

## NEW JOHN R. RAGSDALE ALUMNI CENTER OPENS



The Sam Houston State University Alumni Association recently celebrated Homecoming with a ribbon cutting at the new John R. Ragsdale Alumni Center on campus. The center is conveniently located at 1605 Sam Houston Ave. and is among the most visible locations on campus with over 10,000 motorists passing by each day.

The open house and ribbon-cutting event attracted more than 125 guests including the center's namesake John R. Ragsdale and his wife Judy. Adding to the festive atmosphere was live music

provided by students in SHSU's School of Music.

The alumni staff along with members of the SHSU Alumni Association Board welcomed guests and provided tours of the center to campus and community dignitaries, alumni, faculty, staff, and students. All attendees received a commemorative SHSU Alumni Association mug to honor the occasion.

The John R. Ragsdale Alumni Center is now home to the SHSU Office of Alumni Relations and provides a beautiful gathering space for alumni visiting campus.

### CLASS NOTES

#### We want to hear from you!

Send us updates on work, relocations, marriage, family, degrees, accomplishments—and a photo, too. Let other Bearkats know what you've been up to by completing the online form or emailing us your updates.

Class Notes are shared in *Heritage* magazine.

Email: [alumni@shsu.edu](mailto:alumni@shsu.edu)

or fill out the form at

[shsu.edu/dept/office-of-alumni-relations/services/classnotes](http://shsu.edu/dept/office-of-alumni-relations/services/classnotes)

### ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT MOVES TO HOUSTON NATIONAL

The SHSU Alumni Association Golf tournament will be held at the Sterling Country Club @ Houston National on April 17, 2020. The facility is owned and operated by SHSU alumni Robert '80 and Erin '80 Steele. Sponsorship and entry: [alumni.shsu.edu](http://alumni.shsu.edu)



### UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES\*

January 27 .....	Walker County Alumni Club Scholarship Fundraiser, Huntsville
February 29 .....	Life Member Celebration, River Oaks County Club, Houston
March 26 .....	Austin/Washington County Area Club Dinner, Kenney Store, Kenney
April 17 .....	Alumni Golf Tournament, Sterling Country Club, Houston
May 2 .....	Day @ the Races, Sam Houston Race Park, Houston

*\*For a complete listing of upcoming alumni association events, visit [alumni.shsu.edu](http://alumni.shsu.edu)*







# Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

*New Life Members from May 1, 2019 and November 1, 2019*

## 50's

Carol French 1959

## 60's

William Howell 1967  
Susan Ray 1967  
Cynthia Byrd 1968, 1965  
Linda Macdonald 1969  
John Spiller 1969

## 70's

Dorothy St. Clair-Hill 1970  
Robert Sweeten 1970  
Sherril Woods 1970  
Robert Whitmarsh 1971  
Julia Woods 1971, 1970  
David Worthington 1972, 1970  
Burton Aber 1973  
Ronald Glash 1973  
Randy Underwood 1973  
Rob Scott 1975  
Sharon Walker 1975, 1968  
Lawrence Hoff 1976  
Michael Keathley 1976  
James Harriss 1978, 1978  
Renae Parham 1979

## 80's

Van Parham 1980  
Forest Harrell 1981  
Debra Keehn 1981  
Nathan Partain 1981  
William McAdams 1982  
David Hernandez 1984  
Norris Jackson 1984  
Betty Harriss 1985, 1980  
Peggy Graving 1988  
Rosanne Keathley 1989, 1977  
Borris Miles 1989

## 90's

Phyllis Krebs 1990  
Toni Holley 1991  
Marney Collins Sims 1992  
Matthew Dexter 1993  
Kerry Sims 1993  
Dimitri Tubbs 1998  
Jewel Jones 1999

## 00's

Adrien Lightfoot 2002  
Lisa Moore 2004  
Kyle Fricke 2005

Stacy McCarty 2005  
Stephen Wellman 2006  
Karen Banks 2009  
Amy Downey 2009, 2007  
Janene Hemmen 2009, 2004

