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Between the Lines

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Kicking it off....

- The Winter 2016 issue of *The Baylor Line* has been delayed a bit but will be out soon. We have been feverishly updating our database, but if you didn't receive either the last issue in October or the year-end Legacy Scholarship Fund mail solicitation, please update your contact information on either our website or with a note to Membership Services Director Kellie Juandiego at kellie@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com.
- The new issue of *The Baylor Line* will feature 18 pages of alumni milestones and accomplishments and final farewells in Down the Years, with three eulogies written by friends and reporters. If you have lost a loved one but were comforted by someone's final salute, please send a copy of it to BaylorLine@BaylorAlumniAssociation and we'll consider running it in our Spring issue, which will be out in early May.
- We're looking for your story ideas! If you are (or you know) a Baylor alum or faculty member who has achieved a milestone, celebrated a special anniversary, passed away, or is working on something really interesting, please let us know by [clicking here on our Story Ideas form](#).

Recently Published on the Line Notes Blog

- [Getting to Know...Judy \(Pace\) Christie '78.](#) Author's young-adult book, "Wreath, A Girl," is optioned by Hollywood producer.
- [Getting to Know...Brothers-in-law Joseph DeWoody '05, MBA '06, and Ryan Haggerty '06](#) receive praise for their mineral-rights royalty company's ethical behavior from two Tarrant County business organizations (and if you're a football fan, you'll likely remember DeWoody).
- [BAA Expands Hotel-Discount Benefit](#), with sharp increase in number of places members and friends can stay.

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Alumni (And Future Alumni) News

- **Jim Price, BA and JD '54 and Betty Price '59**, longtime BAA members (Life Members 22 and 23) were featured in a [Valentine's Day Salute by WFAA-TV in Dallas/Fort Worth](#). The couple will celebrate their 54th anniversary this year and

received a number of nice comments on the BAA's Facebook page.

- **Martha Whiteman Rogers '57** recently published a contemporary novella, Garden of Love; Book 1 of the collection, Where Love Grows. Her three-book series, Love in the Bayou City of Texas, was also released in 2015. She now has 19 novels and novellas published. She and her husband Rex live in Houston, Texas where they are active in Houston's First Baptist Church. Martha can be reached at marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net
- **Earl Patrick '66** and Barbara Jo (Tennison) Patrick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 30, 2016, with family. The Patricks have three sons and two grandchildren.
- Two Baylor Law School grads are running against each in Bell County in the Republican primary for the 426th District Court judgeship. Incumbent **Fancy Jezek, J.D. '80**, is running against **Jeff Parker '96, J.D. '99** in the March 1 primary. There is nobody running on the Democratic side. Jezek completed her 10th year on the bench at the end of 2015. She was appointed to the court in 2007 by former Gov. Rick Perry, was elected in 2009, and re-elected in 2013. She presides over felony criminal cases and a family law docket and lives in Temple with her husband. Jezek practiced criminal law in Bell County for 27 years before being appointed to the bench. A resident of Belton, Parker has worked in Dallas and in Bell County. He came to Bell County to stay in 2006 and practices with his wife, Susan, also a lawyer. He's been a volunteer prosecutor for the city of Kempner and a special prosecutor for both Bell County and Morgan's Point Resort. Parker is vice president of the Bell County Bar Association.
- **Ross Bird '81** is now a Service Advisor at Land Rover Dallas.
- **Beth Reese '81** is now a Medicare Supplemental Plans agent at GoMedigap in Round Rock, TX.
- **Jon Foster '84** has won the Earl M. Collier Award for Distinguished Health Care Administration, the Texas Hospital Association's highest honor. Foster is president of the HCA America Groups and oversees 80 hospitals across 10 states. He's also a Baylor parent with two daughters currently enrolled at Baylor.
- **Jeff Johnson '85** has been named president and chief operating officer of Tyndale House, the largest publisher of Christian books in the world. Jeff started in the stockroom at Tyndale shortly after his graduation from Baylor.
- **Kristen Seeber '85, MS '91**, has been named the new president and CEO of The Women's Fund of Smith County. The Women's Fund is a collective giving circle, whereby members annually pledge financial contributions that result in high-impact grants that benefit the lives of Smith County women and children. Seeber has 30 years of leadership experience in the non-profit world and worked for Baylor, among other employers.
- **Sonia Kim Uber '96, MS '99**, a Korean Studies lecturer at Baylor, spoke to about 200 soldiers in the 91st Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood who were preparing for a nine-month deployment to South Korea.
- **John Davidson Robertson '06** is now a Tax Incentives Professional at R&D Tax Savers in Syosset, NY.
- **Graham Gourley '06** is a Mitigation Estimator/Coordinator at Jenkins Restoration in Charlotte, NC.
- **Jason Reaux '08** is now area sales manager at Lennox Industries in Atlanta.
- **Daniel Buck, MFA '10**, has received tenure from Lee University of Cleveland, TX. Buck is an assistant professor of theatre; teaches classes in acting, directing, and dramatic literature; and directs many of the theatre productions at Lee. Dan has worked as a professional actor and improviser in the Boston and Orlando areas, and he created a high school theatre program for a private school which he directed for five years.

