — Law
Lemon — Library Science
Green — Medicine
Pink — Music
Apricot — Nursing
Sea Foam Green — Optometry
Silver Gray — Oratory (Speech)
Olive Green — Pharmacy
Blue — Philosophy
Sage Green — Physical Education
Peacock Blue — Public Administration and Foreign Service
Salmon Pink — Public Health
Golden Yellow — Science
Cream — Social Science
Citron — Social Work
Scarlet — Theology
Gray — Veterinary Science
Baccalaureate Graduation with Special Recognition

Special recognition at graduation is provided to undergraduate students who compile outstanding academic records. Those graduates who have achieved undergraduate academic excellence at Sam Houston State University receive a gold cord at graduation to reflect this achievement plus an appropriate notation on their academic transcript. The gold cord indicates one of the following academic achievements: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude, With Academic Distinction, Alpha Chi, and Honors Program. (See NOTE below.)

Degrees conferred Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude reflect an outstanding Sam Houston State University grade point average with a minimum of thirty-two semester hours earned in residence (resident classroom instruction). The distinction and corresponding grade point averages are: Cum Laude — 3.50 to 3.66; Magna Cum Laude — 3.67 to 3.85; Summa Cum Laude — 3.86 to 4.00.

The Department Academic Distinction Program is an individualized learning experience available to outstanding students at Sam Houston State University. An Academic Distinction Program project provides qualified students with a comprehensive introduction to meaningful research under the guidance of a designated faculty advisor.

Alpha Chi, a national honor society organized to recognize and promote scholastic excellence, is open to all University seniors who accepted membership and have achieved a 3.6 or higher grade point average on all college-level course work.

Participation in the Honors College at Sam Houston State University is based on a competitive selection process and provides outstanding academic opportunities and distinct undergraduate college experiences. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the Honors College — twenty-four semester hours of Honors courses and two special seminars — the student’s academic transcript will indicate graduation “With Honors” and the student may wear an Honors medallion with academic regalia. To be designated as having graduated “With Highest Honors” the student must also successfully complete a special senior project involving original research and/or an effort of creative expression.

NOTE: Semester credit hours earned in correspondence courses are not considered “resident classroom instruction” hours and are not used in determining the minimum semester credit hour requirement for academic honors: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, Dean’s List, and President’s Honor Roll. However, the semester credit hours and grade points earned for correspondence courses are included in the calculation of the overall grade point average.

Veterans and Military Members

Sam Houston State University is proud to recognize its graduating Veterans and military members with a red, white, and blue regalia cord. The cord colors replicate those of our nation’s flag to denote the valor, excellence, and sacrifice these individuals have exemplified in their service to the United States Armed Forces. On behalf of the entire Sam Houston State University community, President Dana Gibson and the SHSU Administrative Officers extend their deepest gratitude and congratulations to these distinguished graduates.
Honors Graduates

Numerals Denote Academic Honors as of the 12th Class Day of Fall 2012.
1, 2, 3 = Cum laude, Magna Cum laude, Summa Cum laude
4, 5 = with Honors/Honors College, with Highest Honors/Honors College
6 = with Academic Distinction in an Academic Discipline.

