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**COMMENCEMENT**  
**Spring 2014**  
Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum

#### Friday, May 9, 2014
- Afternoon Ceremony  
  2:00 p.m.  
  College of Criminal Justice

#### Saturday, May 10, 2014
- Morning Ceremony  
  9:30 a.m.  
  College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
  College of Sciences

**Presiding**  
Jaimie Hebert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

#### PROCESSIONAL

**Pomp & Circumstance**  
SHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble  
Edward Elgar  
*The audience will stand for Posting of the Colors and remain standing respectfully until the ROTC Color Guard has exited the coliseum.*

**Posting of the Colors**  
SHSU ROTC Color Guard

**The Star-Spangled Banner**  
Nicole Franklin, Song Leader  
Text: Francis Scott Key; Music: John Stafford Smith

**Introduction of the Speaker**  
Dana L. Gibson  
President, Sam Houston State University

**Commencement Address**

- 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2014  
  Joe Straus III  
  Speaker of the House

- 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2014  
  Charles Schwertner  
  Texas Senator

- Saturday, May 10, 2014  
  Jaime R. Garza  
  Texas State University System Regent

**Alma Mater**  
Nicole Franklin, Song Leader  
Anonymous/Allen R. Hightower

**Conferring of Degrees**  
Dana L. Gibson

**Remarks to the Graduates**  
Terry Williams  
President, Alumni Board of Directors

**Auld Lang Syne**  
Nicole Franklin, Song Leader  
Robert Burns

#### Conferring of Degrees
- Dana L. Gibson  
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- Terry Williams  
  President, Alumni Board of Directors
- Ms. Penny Hasekoester  
  Introduction of the Speaker

**RECESSIONAL**

**Rondeau**  
Brian Gibbs, Conductor  
Nicole Franklin, Song Leader

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*As a courtesy, please refrain from using noise makers during the graduation ceremony.*
JAIME R. GARZA
Professionally speaking, there isn’t much Dr. Jaime R. Garza, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S. hasn’t done. He is a physician, professor, administrator, and regent of the Texas State University System. Born in San Antonio, Dr. Garza attended Tulane University, where he was an acclaimed college football receiver, breaking almost all of Tulane’s receiving records, serving as team captain, and being named one of the “Best College Football Players in America.” During this time, he also attended NFL training camps with the Atlanta Falcons and the New Orleans Saints. Later, Dr. Garza was inducted into the Tulane Athletic Hall of Fame and the National Hispanic Sports Hall of Fame. In 1976, Dr. Garza earned his B.A. in Political Science from his alma mater. In 1983, Dr. Garza earned his D.D.S. in Dentistry from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, where he remained for the next four years, ultimately obtaining his M.D. in Medicine with honors. From 1993-1994, Dr. Garza served as Chief Resident of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Maxillofacial Surgery in the Plastic Surgery Residency Program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

For nearly a decade, Dr. Garza has been a pioneer in the south Texas medical community. He is dual board-certified in two surgical specialties and skilled in the art and science of plastic surgery. Currently, Dr. Garza is Professor of Surgery (Clinical) and Professor of Otolaryngology (Clinical) and Assistant Dean for South Texas Affairs at The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. He also served as full Professor of Surgery at UTHSC, where Dr. Garza was Founder and Chief of their Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He served with

Dr. Francisco Cigarroa on the university’s Executive Committee as Associate Vice President for The University of Texas Health Science Center’s South Texas Health Affairs. Moreover, Dr. Garza is President and CEO of the Texas Plastic Surgery and Renew Center at Stadia and is immediate past president of the Texas Society of Plastic Surgeons. In 2011, Governor Rick Perry appointed Dr. Garza to his current position as a Regent of the Texas State University System, where he serves as Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee and a member of the Governmental Relations Committee.

In terms of research, Dr. Garza has written 10 book chapters and dozens of medical journal articles and abstracts. In addition, he was one of the first clinician/scientists to receive an IRB approval for a clinical study involving the use of human regenerative cells for the treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee joint. As an internationally recognized expert in the field of sports-related facial injuries, he holds a U.S. patent on a protective face mask used by NBA and college players.

Perhaps in deference to his time on the field, Dr. Garza lends his medical expertise to many sports teams. He is a consultant to the NFL New Orleans Saints and NBA San Antonio Spurs, team physician for The University of Texas at San Antonio, and served as tournament physician for several NCAA Final Four basketball tournaments and U.S. Olympic Trials. It should also be noted that Dr. Garza took time away from his busy practice in the wake of Hurricane Katrina to establish a pro bono health clinic in New Orleans, a testament to his deep commitment to the communities in which he has lived and worked.

