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Shaping tomorrow together

LAST MONTH WE WELCOMED THE CLASS OF 2026 – THE MOST ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED AND DIVERSE INCOMING CLASS IN OUR HISTORY. These new Mustangs arrive at a time when the impact of our *SMU Ignited* campaign can be seen and felt across our campus.

The momentum driving our future reached a high point with a landmark gift in the spring from energy expert and philanthropist William S. Spears. This largest gift in our history from a non-alumnus will establish the William S. Spears Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership in the Cox School of Business. The new institute will empower our students and faculty members in their academic and professional pursuits as well as encourage business creation and strengthen areas that are critical to economic growth.

A week later, we celebrated the groundbreaking for a two-year, \$140 million renovation and expansion project at the Cox School, made possible by a community of donors to the first phase of the project. These investments go a long way to advance our overarching vision to foster educational distinction, industry research and business leadership on the Hilltop.

Our research strides continue to make an impact in important sectors like health care. SMU's partnership with Dallas-based BALANCED Media|Technology and the Retina Foundation of the Southwest has led to new, patent-pending medical imaging technology to better identify

ocular diseases, including age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of visual impairment. Also making inroads in the medical sphere is an engineering team's discovery of an important link between certain dialysis screening protocols for uninsured patients and the strain they can cause on emergency rooms. These findings show potential for improving outcomes for both patients and hospitals.

As you'll read in the cover story, the Mustang Band represented the U.S. in multiple ceremonies marking the 78th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France. A group of supporters, including alumni who had never played in the band, came together to ensure that the trip was affordable for all students. Many of those who participated describe the trip as a once-in-a-lifetime learning experience providing them with a new appreciation for history and those who served in World War II.

Throughout this issue, we feature alumni using the talents they developed on the Hilltop to make a difference in their communities, in their professions and in our world.

You'll also read about innovators making their marks in the aviation and tech sectors, and journalists putting themselves in harm's way in Ukraine to keep us informed. We also highlight our 2022 Distinguished

Alumni Award and Emerging

Leader recipients. Our celebration of their accomplishments Thursday, October 20, will kick off Homecoming.

Fall is filled with great traditions that bring Mustangs together.

You won't want to miss

Family Weekend. We'll fire up with a pep rally Friday, September 23, and cheer for our Mustangs when they take on TCU Saturday, September 24. And save the dates for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend October 20–23.

Everything you read about in these pages lays the foundation for an exciting year ahead. Thank you for your continued support as we boldly shape tomorrow. 🇺🇸



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Gerald Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

R. GERALD TURNER
President



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The largest gift from a non-alumnus in SMU history came from energy expert and philanthropist William S. Spears to create an institute for entrepreneurial leadership.



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Meet two new alumni: Haley Taylor Schlitz '22 (left), our country's youngest Black law school graduate, and 85-year-old aspiring screenwriter Marilyn Seeberger '22.



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Mustang spirit took over SoFi Stadium at the Southern California kickoff of *SMU Ignited: Boldly Shaping Tomorrow*, our \$1.5 billion campaign for impact. Guests heard from SMU leadership and had the opportunity to meet new Head Football Coach Rhett Lashlee. Pony Up!

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Strengthening connections

IN MY FIRST YEAR AS CHAIR OF SMU'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HOPE TO BUILD UPON WHAT WE ALL LOVE ABOUT OUR UNIVERSITY WHILE RAISING OUR SUCCESS AND PROGRESS TO AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL. Our comprehensive campaign, *SMU Ignited: Boldly Shaping Tomorrow*, aspires to do just that by empowering outstanding students, enriching teaching and research, and enhancing our campus and community. Achieving this vision will require the involvement of every one of us.

When I think about SMU, I first think of the guidance and inspiration I received from my beloved finance professor, Don Jackson. Next are memories of running up and down the court in Moody Coliseum and winning a conference basketball championship. Never far from my mind are also the friendships and connections that started on the Hilltop and have enriched my life for more than 50 years.

Attending SMU was one of the best decisions I've made, and staying actively engaged with our alma mater continues to be fulfilling and rewarding. Volunteering on various committees and serving as a trustee reinforces my confidence in our future. We've embraced a vision for the road ahead and are working together with passion, dedication and single-mindedness to attain it. Now SMU is poised for even greater things for our students, our teaching and research, and our global impact, and each one of us can play a part in those achievements.

I think about and love to talk about SMU's trajectory and how it has emerged as one of the very finest universities in the country with a growing national and international reputation. Now our overarching

goal of SMU truly becoming "Dallas's University" is within reach. None of this would have happened without the continuous support of our incredibly generous alumni. That's why your participation matters now more than ever.

"I love being a part of this community and experiencing it through every phase of my life. Please join me in staying connected, informed and invested in SMU."

– David B. Miller '72, '73

Our students now and for generations ahead lie at the heart of everything we're doing. When I think about SMU today, I see bright, ambitious students and the endless opportunities we offer for growth, both in and out of the classroom. Across the Hilltop, new buildings are being constructed and spaces are being renovated to prepare students for the ever-more collaborative and technologically integrated world. With

world-class facilities enhancing the high caliber of our academic, research and athletic programs, the University will attract even more exceptional students. Annual support from

dedicated alumni like you and me will help them reach their full potential by funding critical scholarships, fueling academic rigor and amplifying the campus experience.

When I think about SMU, I see Mustangs coming together to ignite a better future for us all. What we do in this moment will continue to make a difference 20 years, 50 years, even 100 years from now. Each one of us has an opportunity to advance our programs today and help set our trajectory of success for the entire year. I hope you will join me in helping shape a brighter tomorrow. Together, we're building the foundation to achieve SMU's ambitions of making the world a better place.

I love being a part of this community and experiencing it through every phase of my life. Please join me in staying connected, informed and invested in SMU. 🐎



DAVID B. MILLER '72, '73
SMU Board of Trustees Chair

DRIVING

INNOVATION

A commitment from celebrated energy expert and philanthropist William S. Spears builds on a long legacy of philanthropy across the country and a lifelong passion for business excellence that stretches far beyond the University.

“William Spears is renowned throughout the energy industry. His knowledge and dedication have led to innovations throughout the country,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “We are honored that he leveraged his ingenuity and purpose to champion our University’s faculty and students, bolstering the future of industry and discovery in Dallas.”

Spears is known for his work in the energy sector, the many boards on which he has served and his commitment to excellence in the education field. He was introduced to SMU through wife Candye Gould Spears '06 and stepdaughter Meghan Bartos '05, both SMU graduates.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University, which established the Spears School of Business in 2004. He additionally holds an MBA from Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a doctorate of business administration from H.

Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship at Nova Southeastern University.

In *Dallas Morning News* coverage of the gift, published April 28, 2022, Spears offered a favorite quote about business education: “We’re sending messengers to times and places we will never see.”



That quote could serve as the Cox School’s motto as it prepares today’s startup-minded students to shape a future we can only imagine.

Leveraging the vibrant culture of free enterprise in North Texas, the William S. Spears Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership will facilitate student success through new leadership programming, scholarships and internships. Unique, specialized curricula in the

Spears Entrepreneurial Leadership Program for MBAs and BBAs will prepare tomorrow’s innovative corporate leaders through real-world experiences and academic coursework in areas such as new product and process development, and the generation of venture capital.

The highly competitive Spears Scholars Program will attract and retain future leaders who will contribute to the economic vibrancy of the region. Through the Spears Interns Program, the students will gain unique insights and opportunities for personal and professional growth in other global cities, such as New York; Washington, D.C.; London; and more.

At the heart of the Spears Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership lies the Spears Accelerator, offering a range of support services and funding opportunities for the conception, creation and development of new businesses, services and products. Through external partnerships, the accelerator will help students, faculty and local industries strengthen their research and development processes – ultimately speeding the creation of valuable new products. Additionally, the accelerator will create new revenue



THE LARGEST GIFT BY A NON-ALUMNUS DONOR IN OUR HISTORY WILL ESTABLISH THE WILLIAM S. SPEARS INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP AT SMU.

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I’m proud to partner with SMU for this exciting new initiative, and I look forward to seeing the creativity and opportunities the Spears Institute will inspire throughout Dallas. I feel honored to be counted as a member of the Mustang community, and I hope that, through this gift, the Cox School will be a positive driver for pioneering innovation and enterprising development across Dallas.
”

WILLIAM S. SPEARS

streams for the University, benefiting its students, faculty and programs.

The Spears Institute will also create the Spears Speaker Series, bringing to Dallas high-profile leaders and business experts from a variety of personal and professional backgrounds. Their unique perspectives and insightful knowledge will benefit SMU students, faculty and the broader community.

“William Spears provides a powerful example of how our community is strengthening the landscape of education and business development through investments in SMU,” said SMU Vice President for Development

and External Affairs Brad E. Cheves.

The Spears gift is part of *SMU Ignited: Boldly Shaping Tomorrow*, our \$1.5 billion campaign empowering students, bolstering faculty pursuits and igniting our community for future generations.

“I love the spirit of SMU,” Spears told *The Dallas Morning News*. “I love entrepreneurial thinking. It’s just been very inspiring.” 🇺🇸

OPPOSITE PAGE William S. Spears and wife Candye Gould Spears '06, an SMU alumna. **BELOW** The SMU community celebrated the Spears gift, which will drive innovation and ignite entrepreneurial activity on campus and beyond.



Building business leaders

SMU IS BLAZING A TRAIL INTO THE NEXT ERA OF BUSINESS EDUCATION WITH A TWO-YEAR, \$140 MILLION RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT.

SMU celebrated the future of the Cox School of Business and its role as a driver of Dallas innovation, breaking ground May 6 on a renovation and expansion project designed to train students for a collaborative and technologically integrated world.

The two-year project will expand the school's footprint by more than 30 percent, with the construction of four new buildings connecting the existing facilities into cohesive space that supports collaboration within the Cox School and across the campus, as well as with the Dallas business community.

"This project will add to the Cox School's stellar national reputation and will enable it to continue attracting outstanding students, faculty and industry partners," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. "Since 75 percent of our Cox School graduates stay in Texas, this ambitious project is a commitment

to SMU's role as a talent magnet for the state and the North Texas region."

Turner announced that the Cox School's renovated and expanded facilities will be called the David B. Miller Business Quadrangle, honoring Miller for his decades-long financial support and leadership of the Cox School. A former Mustang basketball standout, Miller '72, '73 and his wife, Carolyn Miller, and The David B. Miller Family Foundation made a \$50 million commitment to SMU in October 2019 – half of which was earmarked for the Cox School project. That historic commitment, the largest alumni gift in the history of the University, is a dramatic punctuation to the relationship that began when Miller arrived at SMU in 1968 on an athletic scholarship.

(LEFT TO RIGHT): SMU Vice President of Development and External Affairs Brad E. Cheves; Gary T. Crum '69; Sylvie Crum; William C. Shaddock '74; Kim M. Shaddock; Bryan S. Sheffield '01; Sharoll M. Sheffield; Carolyn L. Miller; David B. Miller '72, '73 (immediately behind Carolyn Miller); SMU President R. Gerald Turner; Gina L. Bridwell; Tucker S. Bridwell '73, '74 (immediately behind Gina Bridwell); Aurelia C. Heppner; Brad K. Heppner '88 (immediately behind Aurelia Heppner); Pat S. Bolin '73; Jane R. Bolin; Fritz Duda; SMU Provost Elizabeth G. Loba; and Cox School Dean Matthew B. Myers.



As part of the University's multiyear fundraising campaign, *SMU Ignited: Boldly Shaping Tomorrow*, more than 50 generous donors have already invested more than \$100 million toward new and enhanced facilities at the Cox School.

"We are retooling the Cox School to create a more collaborative environment – to give students and faculty easier access to collaborate, to gather and share ideas and gain inspiration from one another," says Cox School Dean Matthew B. Myers. "We will offer students more opportunity to obtain their business education in a '9 to 9' environment, meaning they'll come to classes, stay for lunch or dinner, work together with other students and their professors, and remain connected with and at Cox all day long. In short, our improved facilities will nurture an environment that will lead to a richer learning experience and a lifetime of connections. This really marks a new era for the Cox School." 🐎

Read more about the project and find a complete list of donors: smu.edu/cox-future



Donors of \$1 million or more to the Cox School renovation and expansion, as of August 2022:

\$25 MILLION LEAD DONOR

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Aviation startup takes off

BROTHERS AND SMU ALUMNI CURTIS EDENFIELD '09 AND STUART EDENFIELD '07 ENVISIONED A LIFE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AFTER THE HILLTOP. THEY SPENT A DECADE WORKING IN THE WORLD OF AVIATION BEFORE FOUNDING THEIR OWN PRIVATE JET CHARTER COMPANY, THRIVE AVIATION, IN 2018.

Curtis is chief executive officer of their growing company, which is headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada. At SMU, he was a double major in public policy and economics with financial applications in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. Stuart serves as senior vice president of flight operations. He received a BBA in finance from the Cox School of Business.

Their Thrive Aviation boasts more than 130 employees and a 21,000-square-foot, custom-built hangar at Harry Reid International Airport in Las Vegas.

Early in their careers, the brothers knew they wanted to go into business together. They explored different ideas, but the direction and timing weren't immediately clear.

Stuart went to flight school a few years after graduating from SMU, deciding to take a break from finance after working through the 2008 economic crash. Curtis' second job after graduation was with Southwest Airlines, where he rose through the ranks in a multitude of departments and positions, learning everything he could about the air travel business.

While working as a flight instructor in Las Vegas, Stuart connected with a successful e-commerce businessman who had just purchased his first jet – and would soon purchase four more. That changed everything.



Stuart identified inefficiencies in the charter management companies hired to keep the planes running and profitable. He envisioned a better business model and collaborated with Curtis to flesh out a business plan and pitch deck. Their plan won over Stuart's employer as a silent investor/third partner. Thrive Aviation was born.

Curtis relocated to Las Vegas from Dallas to get the company up and running. All they had left to obtain was an FAA certificate allowing them to operate their fleet.

"So, we called the FAA and they basically laughed at us," Curtis says. "They said, 'Everyone in the world wants a charter certificate in Vegas. Good luck. Get in line.'"

Instead, the brothers got creative.

The entrepreneurial spirit of brothers Stuart Edenfield '07 and Curtis Edenfield '09 took flight with Thrive Aviation, the private jet charter company they launched in 2018.

After a lot of research, they acquired a company that already had a certificate.

In the wake of COVID-19, the private jet industry took off and continues to fly high. The Edenfields aim to expand their business with planes spread across the country by 2025. They're also planning to extend their philanthropic footprint through partnerships with multiple charitable organizations.

"It's that old adage, 'If you're blessed, be a blessing,'" Curtis says. 🇺🇸

Big idea reaps big rewards

Startup co-founder Seun Suberu '23 arrived on campus with big ambitions for the future of his CollegePlus app. Fast forward three years, and Suberu has honed new business skills while earning more than \$85,000 in funding through multiple SMU competitions.

