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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2017

NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS WELCOMED

The Sam Houston State University Alumni Association officially welcomed and presented plaques to new Life Members during the 7th Annual Life Member Celebration on Feb. 25 at the JW Marriott in downtown Houston.

Approximately 200 SHSU alumni have become Life Members over the past year.

The event featured music by the School of Music's Saxophone Quartet and remarks by Life Endowed Member Justin Burnett '02.

Among those receiving plaques were Joellen '83 and Cullen '83 Tipton. Joellen, who has been an SHSU employee for almost 30 years, had been a Century Club member in the past. She and Cullen decided that the time was right to become Life Members.

"When our children were younger, we were very much involved in their activities," Joellen said. "Now that they are older, we feel that we have more time to participate with the Alumni Association programs and events."

Edgar Reeves '56, who along with his wife, Carolyn, were Gold Sponsors at the Life Member Celebration, were instrumental in getting other family members to become Life Members.

"Sam Houston State University has been so good to me," Edgar said. "Both my parents died before I came to college. However, with the kindness of so many people in Huntsville and at school, I always felt that I had encouragement and that I was not alone. Membership with the Alumni Association and supporting its programs are just a few of the ways that I can show my appreciation."



Cindy '80 and Randy Reeves '81 with his parents Edgar '56 and Carolyn Reeves



Life Endowed members Richard '61 and Kitty '83 Lindley

Life Endowed Members Kitty W. '83 and Richard J. Lindley Jr. '61 joined because of the love they have for the university.

"It's our way of paying tribute to this wonderful school," Richard said. "We are so proud of the way the university has moved forward, yet still honors the traditional values that were so important to us when we were students."

Recent graduate Laura Forbes '15 looks at Life Membership as a way to "pay it forward."

"Because I know that my membership assists with funding for scholarships, I am happy to be able to help students who are coming along after me," she said.

The SHSU Alumni Association thanks our sponsors for their generous and ongoing support.

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SAM HOUSTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

New Life Members from November 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017

50s

D. A. Brian , Jr. 1958
Peggy Brian 1958

60s

Laurel Dickson 1967

70s

Darrel Wells , M.D. 1972
Gardner Seaholm, Jr. 1974, 1976
Frank Horelica 1977

80s

Denman Reeves 1983
Timothy Drake 1986

Lisa Gregory 1987, 1989

90s

Kevin Gregory 1990
Shannon McManners 1992,
1994
Omar Maalouf 1995
Edwin Ueckert 1995
John Mackel III 1996
Christopher Sower 1996 1999
Michael Weidemeyer 1996
Alesha Maalouf 1997

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Lezlie Parish 2003

10s

Jeffery Fairchild 2011
John Greer III 2012
Shannon Maguire 2014
Whitney Ward 2014
Kyle Broussard 2015
Morgen Delaney 2015
Laura Forbes 2015
Kayla Rea 2015
Kelli Stewart 2015
Dawn Wesneski 2015
Marcus Allen 2016
Matthew Bradshaw 2016
Jessica Coykendall 2016

Melissa Gaskin 2016

Alexis Gonzales 2016
Bradley Ivey 2016
John Jester 2016
Trevor Limmer 2016
Hannah Plucheck 2016
Jonathan Pollard 2016
Bailey Vandyke 2016

Friends & Family

Danielle Reeves
Carolyn Reeves
Marcella Wells
Wallace Dickson

Upcoming Events/Activities

April 22 Founders Day – SHSU Campus
April 22 Military Science Alumni Gala – SHSU Campus
April 25 Tomball Teachers Appreciation Event – Los Cucos Mexican Café, Tomball
April 27 Brenham Area Reception – Kenney Store, Kenney
May 6 SHSU Day at The Races – Kentucky Derby, Sam Houston Race Park, Houston
May 19 SHSU Day at Constellation Field – Sugarland
June 13 SHSU Night at Minute Maid Park, Houston

** For a complete listing of upcoming alumni association events, visit alumni.shsu.edu*

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2017 ALUMNI TRAVEL

- **THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S COASTAL TREASURES** (from \$3,999*), departs June 18, 9 Days – 13 meals
- **SPOTLIGHT ON BARCELONA** (from \$3,299*), departs October 7, 7 Days – 8 meals
- **HOLIDAY IN NEW YORK** (pricing coming soon) departs December 12, 4 Days

YOUNG ALUMNI TRAVEL FOR 18-35 YEAR OLDS

- **CANOPIES AND CABANAS** (from \$1,101**), departs July 29, 7 Days – 6 MEALS
- **BERLIN & PRAGUE PLUS VIENNA** (from \$1,175**), departs October 28, 9 Days – 11 meals

**double room, airfare included*

*** single traveler, airfare not included*

SAM HOUSTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Alumni, legislators and friends joined the Alumni Association in celebrating the life of Texas' greatest hero and our university's namesake, Gen. Sam Houston during the Sam Houston Birthday Celebration held on February 28 at the Austin Club in Austin. Pictured with President Dana G. Hoyt are members of the 2017 SHSU Alumni Board of Directors.

BEARKAT COUNTRY CRAWFISH BOIL



The departments of Alumni Relations, Student Activities, Athletics and Greek Life welcomed students back from spring break with the 3rd annual "Bearkat Country Crawfish Boil" tailgate and block party before the SHSU baseball team beat UTA 14-2 on March 21.

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
or fill out the form at
shsu.edu/dept/office-of-alumni-relations/services/classnotes

THE WALKER COUNTY ALUMNI & FRIENDS CLUB



The Walker County Alumni & Friends Club awarded two scholarships during their 4th annual Scholarship Fundraiser and Auction on January 23 in Huntsville. Pictured with President Dana G. Hoyt are scholarship recipients Lauren Worley and Marco Alvarado.

STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (SAA)



On February 14, members from the Student Alumni Association made their 6th annual trip to the Green Acres Nursing Home in Huntsville to deliver carnations to the residents and staff members during the homes annual Valentine's Day party. The students take pride in the opportunity to give back to those in the community that have given so much over the years and were able to share many stories about SHSU and the Huntsville community.

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2017 Alumni Association Tailgate Sponsorships



The 2017 SHSU football season is fast approaching! The Alumni Association is proud to be a part of this honored tradition and look forward to you joining us in the excitement for both home and away games.

The Alumni Association provides food and beverages to alumni, students and friends before each game to encourage a great Bearkat tailgate atmosphere.

Sponsor packages:

White Sponsor: \$250

Orange Sponsor: \$500

Bearkat Sponsor: \$1,000

Touchdown Tailgate Season Underwriter: \$2,500



For more information visit alumni.shsu.edu. We request all commitments be made prior to August 1, 2017 to ensure adequate time in preparation of tailgate signage and displays.

Thank you for your support and consideration. **GO BEARKATS!**

Register Online at shsu.edu/foundersday



APRIL 22, 2017
FOURTH ANNUAL

Founders Day
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Contact the Alumni Association for more information by emailing alu_kat@shsu.edu or calling 800.283.7478



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