



*Message from the President*

Dear Graduate:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Dana L. Gibson





## Sam Houston State University Alma Mater

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

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

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



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# SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Spring 2012

Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum

## Friday, May 11, 2012

Afternoon Ceremony  
2:30 p.m.

College of Sciences  
College of Business Administration

## Friday, May 11, 2012

Evening Ceremony  
7:30 p.m.

College of Criminal Justice  
College of Business Administration

## Saturday, May 12, 2012

Morning Ceremony  
9:30 a.m.

College of Education

## Saturday, May 12, 2012

Afternoon Ceremony  
2:30 p.m.

College of Fine Arts and Mass  
Communication  
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Presiding

Jaimie Hebert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

### PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp & Circumstance* .....SHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble  
Edward Elgar  
Matthew McInturf, Conductor  
Rebecca Grimes, Song Leader

*The audience will stand for Posting of the Colors and remain standing respectfully until the ROTC Color Guard has exited the coliseum.*

Posting of the Colors .....SHSU ROTC Color Guard

*The Star-Spangled Banner* .....Rebecca Grimes, Song Leader  
Text: Francis Scott Key; Music: John Stafford Smith

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

Commencement Address

Friday, May 11, 2012 .....Terry Williams  
Regional Vice President of Operations, H-E-B

Saturday, May 12, 2012 ..... Senator Ken Armbrister  
Texas Senate

*Alma Mater* .....Rebecca Grimes  
Anonymous/Allen R. Hightower

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

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

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

### RECESSIONAL

*Rondeau* .....SHSU Brass and Percussion Ensemble  
Jean-Joseph Mouret  
Matthew McInturf, Conductor

Audience seated for Processional and Recessional

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



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

Friday, May 11, 2012  
Afternoon Ceremony

- College of Sciences, College of Business Administration.
- Dr. Leroy Ashorn is the Mace Bearer.
- Dr. Edward Blackburne will introduce the graduates.

Friday, May 11, 2012  
Evening Ceremony

- College of Criminal Justice, College of Business Administration.
- Dr. Jerry Dowling is the Mace Bearer.
- Dr. Phillip Lyons will introduce the graduates.

Saturday, May 12, 2012  
Morning Ceremony

- College of Education.
- Dr. Sam Sullivan is the Mace Bearer.
- Dr. Rick Bruhn will introduce the graduates.

Saturday, May 12, 2012  
Afternoon Ceremony

- College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, College of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Dr. Jerry Bruce is the Mace Bearer.
- Ms. Penny Hasekoester will introduce the graduates.

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## Commencement Speakers

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### **MICHAEL TERRY WILLIAMS**

Michael Terry Williams serves as a regional Vice President of Operations (Houston UrbanEast) for H-E-B groceries, which began as a small, family-owned business in 1905 and currently serves families all over Texas and Mexico in 155 communities with more than 329 stores and 76,000 employees. Mr. Williams, as a regional Vice President of Operation, provides overall direction and guidance to the operational activities of the company while striving to maximize growth and profitability. Mr. Williams has more than 30 years of grocery experience and is highly regarded as an expert in his field as well as a respected, influential leader and mentor.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Williams has received several awards in recognition for his outstanding leadership such as the Houston Diversity Leadership Award, Manager of the Year, and the David Ashworth Humanity Award as well as being named both the Who's Who Top African American Business Leader and Who's Who Top National African American Business Leader.

Throughout his dedicated career, Mr. Williams has served in various roles—Vice President, Advisor, Chairman, and member—in a variety of civic, community, and public service organization to include

the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), an American philanthropic organization that fundraises college tuition money for black students and general scholarship funds for 39 private historically black colleges and universities; United Way, a non-profit organization whose focus is to identify and resolve pressing community issues through a coalition of charitable organizations; and End Hunger Network, a organization that works with the entertainment industry and other partners to create and support media projects, programs, and events to raise awareness and generate action to end U.S. child hunger; the SHSU Alumni Board Association; and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as well as volunteering as a coach for a number of Little League baseball and basketball teams.

Mr. Williams, a native Houstonian, graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Radio-Television in 1983 and later pursued executive studies at both Cornell University and University of Houston.

Mr. Michael Terry Williams and his wife, Joycelyn, have been blessed with four beautiful children and are grateful for being able to help others and to spend quality time with family and friends.



### **SENATOR KEN ARMBRISTER**

Senator Ken Armbrister serves as the Director of Legislative Affairs in the office of Texas Governor Rick Perry, where he continues to fight for good public policy on behalf of all Texans. Senator Armbrister's entire adult life has been committed to public service in Texas. Prior to accepting a position in Governor Perry's office, Senator Armbrister served two terms, as a Democrat, in the Texas House of Representatives before being elected in 1986 to the Texas Senate, representing the 18th Senatorial District, which encompasses 18 counties and a portion of Fort Bend County in southeast Texas. After a distinguished 20 years of service to the Texas Senate, Senator Armbrister chose in 2006 not to run for reelection and retired from public office after a contribution of 38 years to public service.

