Sam Houston State University Alma Mater

Hail to Sam Houston,
School we love best,
Mighty in battle,
True to the test.
Bearkats 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 2013

Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum

Friday, December 13, 2013

Evening Ceremony
7:00 p.m.
College of Education
College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication
College of Health Sciences

Saturday, December 14, 2013

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

Saturday, December 14, 2013

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 & Circumstance ..... SHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble
Edward Elgar — Zachary Carrettin, Conductor
Rebecca Grimes, 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 Colors ..... SHSU ROTC Color Guard

The Star-Spangled Banner ..... Rebecca Grimes, 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 13, 2013 ..... Jenna Jackson
Journalist and President of P+R Productions

Saturday, December 14, 2013 ..... Preston Johnson
President of the Houston and Southeast Texas Region of Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Alma Mater ..... Rebecca Grimes, Song Leader
Anonymous/Allen R. Hightower

Conferring of Degrees ..... Dana L. Gibson

Remarks to the Graduates ..... Susan S. Lenamon
President, Alumni Board of Directors

Auld Lang Syne ..... Rebecca Grimes, Song Leader
Robert Burns

RECESSIONAL

Rondeau ..... SHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble
Jean-Joseph Mouret — Zachary Carrettin, 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 13, 2013
Evening Ceremony

- College of Education, College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, and College of Health Sciences.
- Dr. Sam Sullivan is the Mace Bearer
- Ms. Penny Hasekoester will introduce the graduates.

Saturday, December 14, 2013
Morning Ceremony

- College of Business Administration and College of Sciences.
- Dr. Jim Tiller is the Mace Bearer.
- Dr. Ed Blackburne will introduce the graduates.

Saturday, December 14, 2013
Afternoon Ceremony

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

JENNA JACKSON

Award-winning journalist Jenna Jackson serves as president of P+R Productions, a Houston-based company committed to "developing unique and cinematic television shows, documentaries, and films based on genuine characters with real stories." Prior to founding P+R Productions, Ms. Jackson worked as television producer and booker for CBS News/*48 Hours* and later helped to launch Katie Couric's daytime talk show, *Katie*.

Ms. Jackson's investigative reporting has garnered numerous accolades. Her news story *Grave Injustice*—the true story of Anthony Graves, a man sentenced to death row for a crime he did not commit—received both the Emmy Award for Outstanding Coverage of a News Story in a News Magazine and the Peabody Award in 2012. Her other news stories have been lauded with the Dupont Award (2001), the National Association of Black Journalists Award (2002), and the Edward R. Murrow Award (2001, 2011). Recently, Ms. Jackson was named Sam Houston State University's 2013 Outstanding Young Alumni—and she was nominated by none other than renowned journalist and alumnus Dan Rather. In his nomination letter, Mr. Rather describes Ms. Jackson as "one of the best writers of her generation of American journalists."

A native of Jacksonville, TX, Ms. Jackson attended Sam Houston State University after high school, double majoring in Journalism and Political Science. During her time as a student, Ms. Jackson served as editor of *The Houstonian* and as a prison reporter for *The Huntsville Item*. Through her capacity as president of the Student Society of Professional Journalists, Ms. Jackson contacted Mr. Rather before the dedication of the Dan Rather Communications Building. After graduating in 1997, Mr. Rather helped Ms. Jackson to obtain an entry-level position at CBS in New York City, but it was Ms. Jackson's talent and perseverance that propelled her into a 15-year-long career as the producer and booker for *48 Hours*.

Her desire to exert more creative control over her work led her to found P+R Productions. A devoted and active alumna, Ms. Jackson has participated in the Elliot T. Bowers Honors College *Let's Talk!* fundraiser, was a sponsor for the "Bearkats in Business," and is a past board member of the SHSU Alumni Association.

Ms. Jackson currently resides in Houston with her husband, Brendan, and their 6-year-old twin boys, Parker and Rees, after whom her company is named.

PRESTON JOHNSON, JR.

As President of the Houston and Southeast Texas Region of Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Preston Johnson, Jr. brings more than 30 years of leadership experience in the fields of finance, business, employee development, and human resource management. Mr. Johnson oversees coverage for 1.1 million people in the Houston area. Further, he serves as spokesman for "Be Covered"—a non-commercial, grassroots initiative introducing the country's uninsured residents to the new health insurance options available under the Affordable Care Act.

In 1977, Mr. Johnson graduated from Sam Houston State University with a BBA in Accounting and began an impressive career with Dow Chemical that lasted 22 years. Mr. Johnson rose through the ranks at Dow, culminating in his appointment to the position of Global Director of Human Resources. From 1981-1983, he pursued his MBA at the University of Houston-Clear Lake while working full-time. Eventually, Mr. Johnson left Dow Chemical to serve as Senior Vice President of Human Resources & Business Services at CenterPoint Energy, the third largest combined electric, gas, pipeline, and

power distribution/delivery company in the U.S. At CenterPoint, Mr. Johnson's duties included developing, initiating, and implementing the people and business service delivery strategy for an organization of over 9,000 employees, six operating companies, and a combined revenue/assets base of over $9.0B and $20.0B, respectively.

After five years of service at CenterPoint, Mr. Johnson became Vice President of Global Human Resources & Health Services at Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, the second largest E&P Company in the U.S. worth $40B, a position he held for over two years. Mr. Johnson then accepted the role of Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer at McDermott International Inc., a multinational global engineering, construction, and nuclear services firm.

In December 2010, Mr. Johnson ventured into the field of independent business consulting and was assigned to the role of Interim Vice President of Human Resources for Monroe Energy, LLC, a 100% wholly owned subsidiary of Delta Airlines. There, he worked on a "landmark project within the airline industry aimed at revolutionizing the way business is conducted within this segment."

In addition to his work in the private sector, Mr. Johnson is an involved alumnus, establishing the Johnson/Perkins Endowment Fund and serving as an honorary member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a lifetime member of the Alumni Association, and a member of both the President's Advisory Council and the College of Business Administration Advisory Board. He was named Distinguished Alumnus in 2003 and was added to the College of Business Hall of Honor in 2006.

Mr. Johnson and his wife of 34 years, Joslen, live in Sugar Land, TX and have two children, Sean and Alexis.

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

College of Business Administration

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

College of Criminal Justice

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

College of Education

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

College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication

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

College of Health Sciences

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

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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

College of Sciences

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

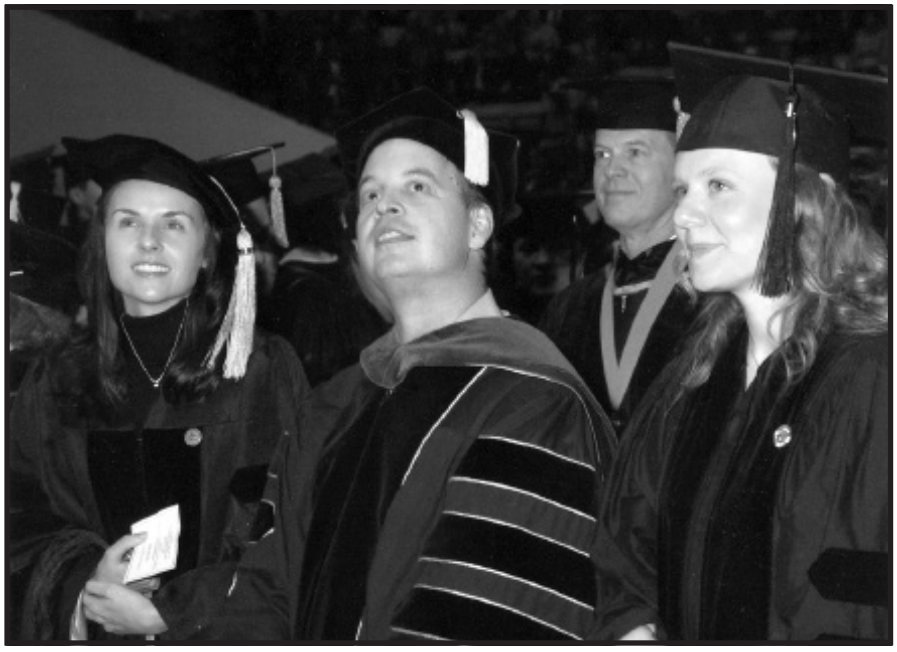
Academic Regalia

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

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

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



Hood trim colors on doctoral regalia indicate the following fields:

Maize — Agriculture

White — Arts, Letters, Humanities

Drab — Commerce, Accountancy, Business

Lilac — Dentistry

Copper — Economics

Light Blue — Education

Orange — Engineering

Burgandy — Family and Consumer Sciences

Brown — Fine Arts, including Architecture

Russet — Forestry

Sage Green — Heath and Kinesiology

Crimson — Journalism

Purple — Law

Lemon — Library Science

Green — Medicine

Pink — Music

Apricot — Nursing

Sea Foam Green — Optometry

Silver Gray — Oratory (Speech)

Olive Green — Pharmacy

Blue — Philosophy

Peacock Blue — Public Administration and Foreign Service

Salmon Pink — Public Health

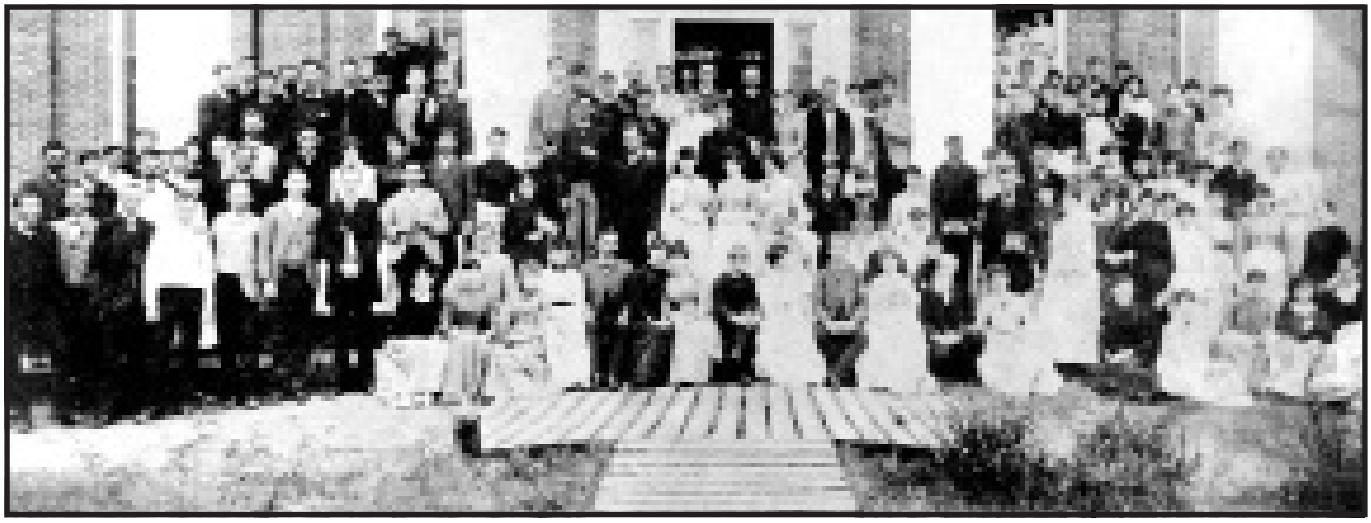
Golden Yellow — Science

Cream — Social Science

Citron — Social Work

Scarlet — Theology

Gray — Veterinary Science



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 thirty-two semester hours earned in residence (resident classroom instruction). The distinction and corresponding grade point averages are: Cum Laude — 3.50 to 3.66; Magna Cum Laude — 3.67 to 3.85; Summa Cum Laude — 3.86 to 4.00.

The Department Academic Distinction Program is an individualized learning experience available to outstanding students at Sam Houston State University.
An Academic Distinction Program project provides qualified students with a comprehensive introduction to meaningful research under the guidance of a designated faculty advisor.

Alpha Chi, a national honor society organized to recognize and promote scholastic excellence, is open to all University seniors who accepted membership and have achieved a 3.6 or higher grade point average on all college-level course work.

Participation in the Honors College at Sam Houston State University is based on a competitive selection process and provides outstanding academic opportunities and distinct undergraduate college experiences. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the Honors College — twenty-four semester hours of Honors courses and two special seminars — the student's academic transcript will indicate graduation "With Honors" and the student may wear an Honors medallion with academic regalia. To be designated as having graduated "With Highest Honors" the student must also successfully complete a special senior project involving original research and/or an effort of creative expression.

NOTE: Semester credit hours earned in correspondence courses are not considered "resident classroom instruction" hours and are not used in determining the minimum semester credit hour requirement for academic honors: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, Dean's List, and President's Honor Roll. However, the semester credit hours and grade points earned for correspondence courses are included in the calculation of the overall grade point average.

Veterans and Military Members

Sam Houston State University is proud to recognize its graduating Veterans and military members with a red, white, and blue regalia cord. The cord colors replicate those of our nation's flag to denote the valor, excellence, and sacrifice these individuals have exemplified in their service to the United States Armed Forces. On behalf of the entire Sam Houston State University community, President Dana Gibson and the SHSU Administrative Officers extend their deepest gratitude and congratulations to these distinguished graduates.

Honors Graduates

Numerals Denote Academic Honors as of the 12th Class Day of Fall 2013.
1, 2, 3 = Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude
4, 5 = with Honors/Honors College, with Highest Honors/Honors College
6 = with Academic Distinction in an Academic Discipline.