Lisa Danielle Acord 2
Lakeitha Lynnette Archie 1
Natali Arevalo 1
Jacob Tyler Arrington 2
Sarah Elizabeth Beal 1, 4
Madison Victoria Biehl 2
Tracy C. Blakely 2
Devon Bouffard 3, 5
Jamie Bozarth 1
Pandora Rene Bradford 2
Philip Henry Bradley 1
Jennifer Brooke Breeden 3
Rebecca Ann Brown 2
Danielle Christine Campbell 2
Mackenzie Randal Campbell 1
Elizabeth Angela Carlson 1
Margery Anne Carrasco 2
Stephanie Caleen Carter 2
Fidel Castro Jr. 1
Leroy James Cavazos 1
Karen Charleen Clamon 1
Jeffrey Pearce Copeland 2
Joshua James Cornett 2
Nina Raquel Corsi 2
Lucas Dean Cowl 3, 4
James Anthony Crapitto Jr. 1
Megan Danielle Cress 1
Rashel Beth Dameron 1
Amy Lea Dane 2
Justin Wayne Day 4
Sally Jeanette Delgado 2
Lindsay Margaret Demuth 2
Tromer Andrew DiFiore-Smith 1
Stephanie Lynn DiGiovanni 1
Sally Pan Doleski 2
Lauren Noelle Duckworth 2, 4
Charles Avery Dykes Jr. 1
Alexandra Nicole Edwards 2
Monique Javone Darnett Edwards 1
Jennifer Kathleen Elshire 1
Cathy L. Fearn 2, 5
Randy David Fisher 2
Meara Michelle Franko 2
Angel Marie Frezia 2
Ashston Christine Friede 1
Natalie Isabel Frye Padilla 2, 4
Christopher Ruben Ganyo 1
Kelsey Marie Garbs 1
Jessica Kirsten Gates 3
April Marie Giraldo 1
Bliss Gleason 2
Denise Elaine Gotte 2
Brandy Burge Green 2
Jeremy Allen Hair 1
Megan Joy Hala 1
Kimberly Ann Hall 1, 4
Adam David Hamilton 2
Anna Elizabeth Haney 1
Lauren Renee Hartz 1
Brian Wayne Henderson 1
Zella Marie Henning 1
Rachel Hope Henson 3
Kyle Michael Horvath 1
Genavi Clare Huerta 2
Kristen Marie Hunter 2
Kierra Santrell Jackson 2
Krystal Michiko Jackson 2
Kimberly O'Brien James 1
Alanna Isabel Opitz 1
Peter Andrew James 1
Lise Ann Jorgensen 1
Nico Jeanine Joyce 1
Kaley Nicole Kerr 1
Jamie Karin Kinosian 1
Sean Thomas Kipp 2
Philip Simon Klespis 1
Codie Michele Laake 2
Cassandra Clarice Leach 2
Rafael Lewis 1
Jonathan Paul Looney 3
Samantha Kay Mahon 2
Daniela Manzano 1
Courtney Rhiannon Martin 1
Kimberly Rachael Martin 2
Sarah Beth McCurdy 2
Delia McDonald 1
Allison Brooke McMath 1
Christine Ann Meine 1
Stefanie Michelle Mellado 1
Grayson Garrett Meyer 1
Cody D. Mikeska 2
Chelsie Rene Mikulencak 2
Christopher Charles Millar 3
David Wayne Miller 1
Larry Timothy Milligan 1
Ryan Steven Milstead 1
Allison Jane Mittag 2
Ana Karen Morales 1
Erica R. Morgan 1
Kelly Robyn Moyer 2
Kevin Patrick Mulcahy 1
Megan Renee Mundy 1
Nicholas Duane Myers 1
Meghan Nannery 1
Amber Nicole Nations 1
Allyson Kerr Naylor 2
Gricel Ortega 1
Kimberly Ella Ousman 2
Alesia Jane Overbey 1
Christi Ann Park 1
Ashlee Kristen Patten 1
Bobby Ray Patterson 3
Jalisa Leshay Paul 2
Cory Joseph Pechacek 2
Alyssa Nicole Perrard 4
Tempestt Camille Perrin 1
Mark Brian Piatkowski 1
Dana Ashley Planas 2
Sara Elizabeth Powell 1
Allison Ross Powers 2
Erica A. Pratt 1
Caitlin Anne Purser 3
Diana Ghislaine Ramos 1
Candice Lee Ramsey 2
Sara Lynn Ratliff 1
Lori Francine Reaser 2
Amy Michelle Revia 2
Kristen Marie Reynolds 1
Annamarie R. Rivera 2
Daniel Kane Roberts 2
Angela Caprice Robinson 1
Matthew Lee Rogers 1
Katherine Teresa Rooney 2, 5
LeAnn Rene Roth 2
Bay Loftin Ruffin 1
Jessi Alejandro Saldaña 1
Stephanie Nicole Sanders 1
Jessica Marie Saucer 1
Amy Lynne Schillings 3
Jennifer Christine Schimp 2
Chase Anthony Scott 1
Leslie Michelle Shaw 1
Mallory Yvette Sherman 2
Christopher Jordan Shuck 1
Jordan Elizabeth Sickman 2
Kevin Garret Siegert 1
William Jon Sinclair 1
Heather Leanna Skelen 3
Brittney Tiara Smith 1
Cassidy Nicole Snider 2
Nathan Joseph Sokol 1
Tricia Ann Speich 3
Monica Marie Stiles 3
Kevin Andrew Stovall 1
Caroline Elizabeth Sweeney 1
Heather Ann Taylor 1
Cody Allen Thornton-Miles 1
Randy Paul Thuesen 1
Kelsie Brooke Tunnell 3
Derek Rey Uresti 2
Anita Marie Vaca-Pittman 1
Brian A. Ward 1
Kelli Ann Watson 2
Shelby Nicole Webb 1
Brandi Michelle Welsh 2
Jeffrey Taylor Whitehead 4
James Richardson Wiggins 2
Jessica Lauren Wilburn 4
April Janay Williams 1
Stacy Nicole Williams 1
Taryn Lorraine Ruth Wilson 2
Blake Adam Woolums 2
Katharine Morgan Wright 1
Although Texas escaped much of the destruction wreaked on the rest of the Confederacy during the Civil War, its public school system remained badly underdeveloped, and education reformers expressed anxiety about illiteracy rates among former slaves as well as among poor whites. In 1878-1879, with the political tumult of Reconstruction subsiding, a representative of the Peabody Education Fund visited Texas hoping to convince the state legislature to establish a public institution to train school teachers. George Peabody, a wealthy cotton broker and banker, had endowed the philanthropy with money and a mission to “encourage the intellectual, moral, and industrial education of the destitute children of the Southern States.” The fund offered to help subsidize a state-controlled teacher training institution, and in 1879, the state legislature acted upon the suggestion, establishing in Walker County the Sam Houston Normal Institute, named after Sam Houston, the hero of the Battle of San Jacinto and first president of the Republic of Texas, who had called Huntsville his home. The institute moved into buildings abandoned by Austin College, which had relocated to Sherman, Texas, three years earlier.

The state legislature offered free tuition, laundry, room, and board to select students willing to become public school teachers after graduation. They promised to teach one year for each year of assistance received. Under the direction of Principal Bernard Mellon, who reported to the state board of education, the Sam Houston Normal Institute opened on October 10, 1879, with a curriculum composed of professional and pedagogy courses.

Students were admitted on the basis of competitive examinations and hailed from each senatorial district in the state. The first commencement of May 1880 included thirty-seven graduates followed by fifty-five graduates in 1881. Enrollment continued to increase steadily and in 1923 reached a total of 1,089 students taught by fifty-six faculty members.

Consistent with educational values emerging in the United States during the Progressive Era, the Sam Houston curriculum expanded in 1909 beyond teacher education to include home economics, industrial training, and vocational agriculture. In 1911, the state legislature established a board of regents to govern the Sam Houston Normal Institute and authorized a four-year curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. The first B.A. degree was conferred in 1919. Taking into account the more diverse curriculum and broader role and scope, the board of regents in 1923 christened the institution Sam Houston State Teacher’s College, although at the time none of the faculty had earned the Ph.D. degree. During the next five years, President H. F. Estill hired four new faculty members with doctoral degrees.

In 1935, Sam Houston further transcended its teacher training mission. The board of regents had authorized bachelor’s degrees in business administration, and the first graduates received diplomas in the spring of 1937. The bicentennial of Texas independence in 1936 had also occasioned establishment of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum as an affiliate of Sam Houston State Teacher’s College, and the board of regents had authorized a graduate program, which produced three Master of Arts degrees in 1937. Sam Houston’s president, Charles N. Shaver, then decided that the curriculum also needed to be expanded to accommodate...
the needs of students interested in pursuing postgraduate training in law, dentistry, and medicine, and in 1938–1939, he added advanced undergraduate courses in biology, chemistry, physics, English, government, and history. In the fall of 1938, Sam Houston enrolled 1,112 students.

