Back row: Jose Perez, Keith Diggs, Jim Coker, and President Dana G. Hoyt; Front row: James Paul Ferris, Danielle Ferris, Jim Ferris, Tonya Ferris, Michael Landolt and Ann Wismer,
As an important stakeholder in the future of our state and nation, your choice to invest in education through gifts made to Sam Houston State University should bring you an enormous sense of pride while you read the 2014-2015 Annual Report to Donors. As you explore the pages, you will find a record 11,592 donors gave $16.5 million in support of the university.

Without question, Sam Houston has been on the upswing for many years. This past fall, SHSU saw record enrollment go beyond the 20,000 mark. While we are an increasingly attractive choice for traditional and non-traditional students, our faculty and staff have done an outstanding job of strengthening retention and graduation rates.

In addition to providing a caring environment that produces well-educated citizens, it is important to our students’ parents and to the state of Texas that recent graduates are able to find jobs. I am proud to say that Sam Houston State University is ranked second among 38 public universities, with 74.3% of our graduates securing employment within the first 12 months following graduation.

As one of the fastest-growing universities in the nation, it is imperative we keep pace with enrollment while responding to the changing educational needs of our students. If you have visited campus lately, you cannot miss all of the construction. The Fred Pirkle Engineering Technology Building and the South Residential Complex, which includes a residence hall and new dining facility, are well underway, with opening dates expected in early 2017. We received approval to build a biology facility in order to provide desperately needed laboratory space to accommodate core course demand and the needs of our growing health science programs.

Three new, state-of-the-art video boards for football, basketball, and softball were installed this fall. A replacement of the entire playing surface at Don Sanders Stadium with artificial turf also was completed. We are planning to break ground at the end of this year on an expansion of the Lowman Student Center, making this hub for student life reflect not only the beauty of our campus but also function more efficiently and effectively as growth continues.

There is no doubt that donor and alumni support can have a direct, positive impact on a university’s future. In five years, Sam Houston State University gift income has grown by more than 64%, with 11% of alumni and friends as donors. The results are measurable in new and enhanced facilities, need- and merit-based scholarships, academic program enrichment, and faculty support.

Your generosity is helping to take us from good to great. While staying true to our institutional values and traditions, we find ourselves poised to take that next great leap forward. In order to chart a new and exciting course for our university, we will need your leadership and continued support. I look forward to taking this exciting journey together.

Dana G. Hoyt
President, Sam Houston State University
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The Ferris family is big on tradition, and while it may be more of a coincidence than a tradition, there is no denying that when it comes to them and Sam Houston State University, three is the magic number.

Jimmy Ferris walked onto the campus of Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1965 as a freshman, eager to jump into as many organizations and social events as he could. Later that year, the school was renamed Sam Houston State College, and in 1969, he walked across the stage with his Bachelor of Arts degree in teaching as a member of the last class to graduate from SHSC and the first to graduate from Sam Houston State University.

“The name changed three times while I was there,” he remembers. “Two weeks after graduation, I received another diploma in the mail, so now I have one from SHSC and one from SHSU.”

Jimmy was a student long before Bowers Stadium came alive with lights and cheers during Saturday night home games. As head cheerleader, he stood on the sidelines at Pritchett Field underneath a manually operated scoreboard. When his daughter Danielle decided to follow in her father’s footsteps and cheer at SHSU, she began her college cheer career in Bowers Stadium, under the video scoreboard that was installed in 2006.

Now, as Danielle entered her junior year, her parents, Jim and Tonya, and godparents, Michael Landolt and Ann Wismer, from Wismer Distributing, have teamed up with fellow former Bearkat Kurt Stevenson, from Stevenson Distributing and Anheuser-Busch, to donate three new state-of-the-art video scoreboards for Bowers Stadium, the Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum and the SHSU Softball Complex.

The idea came to the trio during the 2014 football season, when the Bearkats were trailing Colorado State
University-Pueblo by a score of 27-0 in the bottom of the second quarter. Moments later, the scoreboard flashed a score of 88-0 and soon after was ordered to be shut down due to the malfunctions, leaving fans to rely on the referee crew to update them as the game progressed.

“Ann turned to me and said, ‘they have to get a new scoreboard! This is ridiculous; we can’t even see the score,’” Jimmy said.

With the new scoreboards installed in time to kick off the 2015 football season, the Ferrises, Landolt and Wismer were able to watch Danielle as she brought the number of scoreboards the Ferris family had cheered under from two to three.

“If it weren’t for SHSU, I wouldn’t be where I am today,” Jimmy said of his decision to donate the scoreboards. “I cannot do enough for Sam Houston. They gave me a great education and a great social life, and I feel like I owe them more than that.”

Today, he continues to be involved with his alma mater through his time and talents, and, most importantly, his treasures—his family.

Jimmy’s son, James Paul, is currently a senior at Florida Air Academy, and his father hopes that he will share his love of his alma mater and be the third family member to graduate with a degree from SHSU.

While the Landolts may not be SHSU alumni, the university holds a special place in their heart.

“Danielle is our goddaughter, and Ann has also worked with Jimmy in the past to set up an industrial engineering scholarship for students,” said Michael.

“When we got to Bowers Stadium to watch her cheer her first game in 2013, Ann made the comment that the stadium needed a new scoreboard,” Michael remembered.

“As Danielle was beginning her second season as a cheerleader, Ann reminded us that they still needed a new scoreboard, and if we were...
going to donate it, it needed to be done before Danielle graduated. When the board died at the final game, we knew it was time and Jim started discussing what we could do with the university.”

“When we met to start discussing the project, we all agreed that it would have a great impact on current and future students, as well as many of the alumni of SHSU,” said Ann. “With the help of the leadership and administration of the university, we decided to do this project for the greater future of SHSU.

“There’s just something about Sam Houston,” said Ann. “I graduated from the University of Texas, and until I stepped onto Sam Houston’s campus for the first time, I’d never felt the warm, cheerful atmosphere of a small university before.