## 10's

Gonzalo Correa 2013, 2013  
Clarissa Barboza 2014  
Reynaldo Paz 2014, 2013  
Sabrina Terry 2015  
Kay Angrove 2017  
Kimberly Childress 2017  
Quinlaine Cisco 2017  
Samantha Davis 2017  
Cree Duane 2017  
Shelby Kennedy 2017  
Gabriella Posey 2017  
Logan Terry 2017, 2015  
John Bogan 2018  
Mary Campodonico 2018  
Emily Ericson 2018  
Kenneth Garcia 2018  
Jackson Hutson 2018  
John Lightfoot 2018  
Manuela Paz 2018, 2014

David Peach 2018  
Austin Woyt 2018  
Caitlin Arrigali 2019  
Matthew Bloss 2019  
Bennie Boles 2019  
Kari Bush 2019  
David Eller 2019  
Cody LeBlanc 2019  
John Masterson 2019  
Christina Munnings 2019  
Katherine Orr 2019  
Adriana Pasket 2019  
Gayla Raulie 2019  
Casey Schindler 2019  
Zachary Tucker 2019  
Makayla Vargas 2019

## Family & Friends

Andrea Correa  
John Evans  
Aysiah Garza  
Denise Glash  
Bruce Graving  
Maureen McIntyre  
Benjamin Velasquez Ruiz

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## 2020 ALUMNI TRAVEL

GREECE ISLAND HOPPER, MAY 1-11  
IMPERIAL CITIES WITH OBERAMMERGUA, MAY 27 **SOLD OUT**  
CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS, JULY 18-24

DISCOVER SCOTLAND, AUGUST 18-27  
CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE, DECEMBER 9-18  
ROSE PARADE AND NEW YEAR'S, DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 4

\*Visit our *Traveling Bearkats* page at [alumni.shsu.edu](http://alumni.shsu.edu) to view trip information and pricing details.



## ALUMNI TUITION DRAWING IN 13TH YEAR



Izaiah J. Rodriguez from El Paso, Texas was surprised during class with a giant check and alumni gift basket. Izaiah was the lucky winner drawn during the thirteenth annual SHSU Tuition Scholarship drawing on November 15.

The Alumni Association has awarded more than \$240,000 in scholarships through the tuition-drawing program. This year's award of 24-hours of undergraduate in-state tuition has an approximate value of \$5,856. The SHSU Alumni Association will award net proceeds from the tuition drawing in \$1000 increments to eligible students for the Fall 20 semester. For more information on the tuition drawing or alumni scholarships, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478.

## SAA BANQUET



The Student Alumni Association showing their support for SHSU by participating in the 2019 Homecoming Parade. Some of the members tie-dyed their SAA shirt to embrace the Sammy Stock theme.

## TAILGATE 2019

Thank you to the many generous sponsors that assist in making the alumni association pre-game tailgate a fun family event prior to each home game. Eat 'Em Up KATS! Not a member of the SHSU Alumni Association? **Join Today online at [alumni.shsu.edu](http://alumni.shsu.edu).**



## BAY AREA CLUB DINNER



The Bay Area Alumni Club Presidential Dinner held on November 6 raised over \$3,200 for the SHSU Food Pantry. Pictured accepting a check during the dinner presentation are Katie West '12, Joe Amato '72, John Eriksson '63 and '66, SHSU President Dana G. Hoyt, and Dean of the College of Health Sciences Dr. Rodney Runyan.

## BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION CLUB DINNER



The Bryan/College Station Area Club hosted their annual dinner at Christopher's World Grille on November 7 with over 80 in attendance. Pictured: Alberto Gonzales '12, Robert Mandujano, Lauren Galls '18, Gregory Galls '95, and Jorge Rojas '13.

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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

# Life Member Celebration

## Save the Date!

February 29, 2020 | 6 p.m.

River Oaks Country Club | Houston, Texas

For information on table sponsorship opportunities and a special room block at the J.W. Marriott at The Galleria, visit [alumni.shsu.edu](http://alumni.shsu.edu) or call us at 936.294.1841.

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