Enrollment took a hit in 1942, however, when World War II drew so many young men and women into the military and defense industries. In the fall semester of 1942, less than a year after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, total student enrollment at Sam Houston had plunged to 786 students. Following the war’s conclusion Congress passed the G.I. Bill in 1946, making it financially easier for veterans to enroll in college. As a result student numbers climbed and Sam Houston enrolled more than 1,100 students that year.

Worried about housing so many new students, Sam Houston acquired 837 acres of land formerly used as a prisoner-of-war camp for German POWs. “Country Campus,” as it became known, was located about ten miles north of Huntsville on Highway 19. Two years later, enrollment reached 2,410 students, of whom more than 1,000 were veterans. The faculty consisted of fifty men and women.

In 1950, Harmon Lowman, who had been Sam Houston’s president since 1946, negotiated a deal to acquire a used, 1,075-ton refrigeration system. Installation of the unit and construction of the duct work necessary to make it operational consumed several years, but the project’s completion rendered Sam Houston the first and only fully air-conditioned college in the United States. Summer school enrollment immediately increased, however, the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 slowed enrollment once again, and in 1952, Sam Houston began to sponsor a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) unit. Because ROTC was mandatory, more than half of all male students were active in the program, which helped set the tone for campus social life.

The broadening of Sam Houston’s mission also produced changes in the profile of college graduates. In 1960, more than one quarter of Sam Houston students majored in fields other than teacher education.

In 1964-1965, Sam Houston State Teacher’s College experienced three changes that would significantly reshape its future reputation. President Arleigh Templeton, who had succeeded Harmon Lowman in 1964, added research to faculty responsibilities; 259 people now had the charge to teaching and to produce new knowledge. Additionally, in response to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Sam Houston ended its eighty-three year-old policy of denying admission to African Americans. John Patrick, valedictorian of Huntsville’s Sam Houston High School, subsequently matriculated as Sam Houston’s first African-American student. Furthermore, the state legislature established on campus the Institute of Contemporary Corrections and Behavioral Sciences, whose criminal justice program was destined to generate national recognition. Enrollment in 1964 reached 5,738 students, and Sam Houston no longer served the monolithic mission of teacher education. Because the college offered nine degrees in twenty-seven subject areas, including four graduate degrees, the legislature designated it Sam Houston State College. In 1969, when enrollment reached 8,594, with 350 faculty members, the state legislature acted again, and Sam Houston State College became Sam Houston State University.

During the next four decades, under the leadership of Presidents Elliot T. Bowers, Martin J. Anisman, Bobby K. Marks, and James F. Gaertner, Sam Houston State University continued to grow — in size, mission, and reputation. By the fall of 2010, when Dr. Dana Gibson inherited the mantle of the president’s office, the university offered to its 17,200 plus students a total of seventy-nine undergraduate degree programs, fifty-four master’s degree programs, and doctoral programs in Criminal Justice, Educational Leadership, Counselor Education, Clinical Psychology, and Reading. The university had become, in the words of CBS News anchor Dan Rather, its most well-known alumnus, a gem in Texas higher education.

“For all the changes, for all the expansion of infrastructure, mission, and educational ambition,” Rather said, “people have been Sam Houston’s constant. The names and faces change, but the spirit they have brought to and taken away from Huntsville, Texas remains the same. People are Sam Houston’s strength, and so long as that is true, the college I knew and that today’s students know will be, in the ways that matter most, one and the same.”
COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, Dean

Congratulations. The faculty and staff of the College of Business Administration are proud of you and are pleased to welcome you to our family of Bearkat alumni. We are confident that the knowledge and skill sets you have acquired will serve you well in your future endeavors. Just as important, the personal traits that contributed to your success at Sam Houston State University will continue to play a prominent role in your life. Your ability to learn, your work ethic, your willingness to be a productive member of a team, your acceptance of constructive criticism, and your communication and interpersonal skills will serve as a solid foundation for a successful career.

Today’s commencement marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another. As you pursue your professional dreams, please remember to seek a balance in your life and pursue excellence. The pursuit of excellence will provide you with many opportunities to position yourself to help your family, friends, and society as well as gain financial independence.

Sam Houston is a great name in education and we are proud that you have joined the thousands of quality graduates who are now fulfilling their dreams. Please stay in contact with us and the many friends you have made during your time at SHSU. The faculty and staff of the College of Business Administration congratulate you on this significant milestone.

Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, Dean

Master Degree Candidates
Tara Michelle Armstrong, MBA
Katie Blackhurst, MBA
Patrick J. Bradley, MBA
Monica Nicole Brown, MBA
Matthew Paul Broyles, MS
Allison Carr Collins, MBA
Fernando E. Coye Jr., MBA
Jennifer Lynn Elmi, MBA
Kyle Christopher Epps, MBA
Crystal Faith Foody, MBA
Jorge Luis Gonzalez, MS
David Grant Heatley, MBA
Kenneth Nolian Hull, MBA
Opeyemi Ajisafe Ibijemi, MBA
Stephanie Ann Irish, MBA
Johanna Denice Johnson, MS
Rachael Maxey Knapp, MBA
William Hollis Lehrmann, MBA
Sallye Jayne Lucas, MBA
Karington D. Lyle, MBA

Jesse Lee Moon, MBA
Oghogho Roy Mukoro, MBA
Chad Foster Ottaberry, MBA
Asha Amritlal Patel, MBA
Joseph Frederick Peart, MBA
Amy Louise Petrivelli, MBA
Kristi Jo Purdy, MS
Cheryl Lynn Ricks, MBA
Lewis Edward Stephenson III, MBA
Gary William Sylvester, MBA
Celeste Joy Valle, MBA
A. Vance Whitmore, MBA

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James Ross Adams, BBA
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Julia Louise Adkins, BBA
Corey Stephen Alexander, BBA
Omari Damu Altheimer, BBA
Juan Alvarez Jr., BBA

Austin Bradley Anderson, BBA
David Jarred Angiel, BBA
Jeremy Andrew Anujula, BBA
Natali Arevalo, BBA
Jason Daniel Averitte, BBA
Kyle Alan Barnard, BBA
Brice Wayne Barnes, BBA
Tuesday Blaire Barnes, BBA
Oscar Miguel Barquet, BBA
Kyle Scott Bauer, BBA
David J. Bazan, BBA
Victoria Lynn Benavidez, BBA
Brittani Michele Bigbie, BBA
Kimberly Ann Black, BBA
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Austin Wade Blasingame, BBA
Colleen Marie Bobeck, BBA
Aaron Andrew Bohm, BBA
Cessley René Booth, BBA
Daniel McKenzie Breedlove, BBA
Brandcon Britt, BBA
First Sam Houston football team is formed.

