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Members Benefit From Big Savings

Announcing the Sam Houston State Alumni Savings Connection—your powerful new member savings benefit!

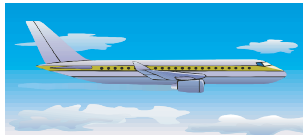
Have you heard the news? Sam Houston State Alumni members now enjoy incredible savings on movie tickets, travel, shopping and more. This value-packed benefit is called the Sam Houston State Alumni Savings Connection—and it's FREE for all of our members!

To save, simply log on to alumni.shsu.edu and enter code 11001 to access your members-only deals. If you need help saving, call 888.556.2396 for assistance.

With the Sam Houston State Alumni Savings Connection, you get:

NATIONWIDE SAVINGS - Save on clothing, electronics, footwear and more at over 100 popular retailers, like Target, Coldwater Creek, Foot Locker and Dick's Sporting Goods.

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DISCOUNT MOVIE TICKETS - Receive discounted rates—up to 30% below box office prices—at all major theater chains.



Make the Sam Houston State Alumni Savings Connection your portal to instant savings. Just log on today at alumni.shsu.edu and discover why it pays to be a member of the Sam Houston State Alumni!

Annual Gala To Honor Distinguished Alumni & Outstanding Young Alumnus

Five alumni will be honored for their "distinguished" lives during this year's homecoming festivities. The 37th annual Distinguished Alumni Gala will be held on Oct. 9, with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. in the Lowman Student Center Ballroom.

Recipients include Ronny Carroll, '65; Thomas J. Frank Sr, '63; Jerry Marshall, '64; and Ed Reyna, '71; as well as Outstanding Young Alumnus Edd J. Compton IV, '94, '95 .

In honor of these recipients and to support an outstanding event, the Alumni Association is requesting your participation through a table sponsorship at one of two levels: a Platinum Sponsorship for \$1,500 or a Gold Sponsorship for \$1,000.00. Each level provides eight (8) reservations for the sponsor and their guests. In addition, your sponsorship includes recognition within the following: the invitation, the evening's program, the Gala video presentation and the *Kat Konnection* newsletter, which is mailed to all members of the Alumni Association.

Individual tickets are \$70 each and can be purchased by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at 936.294.1841 or alumni@shsu.edu.



Carroll



Frank



Marshall



Reyna



Compton

College Seeks Art for New Building

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Sam Houston State University is seeking contemporary art proposals for purchase or donation to be displayed in the new College of Humanities and Social Science building. We are seeking a number of different pieces for the main building entrances and for the various offices and departments housed in the building. Themes should be relevant to the various departments listed, but is open to interpretation. Submissions appropriate for one or more of the listed locations are welcomed. All media will be considered including: installation, video, photography, painting, and sculpture. All accepted work must be original, no reproductions. SHSU alumni, students and staff are particularly encouraged to submit. But work from all artist nationwide, Texas artists, Texas certified HUB artists, etc. will be seriously considered. For questions or an appointment to view the spaces call 936.294.2206. For guidelines, entry forms, and views of the spaces for the artworks http://www.shsu.edu/~hss001/chss_art/

Alumni Association Events

Welcome, TX

The Welcome Hall was the gathering spot for more than 200 alumni and friends from Washington and Austin Counties on April 30th. Dr. Heather Crowson, vice-president for Enrollment Management and Head Football Coach Todd Whitten were the speakers.



Alumni and friends gather at the Welcome Hall



Everyone dined on barbecue by Schovajsa Catering

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Blake & Amber Dooley with Cole Stastny



Brian & Cindy Markwardt with Jennifer Mertz



Glenda Eberhart, Karen Voelter, Joyce Whitehead & Jenell Zettel



Gerald & Rachelle Stevenson, Deontria Finley, Jeremy Cannon with Nancy Hoyt

SHSU Alumni and Friends attended the first ever SHSU Night at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington on May 12.



Dennis & Tina Toole with Shelly & Justin Butler



More than 95 alumni and friends took the chartered buses from Huntsville to Minute Maid Park for the Astros game.

More than 330 Alumni and Friends attended the annual SHSU Night at Minute Maid Park on June 10.



The SHSU ROTC Color Guard presented the colors before the Astros game.