During most of his time in the senate, Senator Armbrister served on the senate committees on Natural Resources (chair, 2003–2005) and State Affairs (chair, 1993–1997). He authored the 1993 legislation that created the Edwards Aquifer Authority affecting a 16-county area of South Texas, and he later served on the Joint Committee on Oversight of the Edwards Aquifer (co-chair, 2003–2005) as well as on other water-related committees. He was named

by Lt. Governor David Dewhurst to the Texas Water Advisory Council in 2001. From 2003 to 2006, he was a member of the senate committees on Business and Commerce and on Health and Human Services as well as serving on the Transportation and Homeland Security committee from 2005 to 2006. Texas Governor Rick Perry appointed Senator Armbrister to the Task Force on Homeland Security in 2001 and to the Governor's Anti-Crime Commission in 2002. During his tenure in the legislature, Senator Armbrister was named one of the top ten best legislators, and he was honored by education, medical, criminal justice, and water groups, among others, for his service to Texas.

Before his legislative career began, Ken Armbrister was a captain with the Victoria Police Department and Director of the Victoria Regional Police Training Academy. He is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and the FBI National Academy. In 2002, the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University honored Senator Armbrister with its highest award, the Defensor Pacem, or Defender of Peace Award, for his work as the chairman of the senate committee on criminal justice, his overall legislative record on crime issues, and his career as a police officer. Senator Armbrister also has twice been named as a Top Ten Crime Fighter by the Greater Dallas Crime Commission.

Ken Armbrister has been married to his college sweetheart, Susie, for nearly forty years. Ken and Susie Armbrister have two children, Erin and Shane — both college graduates — and two grandchildren.



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### *Guidelines for Guests*

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Commencement is a significant and solemn event, the recognition of years of study. To make it more meaningful to all guests, participants are requested to avoid all unnecessary conversation and movement during the exercises.

Only the official photographer is allowed on the floor by the stage. After the graduate has crossed, guests may take pictures in the holding area adjacent to the stage.

Candidates will cross the stage as listed in the program.

Audience is asked to remain seated for processional and recessional.

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



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## *University Mace*

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The University Mace is symbolic of the authority of the Board of Regents, The Texas State University System, and the Office of the President of Sam Houston State University. The mace, used in academic convocations, is carried by the senior tenured faculty member of the University. The initial use of the University Mace at Sam Houston State University was on the occasion of the summer commencement on August 20, 1988.

The walnut staff is bound in brass and has a hexagonal head with inlays of pecan denoting the state tree and recessed brass medallions cast with designs for General Sam Houston, Austin Hall, Old Main, Bearkats, and the completion date of the mace. The walnut holder base or stall is six-sided to match the mace head.

The crown of the mace is a circular casting bearing the name of the University and the date of establishment, 1879. The center of the circle contains the state emblem, the lone star. Below the crown, the names of past University presidents and the dates of service are engraved on a brass collar.

The University Mace was designed and hand crafted by the late Charles R. Jedlicka, Associate Professor of Industrial Technology, who retired in 1989.



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## *Gonfalons*

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The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Gonfalons have been adopted in many universities around the world as college or institutional insignias.

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



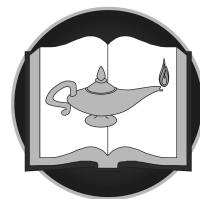
### ***College of Business Administration***

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



### ***College of Criminal Justice***

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



### ***College of Education***

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



### ***College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication***

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



### ***College of Humanities and Social Sciences***

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



### ***College of Sciences***

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

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## *Academic Regalia*

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The academic costume worn at official functions today originated in the universities of the Middle Ages, when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholar and cleric in unheated buildings. By modern times, the growth in the number of universities caused a great deal of confusion in academic regalia and in 1894-95, a commission brought some order into the chaos. The American Council on Education subsequently effected more improvements in 1959-60.

The mortarboard cap, which generally prevails in the United States, originated at Oxford. Cambridge, European universities, and some Latin American universities use other types of caps, which are of course legitimate for wear in any American procession when the individual holds his degree from one of these institutions.

Gowns are generally black, although some few universities depart from

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

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

Hood trim colors on doctoral regalia indicate the following fields:

Maize — Agriculture

White — Arts, Letters, Humanities

Drab — Commerce, Accountancy, Business

Lilac — Dentistry

Copper — Economics

Light Blue — Education

Orange — Engineering

Brown — Fine Arts, including Architecture

Russet — Forestry

Crimson — Journalism

Purple — Law

Lemon — Library Science

Green — Medicine

Pink — Music

Apricot — Nursing

Sea Foam Green — Optometry

Silver Gray — Oratory (Speech)