The Houstonian school newspaper is first published on campus.
1918
First Student Army Training Corporation formed.

1919
SHSU begins awarding bachelor's degrees.

Lizzette Mena, BBA
Elky Ashley Mendoza, BBA
Grayson Garrett Meyer, BBA
Hunter W. Miller, BBA
Larry Timothy Milligan, BBA
Ashley Shauntel Mitchell, BBA
Shawna Marie Moak, BBA
Danielle A. Montross, BBA
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Berta Edith Mortero, BBA
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Megan Renee Mundy, BBA
Meghan Nannya, BBA
Meghan Marie Napoli, BBA
Christian Jannett Negrete, BBA
Michael Brandon Nelson, BBA
Binh Thanh Nguyen, BBA
Gelasio Olvera Jr., BBA
Cory Joseph Pechacek, BBA
Melanie Ann Pena, BBA
Stephanie Felyse Pena, BBA
Jeffrey Clark Perrin, BBA
Crystal Desha Pickens, BBA
Marlen Keith Pickney, BBA
Dana Ashley Planas, BBA
Sergio Polanco, BBA
Dylan Mack Powell, BBA
Kimberly Kay Powell, BBA
Marshall Gideon Powledge, BBA
Parteek Puri, BBA
Anthony Thompson Randall, BBA
Latitus Reason, BBA
Maya Alexandra Recinos, BBA
Jacey Rhea-Anne Reidel, BBA
Kimberly Reyes, BBA
Zachary David Rice, BBA
Kelsey Grace Rich, BBA
Andrew Scott Ricker, BBA
Jonathan Andrew Riley, BBA
John Michael Rochetti, BBA
Aimée L. Rodgers, BBA
Alicia Marcella Rodriguez Castillo, BBA
Zachary Quinn Roeber, BBA
Matthew Lee Rogers, BBA
Joshua David Rohacs, BBA
Jana Lynn Russell, BBA
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Jennifer Christine Schimpf, BBA
Joshua Michael Schwagr, BBA
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Kevin Dale Shaver, BBA
Tayler Annelle Shepherd, BBA
Brett Alan Shuman, BBA
Hunter Homero Silva, BBA
Robert William Simpson, BBA
Ramy N. Sindi, BBA
Sarah Catherine Slate, BBA
Corbin V. Smith, BBA
Joyellen Elisabeth Smith, BBA
Katelyn Elizabeth Smith, BBA
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Daniela Sosa, BBA
Amanda Lyniece Spivey, BBA
Jared Cody Springer, BBA
Jeremy Ryan Stessel, BBA
Samantha Paulette Stuppy, BBA
John Robert Sydow, BBA
Amy Lynn Szilagy, BBA
Travis Nathan Talley, BBA
Istvan Tamas, BBA
Katie Anne Theis, BBA
Janet Thomas, BBA

The Peabody Memorial Library (current day) was the first library built at a Texas higher education institution.
COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Dr. Vincent J. Webb, Dean

Congratulations. Today is a day you will always remember. I salute you and recognize you for your efforts that led to achieving this important milestone.

You have been born into an age of extraordinary possibilities, and you hold the key to a bright future with the use of your many talents and capabilities. This is not to say that your lives will always be easy — even the most successful people struggle at times. Please take comfort in the fact that professionally there is no single path to success, but there are many paths and I am confident that you will find the one that serves you best.

Whatever career path you choose or wherever your career leads you I hope you will always seek to gain knowledge, for as the “old adage” says — knowledge is power. And, to quote Benjamin Franklin, “An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.”

I also want to thank your parents, friends, relatives, and loved ones who have been there for you as you have worked toward this achievement.

As you transition into the next phase of your life, I wish you happiness and success in all your future endeavors. I hope the College of Criminal Justice remains an important part of your lives.

Dr. Vincent J. Webb, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Chi-Fang Lily Tsai
Dissertation Title: Civil Liability for Inefficacious Correctional Medical Care
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Michael S. Vaughn

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Susan Cotter, MS
Christopher James Crowley, MS
Michael Ray Davis, MS
Aaron D. Dobbins, MA
James Morgan Dorchak, MS
Craig Macdonald Furrow, MS
Charles Jeffrey Handy, MS
Stephen Ragan Ingram, MS
David W. Kimberly, MS
Eric Mendez, MS
Robert Lee Minchew, MS
LaSheria LaShondria Nance, MS
Christopher Michael Scheets, MS
Rick E. Scott, MS
Christopher Ryan Stelle, MS
Jerry David Stovall Jr., MS
Cory John Tchida, MS
Jeffery Glenn Vannett, MS
Nikki D. Whitlow, MS
Greysen Gregg Wilson, MS
Jacob Richard Younkin, MS

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Joe Jesse Aleman, BA
Gaylord William Anguish, BS
Susana Arredondo, BS
Chelsea Ashley, BS
Margaret Fulton Autrey, BS
Minna Christina Ayala, BS
Angelia Patrice Bacon, BS
Ryan Paul Baker, BS
Carlos Jesus Barba, BA
John Britton Barron, BS
Ruth Becerra, BA
Tracy C. Blakely, BS

Many SHSU graduates decorate their caps with messages to family and friends.
Construction of the Estill Library is completed.
1936
Graduate programs are offered for the first time.

1937
First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt speaks on campus.

In 1937, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt addressed the student body.
The administration, faculty, and staff of the College of Education share in your joy and pride at the completion of your bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree. We recognize that the accomplishment of this milestone required commitment and discipline and that, in most cases, not only you, but also your family, have made great sacrifices along the way. Congratulations on a job well done, and thank you for allowing us to be a part of your success.

We commend you on choosing a helping profession. “Responding to the needs of others” is a core value of the College of Education and one that is representative of the career you have chosen. The countless hours you spent in volunteer community outreach efforts and service during your time at SHSU are a testament to your commitment to that core value. We sincerely hope this commitment continues to characterize your life, as well as your profession.