Colleen Lindsey Adams [2]
Scott Lee Adley [1]
Sahabia Asif Ahmed [3]
Jasmine Marie Akin [1]
Alexis Nicole Altom [2]
Edith Alvarez [1]
Kayla Ann Anderson [1]
Diego Alejandro Arizaga [1]
Samantha Elizabeth Atwood [3]
Lisa Kaye Batchelor [2]
Ashley Nicole Baughman [1]
Kaycee Danielle Berry [2]
Lauren Elaine Bohlen [3]
Chelsie Shavonte' Boson [1]
Shelby Frances Bray [3]
Anthony Reynolds Cahoon [2]
Nicole Brianne Canestrini [2]
DeVaunier LaMonique Cannon [2]
Ashley Carraway [2]
Cynthia Carrizales [1]
Haleigh Michelle CeBallos [3]
Justin Jakob Chance [1]
Osiel Chavez Jr. [1]
Aubrie Jeanne Cheatham [3]
Jennifer Lynn Coker [1]
Kiersten Berdette Compofelice [2]
Katheryn Amanda Connor [2]
Sabrina G. Coronado [1]
Mandy Grace Davidhizar [3,4]
Serenity DeFrancesco [1]
Kathryn Lynn Delfavero [1]
Sandra Jazmin Delgado Arenas [1]
Emaan Alsadi Dillard [2]
Stephanie Angelique Doolan [2]
Naomi Marie Doraisamy [3,5]
Abby Danielle Douglass [2]
Mary Elizabeth Elkins [1]
Janayn Melis Evans [4]
Bryan Patrick Favreau [3]
Jennifer Marie Fisher [2]
Alexander James Fitzgerald [3]
Matthew Carl Fletcher [1]
Sharon Deanne Flores [1]
Haley Rene Florrow [1]
Kayla Brooke Foster [3]
Jennie Durham French [1]
Katie Elizabeth Fuqua [2]
Lindsey Marie Fuson [1]
Keeley Inez Gadberry [2]
Julie Ann Goetzman [2]
Michael Wayne Gustafson [1]
Miranda Rochelle Hammond [1]
Marcely Hernandez [2]
Maria De Los Angeles Hernandez [2]
Chelsea Danae Hodges [1]
Lyndsey Marie Holloway [2]
Justin Wayne Hooten [4]
Marcus James Hughes [3,4]
Erin Nicole Humphreys [3,4]
Robyn Lynn Jackson [2]
Johanna M. Janis [1]
Victoria Carson Jarrard [2]
Joel Christian Jenney [1]
Zane Kimball Johnsen [2]
D'Andra L. Johnson [1]
Katelyn Joann Johnston [1]
Dalyn Raye Jones [2]
Tamera M. Jones [1]
Natalie Lynn Kelly [3]
James Lawrence Konieczny [2]
Miranda Leah Landsman [3,5]
Abby Jasmine LeBeau [1]
Breshiana Le'Nae Lewis [2]
Laura Catalina Lievano Morantes [2]
Andrea Rae Littlejohn [3]
Sarah Michelle Lopez [3]
Shaina Denae Lowe [1]
Codi Danielle Manley [1]
Melissa A. Martinez [1]
Haley Elizabeth Mc Williams [2]
Martha Lynn McDaniel [2]
Alexandra Rodriguez McGuire [1]
Zachery Tyler McPhail [1]
Mark Austin Miller [3]
Samantha Danielle Miller [3,4]
Eric José Millet [2]
Amanda Nichelle Montgomery [3]
Nicholas G. Morehead [1]
Jennifer Anne Moser [2]
Yliana Lizette Moyeda [1]
Sarah M. Murff [1]
Ashleigh Patricia Musselman [2,4]
Sarah Jeanmarie Myers [2]
Noe A. Negrete [2]
Justin Evan Nelson [1]
Franklin Drew Nevlud [1]
Monet Tanique Newsome [2]
Makinzie Lynn Nicks [1]
Bryan Joseph Nixon [2]
Kristin De'Aun Norris [1]
Damilola Motunrayo Omotajo [1]
Tyson Duane Owen [1]
Jose A. Pacheco [1]
Rosa D. Parada [1]
Christina Jean Parker [2]
Brigitte S. Pernia [2]
Lindsey Renee Pigg [1]
Lacey Marie Price [1]
Bianca Jessica Puente [2]
Stephanie DaLynn Pustejovsky [3]
Ashley Francis Reade [1]
Leslie Brooke Remlinger [2]
Adriana Ariel Rene [1]
Andrea Lynn Richards [1]
Catherine Jo Richardson [2]
Angela Gail Rigoli [2]
Kayla Ashli Riley [2]
Javier Luis Rivera [1]
Austin Brennan Robson [1]
Anabel Rodriguez [4]
Raymond Aaron Rogers [2]
Michael Paul Ruffner [1]
Tarin Danielle Russell [1]
Micah Lynn Satterwhite [3]
Catarina M. Saucedo [2]
Heather Leanne Schwalbach [2]
Chelsea Ann Seamans [3]
Kathleen Nicole Shour [1]
D'Andra Leigh Smith [1]
Kelsey Lynn Smith [3,5]
Mariah Barshae Smith [1]
Kevin Matthew Southerland [1]
Joy Nicoleta Alexandra Stanka [2]
Matthew Jeremy Stepan [3,4]
Kayla Monique Sutton [1]
Kimberly Anne Sweeney [2]
Toni Dianne Talbert [1]
Annalies Elisabeth Tallack [2]
Breanna Tracie Thompson [1]
Jennifer Dawn Townsend [2]
Daniel Vallery [2]
Megan R. Vaughn [1]
Victoria Villarreal [2]
Charles John Wagner [2]
Melissa Michelle Walker [2]
Sara Elizabeth Walton [1]
O'Keshia Lee'Ambra Waters [1]
Jennifer Anne Watkins [1]
Will Powell Watson [1]
Adam Brian West [1]
Kristen Leanne Williams [1,4]
Shelly Megan Williams [1]
Raymelle Dee Wilson [1]
Sarah Mae Woehnker [2]
Leslie Jean Yee [2]
AlAnwar A. Zoubi [3]
Sarah Renee Zwahr [2]

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."

1919 Student Army Training Corp.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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.

Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, Dean

Master Degree Candidates

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Sharon Elizabeth Albert, MBA
Louise Issouata Bakassa Traore, MBA
Aqueelah Malika Brown, MBA
Douglas Kirk Castleberry, MBA
Heather Nicole Clinton, MBA
Chad Alan Collins, MBA
Gonzalo Correa, MBA
Robbie Dale Cribb Jr., MS
Jamie Lorraine Dawson, MBA
Clint Barrett Dempsey, MBA
Jenna M. Dudek, MBA
Ryan Edward Gallagher, MBA
Jacob Ronald George, MBA
Samuel Edward Handley, MBA
Yousuf Jalal Hassan, MBA
Anuarbek N. Imanbaev, MBA
Naima Islam, MS
Cynthia Ann Kellough, MBA
Mylon Quinton King, MBA
Lindsay Raechel Lauher, MBA
Bryan Michael Max, MBA
Douglas Carl McMann, MBA
Matthew D. Oversby, MBA
Angela Marie Polczynski-Gomez, MBA
Luke Isom Porter, MBA
Lilian Kemunto Ratemo, MBA
Tommy Daniel Ritchie, MBA
Hannah Reagan Schulz, MS
Jeremy Ray Scott, MBA
David Silos, MBA
Adriana Isela Solis, MBA
Christopher Allan Thornhill, MBA
Tina Noel Townsend, MBA
Rita Michele Valdes-Crockett, MBA
DeLeah Carren Vogt, MS
Angela Dee Washington, MBA
Paul Jeffrey Wysocki, MBA

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Sahabia Asif Ahmed, BBA
Shane M. Allbright, BBA
Angelica Figueroa Almanza, BBA
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Scott Michael Archer, BBA
Diego Alejandro Arizaga, BBA
Mason Davis Badillo, BBA
Sanmohanjit Singh Bains, BBA
Holly Elizabeth Baker, BBA
Ryan Nicholas Baldauf, BBA
Ashley Nicole Baughman, BBA

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Sam becomes the first higher education institution in Texas to have a library building.