Olive Green — Pharmacy

Blue — Philosophy

Sage Green — Physical Education

Peacock Blue — Public Administration and Foreign Service

Salmon Pink — Public Health

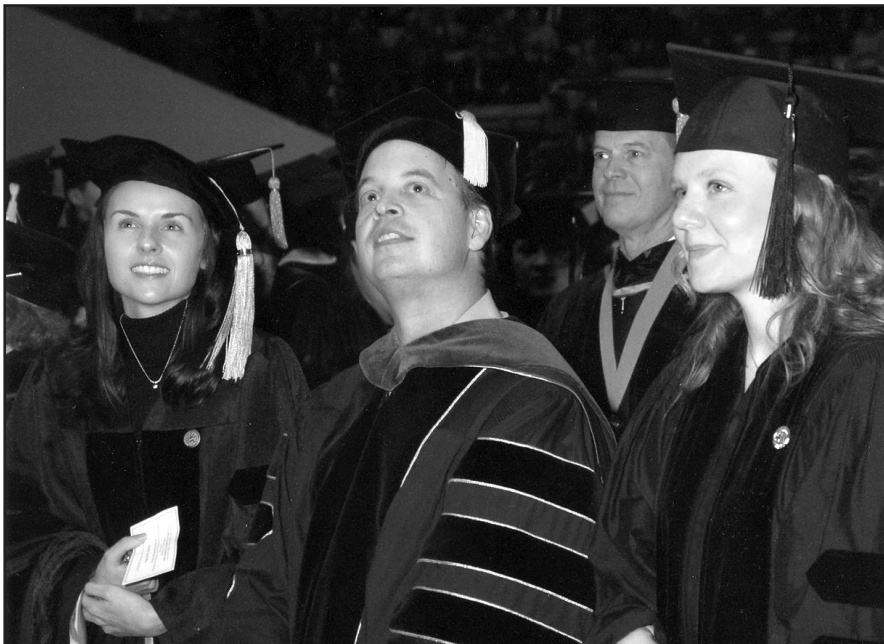
Golden Yellow — Science

Cream — Social Science

Citron — Social Work

Scarlet — Theology

Gray — Veterinary Science







*First Faculty and Student Body of Sam Houston in 1880.*

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## *Baccalaureate Graduation with Special Recognition*

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Special recognition at graduation is provided to undergraduate students who compile outstanding academic records. Those graduates who have achieved undergraduate academic excellence at Sam Houston State University receive a gold cord at graduation to reflect this achievement plus an appropriate notation on their academic transcript. The gold cord indicates one of the following academic achievements: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, Cum Laude, With Academic Distinction, Alpha Chi, and Honors Program. (See NOTE below.)

Degrees conferred Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude reflect an outstanding Sam Houston State University grade point average with a minimum of sixty semester hours earned in residence (resident classroom instruction). The distinction and corresponding grade point averages are: Cum Laude — 3.50 to 3.66; Magna Cum Laude — 3.67 to 3.85; Summa Cum Laude — 3.86 to 4.00.

The Department Academic Distinction Program is an individualized learning experience available to outstanding students at Sam Houston State University.

An Academic Distinction Program project provides qualified students with a comprehensive introduction to meaningful research under the guidance of a designated faculty advisor.

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

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

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

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## *Veterans and Military Members*

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

## *Honors Graduates*

Numerals Denote Academic Honors as of the 12th Class Day of Spring 2012.

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

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

6 = with Academic Distinction in an Academic Discipline.