John Adams, the second president of the United States, pointed out that “There are two types of education. One should teach us how to make a living. The other should teach us how to live.” We in the College of Education have endeavored to ensure that you have not only the skills necessary for success in making a living, but also that you are prepared to live well and to have a positive impact on those around you as well as on your community. Your integrity, compassion, and willingness to serve others are certain to enhance your career and your life. Again, congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors.

U.S. News & World Report says Sam is: “Growing Fast, Staying Friendly”
Kendall E. Lawrence
Dissertation Title: Working for Life: An Analysis of Life Satisfaction and Delayed Retirement among Older College Faculty
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Timothy B. Jones

Dusadee Rangseechatchawan
Dissertation Title: Investigating Preservice Teachers’ Beliefs Toward Cultural Diversity Employing an Inquiry Through Literature Approach
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Debra P. Price

Janet Lynn Ray
Dissertation Title: A Multiple Case Study of a Baldrige-Based Peer Review Process in an Urban School District
Dissertation Committee Co-Chairs: Drs. Beverly J. Irby and Genevieve H. Brown

Robert Ray
Dissertation Title: The Impact of E-Readers on Adolescent Students’ Reading Motivation: A Case Study
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Mary E. Robbins

J. Mark Spangler
Dissertation Title: Closing the Gaps by 2015: College Readiness Initiative and Student Ethnicity in Texas Community Colleges
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. John R. Slate

Deana K. Sheppard
Dissertation Title: Perceptions of First-Time in College Community College Students Regarding Factors and Barriers for Success
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Stacey L. Edmonson

Charlotte Kellam Twardowski
Dissertation Title: Early College Students’ Perceptions Regarding Factors and Obstacles for Success
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Stacey L. Edmonson

Pascual Yacovodanato
Dissertation Title: Perceptions of Academically Successful Hispanic Middle School Students Who Participated in Transitional Bilingual Programs
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Rebecca M. Bustamante

Glenda S. Johnson
Dissertation Title: Mentoring Experiences and Needs of Novice Professional School Counselors: A Qualitative Study
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Jennifer M. Tracy
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Rebecca Robles-Piña

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Eric Nathan Book, MA
Ashley D. Bowden, MA
Khaliq Keen Bryant, MA

Jacqueline Violet Cao, MA
Randi Lynn Carter, MED
John Thomas Cimics, MLS
Karen Sue Clarkson, MED
Jerica Jahon Coleman, MED
Jaime Adan Cortez, MED
Terri McBride Crow, MED
Jason M. Curnalia, MA
Shanda Lethermon Davis, MED
Laquitha Plashette Dean, MED
Mary Kristina Dietrich, MED
Christina LeBouef Doiron, MED
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Franshell Lanette Eckford, MED
Erica Natissia Evans, MA
Sara Walker Fishburn, MED
Ann Lorraine Fisher, MA
Jacqueline L. Floyd, MED
Dana Tillman Futrell, MA
Faye Lewis Gadberry, MED
Mary Denise Bianco Gary, MLS
Jennifer Marie Garza, MLS
Maelinda R. Golson, MLS
Havard Gorden, MED
Kathryn Dickinson Gray, MA
Maryln Yvonne Grissom, MED
Eyleen Gutierrez, MLS
Michele Hagoord, MLS
Jared Allen Hall, MA
Candice Rae Hardin, MED
Christine Marie Hards, MED
Stephanie Matchett Hardwick, MED
Amanda Michelle Hensh, MA
Deirdre Eileen Hinkle Reyna, MA
Debra Sue Holmes, MED
Hannah Schacht Houghton, MA
Angela Lauren Howell, MED
Carmen C. Janecek, MLS
Lauree Buxton Johnson, MED
Courtney Kaler, MLS
Kelsi L. Keepers, MA
Maria S. Khaleghii, MLS
April Michelle Kleiber, MED
Vanessa Roessler Kyle, MA
Tenesha Michelle Lay, MED
Rhonda Sue Lowry, MLS
Alejandra Luna, MED
Gloria M. Maristany, MED
Lisa Burge Martin, MLS
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Wilfredo Montanez, MED
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Heather Denise Bell, BS
Catheryn K. Bennett, BS
Sarah J. Bergin, BS
Lila Katherine Blair, BS
Danielle Shontae Booker, BS
Pandora Rene Bradford, BS
Emily Lauren Bradley, BS
Emily Gale Branch, BS
Jennifer Brooke Breeden, BS
Kayte Michele Easterly, BS
Jordan Lea Eastwood, BS
Amy Jo Edwards, BS
Scott Bradley Emanis, BS
Christopher Travis Erwin, BS
Sandy Lynn Farley, BS
Meagan Faith Faterkowski, BS
Geremy Benjamin Flourney, BS
Heather Fontana, BS
Elizabeth Ashley Franklin, BS
Ashton Christine Friede, BS
Stormy Jo Fuchs, BS
Meagan Dianne Gaines, BS
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Megan Lynn Girton, BS
Darren John Goldberg, BS
Juan Jose Gomez Jr., BS
Xochil Leila Gonzalez, BS
Abigail Marie Graham, BS
Meredith Marie Granda, BS
Chase Michael Carrier, BS
Brandy Irene Carroll, BS
Matthew Robert Cash, BS
Jeffrey Pearce Copeland, BS
Courtnee Lace Crenshaw, BS
Julia Roxanne Croes, BS
Laura Michelle Dalton, BS
Courtney Erin Blake Damron, BS
Matthew Christopher Davis, BS
Sally Jeanette Delgado, BS
Lindsay Margaret Demuth, BS
Lyndsey Kristine Dockery, BS
Vincent Desmond Dotson, BS
Stephanie Leigh Bryan, BS
Brittany Jo Gutierrez, BS
Rob T. Gutierrez, BS
Misty Ann Hales, BS
Claire Marie Hall, BS
Kimberly Ann Hall, BS
Cora Marie Handwerk, BS
Blair Elizabeth Hanner, BS
Perishia T. Harris, BS
Brina Charelle Hart, BS
Lauren Reneé Hartz, BS
Brian Alexander Hawkins, BS
Zella Marie Henning, BS
Crystal Y. Henry, BS
Allisa Marie Zamarrripa-Garza, MLS
Ursula Gertrud Zapalac, MED