“I do more for Sam than I do for my own alma mater, and it’s not just because of Danielle and Jim; I’ve met so many wonderful people who really care about the students and want them to have the best experience possible.”

Stevenson also attended SHSU in the late 1980s. Like Ferris, he has been a long-time supporter of the university through his involvement with a number of programs.

“I really have to give Ferris the credit for making this happen,” Stevenson said. “This was his baby, and he did a great job making it happen.

“It’s exciting for us to be able to give back to the university,” Stevenson said. “Both my mother and late father, Carol and Robb Stevenson, are Sam Houston graduates and have been actively involved with athletics, the rodeo club and the Alumni Association through the years.”
SAMUEL HOUSTON SOCIETY
The society commemorates Texas’s greatest hero and the university’s namesake. Donors are listed in one of the following associates categories based on their level of giving of $2,500 or more:

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Matthew David Crews, '90 BBA, and Karen Crews, '85 BSW

During his four terms in the Texas House of Representatives, David Crews fought to achieve many great things for the citizens of Texas.

Few of these accomplishments were likely more impactful for both Walker County and potentially the state than a piece of legislation Crews introduced and championed in 1963.

House Resolution 469 was responsible for creating the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center at SHSU, the establishment of which ultimately also led to the creation of one of the oldest and largest criminal justice programs in the nation.

“I will admit that I never envisioned the center being the nationally, and even internationally, recognized program that it has become,” Crews said in 2014. “Yes, my vision has been more than realized. I’m truly amazed at what this program has become.”

In remembrance of Crews, who died in February, his family—including son Matthew and his wife Karen—established the David W. Crews Criminal Justice Scholarship Endowment last year.

The endowment is more than just a tribute to David and his legacy that lives on at SHSU; Matthew, who earned his bachelor’s degree in general business, and Karen, who earned her degree in social work, said their time at SHSU definitely contributed to their decision to establish the endowment, which benefits criminal justice students.

“Sam Houston gave each of us the background we needed to succeed in our separate areas of interest …” said the couple, who, after owning a consulting and marine surveying business in Puerto Rico, now own and operate Conroe’s LNC Health Services, Inc., a home health company providing pediatric speech, occupational and physical therapy.

The couple said that as SHSU continues to grow, they hope their gift will provide a solid foundation to support that growth and that more alumni will follow suit.

“Sam Houston has made great strides over the years since we began our education there. Not only is the criminal justice program nationally recognized, but the College of Business Administration is as well, and other colleges have built very strong reputations in education,” Matthew said. “We hope to create a separate scholarship for the College of Business Administration in the future.”

“Sam Houston gave each of us the background we needed to succeed in our separate areas of interest …”

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Gary L. Krone Sr., ’73 BS

Gary Krone came to SHSU in the late 1960s/early 1970s to continue his dream of playing college football and, eventually, to become a coach. Below, he discusses why he chooses to support SHSU.

Q: What have you done since graduation?
A: After graduation I began my coaching career in the Klein school district, where, while I loved coaching and the kids involved, I soon learned my passion would fade. I entered the insurance adjusting field, handling losses for the insurance companies. Soon after, I switched sides, to help the policyholder, and opened my own business (Krone Interest, LP, in Houston) 39 years ago. Today, I still love to get up and go to work.

Q: How did your education at Sam Houston State make a difference in your life?
A: My degree helped me obtain my first and second jobs. Without it, there would be no job offer. Even today, when a large corporation has suffered a large insurance loss, one of the things most of them ask is ‘where did you get your degree?’ This may sound strange, but the degree is your lifeline to success, no matter what field you choose.

Q: Why do you support the areas you do?
A: I support athletics, including university events, the Bearkat Champions General Fund, and football enrichment and training.

I do this because SHSU gave me the opportunity to play a game I love and, on top of that, an education, to boot. I feel that I should give back to this great university that did so much for me. I had other offers to play but Sam made me feel like they really wanted me. Even today, the circle of friendships I made while at Sam has lived on. These friendships support SHSU each and every week of the football season, and beyond.

It is important to give back so the university can stay ahead of the game and continue their molding of these great athletes, not only as athletes, but as the gentlemen of our society.

Q: How do you hope your gifts are used?
A: I hope my gifts are used to better the program and to help and encourage other players to finish not only on the field, but with the degree of their choice.

Q: Anything you would like to add?
A: The job that everyone has done to push SHSU to the top should be applauded. I wear my Bearkat hat proudly no matter what state I travel to.

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THE AUSTIN HALL SOCIETY

The society commemorates the oldest building on campus, dedicated in 1851 for Austin College with Gen. Sam Houston in attendance. A group of Huntsville citizens acquired the building and donated it to the state in 1879 to open Sam Houston Normal Institute.
Jill Bell Myatt, ’63 BS

Jill Bell Myatt’s experiences since graduating from SHSU in 1963 could fill a book. She traveled the world as a military wife for 32 years and took on all the responsibility that entailed, taught middle and high school, painted, wrote, and raised two beautiful daughters.

But before all of that was SHSU. The Dallas native first visited campus right before graduating high school and it was love at first sight, she said. “It was small, super friendly and had lots going on—just what I thought college should be,” Myatt said.

As a speech and drama major, she jumped right into college life, actively participating in Orange Keys, the Alpha Chi honor society, cheerleading, and Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She appeared in many productions, including “Macbeth,” “South Pacific,” “The King and I” and starred in “Rain;” was voted all-college beauty three times; and was selected to Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1963.

“My favorite memory is walking up the hill to Old Main every morning with a donut and coke from Sadler’s,” she said. “Old Main was my home away from home as a drama major for four years. I still revere its footprint.”

Those memories have fueled her desire to remain active at SHSU, and in addition to serving on the Alumni Association board of directors, she has done so by becoming a Life Endowed Member of the SHSU Alumni Association.

“Sam Houston made all the difference in my life,” Myatt said. “My generation took the school motto seriously; we had wonderful role models in our teachers and the values instilled and lessons learned have proved invaluable throughout my life.”

