



Message from the President

Dear Graduate:

We at Sam Houston State University are pleased and honored to share such a wonderful milestone with you today. Your degree represents a significant accomplishment in your life, and I congratulate you on the attainment of this goal.

When you first began your college career, I'm sure you had dreams of what you wanted to achieve. Your degree is tangible evidence of your success in making those dreams reality, and we are happy to have been a part of your education. We hope your association with us will continue, and as an alumnus you will feel the same pride for our university that you felt when you were here as a student.

Your graduation is the beginning of a new and exciting journey into a world filled with glorious opportunities. I urge you to keep alive your love for your alma mater and always remember you are a part of Sam Houston State University, a great name in Texas education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana L. Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dana L. Gibson



Sam Houston State University Alma Mater



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

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

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

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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Fall 2011

Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum

Friday, December 16, 2011

Evening Ceremony
6:30 p.m.
College of Education
College of Fine Arts and Mass
Communication

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Morning Ceremony
9:30 a.m.
College of Business Administration
College of Sciences

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Afternoon Ceremony
2:30 p.m.
College of Criminal Justice
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Presiding

Jaimie Hebert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp & CircumstanceSHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble
Edward Elgar
David Cole, Conductor
Christopher Michel, Song Leader

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 ColorsSHSU ROTC Color Guard

The Star-Spangled Banner..... Christopher Michel, Song Leader
Text: Francis Scott Key; Music: John Stafford Smith

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

Commencement Address

Friday, December 16, 2011Yolanda E. Green
Community Pioneer and Children's Advocate

Saturday, December 17, 2011 John Otto
State Representative, Texas House of Representatives.

Alma Mater Christopher Michel
Anonymous/Allen R. Hightower

Conferring of DegreesDana L. Gibson

Remarks to the Graduates Alan Tinsley
President, Alumni Board of Directors

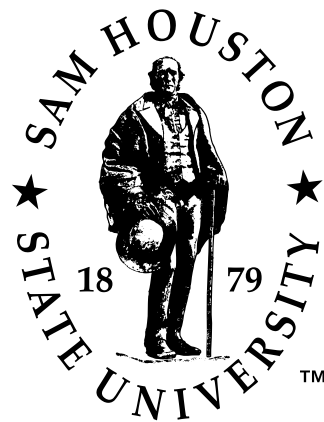
Auld Lang Syne Christopher Michel, Song Leader
Robert Burns

RECESSIONAL

Rondeau.....SHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble
Jean-Joseph Mouret
David Cole, Conductor

Audience seated for Processional and Recessional

As a courtesy, please refrain from using noise makers during the graduation ceremony.



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

Friday, December 16, 2011
Evening Ceremony

- College of Education, College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication.
- Dr. Maureen McIntyre of the College of Education is the Mace Bearer.
- Ms. Penny Hasekoester will introduce the graduates.

Saturday, December 17, 2011
Morning Ceremony

- College of Business Administration, College of Sciences.
- Dr. James Tiller of the College of Sciences is the Mace Bearer.
- Dr. Michael Pass will introduce the graduates.

Saturday, December 17, 2011
Afternoon Ceremony

- College of Criminal Justice, College of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Dr. Sam Souryal of the College of Criminal Justice is the Mace Bearer.
- Dr. Donna Desforges will introduce the graduates.



**YOLANDA E. GREEN
COMMUNITY PIONEER,
CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE,
SEASONED PUBLIC SPEAKER
AND EMMY NOMINATED
TELEVISION PERSONALITY**

Yolanda Green is a community pioneer, children's advocate, seasoned public speaker, and Emmy nominated television personality. Ms. Green is currently the Manager of Community Investment for Comcast Houston where she is responsible for all the company's philanthropic efforts in Houston and the surrounding area.

In her former capacity as Community Relations Director with KIAH-TV (CW39), Ms. Green spearheaded activities for the CW39 Cares for Kids Fund, facilitating the distribution of more than nine million dollars to local non-profit agencies.

In 2000, Ms. Green took a bold step to address the growing need for adoption in Houston and Harris County, becoming the driving force behind a comprehensive broadcast Public Service Campaign, which allowed children in foster care to be featured on Channel 39 in public service announcements. The announcements aired twenty-six times per week, fifty-two weeks per year, and resulted in more than 5,500 children finding adoptive homes.

As the host of *Outlook Houston* for over a decade, Ms. Green endeavored

Commencement Speakers

to educate and empower viewers with information on critical issues facing the Houston community with many notable guests appearing on the show such as basketball legend and successful entrepreneur Earvin "Magic" Johnson; gospel recording artist Yolanda Adams; R & B legend Gladys Knight; Houston Mayors, Bob Lanier, Lee Brown, and Bill White as well as various federal, state, and local officials or those individuals in pursuit of coveted public service positions.

Along with hosting *Outlook Houston* once a month, Ms. Green hosted the weekly program *Going Green with Yolanda Green* which worked to highlight businesses, commercial products, government programs, and local initiatives making significant strides in ensuring our communities are eco-friendly. The program garnered eight Emmy nominations in its first two years of operation. Ms. Green and her team also received numerous honors and awards for their outstanding efforts to bring environmental issues to the attention of Houston and the surrounding communities.

As a public speaker, Ms. Green shares her powerful personal journey as a teenage mother, lessons in leadership, and her vision for a stronger community one volunteer opportunity at a time. She has spoken to groups of 100 to 1000+ imparting humor and inspiration as well as issuing a call to action in the individual and collective lives of her audiences.

Ms. Green's work in the community extends far beyond the media and includes current board service with St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities and Texas Executive Women.