1956
Rodeo team wins Sam’s first sports national championship.

The Lowman Student Center in 1964.
Chelsea Elizabeth Holman, BS  
Chris Robert Holt Jr., BS  
Genavi Clare Huerta, BS  
Loren Anne Huffman, BS  
Jillian Leigh Hull, BS  
Jessica Anne Hunter, BS  
Ashley Ruth Isbell, BS  
Justin Landon Jackson, BS  
Aleasha Laurin Jacob, BS  
Kimberly O’Brien James, BS  
Marcus Alexis James, BS  
Shelbi Nicole Jansky, BS  
Cara Jean Jeffcoat, BS  
Shane Cole Jenke, BS  
Karlton Joseph Johnson, BS  
Lindsey Nichole Johnson, BS  
Lori Kathleen Johnson, BS  
Reginald Jecarlton Johnson, BS  
Tyler Hayes Jones, BS  
Nicole Jeannine Joyce, BS  
Kevin Kyle Kacir, BS  
Caroline Kamburis, BS  
Jessica Nicole Kessler, BS  
Matthew Scott Kohn, BS  
Carli Jean Kolbe, BS  
Justin Michael Korenek, BS  
Francesca Marie Kozar, BS  
Stephen Knox Krahl, BS  
Elizabeth Nicole Krenek, BS  
Emily Lauren Lamont, BS  
Caitlyn Marie Lamotta, BS  
Edwin Richard Lampe, BS  
Samantha Joann Lange, BS  
Cassandra Clarice Leach, BS  
Meagan Nicole Lenard, BS  
Shekinah Janiece Lincoln, BS  
Lesley Kristina Ling, BS  
Elizabeth Ann Little, BS  
Olivia Grace Lopez, BS  
Lance Austin Low, BS  
Mary Elizabeth Malnati, BS  
Courtney Rhiannon Martin, BS  
Eric Wade Martinez, BS  
Michael James Mattson, BS  
Desmond Ne-Shon Mays, BS  
Jennie Cecelia McBunch, BS  
Justin K. McCabe, BS  
Sarah Beth McCurdy, BS  
Ryan M. McLaughlin, BS  
Krystal Beth Medders, BS  
Stefanie Michelle Mellado, BS  
Chelsie Rene Mikulencak, BS  
Chad Elbert Miller, BS  
Samantha Jo Miller, BS  
Brandon Lee Moore, BS  
Mellody Ellisha Moore, BS  
Joyce Rose Marie Moory, BS  
Kelly Robyn Moyer, BS  
Chelsea Paige Munson, BS  
Reshunda Janâe Murray, BS  
Courtney Rae Myers, BS  
Nicholas Duane Myers, BS  
Briana S. Myrick Nagy, BS  
Amber Nicole Nations, BS  
Sonya Renee Neel, BS  
Jessica Marie Niño, BS  
Joseph McLyn Nutt, BS  
Lane Austin O’Connor, BS  
Victoria Britni Ortegon, BS  
Alesia Jane Overbey, BS  
Christi Ann Park, BS  
Holly M. Pate, BS  
Katherine Cassandra Pattillo, BS  
Jalisa Leshay Paul, BS  
Megan Nicole Perry, BS  
Amber Nichole Peterson, BS  
Mark Brian Piatkowski, BS  
Hannah Elliot Piper, BS  
Sara Elizabeth Powell, BS  
Allison Ross Powers, BS  
Jade Edward Price, BS  
Lindsey Renee Price, BS  
Jeff Duane Pruett Jr., BS  
Caitlin Anne Purser, BS  
Deluis Argenis Ramirez, BS  
Sara Lynn Ratliff, BS  
Kelli Celeste Recchilongo, BS  
Amy Michelle Revia, BS  
Kristen Marie Reynolds, BS  
Jessica Jane Richie, BS  
Nathan Kendale Riddick, BS  
Jennifer Rivas, BA  
Angela Caprice Robinson, BS  
Jennifer Faith Ross, BS  
Bay Loftin Ruffin, BS  
Leah C. Saintes-Martinez, BS  
Suzanna M. Salazar, BS  
Alex Christopher Salcido, BS  
Christie Alejandra Samayoa, BS  
Elyse Marie Sandberg, BS  
Stephanie Nicole Sanders, BS  
Jessica Marie Saucier, BS  
Rebecca Layne Schull, BS  
Karley Jo Seagraves, BS  
Janelle Seibert, BS  
Laura Anne Self, BS  
Marcus Drew Sellers, BS  
Rebecca Danielle Selmser, BS  
Cherella Shaunte Shelby, BS  
Ashley Gayle Shelton, BS  
Christopher Giles Siemsglusz, BS  
Shantel Alise Simmonds, BS  
Laura Diane Simon, BS  
Jasmine Janee Sims, BS  
Heather Leanna Skelton, BS  
Mary Elizabeth Sledge, BS  
Brittney Tiara Smith, BS  
Christie Joan Smith, BS  
Laura Kaye Smith, BS  
Cassidy Nicole Snider, BS  
Aaron Robert Snow, BS  
Tricia Ann Speich, BS  
Ashley Gail Stalbird, BS  
Judson Paul Stephens, BS  
Caroline Elizabeth Sweeney, BS  
Candys Alissa Sylvester, BS  
Brooke Lynne Teague, BS  
Lauren Taylor Thomas, BS  
Krista L. Tierce, BS  
Judith Ashley Tincher, BS  
Karli Rashelle Tippss, BS  
Flora E. Torres Vaquedano, BS  
Ashley Renee Tucker, BS  
Shelbi Elaine Tucker, BS  
Fredy Uriegas, BS  
Anita Marie Vaca-Pittman, BS  
Angela Renee Veals, BS  
Roland Anthony Villarreal, BS  
Caryn Warren, BS  
Victoria Colette Warren, BS  
Heather Kay Wàrsitz, BS  
Christina Rochelle Webb, BS  
Meagan Leigh Weidenbenner, BS  
Brandi Michelle Welsh, BS  
Lauren Ashleigh Wigington, BS  
James Carlton Wilcox, BS  
Diedra Lajean Williams, BS  
Shartrecce Lauren Williams, BS  
Gloria Renee Willis, BS  
Ashley L. Winchester, BS  
Katharine Morgan Wright, BS  
Hunter Scott Wynn, BS  
Edra Yskollari, BS  
Kristi Michelle Zadik, BS  

A member of the 1959 Rodeo Team.
On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, the newest college at Sam Houston State University, we offer our hearty congratulations on your accomplishment. We are immensely proud of your success.