Because SHSU gave her “some of the greatest times, gifts, of my life,” she chose to fund her gift through the use of her stock portfolio, as “securities to fund the membership. “It proved invaluable throughout my life.”

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Because SHSU gave her “some of the greatest times, gifts, of my life,” she chose to fund her gift through the use of her stock portfolio, transferring one of her investments to SHSU, which then sold the securities to fund the membership.

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It turned out to be an easy and mutually beneficial way to make a gift I’d wanted to for a long time. I’m grateful to be able to support my alma mater financially at this time,” Myatt said. “How better to pass it forward and give someone else the opportunities I’ve enjoyed—all through having a better education.”

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THE HARRY F. ESTILL SOCIETY
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George Holewyne met and fell in love as classmates in SHSU’s College of Business Administration. When they married, 27 years ago, they were “lucky” to be surrounded by many of those they met at SHSU. Today, they give back by supporting a number of programs, including COBA, Alumni Relations, Athletics, the Sigma Chi fraternity, and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Q: Why did you choose Sam Houston for your education?

FMH: Coming from a small, private school in Houston, I was looking for a university that offered the degree programs I wanted but had smaller class sizes than larger universities. Sam Houston had a beautiful campus and was a great fit for me.

Q: What have you done since graduation?

GH: I began my career working in the Institutional Trust group of banks for 13 years. For the past 15 years, I have been with Vaughan Nelson Investment Management, most recently as manager of institutional marketing and client service.

FMH: I began working in the human resources department with several different firms in Houston prior to taking some time off to raise my two daughters. Once they were older, I began working at Tarantino Properties, Inc., in human resources, where I have been the past 14 years.

Q: How did your education at Sam Houston State make a difference in your life?

GH & FMH: Attending Sam Houston and earning BBAs not only prepared us for our business careers, but it also gave us life-long friendships and a great alumni group to network with.

Q: How do you hope your gifts are used?

GH: We hope they are used to help current students. We would also like to raise awareness with other alumni that you don’t have to make a large contribution to make a difference.

Q: How would you encourage others to give back to Sam Houston State University?

GH: Sam Houston State makes it so easy to give back to the university. Frances and I can give together or independently to a variety of programs and scholarships we are passionate about. We feel it is important to help support the next generation of Bearkats.

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**John Wayne Feray, ’89 BBA**

John Feray has always been a numbers person. So when it came time to select a university in the mid-1980s, Sam Houston State made sense—and cents.

“I chose Sam Houston because the accounting program was one of the better programs in the state of Texas,” Feray said. “I also was fortunate enough to be awarded several scholarships to help reduce the overall cost of my college education.”

After earning his degree in 1989, Feray started his career as a certified public accountant, and later an audit manager, with Arthur Andersen before moving up the corporate ladder at Haggar Clothing Co., Dollar General, and RadioShack.

He now serves as an independent consultant for the Dollar General Corp. in Tennessee while looking for his next full-time business executive position. He and his wife of 24 years, Leslie, have two children—Libby, 18, and Jack, 15.

Throughout all of this, SHSU has held a special place in his heart. In addition to the “great, well-rounded” education he received, Sam Houston is the site of some of Feray’s most special memories, including how nervous he was when his freshman dorm opened and the first football game at Bowers Stadium.

“There was so much anticipation and excitement surrounding the opening of Bowers Stadium,” he remembers.

Because of the role Sam Houston has played in his ongoing success, in teaching him to work hard and think on his feet, Feray chooses to give back to the university through his membership in the SHSU Alumni Association.

“My family has been greatly blessed from the skills that I obtained from Sam, and with these blessings, it requires a great responsibility to help others,” Feray said. “As much has been given, much is expected.

“We all have a responsibility to give back to the institution that groomed and built us up as a professional,” he said. “I am grateful that my life experiences have allowed me to be in a position to truly give back.”

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Michael H. Davis, ’64 BS, and Cynthia A. Davis, ’64 BS

Inside an Austin South by Southwest showroom is an exhibit divided into several spaces.

One small, square space is created by two walls—one wall, a light, sunny yellow; the other, mauve pink—accented by a teal floor. A turquoise table with yellow and pink chairs sits in the back corner, above which hangs a neon sign that reads “Better Together.”

It is a simple concept, heavy with symbolic meaning. The exhibit is for the technology company Dropbox, which allows users to store files in its cloud-like system; like the spaces carved out in the SXSW showroom, Dropbox users can create their own “spaces” to store their electronic files through folders held within a single account.

The exhibit’s designer is Michael Davis, a 1964 SHSU graduate who used his commercial art degree to create Imagecraft Exhibits, which provides design services to companies such as Dropbox for trade shows.

Davis came to SHSU in the early ’60s specifically for the art and printing program. SHSU, he said, was affordable and close to his hometown.

It is also where he met future wife Cynthia, a physical education major who wanted to pursue teaching.

Following their graduation, Michael used the skills he acquired at SHSU in the printing, advertising and signage industries before starting Mike Davis and Associates, Inc., later Imagecraft Exhibits, in 1972.

Proving that “better together” is more than just an exhibit message, Cynthia joined in the endeavor, working for the company for 25 years, until she retired in 2005.

Because of the “excellent” education they received from SHSU’s “fantastic professors,” and the influence Michael’s fraternity had on their lives, the Davises utilize the fruits of their success to support the Alpha Tau Omega Scholarship and the Friends of the College of Health Sciences.

“My fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, which is still very active, was the best memory of all my years at Sam,” Michael said. “It is important for me to give back to SHSU to show my appreciation for what it gave me to begin with and to make sure it will continue to grow and send its graduates out in the world with the best education possible.”

“We have one granddaughter who is a sophomore at SHSU now and another who graduated last spring,” Cynthia said. “I think they deserve the best and any little way we can help also helps them and their education.”
THE ANNIVERSARY SOCIETY

The society recognizes donors who contribute at least one dollar for each year of the university's existence during the past academic year. On September 1, 2014, the minimum gift requirement for society listing increased one dollar to $135 for the university’s 135 years of service.
There is no social cause Joni Norby feels more strongly about than providing affordable and accessible public education.