Renowned for his work in the health care field, Dr. Garza has garnered high honors with AMAs “Emerging Leaders” award in 2000 and San Antonio Business Journal’s “Outstanding Physician” award. From 2006-2010, Texas Monthly listed him among “Texas’ Super Doctors” in Cosmetic Surgery. In 2011, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce presented Dr. Garza with “Businessman of the Year” for his business acumen. Moreover, he was elected by his peers President of the statewide Texas Society of Plastic Surgeons and was one of only three Texans invited by the Forbes group to participate in the invitation-only Forbes Healthcare Summit in 2012.

Dr. Garza and his wife, Lisa, an architect, have four children.

CHARLES SCHWERTNER
Whether he is in the operating room or the Texas Senate, Charles Schwertner approaches the tasks before him with integrity and a firm set of conservative values. A sixth-generation Texan whose family has deep roots in the farming and ranching industry, Schwertner attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he obtained a B.S. in Pharmacy in 1992. For the next five years, he worked his way through medical school as a pharmacist, eventually earning his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1997. Aside from his responsibilities as senator, Schwertner continues his work as a managing partner of Georgetown Orthopedics and a practicing orthopedic surgeon, treating over 20,000 patients in Williamson and Milam counties each year.

In 2010, Schwertner branched out into politics when he was first elected to serve the people of House District 20 in the Texas House of Representatives. Here, he brought his extensive knowledge of the health care system to the House Committee on Public Health, in addition to serving on the powerful House Committee on Appropriations. After winning almost 75% of the vote in the 2012 Republican Primary, Schwertner was elected to serve District 5, a ten-county region of Central and East Texas, encompassing the counties of Brazos, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Walker, and Williamson.

In the Texas Senate, Schwertner serves as a member of the Senate Committees on Health and Human Services; Government Organization (Vice Chair); Criminal Justice; and Agriculture, Rural Affairs, and Homeland Security.
Schwertner was named to the Sunset Advisory Committee in September 2013, a 12-member legislative body charged with providing a comprehensive periodic review of the operation of more than 150 state agencies.

Over the years, Schwertner has received multiple awards. For his efforts during the 83rd Legislative Session, Schwertner was named a “Courageous Conservative” by the Texas Conservative Coalition, a “Lone Star Conservative Leader” by the Texas Conservative Roundtable, and “Senate Freshman of the Year” by Texas Monthly magazine. He is also the former president of the Williamson County Medical Society and a member of the Williamson County Republican Party, the National Rifle Association, the Texas State Rifle Association, the Texas Right to Life organization, and Saint Helen’s Catholic Church.

Schwertner and his wife, Belinda, an obstetrician/gynecologist, reside in Georgetown, Texas, where they are raising their three sons: Carson, Zachary, and Matthew.

graduating from Vanderbilt University with a B.A. in Political Science, Straus spent the early part of his career working in public service in the administrations of President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush. Under President Bush, Straus served as Deputy Director of Business Liaison at the U.S. Department of Commerce from 1989-1991.

Straus was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in February 2005, honorably serving the people of District 121, which includes the Bexar County communities of Alamo Heights, Olmos Park, Terrell Hills, and northeast San Antonio. In January 2009, Straus was elected Speaker of the Texas House, a position he has held for three legislative sessions, thanks in part to his calm and discerning leadership. Named one of Texas Monthly’s “Ten Best Legislators” of 2013, he was described as “one of the more genteel and thoughtful Speakers in recent memory. Straus’s greatest assets are his intelligence and his temperament. Time after time, when a crisis arose, he remained unflappable.”

Straus earned the respect of his constituents by encouraging his colleagues to work across party lines to confront the most serious challenges facing Texans. Together, Straus and his colleagues have fortified the private sector, building one of the strongest economies in the country amid national financial turbulence. Moreover, Straus led the push to reduce excessive testing in Texas classrooms, to make the state budget more transparent and effective, and to address the state’s increasingly severe water crisis. In fact, last November Straus campaigned in favor of a constitutional amendment to secure a long-term water supply, an amendment that Texas voters approved by a 3-to-1 margin.