Heather Renee Adian <sup>2</sup>	Leah Elyse Durain <sup>3</sup>	Casidhe James Leonard <sup>1</sup>	Celia Diane Reeves <sup>2</sup>
Monica Aguilar <sup>2</sup>	Jessica Rhianne Ebbs <sup>1</sup>	Kathrine Ann Levee <sup>1</sup>	Laura Elizabeth Reynolds <sup>2</sup>
Amanda Marie Anders <sup>4</sup>	Michael Jeffrey Feagan <sup>2</sup>	Jerome A. Lewis <sup>2,4,6</sup>	Hohn M. Rhine <sup>3,5</sup>
Angela Michelle Arroyos <sup>1</sup>	Marilee Celeste Fenn <sup>2</sup>	Heather Diane Limmer <sup>1</sup>	Tara Celeste Richmond <sup>2</sup>
Kimberly E. Aurich <sup>1</sup>	Mary Elizabeth Ferguson <sup>5</sup>	Jeffrey Stephen Lindquist <sup>1</sup>	Heather Rae Ritchie <sup>2</sup>
Stacy Denise Baker <sup>1</sup>	James Gordon Feye <sup>2</sup>	Amy Suellen Lockwood <sup>1</sup>	Mark L. Roberts <sup>1</sup>
Curtis A. Balusek <sup>2,4</sup>	Kristen Renee Finch <sup>2</sup>	Brittany Nicole Loisel <sup>2</sup>	Heather A. Rodriguez <sup>1</sup>
Erin Amanda Barnes <sup>3</sup>	Keri L. Finnegan <sup>1</sup>	Desire' Alyse Lopez <sup>1,4</sup>	Kristen Elizabeth Rohloff <sup>2</sup>
Valerie Luba Barto <sup>1</sup>	Steven David Fleurier <sup>1</sup>	Emily M. Loughry <sup>3</sup>	Casey Scott Salinas <sup>1</sup>
Tina Marie Barton <sup>1</sup>	Justin Michael Foster <sup>2</sup>	Christian Taylor Lovelace <sup>2</sup>	Kristen Ann Sanchez <sup>1</sup>
Brittany Caprice Battle <sup>2</sup>	Nancy Sue Foster <sup>2</sup>	Jennifer LeAnn Luhn <sup>3</sup>	Joycelyn Donyelle Sautler <sup>1</sup>
Kaitlyn Aleise Beauregard <sup>1</sup>	Morgan Richard Foulkes <sup>3,5</sup>	Sara E. Lyda <sup>1</sup>	Kodi C. Saylor <sup>3,5</sup>
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Jeremy Ryan Bettis <sup>2</sup>	Jayson Paul Fuchs <sup>2</sup>	Jennie Catherine Malone <sup>2</sup>	Cellina Serrano <sup>1</sup>
Mollie Elise Biega <sup>3</sup>	Nicole Monique Gabler <sup>3</sup>	Jake Ryan Malyemezian <sup>2</sup>	Grace Ann Sharp <sup>1</sup>
Stephen Benjamin Black <sup>2</sup>	Jared Michael Gantt <sup>2</sup>	Alexis Kelly Marks <sup>1</sup>	Joseph Ramsey Shepherd <sup>2</sup>
Cristina S. Boston <sup>2</sup>	Nina Liduvina Garcia <sup>3,4</sup>	Ashley Marie Martin <sup>1</sup>	Sarah Michelle Silva <sup>1</sup>
Terra Jo Bowen <sup>3,6</sup>	Raven Yvonne Garcia <sup>2</sup>	Rachel Kay Martin <sup>2</sup>	Leslie Maureen Sinclair <sup>1</sup>
Kristin Leigh Boykin <sup>1,4</sup>	Laura Louise Gauteson <sup>3</sup>	Brianne Christine Marvin <sup>1</sup>	Curtis G. Smith <sup>2</sup>
Cheryl Jane Briggs <sup>1</sup>	Lidia Rebeca Geabou <sup>1</sup>	Garrett Kyle Matej <sup>2</sup>	Joy Hannah Smith <sup>2,4</sup>
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Andrew Thomas Brown <sup>2</sup>	Katie Ann Green <sup>3</sup>	Sara Marie Means <sup>1</sup>	David Alton Spence Jr. <sup>2</sup>
Ashley Corena Brumfield <sup>3</sup>	Michelle Lynn Greenawalt <sup>2</sup>	Samuel Austin Medley <sup>1</sup>	Sara Michelle Squires <sup>2</sup>
Hilary Allyson Bryant <sup>1</sup>	Kara Lee Greiner <sup>2</sup>	Logan William Mehringer <sup>2</sup>	Courtney Anne Stancil <sup>1</sup>
Tamra Ashlee Bryson <sup>2</sup>	Christina Melanie Grey <sup>1,4</sup>	Kara Deanne Melson <sup>2</sup>	Melanie Michelle Stanton <sup>1</sup>
Jessica Burk <sup>3,5</sup>	Caitlin Elizabeth Gullo <sup>1</sup>	Jonathan Cole Mendez <sup>1</sup>	Valerie Noel Stefka <sup>2</sup>
Katrina A. Caldwell-Russell <sup>1</sup>	Brittany Grace Halen <sup>3</sup>	Nathan Lee Midcap <sup>3</sup>	Caprice Diane Stoute <sup>1</sup>
Alyson Nicole Calman <sup>3</sup>	Zachary Andrew Hamblen <sup>1</sup>	Sarah Cathleen Mize <sup>1</sup>	Julie Nicole Taylor <sup>3,4</sup>
Summer Kaye Camp <sup>2</sup>	Samuel Edward Handley <sup>1</sup>	Benjamin Joseph Moerbe <sup>1</sup>	Tamika Nicole Terry <sup>1</sup>
Suzanne Tarvin Cantu <sup>1</sup>	Jane May Hanisee <sup>2</sup>	Adeel Mohammed <sup>2</sup>	Laura Anne Thibodeaux <sup>1</sup>
Meredith Leone Cawley <sup>1</sup>	Rachelle Ann Harmsen <sup>1</sup>	Lauren Nicole Mondin <sup>1,5</sup>	Michael Alan Threadgill <sup>1</sup>
Chantelle Marie Clark <sup>1</sup>	Avery Jack Harrison <sup>3</sup>	Kandace Lynnae Montgomery <sup>2</sup>	David Anthony Trausch <sup>3</sup>
Ashley Lynn Clos <sup>1</sup>	Kelly Sue Harshaw <sup>1</sup>	Jasmine Montoya <sup>2</sup>	Ruben Nicholas Treviño <sup>1</sup>
Scholar LeMay Colbourn <sup>3,6</sup>	Marissa Ann Hartline <sup>1</sup>	Jaron Abrian Moore <sup>2</sup>	Amy Renéé Turek <sup>3</sup>
Stephen Paul Collins <sup>1</sup>	Haley Lynn Havemann <sup>2</sup>	Xavier Moreno-Piedra <sup>3,4</sup>	Emily Elizabeth Tyler <sup>2</sup>
Laura Jayne Condon <sup>3,4,6</sup>	Kathryn Leann Head <sup>2</sup>	Mackenzie Elise Morrison <sup>4</sup>	Leslie Ann Uffman <sup>3</sup>
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## Reflections of Sam Houston

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Although Texas escaped much of the destruction wreaked on the rest of the Confederacy during the Civil War, its public school system remained badly underdeveloped, and education reformers expressed anxiety about illiteracy rates among former slaves as well as among poor whites. In 1878-1879, with the political tumult of Reconstruction subsiding, a representative of the Peabody Education Fund visited Texas hoping to convince the state legislature to establish a public institution to train school teachers. George Peabody, a wealthy cotton broker and banker, had endowed the philanthropy with money and a mission to “encourage the intellectual, moral, and industrial education of the destitute children of the Southern States.” The fund offered to help subsidize a state-controlled teacher training institution, and in 1879, the state legislature acted upon the suggestion, establishing in Walker County the Sam Houston Normal Institute, named after Sam Houston, the hero of the Battle of San Jacinto and first president of the Republic of Texas, who had called Huntsville his home. The institute moved into buildings abandoned by Austin College, which had relocated to Sherman, Texas, three years earlier.