That is why she chooses to pay her degree forward by giving to the College of Business Administration’s enrichment fund and to the Office of Alumni Relations.

Norby completed her undergraduate degree in Minnesota and had begun her Master of Business Administration coursework in Arizona when her husband, Dave, received a promotion that required their family to move to Houston.

“I met with Dr. Dean Lewis—then, associate dean in charge of the MBA program—and from that interview, I decided Sam Houston was the right fit for me,” she said.

After 16 years of teaching and serving as an administrator in higher education in Texas and California, she retired and decided to put her degree into practice by establishing a small vineyard in California’s Central Valley.

Benjamin’s Vineyard, which was opened in 2011, has since grown, and the business is now under contract to sell their grapes to the SunMaid Raisin Company.

Today, Norby attributes much of the success she has found to the degree she earned at SHSU.

While she was in the workforce, she was twice told that she wouldn’t be considered for advanced positions without her MBA, and while that was her motivation for getting the degree, it wasn’t until SHSU that she considered working in education.

“Earning my MBA from SHSU definitely made a difference in my life,” she said. “An entirely new career was made available to me, and now that I’ve retired, I can keep using my education to build a small company. New doors open every day.”

Norby hopes her gifts will help provide scholarships to deserving students and help faculty advance their knowledge and teaching techniques.

“Financing for public education is shrinking; I’m acutely aware of the need for SHSU to reach out for private support in order to maintain quality educational programs,” she said.

“No alumna wants to see the reputation of her alma mater falter, and the reputation will falter if educational programs crumble.

“I also know that student debt is a hurdle to obtaining a degree, so I want to do what I can to help lighten this burden.”
Spencer Copeland is a graduate student in the College of Criminal Justice who was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to serve as the student regent for the Texas State University System Board of Regents, a position for which he travels quarterly to discuss the changes across the system as the voice of the students.

Q: How did your education at Sam Houston State make a difference in your life?
A: During my time at SHSU, I have received a number of scholarships. I knew most of my education would be found outside of the classroom. By ensuring that any time I had out of class or the library was devoted to these other activities, I trusted that the networking and understanding would pay off.

My time at Sam has been blessed with an abundance of friends, memories and opportunities that few other students receive. As soon as I realized that the more I put into college the more I received, I made sure to make the most of my time here. In a short three years, my eyes were opened to so many possibilities, which led to a greater understanding of the world that we live in. I am just so thankful to all those who have helped me along the way, whether it was through scholarship donations, mentoring or support. I don’t know where I’d be without SHSU, but I know I would not have been as accomplished.

Q: How do you hope your gifts are used?
A: I hope that my actions will inspire others. I am here because people in my life have helped me and guided me to this point; it’s only fair that I be that role model in someone else’s life. If whatever gifts I have are used to ensure that others are able to prosper, I would be very proud.

Q: In your opinion, why is it important to give back to Sam Houston State University?
A: During my time at SHSU, I have received a number of scholarships. I could not have devoted as much time to my other pursuits without this support. There are so many talented students who just need a little push to realize what they can do. Whether that support is financial, emotional or through internship/employment opportunities, a difference is made. We are all in this life together. Why not make the most of it?
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Tiffany Hulquist, ’02 BFA

Like many students who visit Sam Houston State prior to deciding which college to attend, Tiffany Hulquist toured several universities before stepping on the SHSU campus. “I felt ‘at home’ at Sam Houston,” she said of her visit. “The campus grounds were beautiful, the teachers were engaging, and I was no longer nervous about starting college; I found where I belonged.”

Flourishing as a very active mass communication student, she took on several advertising, marketing and public relations jobs before settling into a position at Lasco Enterprises as a “leader of the wine sales revolution.”

Over the years at Lasco, Hulquist has grown within the company and found the best of all the worlds she experienced in her previous jobs. In her current position as chief of staff, she oversees communications initiatives, strategic marketing planning, and IT for the company, while also serving as the “go-to” person for corporate functions and facilities.

Her ability to perform such a variety of duties, according to Hulquist, can be attributed to the skills she learned at SHSU. “The education I gained at Sam Houston State has given me the foundation and knowledge to become a detail-oriented, high-volume, results-driven, work/life balanced leader,” she said. “I thrive when I am continually making a difference and seeing results, while having fun—all results of becoming a Bearkat.”

Because of this, Hulquist chooses to give back through the Radio-Television Alumni Angels Scholarship as a “thank you” for helping ensure my success in life.”

“Some of my favorite memories start and end with the radio and television department,” she said. “From late nights editing to working on the radio station, forming solid friendships and learning from some of the most amazing professors, I will forever treasure the time I spent in the Dan Rather Communications Building. “I hope that hard-working, determined students can be given the same opportunities I was to learn and grow from the best professors, using the best equipment, in an amazing environment,” she said.
It was December 1964, when 44 Sam Houston State student-athletes boarded an airplane at Houston’s Hobby Airport, bound for Augusta, Georgia.

Coming off a hard-fought victory in their first playoff game in Findlay, Ohio, where three inches of snow had turned the field into a muddy slush in the first quarter, the football team was preparing now to take on Concordia of Minnesota in what would be their first national championship appearance.

“Most of the players hadn’t been out of Texas and very few had flown,” middle linebacker David Martin remembers. “Flying to Atlanta, we ran into some very turbulent weather—we were flying a twin propeller, DC7 airplane—and there were a lot of big guys holding brown bags during the flight.”

The game was a defensive battle that ended in a 7-7 tie, and with no overtime, Sam Houston and Concordia claimed the co-national championship title.

“It was a great game; I wish I could have watched it,” Martin said. “On the final play, Concordia tried about a 40-yard field goal and missed it.”