Class Notes

Jerry Hawkins '61, since moving to Livingston, Texas in 2000 has been enjoying working in his church with the membership care committee, mission committee, going on mission trips, building churches, building and repairing houses, and teaching an adult Sunday school class. His hobby is running and his latest adventures have been the 13-mile Houston 1/2 marathon and this year's full Houston marathon. He has been working with the Habitat for Humanity program and takes pride in the three houses that he helped build.

Joseph Price '73, was granted tenure by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System. He was also promoted to Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Sociology at West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas."

Nathan Curry '95, recently accepted a Special Agent position at DHS / ICE located in Beaumont TX. Nathan was previously employed at USPIS as a U.S. Postal Inspector. Nathan and Jana Cobb were married in November 2008.

Lauren Diane Collum '07 and Joshua Whitus of Van were married March 28, 2009 at Roseland Plantation in Tyler, TX.

In Memoriam:

James E. "Jim" Smith '47, age 89, of Tyler died on Saturday May 10, 2009 in Longview.

D.D. Mitchell, age 85, of Canton, Texas died Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at his home.

New York Alumni & Friends Event
Sam Houston State University Alumni Association
December 10th - 13th

- ★ Round Trip Airfare from Houston Intercontinental
- ★ Lodging at the Park Central Hotel
- ★ Friday Night Alumni Event at the '21' Club
- ★ Broadway Show
- ★ Tour & Lunch at The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Register Now!

A \$250 deposit per person is due October 1, 2009

For more information contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478 or visit alumni.shsu.edu



Fourth Annual Tuition Raffle Drawing To Be Held This Fall

More than \$45,000 in alumni scholarships have been awarded to 1st generation college students in the previous three years of the Alumni Association's Tuition Raffle drawing. Forty-five, one thousand dollar scholarships have been awarded to deserving students. In addition more than \$7,000 has been distributed to three lucky SHSU students who were winners of the raffle drawing.

Proceeds from the raffle benefit SHSU Alumni Association sponsored scholarships. We want to make the SHSU experience a great one for today's students and those of the future.

What better way to do this than provide students with financial support. Letters and raffle tickets will be mailed in September '09 to all parent's of students enrolled for the fall semester. Tickets can be purchased, one for \$5 or six for \$25. Many alumni, who do not have children in college, purchase tickets for students to support not only the Alumni Association, but our students as well.

If you are interested in purchasing a Tuition Raffle Ticket for a student please contact the office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478 or via e-mail at alumni@shsu.edu. The drawing will be held on November 13, 2009.



State Representative Patrick Rose draws the winning raffle ticket during last fall's football game against Texas State. Looking on are TSUS Regent Trisha Pollard (center) and members of the SHSU Alumni Board of Directors.

Student Alumni Association Learns the Ropes



Cameron Goodman, Megan Bryant, Laken Jenkins & Cheval John



The SHSU Alumni Association hosted a year-end barbecue for the Student Alumni Association (SAA) at the University's recreational area outside Riverside. During the event, members of the SAA completed the University's ropes course.

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Tailgate Season is Just About Here

The Alumni Association will again be the focal point of Bearkat Alley, located directly behind the scoreboard on the north end of the stadium. The association provides food and beverage at no cost for alumni, students, and other fans during each home game, which builds on Bearkat traditions and spirit.

It is essential for the Alumni Association to gain support to help underwrite the costs of tailgating events. Sponsors will receive various benefits based on their level of commitment.

For more information on how you can show your Bearkat pride and support the 2009 alumni tailgating events, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 936.294.1841.

Alumni Association Tailgate Calendar

September 3	Western Illinois	Bearkat Alley	4-6 p.m.
September 12	North Dakota State	Bearkat Alley	4-6 p.m.
October 3	Saint Joseph's	Bearkat Alley	12-2 p.m.
October 10	Nicholls St. (Homecoming) <i>(First 1,000 fans receive a Sammy Bearkat Doll)</i>	Bearkat Alley	12-2 p.m.
October 24	S.F.A.	Bryce Stadium Nacogdoches	12-2 p.m.
October 31	Northwestern St.	Bearkat Alley	4-6 p.m.
November 14	Central Arkansas	Bearkat Alley	12-2 p.m.
November 21	Texas State	Bobcat Stadium San Marcos	12-2 p.m.



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