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Lauren Nicole Bean, BBA
Jesse Luke Beauchamp, BBA
Heather Nicole Belyeu, BBA
Lindsey Michelle Bickford, BBA
Jordan Denee Bizauskas, BBA
Matthew Ryan Blazek, BBA
Donald Travis B'Oris, BBA
Matthew Scott Boyles, BBA
Jake Ryan Bradley, BBA
Elizabeth Louise Brannen, BBA
Erin Marie Brannock, BBA
Joshua Tyler Brast, BBA
Jessica Lauren Brevig, BBA
Casea Lynn Bristol, BBA
Jacob Parker Britton, BBA
Dan Davontae Brooks, BBA
Micah P. Bumstead, BBA
Quincy Luke Bumstead, BBA
Ismael Bustamante Jr., BBA
Lindsey Ann Byrd, BBA
Anthony Reynolds Cahoon, BBA
Channing William Calton, BBA
Whitney Kerstie Camacho, BBA
Nicole Brianne Canestrini, BBA
Rebecca Estella Cantu, BBA
Dalila Clift, BBA
Russell Jack Coleman, BBA
Danavyea Roishune Collins, BBA
Matthew Laurence Corley, BBA
Joanna Cortez, BBA
Sandra Mikail Cortez, BBA
Dillon Hall Cunningham, BBA
Cody Thomas Cupit, BBA
Katherine Michelle Curtsinger, BBA
Stephanie Antoinette Dartez, BBA
Mandy Grace Davidhizar, BBA
Alyssa Jean Davis, BBA
Wenda Holcomb Davis, BBA
Shara Lyn De Leon, BBA
Chelsie Elise Dean-Contreras, BBA
Ryan Patrick Decker, BBA
Serenity DeFrancesco, BBA
Diana Delafuente, BBA
Stephanie Angelique Doolan, BBA
Dana Rae Doonan, BBA
Cody Allen Driver, BBA
Sam Brian Eckhart, BBA
Lindy Renee Ellender, BBA
Kaycie Reana Ellis, BBA
Joseph Todd Evans, BBA
Maranda Mone' Evans, BBA
Jordan Alexander Farley, BBA
Bryan Patrick Favreau, BBA
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Tyler Ray Fetgatter, BBA
Clay William Finke, BBA
Alexander James Fitzgerald, BBA
Catherine Mary Fletcher, BBA
Matthew Carl Fletcher, BBA
Earl David Flowers, BBA
Harrison Russell Foose, BBA
Bradley Clay Franklin, BBA
Harrison Charles Fregia, BBA
Travis Danial Fuente, BBA
Katie Elizabeth Fuqua, BBA
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Yesenia Garcia, BBA
Kandis Elizabeth Gates-Wardle, BBA
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Lucero Karen Gonzalez, BBA
Clinton Garrett Goodnight, BBA
Brandon Arthur Gosch, BBA
Travis Clark Graham, BBA
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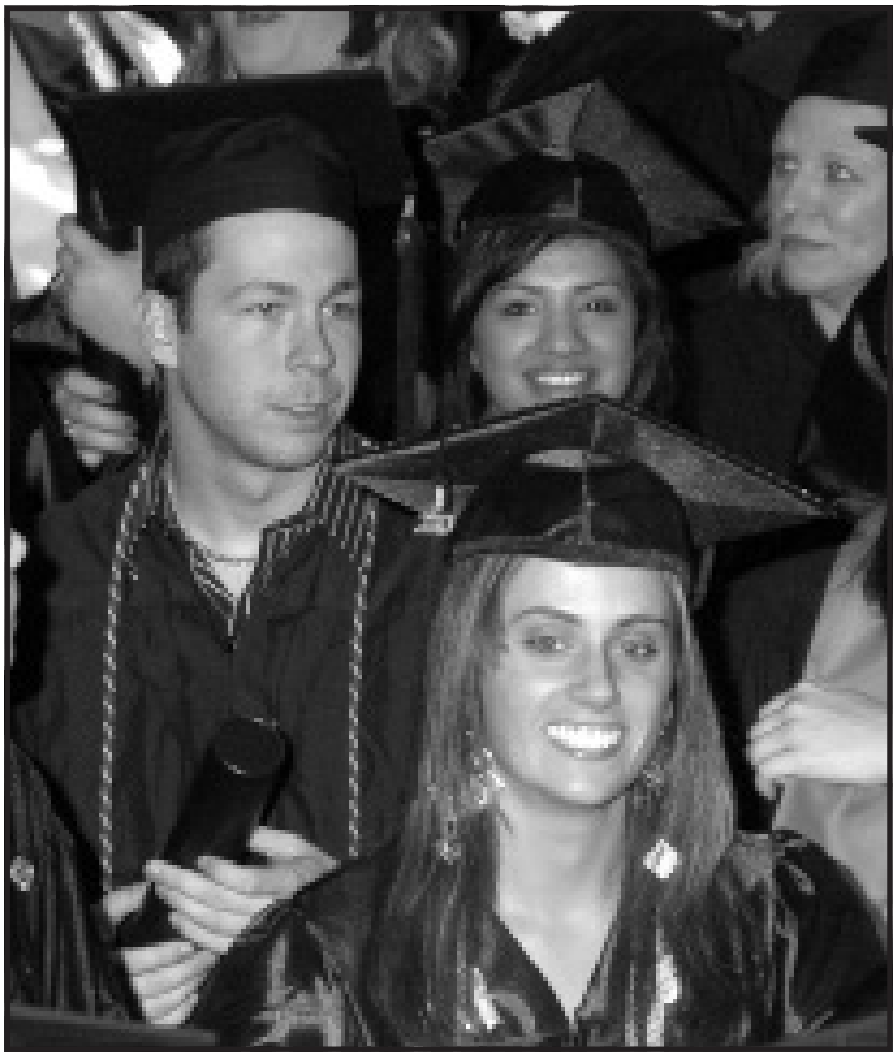

Sam Houston State University is known for a diverse student body and friendly atmosphere.

Lauren Marie Grills, BBA
Robert Emanuel Guillory, BBA
Egalhy Patricia Guzman Platt, BBA
Jeffrey Douglas Hackett, BBA
Kaleigh Anne Hamilton, BBA
Miranda Rochelle Hammond, BBA
Cody Allen Hampton, BBA
Laura Lee Harmon, BBA
Alexa Gabriele Harper, BBA
Jason Matthew Hasugulig, BBA
Victoria Layne Havard, BBA
John Edward Haynes, BBA
Bryan Edward Heath, BBA
Anival Hernandez, BBA
James Luis Hernandez, BBA
Maria De Los Angeles Hernandez, BBA
Jordan Joseph Hoel, BBA
Jacob Andrew Hoyt, BBA
Sarah Ruth Hudgins, BBA
Madison Alyse Huffman, BBA
Maria De Jesus Ibarra, BBA
Kirk Patrick Ingram Jr., BBA
Kai Morgan Ishmael, BBA
Tara Laurelle Jackson, BBA
Jasmine Nicole James, BBA
Joel Christian Jenney, BBA
Jonathan Mark Jepperson, BBA
Eric John Jeter, BBA
Dalyn Raye Jones, BBA
Anamechia Maleek Joseph, BBA
Aistis Kavoliunas, BBA
Natalie Lynn Kelly, BBA
James Cole Kenyon, BBA
Danarian Demond Kidd, BBA
Rebecca Renne Kiefer, BBA
Wendy Michelle Kilpatrick, BBA
Taylor Daniel King, BBA
Sarah A. Klabbatz, BBA
Sarah Ann Knoebel, BBA
Jordan Joseph Knoll, BBA
Christopher Alan Kolb, BBA
Ryan Paul Korenek, BBA
Kristen Denise Kubeczka, BBA
Chris Ryan Kutalek, BBA
Jake Patrick Lafferty, BBA
Antonieta M. Landry, BBA
Catherine Lee Laughlin, BBA
Bruce L. LaVallee, BBA
Zachary Charles Leggett, BBA
Christopher David Lewis, BBA
William Thomas Light lll, BBA
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Allan E. Lopez, BBA
Juan Manuel Lozano, BBA
James A. Lynaugh, BBA
Isaias Osiel Machuca, BBA
Caleb Dean Mangum, BBA
Ashlee R. Mansaw, BBA
Melissa A. Martinez, BBA
Shawn Willard McCully, BBA
Richard Bryce McCurley, BBA
James Patrick McKee, BBA
Laura Ann Meekins, BBA
Megan Elizabeth Menteer, BBA
Mark Austin Miller, BBA
Eric José Millet, BBA
Chalon Fabrice Mitchell, BBA
Mark Ryan Moravek, BBA
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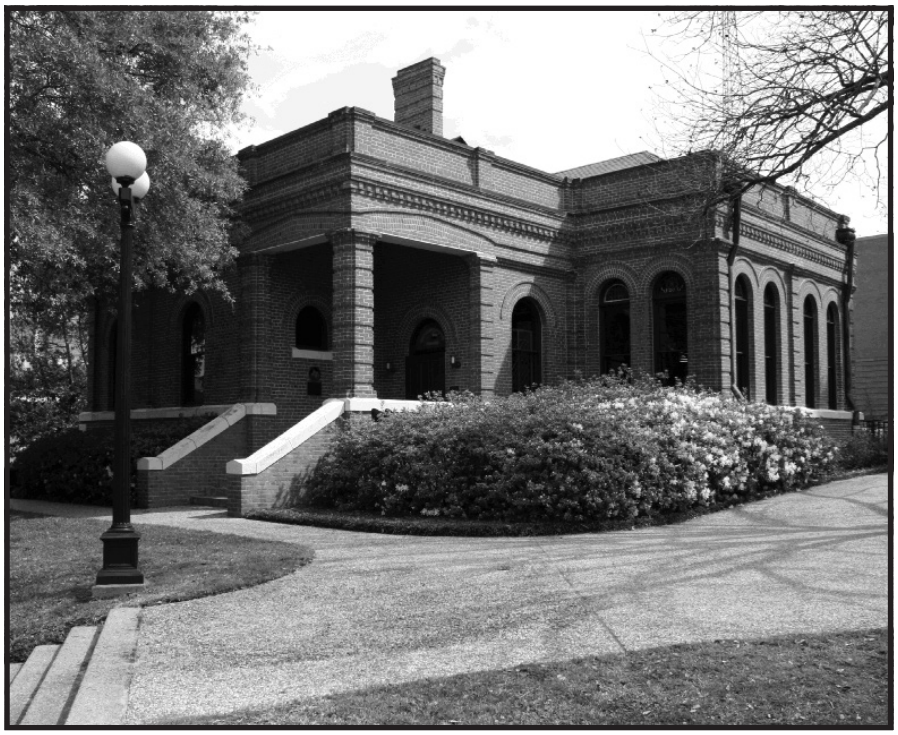
Garrett Bruce Murphy, BBA
Noe A. Negrete, BBA
Christopher D. Nelms, BBA
Justin Evan Nelson, BBA
Bryan Joseph Nixon, BBA
Garrett Scott Nobles, BBA
Garrett Lee Ogrodowicz, BBA
Juliett Olvera, BBA
Ivan Orantes Jr., BBA
Daniel Enrique Parra, BBA
Jasmine Dijon Penelton, BBA
Rebecca Kelsey Pettit, BBA
Sterling Michelle Pettus, BBA
Phillip Allen Piper, BBA
Stephanie DaLynn Pustejovsky, BBA
Kelli Lacy Quintos, BBA
Chad Mitchell Ragone, BBA
Carlos Alfredo Ramirez, BBA
Ruben Ramirez, BBA
Cardarren Kwame Ransom, BBA
Alicia Y. Raub, BBA
Jerry Landon Reed, BBA
Evan Paul Renne, BBA
Graciela Guerrero Reyna, BBA
Andrea Lynn Richards, BBA
Stephen Michael Richards, BBA