Back in Huntsville, journalism and government major Mackie Bobo-White, girlfriend, and later wife, of late linebacker Mike Bobo, intently followed the action.

“My dorm room was packed with other girls as we huddled around the radio and listened to the game,” she said.

The 1964 championship game would come to mean a lot to those who played and the fans, as it has stood as SHSU’s only football national championship title, to date.

To commemorate their accomplishment and what the team meant to its members, Martin, Bobo and former fullback Joe Ed Lynn, during one of the team’s many reunions, decided to create an endowment.

The 1964 National Championship Football Team Endowment Fund was established in April 2005 with a $3,850 gift and a promise of an additional $5,000 contribution per year until the fund reached $25,000. The endowment now provides an annual scholarship to a member of the Bearkat football team.

“We were all relishing in the good moments we had together and decided we needed to pass these opportunities on to future Bearkats,” said Joe Ed Lynn, who received a physical education degree in 1966 and a Master of Education degree in 1971. He currently is a rancher, after retiring as owner and partner of the Lynn, Kiecke and Lackey Insurance Agency.

“There were a bunch of good players who came together as a unit to accomplish what we did as a team, and we came together as a team to establish the endowment,” Martin said. “The experience and work ethic we showed on and off the field carried over to our everyday life after football.”

“Most of the guys on the ’64 team were from small towns throughout Texas and might not have gotten a college degree if it wasn’t for playing football,” said Martin, who retired after 36 years in the insurance business. “One of these days all of the guys on the ’64 team will be in a better place, but the endowment will live on forever, and that’s important.”

Bobo-White, whose husband died in 2004, as the endowment was coming to fruition, said making the endowment a reality—which was something her husband truly desired—has been a “dream.”

“My husband loved the team; he loved playing football for Sam. I did not miss a game, home or away, for four years. I loved the team. I knew the guys and their girlfriends and their parents and the coaches,” said Bobo-White, who now serves as the mayor of Bedias. “I know Mike would have wanted to celebrate the team and I wanted to carry his torch.”

“The ’64 team was special because we made friends for life. We suffered together and enjoyed the benefits of winning together. We still get together and stay in contact with each other,” Martin said. “Truthfully, I don’t think they are giving back to SHSU; they are giving back to help some kid from a small town possibly get a college degree. That should be the goal of every endowment. If you ask any athlete if they were given anything, they would say no, that they earned every penny of the scholarship they were given.”

Football Alumni Team Up To Establish 1964 National Championship Endowment Fund
SHSU Offers Many Ways To Give

“A leader is someone who helps improve the lives of other people or improve the system they live under.” - Gen. Sam Houston

On any given day, the leadership of Sam Houston State alumni and friends can be seen and felt by the thousands of people who work, attend or visit the campus.

Because of your support, more students can spend time on campus working toward an education than working to pay for their college degree; laboratories and other facilities are equipped with the tools and technology needed to provide “real-world” learning experience; and talented teacher-scholars spend time in the classroom engaging students to excel.

How you choose to improve educational opportunities is a personal choice and there are a number of options available that can provide the customization and outcomes that work best for you and your support of the university.

Whether it is an annual fund pledge, a donation directed for a particular scholarship or academic program, an endowment that can honor or memorialize a loved one, or the pledging of financial or other real assets, the Office of University Advancement offers a number of ways donors can make a difference in the lives of SHSU students and the system of higher education in Texas.

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A meaningful way of honoring a loved one while helping a deserving SHSU student is to establish a scholarship or endowment. Whether it is a one-time or recurring scholarship, you can direct your gift to a general scholarship fund, existing scholarships, or establish a named scholarship. For the latter, we suggest a gift of at least $1,000 per year.

For the Wren family, giving an endowment as a tribute gift was a lasting gesture through which they could honor their late father and husband.

Kenneth Wren, an SHSU alumnus, worked for 35 years in public education. He also devoted his life to agriculture by raising cattle, farming, and teaching the youth of Texas. The Kenneth Wren Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 2015 to provide a scholarship for a full-time junior, senior or graduate student who is in good standing, is majoring in any agricultural science discipline, and has maintained a minimum overall GPA of 2.75.

Mitchell Wren said their gift is important because when he was younger he could not fully appreciate what his parents had done for him and his sister, nor could he understand the financial sacrifices they made. “The endowed scholarship is a means to express that appreciation. If I could change one thing, we would have made the endowed scholarship gift to SHSU while my father was still alive,” Mitchell said. “In addition to seeing him actually witness the fruits of the endowment, it would have provided an opportunity to demonstrate to my father just how much my sister and I valued his influence on our lives.”

One of the things that appealed to Mitchell about the scholarship program was how easy it was. “We didn’t want to over-manage this. All we wanted was for it to go to a dedicated agricultural student,” Mitchell said.

Along with the tribute gift, Kenneth is being recognized through one of SHSU’s naming opportunities. When the Fred Pirkle Engineering Technology Center is complete, a conference room will be named the “Kenneth Wren Conference Room” and the Manufacturing Lab in the Bill Harrell Center will be named the “Kenneth Wren Manufacturing Lab.”

“I’ve lived in nine different countries and experienced travels and cultures I never would have experienced without my father,” Mitchell said. “All of this is possible in my life because of his gentle guidance and his belief in the value of a college education.”
Scholarship Endowments

SHSU alumnus Jeff Rohde loved everything from golf, to deep-sea fishing, to saddle-bronc riding. But what he loved most was just being with his family and his closest friends.

When Jeff passed away unexpectedly at the age of 34, Jerry Rohde decided to honor his son’s memory by establishing a scholarship endowment named for the 1997 graduate. The decision to honor his son in this way was easy—graduating from SHSU was an important part of Jeff’s life, one he was immensely proud of.

“The endowment seemed like the best way to honor Jeff,” Jerry said. “Setting it up was an amazingly simple process, and having the scholarship in his name will keep his memory alive long after his friends and family are gone.”