- **Christine Simper-Agee '11** is now a senior manager at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar in the Dallas area.
- **Hunter Moore '12** is now a support technician at Rackspace in San Antonio.
- **Celina Brown '13, MS '15, and Joshua Wrzesinski '14** have announced their engagement. Celina is a licensed speech language pathologist with Care Options for Kids in Temple, TX, and Joshua is employed with Acer computers in Temple as a programmer and web designer. Their wedding is set for March 12.
- **Callie Jo Clevenger '13** is a substitute teacher at CMCSS in Clarksville, TN.
- **Joshua Pagonis '13** works in business analytics for PNC in Pittsburgh, PA.
- **Nathanael Dunn '14** is an enterprise business executive at BrightEdge in San Francisco.
- **Joshua Clemons '15** is a data warehouse analyst at Lockheed Martin in Dallas. He previously served four years in the United States Air Force as a material manager and played basketball at Baylor during the 2013-14 season.
- **John Cooney Jr. '15** is now a Client Solutions Executive at AT&T in Atlanta
- **Arnett Cavel '15** is now a Dallas County Elections Assistant Technician.
- **Cameron Budd '15** is an Oracle Marketing Cloud Consultant at Oracle in Waco.
- **Andrew Rodriguez '16** is now a legal intern at the law office of **Stan Schwieger, JD '91** in Waco.
- **Senior Niya Johnson** has been named one of the 10 finalists for the Nancy Lieberman Award, given to the nation's point guard by the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. She is a two-time finalist for the award, which was won in 2014 by Baylor's **Odyssey Sims '14**.
- **Senior Taurean Price** has been named as one of the 10 finalists for the second annual Karl Malone Award presented to the nation's top power forward in college basketball.
- **Junior Shawn Oakman** recorded two sacks and forced a fumble in the Senior Bowl, winning Defensive MVP honors for the South team. He is leaving Baylor early to enter the NFL draft.
- **Freshman Wil London** has been honored as the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's Male Athlete of the Year for winning the 200 and 400 meters at the TAAF's Games of Texas as a high-school senior last summer. London's 200-meter time ranked sixth in the nation. In a different meet, his time in the 400 meters ranked third in the nation. London runs the leadoff leg on Baylor's 4x400 relay team that recorded the nation's third-fastest time in 2015.
- Incoming freshman and Baylor Lady Bears basketball signee **Lauren Cox** has been selected as a semi-finalist for the 2015-16 Naismith High School Trophy presented by Hilton Worldwide, one of just 10 players nationally to earn the honor. Finalists for the award will be announced on Feb. 23.

Fond Farewells

Please note that we cannot always provide the deceased's graduation year from Baylor, particularly if they are not a BAA member or their information is not available elsewhere. We apologize and mean no disrespect. While we don't run photographs of the deceased in this newsletter, we would appreciate you sending them, with graduation years, to baylorline@bayloralumniassociation.com for use in the magazine.

Two well-known Baylor alums passed away peacefully over this past weekend:

- **Rev. Buckner Fanning '49**, a beloved pastor who was known throughout the San Antonio community, passed away Feb. 14 at the age of 89. You can [read a longer salute to Rev. Fanning in the San Antonio Express News at this link](#), but his list of accomplishments and "firsts" for his church is long: Fanning, who received the BAA's George W. Truett Distinguished Church Service Award in 2000 and served as

a Baylor Regent, built Trinity Baptist Church into a megachurch that at one time had 10,000 people on its rolls and retired from there after 40+ years of service. He appeared on the cover of Newsweek magazine in January 1957 after just a few years of ministry, and appealed to many people outside the Baptist church. While at Baylor, he preached at weekend revivals around Waco and was inspired by Howard E. Butt Jr. to give his life to the ministry. Before going to Trinity, he founded the Buckner Fanning Evangelistic Foundation at close friend Billy Graham's urging and as he approached retirement at Trinity, he led the development of a Christian school. In between, he led the integration of Trinity and was a leader among Southern Baptists in supporting interfaith services, long before that was as prevalent as it is today. Buckner is survived by his wife, Martha; sons Mike and Steve and daughter Lisa and their families; five grandchildren; and tens of thousands of his parishioners who will cherish his memory.