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

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COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Dr. Vincent J. Webb, Dean

Congratulations. Today is a day you will always remember. I salute you and recognize you for your efforts that led to achieving this important milestone.

You have been born into an age of extraordinary possibilities, and you hold the key to a bright future with the use of your many talents and capabilities. This is not to say that your lives will always be easy — even the most successful people struggle at times. Please take comfort in the fact that professionally there is no single path to success, but there are many paths and I am confident that you will find the one that serves you best.

Whatever career path you choose or wherever your career leads you I hope you will always seek to gain knowledge, for as the "old adage" says — knowledge is power. And, to quote Benjamin Franklin, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

I also want to thank your parents, friends, relatives, and loved ones who have been there for you as you have worked toward this achievement.

As you transition into the next phase of your life, I wish you happiness and success in all your future endeavors. I hope the College of Criminal Justice remains an important part of your lives.

Dr. Vincent J. Webb, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Wen-Chih Huang
Dissertation Title: *Broken Bonds: Crime and Delinquency of Foreign Immigrants in Taiwan*
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jurg Gerber

John M. Marks, Jr.
Dissertation Title: *The Thin Green Line: A Socio-Historical Analysis of Conservation Law Enforcement in the United States*
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Willard Oliver

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

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Construction of the Estill Library is completed.

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Yadira Denisse Garza Estrada, MS
Victoria Anne Gutt, MA
Edgar Jaime Hernandez, MS
Andrew Thomas James, MS
Michael Dane Keene, MS
Kevin Paul Lunsford, MS
Jon Andrew McGlaun, MS
James C. Molloy, MS
Heath Wilburn Oakley, MS
Javier J. Perez, MS
Robert Eric Pitts, MS
James William Richards, MS
Benjamin Gabriel Romo, MS
Heidi Jean Ruiz, MS
Brandy Celese Sanderson, MS
Gentry Schaffer, MA
Brooks Serna, MS
Joery Elsworth Smittick Jr., MS
James Matthew Walling, MS
Jason Thomas Westmoreland, MS
Clayton Scott Williams, MS
James Michael Williams, MS

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Lathe H. Alsadi, BS
Alexis Nicole Altom, BS
Leticia Maria Alvarado, BS
Myra Naomi Anderson, BS
Anahi Apolinar, BS
Chelsea Ann Ashley, BS
Margaret Fulton Autrey, BS
Maclean Bogofanyo Ayerite Jr., BS
Kristy Nicole Bailey, BS
Andrea Michelle Balderas, BS
Amanda Lucille Banasiak, BS
Blake Jo Bardi, BS
Sandra Vannessa Barragan, BA
Dustin Patrick Bassett, BA
Zachary John Beckman, BS
Deanna Michelle Bell, BS
Kaycee Danielle Berry, BS
Channel Beverly, BS
Adam Blake Birdsong, BS
Blanca E. Bloom, BA
Chelsie Shavonte' Boson, BA
Thomas Jefferson Boyd lll, BS
Kei' Erica Janay Bryant, BS
Christina Margarita Burciaga, BA
Karla Reid Burleson, BS
Jeremy Jamar Burleson-Albert, BS
Scott Alan Busa, BS
Celeste Andrea Byrd, BS
Nydia Nycole Caldwell, BS
Staci Nicole Carey, BS
Lucas Ray Carroll, BS
Patrick Douglas Carroll, BS

In 1937, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt addressed the student body.

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James Michael Chase, BS
Tameka Sharae Childs, BA
Alfonso Cisneros Jr., BS
Latesha Shunae' Collins, BS
Kiersten Berdette Compofelice, BS
Kelly Marie Corless, BS
Brian Christopher Coy, BS
Robert Douglas Craig, BA
Brandon Scott Creech, BS
Carmen Anais Damian, BA
Cedric W. Davis Sr., BS
Michelle Louise Delphia, BS
Emaan Alsadi Dillard, BS
Ashley Lee Drake, BA
Eduardo Duarte Jr., BS
Daniel Alexander Dubuisson, BS
Shawna Montina Dupree, BS
Jonathan Lucas Durham, BA
Aundreaus Mi'Sean Eddins, BS
Matthew Jordan Engel, BS
Sarah Jarvis England, BS
Jonell Christine Ervin, BS
Courtney O'Neash Farr, BS
Sean Ryan Ferguson, BS
Eric Lolohea Fieilo Jr., BS
Michelle Figueroa, BA
Jennifer Marie Fisher, BS
Jennifer Roxanna Flores, BA
Melynda Renee Flores, BA
Porsche Jenea Fluitt, BA
Steven Leaslie Flynn, BS
Jared Clark Foote, BS
Steven Michael Fraser, BS
Keeley Inez Gadberry, BS
Angela Yvette Gambrell, BA
Geraldo A. Garza, BS
Brittney Nieves Gomez, BA
Regina Janette Gonzales, BS
Brandan Kenneth Gordon, BS
Amber Marie Gower, BS
Charlee Renaye Green, BS
Ashleigh Nicole Greenan, BS
Jennifer Gail Greer, BS
Jordan Elizabeth Guedry, BA
Michael Wayne Gustafson, BS
Sabino Guzman, BA
Melanie Jane Hamblin, BA
Ross Allen Hambright, BS
Corey C. Hankins, BS
Alexandra Lee Hansen, BS
Tyler J. Hansen, BA
Timothy Ryan Harris, BS
Hunter Lyle Harrison, BA
Tyson David Heinrich, BS
Marcely Hernandez, BS
Kirk Daniel Higdon, BA
Mandy Ann Hodde, BS
Jenna Gayl Holliday, BS
Caleb Matthew Hoot, BS
Nakia Nekol Denise Huff, BA
Meagan Brooke Hughes, BS
Samantha Jo Hulick, BS
Eric Franklin Hurt Jr., BS
Tam Van Huynh, BS
Andrew Louis Hyde, BS
Farzana Islam, BS
Stefanie Marie Isoldi, BA
Danny Dale Isonhood, BA
Robin Lea Jakubik, BS
Ryan Keith Johme, BA
Alexandra Greer Jones, BA
Kerah Patricia Jones, BA
Casey Ryan King, BS
Taryn Elizabeth Kippes, BA
Sterling Victor Kocian, BS
Chelsey Mikele Koening, BS
Mark Franklin Kozack, BS
Mac Lanier Landriault, BS
David Olen Langford, BS
Jason A. Lanham, BS
Jasmine Rena Larry, BS
Brittany Nichole LaRue, BS
Aaron Mark Lewis, BS
Jeremy Dwayne Lewis, BA
Andrea Rae Littlejohn, BS
Sarah Michelle Lopez, BA
Codi Danielle Manley, BS
Rosealexander M. Mann, BS
Kristopher Eric Manning, BS
Adam Omar Mansour, BS
Paige Dianne Martin, BS
Jazmin Alejandra Martinez, BA
Joseph Steven Materi, BS
Emily Diane Mathews, BS
Ashley Marece Matthews, BS
Eric Thomas Matthews, BS
Kristopher David Mayes, BS
Kimberly Ann Mayfield, BS
Amy Marie McCorkle, BA
Martha Lynn McDaniel, BS
Cody Wayne McElreath, BS
Andrenia Maria McGowen, BS
Alexandra Rodriguez McGuire, BS
Diamond CharPearl McIntosh, BS
Zachery Tyler McPhail, BA
Jeannete Medrano, BA
Meagan Michelle Moerbe, BS
Nelly Consuelo Monreal, BA
L'Jaunet Montgomery, BS
LaTynia Ranae Moore, BS
Angelica Rae Morin, BS
Sean Matthew Mosby, BS
Kevin Michael Mulcahy, BS
Matthew Charles Murphy ll, BS
Ashley Nichole New, BS
Kaylee Rae Norvell, BS
William Carlos Oatis ll, BS
Lizbeth Ocampo, BA
Savannah Rae Oliver, BS
Michael Philip Olmos, BS
Carlos A. Orozco, BA
Bailey Lamar Ortiz, BS
Felise Nwaka Osajie, BS
Tyson Duane Owen, BS
Brandi Nicole Park, BS
Vincent G. Perez, BA
Devin Christopher Phillips, BS
Quinntavea Monique Phillips, BS
Marc A. Pullin, BS
Mitchell Ira Putnam, BS
Carlos Eduardo Ramirez, BA
Adriana Ariel Rene, BS
Peter Joseph Renegar, BS
Jeri Kaye Renfroe, BS
Aaron Michael Reyna, BA
Alisabeth Kaitlyn Reznicek, BS
Nickolas Joseph Richmond, BS
Andrew John Roberts, BS
Jasmine Christina Lanette Robinson, BS
Austin Brennan Robson, BS
Adam Ross Rodgers, BS
Anabel Rodriguez, BA
Miguel Angel Rodriguez, BA
Tarin Danielle Russell, BS
Keith Richard Ryno, BA
Jennifer Renee Saldana, BS
David Emerardo Salinas, BS
Ashley Nicole Sanders, BS
Kourtney Rose Savage, BS
Misty Dawn Schultz, BS
Heather Leanne Schwalbach, BS