An endowment is a permanent fund that accrues interest over time. The interest is used to fund scholarships while the principal remains intact. Endowments generally require a minimum $25,000 gift, which can be divided into five annual installments of $5,000.

The family held annual golf tournaments in Jeff’s honor, which helped raise $75,000 to establish The Jeff Rohde Memorial Scholarship Endowment. The proceeds provide a scholarship to a full-time graduate student in the SHSU Department of Agricultural Sciences and Engineering Technology.

“Jeff loved Sam Houston,” Jerry said. “He would be honored to know that because of this endowment, others will be able to graduate from this school.”

Upon completion of the Fred Pirkle Engineering Technology Center, the Wind Tunnel Laboratory and Alternative Energy Terrace also will bear Jeff’s name.
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As a faculty member, Texas State University Regents’ Professor and Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice Rolando del Carmen has taught and mentored thousands of students for more than 40 years. And, after all these years, he still possesses an unwavering devotion to teaching, a perpetual optimistic attitude, and an unrelenting work ethic. Countless criminal justice professionals can credit del Carmen with helping shape their careers.

He also has been just as generous and dedicated to student success outside of the classroom. In addition to creating the Del Carmen Family Scholarship Endowment, by establishing a number of gift annuities, he will continue to influence generations of students. The financial benefits and the long-term philanthropic impact made gift annuities the most attractive options for del Carmen and his family.

“We established our gift annuities years ago,” he said. “We liked it because it’s a win-win situation for everyone—you still have an income stream during your retirement, but at the same time when you’re gone, the school benefits from it and the students get the scholarships.”

The del Carmens started with establishing six gift annuities and now have a total of 12.

“I would encourage more people to choose this way to donate, given its benefits and the assurance that as long as you are alive, you’ll get a certain level of income,” he said.

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**We liked it because it’s a win-win situation for everyone—you still have an income stream during your retirement, but at the same time, when you’re gone, the school benefits from it and the students get the scholarships.”**
Matching Gifts

Donors can double, or even sometimes triple, the amount of their contribution through SHSU’s matching gifts program. It’s easy—log on matchinggifts.com/shsu, type in your company name to find out if they match, as well as the minimum and maximum matching amounts, and then follow a link to the appropriate donation form. Make the donation and voila, your gift is matched.

Alumni Justin and Ann Burnett have been using the matching gifts program for years as a way to increase the number of students who benefit from their scholarship.

“The matching gifts program made the whole process really simple,” said Justin, who graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2002. “By filling out one or two extra forms, we were able to double the original amount we’d pledged to donate, with no extra cost to us.”

Coming from small towns, neither Justin nor Ann had much knowledge about SHSU when they were in high school; so after graduating, both wanted to make sure that students in their hometowns of Pleasanton and Palacios were aware of their alma mater as an option. They also wanted to promote the Greek organizations that helped enrich their college experiences.

To do so, the couple created the Justin and Ann Burnett Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship to provide local high school graduates who are interested in joining a fraternity or sorority with the financial assistance to attend SHSU.

They found that the easiest way to guarantee that their donation would enrich as many lives as possible was to set up an endowment.

Because of the ease with which the Burnett family has been able to grow their endowment, thanks to Justin’s employer BP America’s matched gift, the hardest part of the process was determining the eligibility requirements for the scholarship.

“Greek Life was such a valuable part of my college career,” Justin said. “It set me up for success when I got out of school, and I wanted to be able to steer people toward fraternities or sororities because of the value I got out of it.”

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Glenn Payne is among those who are taking advantage of this kind of giving.

The Paynes fell in love with the SHSU Department of Theatre and Musical Theatre after moving to Huntsville in 2000. Having directed and acted in productions across the country, they felt that the quality of the university’s productions and students made it one of the best programs in the nation.

Because of the love of theatre he shared with his wife and the relationship he had built with the department, Glenn decided to establish the Katherine and Glenn Payne Theatre Scholarship for theatre students who display a strong interest in non-musical acting and directing.

When looking over the many different ways he could fund the scholarship, Glenn decided to use a $50,000 bond to ensure the scholarship for the long-term.

In addition to transferring the bond to the department upon his death, the bi-annual interest payments will fund the scholarship each year. In the meantime, Glenn donates a percentage of the interest he receives to support the scholarship.

Although they never pursued full-time careers in the field, Glenn and Katherine worked with a number of theatres wherever they happened to be living at the time. After retiring in Pennsylvania in 1984, they began traveling, an adventure that took them all around the world.

“I’ve had a wonderful life working in theatre, and I want to help students keep that passion,” Glenn said. “It’s so easy to give back, and I think that anyone who can afford to should, because there are an awful lot of kids who need help financially. If your success is based on your education, you should want to give students the opportunities to get that same education that made you who you are.”

Stocks, Bonds and Securities

Gifts of stocks and other appreciated assets to the university will pay dividends … literally and figuratively.

When financial assets are transferred to the university, SHSU liquidates the asset and uses the proceeds to fund programs. The donor receives an income tax credit and pays no capital gains tax on the sale. Depending on the size of an estate and the type of assets it contains, gifting retirement account assets can have a sizable impact on the tax liability leveraged against the estate and the beneficiaries.

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Insurance Policies

People buy insurance policies to ensure their families are financially protected in the event that they’re no longer here to take care of them. Some people, however, are using those policies to protect the accessibility and value of a college education at SHSU.

Very simply, a policyholder transfers a paid-up policy to the university, which SHSU can either cash in or continue to hold. Donors have the benefit of giving an asset they no longer need, while also receiving an income tax deduction.

Estella Koryciak is among the donors choosing this option.

Having spent her career as an educator encouraging students to never stop working hard or chasing the power of knowledge, she established the Estella Longoria Koryciak Scholarship to help SHSU’s future educators.

When she began planning her estate, Koryciak realized her family was a lot bigger than she had originally thought; she not only wanted to ensure that her children and grandchildren would thrive, but also her extended family of students.

If something happened to her, who would continue to support these students? It was then that Koryciak decided to name SHSU the beneficiary of her life insurance policy.