The state legislature offered free tuition, laundry, room, and board to select students willing to become public school teachers after graduation. They promised to teach one year for each year of assistance received. Under the direction of Principal Bernard Mellon, who reported to the state board of education, the Sam Houston Normal Institute opened on October 10, 1879, with a curriculum composed of professional and pedagogy courses.



*Old Main building in 1895.*

Students were admitted on the basis of competitive examinations and hailed from each senatorial district in the state. The first commencement of May 1880 included thirty-seven graduates followed by fifty-five graduates in 1881. Enrollment continued to increase steadily and in 1923 reached a total of 1,089 students taught by fifty-six faculty members.

Consistent with educational values emerging in the United States during the Progressive Era, the Sam Houston curriculum expanded in 1909 beyond teacher education to include home economics, industrial training, and vocational agriculture. In 1911, the state legislature established a board of regents to govern the Sam Houston Normal Institute and authorized a four-year curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. The first B.A. degree was conferred in 1919. Taking into account the more diverse curriculum and broader role and scope, the

board of regents in 1923 christened the institution Sam Houston State Teacher’s College, although at the time none of the faculty had earned the Ph.D. degree. During the next five years, President H. F. Estill hired four new faculty members with doctoral degrees.

In 1935, Sam Houston further transcended its teacher training mission. The board of regents had authorized bachelor’s degrees in business administration, and the first graduates received diplomas in the spring of 1937. The bicentennial of Texas independence in 1936 had also occasioned establishment of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum as an affiliate of Sam Houston State Teacher’s College, and the board of regents had authorized a graduate program, which produced three Master of Arts degrees in 1937. Sam Houston’s president, Charles N. Shaver, then decided that the curriculum also needed to be expanded to accommodate



the needs of students interested in pursuing postgraduate training in law, dentistry, and medicine, and in 1938-1939, he added advanced undergraduate courses in biology, chemistry, physics, English, government, and history. In the fall of 1938, Sam Houston enrolled 1,112 students.

Enrollment took a hit in 1942, however, when World War II drew so many young men and women into the military and defense industries. In the fall semester of 1942, less than a year after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, total student enrollment at Sam Houston had plunged to 786 students. Following the war's conclusion Congress passed the G.I. Bill in 1946, making it financially easier for veterans to enroll in college. As a result student numbers climbed and Sam Houston enrolled more than 1,100 students that year.

Worried about housing so many new students, Sam Houston acquired 837 acres of land formerly used as a prisoner-of-war camp for German POWs. "Country Campus," as it became known, was located about ten miles north of Huntsville on Highway 19. Two years later, enrollment reached 2,410 students, of whom more than 1,000 were veterans. The faculty consisted of fifty men and women.

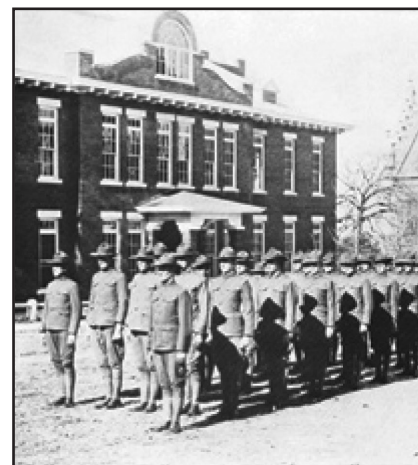
In 1950, Harmon Lowman, who had been Sam Houston's president since 1946, negotiated a deal to acquire a used, 1,075-ton refrigeration system. Installation of the unit and construction of the duct work necessary to make it operational consumed several years, but the project's completion rendered Sam Houston the first and only fully air-conditioned college in the United States. Summer school enrollment immediately increased, however, the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 slowed enrollment once again, and

in 1952, Sam Houston began to sponsor a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) unit. Because ROTC was mandatory, more than half of all male students were active in the program, which helped set the tone for campus social life. The broadening of Sam Houston's mission also produced changes in the profile of college graduates. In 1960, more than one quarter of Sam Houston students majored in fields other than teacher education.

In 1964-1965, Sam Houston State Teacher's College experienced three changes that would significantly reshape its future reputation. President Arleigh Templeton, who had succeeded Harmon Lowman in 1964, added research to faculty responsibilities; 259 people now had the charge to teaching and to produce new knowledge. Additionally, in response to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Sam Houston ended its eighty-three year-old policy of denying admission to African Americans. John Patrick, valedictorian of Huntsville's Sam Houston High School, subsequently matriculated as Sam Houston's first African-American student. Furthermore, the state legislature established on campus the Institute of Contemporary Corrections and Behavioral Sciences, whose criminal justice program was destined to generate national recognition. Enrollment in 1964 reached 5,738 students, and Sam Houston no longer served the monolithic mission of teacher education. Because the college offered nine degrees in twenty-seven subject areas, including four graduate degrees, the legislature designated it Sam Houston State College. In 1969, when enrollment reached 8,594, with 350 faculty members, the state legislature acted again, and Sam Houston State College became Sam Houston State University.