She has also served as Board President and Chairman of the largest children's advocacy center in the United States, the Children's Assessment Center. Her other past board memberships include AIDS Foundation Houston; Crossroads: Community Partnership for Youth; Planned Parenthood of Southeast Texas; Julia F. Thompson, Inc.; and the Ms. Wheelchair Texas Foundation. Ms. Green is also a

member of the Mu Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Ms. Green received her degree in Broadcast Journalism from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. She is the mother of one adult daughter and currently resides in a suburb of Houston where she enjoys spending time relaxing with family and friends.



**JOHN OTTO
(R-DAYTON)
STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

State Representative John Otto (R-Dayton) is a businessman, community leader, and native of Dayton, Texas. He is a certified public accountant, currently, serving as a Director for Business Development of Ryan — the leading tax services firm in North America, with the largest transaction tax practice in the United States and Canada.

John Otto was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in November, 2004. During the 82nd Legislative Session, Representative Otto served on the House Appropriations Committee (Chairman of the General Government and Criminal Justice Subcommittees) and on the Conference Committee for HB 1. He also served as Vice-Chairman

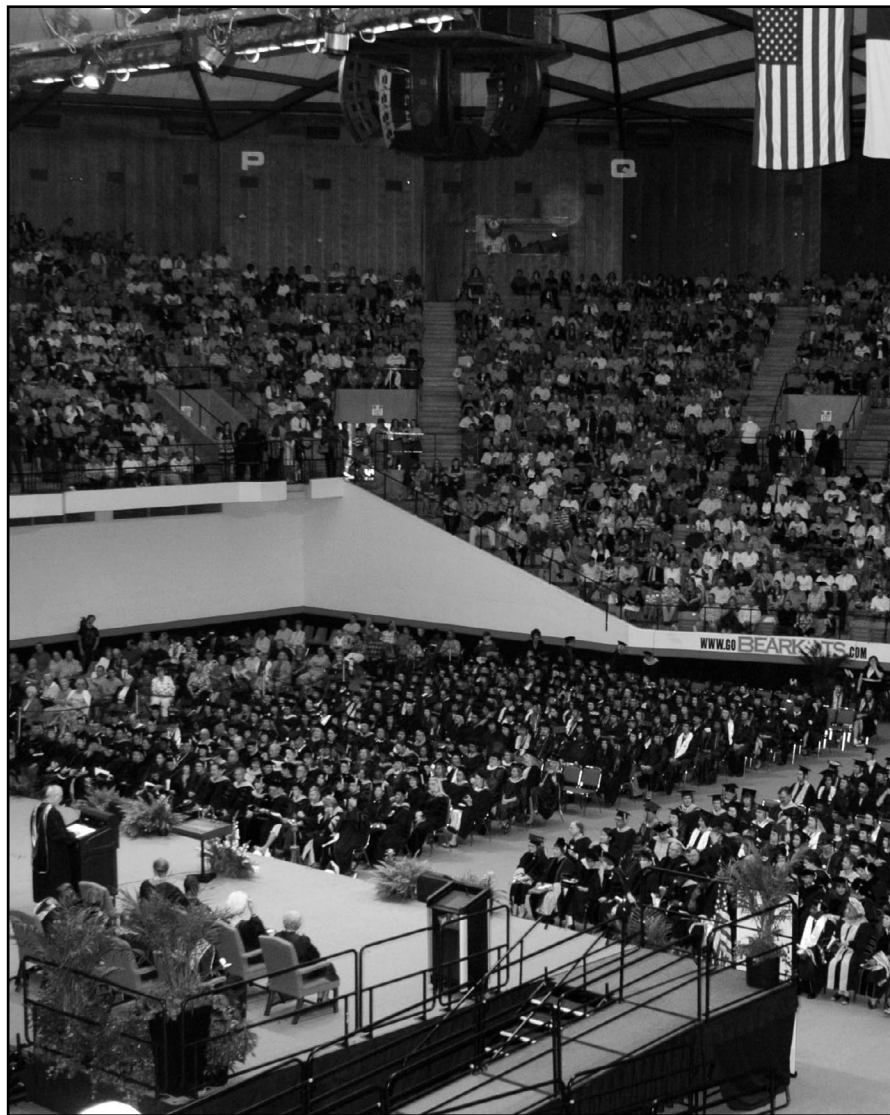
of the House Committee on Ways and Means. In 2008, Representative Otto was named by Speaker of the House, Tom Craddick, to chair the House Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform and to serve as a member of the Select Committee on Public and Higher Education Finance. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Budget & Revenue Committee for the National Conference of State Legislators and is a member of the Energy Council.

Representative Otto has earned several awards. In 2005, he was named "Republican Freshman of the Year" by members of the Texas House of Representatives, "2005 Freshman of the Year Award" by members of the House Republican Caucus, "Most Valuable Freshman" by editors of *Capitol Inside*, and "Rookie of the Year" by *Texas Monthly*. During the 81st session in 2009, Rep. Otto was named one of the 10 best legislators in Texas by *Texas Monthly*. During the 82nd session in 2011, Representative Otto was recognized as the Texas Retailer's Legislator of the Year for his work on the nexus bill for sales tax.

During the last 25 years, Representative Otto has been actively involved in his community, serving in a variety of capacities in various organizations such as Dayton City Council, Dayton ISD Board of Trustees, Dayton Chamber of Commerce, HGAC Transportation Policy Council, and Dayton Community Development Corporation, to name a few.

John Otto is a 1966 graduate of Dayton High School and attended Texas A&M University where he received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in May, 1970. A distinguished military graduate, he received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army upon graduation.