- **Steven Stucky** '71, a 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner and noted composer, passed away Feb. 14 in Ithaca, NY, at the age of 66. Stucky had been a longtime composer-in-residence for the Los Angeles Philharmonic, professor emeritus of composition at Cornell University; and on the Juilliard School composition faculty. He won the Pulitzer for his Second Concerto for Orchestra, and was also honored for his 2008 oratorio "August 4, 1964;" his symphonic poems "Silent Spring" (2011) and Radical Light (2007); and his 2014 comic opera "The Classical Style: An Opera (Of Sorts). [Here's a link to Steven's obituary in the New York Times.](#) He is survived by his wife, Kristen, and two children.
- **Etta Brittain East** '40 passed away Jan. 25, 2016, at her home in Bryan, TX, at the age of 96. She was married for 62 years to Charles Dubose East for 62 years before his death in 2003. Etta taught high school before starting a family and then returned to teaching for a number of years when her daughters were older. She was an avid reader and beautiful letter writer and a lifelong sports fan. She is survived by her sister, Ruth Averitt; three daughters, six grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.
- **Edward Baldwin Boettcher** '43 of Brenham, TX, passed away Dec. 13, 2015, at the age of 94. Ed served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Africa and the European Theater, rising to the rank of Personnel Sergeant Major. He owned and operated a building center for 52 years in Brenham and was responsible for the development of numerous subdivisions and construction of many homes in the area. Ed was a charter member of the Industrial Foundation, serving as president for five terms. Ed was preceded in death by Lucile, his wife of 68 years and a 1997 BAA Alumni by Choice; his parents; and his brother **Joseph Clinton Boettcher** '48. He is survived by his daughter, **Beverly Love** '69; son Ben Boettcher; four grandchildren, including **Sara Hardy** '95 and **Jason Williams** '97; 10 grandchildren; and his sister **Joyce Wagner** '52.
- **Royce Jane Martin** '49 of Albuquerque, NM, passed away March 11, 2015, at the age of 88. She received her MBA from the University of New Mexico in 1955 and her Ph.D. in Education from the same school in 1971. She is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Bob Martin; son Chip and daughter Robyn Martin Taylor; and four grandchildren.
- **Whitsitt Myles Shelton Jr.** '50 of Waco passed away Feb. 5, 2016, at the age of 88. Whit served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific; in Shanghai, China, until the Communist takeover; and during the Korean conflict. He was a 50-year members of the Boy Scouts of America and the Masons. He is survived by his wife of more than 65 years, Katy McGregor Shelton; three sons (Myles, Mark, and Mikel and their spouses; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
- **Richard Haskell Roach** '50 passed away Feb. 3, 2016, in Garland at the age of 87. After graduation, Richard served in the U.S. Navy and returned to Garland in 1955 where he started an insurance agency in the family feed store that ultimately turned

into Roach Howard Smith & Hunter, one of the largest independently owned insurance brokerage firms in Texas, with offices in Dallas, Ft. Worth, and San Antonio. Richard served as president, CEO and chairman of the board for the firm for 40 years and also served as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT). In 1996, he was honored with the Drexel Forman Award, the IIAT's highest honor. He was the organizing director and chairman of the board of Security Bank of Garland, and was active in the community in a number of leadership roles. He also served as chairman of the Baptist Church Loan Corporation, the Baylor University Development Council, and the Baylor Hankamer School of Business Advisory Board. Richard was an avid golfer, Baylor sports fan, and loved to travel with his wife of 53 years, Patricia, who survives him along with three children and four grandchildren.