Straus has been the recipient of numerous awards. In 2005, Straus received both the Law & Order Award and the Freshman of the Year Award from the Texas District and County Attorneys Association for his consistent support of prosecutors and crime victims and his passage of HB 3265. In 2007, the Texas Public Power Association honored Straus with the Public Official Award for his leadership and contributions toward groundbreaking energy efficiency. Before praising him as one of the best legislators, Texas Monthly in 2008 selected Straus as One of the 35 Texans Who Will Shape the Future of the State. Later that year, the Americans for Prosperity awarded Straus with the Defender of the American Dream Award for his record of voting consistently for free enterprise and taxpayer protections. He has also been the recipient of the Tom C. Frost Award (2009), the Big Voices for Little Texans Award (2010), and the Independent Leadership Award (2010).

As San Antonio’s native son, Straus has served his community with pride for the last 25 years. He and his wife, Julie, have two daughters.

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.
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 crosspiece 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 seven gonfalons displayed represent the seven 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 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 Health Sciences**
The simple droplet shape represents a water droplet or the flicker of a flame and when duplicated, the droplet becomes a lotus flower bud symbolizing long life and purity; growth is demonstrated by the progression from small to large. The final mark demonstrates the connection of organic and inorganic, moving beyond natural - suggesting science, digital, and data. These are all direct representations of the College of Health Sciences’ mission to provide accessible student-centered education in the health professions for a diverse population of traditional and non-traditional students; advance health science knowledge and evidence-based practice through scholarship; and promote stewardship of individual and population health and quality of life in Texas, the nation, and the world through evidence-based practices.

**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 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, Accounting, Business
- Lilac — Dentistry
- Copper — Economics
- Light Blue — Education
- Orange — Engineering
- Burgundy — Family and Consumer Sciences
- Brown — Fine Arts, including Architecture
- Russet — Forestry
- Sage Green — Health and Kinesiology
- 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
- 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

Academic Regalia
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.
Numerals Denote Academic Honors as of the 12th Class Day of Spring 2014
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

May 2014 Honors Graduates

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Torric Nicole Adams 3
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FaribaTasnim Alam 1
Lindsey Ann Alleman 3
Kasey Michell Allen 2
Julie Ann Allevato 1
Byron H. Allen 3
Amber Alyssa Ansley 4, 6
Kelsie Renee Archer 5
Gwendolyn Nikol Arnold 4
Miguel Angel Arellano Arriaga 1, 4
Lindsay Margaret Ashworth 3, 4
Jordan Danielle Aubry 2
Kasey Jay Avera 3
Ivan Ays 5
Maryse Emmerencia Bakouietta 4, 5
Colton Wade Barber 3
Kaya Noelle Barber 1
Zachary Scott Bargas 3
Kristie Lynne Barker 3
Hannah Elizabeth Barnes 2
Melissa Ann Barrett 2
Emelia Mae Bates 3
Jordan C. Bigler 2
Allison Kincade Black 1
Brianna Renee Bonnette 4, 5
Shelby Kaye Bosak 2
Jorgan Shana Bouchum 1
Lindsay Beth Boyett 1
Mitchell Mackay Martin 3, 4
Alexandria Danielle Martinez 2
Rachel McLeod Longron 1
Stephen Anthony Lee 3, 4
Lauren Alexis Lee 1
Esteban Alonzo Leal 1
Christine Nicole Latour 2
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Deep Raj Kochar 2
Mindy Nicole Laney-Snell 2
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Lauren Alexs Lee 1
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Melissa Sue Lewis 3
Chi Wai Lin 2
Priyam Narang 3
Jaymi McLeod Longron 1
James Clinton Looney 1
Jessica Amber Lovell 2
Shannon Christine Lowry 3
Kyle Patrick Maguire 4
Emily Allison Mansfield 3
Ariel Lynn Marksberry 3
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Mary Kathryn Maule 4
Sarah Ann McBride 1
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Christopher John Meachum 2
Travis Cameron Meader 2
Elizabeth Ponce Medley 1
Jacqueline Suzanne Melchor 3
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Ryan Christopher Meyer 2
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Joy Lynn Petersen 3, 4
Arden Monika Pierre 2
Sammie Arlene Pipkin 1
Tiffany Marie Pohanka 1
Trace Rustin Poo 2
Santiago J. Prado 2
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Christina Danielle Pryor 4
SelenaxKretzler Ramos 1
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Rachel Aryn Rodriguez 1
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Ann Elizabeth Victoria Ruiz-Requena 1
Tarin Daniel Russell 2
Daniel Anan Salazar 3
Rolando Ramiro Salazar 2
Catelin Sue Scott 1
Nicole Kimberlee Seaboach 2
Eric William Segalini 4
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Kenya Maritza Vargas 3
Luisa Alejandra Vargas 4
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Audrey Claire Wilson 3, 4
Angela Michelle Wood 2
Jessica Deanna Woods 1
Tiffany M. Young 3
Tania Cecilia Zernetto 3
Justin Christopher Zetschke 4
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.”
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.