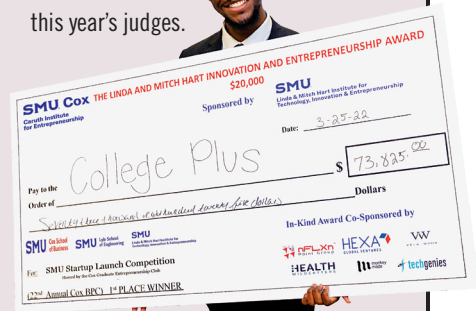
Suberu – his first name is pronounced like “Shawn” – continues to expand and refine his app while pursuing a degree in computer science and a minor in statistical science.

The app guides prospective students through a series of questions to help them land on schools that are good matches for their interests and needs.

So far, there have been more than 1,000 downloads of the free app from Apple's App Store and Google Play, with about 300 visits per month to the CollegePlus website.

In March, Suberu walked away from the Cox Graduate Entrepreneurship Club's SMU Launch Competition with the first place award of \$73,825. That prize came on the heels of \$12,000 in grants over the past three years from SMU's Big iDeas business plan competition.

“Seun's poise, hunger to achieve his vision and desire to learn made him an easy choice as winner for Big iDeas,” says Kyle Waldrep '16, founder and CEO of Dottid, who served as one of this year's judges.



Rex Kurzius '96: Defining success

Serial entrepreneur Rex Kurzius '96 transferred to SMU from community college to earn a BBA. Along the way, he invented his own master class in how to achieve business success.

Professors like the late Al Casey and Professor Emeritus Robert Rasberry in the Cox School of Business became mentors, and Kurzius made the most of opportunities to connect with alumni in the Dallas business community.

It worked. Kurzius landed a job with a staffing company after graduating from SMU. By the following year, he had launched his own firm. He eventually sold it and went on to successfully start and sell several other ventures. His drive to find novel solutions where others see problems led to the founding of Asset Panda in 2012, where he is CEO.

Being able to open doors for young entrepreneurs is among his most gratifying achievements, Kurzius says. He was able to attend SMU because of a transfer student scholarship. In 2013, he paid it forward by endowing a transfer student scholarship.

“Transferring to SMU changed my life. I was interested in real-life experience, and I wanted to figure out how to start my own business as soon as possible,” he says. “I got that foundation through hours of conversation with professors and connections across campus. I think being part of the SMU community is a big reason people were willing to invest in me when I started my first business at 23.”

Asset Panda is a cloud-based asset

management platform that provides an easy way for companies to keep track of everything from laptops to lawnmowers. The company serves clients in more than 60 countries and all 50 states. Forbes Advisor named it



the 2022 Best Asset Tracking Software and Best Tool Management Software.

Kurzius received the 2021 Startup Innovator of the Year title from Dallas Innovates and *D CEO* magazine, which named him to its 2022 edition of the Dallas 500 top business leaders.

Rapid expansion is on the horizon as the company redevelops the platform he calls “Panda 2.0.” 🐼

BREAKING THE MOLD

by Stephen Fashoro and Nancy Lowell George '79, '18

HALEY TAYLOR SCHLITZ '22 A HISTORY MAKER AT 19

At the tender age of 16, Haley Taylor Schlitz was accepted into nine different law schools across the country. She chose Dedman School of Law.

Three years later, she became the youngest law school graduate in University history and the youngest Black American to graduate from law school. Her story reverberated across the country and around the globe.

Among the major media covering her were BBC World Service, *Black Enterprise*, CBC Radio, CBS News, CNN, *Essence*, *Good Morning America*, MSNBC and the *Tamron Hall Show*.

After fifth grade, Taylor Schlitz's parents decided that home schooling was the best option for their intellectually gifted daughter. She graduated from high school at 13,

and by 16, she had earned an undergraduate degree in interdisciplinary studies from Texas Woman's University.

While on the Hilltop, Taylor Schlitz made a name for herself as an author, public speaker and respected thought leader on the issues students of color face in navigating gifted and talented programs in public schools.

The newly minted alum is studying for the bar exam right now, but plans to work on education policy issues for an elected official or a nonprofit organization. She's also interested in expanding opportunities for gifted and talented girls and students of color, helping them realize their full potential.

"Many girls and students of color are left out of our nation's gifted and talented programs," Taylor Schlitz says. "Society will lose out on the potential scientist who cures a major disease, the entrepreneur who starts the next Amazon and so much more. All because of their gender and/or skin color." 🐾

Read more: haleytaylor Schlitz.com

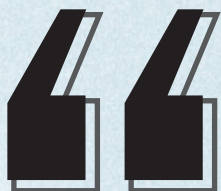


MEET TWO OF OUR NEWEST ALUMS: THE COUNTRY'S YOUNGEST BLACK LAW STUDENT GRAD AND AN 85-YEAR-OLD SCREENWRITER.

MARILLYN SEEBERGER '22 IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

After graduating from high school in 1954, Marillyn Seeberger passed over college to get married and start a family. Sixty-eight years later, she fulfilled her dream of finally going to college, earning a B.A. in film and media arts from SMU with plans to write screenplays.

Seeberger has been breaking boundaries since landing her first job in the 1960s at an Oklahoma City



I just always live by the motto that you don't find your path, you make it. So don't let anybody else tell you what you can't do."

Haley Taylor Schlitz '22
Quoted in *Essence*, May 3, 2022

television station after attending secretarial school at night. After a move to Dallas in 1968, she joined the film production team at the Bloom Agency, then the largest independent advertising agency in Dallas. Thirteen years later she was the first woman vice president of broadcast production.

Seeberger didn't tell her family when at age 80, she began taking community college classes, "just to keep busy after my retirement." But as her credits accumulated, her thoughts returned to her desire to become a writer.

"I always wanted to write," she says. "I knew I had stories to tell with a little bit of fact and a little bit of fiction."

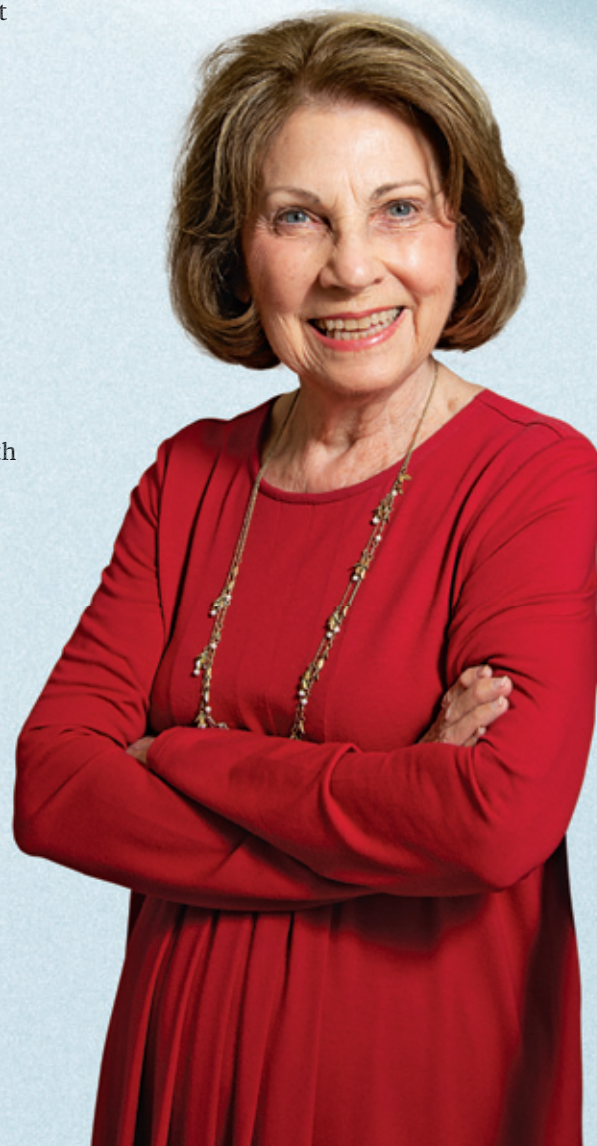
In January 2020, she transferred to SMU to complete her degree in film and media arts because "it was important to me to have the credentials to be a screenwriter."

Like other college students, Seeberger learned to navigate pandemic-driven Zoom classes. "The young people in my classes have helped me out," she says.

Students and faculty appreciated her, too. Seeberger was selected as the marshal to lead other film graduates into McFarlin Auditorium

at the Meadows School of the Arts Commencement ceremony May 14. 🇺🇸

Read more: smu.edu/smumag22/seeberger



‘A proven leader’ tapped as head men’s basketball coach

FRESH OFF OF COACHING GEORGIA STATE TO THE NCAA PLAYOFFS, ROB LANIER MADE HIS FIRST OFFICIAL APPEARANCE AS SMU’S NEW HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH. LANIER COMES TO SMU WITH MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING SEVEN SEASONS AS A HEAD COACH.

At the announcement in Moody Coliseum March 28, Lanier was praised for his leadership and winning ways.

“We are excited to welcome Rob Lanier and his family to Dallas,” SMU Director of Athletics Rick Hart said. “He

seasons as head coach, advancing to the NCAA tournament this year. He previously took Siena College, located in Loudonville, New York, to the NCAA tourney in 2002, in the first of his four seasons as coach there.

“I couldn’t be more honored to lead the program on the Hilltop,” Lanier said. “SMU’s location in the heart of Dallas, Texas, the beautiful campus, stellar academic reputation and overall commitment to excellence make it the perfect fit for me and my family. I’m excited to get to work and to take this program to the next level.”

Lanier also spent eight seasons as associate head coach to Rick Barnes, four at Tennessee after four at Texas. He was also an assistant to Bill Donovan at Florida for four seasons.

Barnes told ESPN: “I don’t believe SMU could have found a better fit for its basketball program. Rob is the total package – a proven leader who builds powerful relationships and connects incredibly well with people.

The relationships and reputation he’s built throughout Texas – and truly, throughout the country – make this an extraordinary hire for the Mustangs.”

Fun fact: Lanier is a cousin of eight-time NBA All-Star Bob Lanier, a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. 🐎

and his staff will build upon the success our program has experienced under Coach Brown and Coach Jankovich. As importantly, his character, integrity and commitment to developing our student-athletes as both players and people align with our mission of shaping champions.”

The Georgia State Panthers went 53–30 in Lanier’s three



Academic pacesetter ‘at the intersection of research and graduate education’ named Moody School dean

Robin S. Poston began her tenure as dean of the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies August 15.

Before coming to SMU, Poston served as vice provost and dean of the Graduate School at the University of Memphis. Since 2018, she led strategic initiatives to modernize academic, scholarly and international efforts that supported enrollment growth, student success and timely graduation in its graduate school. These initiatives served Ph.D., professional and graduate certificate students across 161 graduate programs in 12 colleges and schools.

At SMU, Poston takes the baton from distinguished geoscientist James Quick, who stepped down as inaugural dean of the Moody School and began a sabbatical June 1.

“Dr. Poston is a proven leader with deep experience at the intersection of research and graduate education,” says Elizabeth G. Lobo, SMU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. “She was the chief architect in

the rise of the University of Memphis from R2 to R1 in the Carnegie rankings, and we are excited that she is joining SMU’s leadership team at this time in our quest for even greater academic quality.”

Poston received a B.A.S. in computer science at the University of Pennsylvania in 1987; an M.S. in accounting from the University of Central Florida in 1992; and a Ph.D. in business administration with a concentration in management information systems from Michigan State University in 2003.

“SMU has a unique opportunity to raise the bar for graduate education with the newly created Moody School,” Poston says. “I am honored to be able to join the University’s graduate leadership team in moving SMU to new heights of excellence.”

SMU launched its eighth degree granting school during the 2020–21 academic year after a landmark

\$100 million commitment from the Moody Foundation in November 2019. Before its establishment, all



graduate programs at SMU were administered through individual schools, such as Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. The investment in a more strategic approach to graduate-level education and research signaled the University’s

determination to be a full partner in global and commercial problem-solving, and a pipeline for leaders to tackle those challenges.

“This is an exciting time to be at SMU, as we move forward with many new initiatives dedicated to improving our global outreach,” says SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “Dr. Poston will help us build our research and graduate education capabilities to meet needs that we don’t even know exist yet.” 🇺🇸



Game day fun at home and on the road

That’s right, it’s time to Boulevard! When our Mustangs play at home, join friends at the SMU Alumni tent near Clements Hall two hours before kickoff. Enjoy a “pop-up” experience with partner purveyors providing snacks and drinks. For road games, SMU Alumni Relations and the Mustang Club will host pre-game tailgates, starting two hours before kickoff. Find food, beverages and plenty of Mustang spirit at upcoming games against the University of Central Florida in Orlando, October 1, and Tulane in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 17. Find more information at smu.edu/smumag22tailgates.



Making new strides

Ushering in an exciting new addition to the Hilltop and Mustang Athletics, SMU celebrated the dedication of the new Washburne Soccer and Track Stadium April 8.

Led by a principal gift from Ray W. Washburne '84 and Heather H. Washburne, the stadium was made possible by the University's Mustang fans, generous donors and spirited alumni.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Washburnes and all of the donors who contributed to this important undertaking that fuels athletic excellence in SMU student-athletes and growing excitement in our Mustang fans," says SMU President R. Gerald Turner.

Washburne Stadium will act as the new home and spirit hub for SMU's men's and women's soccer, as well as cross-country and track and field teams. Featuring an updated track, conference room and private team locker rooms, the 2,577-capacity stadium offers Mustang fans a dynamic new environment to celebrate athletic events and cheer on the school's teams, while supporting SMU's student-athletes as they train for and pursue athletic distinction both on and off campus. 🐎



Jason Nance named Dedman Law dean

Jason P. Nance, an education policy and law scholar who studies inequalities in public education, has been named the



Judge James Noel Dean at SMU's Dedman School of Law. He joined SMU August 10 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, where he was associate dean for research and faculty development and professor of law.

Nance began his career in education, teaching math to middle schoolers and GED and English courses to adults in Houston. After three years, he began graduate studies with the intention of following the school principal track. Instead, he developed a keen interest in education policy and law, ultimately earning a Ph.D. in education policy and administration before completing his law degree.

"Under Dean Nance's leadership, we are well positioned to advance our well-earned reputation within the legal and business communities and to expand our impact in line with SMU's aspirations for even greater academic excellence," says Elizabeth G. Loba, SMU provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Nance clerked for Judge Kent A. Jordan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware after graduating from law school. He served as a litigation associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, practicing corporate and securities litigation during the financial crisis of 2007–2010.