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Dr. Harmon L. Lowman is named president of Sam Houston.

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Latisha M. Session, BS
Erasmo Silva Jr., BS
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Jason Randolph Sirkel, BS
Mariah Barshae Smith, BS
Karla Alexa Solis, BA
Jessica Lynn Solomon, BS
James Hagan Sopas, BS
Gilberto Gerardo Soto Jr., BS
Steven Ray Stiles Jr., BS
Kimberly Ann Stirlen, BA
Jonathan Robert Strickland, BS
Tiffany Ann Stults, BA
Sydney Lyn Taylor, BS
Steven Joshua Theut, BS
Charles Vaughn Thomas, BS
Jameka D. Thomas, BS
Courtney Renae Toburen, BS
Keith R. Underwood, BS
Stefanie Marie Uribe, BS
Gabriel Robert Velez, BS
Andy Bryan Vollmert, BS
Amy Lois Walker, BS
Candy Lynn Walker, BS
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Sara Elizabeth Walton, BS
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Christopher G. Webb, BS
Austin Wilson White, BS
Ashley Dionne Whitley, BS
Stephen Christian Wines, BS
Sarah Mae Woehnker, BA
Jack William Yager, BS
Leslie Jean Yee, BS
Paulina Urszula Zal, BS
Cynthia Zamora, BS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dr. A. Jerry Bruce, Interim Dean

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

Most of you will be pursuing a career in the teaching profession, one of the most important professions in our nation. We commend you on your choice. The future of our state and nation depends on the education of our children and you are to play an important role. The countless hours you spent in preparation during your time at SHSU are a testament to your commitment to the future health of our culture. We sincerely hope this commitment continues to characterize your life, as well as your profession.

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

Dr. A. Jerry Bruce, Interim Dean

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

1956
Rodeo team wins Sam's first sports national championship.

Doctor of Education

Gayle L. Butaud
Dissertation Title: *Preservice Teachers' Attitudes About Writing: Learning to Write and Teaching to Write*
Dissertation Committee Chairs: Dr. Mary Robbins and Dr. Nancy Votteler

Crystal Collier
Dissertation Title: *Effects of Comprehensive, Multiple High-Risk Behaviors Prevention Program on High School Students*
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Anthony Onwuegbuzie

Christy N. Wilmore Dafonte
Dissertation Title: *A Comparative Analysis of Texas Grade Five Student Achievement Between Year-Round and Traditional School Calendars* Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. George W. Moore

Janis Fowler
Dissertation Title: *Advanced Coursework Rates by Ethnicity: An 11-Year, Statewide Analysis*
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Julie P. Combs

Vickie May Gearheart
Dissertation Title: *The Relationship Between Rural Texas Superintendent Leadership Practices and Student Achievement*
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Stacey L. Edmonson

Sharon Suzanne Henry
Dissertation Title: *Teacher Perceptions of Struggling Readers Who Do Not Qualify for Special Services*
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Doctor of Philosophy

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Scott Warren Childs, MA
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Ginnean LaShai Cleveland, MA
Patricia Wright Collins, MA
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Joy M. Dailey, MA
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Ginger Dolan, MED
Amy Lynn Duke, MED
Timothy Isaiah East, MED
Laurie Ileene Elsesser, MED
Troy Andrew Escamilla, MLS
Kristi Ann Evans, MED
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Angel Joye Forward, MA
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Alida Hudson, MED
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Claudia Cristina Naranjo, MLS
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Liliana Ramirez, MLS
Eli Ramke, MED
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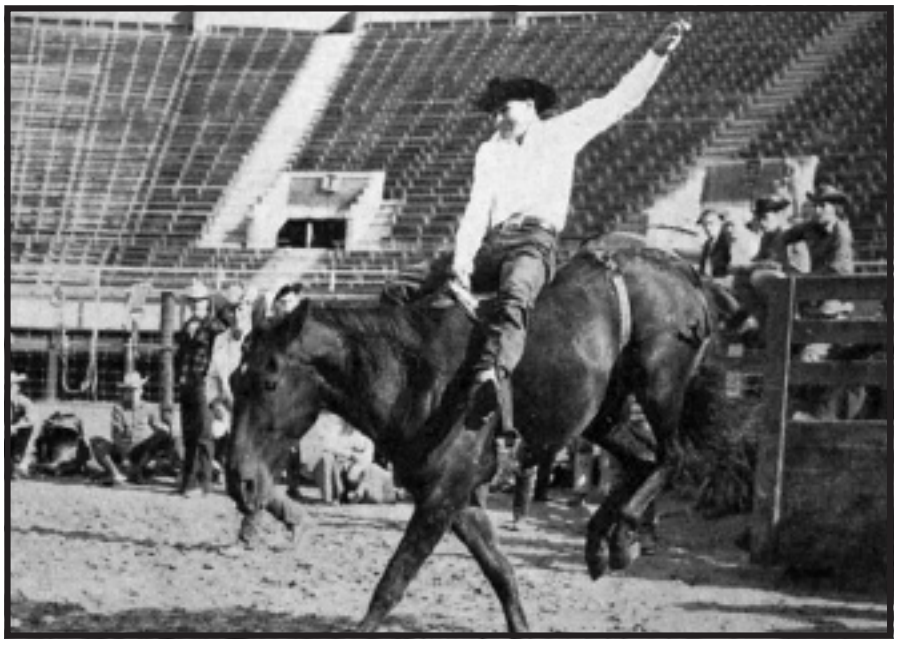

A member of the 1959 Rodeo Team.

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Elizabeth Danay Burk, BS
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Adriana Olivia Camacho, BA
Emily Marie Campbell, BS
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Ashley Carraway, BS
Cynthia Carrizales, BS
Rebecca Anne Cawthon, BS
Kristen Nicole Chadwick, BS
Kimberly Anne Chapman, BS
Aubrie Jeanne Cheatham, BS
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Jennifer Lynn Coker, BS
Ashleigh Nicole Cox, BS
Manas Dasaraju, BS
Jessica Marie Davis, BS
Lauren Vincelle Davis, BS
Micayla Reneé De Hoyos, BS
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Sandra Jazmin Delgado Arenas, BS
Jasmine Lee DeRitter, BS
Kiara Latonya Dill, BS
Stephanie Nicole DiLuzio, BS
Alexis Robinique Dixon, BS
Tania Yuriem Dominguez, BS
Deena Leeann Eben, BS
Tiffany Danielle Fives, BS

The Lowman Student Center in 1964.