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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

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Dissertation Title: The Association between Parenting Styles and Children’s Delinquency. Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jurg Gerber

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The administration, faculty, and staff of the College of Education wish to congratulate each of you on a job well done. We thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life for this brief time and we 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.

Most of you will be pursuing a career in the teaching profession, one of the most important professions in our nation. We commend you on your choice. The future of our state and nation depends on the education of our children and you are to play an important role. The countless hours you spent in preparation during your time at SHSU are a testament to your commitment to the future health of our culture. 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, we offer you our sincere congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors.

Dr. A. Jerry Bruce, Interim Dean

Doctor of Education

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Dissertation Title: District Support Systems for the Alignment of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Can We Predict Student Achievement in Reading and Writing for School Turnaround? Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Debra Price

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The Lowman Student Center in 1964.
In 1963, SHSU’s men’s baseball team won the NAIA World Series Championship.
Dr. Ronald E. Shields, Dean

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, we offer our hearty congratulations on your accomplishments as a new graduate of Sam Houston State University. As graduates you have practiced and sharpened your intellect and expanded your understandings of the arts and media in a global context. You have been challenged to take creative risks, assume responsibility for your choices, and demonstrated mastery of your area of expertise in the arts and/or mass communication. You are ready for your future and we challenge you to find and live your passions.

This graduation ceremony, a commencement event, marks a clear transition in your life as you continue your journey towards your life goals—every ending becomes a beginning. We urge you to take time today to pause and send thanks to your supportive family and friends, faculty and staff, those individuals who “went the extra mile” to help you balance your student workload and life responsibilities. Although this is your day to shine, we suspect that you will want to share this special day with them as well.

Robert Frost reminds us that life teaches a hard lesson: We all have to “learn to let go of the hands” as we move from one stage of life to the next. This graduation marks one of these times of letting go. Fortunately, the poet also reminds us that we are never forced to “let go of the heart” as we journey forward through life (unless one decides to do so). With this sentiment, I urge you to keep in touch and refuse to let go of the heart. Let us know what life brings as you explore your future and don’t be afraid of new beginnings and challenges. Be yourself with integrity.

We wish you all the best.

Remember you will always have a home at Sam Houston State University and within the classrooms and stages, rehearsal rooms and offices, production shops and media studios of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication.
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1982
Old Main Building is destroyed by fire.

1986
Bowers Football Stadium is completed.
Dr. Michael Lacourse, Dean

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of the College of Health Sciences, I wish to congratulate you for this achievement and significant milestone in your professional life. We are proud of your accomplishment and are confident that the knowledge, skills, habits, values and attitudes acquired at Sam Houston State University will provide you with the foundation necessary for a successful career in the health sciences.

The demand for health sciences professionals across our nation and globally continues to rise and the importance of earning a university degree for entry into this dynamic profession has never been greater. You will be entrusted to promote good health and fitness habits to a progressively diverse population, promote the value of sport in an increasingly commercialized world or provide quality healthcare as a caring and compassionate professional. Your responsibilities will be great, but you are ready!

T.S. Eliot wrote, “In my end is my beginning”. Commencement marks the end of your formal university education, and the beginning of your professional life. That life will be filled with many challenges and opportunities to impact the lives of others. Your advancement and success in the health professions will require a lifetime of learning and we believe you are well-prepared for that journey.

With Commencement you join the thousands of Bearkats who have come before you and who have left their mark on society. The value of your education from Sam Houston State University will be measured not by whether you have earned this degree, but how you use the degree to impact our world. We wish you great happiness and success and hope to see you again in the classroom.

Congratulations!

Dr. Michael Lacourse, Dean
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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 2013 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.

Michelle Stein

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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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Southland Conference Commissioner's Cup Winner.
The Alumni Association exists to serve and sustain the Sam Houston State University alumni network. Serving the best interests of our members is a top priority, and it is our hope that you find your membership worthy of continuing for years to come. Whether you become a life member or choose to renew your membership each year, you are important to the Alumni Association and the university. We need your continued support each year to ensure SHSU remains an outstanding public university.

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 11,000 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:

- Invitation to special events
- Alumni networking
- Alumni publications
- Monthly Sam e-newsletter
- Alumni Discounts (check: alumni.shsu.edu for discount listings)
- Regional Alumni Clubs & Special Interest Groups

To contact the SHSU Alumni Association call 800.283.7478, or visit us online at alumni.shsu.edu. The Alumni Association is your Bearkat connection!

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.