Representative Otto and his wife, Nancy, are members of First United Methodist Church of Dayton, where they both sing in the choir, and John serves as the Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. John and Nancy's family consists of son, Bryan, of College Station and son, Jason, and wife, Brandee, with granddaughters Bailee, Emilee, and Mallore of Kyle.



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.

University Mace

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.



Gonfalons

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 six gonfalons displayed represent the six colleges of Sam Houston State University. The initial use of gonfalons at Sam Houston State University was on the occasion of the spring commencement on May 7, 1988.



College of Business Administration

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



College of Criminal Justice

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



College of Education

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



College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication

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



College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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



College of Sciences

The three columns represent the concept of civilization based on a knowledge of the sciences, humanities, and arts. The purple triangles around the edge represent the disciplines taught in the College of Sciences. The stepped levels represent the bachelor and master's degree programs offered by the College of Sciences.

Academic Regalia

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 procession when the individual holds his degree from one of these institutions.

Gowns are generally black, although some few universities depart from

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

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



Hood trim colors on doctoral regalia indicate the following fields:

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



First Faculty and Student Body of Sam Houston in 1880.

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 sixty 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.

Honors Graduates

Numerals Denote Academic Honors as of the 12th Class Day of Fall 2011.

1, 2, 3 = Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude

4, 5 = Honors/Honors College, With Highest Honors/Honors College

6 = With Academic Distinction in an Academic Discipline.

Carly Jeanne May Adams ²	Rachel Elizabeth Fox ³	Rebekah J. Mason ²	Jonathan Brian Stone ²
John Douglas Allen ³	Kimberly Ann Franklin ²	James Patrick McCann III ¹	Elizabeth Lee Stuller ²
Ange Joel Amani ¹	Alisa Garcia ¹	Ryan Taylor McConnico ¹	Eric Neal Sullins ¹
Kristin Leigh Anderson ¹	Meaghan Ashlee Gasch ²	Christopher Irwin McMillan ^{3,4}	Allison Nicole Taylor ²
Dustin Alan Andrus ¹	Sean-Michael P. Gilmore ¹	Nicole N. McMillian ²	Brooke Ashley Taylor ³
Devin Glenn Ansohn ¹	Kellie Marie Grace ²	Thomas Howard Meadows Jr. ²	Amanda Catharine Trennel ²
Tasha Nicole Arevalo ²	Devin Marlee Nic Green ¹	Veronica Medrano ²	Mary Allison Trobaugh ^{1,4}
Phillip Michael Atkins ¹	Sarah Jean Gunn ²	Lori Ann Mendel ³	Colleen Marie Trotter ^{3,4}
Jeremy Lee Baggs ¹	Glynda Lucille Haldt ¹	Kristin Michelle Meyer ^{1,4}	Tiffany Ann Truxel ²
Flora L. Baker ²	Tiffany Rae Hall ^{1,4}	Shannon Lea Miller ³	Janette Uribe ¹
Melissa Kaye Barton ¹	Kyley Amber Hampton ³	Thomas Charles Miller ²	Amy M. Velasquez ¹
Alta Katharine Berry ²	Amber Leigh Hatcher ³	Jennifer Amanda Mohler ^{3,4}	Lindsay Marie Vinyard ²
Amy Suzanne Best ²	Ludwig D. Hernandez Ortiz ¹	Samuel Montes Jr. ¹	Elia Viramontes ¹
Esmeralda Bishop ¹	Michelle Joan Hernandez ¹	Amanda Cannon Moore ²	Rachel Nicole Voss ⁴
Elle Theodora Bitzios ¹	Adriane DeAnne Holton ²	Lindsay Jean Mosall ²	Virginia J. Walker ²
Stacy Frances Bosse ²	Christiana Grace Horn ²	Michelle Lynn Nalepa ²	Sarah Ann Weaver ³
LaJoyce Michelle Bowie ¹	Jonathan Banks Houston ²	Elizabeth Marie Neucere ^{2,4}	Steffanie Gayl Wells ³
Trisha Lynn Brittain ²	Charles Ray Jackson ²	Lauren Katelyn Novak ¹	Elizabeth Sue Wilson ²
Deedra Louise Bumgarner ¹	Elizabeth Jean Jackson ³	Dianna Dee Oliver ¹	Stacey-Ann Shauna-Kay Wilson ¹
Jessica Byrd ¹	Amanda Dawn James ²	Aizul Ginizaret Ortega ³	Autumn Ardell Woods ³
Charlotte Canning ¹	Meghann Nicole Jezek ¹	Christi Ann Park ¹	
Jessica Carbajal ²	Valerie Lynn Joglar ¹	Michaelle Elizabeth Pelzel ²	
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Kalyn Rochelle Cavazos ^{1,4}	Zachery Jordan Kahn ³	David A. Purnell ³	
Amanda Chavana ²	Kristine Leanne Keith ¹	Crystal Marie Radabaugh ²	
Crista Cobbs ³	Don M. Kime ²	Alexis Desiree Ray ³	
Eryn Michelle Coldewey ¹	Sarah Elyse Kleb ²	Catherine Diane Reed ¹	
Tiffany Marie Cook ¹	Nicholas James Kraus ^{1,4}	Hannah Mae Ricks ²	
Dorliza J. Copa ¹	Kendra Nicole Krause ²	Jacobus Gatzes Jan Rienstra ³	
Arturo Cornejo Jr. ²	Susan Kuehn ²	Rebecca A. Rodgers ¹	
Shawn Clark Craig ²	Jacklyn Kay Kuklenz ²	Janice M. Rodriguez-Morales ¹	
Danielle Dawn Crider ²	Kristen Ann Lambert ³	Amber Linn Russell ²	
Jaime Nicole David ¹	Nathan Taylor Langenbahn ¹	Jamie Nichole Sabbagh-Barrett ⁴	
Morgan Beth Davis ¹	Courtney Marie Laskowski ²	Christi Anne Sadlon ²	
Ryan Conner Davis ¹	Huong Thu-Thi Le ³	Melody Christine Saladiner ¹	
Brittany Nicole Doherty ¹	Ardelia Mae Lee ^{3,5}	Jonathan Thomas Schalk ³	
Rachel Michelle Doucet ¹	Heather Renee Lee ¹	Cassandra Ann Schmidt ²	
Kristina Tekla Dowgun ^{2,4}	Yoojin Lee ²	Eric Anthony Schrader ^{1,4}	
Ashlee Ann Drake ¹	Matthew Malcolm Light ²	James Michael Scott ²	
Megan Leigh Duncan ¹	Kirsten Nicole Lookofsky ²	Leah Michelle Severin ¹	
Laura Elizabeth Eben ¹	Mayra R. Lopez ²	Arun Sharma ²	
Lauren Ehrhardt ¹	Yvette Lopez ¹	Kelley Suzanne Sikinger ²	
Lori Jo Emery ¹	Ashley Elizabeth Lundquist ¹	Kristen Alyce Sillyman ²	
Patricia Gayle English ²	Jake Ryan Malyemezian ²	Teresa Cheri Skidmore ³	
Kyle G. Exner ²	Rachael Annette Maricle ¹	Karen Michelle Smith ¹	
Carmen Christine Fabrygel ²	James R. Martinez ¹	Kayla Renee Smith ²	
Natalie Paige Foreman ²	Michael J. Martinez ¹	Gregory Robert Sprowls ¹	
Robert Bradford Fortney ²	Brianne Christine Marvin ^{1,4}	Bradley Michael Standerfer ³	