- **Kitty Snelling '55** passed away Jan. 27, 2016 at the age of 82. While at Baylor, Kitty was president of the Athenean Club and one of the first women to graduate from the business school. Her first job after graduation was as a stewardess for American Airlines and met and married Taylor French Snelling, who passed away in 2013 after 53 years of marriage. Kitty was well-known for her work in the corporate relocation world and received numerous awards and led a number of professional organizations. Kitty also was instrumental in helping the Athenean Club affiliate with Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and served for five years as KKG State Reference Chairman. She is survived by her three sons, Ty, Clay, and Troy and their wives; nine grandchildren; and her brother Terry and his wife Brenda.
- **Dr. Charles Dale Coln '57** passed away Jan. 5, 2016 at the age of 82. Dr. Coln received his degree from Baylor in Chemistry; graduated from Baylor Medical School in Houston in 1961; and then completed an internship in internal medicine at Jefferson Davis Hospital. Dale and his medical school classmate, Shirley Jane Kindberg, were married in 1962 before moving to Dallas to finish his medical studies. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Coln established and was director of the Pediatric Trauma Unit at Parkland Memorial Hospital, the first trauma unit in the United States designated solely for pediatric patients; was named "Best Doctor for Your Kids" by D Magazine for four years; and received numerous distinguished service and lifetime achievement awards, including being named a Giant of Surgery by Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. Dale is survived by his wife of 54 years, Shirley Jane Kindberg Coln; their five children and their families; and 20 grandchildren.
- **Clay Jack Reeves '58** passed away Feb. 27, 2015, at the age of 77. He was a retired U.S. Air Force and TWA Airline pilot. He is survived by his wife, Janice Rogers Reeves; two daughters, Jacqueline Reeves and Rachel Hagelin; two grandchildren; and his sister, Helen Kay Slape.
- **Jack Sisson Whitlow '59** of Virginia Beach, VA, passed away Dec. 21, 2015 at age 79. After graduation he was employed by Austin Engraving in Waco as a commercial artist. He later worked for Texas A&M Press and the Houston Chronicle. He was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco where he served on and coordinated the student bus ministry. He later moved to Virginia where he was self-employed as an artist with Artists-at-Work and the D'Art Center in Norfolk. He received numerous awards and recognition for his artistic talent and creativity using numerous art mediums. He is survived by his sister, Jane Brewer of Virginia Beach; and his niece, **Jacqueline Loftis Johnson '85** and her husband Kevin of Carthage, Missouri.
- **David Lloyd Jones Sr. '60** passed away Feb. 6, 2016, at the age of 78. He was born in Gatesville, TX, and was a banker and longtime administrator of a drug and alcohol treatment program. He is survived by his daughter Kira and son David Jones Jr. and their families; four grandchildren; five stepchildren; and his brother Van.
- **Fay Hitt**, a longtime secretary to the Baylor Director of Libraries and the Director of

Advancement, passed away Jan. 16, 2016, at the age of 96. She is survived by her son, Larry Hitt, and daughter Candace Hitt Love and their families; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Waco:** The John F. Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship will host the fifth annual Baylor New Venture Competition on Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27 in the Foster Campus for Business and Innovation. The competition is a two-day, dual-round business plan and speed-pitch competition intended to promote entrepreneurship and small-business development. This year, 146 applications were received from 83 universities in the preliminary round. More than \$138,000 in prizes will be awarded, and 12 finalists will compete this year. For more information, [click here to go to the event website.](#)
- **Dallas Area: Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing** will conduct its fifth annual Going for the Gold Gala Saturday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel in Dallas. Noah Galloway, a wounded U.S. Army war veteran and finalist on "Dancing With the Stars," will be the keynote speaker. The program also will feature Saralinda Garcia, a Navy medic and veteran of the war in Iraq and a 2010 Herrington School graduate, as well as Dallas Cowboys receiver and former Baylor Bear Terrance Williams. Tickets are \$200 per plate or \$2,500 for a table for 10. For more information, click [here](#) and click on "Going for the Gold Gala," call (214) 808-9802 or email nursinggala@baylor.edu.
- **Washington, D.C. Area:** The Elisabet Ney Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are inviting Baylor graduates in the area to a March 6 Sunday Brunch and Presentation by Dr. Kenneth R. Stevens on Lone Star Diplomacy: The History of the Texas Legation in Washington, 1836-1845. The event costs \$45 per person and will be held at the Army Navy Country Club at 1700 Army Navy Drive in Arlington, VA 22202. Please RSVP by Feb. 29 to Priscilla Roberts at ddaywarrior@aol.com.

University News

- The Baylor Board of Regents ended a tough couple of weeks with the announcement late Friday afternoon of an "action plan" to prevent sexual violence on campus and improve services for impacted victims. [Here's a link to the press release;](#) other stories and editorials on this topic can be found on our Facebook page and through Google.
- Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing in Dallas has received a \$652,800 grant to fund a four-story medical facility in India. The grant goes toward the Simulation Education and Research Centre for Nursing Excellence in Bengaluru. The building will house up to 48 nurses at Bangalore Baptist Hospital, and students and staff will be trained there in simulation and nursing education.
- [Interesting article by Baylor Communications takes readers behind the scenes with Sing's Student Production Committee](#)

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