For you, our graduates, this ceremony marks the end of four years of effort, of learning, of growing and of becoming. It marks a transition from living life as a formative artist to growing into a professional life of what Leland Ryken calls the liberated imagination. As graduates you have been trained and guided to possess what can be thought of as the poetic imagination. You possess the ability to bring into being the “as if” world created by musicians, painters, sculptors, filmmakers, choreographers, and composers, and to be in some manner a participant in the artists’ world reaching as far back as the cave and ahead to the stars.

Yet with every end comes a beginning. Today you stand at the cross point of many social and cultural forces as you enter your professional lives. Without any claim to the heroism of a Resistance fighter in the Second World War, I nevertheless quote the French poet Rene Char’s view that Resistance fighters like himself “lost their treasure” when they returned to the “sad opaqueness of a private life centered about nothing but itself.” Char did not feel loss because he yearned for war or violence but because he recalled a time when people took initiatives, became challengers, and embarked on new beginnings. This, graduates, is our charge to you.

No less a philosopher than Sandra Bullock reminds us that “beginnings are usually scary and endings are usually sad, but it’s the middle that counts. You have to remember this when you find yourself at the beginning.” We wish you all the best as you find yourself at this scary beginning. Remember that you always have a home at Sam Houston State University and the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication.

Dr. Mary E. Robbins. Acting Dean

TV news celebrity Dan Rather graduated from Sam in 1953.
In 1963, SHSU’s men’s baseball team won the NAIA World Series Championship.

**Master Degree Candidates**

Charles Graham Seaman, MM

**Bachelor Degree Candidates**

Mark Thomas Acosta, BFA
Noelani-Mei Pacleb Ascio, BM
Melissa Maria Avendano, BA
Lauren Elizabeth Barmore, BM
Sarah Elizabeth Beal, BFA
Aaron William Beale, BA
Devon Elizabeth Beatty, BA
Eboni D. Bell, BFA
Jeremy Scott Benson, BA
Daniel Elliot Bertalot, BFA
Madison Victoria Biehl, BA
Ziad Issam Bitar, BFA
Ross Allen Bradfield, BFA
Allyson Justine Brown, BFA
Carol Antoinette Brown, BFA
Leland Matthie Bruce, BA
Lindsey Moser Burks, BA
Danielle Christine Campbell, BA
Margery Anne Carrasco, BA
Leroy James Cavazos, BM
Christopher John Chamberlain, BA
Raquel E. Contreras-Vides, BA
Mia Deone Creswell, BA
Laura Marie Davis, BA
Lindsey Kate Day, BM
Erica Arey De Leon, BFA
Allison Michelle Devall, BA
Austin Dwayne Eastridge, BA
Kristen E. Edwards, BFA
Derek Ryan Ely, BFA
Charles James Ford, BA
Allison Luisa Forsyth, BFA
DaLissa Danielle Gaines, BA
Dayna Marie Galganski, BA
Kristin Nicole Gallow, BFA
Inocencio M. Garcia, BM
Deja Gardiner, BA
Chase Rynal Giddings, BM
Jillian Morgan Ginn, BA
Jessica Dawn Gogan, BA
Edith Gomez, BA
John Marcus Greer Ill, BA
Sarah Alyse Helton, BA
David Paul Hernandez, BM
Kelli Marie Herrod, BA
Melissa Hopkins, BA
Krystal Michiko Jackson, BA
Jasmine Nicole Johnson, BFA
Brilliance Veronique Jones, BA
Justin Daniel Jones, BM
Lise Ann Jorgensen, BM
Jamie Karin Kinosian, BFA
Laura Elisabeth Klein, BM
Catherine Diane Kubczka, BA
Megan Kathleen Laurie, BFA
Marissa Levario, BA
Melissa Noelle Logan, BFA
Jessica Christine Lundstrom, BA
Derek Martin, BA
Wendy Elizabeth Martinez, BA
Jeffrey Thomas Lee McCorkle, BA
Dustin William McCracken, BFA
Delia McDonald, BFA
Allison Brooke McMath, BA
Christopher Charles Millar, BA
Amanda Michele Mary Elizabeth Morgan, BA
Alvin Gerald Morris Jr., BA
Kevin Patrick Mulcahy, BFA
Naythan R. Murrell, BA
Michael Francis Mulcair, BA
Allison Kerr Naylor, BM
Alex Oskar Ortiz-Andrade, BA
Robert Andrew Palisin, BFA
Tempeste Camille Perrin, BA
Julio Cesar Poletti, BA
Lauren Janet Preston, BA
Allison Rose Rainwater, BA
Diana Ghislaine Ramos, BA
Asacia L. Roberts, BA
Jessica Nicole Rodrigo, BFA
LeAnn Rene Roth, BM
Courtney Lynn Rothe, BA

Sam Houston takes pride in welcoming all non-traditional students.
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Sam Houston Literary Review is launched.

College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication

Members of Sam’s 1964 NAIA Championship football team in action.

Rachelle Michelle Sadler, BA
Samuel Sanchez Jr., BFA
Yazan Sayed Sayyed, BA
Christopher Matthew Schultz, BFA
Chase Anthony Scott, BM
Cory Thomas Sessions, BA
Leslie Michelle Shaw, BM
Christian Nicole Simmons, BA
Taylor Wayne Simmons, BA
Benjamin Andrew Smith, BA
Jacob Daniel Smith, BA
Taylor DeLayn Smith, BFA
Jillian Mary Stanley, BA
Marianna Rebekah Stokes, BM
Sarah Marie Stone, BA
Kyle Christopher Thomas, BA
Cody Allen Thornton-Miles, BA
Daniel Dewey Toole, BFA
Jeran I. Ugokwe, BFA
Manuel Alexander Villarreal, BM
Ronnell Le’charles Walker, BA
Patricia Anne Wallace, BM
Kimberly Michelle Welch, BFA
Rachel Ann Wilganowski, BA
Megan Priscilla Wilkinson, BA
Audrey Kathryn Williams, BA
Taryn Lorraine Ruth Wilson, BFA
Blake Adam Woolums, BM

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson (right) addressed the student body in 1953.
On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, I congratulate you on your achievement.