TOP OF PAGE The new Washburne Soccer and Track Stadium fuels athletic excellence and fires up fans. **LEFT** Ray W. Washburne '84 and Heather H. Washburne and family at the dedication. **RIGHT** The SMU community welcomed the new stadium April 8.

Student Senate creates legacy of opportunity with two new scholarships

IN 2026, WHEN THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS AT THE WEST DALLAS STEM SCHOOL RECEIVE THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS, THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A DEDICATED SMU SCHOLARSHIP, THANKS TO THE SMU STUDENT SENATE.

Before adjourning for the academic year, the senate earmarked funds for two new need-based financial aid initiatives: \$50,000 for future Mustangs at the STEM school and \$100,000 for SMU Rotunda Scholars.

The Dallas Independent School District's West Dallas STEM School welcomed its first group of students

“This is SMU students’ chance to extend a helping hand to other students.”

– Austin Hickle '22

in fall 2021. A collaboration between Dallas ISD, Toyota USA Foundation and SMU's Simmons School of Education and Human Development, the Pre-K–8 school is designed to bring project-based STEM education to students in West Dallas, where incomes and opportunities tend to lag behind other areas of the city.

Rotunda Scholars, a program

already in existence, helps first-year students achieve early success at SMU by promoting academic achievement, leadership and personal excellence. Members of the program are often first-generation college students attending SMU on merit and financial-need scholarships.

The Student Senate Rotunda Scholars Grant Award provides funds for expenses often not provided by other scholarships, such as books, computers, membership fees for honorary organizations and study abroad.

These efforts to support underrepresented students were spearheaded by 2021–2022 Student Body President Austin Hickle '22. He earned a Fulbright grant to teach students in South Korea in 2023–2024, after which he plans to return to the U.S. and use his Truman Scholarship to earn a law degree and a master's degree in education.

“Under the capable guidance of future SMU student leaders who will follow me, I hope these scholarship

funds are only the beginning of a legacy of improving equity and creating a school that supports all students,” Hickle says.

His support for student scholarships is in good hands. In addition to other leadership honors, incoming SMU Student Body President Sydney Castle '23 is a Rotunda Scholar. 🇺🇸



In the spring, Austin Hickle '22, West Dallas STEM School Principal Marion Jackson and Simmons School Dean Stephanie Knight toured STEM Alley. The new learning space in the West Dallas school will accommodate hands-on learning in robotics and theater tech, STEM labs, and a makerspace. In 2026, when they graduate from high school, West Dallas STEM School graduates will be eligible to apply for a new SMU scholarship just for them endowed by the 2021–2022 SMU Student Senate.

SAVING

Video game deploys patent-pending medical imaging technology to fight ocular diseases

BALANCED Media|Technology, in partnership with the Retina Foundation of the Southwest and SMU, produced medical imaging technology that uses automated software and a video game to provide standardized, accurate and precise identification of ocular diseases including age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of visual impairment in the world.

BALANCED Media, the Retina Foundation and SMU signed a 10-year exclusive license, development and commercialization agreement to bring the medical imaging technology to the



\$35 billion artificial intelligence (AI) health care market.

Central to the technology is Eye in the Sky: Defender, an original video game that utilizes optical coherence tomography (OCT) retinal scans. OCT is a noninvasive imaging method that uses reflected light to create pictures of the retina and optic nerve. It's widely applied by eye care professionals to identify disease and track treatment effectiveness.

In the game, players immersed in the role of defending the Earth from alien invaders are tasked with predicting the path of incoming alien convoys. As players master the predictions, they are actually learning to trace lines that can be used to perform diagnostic measurements of OCT retinal scans and create new data sets.

When integrated with BALANCED Media's HEWMEN®AI platform, these new data sets were used by experts at the Retina Foundation and SMU researchers to provide the information needed to train a machine learning algorithm to analyze OCT images



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the machine learning process is able to create something that neither were capable of doing on their own. This is just the first step. I believe we will see many more exciting things come from these collaborations in the future.”

Clark is deputy director of research and assistant professor of computer science and engineering at SMU Guildhall, an assistant professor of computer science at Lyle School of Engineering and CTO at BALANCED Media, an AI company based in McKinney, Texas.

The breakthrough technology makes it possible to engage AI to quickly analyze millions of individual retinal images to detect patterns and pathologies that would previously have been impossible or impractical, given the scope.

“This technology could be a game changer for researchers and drug manufacturers in the data analyzation of disease progression,

“Human and machine collaboration is the next step in machine learning and AI.”

Corey Clark

more accurately and precisely.

“Human and machine collaboration is the next step in machine learning and AI,” says Corey Clark. “This application is a great example showing how injecting human knowledge and intuition into

drug trials and treatment efficacy for age-related macular degeneration, among other diseases,” says Dr. Karl Csaky, CEO and CMO at the Retina Foundation of the Southwest. “With this technology, we are seeing substantial improvements to image analysis, decreasing our time and cost, and seeing a significant increase in the number of images processed and associated accuracy and precision of image processing.” 🐾

Removing the pain from protocols

by Monifa Thomas-Nguyen

There may be a systemic solution for public hospitals with emergency rooms overwhelmed by uninsured dialysis patients. Research from SMU provides evidence to support policy changes to improve wait times and patient outcomes.

Screening protocols to determine who qualifies for compassionate dialysis in hospitals with high numbers of uninsured patients are driving an unintended consequence, according to an SMU analysis. The protocols are putting too much strain on the emergency room, as measured by how long ER patients are waiting to be seen and other metrics.

Dialysis removes waste products and excess fluid from the blood

when the kidneys stop working properly. Compassionate dialysis is required by law of publicly funded county hospitals when patients who cannot pay for treatment, including a large number of undocumented immigrants, need dialysis to treat end-stage kidney disease, a procedure known as “emergent dialysis.” But before emergent dialysis can be provided, a skilled nurse and a nephrologist in the emergency room

must evaluate whether the patient’s condition is life-threatening.

County governments set the policy and hospitals rarely get a say in what the screening protocol rules will be for their emergency room.

A research team led by Sila Çetinkaya, chair of the Operations Research and Engineering Management Department in SMU’s Lyle School of Engineering, quantified the impact of the screening protocol by developing what is known as a stylized queuing model. It was based on patient flow observations and interviews with medical experts at Parkland Memorial Hospital, the Dallas County Hospital District’s primary health care facility.

They identified possible solutions to the problem, including congestion mitigation via modifying the screening threshold and scheduling treated ER patients to come back for more treatment at a set time.

“The key is keeping the number of patients who are rejected for emergent dialysis low and under control,” Çetinkaya says. “Our model gives policy makers a blueprint for how they can use screening protocols effectively, if they’re going to have them in place.” 🐶



SMU research indicates that adjustments to compassionate dialysis protocols can improve conditions for patients and hospitals.

Deconstructing the student loan debt narrative

Words matter when it comes to the student loan debt crisis, says Dominique J. Baker, a nationally recognized expert on education policy.

“Media discourse on student loans, including the way that race, racism and student loans intersect in the framing of the issue, plays a significant role in the public and policy actors’ understanding of student loans’ challenges and potential solutions.”

Baker, an associate professor in the Department of Education Policy and Leadership in SMU’s Simmons School of Education and Human Development, received a \$70,000 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship. She will use the award for research exploring this critical national issue.

She’ll use SMU’s high-performance computing cluster to analyze more than 90,000 newspaper articles – 15 years’ worth – from eight representative media outlets, including *The Wall Street Journal*,

The New York Times and *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

The purpose is to determine how often, if at all, news media use words or phrases that convey ideas about race and racism when writing about student loans.

Earlier this year, the Russell Sage Foundation, in partnership with the Economic Mobility and Opportunity program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, awarded Baker a \$30,000 emerging scholars pipeline grant to look into the same issue.

Her research focuses on the way that education policy affects and shapes the access and success of underrepresented students in higher education. She primarily investigates student financial aid, affirmative action and admissions policies, and policies that influence the ability to create an inclusive and equitable campus climate.



Using SMU’s supercomputer, education policy expert Dominique J. Baker is looking at the media’s role when it comes to student loan debt policy.

Americans owe a record-breaking \$1.7 trillion in student loan debt. Multiple studies, including research done by Baker, have shown that Black college students are especially hard hit by student debt, in part because they are more likely to take on higher amounts of debt while earning less than their peers. Reasons for that are many, including labor market discrimination and inequities in students’ and families’ ability to afford college due to centuries of deliberate policymaking decisions in the United States, Baker says. 🇺🇸



Fearsome claws for foraging not fighting

Scientists from Japan and the United States, led by Yoshitsugu Kobayashi at Hokkaido University Museum and Anthony R. Fiorillo at SMU, identified a new species of therizinosaur that Kobayashi hopes will spark new investigations around the world into the evolution of this “bizarre kind of dinosaur.” The findings, published in the journal *Scientific Reports*, describe *Paralitherizosaurus japonicus*, which used its formidable claws as “foraging tools, rather than tools of aggression,” according to Fiorillo. This is the youngest record of a therizinosaur fossil from Japan, which lived from 120 million to 83 million years ago. Other key insights expand the geographic distribution of therizinosaurs to the eastern edge of the Asian continent and reveal that the dinosaurs lived near the sea. (Illustration by Masato Hattori)

The supply chain crunch: Lessons from Girl Scout cookie sales

The simple but effective strategies used by the Girl Scouts to manage their cookie sales offer important supply chain lessons about the value of inventory and flexibility as businesses continue to recover from the pandemic, according to SMU researchers.

Sreekumar R. Bhaskaran, Canan Savaskan-Ebert and Tom Tan, associate professors of information technology and operations management at the Cox School of Business, wanted to understand the implications of operational policies on a firm's ability to manage demand and supply uncertainty.

"On the face of it, the Girl Scouts and modern supply chains cannot be more different from each other, but in reality, they share many common features," Bhaskaran says. "Seasonal products with a short selling season, substantial variability in demand patterns, independent agents responsible for sales and multiple layers of partners with differing objectives and incentives are all norms in both."

The research linking inventory ownership and supply

chain performance was possible due to an operational policy change at a local Girl Scout council. Until 2013, scouts collected orders from customers before placing their orders with the troop. Beginning in 2014, troops were required to place orders, based on their estimates from prior years' sales, before the selling season. This imposed an inventory risk that conventional wisdom predicted would reduce sales and performance.

That was not the case. A key finding was that inventory and the risk it imposes can offer strategic value to an organization. In this case, it resulted in higher sales, higher effort and, potentially, more satisfied customers. Customers were more likely to purchase cookies when they could see them, and Girl Scouts pulled out the stops to sell them,

rather than having to foot the bill for leftover boxes.

In the bigger picture, lean inventory may seem more efficient and less costly; however, in times of unpredictable demand and potential supply disruptions, having inventory on hand is a strategic advantage.

And the lessons offered by the annual rush for Thin Mints and Do-Si-Dos aren't lost on the Girl Scouts, either. A "Girl Scouts and the Supply Chain" patch program, created in partnership with Ryder System, follows the supply chain, step by step, while introducing participants to career paths in supply chain management. 🐾



TAKING A BIG STEP WITH A TINY DEVICE

A NASA-funded team led by SMU researchers think their tiny, precise device developed to measure spaceship velocity will improve the odds of successful landings on Mars and other planets.

The optical microresonator built by the team is only 2 millimeters in length – about the size of a grain of rice. It could replace the Fabry–Perot interferometers now commonly used. The velocity-monitoring tool can be as long as about 20 inches, a monster in comparison to the new device.

Smaller and lighter is better in space. Every gram makes a huge difference to the spacecraft’s fuel needs and payload size, according to Volkan Ötügen.

Ötügen is senior associate dean of the Mechanical Engineering Department in SMU’s Lyle School of Engineering and director of the SMU MicroSensor Laboratory. He worked with research assistants Alexandra Weis, Elie R. Salameh and Jaime da Silva and researchers from Michigan Aerospace Corporation to build the microsensor in his SMU laboratory.

The device uses a phenomenon known as “whispering gallery mode” to capture precise measurements.

A whispering gallery is an enclosed circular or elliptical area, like that found beneath an architectural dome, in which whispers made at one end of

the dome can be heard clearly on the other side.

That’s because sound waves travel around the circle or dome, with very little volume lost. Light waves can do the same.

In the microresonator, a whispering gallery was created using an optical fiber, through which light can travel.

“The inner surface of this small circular cavity acts like a mirror, and the light injected from the optical fiber goes round and round inside the cavity millions of times,” Ötügen explains.

By recording shifts in the light’s frequency as the spacecraft travels, the device allows scientists to measure velocity and acceleration with very high precision. This is critical to successful landings.

A spacecraft’s velocity is a crucial measurement during its descent, because the time between when a spaceship enters a planet’s atmosphere and the time it lands is

usually only minutes at most. And costly accidents like the crashed European spacecraft Schiaparelli on Mars underscore how quickly a mission can go wrong when the spacecraft is given wrong information.

Just 40% of Mars missions – launched by any space agency – actually land there successfully.

The team’s first proof-of-concept results for its optical microresonator have been published in the *AAIA*

Journal, a publication of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

This one small device could be the next giant leap in the quest for more successful missions to Mars and beyond. 🚀



TOP OF PAGE Image courtesy of NASA/JPL-Caltech. **ABOVE** Volkan Ötügen worked with research assistants Alexandra Weis, Elie R. Salameh and Jaime da Silva and researchers from Michigan Aerospace Corporation to build the microsensor in his SMU laboratory.

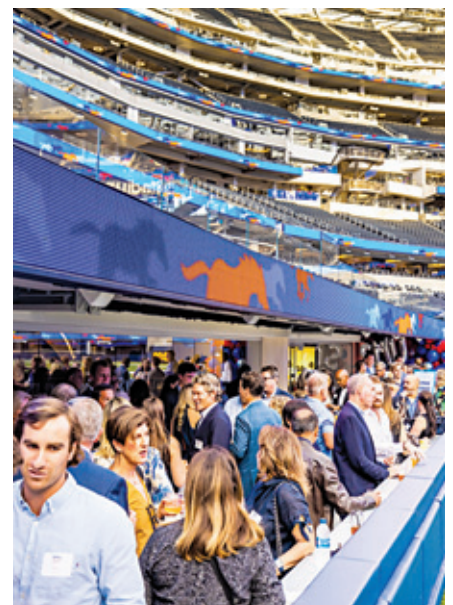


Southern California kickoff supercharges *SMU Ignited* campaign

On June 13, *SMU Ignited: Boldly Shaping Tomorrow* lit up SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California, at the kickoff of our \$1.5 billion campaign for impact in Southern California.

Southern California is home to more than 4,300 alumni and 630 current students. Building on SMU's historic and ever-growing relationship with the region, the event drew more than 200 impassioned Mustangs to celebrate the drive to attract high-achieving students and faculty, support innovative teaching and research, and create a welcoming environment at SMU, whose influence can be felt far beyond the Hilltop.