Reflections of Sam Houston

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.



Old Main building in 1895.

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.”



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Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, Dean

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

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

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



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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.

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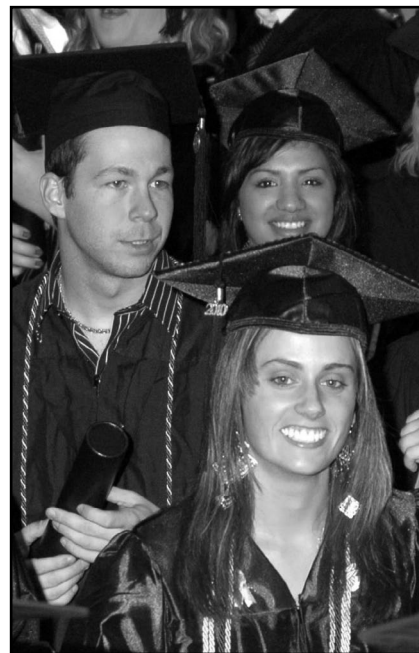
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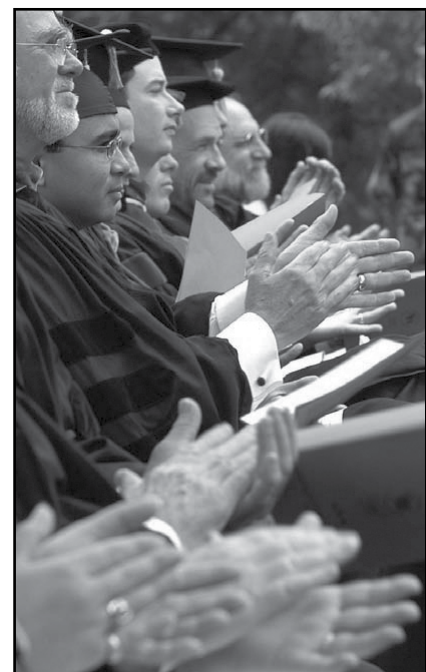
The administration, faculty, and staff of the College of Education share in your joy and pride at the completion of your bachelors, masters, or doctoral degree. We recognize that the accomplishment of this milestone required commitment and discipline and that, in most cases, not only you, but also your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

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

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

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U.S. News & World Report says Sam is: "Growing Fast, Staying Friendly"

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Dissertation Title: *Teacher Team Performance Pay and Teacher Retention: A Mixed Methods Study*
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COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND MASS COMMUNICATION

Dr. Roberta Sloan, Dean

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of the new College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, it is my pleasure as the Founding Dean to offer you my sincere congratulations upon your graduation. Today is the culmination of your achievements here at Sam Houston State University, and we are proud of what you have accomplished.