“The insurance company actually called me and said, ‘Ma’am, people normally list a person’s name there, not a place,’ and I told them that I wanted to give my insurance policy to the university, which SHSU can either cash in or continue to hold.

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Koryciak graduated with a bachelor’s degree in teaching in 1971 and taught elementary school before eventually becoming a principal. As a student, Koryciak paid for college through grants, work-study, student loans, and scholarships. With today’s students under more financial stress than ever, Koryciak wanted to help others in the same way that someone helped her.

“When you think about it, the return is so much higher because you’re not only helping those who will receive the scholarship, you’re also helping every student who steps foot into that future teacher’s classroom.”
Program Endowments

Many academic programs at SHSU are receiving national recognition and have achieved some of the top accreditation levels available in higher education.

For some, this recognition has been facilitated by program endowments, which, like scholarship endowments, provide enrichment funds to refine and expand educational offerings.

One such program is the Smith-Hutson Endowed Chair of Banking. Since 1997, this endowed chair has developed programs that not only prepare students to be bankers, but also provide educational programs specifically for community bankers.

In June 2015, a group from Woodforest Bank, headquartered in The Woodlands, presented $100,000 to support the SHSU Chair of Banking endowment.

The gift—from CEO Robert Marling; his wife, Kim; and a large number of his directors, officers and employees—was subsequently used to sponsor the Bank Executives and Directors Seminar and Golf Tournament, which generates funds for banking scholarships and other support programs under the chair.

“Robert Marling has presented Sam Houston with a most generous gift,” James Bexley, the Smith-Hutson Endowed Chair of Banking and professor of finance, said. “I believe it is not hard to give, especially when you are convinced of the value of helping young men and women with their education.”

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What have you done since graduation?
A: Currently, I am a health, safety, and environmental manager for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. I also was commissioned as an Army officer and am currently the executive officer of an Army Reserve Battalion.

How did your education at Sam Houston State make a difference in your life?
A: The education that I received from Sam Houston State’s environmental science program has made a tremendous difference in my life. Through the knowledge and skills gained at Sam Houston State, I have been able to excel in both my civilian and military careers.

What motivated you to choose to support Bearkat Champions, the Friends of the Sciences and the Environmental Science Endowment?
A: First, my support of the Biological Sciences is due, in part, to the fact that I received support financially, by way of scholarships, as I was going through school. My financial support of the athletic programs arises from my love of athletics and the growing success of Sam Houston State’s athletic programs. I hope that through my support, I help provide a means for the faculty and students to be successful.

Why do you give back to Sam Houston State University?
A: Because Sam and its donors helped me financially while I was attending school. I could not have completed my education if it were not for this help. All I am doing is passing it forward and, hopefully, helping others to achieve their dreams and goals as I was able to do.

Brian K. Moore, ’99 BS

**Q:** What have you done since graduation?
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**Q:** How did your education at Sam Houston State make a difference in your life?
**A:** The education that I received from Sam Houston State’s environmental science program has made a tremendous difference in my life. Through the knowledge and skills gained at Sam Houston State, I have been able to excel in both my civilian and military careers.

**Q:** What motivated you to choose to support Bearkat Champions, the Friends of the Sciences and the Environmental Science Endowment?
**A:** First, my support of the Biological Sciences is due, in part, to the fact that I received support financially, by way of scholarships, as I was going through school. My financial support of the athletic programs arises from my love of athletics and the growing success of Sam Houston State’s athletic programs. I hope that through my support, I help provide a means for the faculty and students to be successful.

**Q:** Why do you give back to Sam Houston State University?
**A:** Because Sam and its donors helped me financially while I was attending school. I could not have completed my education if it were not for this help. All I am doing is passing it forward and, hopefully, helping others to achieve their dreams and goals as I was able to do.

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Bearkats In Business Brings Alumni Together

Beginning as a vision by a few alumni to create a convenient and fun networking environment for Bearkats, this exclusive event has become a highly anticipated Bearkat experience in the Houston area. The 2015 event was attended by 180 alumni and friends and raised more than $230,000 for Bearkat Athletics.


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2015
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Note: Some gifts have been credited to more than one constituent.
Senior Class Cultivates Legacy Of Giving

The Senior Class Legacy Campaign started as a way to bring an awareness of philanthropy and to cultivate a culture of giving among students. Since the first scholarship of $1,000 was awarded from the Class of 2012, the Senior Class Legacy has continued to grow. This past year, the Class of 2014 had 525 seniors participate and raised enough funds to award six scholarships to fellow students.
I am very appreciative for receiving the Senior Class Legacy Scholarship. Not only does this mean that SHSU and the State of Texas have supported me throughout my college education and grants, but so has my own student body, and for that I am thankful.” —Austin Nelson

“This scholarship means a lot to me. It has relieved some of the financial burden associated with continuing my education and has, therefore, allowed me to focus on my studies. The generosity and efforts of the Class of 2014 is greatly appreciated!” —Leah Johnson

“Receiving the Senior Class Legacy Scholarship means having the freedom to avidly devote myself to what I love to do best—dance. With the help of this scholarship, I am able to focus on my classes and rehearsals that are preparing me for my goal of becoming a professional contemporary ballet dancer.” —Rachel Cox
## 2014-2015 Allocation of Contributions By Donors

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African American Friends of SHSU

In 2013, a group of Sam Houston State University alumni approached newly elected Alumni Association president Terry Williams with an idea to promote diversity on campus and give back to the university, while honoring a former administrator that touched each of their lives.

“We realized that the university had been around since 1879, but there wasn’t a building on campus named after an African American,” said Williams. “William Powell had just passed away earlier that year, so we wanted to honor him by establishing an endowment in his name and seeing if we could get the student health center named after him.”

Powell was the first African American to serve as an administrator at SHSU. He joined the Dean of Student Life Office in 1972 and established himself as a trusted advisor and mentor to students and worked to build a student-centered approach within the organization.