Guests had an opportunity to meet new Head Football Coach Rhett Lashlee and learn from SMU community luminaries about the vision for the future and the progress already made possible by campaign investments. Among the alumni speakers was former Mustang football great and Pro Football Hall of Fame running back Eric Dickerson '84, L.A. Rams vice president for business development, sports analyst and author of *Watch My Smoke: The Eric Dickerson Story*. 🐎



History-making Miss Texas is a Mustang

Congratulations to SMU alumna Averie Bishop '19, '22, the first Asian American Miss Texas.

As Miss Texas, she'll make as many as eight public appearances a week and serve as an ambassador for Texas Cares for Children, a nonprofit encouraging leadership development and character building in Texas schools.

The recent law school graduate will also promote inclusivity and diversity in the Lone Star State through her social impact initiative, "Y'all Means All." "I want everyone to feel that they belong and have a home in Texas," she says.

She serves on the Mayor's Anti-Hate Advisory Council. It was established last year by Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson to advise the city and police on ways to increase tolerance and understanding and engage the private sector and communities in discouraging hate and encouraging diversity.

Bishop received a B.A. in human rights in 2019 and graduated from Dedman School of Law in May.

While she was an undergraduate, Bishop and her mother established the Tulong Foundation in 2015. The nonprofit organization serves an area of the Philippines where Marevi Bishop grew up. The foundation supports children's education and efforts to develop sustainable farming and clean drinking water. As an SMU Human Rights Fellow in 2018–19, she spent the summer in the Philippines building water wells in rural communities.

By offering a candid look at her life, as well as serving up educational videos, Bishop has amassed more than 850,000 followers across TikTok, Instagram and YouTube.

As Miss Texas, she's now preparing for the Miss America pageant, which will take place in Connecticut in December.

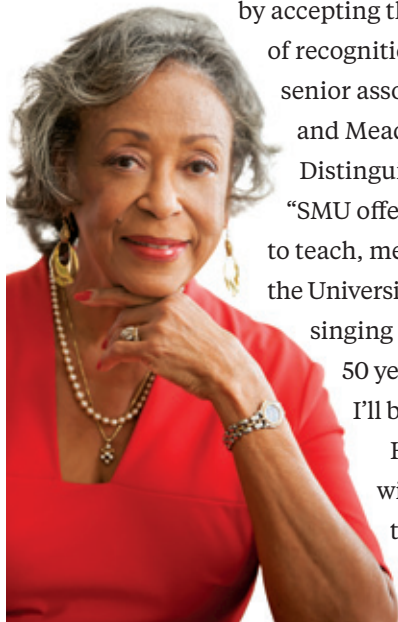
After her reign: It's back to the books to study for the bar exam. 🐎



A career filled with high notes

World-renowned opera singer and voice teacher Barbara Hill Moore has been named the recipient of the 2022 Faculty Career Achievement Award for her contributions to the teaching, scholarship and service missions of the University.

"I am truly honored to cap off my career at Meadows by accepting this wonderful award of recognition," says Hill Moore, senior associate dean for faculty and Meadows Foundation Distinguished Professor of Voice. "SMU offered me the opportunity to teach, mentor and advise many of the University's biggest and brightest singing talents during my nearly 50 years here at the Hilltop, and I'll be forever grateful for that." Hill Moore has performed with orchestras throughout the United States and Europe, and many of her former students have



been featured with opera companies throughout the world. In recent years, she has focused on training and mentoring young vocal artists in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

She arrived at Meadows School in 1974 and served as chair of the voice department from 1977 through 1992.

Over the course of her SMU career, Hill Moore adopted innovative ways to bring often overlooked music to the forefront. She founded SPIRITUAL VOICES in 1990, an ensemble specializing in the earliest composed Negro spirituals and African American art song repertory. In summer 2011, Hill Moore founded and began directing SMU in South Africa, a study abroad program.

Through the Barbara Hill Moore and Bruce R. Foote Foundation, Hill Moore awards scholarships to underrepresented students pursuing an advanced degree in classical vocal study in SMU's graduate and artist certificate programs.

In addition to her recent SMU honor, Hill Moore has received SMU's prestigious "M" Award and was named Meadows Foundation Distinguished Professor of Voice in May 2005 and SMU Distinguished University Citizen in 2009–10. 🐎

SMU's Mustang Band travels to Normandy, France, to represent the U.S. at the first full D-Day anniversary ceremonies in three years.



Playing



tribute

*by Catherine Ramsey '24
Photos by Guy Rogers, III*

On June 6, 1944, Ray Wallace landed on the shores of Normandy, France, with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division. The 19-year-old paratrooper had left family, friends and all means of comfort to serve his country in the D-Day operation. He jumped from his C-47 aircraft that had been damaged by enemy fire. As his parachute deployed, the heel of his boot was shot off by a German soldier. After landing, he was taken as a prisoner of war for the last 10 months of World War II.

wasn't until I stood on the beaches of Normandy on this trip that I truly came to comprehend the realities of D-Day.

As a French studies and music performance double major, I was particularly excited to combine my two passions on the trip. Visiting the historical sites sparked an entirely new perspective on what truly occurred nearly eight decades ago, making the journey even more memorable.

Following a two-year delay due to

Mustangs band together to make trip possible

Thanks to the generosity of the SMU community, members of the

Mustang Band experienced an unforgettable lesson in World War II history in a very personal way.

Alumnus Ray Hunt, a longtime University supporter of such programs as the Hunt Leadership Scholars, first brought the possibility of the band performing in D-Day commemorative ceremonies in France to the attention of SMU leadership, who agreed it would be a great opportunity for SMU and set the wheels in motion to secure an invitation.

The band was set to go when the pandemic changed everything. Although the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was postponed until 2022, support never wavered, says interim band director Tommy Tucker '84, who led the band in France.

The late band alumni Edwin L. Cox, Sr. '42 and Douglas Howe '73 made early contributions as did band alumnus Will Green '69, '72 and his wife, Dianne '70.

Kellie Prinz Johnson '95, president of the Diamond M Club, the band's booster organization, provided the lead gift to get the ball rolling among its members. Eventually more than a hundred donors gave to the cause.

In the end, alumni Scott '78 and Anna '87 McLean stepped in with a donation that made the trip an affordable reality for all. "They are not band alumni, but after hearing about the trip during Pigskin Revue in 2019, they wanted to make sure that finances weren't a barrier so that all students who wanted to go had the opportunity," Tucker says.

“Being able to look at the band and out at the D-Day veterans and the sea of people who were there was awe-inspiring. It changed how I think of D-Day. It’s a memory I will always treasure.”

Tommy Tucker '84, interim director, Mustang Band

Seventy-eight years later, I stood with the Mustang Band just steps away from the same sands where Ray and thousands of other Allied soldiers took part in one of history's most famous military operations. As I counted my measures of rest in John Williams' *Hymn to the Fallen*, I couldn't help but think of all the war stories that have been left untold.

Despite my own family's extensive military lineage and my lifelong love of history, it



the pandemic, we were finally able to represent the United States at the D-Day commemorative ceremonies. For some recent SMU alumni, the trip was truly worth the wait.

"After I graduated, I wasn't sure the trip would ever happen. Getting to be a part of the group was a tremendous honor, and this being my first time in Europe, everything was a wonderland," says Elizabeth Carr-Jones '21, a Dallas music therapist.

Our performances in Normandy were a stark change



Under interim director Tommy Tucker '84, the Mustang Band brought the sounds of the Hilltop to celebratory parades and concerts and paid tribute to fallen troops during solemn commemorative ceremonies marking the 78th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France. A highlight was the opportunity to see veterans who survived the operation that led to the Allied victory. Students say the once-in-a-lifetime learning experience deepened their appreciation for those who served in World War II.





in comparison to the colorful, peppy jazz arrangements we are so used to playing. Still, we brought the same spirit and enthusiasm to our performances in France. Our first concert was in Saint-Mère-Eglise, the first French town to be liberated by the Allies. *Sing Sing Sing*; *Barbara Ann*; and, of course, *Shanty Town* helped us share the energy of the Hilltop with our appreciative audience.

The following two days included performances at the Brittany

American Cemetery and Memorial, as well as the Normandy American Cemetery. The latter was the most moving experience of the entire trip. We had the honor of performing for an international delegation, in addition to some of our nation's finest heroes: the D-Day veterans themselves.

Our journey from Normandy to Paris left us much time to reflect on our experiences from the first half of our trip. While we were proud of our own performances, we were prouder

still to represent and honor the young men who fought in Normandy 78 years ago.

As I found my seat on the plane bound for the United States, I caught a glimpse of "82nd AIRBORNE" and "Paratroopers" patches on the sleeve of the man seated next to me.

We struck up a conversation, and I explained that my grandfather had also served in the 82nd Airborne and my great-grandfather served in the Pacific Fleet during World War II. Ray Wallace and his son, a veteran himself, had just completed their own commemorative journey.

What a perfect, full-circle moment for my trip with the Mustang Band. 🇺🇸

SMU junior Catherine Ramsey '24 is the social media manager for the Mustang Band; communications chair, Student Foundation; resident assistant, Cockrell-McIntosh Commons; Admission Ambassador; and social media manager, Meadows School of the Arts Division of Music.

Remembering fallen Mustangs

For tuba player Juan Rios '18, '21, the trip was an opportunity to pay his respects to those who served, one military veteran to another.

Rios, who earned bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and math and a master's degree in sustainability and development from SMU, played in the Mustang Band after transferring from what is now Dallas College Richland Campus. Before starting college, he completed four years of military service that included nine months in Iraq. As a student, he served in the Army Reserves.

Now a project engineer at a local data center, Rios was among the eight band alumni accompanying the 48 current students to France. Before the journey, he devised a plan for making the trip personal

and memorable. He used the American Battle Monuments Commission database to locate the graves of five fallen Mustangs laid to rest in cemeteries on the band's tour.



He had planned to document each marker and leave an SMU Veteran pin. However, lost luggage required him to improvise by photographing each marker with a "mini brick" bearing the Mustang Band's Diamond M signature.

Bearing witness to the greatest sacrifice made by the Greatest Generation was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, Rios says.

"They are the definition of what it means to give of oneself. I wanted to show that those who gave their lives for something bigger than themselves are still remembered and honored."



The Mustang Band took part in the international ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, and was the official band representing the U.S. at the D-Day Memorial Parade in Sainte-Mère-Église, the first village liberated from Nazi occupation by D-Day paratroopers. Students also performed during ceremonies at the American Cemetery in Brittany and the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach.



Jessica Golloher '95: Reporting from Ukraine

Correspondent Jessica Golloher '95 majored in German and Russian at SMU to set herself apart in a crowded field — and it did. While working for National Public Radio in Washington, D.C., her language skills led to a plum opportunity to string for the CBC, BBC and NPR in Moscow. She later became the Middle East and North Africa correspondent for Fox News Radio in Jerusalem. After that, she relocated to Warsaw to cover Eastern Europe. When Russia invaded Ukraine in February, she was in the thick of it, reporting from the besieged capital of Kyiv. Now back in Poland for a few weeks before heading back to Ukraine, she answered some questions for *SMU Magazine*:

When did things in Ukraine start to feel different?

I thought it would be like all the other conflicts that I had covered; essentially that Russia would follow the rules of war. Of course, I knew that Moscow would use precision weaponry, but I certainly didn't expect the Kremlin to target civilians and journalists. Boy, was I wrong. Two of my colleagues died, and Brent [SMU alumnus Brent Renaud '94; see page 31] was tragically killed as well. I was on the ground for the annexation of Crimea and the war in Eastern Ukraine in 2014, but this was a totally different ball game. War isn't pretty, but the differences between 2014 and 2022 were unbelievable. Moscow's latest tactics in Ukraine reminded me of the horrors that occurred when the Kremlin entered the Syrian civil war. It really opened my eyes. For the first time in my career, I had to be evacuated.

How did you escape?

Lots of people were fleeing because of the armored column [a roughly 40-mile-long convoy of Russian military vehicles stalled outside Kyiv in early March]. At that point, the only option for getting out "quickly" was to hire a mercenary service.

These two giant, muscular men showed up at my hotel. They had what appeared to be a rocket launcher in the back of a Range Rover. I got in, and we were driving through these barricaded roads at warp speed. At one point, I had to translate for my rescuers because some pilot had gotten trapped due to the war and needed help getting out. I speak Russian, but my Ukrainian isn't great. The guys weren't exactly excited to speak Russian, which is completely understandable. So, there I was screaming into a cellphone and pantomiming as we traveled back roads and tried to breeze through checkpoints. It was hilariously surreal.

I thought we were going straight to Lviv [in western Ukraine, near the Polish border]. That wasn't the case. They dropped me off at a "safe house" — a church in the middle of nowhere. I was stuck there for three days and spent most of my time in a basement that was converted into a bunker. For the most part, I

chatted with people in the dark or underground, but I also had to work. So, I would come out of the bunker and do live reporting outside where I had cell service. Half the time sirens were blaring in the background. We couldn't turn on any lights because there had



been cases of homes being targeted by the Russians if they saw that lights were on. At one point, I was yelled at by the head babushka for talking too much. That's when I knew I'd been accepted into my little group. I still talk to some of them.

When my rescuer finally showed up to take me to Lviv, he had another correspondent and her mother in the car. His mission was to get us out of there as quickly as possible. Most of the time, we drove in the wrong direction on the highway. There were thousands of cars trying to flee and traffic was awful. Cars were packed with people, supplies and animals on our right, trying to abscond from the violence, and semis with supplies coming at us on the left. The roads were icy, and we were going too fast. The next thing I know we were spinning, spinning and spinning toward a giant tree. Luckily, we slammed into a ditch instead. Six guys stopped and pulled our car out. That's when I noticed the trunk was completely full of gas cans. Hardly any gas stations had fuel left so it made sense to stock up, but our crash could have been really bad. It was the most harrowing trip of my life.

I stayed in Lviv for about two months and continued to report on the war. Right now, I'm in Warsaw and have been going back and forth to Ukraine to cover the conflict.

What do you want us to know about Ukraine?

Ukrainians are fighters. Their spirit reminds me of people from Texas and Oklahoma. No one expected Russia's war on Ukraine to last this long. Most experts and politicians thought that Moscow would easily take Kyiv and the fighting would last only a couple of months. That hasn't been the case. It's David versus Goliath, but Kyiv has held its own and continues to. This despite the fact that the Kremlin has more troops, money and weaponry. Ukrainians know what it's like to be under Russia's thumb. The collapse of the Soviet Union was in 1991, not that long ago. Ukrainians don't want that again, and they've shown it through their grit.

On a lighter note, where have you unexpectedly come across another Mustang?