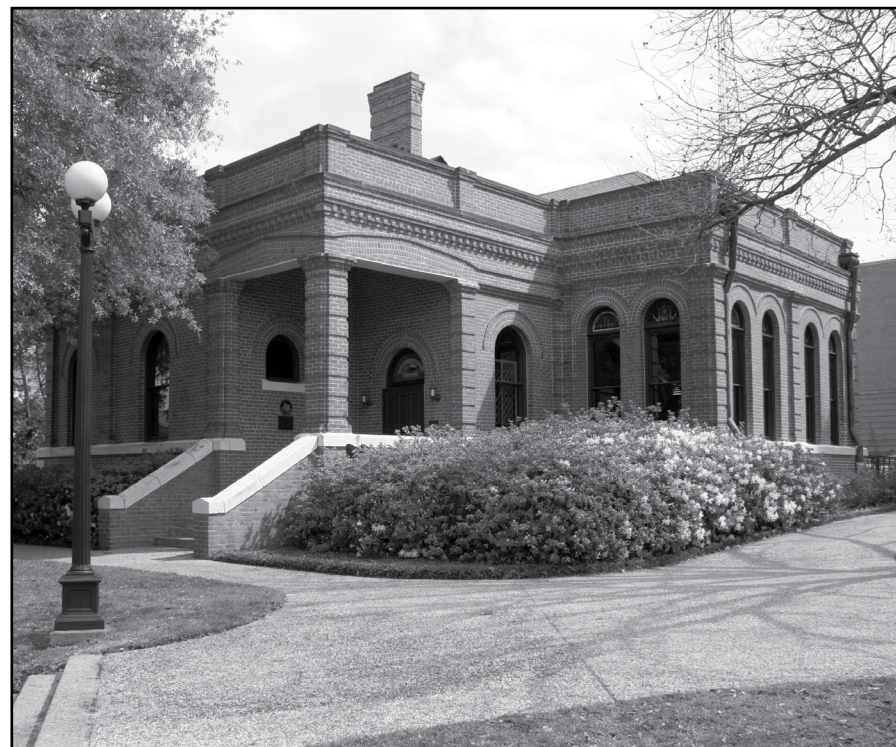
The Arts and Mass Communication have a long and distinguished history at our university. You will be joining the ranks of many outstanding alumni who have preceded you, and you will set the bar for those who will follow in your footsteps. The knowledge, skills, artistry, creativity, resourcefulness and personal initiative that you have developed here will be qualities that serve you well in the future.

The Arts and the field of Mass Communication are often fraught with challenges, but also offer exciting opportunities. Explore your options. Be entrepreneurial. Enjoy the journey ahead knowing that it might not always be easy, but arts and communication can change and enrich the world.

Although I have not had the pleasure of meeting you as students, I hope to do so as you become the alumni of our new college. Please keep in touch and let us know of your endeavors. May they bring you much happiness and great success.

Sincerely,

Roberta Sloan
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The Peabody Memorial Library (current day) was the first library built at a Texas higher education institution.



In 1963, SHSU's men's baseball team won the NAIA World Series Championship.

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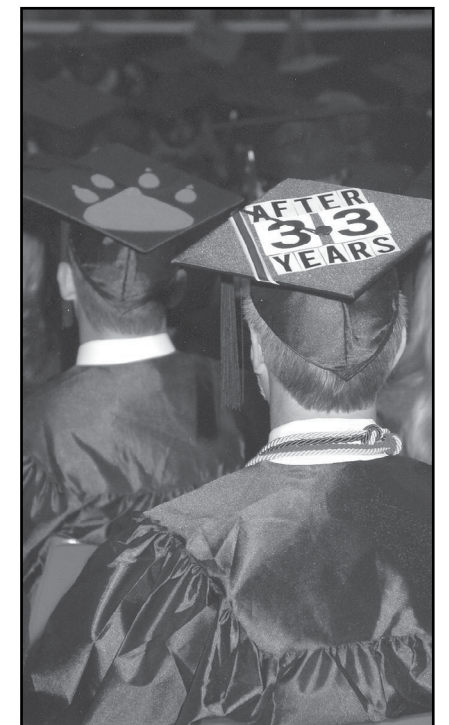
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Sam Houston takes pride in welcoming all non-traditional students.



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

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TV news celebrity Dan Rather graduated from Sam in 1953.

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dr. John M. de Castro, Dean

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 2010 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.

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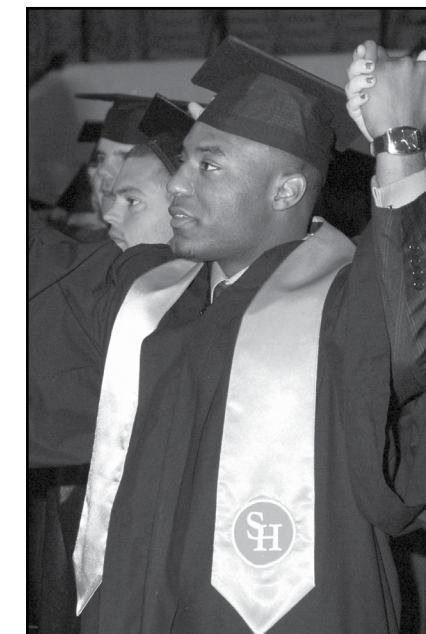
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Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Marcus T. Boccaccini

Claire L. Sauvagnat

Dissertation Title: *Does Emotional Intelligence Influence the Relation Between Life Stress and Mental Health Problems and Criminality Among Probationers?*
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jorge G. Varela



A SHSU tradition, graduates hold hands in celebration at the end of the commencement ceremony.

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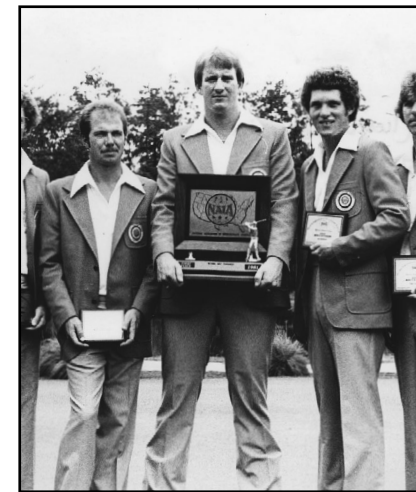
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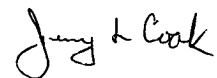
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Dr. Jerry L. Cook, Acting Dean