During the next four decades, under the leadership of Presidents Elliot T. Bowers, Martin J. Anisman, Bobby K. Marks, and James F. Gaertner, Sam Houston State University continued to grow — in size, mission, and reputation. By the fall of 2010, when Dr. Dana Gibson inherited the mantle of the president's office, the university offered to its 17,200 plus students a total of seventy-nine undergraduate degree programs, fifty-four master's degree programs, and doctoral programs in Criminal Justice, Educational Leadership, Counselor Education, Clinical Psychology, and Reading. The university had become, in the words of CBS News anchor Dan Rather, its most well-known alumnus, a gem in Texas higher education.

"For all the changes, for all the expansion of infrastructure, mission, and educational ambition," Rather said, "people have been Sam Houston's constant. The names and faces change, but the spirit they have brought to and taken away from Huntsville, Texas remains the same. People are Sam Houston's strength, and so long as that is true, the college I knew and that today's students know will be, in the ways that matter most, one and the same."



*1919 Student Army Training Corp.*

# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

*Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, Dean*

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

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

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



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

# COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

*Dr. Vincent J. Webb, Dean*

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Vincent J. Webb, Dean



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

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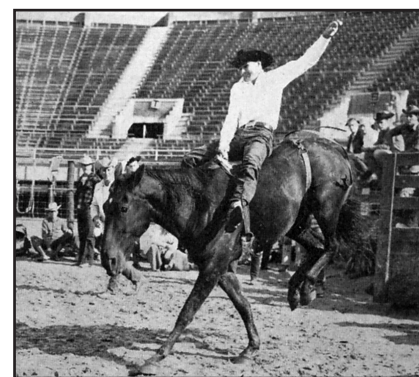
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# COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND MASS COMMUNICATION

*Dr. Mary E. Robbins, Acting Dean*

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, the newest college at Sam Houston State University, we offer our hearty congratulations on your accomplishment. We are immensely proud of your success.

For you, our graduates, this ceremony marks the end of four years of effort, of learning, of growing and of becoming. It marks a transition from living life as a formative artist to growing into a professional life of what Leland Ryken calls the liberated imagination. As graduates you have been trained and guided to possess what can be thought of as the poetic imagination. You possess the ability to bring into being the “as if” world created by musicians, painters, sculptors, filmmakers, choreographers, and composers, and to be in some manner a participant in the artists’ world reaching as far back as the cave and ahead to the stars.

Yet with every end comes a beginning. Today you stand at the cross point of many social and cultural forces as you enter your professional lives. Without any claim to the heroism of a Resistance fighter in the Second World War, I nevertheless quote the French poet Rene Char’s view that Resistance fighters like himself “lost their treasure” when they returned to the “sad opaqueness of a private life centered about nothing but itself.” Char did not feel loss because he yearned for war or violence but because he recalled a time when people took initiatives, became challengers, and embarked on new beginnings. This, graduates, is our charge to you.

No less a philosopher than Sandra Bullock reminds us that “beginnings are usually scary and endings are usually sad, but it’s the middle that counts. You have to remember this when you find yourself at the beginning.” We wish you all the best as you find yourself at this scary beginning. Remember that you always have a home at Sam Houston State University and the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication.

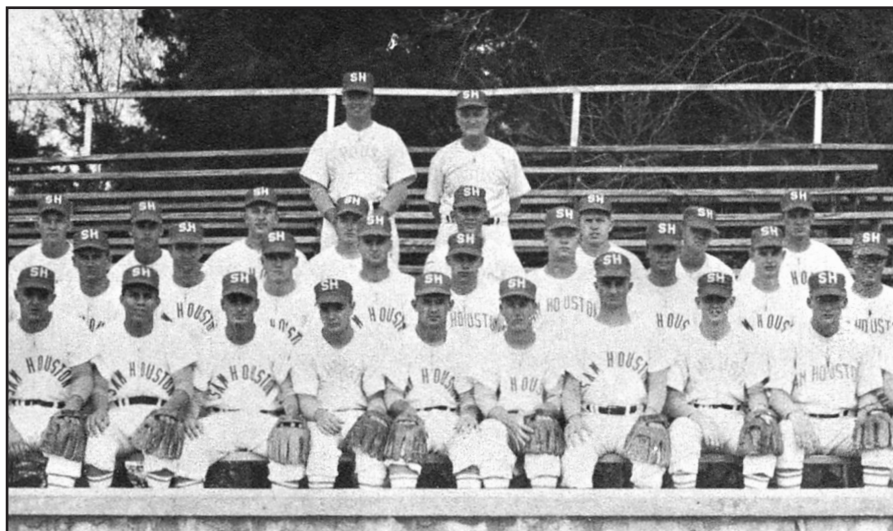


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*In 1937, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt addressed the student body.*



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

### *Master Degree Candidates*

Crystal J. Lewis, MFA  
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Vicky Prothro Williamson, MM  
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Melissa Jordan Barnett, BFA  
Valerie Luba Barto, BFA  
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Daniel Thomas Becker, BA  
Zachary Aaron Birdsong, BA  
Adrienne B. Bishop, BA  
Quintin Joseph Blackwell, BA  
Jerat-Mykle B. Blanton, BA  
Jordan B. Bontke, BA  
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Summer Gale Brewster, BFA  
Christina Casella Brinkley, BFA  
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Andrew Thomas Brown, BA  
Hilary Allyson Bryant, BFA  
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Adrian Rene Carrizales, BM  
Victoria Blair Carrizales, BFA  
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Shirley Cheung, BA