One time I was at the gym in Moscow, and I see this guy wearing an SMU T-shirt, and I almost killed myself getting off the treadmill to run over and ask him, in Russian, "Did you go to SMU?" He answered "yes" and we had a nice long chat. He was lovely. I've seen SMU T-shirts and caps all over the world. It just makes me smile knowing my people are out there everywhere, especially when I'm far away from home. 🇷🇺



Family and friends launch scholarship fund in honor of journalist killed in Ukraine

Brent Renaud '94 was a world changer while a student on the Hilltop and as an award-winning documentary filmmaker capturing the human stories of migration, violence, war and poverty that often go untold.

Renaud was covering the emerging refugee crisis in Ukraine for a *Time* magazine project when he was fatally shot by Russian forces at a vehicle checkpoint in Irpin, a suburb of Kyiv, March 13. He was the first journalist on assignment from an American news organization to be killed while reporting on the war.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky posted a letter of condolence to Renaud's family praising his "courage and determination" in documenting the crisis.

Shortly after his death, family and friends established a nonprofit organization aiming to raise scholarship funds for aspiring journalists. Donations may be made to the Brent Renaud Journalism Foundation at [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com).

Renaud hailed from Little Rock, Arkansas, and majored in English with a minor in sociology at SMU. He is remembered by faculty and friends for his empathy and compassion, and as a person whose actions spoke volumes about his dedication to making a difference.

At SMU, he participated in the Inter-Community Experience program, where he and other students lived together in a Habitat for Humanity home and mentored at-risk children in the Garrett Park neighborhood at the southern end of Greenville Avenue.

After graduating, he and his brother, Craig, became an award-winning documentary team. They earned a Peabody Award for the HBO series *Last Chance High* and two duPont-Columbia journalism awards. They have also worked on productions for Discovery, NBC, PBS, *The New York Times* and VICE News.

Renaud was working on a project called "Tipping Point" about the global refugee crisis when the exodus from Ukraine beckoned him.

"Brent was so unassuming, a patient, deliberate filmmaker," says Jeffrey Newton, a senior producer for *National Geographic* and a longtime friend and colleague of the Renauds. "He really listened to people, and he cared. He gave a public voice to those who usually don't have one."

What's new with you?

New job? New baby? Share news about your career, family and adventures with the SMU community in the Alumni section of *SMU Magazine*. Submit your news online at smu.edu/submitanote or email smumag@smu.edu. Deadline for the spring 2023 issue is **November 4, 2022**.

63 **THOMAS WILLIAM PORTER, III**, received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who, a publisher of biographical profiles. Porter, a retired corporate/securities lawyer and founding partner of Porter Hedges LLP, was honored for his legal career, personal philanthropy and civic involvement.

68 **MYRON BEARD** has written his first novel, *Santa Fe Deception*, the first in a mystery series about Scott Hunter, a psychologist who is drawn into a murder investigation by his ex-wife.

70 **PORTER L. "BUDDY" OZANNE, III** – founder of Probity Advisors Inc., a Dallas-based registered investment advisory firm – celebrated his 50th work anniversary. He is a member of the SMU Cox School of Business' The Associate Board, a board member of SMU's Mustang Club and former president of the SMU Dads' Club. **J. SCOTT WILSON** has published *Upward Call* (The Parish Press), a book on how to grow closer to God. He is a retired Episcopal priest who has done missionary work in Tanzania,

South Africa and Malawi in addition to parish work primarily in Texas.

72 Col. **BOB GLASS** has retired from UPS Airlines after almost 19 years. As an SMU student, he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and a part of the AFROTC DET 815. While at SMU in May 1972, his father, Lt. Col. Robert G. Glass, a former POW, pinned on his second lieutenant commission rank for the U.S. Air Force. Glass spent 29 years in the Air Force as a command pilot, was commander at several locations, and served on the staff at several headquarters and the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. He flew over 22 different aircraft and served as an instructor for several. After retiring from the Air Force, Glass worked for UPS Airlines as a flight captain, instructor and check airman on the B757/B767 aircraft. He and wife Kay Bursey Glass are now enjoying retirement in Crestwood, Kentucky, with frequent trips to visit their families in Texas and Florida.

SHERRY OWENS had a solo exhibition at Cris Worley Fine Arts as part of its program *Tales from the Viewing Room*. The exhibit, *Grandfather's Land*, is based on five generations of Texans in her family. Owens' work has been shown throughout Texas and the

Southwest. She has also exhibited internationally in Austria, Denmark, Germany, Greece, India, Peru, Turkey and Japan. Her public art projects include a large-scale bronze through the Love Field Modernization Program at Dallas Love Field.

77 **BRUCE KEPLINGER** has joined Jay Daugherty Mediation and Arbitration of Kansas City. "In my new role, I'll be able to focus on one thing at a time rather than trying to keep 60 plates spinning at once," he told Missouri Lawyers Media. Keplinger is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers.

78 **DAVID CASSIDY** has been listed in the 2022 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business for Louisiana*. *Chambers USA* ranks the leading firms and lawyers in an extensive range of practice areas throughout America. Cassidy serves as of counsel in the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson LLP and specializes in tax law. **BECKY NELSON**'s signature made-from-scratch iced shortbread cookies from her Dallas business Le Gourmet

Baking are now available online from Williams-Sonoma. Nelson and Le Gourmet Baking, which has sold more than 30,000 shortbread cookies to individuals and businesses locally and nationally, were profiled in *People Newspapers*. **BARRY SORRELS** and Stephanie Luce Ola have launched Sorrels Ola, a law firm in Dallas focused on defending individuals facing federal white-collar charges, including health care and corporate fraud, and state and federal felony and misdemeanor criminal charges. Sorrels is a past president of the Dallas Bar Association and has provided legal commentary and analysis to local and national media.

81 **WILLIAM ROHER** has been promoted to executive vice president and chief lending officer at Dallas-based American Bank. Roher will lead the bank's commercial and business lending and oversee the management of commercial real estate and construction, residential and SBA lending. Prior to joining American Bank, he served in senior leadership positions at AccessBank Texas, Northstar Bank of Texas, First United Bank & Trust and SouthTrust Banks.

83 **SAM CHANTILIS, M.D.**, is the new president of the Dallas County Medical Society. He is a co-founder of Dallas Fertility Center, a facility associated with DFW Fertility Associates for which he also serves as medical director and practice manager.

88 **ASHLEE KLEINERT** was reappointed to the Governor's Commission for Women, which specializes in outreach, education, research and referral services. Gov. Greg Abbott has also asked the commission to develop a plan to help make Texas the No. 1 state for women-owned businesses and to address human trafficking. Kleinert is founder of Ruthie's Rolling Café and Ruthie's Fueled by Café Momentum food trucks. She also serves on the boards of the United Way Foundation of Metropolitan Dallas, SMU Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Methodist Health System Foundation of Dallas and Genesis Women's Shelter, among others.

89 **LUIS GONZALEZ** has been named the chief executive officer of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of North Texas, a nonprofit that helps those in need in North Texas through its charitable pharmacy, outreach center in Lancaster, thrift stores, StudyTime and Mini-Loan programs. **JOE F. KOLB** was sworn in as president of the Arkansas Bar Association during the group's annual meeting at the Hot Springs Convention Center in June 2022.

Distinguished Alumni Award: John Phelan '86

John Phelan '86 is the co-founder and chairman of Rugger Management LLC, a private investment firm based in Palm Beach, Florida.

Prior to launching Rugger, he co-founded MSD Capital LP ("MSD"), which was founded in 1998 and is the private investment firm for Michael Dell, the founder and CEO of Dell Technologies. Phelan was also the co-founder of MSD Partners LP ("MSD Partners"), an SEC-registered investment advisor that was formed to enable a select group of outside investors to invest in strategies that were initially developed by MSD. Phelan is chairman emeritus of MSD, and during his leadership at MSD, the firm posted double-digit net returns and over \$20 billion in profits.

Prior to forming MSD, Phelan was a principal for seven years at ESL Partners, a Greenwich, Connecticut-based investment firm. At ESL, Phelan was responsible for ESL's Special Situation and Distressed Investments and helped grow the firm from \$50 million to over \$2 billion in assets under management. Prior to ESL, Phelan was a vice president at the Equity Group and was in charge of acquisitions (Western region) for the Zell-Merrill Lynch Real Estate Opportunity Funds. Phelan began his career at Goldman Sachs & Co., where he worked as a financial analyst in the Investment Banking Division.

Phelan received his MBA from Harvard Business School, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude with distinction from SMU with a B.A. in economics and political science. Phelan holds a general course degree with an emphasis in economics and international relations from the London School of Economics. He is on the Board of Trustees at the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Aspen Art Museum (chairman) and Board of Directors at Spirit of America and Third Option Foundation. He is also involved with his respective alma maters and currently serves on the Board of Dean's Advisors for the Harvard Business School, the Investment Committee for the SMU Endowment and the North American Advisory Board for the London School of Economics. Phelan and his wife, Amy, have permanently endowed free admission to the Aspen Art Museum and recently named the Phelan US Centre at LSE. 🇺🇸



Distinguished Alumni Award: A. Shonn Evans Brown '95, '98

Legal pacesetter and corporate executive A. Shonn Evans Brown '95, '98 leads the charge for social justice and equity.

Since 2019, Brown has served as chief global litigation counsel for Kimberly-Clark Corp., advising the Fortune 500 company on matters of public policy. She is a guiding force in her profession, and her advocacy focuses on building inclusive communities and workplaces.

At SMU, the lifelong Dallasite was active in Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Student Foundation, Student Senate, Program Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Association of Black Students. She won the "M" Award as a senior, and one of her proudest achievements that year was being part of the effort that established the first minority affiliate of SMU Alumni.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in sociology in 1995, Brown went on to earn a Juris Doctor from SMU in 1998.

Brown began her law practice at the global firm Locke Lord LLP. She was a partner in Lynn Pinker Hurst and Schwegmann LLP, a top-tier boutique trial law firm, before joining Kimberly-Clark.

She has extensive service on the Dallas Bar Association Board of Directors, and has been appreciated by her peers in *Texas Lawyer* as an Extraordinary Minority Lawyer and in *Texas Monthly* as a Super Lawyer and one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Texas.

In recognition of her accomplishments, Brown received a Dedman School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award in 2016.

She also has been named among the Top 500 Business Leaders in Dallas by *D CEO* magazine, and has won Top Women in Business and Top Minorities in Business awards from the *Dallas Business Journal*.

As a civic leader, she advances nonprofit impact with an emphasis on gender and racial equality. She has served on numerous boards and is immediate past board chair of the Texas Women's Foundation and co-founder of its The Village Giving Circle. Her current roles include board chair-elect of The Hockaday School and a trustee of the Dallas Museum of Art.

Brown enjoys spending time with her children, Evan, Ryan and Lily. A spinning and running enthusiast, she is a New York City Marathon veteran. 🐾



Kolb is the principal member of the law firm j. kolb in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he focuses on bankruptcy, business and corporate law. **FRANK THURMOND** has published *Remembrance & Other Poems* (BraddockAvenueBooks.com). He has also completed a novel and screenplay adaptation. Thurmond teaches English literature and creative writing at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

91 **TINA PARKER** recently talked about her more than dozen years playing feisty receptionist Francesca Liddy on two acclaimed TV series, *Better Call Saul* and *Breaking Bad*, with the *The Dallas Morning News*. *Better Call Saul* is in its final season. She has been active with Kitchen Dog Theater in Dallas since 1993 and serves as co-artistic director and company manager.

92 Col. **JIM R. KEENE** received a Grammy Award for best immersive audio album for the recording *Soundtrack of the American Soldier*, on which he conducted the United States Army Field Band. This is the first Grammy for a military or concert band. Keene earned a Master of Music degree from Meadows School of the Arts.

93 **MARY MCLAUGHLIN PRATHER** is the owner of Homegrown Learners LLC, through which she and her husband deliver resources to families who home school, including an online music appreciation program. She also writes for home education publications and speaks at home-school conferences.

94 FRASHER HUDSON PERGANDE

and husband John will take part in an 1,800-mile ride in October 2022 from Lake Itasca, Minnesota, to Venice, Louisiana. The purpose of the ride is to start impactful conversations about suicide and mental health. Pergande and other volunteers will follow the cyclists by car and teach QPR classes at local universities and schools along the route. QPR, which stands for Question, Persuade and Refer, is an evidence-based suicide prevention gatekeeper training program. The "Light the Trail" ride is an initiative of The Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation based in Fort Worth.

VERONICA PESANTES launched Vero Santes Home collection by The Onikas this year. The collection is available at theonikas.com. Pesantes co-founded sustainable fashion brand The Onikas after a long museum career at New York's Guggenheim and Madrid's Prado. **SHAWN WIORA** is a co-founder and board member of MyndVR, a startup that strives to improve the quality of life for older adults with virtual reality technology. MyndVR has partnered with Stanford University to study the effects of virtual reality on the psychological well-being of older adults. The company recently purchased Immersive Cure, a firm that is working on using virtual reality to relieve pain, stress and anxiety among elderly patients and veterans. MyndVR has been cited in major media including *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN and Fox News and most recently in the March 2022 issue of *Texas Monthly*.

Distinguished Alumni Award: Thear Sy Suzuki '96

As an expert connector of people and bold action, Thear Sy Suzuki '96 shapes leaders making a positive difference in our world.

Courage and compassion drive Suzuki in her profession and in the community. Suzuki is a global client service partner at EY with 25 years of professional services experience. She serves on EY's Americas Inclusiveness Advisory Council and champions development programs that build inclusive, innovative and courageous leaders.

Her story began in war-ravaged Cambodia and changed forever at age 8 when she and her family moved to the U.S. Receiving the Herkimer Leadership Scholarship brought her to SMU, where she was active in the Asian Council, East Asian Student Association, Mortar Board, Honor Council, Student Senate, Program Council, Student Foundation, Asian Christian Fellowship and Women's Symposium.

The "M" Award recipient earned a B.S. in electrical engineering, but made her mark as a business consultant with Accenture before joining EY in 2012. *D CEO* magazine named her among North Texas' most powerful business leaders in 2021 and 2022.

Suzuki continues to make an impact on the Hilltop as an alumna, SMU parent and scholarship donor. She currently serves on the Lyle School of Engineering Executive Board and the Tate Lectures Series Board.

Her leadership on gender equity and diversity has been recognized with the SMU Women's Symposium Profiles in Leadership Award, *D CEO* Corporate Excellence in Leadership Award, Women Leaders in Consulting Award, Asian Chamber of Texas Humanitarian and Community Services Award and other awards.

She serves on the Communities Foundation of Texas Board, the Boy Scouts of America National Executive Committee, the National Asian/Pacific Islander Chamber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship Board and the Brent Renaud Journalism Foundation Board. She is a member of the International Women's Forum and Women of Tocqueville Society and a founding member of the Orchid Giving Circle.