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

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



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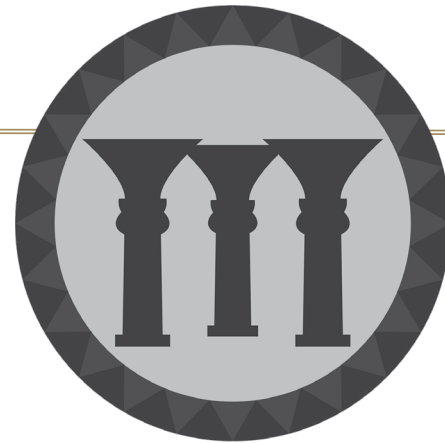
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- Pravaeen Adusumilli, MS
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- Maureen Bernadette Feste, MA
- Brian Christopher Jackson, MS
- Richard Henry Lewis, MS
- Rachana Reddy Mallipeddi, MS
- Gaurav Ramesh Kumar Mandan, MS
- Jerod Paul Martin, MS
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- Sabarinath Radhakrishnan, MS
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- Richard Stephen Tutalo, MS
- Vamsi Krishna Vanga, MS
- Arun Vodnala, MS
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Governor Rick Perry signing the proclamation for the 125th anniversary of SHSU.

- Janalyn West, MS
- Eric Wane Wilburn, MA



- Christopher Lee Williams, MS

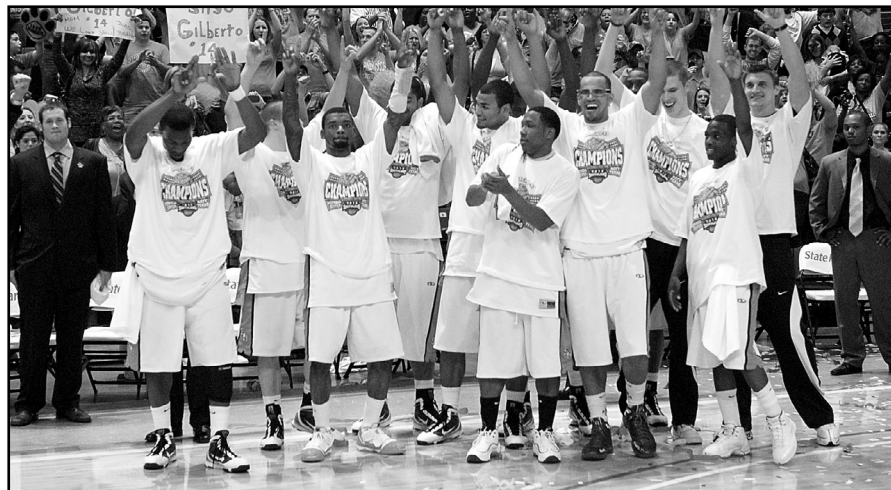
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- Ruben Michael Amador, BS
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- Jason David Anderson, BS
- Kristen Jaleh Araghchi, BS
- Lawrence D. Archambeault III, BAAS
- James Hammock Ashe, BS
- West C. Ashley, BS
- Amy Lynn Bates, BAAS
- Lauren Makpamiekun Bazunu, BA
- Alta Katharine Berry, BS
- Katherine Elizabeth Birkline, BAAS
- Kristi M. Blazek, BS
- Cindy Botero, BS
- Alton Charles Boyce, BS
- Nathan Robert Boyles, BS
- Brittney Louise Bradfield, BS
- Meghan Elyse Bratton, BS
- Abby Elizabeth Brown, BS
- Cory Daran Brune, BS
- Deedra Louise Bumgarner, BS
- Kevin Robert Burke, BS
- Nathaniel Scott Byrum, BS
- Chad Mitchell Campbell, BS
- Trevelyan Glenderrick Canady, BS
- Jeremy D. Carroll, BS
- Chelsea D. Casey, BS
- Michael Roy Chambers Jr., BS
- Diana Fang Chen, BS
- Aaron Robert Coker, BS
- Elizabeth Ann Collins, BS
- George Taylor Cook, BS
- Corey Michael Cortez, BS
- Sarah Elizabeth Cosgrove, BS
- Ryan Scott Damborsky, BS
- Morgan Beth Davis, BS
- Randolph Glenn De La Garza, BS
- Matthew Michael Dean, BS
- John Robert Dearman, BS
- Jennifer DeKerlegand, BS
- Ranny Chad DeMoss, BA
- Decker Patrick Derdeyn, BS
- Kyle Wesley Dickens, BS
- Brandon Wayne Dudley, BS
- Sheila Elaine Echols, BS
- Darby Lynn Enloe, BS
- Brittany Nicole Farmer, BS
- James Robert Felts, BS
- Collin James Fitzgerald, BS



The 67-foot tall statue of General Sam Houston was completed in 1994 by artist, David Adickes, Huntsville native and Sam Houston State University graduate.

- Joel Andres Flores, BS
- Heath Foley, BS
- Robert Bradford Fortney, BS
- Troy Matthew Foster, BS
- Matthew Blake Godwin, BS
- Reese Nathan Goebel, BS
- Kenneth Wayne Goines Jr., BS
- Daniela Mariana Gomez, BS
- Sonia Leticia Gonzalez, BS
- Aisvarya Gottipati, MS
- Jared Keith Groppe, BS
- Eden Guerra Jr., BS
- Ryan James Haarmann, BS
- Tiffany Rae Hall, BS
- Randall Ryan Hampton, BS
- Lisa Raye Hanright, BS
- Elise Danielle Hermes, BS
- Ludwig D. Hernandez Ortiz, BAAS
- Eric William Herold, BS
- Keri Ann Herzog, BS
- Justin Wade Hill, BS
- Valerie Annette Hirsch, BS
- Johnathan Walter Howard, BS
- Kenneth Alejandro Ibarra, BS
- Kegan Bailey English, BS
- Lacey K. Ivie, BS
- Elizabeth Jean Jackson, BA
- Kassandre Michele Janson, BS
- Marcus Lloyd Jean, BS
- Jodie Alise Jeffrey, BS
- Meghann Nicole Jezek, BS
- Cammie Lane Johnson, BS
- Courtney Leigh Jones, BS
- Linda Gail Jones, BS
- Amanda Holt Kelley, BS
- David Alan Key II, BS
- Kaci Nicole Kimbriel, BS
- Brandon Forrest Kines, BS



The 2003 Bearkat Basketball Team at the NCAA Championships.