Isabel Flores, BS
Sharon Deanne Flores, BS
Haley Rene Florrow, BS
Laura Susan Frazier, BS
Jennie Durham French, BS
Victoria Lee Gemeny, BS
Abraham Gregory Gibson, BS
Jessica Godejohann, BS
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Meghan Elizabeth Grosch, BS
Jillian Amber Grundman, BS
Chelsea Renee Gunderson, BS
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Kristen Ann Harrell, BS
Frankie Leigh Harris, BS
Mary Patricia Harrison, BS
Lauren Baige Hatfield, BS
Stormie Jean Haynie, BS
Rhanda Michelle Henderson, BS
Neyva Vanessa Hernandez, BS
Whitney Latham Hester, BS
Emily Christine Hogan, BS

Teresa Renee Holcomb, BS
Ashley R. Hunt, BS
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Robyn Lynn Jackson, BS
Kirsten Amelia Jakobsen, BS
Michelle Kay Johnson, BS
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Tamera M. Jones, BS
Taryn Elyse Jones, BS
Michael Austin Kemble, BS
Alexandria Johnson King, BS
Colleen Marie Kuehn, BS
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Bridget Mais, BS
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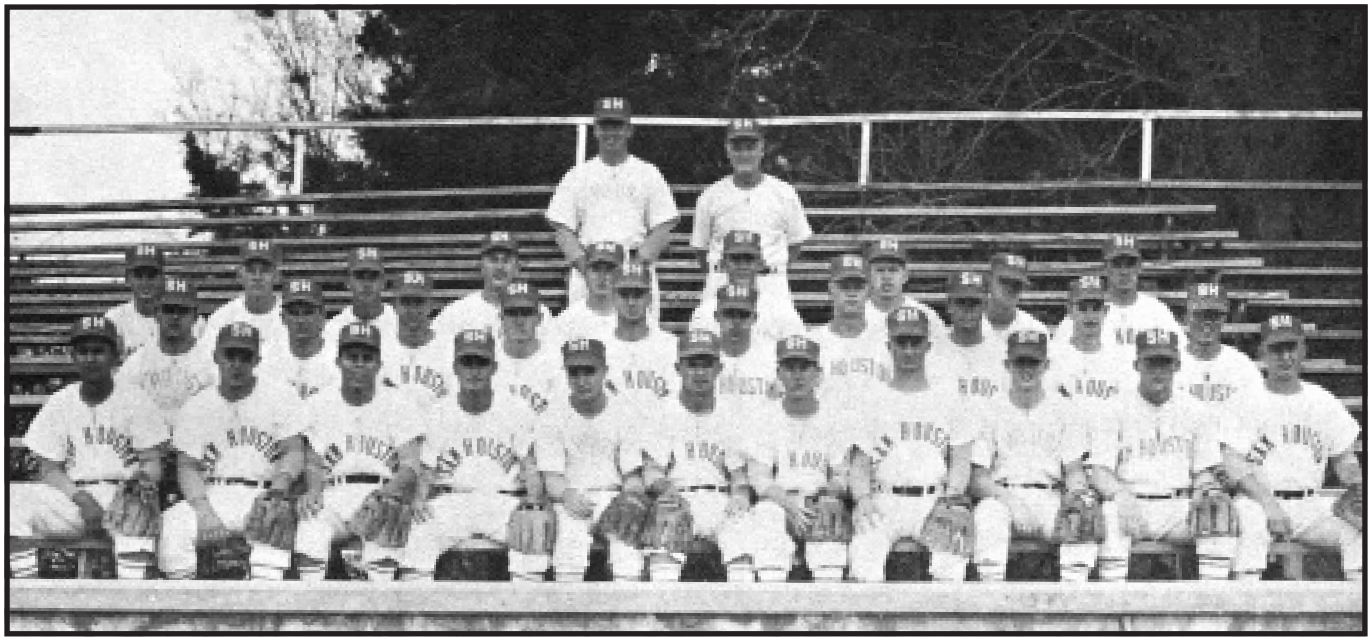

In 1963, SHSU's men's baseball team won the NAIA World Series Championship.

Kelsey Anne McCarthy, BS
Shali Ann McLain, BS
Haley Elizabeth McWilliams, BS
Tabitha Nicole Mildren, BS
Mendie D. Miller, BS
Samantha Danielle Miller, BS
Darryl Lynn Mitchell, BS
Cindy Moctezuma, BS
Dana Chantal Moore, BS
Jasmine Rochelle Moore, BS
Kristal Michelle Moreno, BS
Yliana Lizette Moyeda, BS
Monet Tanique Newsome, BS
Makinzie Lynn Nicks, BS
Kristin De'Aun Norris, BS
Kayla Michelle Oldham, BS
Whitney Lynn Otts, BS
Jose A. Pacheco, BS
Heather Kathleen Pagano, BS
Andrea Renee Palaile, BS
Rosa D. Parada, BS
Meagan Christine Paris, BS
Jessica Lyn Pearson, BS
Paula Ann Pelton, BS
Lindsey Renee Pigg, BS
Kelly Anne Piperato, BS
Jacquelyn Placencia, BS
Christine Nicole Powell, BS
Taylor Marie Prahl, BS
Calli Lauren Qualls, BS
Taylor Fleming Rainey, BS
Krystal Renee Ramirez, BS
Wendy Ramos, BS
Ashley Francis Reade, BS
Megan M. Reding, BS
Leslie Brooke Remlinger, BS
Megan Nicole Rhodes, BS
Angela Gail Rigoli, BS
Kayla Ashli Riley, BS
Corey Allen Rivers, BS
Shae Ann Robinson, BS
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Ashley Renee Salisbury, BS
Shelby Nelson Sallee, BS
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Madison Nicole Shelton, BS
Casie Marie Shubnell, BS
Katherine Elizabeth Sicley, BS
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Casondra Jo Vanderweyst, BS
Kara Alyce Vaughan, BS
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Stephanie Brianne Wier, BS
Allison Marie Williams, BS
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Tiara M. Williams, BS
Casey Lee Wilson, BS
Moises Zelaya Jr., BS
Ashley Rose Zuniga-Perez, BS
Sarah Renee Zwahr, BS

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND MASS COMMUNICATION

Dr. Ronald E. Shields, Dean

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

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

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

We wish you all the best.

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

Ronald E. Shields

Ronald E. Shields, Dean

TV news celebrity Dan Rather graduated from Sam in 1953.

1981

Ladykat Softball Team becomes National Champions, and the Men's Golf Team wins the NAIA Championship.

Master Degree Candidates

Matthew Paul Fehl, MM
Layne Kay Gilley, MM
Jacklyn Kay Kiefer, MM

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Lauren Moran Andrus, BA
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Samantha Elizabeth Atwood, BM
Sergio Estrada Barraza, BFA
Arianna Barrera, BA
Charles Clayton Berry, BA
James Darren Black, BA
Shelby Frances Bray, BFA
Stephanie Paige Bray, BA
Tiffany Lynn Butcher, BA
Lauren Ashley Campos, BA
Jose Nicandro Castro, BM
Chelsea Elaine Coleman, BA
Hilary Ann Collins, BA
Katheryn Amanda Connor, BFA
Sabrina G. Coronado, BFA
Morgan Taylor Crabtree, BA
Renee Michele Crawford, BA
Kiana Lashawn Curl, BFA
Latoya Joyce Curtis, BFA
Stephanie Lee Dew, BFA
Alison Mali Douangsavanh, BA
Abby Danielle Douglass, BFA
Brittney Rochelle Edwards, BA
Jason Rhett Edwards, BA
Kristen Marie Egbert, BA
Carlos Felipe Elarba, BFA
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Janayn Melis Evans, BA
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Eric Dwayne Fite, BA
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Ashley Chau Ha, BA
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Benjamin Harwood, BA
Carl Joseph Havlik, BA
Jason Paul Hayes, BFA
Mayra Melissa Hernandez, BM
Jonathan Rey Herrera, BA
Nathaniel K. Howard, BFA
Brittney Michelle Hudson, BFA
Marcus James Hughes, BM
Nicholas Lee Huneycutt, BM
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Daniel Vallery, BM
Emily Ann Marie Vereecke, BM
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Rebecca Michelle Willett, BFA
Kristen Leanne Williams, BFA
Grady Leon Williams Jr., BFA
Anthony Rene Yanez, BA

1982
Old Main Building is destroyed by fire.

1986
Bowers Football Stadium is completed.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Dr. Michael Lacourse, Dean

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

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

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

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

Dr. Michael Lacourse, Dean

Front entrance to Sam Houston State University

1994
67-foot statue of General Sam Houston is placed on I-45.