A Presidential Leadership Scholar, Suzuki is featured in former President George W. Bush's book and exhibit, *Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants*.

Suzuki lives in Plano, Texas, with husband Eric and their sons, Zachary, an SMU student; Ryden; Mason; and Alexander. 🐎



95 **JIM HAYDEN** is the new managing director of corporate solutions for Foundry Commercial, a real estate and investment firm. Hayden has more than 25 years in commercial real estate. At Foundry, he will focus on expanding and developing partnerships to provide integrated solutions for corporate real estate departments. **LETICIA D. MCGOWAN** has been named Richardson Independent School District's new general counsel. The cabinet position provides in-house legal services to the board of trustees, the superintendent and the district. She comes to RISD after more than 20 years as in-house counsel at Dallas ISD. **JODY SOWELL** has been named president and CEO of the nationally recognized Missouri Historical Society which operates the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis' Forest Park, the MHS Library and Research Center, and Soldiers Memorial Military Museum. Prior to joining the Missouri Historical Society, Sowell worked as a reporter at *The Dallas Morning News*, an assistant professor at the University of Missouri's School of Journalism and a news editor for the *Columbia Missourian*.

96 A group of SMU alumni founded the company Mission Advancement to help nonprofits create strategic, relationship-based and sustainable sources of funding. Mission Advancement leadership includes **JENNIFER DUCATE LEHMAN** '96; **J. SCOTT TAYLOR** '05, '14, a former employee of SMU Development and External Affairs; **NATALIE CRANE VOIGTS** '18, an adjunct lecturer at Meadows School of the Arts; and **CHRIS CURRENS** '22. **ASHLEY YABLON** recently released the memoir *Standing Up to China: How a*

Whistleblower Risked Everything for His Country, which provides insight into China's business practices and its willingness to conduct illegal activity that threatens U.S. national security. He tells how he made the choice to expose the illegal trade of surveillance equipment with Iran by his employer, Chinese firm ZTE. The book launch in April included a Q&A moderated by **NEIL FOOTE** '00, a National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Famer and UNT Mayborn principal lecturer.

97 **JENNIFER HILL** is a featured artist at Two Rivers Art Gallery in Chiloquin, Oregon. She has been an artist-in-residence in Rome, Italy; held solo exhibits at Georgetown Art Center outside Austin and Studio Gallery at Brookhaven College in Dallas; and had works featured in exhibits at the Julia C. Buttridge Gallery and *Figure Flora Fauna* at Atelier 1205, both in Austin.

98 **BENJAMIN LAVINE**, president of Stone Acorn Builders, has relocated to Austin after leading the expansion of his company into Central Texas. Stone Acorn Builders is a custom homebuilding company and a member of *Southern Living's* prestigious Custom Builder Program.

99 **ALFONSO CHAN** has joined McKool Smith as a principal in its Dallas office. Chan specializes in intellectual property disputes on behalf of universities, research institutes and technology companies that involve semiconductor and electronic technology as well as biomaterials and medical devices. Chan has served as an adjunct professor of international comparative

law at SMU's Dedman School of Law. He is a former officer in the U.S. Navy and nuclear propulsion engineer at Naval Reactors Headquarters. **JOSH DENNEY** has joined Western Alliance Bank as director and head of government relations. Before stepping into his new role at Western Alliance, Denney spent nearly 11 years as head of federal government affairs at BBVA USA, was vice president of public policy at the Mortgage Bankers Association and served on the staff of U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. **SHELLY WILFONG** received the 2021 Texas Wine & Grape Growers Association's Wine Press Award. Wilfong is host and creator of the *This Is Texas Wine* podcast and writes about Texas wine for various publications.

00 **GAURAV CHAND**, the CMO of Cognizant, appeared on *CXO Talk* podcast to discuss technology investments, customer experience, the importance of brand, experiential marketing, and how to leverage data for better decision-making as part of the evolving role of chief marketing officers. **JACQUILINE MORALES** has been appointed senior vice president, chief operating officer of Security Benefit, which provides retirement planning products and solutions. She will lead the operations/technology portion of Security Benefit's manufacturing group. Morales' many leadership roles have included chief insurance officer at startup Insurtech; chief insurance officer and board director at Bestow in Dallas; and COO and board director for Legal & General America. **ERIN PRYOR** was featured in *Authority Magazine*. Her interview focused on "How to Successfully Navigate Work, Love and Life as a Powerful Woman" as part

of its interview series Power Women. Pryor is chief marketing officer of First Horizon Bank. The article is available at medium.com.

03 **JONATHAN NATHAN**, a board-certified plastic surgeon, has returned to his hometown of Dallas, where he works with Westlake Dermatology.

04 **HAMID ERFANIAN**, CEO of Enzo Biochem, was featured in the *Authority Magazine* series "Five Things You Need To Be A Highly Effective Leader During Uncertain and Turbulent Times." Erfanian was most recently chief commercial officer of EUROIMMUN, a PerkinElmer Company, and before that held executive and senior positions at several notable diagnostics companies including Diagnostica Stago, Beckman Coulter and Abbott Laboratories. The article is available on medium.com. **JOHN LOWRY** has been tapped by Barge Design Solutions to lead its new management consulting firm Thrivence LLC. The subsidiary will advise clients on leadership development, strategy and performance, and technology solutions. Lowry spent 15 years running his boutique consulting firm The Lowry Group. He also spent 13 years in senior leadership roles at Lipscomb University, where he launched Spark: Lipscomb's Idea Center, a cutting-edge corporate learning and innovation center. **BLAKE NORVELL** was featured in the movie *Under the Stadium Lights* (2021), starring Milo Gibson, Laurence Fishburne and Glenn Morshower. Norvell, who graduated from the UCLA School of Law in 2007, plays an attorney.

Meet Mustang J.B. Stockslager '16, SMU Young Alumni Board chair

J.B. Stockslager '16, who received a BBA in finance from the Cox School of Business, took the helm of the SMU Young Alumni Board in June. When SMU Alumni Relations caught up with him over the summer, he hit pause in his busy schedule to answer a few questions:

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR WORK?

I am a month into a new position as CEO of Alliance Services. We provide one-on-one support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, partnering them with a provider to care for them in their home or their local community setting. We care for our customers and providers like they are part of our family and tailor assistance to their needs, helping them build daily routines, meet their goals and integrate them into the larger community.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING IN YOUR FREE TIME?

I came to faith while I was at SMU and ever since it's been what my life centers around, so I spend a lot of time in faith-based communities and exploring faith with others. I'm also a big sports nerd. I'm a big football and basketball fan, and I love playing tennis and golf. Otherwise, I sing and write songs with an old friend and am a reader, specifically of history books.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY FROM BEING ON THE HILLTOP?

There are so many good ones. One that was really cool as an undergrad was being on a team of students that presented in front of the Board of Trustees about a new student center based on communicated student need and a desire to keep students on campus. The project was approved and that was the first step in the eventual remodel that was finished last year.

WHAT ARE TWO THINGS YOU'RE LOOKING TO ACCOMPLISH AS THE NEW YOUNG ALUMNI BOARD CHAIR?

First, I want us to be more connected with the students. Our board is passionate about our individual SMU experiences and seeks to figure out how we can help the students have the best SMU experience possible. The other thing I want us to do is take ownership of how we're actually helping the SMU community continue to thrive. This means taking a more proactive role as board members in the SMU community.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING INVOLVED AT SMU AS AN ALUM?

The best thing is being able to continue to help SMU to grow as a university while interacting with some of the same people I loved being involved with in undergrad as well as new faces. World changers are really shaped here and that's what motivates me. 🐎

If you want to connect with J.B. or are interested in learning more about the Young Alumni Board, you can reach out to him at jbstockslager@smu.edu



Emerging Leader Award: Emily K. Graham '07

As a barrier-breaking executive amplifying diverse voices, Emily K. Graham '07 exemplifies the “think big and do good” ethos.

Graham grew up in Cedar Hill, Texas, and describes her parents as the “biggest champions” of dreams and ambitions that flourished at SMU. She dived into campus life as a resident assistant, student senator, AARO and Mustang Corral leader and president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, among other activities. Winner of the prestigious “M” Award, Graham earned a B.A. in corporate

communication and public affairs from Meadows School of the Arts. She was thrilled to return for Commencement 14 years later to address Meadows’ 2021 graduates.

Today, as the chief equity and impact officer at Omnicom, one of the world’s largest media, advertising and marketing conglomerates, Graham advances a systemic equity vision across a global network of more than 1,500 creative agencies and 5,000 clients. She also serves as Omnicom’s global head of diversity and inclusion communications, acting as senior counselor to AT&T, General Motors and Microsoft and other major clients.

Previously, Graham was the first chief diversity and inclusion officer at Fleishman-Hillard, and she held roles at MWWPR and

Burson-Marsteller. She’s also the founder of True MOSAIC, a global diversity, equity and inclusion consultancy.

Her career journey has been profiled in the likes of LinkedIn, *Forbes* and *Essence*. She was named the Top Diversity Officer in the U.S. by the National Diversity Council, and has been recognized as a rising star by leading industry publications, including *PRWeek*’s 40 under 40 and *Crain’s New York Business*.

Now based on the East Coast, Graham stays connected to SMU as a member of the Meadows Executive Board. She also serves on the boards of the Institute for Public Relations, Cannes Can: Diversity Collective, American Advertising Federation and Syracuse University’s Newhouse School of Public Communications.

A passion for service that began in high school as a volunteer working with the elderly continues today as lead Sunday school teacher at her church. She is also active in her sorority and The Links, renowned organizations for Black women committed to service, philanthropy and activism. 🐾



The Paramount Pictures production is available on Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV, Roku, Redbox and DVD. Norvell’s law office scene is approximately 18 minutes into the movie. **MIKHAIL ORLOV**’s company, Weby Corp., launched its direct-to-consumer line of outdoor products at gritrgear.com. **SARAH ROGERS** has returned to Thompson Coe as a partner in its Dallas office. She previously worked at Thompson Coe from 2004 to 2017. Her primary focus will be on dram shop, transportation litigation, premises liability and products liability cases. **GEORGE SALAZAR** has been selected as the computer-human interaction system manager for NASA’s Artemis Human Lander System program. He will be involved with the development of the audio, imagery, lighting, and displays and controls of the moon lander. He also serves as the human-computer interface technical lead at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

05 WESTON DAVIS returned as writer and host for the fourth season of *Camp Monsters* podcast. Sponsored by outdoor retailer REI in cooperation with Austin-based YETI, the weekly podcast tells tales of frightening cryptid creatures, presented in a campfire-like setting. The first three seasons of *Camp Monsters* hit No. 1 in Drama Podcasts on the Apple Podcast charts. **MEGAN STEINBACH** has been appointed senior private banker at BNY Mellon Wealth Management in Dallas. She will work with clients to develop and implement strategic plans for managing credit and treasury solutions. She most recently served as senior private banker at Northern Trust.

06 **JOSHUA L. PEUGH** choreographed a new work for *Sketch 12: Dear Diary*. For the annual event, choreographers and dancers collaborated to create works that responded to the question, “How does looking to the past illuminate our way forward?” Peugh is founder/director of Dark Circles Contemporary Dance, which is based in Seoul, South Korea, and Dallas. He was chosen by *Dance Magazine* as one of their “25 to Watch” and also served as choreographer for legendary soprano Kathleen Battle’s concert *Underground Railroad – A Spiritual Journey*.

07 **RUSSELL ALLSUP** is now the Louisiana vice president in Argent Financial Group’s Shreveport office. Before joining Argent, Allsup worked at KPMG for 12 years, serving most recently as managing director of corporate tax services. **DARCELL WALKER** released *Divine Directions for Deliverance from Debt*, which looks at the present-day debt crisis from a biblical and practical perspective. It is available at barnesandnoble.com, books.google.com, and play.google.com. Walker, an attorney, is also the author of *Godly Ideas – Developing and Protecting Your God-Given Ideas* (AuthorHouse). He also created Does the Pastor Own the Sermon to help churches, ministries and other nonprofit organizations secure ownership of their creative works.

08 **CRYSTAL MCCULLOUGH**, chief financial officer of The Spearhead Group, was accepted to the Forbes Finance Council, an invitation-only organization with strict admission criteria related to

Precious Ponies



MADELEINE ROSE DANIEL, born January 10, 2022, is the daughter of Nathan Daniel '12 and Alyssa Tongco Daniel '12.



HENRY MICHAEL FRANKLIN, born September 7, 2020, and **ISABEL MARGARET FRANKLIN**, born September 21, 2021, are the children of Rachael Borne Franklin '12 and Robert Franklin '18.



AUBREY ANN KOEN, born October 28, 2021, is the daughter of Kim Osterberg Koen '08 and Will Koen '09; the granddaughter of Mark Osterberg '72; great-granddaughter of Philip Koen '52, '55; and niece of Ted Koen '09. She joins her big brother, Henry.



JUDE VERMAAK LOGGENBERG and **EVAN CHARLES LOGGENBERG**, born August 17, 2018, and **NAOMI LOUISE LOGGENBERG**, born March 29, 2021, are the children of Emily Moravec Loggenberg '09 and Con Loggenberg. They are the grandchildren of Randolph Moravec '75, '76, great-grandchildren of Adolph Moravec '49 and the nephews and niece of Matthew Moravec '05.



SOPHIE GRACE EMERSON NOELL, born October 3, 2019, and **PIPER REESE NOELLE**, born September 30, 2021, are the daughters of Graham Noell '14, '15 and Abigail Noell '15, '16; the granddaughters of Jeff Noell '64; and the nieces of Leigh Klaus Swartz '09.



LINCOLN TROY PIRKEY, born on May 5, 2022, is the son of Xinia Pirkey '14 and Derrick Pirkey.



THEODORE DOUGLAS ROTHERMICH, born November 4, 2021, is the son of Alissa Reitmeier Rothermich '09 and Marcus Rothermich, M.D. He joins big brother **BEN**, 6, and sister **ELLA**, 4.



CREW TYSON SEFTON, born January 14, 2021, is the son of Kimberly Sefton '05 and Ty Sefton.



SUMMER MERCEDES SUTTON, born September 13, 2021, is the daughter of Katie Sutton '17 and Zack Sutton, D.M.D.



ISLA THOMPSON, born August 2, 2021, joins older sister **CLOVER THOMPSON**, 7. They are the granddaughters of Kevin Hall '63.