Matthew Tarrant Kitchens, BS
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 Lance J. Kolafa, BS
 Joshua Lawrence Krenek, BS
 Kyle Mark Krobot, BS
 Wesley Ryan Kroll, BS
 Ram Prasad Lamichhane, BS
 Amber Marie Lane, BS
 Amanda Rae Lanham, BS
 Abigail Leal, BS
 Brooke D. Lee, BS
 Abby Lea Lewis, BS
 Jacob Alexander Liesmann, BS
 Jessica Christine Locke, BAAS
 Brandon Scott Locke, BS
 Brian Christopher Loudon, BS
 Chelsie Ryan Lynch, BS
 Craig Matthew Malinowski, BFA
 Jessica Nichole Markham, BS
 Charles A. Marshall, BS
 Brian Thomas Martin, BS
 Nicholas Martinez, BS
 Brianne Christine Marvin, BS
 Mason Andrew Matula, BS
 Michael Melissa May, BAAS
 Rustin Lee Mayse, BS
 Amanda Jane Merchant, BAAS
 Thomas Charles Miller, BS
 John A. Mills, BS
 James Ryan Morgan, BS
 Devero Angelina Morrison, BS
 Bat-Erdene Myagmarjav, BS
 Andrea Joan Nepveux, BAAS

Chris Robert Nettles, BS
 Robert E. Nies III, BS
 Assumpta Chidinma Nwaneri, BS
 Savannah Hope O'Brien, BS
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 Brian Michael Packer, BS
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 Trusha Tushar Patel, BS
 Michaëlle Elizabeth Pelzel, BS
 Morgan Jones Pliengo, BS
 Taylor Allen Poncik, BS
 Iris Jolisa Porter, BS
 Gilda Zulema Portillo, BS
 Christopher Mark Pound, BS
 Christopher Collin Pratt, BS
 Jonathan Barrett Pullen, BS
 Francisco Enrique Quiroz, BS
 Lani Michelle Rankin, BS
 Linda Kay Rawe, BAAS
 Jaylon Franklin Reed, BS
 William Francis Reed, BS
 Reid Kenzie Reinmuth, BS
 Cade Holmes Rice, BS
 Edward Symeron Rinehart, BS
 Ricardo Recaredo Rivera, BS
 Alyssa Carroll Robertson, BS
 Wayne Henderson Roeder, BS
 Guadalupe Alberto Romero Jr., BS
 Euteva Lynn Rousar, BS
 Taylor Jacob Roy, BS
 Julie Patricia Ruffeno, BS
 Stephen In-Cheong Rugh, BS
 Joshua Craig Rush, BS
 Robert James Russell, BS

Elexander Anthony Salinas, BS
 James Michael Scott, BS
 Tina Ann Scott, BS
 Ashley Sequeira, BS
 Leah Michelle Severin, BS
 Jacob Cole Shofner, BS
 Chelsea Dale Siragusa, BS
 Samantha Lynn Spears, BS
 Larry Spell, BS
 Sean Garrett Spretz, BS
 Gregory Robert Sprowls, BS
 Nolan Christopher Stewart, BS
 Jonathan Brian Stone, BS
 Jennifer Nicole Strozier, BS
 Caroline Ellen Swanson, BS
 Heather Felice Szostek, BS
 Gary Wayne Talent Jr., BS
 Cache Wade Tankersley, BS
 Brooke Ashley Taylor, BS
 Elle Marie Terry, BS
 Durell Lamar Thompson, BS
 Stephanie Jo Thornton, BAAS
 Scott N. Townsend, BA
 Nicholas Barry Tucker, BS
 Benjamin Ray Urech, BS
 Justin David Vader, BS
 Nicole Renea Vajdak, BS
 Heather Marie Rose Vancamp, BS
 Anthony Paul Von Arb, BS
 Travis John Walla, BS
 Clayton Thomas Watz, BS
 Brian Lee Weaver, BS
 Kelly Gene Wells, BS
 Cole Bradley Westbrook, BS
 Cody Ray Williams, BS
 Casey Joe Zan, BS



Many SHSU graduates decorate their caps with messages to family and friends.