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Prudence Rose McAlister Cloutier, BFA  
Stephanie Ann Coffman, BA  
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Cynthia Grace Conner, BFA  
Terrin J. Cooper, BFA  
James Cronin, BFA  
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Cody Dennington, BA  
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Jessica Elizabeth Hernandez, BM  
Anthony James Hicks, BM  
Meghan Kathleen Hite, BA  
Jessie Tyler Hobson, BA  
Erik Floyd Holm, BFA  
Mitchell David Horn, BA  
Casey Leigh Hughes, BA  
Shauna Elaine Humbird, BA  
Skyler Hurt, BA  
Joanne Iglesias, BA  
Shohei Iwahama, BFA  
Erin Christine Izbrand, BFA  
Darel Jamar Johnson, BFA  
Crystal Lakendra Jones, BA  
Weston Sterling Jones, BFA  
Jeremy Spence Kane, BFA



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





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

Matthew Joseph Kaye, BM  
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Chesley Elizabeth Kirk, BA  
Angela Keeley Labbe, BM  
Stephanie Aimee Lacayo, BA  
Christopher Ernesto Lara, BA  
Tracy-Chui Ying Lau, BA  
Stephen Moroni Lee, BFA  
Kathrine Ann Levee, BFA  
Heather Diane Limmer, BFA  
Jeffrey Stephen Lindquist, BFA  
Jessica Naomi MacKenzie-Williams, BA  
Michael Joseph Aaron Madro, BFA  
Jennie Catherine Malone, BM  
Patricia L. Marquez, BA  
Heath Garrett Martin, BM  
Sarah Lynn Mathews, BA  
Jackson Josh Mayes, BA  
Carter Scott McEachern, BFA  
Destinee Rea McGinnis, BFA  
Kyle Jordan McGuire, BA  
Delia Azure McLuckie, BFA  
Seth Matthew McPhail, BFA  
Sara Marie Means, BFA  
Sofia Araceli Medrano, BA  
Kaitlin Michael, BA  
Clayton Douglas Mitchell, BA  
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Virginia Kay Purswell, BFA  
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Geoffrey William Rascher, BA  
Zakiya Reed, BFA  
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Jackie Nicole Robb, BA  
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Carolina Rodriguez, BA  
Nikki J. Rogers, BA  
Kathryn Taylor Rose, BFA  
Rebecca Ann Routzon, BFA  
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Carl Bennett Schmidt, BFA  
Courtney Ashlynn Schoenemann, BA  
Kyle Elizabeth Scholl, BFA  
Kristin N. Schwarz, BA  
Richard Craig Scott Jr., BFA  
Alina Kay Seiter, BFA  
Grace Ann Sharp, BA  
Joseph Ramsey Shepherd, BFA  
Hannah L. Shields, BA  
Hannah Marie Sikkenga, BFA  
Megan Nicole Simmons, BFA  
Leslie Maureen Sinclair, BFA  
Julia Christine Six, BFA  
Charles Anthony Murray Sombrio, BA  
Steviee Roberta Kylilah Southerland, BFA  
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Robert Alan Terrill, BA  
David Joshua Thomas, BM  
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Margaret Jae Topelian, BFA  
Kaitlin Anne Trammell, BFA  
Ruben Nicholas Treviño, BFA  
Vilija Kristina Tuminas, BFA  
Amy Renéé Turek, BA  
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Kayce R. Walters, BFA  
Cameron K. Wells, BA  
Michael Anthony Whitsitt, BA  
Shelina Elyse Widner, BFA  
Cole Gregory Wisner, BFA  
Kathryn Michelle Wood, BFA  
Robby Lee Yarber, BM  
Kathryn Sunmi Young, BM



TV news celebrity Dan Rather graduated from Sam in 1953.

# COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

*Dr. John M. de Castro, Dean*

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, I congratulate you on your achievement.

This is a day that we know you've worked hard for and at times thought would never come. But, you've persevered. Success in life is to some extent determined by inborn ability. Yet, even more important for success is the ability to set goals and not let momentary setbacks or bumps in the road deter you from achieving your goal. Resilience to withstand the frustrations produced by human imperfections, not letting the outside difficulties derail your march toward success, and shaking off setbacks are the cornerstones of a successful life.

Another key to a happy and successful life is to rigorously maintain your personal integrity. Being a consistently honest, moral, and principled person leads to success in every aspect of life. When your word is your bond and what you say is the same as what you believe and what you do, others know that they can trust you. Trust is the foundation of success in all interactions with others, in business, friendship, and relationships. Integrity leads not only to external success but also, and more importantly to inner happiness and pride. Remember the word inside your class ring that inspired Sam Houston himself, "honor."

We know that your families and friends are very proud of you and likely have played a significant role in supporting you in concrete or emotional ways. Because we understand that nothing is ever achieved alone, we congratulate your family and friends as they share in your success. We also want you to know how proud and happy the faculty, staff, and administration of CHSS are in being part of your success. Educating students for success in their careers as well as their intellectual and personal lives is our mission and the source of tremendous satisfaction for all of us.