Picture your pony here

We would love to share a photo of your future Mustang. Submit your Precious Ponies to smumag@smu.edu by November 4, 2022. Please send an image file that's 1MB with the child's name and birthdate, along with the names and class years of alumni parents (and grandparents and/or other close relatives).

revenue and recent business growth. As a member of the council, she will contribute to Q&A expert panels and publish articles on business and finance tips and trends on Forbes.com. **AMBER VENZ BOX** was named to *Success* magazine's inaugural class of Women of Influence. The magazine recognized her as the "self-made woman" behind LTK, a combination of Venz Box's companies, rewardStyle and LiketoKnowIt. She has been a featured keynote speaker at SXSW, and named in *Forbes* 30 Under 30, *Inc.* magazine's Most Influential Millennials, the Business of Fashion 500 and *Entrepreneur* magazine's 15 Female Entrepreneurs to Watch.

09 JESSICA BEEGLE has been appointed to the newly created role of senior vice president and chief innovation officer at LifePoint Health. She will work with startup 25m Health, a joint venture with LifePoint and New York-based 25madison, which serves as the central innovation engine for the company. Beegle joins the company from Walgreens Health. She has also worked at Google and General Electric and was the founding member of the Amazon Web Services Healthcare & Life Sciences business. **TAYLOR THORNLEY KEENEY**, founder and executive director of the nonprofit Little Hands Virginia, was featured in the *Richmond Free Press*. Little Hands provides essentials to children in need, newborn to 3 years old, in Central Virginia. **BRIAN MUSHANA KWESIGA** (M.S. '18) received the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award from Dallas College. He has over a decade of experience in the aerospace and defense industry

with Fortune 100 companies Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman and was president and CEO of the Ugandan North American Association. **SARAH-ALLEN PRESTON**, a professional event planner, has started afloat, an on-demand gifting app that allows users to send curated gifts from Dallas retailers with same- or next-day delivery. **LAUREN SMYTH** (J.D. '13) has joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as a partner in its Dallas office as a member of the Real Estate Practice Group. Smyth focuses her practice on commercial real estate. Her experience ranges from complex lease negotiations to the creation of large-scale condominium projects and mixed-use developments. She is a member of the American Bar Association and the Real Estate and Probate and Trust Sections of the State Bar of Texas. Smyth is also a member of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers and the Dallas Bar Association's Real Property Law and Probate, Trust and Estates Sections.

10 ANDREW WILLIAMSON has joined Epsilon Energy Ltd. as chief financial officer. He has served as corporate development manager and then vice president finance (CFO) of Merlon International LLC, as well as corporate strategy manager for Petrosantander Inc.

11 SASHA GUMPRECH was featured as one of the 25 Influential Women in Energy for 2022 by Oil and Gas Investor. She is vice president of business development with SJ Resource Partners in Houston. **WHITNEY WOLFE HERD** was included in *Success* magazine's inaugural class of Women of Influence. The

Success article said Herd, a co-founder of Tinder and Austin-based Bumble, became the youngest self-made female billionaire in 2021. She recently announced Bumble is sponsoring 50 female athletes to honor 50 years of Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or other education program or activity that receives federal money. The sponsorship was launched with custom video and digital trading cards. Herd was also recently inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame. **CORNELL LACY** is now chief programming officer for At Last! The Urban Boarding Experience, an anti-poverty initiative and immersive live-in school. He told *The Dallas Morning News* that the free school uses education to break the cycle of poverty by providing stability and through the amount of time the staff gets to work daily with students. **DONISHA WEIGHTMAN** has joined the law firm Bressler, Amery & Ross P.C. as an associate in the insurance litigation group in the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., office. Weightman previously worked as a first party property attorney at a large multi-practice law firm in Florida, where she focused on defending and counseling clients in all aspects of insurance defense matters.

12 ERIC W. PALFREYMAN, an adjunct professor of philosophy at Collin College, spoke at the memorial for the Most Honorable Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, who died in January 2022. Palfreyman has since been invited to work with the youth at Compassion Buddhist Temple in Plano.

13 ALEX MUÑOZ (MBA '19) and **KATELYN HALL** '15 (M.B.E. '17) got engaged on the steps of Dallas Hall in November 2021. They married in August 2022 at Perkins Chapel, where Hall's parents, SMU alums Cheryl Hall '73 and John Hall '71, (M.L.A. '73, MBA '79) were married 50 years ago. Last summer, Hall joined St. Mark's School of Texas as the director of the St. Mark's Fund.

14 ZANE CAVENDER (M.Ed. '15) has joined the law firm Bass, Berry & Sims in Nashville, where he will focus on transactions involving the development, transfer, and licensing of technology and intellectual property. Prior to joining the firm, Cavender practiced with Nelson Mullins and interned in the office of U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in Washington, D.C.

15 JEHADU ABSHIRO has been promoted to president and publisher of Advocate Media in Dallas. **ALEXANDRA DAMIANOS** and **MICHAEL LAU** were married April 2, 2022, at Perkins Chapel. Numerous SMU alumni were on hand to celebrate the nuptials, including best man **BRETT SOLOMON** '15; matron and maid of honor **MELODY DAVIS NEWTON** '15 and **MEREDITH CAREY** '15; and mother of the bride **TRACY OSBOURNE DAMIANOS** '84. The Rev. **VANESSA SIMS**, founder and executive director of the nonprofit Thou Art My Sister Ministries, recently received the Service to Mankind Award and was honored at the 2022 Denton Juneteenth celebration. She is the author of *Thoughts from the Depths of My Heart: Poems of Inspiration and Comfort*.

Cayenne Price '17 earns top med student award

In eighth grade, a human anatomy class convinced Cayenne Price '17 to pursue a health care career. But it wasn't until she was an SMU undergraduate, watching her first surgery while shadowing an anesthesiologist, that she fully recognized her calling.

“To my naive eyes at the time, it seemed that in just a few motions of the anesthesiologist’s hands, the patient, who just moments ago was completely dependent on us to support her basic life functions such as ventilation, was awake and breathing on her own. In that instant, I knew one thing to be true: Anesthesiology is magical, and I wanted to be – not just watch – the magician.”

The North Texan who graduated summa cum laude from SMU – while also being a cheerleader and student senator – graduated near the top of her class at UT Southwestern Medical School in May. She also received the highest medical student honor given at UTSW, the Ho Din Award.

The award from the Southwestern Medical Foundation recognizes a graduating medical student with attributes inherent in great physicians. It comes with a \$10,000 scholarship.

“Her passion and commitment to the underserved are an inspiring example to all of us who are seeking to address disparities in health care. I have no doubt that she will help us change the world for the better,”

says Kathleen M. Gibson, president and CEO of the Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Initially, Price thought about becoming a physical therapist, and she earned a Bachelor of Science in applied physiology and sport management at SMU. But a job at a DNA testing firm her junior year led her in a different direction as she interacted with physicians. When she shared her dream of becoming a doctor with a pharmacist at the company, he encouraged her to go for it.

Four years of medical school later, Price has built an impressive resume. Not only was she inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and the Gold Humanism Honor Society, but she also worked as a tutor and served on committees to welcome new medical students. Price also helped plan a medical service trip to the Dominican Republic and participated in a study that examined ways to improve pain management for pediatric burn patients while lowering opioid use.

She also received the MT “Pepper” Jenkins Outstanding Medical Student Award in Anesthesiology and Pain Management.

Price, who grew up in McKinney, began her residency in anesthesiology at UT Southwestern this summer. She hopes to later complete a fellowship in pain management and one day work in an academic setting, practicing both anesthesiology and pain management. 🐾

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Young alumni earn Fulbrights

These five Mustangs are heading across the world as Fulbright Scholars to teach or conduct research during the 2022–23 academic year:

Austin Hickie '22 (see page 15) will travel to South Korea to teach English in January 2023. Passionate about educational policy, he founded several organizations addressing student needs, including the Global Education Mission, a nonprofit providing education in Cameroon.

Camilla Martinez '22 received her M.F.A. in theatre from the Meadows School of the Arts. Martinez is headed to Bulgaria to teach English. During her time at SMU, she taught the Art of Acting, performed in mainstage productions on campus, and served as a resident artist at the TX Studio in Dallas.

Evan Schumacher '22 graduated with a B.F.A. in dance performance and a B.A. in philosophy with a minor in cognitive science. Through his research in Germany, Schumacher aims to develop foundational ideas for future theories “on the nuanced values that drive the practice of ballet.”

Anna Taglioli '22 earned degrees in international studies, human rights and world languages (Chinese and Italian). A student of Mandarin since age 10, Taglioli is eager to promote cultural exchange as an English teacher in Taiwan. She plans to eventually pursue a foreign service career.

Izzah Zaheer '22 received a B.A. in political science and a BBA in management. During her time on the Hilltop, she was a Highland Capital Management Tower Scholar, a member of the University Honors Program and served as a residential assistant. She will teach English in Belgium. 🐾

16 LAEL C. MELVILLE has joined the board of the North Texas Food Bank. She is co-founder and CEO of the Melville Family Foundation. She also serves on the board and executive committee of Uplift Education, DFW's network of 45 free public charter schools. **AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN** has been named an ambassador of First Tee, a nonprofit that provides young people with educational programs that build character and instill values through the game of golf. Smotherman is also a First Tee alumnus who transitioned from a participant to a junior coach and mentor. He earned his PGA Tour card in 2021. **BRANDON** and **KELLIE STOLL** opened their first ice cream shop in the Lakewood area of Dallas in spring 2022. The business started as a mobile business at farmers markets and pop-ups. But during the pandemic, they couldn't scoop at the Dallas Farmers Market and switched to \$1 pint deliveries, which helped the business grow.

20 EMILY DICKERSON, a math teacher at Grand Prairie High School, received a Milken Educator Award. It includes \$25,000 to spend however she wishes. She was presented with the award during the Milken Family Foundation's 35th U.S. tour surprising outstanding educators, which included more than 60 for the 2021–22 school year.

21 MONA EL-GHARBY continues to expand CURLē, a luxury, custom curly hair product line. As an SMU student, she developed her business plan and won Big iDeas funding three years in a row, beginning in 2019. The products –

including a styling cream, a deep conditioner, hair oil and a beard oil for men – are customized to a customer's hair profile and needs based on a questionnaire they fill out online. **BETHANY JELINEK** has returned to performing after surgery for polyps on her vocal cords. She shared her journey to recovery in an interview with KXAS-TV in Dallas so that other aspiring singers understand the importance of voice care. **BRIANA MORALES** was featured in *The Dallas Morning News* about her experiences as first-generation college students and how she is continuing to succeed. Morales is pursuing a master's in counseling at SMU and mentors other students through SMU's First-Generation Initiative program. **MEREDITH WELBORN** was featured in a CNBC article. In “9 Tips to Help You Find Your First Job – And Nail the Interview” she discussed how networking with SMU alumni helped her secure her job as senior creator at VaynerMedia in Los Angeles.

22 ABENA MARFO was featured in *The Dallas Morning News* about her experiences as first-generation college students and how she is continuing to succeed. Marfo, who co-founded the First-Generation Association while at SMU, is attending graduate school at Emory University in Atlanta. **OLLIE OSBORNE** made his PGA Tour debut in the Barracuda Championship at Tahoe Mountain Club's Old Greenwood golf course in July. In 2020, he was the runner-up in the U.S. Amateur, which earned him a spot in the Masters and U.S. Open in 2021.

In Memoriam

The following alumni deaths were reported to SMU from 11/30/21 to 6/2/22.

'34 IMOGENE HOLDRIDGE HARRISON
3/8/22

'37 GEORGE M. ALFORD 3/12/17

'41 EMILY MILLER JACOBIE 4/13/22

'42 SARAH-FINCH MAIDEN ROLLINS
12/22/21 MARY WYNNE STORRS
8/24/21

'43 LUCY MONTGOMERY KULIK
2/21/19 GRACE GRIZZARD
WILLIAMS 6/4/15

'44 GEORGIA MARION LAIRD BAKER
5/4/22 CLARA WOMACK BYRNE
10/10/15 VIRGINIA SEGRAVES
GILMAN 6/30/15 DONALD R.
IGLEHART 12/18/21 DOROTHY
ARNOLD OSBORNE 10/17/15

'45 ROBERT A. EVANS 4/16/18
PAULETTE GILMAN GREENE
12/6/21 DORIS MAY HARPER
1/1/21

'46 DOROTHY NEWMAN CLARK
1/10/17 MARTHA MARTIN DAVIS
1/3/15 BILLIE WILSON DERBY
1/3/20 ROBERT A. ELSE 2/15/18
ANN NICHOLS FOWLER 5/16/15
JUDGE DAVID W. MILLER 1/18/21

'47 KATHRYN FEAGIN BAINES 3/4/22
IMOGENE THOMPSON BARTON

2/22/15 ALBERT T. BELL, JR.
6/8/17 HAROLD L. BROCKMAN
2/8/21 ELEANOR STAMPER
BURGIN 2/9/22 DR. VIRGINIA
MCDOWELL COLWELL 7/10/18
JOE B. COOPER, JR. 12/9/15
HERSCHEL L. GATES 12/2/20
EDNA FELLOWS LYNDE 6/23/16
PATRICIA COLE MCCLELLAN
12/23/16 LT. GALEN B. MILLER, JR.
11/11/18 HELEN FOWLER QUICK
11/2/19 RICHARD O. RASMUSSEN
2/20/22 HAROLD L. SNYDER
3/25/18

'48 JOREE ANDERSON 12/31/17
DR. DAVID P. APPLEBY 11/21/20
THE REV. PAUL R. BEACH 3/13/21
DR. JEROME L. BYERS 8/24/20
JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN 3/13/19
JOSEPH F. CLEMENT 12/30/17
RUSSELL D. CRALL 3/6/15
AUBRA G. GRICE 7/4/17 ANNA
BOUTWELL HARRIS 2/9/22
BETTYE HAYS HEROLD 12/30/18
DR. DAVID L. JAMESON 10/22/16
CHRISTIAN A. JENSEN 4/8/22
JACK F. MCGOULDRIK 10/18/21
NATHLYN CONRAD MURDOCH
11/20/15 EDWARD P. PITTMAN, JR.
1/1/16 SAMUEL RUDE 12/10/21
SHIRLEY CARTER SCHELL 1/24/22
ROGER D. SWANSON 11/3/19 COL.
TALMADGE D. THOMAS, JR. 2/9/22
JACK M. WEST 1/30/17

'49 ROBERT E. ACREY 6/17/21
JOSEPH T. ARNETT 1/8/22
BEN E. BEAIRD 12/16/21

THOMAS M. BEVERLY, JR. 9/1/15
JACQUELYN CHAMBERLIN BLAKE
1/3/22 HARDY D. BROGOITTI
5/9/16 JOHN R. CALDWELL 2/3/20
GRIFFITHS C. CARNES 3/30/22
CHARLES W. CHADWICK, SR.
2/7/20 IRIS ALTROGGE DANIEL
1/18/17 BARBARA WIRE DE LEON
5/24/18 CARL H. FAVRE 2/23/17
DOROTHY SPARKS FLACY 1/14/18
ROBERT J. GREGORY 9/11/20
GLENN W. HARDING 1/24/22
CLAUD C. HILL, JR. 1/25/22
THELMA MIXON HUNT 3/10/17
CHARLES A. INGE 10/19/20
SAM A. LATTIMORE 6/11/16 OCTA
D. LIVELY 5/20/22 ROBERT M.
MILLER 6/26/20 COL. JAMES R.
NIMON 3/1/15 JAMES J. OWEN
12/8/19 HAROLD A. PARKER
2/3/16 THE REV. PAUL C. PETTY
1/30/17 WILLIAM H. PIGG
6/21/18 PORTER A. REED, SR.
12/13/21 DOROTHY LONG REIFF
2/13/22 DR. GEORGE M. RICKER
1/1/22 VIRGINIA WHITE SKELTON
5/17/18 RAYMOND E. SLOAN
8/26/18 HAROLD L. STEPHEN
8/13/20 GEORGE E. STUDER
8/6/16 EDWARD A. WEAVER
3/16/18

'50 MACK C. ADAMS, JR. 3/1/22
BENJAMIN W. APPLE 7/29/15
LAWANA LEE BALLARD 12/22/21
JOSEPH M. BRIGGS 12/1/21
BOYD F. BROYLES, JR. 4/18/18
CHARLES W. CARLIN, SR.