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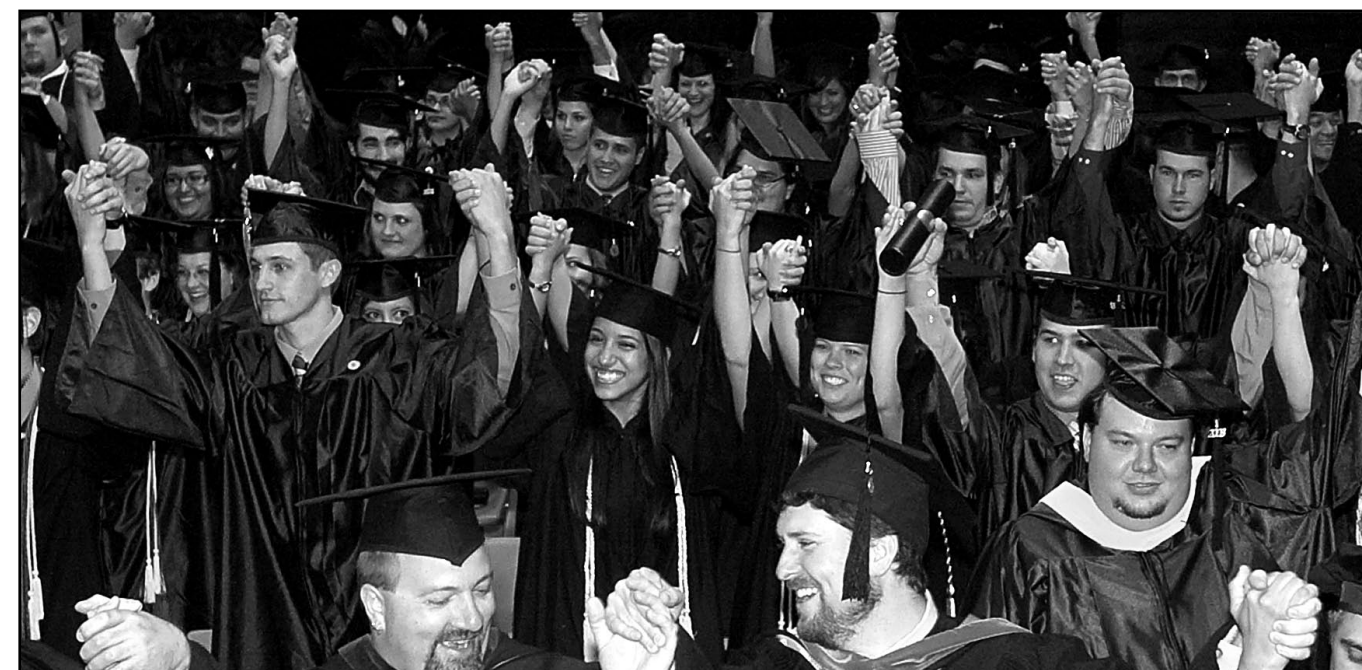
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Office of Alumni Relations

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. A strong university is the result of a strong alumni association. 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 8,000 alumni have already discovered that the best way to stay connected and show their Bearkat pride is to join the alumni association. In addition to such tangible benefits as the *Kat Konnection Newsletter*, lapel pin and the automobile decal, one of the primary benefits of membership is knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of students, faculty and staff here at Sam Houston State University. Each year the association provides financial support for student scholarships.

Take advantage of these benefits of Alumni Association membership:

- Invitations to special events
- Access to Career Services
- Alumni networking
- Alumni publications
- Monthly Sam e-newsletter
- Alumni Savings Connection (check: alumni.shsu.edu for discount listings)
- Regional Alumni Clubs & Special Interest Groups
 - Austin Club
 - Austin/Washington County Club
 - Bay Area Club
 - North Harris/Montgomery County Club
 - Hispanic Alumni & Friends
 - Black Alumni & Friends

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

Sam Houston State University



Ring Tradition

THE OFFICIAL RING OF SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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.

See Sam Houston... Inspire, Empower, Enrich

For more than 130 years, Sam Houston State University, a great name in Texas education, has been preparing students for meaningful lives of academic and personal achievement. The university's motto, "The Measure of a Life Is Its Service," echoes across the beautiful campus and beyond. SHSU is a great place to fulfill the goals exemplified by this motto and to dream and succeed. Huntsville is a lively community of 40,000 that values education, the arts, history, diversity, and culture. Located in the heart of the majestic Piney Woods of East Texas, the 316-acre main campus is a brief drive away from the urban amenities and attractions of The Woodlands and the greater Houston area.

Serving over 17,000 students on one of the most scenic campuses in the nation, SHSU offers over 80 bachelor's degree programs and over 70 graduate programs, including master's degrees, doctoral degrees, and certificate programs. Courses and programs are offered on the main campus in Huntsville, at the University Center in The Woodlands, at the Northwest Center University Park in Northwest Houston, and at various other locations. Students are provided flexible scheduling through face-to-face, online, evening, and weekend classes.

A regionally accredited and selective institution, SHSU is recognized as a Doctoral Research University by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education and is nationally ranked in the top 7% of all institutions of higher education. Students at SHSU work closely with world-renowned teachers and researchers gaining hands-on experience with industry leaders and accomplished professionals. Sam Houston State University is a community of superior scholars, teachers, authors, artists, performers, scientists, mentors, and advisors who value student success, collegiality, achievement, and service to others.

Come experience a close-knit community focused on a challenging yet supportive educational environment for each and every student. Come See Sam Houston.

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SPECIFIC AREAS OF ACHIEVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

- Classified as a "Doctoral Research University" by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, placing SHSU in top 7% of all U.S. colleges & universities.
- Recognized by Princeton Review as one of the "Best in the West" universities.
- Criminal Justice College ranked in U.S. Top 5, Journal of Criminal Justice
- Master's program in History, 14th largest after Yale.
- Undergraduate Math program ranked in U.S. Top 8, Mathematical Association of America
- Top 4 ranked Theatre program, Kennedy Center Competition
- Nation's only accredited bachelor's degree program in the U.S. for Banking and Financial Institutions
- Nationally recognized educator preparation programs with distinction earned for impact on K-12 student learning and retention in the field.
- Nationally recognized programs in Business, Fine Arts, Education, Mathematics and Criminal Justice.

Auld Lang Syne

I

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never bro't to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days of auld lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne;
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

II

And here's a hand, my trusty frien',
And gie's a hand o' thine;
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne;
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.