It has been said that the mission of a university is the creation of the future. You are the instruments through which we fulfill that promise. By being successful you make us successful. It's difficult to predict your exact future accomplishments. Your careers will take many surprising and unpredictable twists and turns and your actual accomplishments will likely be very different from those that we currently envision. But, I guarantee that this class of 2012 will accomplish great things, that you will become the leaders of the future, and that you will inspire and support the next generation to create their future.

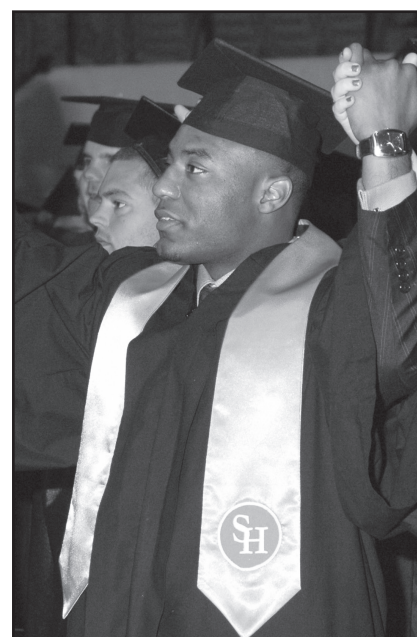


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Danelle Aubrey Darvishian, MA  
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Michelle Nicole Farrell, MA  
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Ernie Gonzalez Jr., MA  
Douglas Stephen Haines, MA  
Patricia Janell Hale, MA  
Mitchell Lewis Hall, MA  
Wendy Cheri Voelkle Hanks, MA  
Michelle R. Johnson, MA



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

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Patricia Manzur, SSP  
Christopher Daniel Marek, MA  
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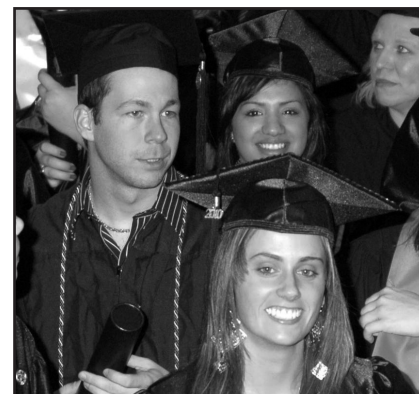
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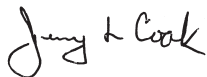
*Sam Houston State University is known for a diverse student body and friendly atmosphere.*

# COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

## *Dr. Jerry L. Cook, Acting Dean*

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

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



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## Office of Alumni Relations

The Alumni Association exists to serve and sustain the Sam Houston State University alumni network. Serving the best interests of our members is a top priority, and it is our hope that you find your membership worthy of continuing for years to come. Whether you become a life member or choose to renew your membership each year, you are important to the Alumni Association and the university. A strong university is the result of a strong alumni association. We need your continued support each year to ensure SHSU remains an outstanding public university.

Your ability to connect with your alumni network is your most valuable SHSU asset — right up there with your SHSU

degree. Ultimately, a strong alumni network enhances the value of a SHSU degree. More than 8,000 alumni have already discovered that the best way to stay connected and show their Bearkat pride is to join the alumni association.

In addition to such tangible benefits as the Kat Konnection Newsletter, lapel pin and the automobile decal, one of the primary benefits of membership is knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of students, faculty and staff here at Sam Houston State University. Each year the association provides financial support for student scholarships.

Advantages of Alumni Association membership:

- Invitation to special events
- Access to Career Services
- Alumni networking
- Alumni publications
- Monthly Sam e-newsletter
- Alumni Savings Connection (check: [alumni.shsu.edu](http://alumni.shsu.edu) for discount listings)
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## Ring Tradition

### THE OFFICIAL RING OF SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

The Official Sam Houston State University Ring has been created as an everlasting symbol of our esteem for the university and our bond with each other. A committee that included students, alumni, faculty and university administration chose the design of the Official Ring in 2003. The committee's goal was to develop a distinctive design that would reflect pride in Sam Houston State University, be easily identifiable, and stand the test of time.

Cast into the inside of the ring is the word "Honor." When Sam Houston joined the U.S. Army in 1813, Elizabeth Houston (Sam Houston's mother) understood her son's decision. She called Sam to her side and handed him a musket saying "never disgrace it: for remember I had rather all my sons should fill one honorable grave, than one of them should turn his back to save his life." She told him to always remember, "while the door to my cottage is open

to brave men, it is eternally shut against cowards." Elizabeth Houston placed a small gold band on his finger with a one-word inscription — **HONOR**.

The Official Ring Ceremony is held each spring. Please visit us online at [alumni.shsu.edu](http://alumni.shsu.edu) for additional details. Participants are required to RSVP with the Office of Alumni Relations to reserve their space at least one week prior to the ceremony.

# See Sam Houston... Inspire, Empower, Enrich

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

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

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

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

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- Classified as a "Doctoral Research University" by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, placing SHSU in top 7% of all U.S. colleges & universities.
- Recognized by Princeton Review as one of the "Best in the West" universities.
- Criminal Justice College ranked in U.S. Top 5, Journal of Criminal Justice
- Master's program in History, 14th largest after Yale.
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- Nationally recognized programs in Business, Fine Arts, Education, Mathematics and Criminal Justice.

## Auld Lang Syne

*I*

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

*Chorus:*

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

*II*

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

*Chorus:*

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