12/31/21 KENNON W. CHAMBERS
11/2/18 SAMUEL B. CLARK
8/28/20 PATSY STEED COOK
9/16/20 FLOYD L. DANIEL, JR.
5/6/17 THE REV. JAMES H.
ELLISON 9/18/15 OTTO D.
ELLISON 5/8/16 MACEY CASEY
FAY 6/17/18 ELZY L. GIBSON
12/13/18 TED E. GOWEN 12/27/21
ERIC R. GREENMAN, JR. 2/12/20
WARREN G. HILL 9/9/15
NORMAN P. HINES, JR. 1/29/22
JACK M. LANDERS 7/26/15
JOSEPH H. LEVINE 3/19/15
ANTONIO E. LONGORIA 1/20/22
GEORGE A. LOVELL, JR. 10/25/20
HENRY C. MYRICK, JR. 5/28/22
ERNEST W. NORVELL 12/30/21
BARBARA SIMS PASCHALL 1/4/22
EVAN ROMAN 12/8/17 HELEN
BATSON TALLEY 5/30/17 MIKE H.
THOMAS, III 5/11/16 EDWARD F.
THORN, JR. 12/31/20 ROSEMARY
TAYLOR THORNTON 1/23/22
WILLARD G. WIEGEL, JR. 2/28/16

'51 ROBERT W. ALLISON 12/1/19
DANIEL B. ASKEW 3/8/22 MIRIAM
FRENCH BLAISDELL 10/13/16
JON M. BLOODWORTH, SR.
3/20/18 JAMES H. BOND 12/11/21
COL. THOMAS J. CARTER, JR.
3/25/22 THE REV. CHARLES W.
DANHEIM 1/13/21 MARY BUSKE
DAVIS 4/10/18 JUNIUS B. FOX, JR.
1/13/22 MONTE V. GUIDRY
4/15/17 LYLE E. JOHNSON 6/17/19
ANDREW KONNERTH, JR. 2/7/21
RICHARD C. MERRYMAN 9/3/20

DR. BOBBY L. NORTON 1/1/22
DOROTHY OGLESBY PERKINS
1/23/22 JAMES D. SLADEK 7/9/21
BETTY CAREY SMITH 3/11/22
CLARENCE P. WATERS 1/31/16
JAMES E. WIER 5/1/20

'52 JO CURRY APPLEBY 12/1/20
JOAN BIHN 8/31/18 CARY
PHILLIPS BRISCOE 5/18/22
WAYNE H. CALDWELL 4/27/22
JOANNE CAVE CANTWELL 3/30/22
THE REV. DANIEL H. CARMICHAEL
12/7/15 RONALD L. COATS
3/13/20 FRANCES CALLAWAY
DUCHSCHERER 9/3/20 JAMES M.
EVANS 12/30/18 FREDERICKA
RAHM FAULKNER 12/10/21
NANCY PASCHAL GARRISON
12/14/21 JOYCE SIMMER HALLETT
10/15/16 DR. ALAN B. LANTZ
4/6/21 RICHARD T. VANN 2/1/22
VERNARD WINN 10/26/21

'53 BERT C. ASCHENBRENNER '54
5/11/21 JEROME C. CHANCELLOR
10/28/18 CATHERINE CARR COX
1/9/22 DR. JANE GILLESPIE
CROSS 4/12/22 ANNELLON
LIVINGSTONE FITZGERALD
11/24/21 JOHN L. HENDRY, III
4/27/22 THE REV. JOHN P.
MCCLATCHY 1/13/22 DONALD E.
REILY 1/10/22 BILLIE LEIGH
MORGAN RIPPEY 2/6/22 EMILY
DUGGAR SAUNDERS 5/25/16
NEAL N. STANLEY 3/23/15 DR.
JACK R. TOMLINSON 12/13/21
JAY P. TRIPLETT 8/15/18 DR.
WALTER B. WATSON 10/17/21

'54 THE REV. LEO T. FONG 2/18/22
MARION FLADGER GERHART
3/8/18 ROBERT L. JOHNSON

1/21/22 MAJ. CURTIS E.
LEDBETTER 3/24/22 BETTY
CLAYTON LUCY 10/12/16
SUE BUTTS MCEACHERN 2/1/22
EDWARD E. RICHARDSON 2/9/22
KENNETH L. ZERBE 11/21/21

'55 JOAN HOWLAND BARNETT 8/19/19
THE REV. MANASSEH C. CADY
2/20/21 DAVID D. CORLEY
12/6/21 THOMAS S. EDWARDS
11/14/21 HELYN WOLFE
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ERICKSON 2/16/17 SARAH RICE
KENDRICK 10/29/19 BOBBY G.
KERR 9/1/21 DONALD E. KING
7/9/17 JOHN J. MERCHANT
1/16/22 JANE GARRETT MOLPUS
5/20/22 DR. WALTER N. SKINNER
1/15/22 ANNE IVIE WHEELOCK
12/29/21 ANNETTE A. WHITLEY
3/17/22 PAUL W. WISDOM, JR.
1/16/22

'56 ALLISON REILLEY BENTHUL
4/1/22 DR. HAROLD D.
BURKHARDT 4/7/22 ROBERT E.
DAVIS, SR. 4/29/22 THE REV. LOY
S. ESTES 8/3/16 JACK L. FRALEY
8/18/18 GRETCHEN LAMBERTZ
HAVILAND 12/17/21 SHIRLEY
CHESTNUT LOVE 6/26/21 TROY
GARMS MARCHBANKS 9/6/21
BETTY THRASH MARTINEZ
4/30/22 RICHARD E. MILES
2/11/22 GARY C. ODEN 12/22/21
THE REV. LEWIS C. ODNEAL
3/20/22 CHARLES J. PARKER
11/16/21 JAMES D. ROEBUCK
4/20/22 THE REV. BOBBY W.
SMITH 4/20/22 ROBERT W.
STEPHENS 12/29/21 HAROLD T.
WATERS 4/2/22 JOHN D.

WEATHERLY, JR. 3/3/22 DR. LOUIS
WEIL 3/9/22 THE REV. ROBERT W.
YOUNTS 3/28/22

'57 ERNEST T. ANKELE, JR. 7/18/15
ROBERTA WILSON BRACKEN
4/11/22 MARY GARDNER
HENDERSON 4/19/22 DR. BARTON
R. HERRSCHER 5/22/22 LARA F.
HUTT, III 2/7/22 BERT R. KEYES,
JR. 11/18/21 THE HON. ROBERT
C. KRUEGER 4/30/22 DR. THOMAS
T. LOVE 8/12/18 MARION L.
MASSEY 1/8/22 HELEN TASTO
MCMULLAN 1/26/22 BILL J.
MILLER 11/17/21 LINDA FOSTER
SARRIS 5/6/22 GERALD L. SLIGER
1/11/22 ALFRED B. SMITH, JR.
4/1/22 STELLA SONGSTAD SMITH
12/28/20 DR. BILLY D. SORRELL
12/31/21 ELIZABETH ALEXANDER
TANNER 3/19/22 BARBARA
BOWLER THRASH 3/16/22 GLORIA
MCMULLEN WILLMOTT 4/12/22
THE REV. KARL D. WOOD, SR.
1/29/21 WILTON B. WRIGHT
4/12/22

'58 CHARLES V. BURKETT 6/21/16
JOHN M. DARGAN 8/13/16
CONRAD P. EDWARDS 3/5/22 LT.
CHARLES D. FORAN 1/10/22
MICHAEL C. FORSTER 9/26/21
EDWARD C. HERTBERG 10/30/21
MAJ GEN. WILLIAM K. JAMES
1/13/22 PEGGY BORT JONES
12/7/21 THE REV. FREDERICK H.
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ROSZEK 2/3/16 SUZANNE BAKER
SISK 12/1/21 DR. SIEGFRIED A.
STREUFERT 4/1/19 NAN

MCFADDIN VANDAGRIFF WOOD
1/17/22

'59 THE REV. WESLEY J. ARINGTON,
SR. 11/2/20 DR. HAROLD M.
BLOCK, JR. 1/5/22 ROBERT E.
CORDER, II 4/23/22 DR. ERNEST
F. COUCH 2/19/21 WILLIAM F.
FREDEMAN, JR. 4/24/22 LARRY L.
GOLLAHER, SR. 1/2/22
DR. ROBERT A. HAMBLIN 2/5/22
JEANETTE MCDONALD HARMON
2/28/22 WILLIAM H. LANGHENRY, II
12/12/21 CLARK J. MATTHEWS, II
5/14/22 LOY B. MOORE 2/10/22
CHARLES D. MORROW 6/20/21
DR. CHARLES A. RODENBERGER
4/2/22 WILLIAM C. VOSS
10/16/15 JESSE G. WHITE, JR.
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R. DAIGLE 1/21/22 JOELL FINK
FLEMING 3/8/22 JACK A. FOUSE
8/20/20 DR. VICTOR E. GREEN
4/16/22 BETTY PITTMAN HARPER
8/8/15 BONNIE DAVIS HASKINS
3/22/21 AVIS O. JUDD 8/16/16
FLOYD D. KESNER 12/30/21
CHARLES E. LANCASTER 3/17/22
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A loyal Mustang leader and mentor

A leader in the financial services industry for more than four decades, C.J. "Don" Donnally, Jr. '67, '68 championed students and the SMU community as a longtime supporter, volunteer and mentor.

Perhaps his most enduring role was as a nationally recognized member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity, which he served through active fundraising and as a chapter advisor since 1973. He




volunteered hundreds of hours to mentor more than 2,000 students over the years.

The son of SMU alumni, he earned a BBA in finance in 1967 and an MBA in 1968. After graduating from SMU, he began his career at Smith Barney, where he formed The Donnally Greenman Group. He served as a senior vice president of the group, which joined UBS Financial Services in 2015.

Throughout his life, Donnally maintained close ties to SMU. He supported causes and improvements across SMU's campus, impacting countless students through gifts to support Crum Basketball Center, Gerald J. Ford Stadium, the General Endowment Fund, the Mustang Athletic Fund, the Mustang Club, the Mustang Excellence Fund for Football/Basketball, the Moody Coliseum renovation and expansion, the SAE Fund and other vital areas.

Donnally's service to the University included membership on the Class of 1967 Reunion Committee (2012–2015), the Mustang Club board (2007–2008) and the Dallas Committee (1992–1993).

Through his service, leadership and advocacy, Donnally exemplified the kind of Mustang spirit that continues to strengthen the University. 

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Second novel draws second Booker nomination for alum

Glory, the second novel by acclaimed writer NoViolet Bulawayo '07, has been named to the International Booker Prize longlist. Bulawayo's political allegory is set in an animal kingdom that stands in for Zimbabwe in the aftermath of the coup that ousted President Robert Mugabe. The book was described in *The New York Times* as a "brilliant postcolonial fable charting the downfall of one tyrant ... and the rise of a new one."

Bulawayo attended SMU as Elizabeth Tshelo and earned an M.A. in English. Her debut novel, *We Need New Names*, was shortlisted for the prestigious Booker Prize in 2013 and won numerous awards.



Check out these authors

Allysun Atwater '98

I Am Thinking My Life

(Bala Kids, 2022)

Available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com)
[allysunatwater.com](https://www.allysunatwater.com)

Myron Beard '68

Santa Fe Deception: A Scott Hunter Mystery

(Sunstone Press, 2022)

Available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com)

Colin P. Cahoon '91

Mended Wings: The Vietnam Experience Through the Eyes of Ten American Purple Heart Helicopter Pilots

(Valor Press, 2021)

Available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

David Maldonado, Jr. '68

Mi Abuelita Era Flaca: Stories from the Barrio Cafecito Con Samuel: Love and Aging in the Barrio

Available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Frank Thurmond '89

Remembrance and Other Poems

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Standing Up to China

(Brown Books Publishing Group, 2022)

Available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com)
[ashleyyablon.com](https://www.ashleyyablon.com)

Streaming now on Hulu

Tim Curcio '02 is the creator, writer and director of the short film *Maggie*, which inspired the new comedy series about a psychic who helps others find love and answers, but when it comes to her own life, things get complicated. Curcio, a writer for 20th Century Fox Productions, has also written for the series.



Shining a light on Texas literature and performers

Texas Bound, part of the Arts and Letters Live series at the Dallas Museum of Art, brings together actors with a Texas connection and Lone Star literature. The next presentation has strong links to the Hilltop, too.

Tina Parker '91, co-artistic director of Kitchen Dog Theater, will serve as host and director of the evening. Award-winning actor, playwright and director Regina Taylor '81 will read *Racial Injustice* by Sanderia Faye, an assistant professor of practice in the Department of English at SMU. Faye amplifies new voices and diverse experiences as executive director of SMU's Dallas Literary Festival. Her powerful essay on a harrowing experience with local police was first published in *The New Yorker*.

Texas Bound will be presented November 7 at 7:30 p.m. Visit [dma.org](https://www.dma.org) for information and tickets.

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FAMILY WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 23–24



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

An Inside Look at SMU

Open houses, faculty panels, student presentations, information sessions and more at locations across campus.

3–5 p.m.

Hilltop welcome reception

The Martha Proctor Mack Grand Ballroom, Umphrey Lee Center

5–7 p.m.

Fish fry hosted by the Association of Black Students

The Varsity, Hughes-Trigg Student Center

7–9 p.m.

Night on the Lawn featuring an exciting Mustang pep rally

Green space behind Dr. Bob Smith Health Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Tailgate on the Boulevard

before the famous Battle for the Iron Skillet

SMU vs. TCU in Ford Stadium

Times to be announced

Check for updated information at smu.edu/familyweekend