This is a day that we know you’ve worked hard for and at times thought would never come. But, you’ve persevered. Success in life is to some extent determined by inborn ability. Yet, even more important for success is the ability to set goals and not let momentary setbacks or bumps in the road deter you from achieving your goal. Resilience to withstand the frustrations produced by human imperfections, not letting the outside difficulties derail your march toward success, and shaking off setbacks are the cornerstones of a successful life.

Another key to a happy and successful life is to rigorously maintain your personal integrity. Being a consistently honest, moral, and principled person leads to success in every aspect of life. When your word is your bond and what you say is the same as what you believe and what you do, others know that they can trust you. Trust is the foundation of success in all interactions with others, in business, friendship, and relationships. Integrity leads not only to external success but also, and more importantly to inner happiness and pride. Remember the word inside your class ring that inspired Sam Houston himself, “honor.”

We know that your families and friends are very proud of you and likely have played a significant role in supporting you in concrete or emotional ways. Because we understand that nothing is ever achieved alone, we congratulate your family and friends as they share in your success. We also want you to know how proud and happy the faculty, staff, and administration of CHSS are in being part of your success. Educating students for success in their careers as well as their intellectual and personal lives is our mission and the source of tremendous satisfaction for all of us.

It has been said that the mission of a university is the creation of the future. You are the instruments through which we fulfill that promise. By being successful you make us successful. It’s difficult to predict your exact future accomplishments. Your careers will take many surprising and unpredictable twists and turns and your actual accomplishments will likely be very different from those that we currently envision. But, I guarantee that this class of 2012 will accomplish great things, that you will become the leaders of the future, and that you will inspire and support the next generation to create their future.

Dr. John M. de Castro, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Amanda Amacker
Dissertation Title: A Temporal Examination of Perceived Similarity and Sexual Assault Victim Blame
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Audrey K. Miller

Corey M. Bayliss
Dissertation Title: The Detection of Malingered Intellectual Developmental Disorder
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Mary Alice Conroy

Samuel W. Hawes
Dissertation Title: Can the Predictive Accuracy of the Static-99R and MnSOST-R be Improved through the Use of Classification and Regression Tree Analysis
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Marcus T. Boccaccini
Jeremy T. Johnson  
Dissertation Title: *The Relationship Between Character Strengths, Stress, and Flow State Among Students Training in Professional Psychology*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Craig E. Henderson

Mark Stronger  
Dissertation Title: *Examining Defense Attorney Attitudes Regarding the Insanity Defense in the State of Texas*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Mary Alice Conroy

Holly Elizabeth Tabernik  
Dissertation Title: *Childhood Maltreatment & Adulthood Casual Sex: Investigating Personality as a Mediator*  
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Rowland S. Miller

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- Melissa Maria Avendano, BA
- Kristyn Leanne Baer, BA
- Vanessa Bahena, BA
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1982

Old Main Building is destroyed by fire.

1986

Bowers Football Stadium is completed.
**College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

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Dr. John B. Pascarella, Dean

On behalf of the College of Sciences, I extend congratulations to you on your significant accomplishment of completing the requirements for graduation. This is a milestone in your life and an achievement in which you can always take pride. The College of Sciences incorporates the philosophy of a liberal arts education with the training for a position in the scientific community. Thus, your education provides you with the skills of critical thinking and the understanding of diverse cultures along with the knowledge of your scientific field. You are well equipped to leave Sam Houston State University and become a valuable professional in our society. As you further your career as a scientist, mathematician, or teacher, you will take with you the knowledge, experience and history of this University. I am sure that you will use this association well and continue to enhance the reputation of our institution.

It is with great pride that the College of Sciences and Sam Houston State University confer upon you a degree. You have earned this recognition because of your hard work during your academic program. With this degree you can now enter the next stage of your life. In this endeavor I wish you success and happiness. You are now a professional representative of the College of Sciences and I am sure that our reputation is in good hands.

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Governor Rick Perry signing the proclamation for the 125th anniversary of SHSU.
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2005
Raven's Nest Golf Course is purchased.

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Your ability to connect with your alumni network is your most valuable SHSU asset — right up there with your SHSU degree. Ultimately, a strong alumni network enhances the value of a SHSU degree. More than 8,000 alumni have already discovered that the best way to stay connected and show their Bearkat pride is to join the alumni association.

In addition to such tangible benefits as the Kat Konnection Newsletter, lapel pin and the automobile decal, one of the primary benefits of membership is knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of students, faculty and staff here at Sam Houston State University. Each year the association provides financial support for student scholarships.

Advantages of Alumni Association membership:

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The Official Sam Houston State University Ring has been created as an everlasting symbol of our esteem for the university and our bond with each other. A committee that included students, alumni, faculty and university administration chose the design of the Official Ring in 2003. The committee's goal was to develop a distinctive design that would reflect pride in Sam Houston State University, be easily identifiable, and stand the test of time.

Cast into the inside of the ring is the word "Honor." When Sam Houston joined the U.S. Army in 1813, Elizabeth Houston (Sam Houston’s mother) understood her son’s decision. She called Sam to her side and handed him a musket saying "never disgrace it: for remember I had rather all my sons should fill one honorable grave, than one of them should turn his back to save his life." She told him to always remember, "while the door to my cottage is open to brave men, it is eternally shut against cowards." Elizabeth Houston placed a small gold band on his finger with a one-word inscription — HONOR.

The Official Ring Ceremony is held each spring. Please visit us online at alumni.shsu.edu for additional details. Participants are required to RSVP with the Office of Alumni Relations to reserve their space at least one week prior to the ceremony.