1998
Students form the first International Hispanic Association.

Master Degree Candidates

Camille A. Alfaro, MA
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Shannon Jacob McDonald, MA
Sean Peter Rainbird, MA
Natalee Lane Reinke, MA
Ian Oki Ryniak, MA
DeAndre D. Shaw, MA

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Bryan Dennis Carrero, BS
Te'Sheena Ja'Nay Cloud, BS
Vanessa Ann Collier, BS
Audrey Eugenia Cooks, BS
Savannah Renae Crihfield, BS
Garrett Gregory Driver, BS
Michael Colin Dunbar, BS
Ariel Marie Dunster, BS
Emanuel Esparza, BS
Markus Miguel Flentroy, BS
Jonathan Vincente Garza, BS
Jonathan David Gest, BS
Sarah Ann Graham, BS
Raimey Noel Griffin, BS
Ashli Maegan Henk, BS
Jason Daniel Hicks, BS
Michael Riley Hilliard, BS
George Riley Hornback lV, BS
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Nicholas Edward James, BS
Trevor O'Ryan Johnson, BS
Brittney Jobeth Jeanette Jones, BS
Krystle Denise Jones, BS
Tarnezia Tajé Jones, BS
Cynthia Elaine Kokosz, BS
Jasmin Natasha Kolaja, BS

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

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Jonathan Kyle Leal, BS
Travis G. Locke, BS
Morgan Dann Lowrimore, BS
Carissa Shantel Marble, BS
Jared Scott Mathias, BS
Crystal Diane Mayer, BS
Tracee Teraye McClendon, BS
Crystal Marie McMillian, BS
Justin Ross Millard, BS
Kevin Daniel Miller, BS
Samantha Jo Miller, BS
Patrick Robert Mirrielees, BS
Nicholas G. Morehead, BS
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Brandon Bryant Russell, BS
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Katelyn Aline Schuur, BS
Katherine Ashley Stephens, BS
Samuel Tyler Stephens, BS
Joseph Michael Stewart, BS
Tyler Michael Thompson, BS
Fynas W. Titus lll, BS
Madison Christine Tobler, BS
Joshua Mark Tullia, BS
Emmanuela Chibugo Umunnakwe, BS
Christopher Allen Vickery, BS
Bridget Nicole Weiss, BS
Adam Brian West, BS
Kendrah Dae'Relle Wren, BS
Andrew James Young Jr., BS

2003
SHSU makes its first appearance in the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

2004
First Ring Ceremony and 125th year of operation.

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dr. Gene Young, Interim 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.

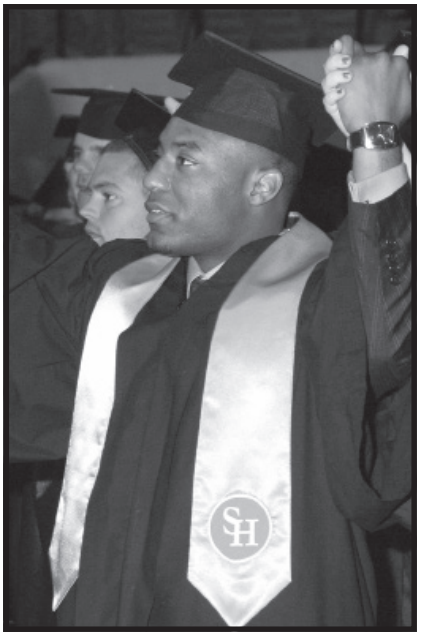
Another key to a happy and successful life is to rigorously maintain your personal integrity. Being a consistently honest, moral, and principled person leads to success in every aspect of life. When your word is your bond and what you say is the same as what you believe and what you do, others know that 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 2013 will accomplish great things, that you will become the leaders of the future, and that you will inspire and support the next generation to create their future.

Gene Young

Dr. Gene Young, Interim Dean



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

2005
Raven's Nest Golf Course is purchased.

Doctor of Philosophy

Kimberly S. Bye
Dissertation Title: *Perceiver Ethnicity and Rape Victim Culpability Attributions: A Mediational Model*
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Audrey K. Miller

Jennifer Guerrero
Dissertation Title: *Officers' and Supervisors' Opinions Regarding Mental Health Services Utilization Among Law Enforcement Personnel* Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jorge G. Varela

Meredith Meeks
Dissertation Title: *Examining Psychological Treatment of Sex Offenders: Practice, Research, and Formal Credentialing for Treatment Providers* Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Holly Miller

Hilary F. Sherry
Dissertation Title: *Estimated MMPI-2-RF Profiles of Women with Disordered Eating Behavior*
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. David. V. Nelson

Tamika Backstrom-Sieh
Dissertation Title: *Posttraumatic Growth in an African American College Student Sample*
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Audrey K. Miller

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Laurie Michelle Brewer, MPA
John Rocco Capra, MA
Caroline Stewart Chevalier, MA
Amanda L. Dellett, MA
Patricia Lynn Doggett, MPA
Maria Elena Estrada, MA
Michelle C. Fernandez, MA
Abby Jane Gallagher, MS
Jason Lynn Getz, MA
Ginny Gragg, MA
Jill N. Hurst, MS
Mario Antonio Jane Velasco, MA
Kristin Michelle Kabay, MS
Kathleen Joyce Kelly, MA
David James Langenberg, MPA
Michelle L. McGuckin, MA
Cassandra Michelle McKibben, MA
Julio Cesar Medina Lopez, MA
Michael Chad Meiners, MA
David Brantley Pate Jr., MA
Calle May Poindexter, MPA
Stacy Anne Postlewait, MA
Kelsey Lee Rod, MS
Lindsey Allison Rosewell, MA
Ronald Neel Rutledge, MA
Katelyn Elizabeth Smith, MS
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Mary Wang, MS
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Elizabeth Jane Barron, BA
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Courtney La She Battles, BA
Dane Samuel Beasley, BA
Zachary M. Bellot, BA
Andrew Davis Bennett, BA
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Alyssa Nichell Bimage, BA
Mariela Bonilla, BA
Katrina Michelle Boxley, BS
Melissa Gaylynne Boyd, BS
Kourtney Danielle Brice, BA
Bryan Rashad Brigham, BS
Mystique Nicole Brown, BA
Vasherie Danielle Brown, BS
Sherry Ann Bryant, BA
Daniele Nichole Burchard, BS
Nydia Nycole Caldwell, BS
Joshua Andrew Cameron, BS
DeVaunier LaMonique Cannon, BS
Rebecca Louise Cansler, BS
Julianne Nicole Cantu, BA
Sierra Brianne Carroll, BS
Jessica Lynn Carter, BS
Kathryn Belle Caruthers, BA
Haleigh Michelle CeBallos, BS
James M. Chapman, BA
Gary Wayne Chattman, BA
Osiel Chavez Jr., BA
Caitlin Jean Clarke, BS
Brittany Leigh Colston, BS
James Kenedy Coneby, BA
Leslie Ann Cooper, BS
Jasmine Michelle Cowl, BA
Ashley Danielle Craig, BS
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

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

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

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Governor Rick Perry signing the proclamation for the 125th anniversary of SHSU.

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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.

Advantages of Alumni Association membership:

- Invitation 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)
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  - Bay Area Club
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  - North Harris/Montgomery County Club
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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.