“He served the university for so many years and touched the lives of so many students,” said Rissie Owens, a 1980 graduate. ‘He definitely went ‘above and beyond,’ as several students regularly tell stories of how he saved them and how is the reason they were able to graduate.”

The African American Friends of SHSU Scholarship was established in 2012 and provides assistance to one full-time student each year, from any discipline, who may not be able to attend the university without it.

Because Williams also serves as regional vice president of operations at HEB, he also found a way to connect the company with the university.

“We’re all about diversity at HEB, so I contacted the company and they made a $50,000 donation to the scholarship on behalf of Dean Williams,” said Williams. “After that, we decided as a group that we’d raise at least another $50,000 and create an endowment for the scholarship in order to give a good six-figure donation that would continue to give for years to come.”

Because Powell was also instrumental in establishing mental health support and services for students through the formation of the original university Counseling Center, the group lobbied to have the building named after Powell.

The William R. Powell Student Health & Counseling Center was dedicated in May.
I have loved Sam from day one. The Department of Government (as it was called in 1966) was small and collegial and it continued to be a place where it was a joy to teach and research, because the people there understood that life is about relationships. Sam has grown over 300 percent since I arrived, but welcoming service will be attracted to the profession and that financial assistance makes it possible for some to explore their potential. 

—Edwin Davis, friend of SHSU

The education I gained at Sam Houston gave me the knowledge and skills I needed to work with students with many types of disabilities. I learned educational theory and teaching methods that I could put into practice with the students I worked with throughout my career. When I began my special education career, this was a new field for public schools, so I became an ‘expert’ very quickly since few educators had knowledge or experience with students with significant disabilities.

If I had not bad a welcoming environment, with excellent professors, I would not have been able to earn advanced degrees. Giving to SHSU enables me to share the blessings that I have received. To those whom much has been given, much is expected.

—Sharon Lynch, ’82 MEd
Benefactor Ruth Cady enjoys lunch with student recipient Kayleigh Ripley during the 16th Annual Face to Face Luncheon, which provides benefactors and their scholarship recipients a special opportunity to meet and learn about each other.

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Employees of Facilities Management, Academic Affairs, Student Services, and Enrollment Management who are making a difference through the SHSU Faculty/Staff Campaign include (front row, from left) Guillermira Ramirez, Juana Aranda, Gracie Hernandez, Marcela Castillo, Cathi Gillette, and Lynn Clopton; (middle row, from left) Scott Dolezal, Joe Carrell, Jackie Taylor, Judy Thiele, and Debbie Nicholls; and (back row, from left) Rick Mason, Vice President Frank Parker, Provost Jaimie Hebert, and Drew Miller.

Employee Giving Supports Family Scholarships

Every fall, the Annual Giving Office coordinates the Faculty and Staff Campaign, a two-month program in which employees are asked to contribute needed dollars for scholarships, academic enrichment, equipment, and technology.

Included in the results of the campaign since it started in 2000-2001 are a number of employee-funded or supported scholarships to help students in academic programs.

“While there are faculty and staff members who have daily connections with students, many staff members across campus do not and were unsure of what area to support,” said Cindy Truax, director of Annual Giving and Faculty and Staff Campaign coordinator. “Employees in Facilities Management came up with a solution years ago; they pulled together to start the Facilities Management Family Scholarship.”

Employees contribute to this scholarship to help students who are children or grandchildren of employees in their area.

The Enrollment Management, Academic Affairs and Student Services divisions also have established their own scholarships, which allow employees to support SHSU while designating their gifts to help make a difference for students from their own work families.

“They found a meaningful way to give,” Truax said.

Over the past several years, the Faculty and Staff Campaign has maintained an average participation rate of 80 percent, and last year, more than $345,000 was raised, the highest level in the program’s history.

“The fact that our campaign is so successful shows that our faculty and staff truly care about the university and its students,” Truax said.
Farms in Fredericksburg.

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Terry Foundation Helps Students Achieve Goals

When the Terry Foundation contacted SHSU President Dana Hoyt in 2013 and told her they’d like to fund the first cohort of Terry Scholars at SHSU, both parties knew that SHSU students were who the foundation wanted to support.

Since its inception in 1986, the Terry Foundation has assisted more than 3,745 Texas college students achieve their goals in higher education, according to the foundation’s annual report. Terry scholarships are awarded for a student’s freshman year of college and are renewable for up to eight semesters. The award covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, on-campus housing and miscellaneous expenses, as long as the student continues to meet the foundation’s requirements.

Once SHSU identified those who met the foundation’s criteria, the students traveled to Houston, where they interviewed with the foundation, which decided who would receive the full-ride scholarship.

“When Howard and Nancy Terry established the foundation, they wanted to do more than just provide financial stability for students; they also wanted to create a family of scholars with a shared drive for greatness and passion for helping others,” said Mary Robbins, SHSU Terry Scholarship coordinator and interim dean of Graduate Studies.

“The foundation does cover the cost of our school, and while I’m eternally grateful for that, it is just one of the many things they do for us,” said Edwin Cantu, sophomore entrepreneurship major and member of the first cohort of Terry Scholars at SHSU.

For example, as a Terry Scholar, students have access to a list of Terry Alumni who are committed to helping future Terrys and serving as mentors if they need one. Having access to that list is one of the most important resources for students, according to Cantu.

Yasmyn Sumiyoshi, a freshman musical theatre major and member of the second cohort of Terry Scholars at SHSU, recognizes the impact that the opportunity has had on her and her family’s lives.

“Applying to college can be extremely terrifying,” she said. “Having this security made the transition a lot easier for me and my parents. Now I’ll be able to focus on classes instead of worrying about finding a job to pay for them.”

“Being involved with the Terry Foundation is such an honor, and seeing the influence it has on these students is so rewarding,” said Robbins. “It’s exciting to watch this family of students learn and grow together, and it was all made possible by the generosity of the Terry family and their passion for helping students to help themselves.”
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