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Between the Lines

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In This Issue: New Baylor Line, Renewals and Sustaining Donations, and Legacy Scholarship application process opens,

Important BAA News:

- The newest issue of the *Baylor Line* will be mailed later this week to members. [Keep an eye on our website](#) for some bonus content and opportunities to discuss the report on student debt by Baylor Professor Robert Cloud and University of Louisiana-Lafayette Professor Richard Fossey. We will also be posting an electronic version of the *Baylor Line* this week on our website.
- After you take a look at the issue, we hope that [Annual Members will consider renewing their memberships](#) and that [Life Members will consider a Sustaining Donation](#) to support legacy scholarships, greater frequency of the *Baylor Line*, or litigation defense.
- Children of Baylor legacy families who are attending or plan to attend Baylor in the fall [can now apply for the BAA Legacy Scholarship](#). The entire process has been streamlined (everything is now online). The deadline for applications is May 30. If you have friends whose children may be eligible, please consider forwarding this e-mail (or the link) to them if they're not BAA members. BAA membership is not a requirement for this scholarship.

Recent Posts on the Line Notes blog:

- [Looking for a new book?](#) The BAA is beginning to build a list of books by Baylor alumni and professors. We will receive 4% of the purchase price for anyone using the Amazon link provided on the new page. We also welcome suggestions for books to add to the list.
- [Ryan Sprayberry '12 brings passion for storytelling to Texas Sports Hall of Fame.](#) The museum's new collections manager comes home to Texas and Waco from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. This post is already VERY popular!
- [Apply Now! BAA Legacy Scholarship Process Now Open.](#) Information for Baylor undergrads, transfers, and incoming freshman on the \$1,000 scholarships for children of Baylor legacy families.
- [Reminder: Show your BAA membership card for 10% Bookstore discount.](#)
- [New BAA Benefit: Discount tickets for Houston Dash women's professional soccer](#)

Other News of Interest:

- A Broadway play penned by **Robert Askins, BFA '04**, has received five Tony nominations. Nominations for "Hand to God" include Best Play, Best Director, and

three acting awards. The play, which has been described as "ribald" and "raunchy," [received this review from the New York Times](#). The Tony Awards will be held on June 7.

- Baylor and Temple College have created a formal [Baylor Bound](#) transfer agreement that will help students transfer more easily between the two institutions. Baylor intends to create 10 such partnerships over the next five years and previously announced similar relationships with McLennan Community College in Waco, Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Blinn College in Brenham, and Collin College in McKinney.
- The Baylor Board of Regents has voted to name the university's School of Social work in honor of its inaugural dean, **Dr. Diana R. Garland**, who will step down from her position on June 1 to return to the faculty.
- **The Baylor Acrobatics and Tumbling team** won its first national championship last week, capping an undefeated season. Then the **women's golf and tennis teams** won the Big 12 Championships in both sports, bringing Baylor its 7th and 8th league championships this year -- a new school record for most conference titles in a season!
- The **Baylor Mock Trial team** won fifth place in its division and had three All-American award winners in the national championship tournament over the April 17 weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio. Harvard won the championship with a 15-1 record, but the one blemish on its record was a loss to the Bears. The three Baylor All-Americans are **sophomore Wimberly Dick and seniors Taylor Hoogendoorn and Christopher Clark**.
- **Dr. Devan Jonklass, PhD '03**, has won the Collins Outstanding Professor Award as voted on by the outgoing Baylor senior class. Dr. Jonklass, a senior lecturer in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is the ninth Baylor graduate to win the award in the past 12 years. He and his wife Hannah, BSFCS '04, were also featured on season one of HGTV's Fixer Upper.
- The university has created the **Center for Global Engagement Ambassador Program** to help more than 200 international students adapt to Baylor this fall. Mark Bryant, assistant director of International Student and Scholar Services, said he used this program during his time at the University of Tennessee and wanted to bring it to Baylor and expand it here.
- Junior running back **Silas "Salsa Nacho" Nacita** announced via Twitter that he will attend and play college football for Southwestern Assemblies of God University, an NAIA school in Waxahachie, TX. Nacita was ruled ineligible in February for receiving improper benefits and violating NCAA policy. He was homeless in Waco before accepting housing arrangements from an outside source.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Connecticut's largest Career Fair will connect recent graduates to top area employers with 200+ employers in attendance. The event will be held June 17 at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport, CT, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. [For more information and to register, go here.](#)

In Memoriam:

- **Brandon Emmons** of Waco passed away April 19 at the age of 44. A former city manager in Bridgeport, Trophy Club, and Gatesville, Brandon earned his bachelor's degree in history and political science and a master's degree in public administration from Baylor. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed many trips to Africa. He is survived by his fiancée, Amanda Hubbell of Waco; his parents William and Peggy Emmons of Grapeland; and a brother and sister. Memorial donations may be made to the Dallas Safari Club/Frontline Foundation, 5949 Sherry Lane, Suite 1700, Dallas TX 75225

- **Peggy Joyce Batson '56** of Waco passed away on April 22 at the age of 87. She enrolled at Baylor during World War II and returned to receive her degree in Elementary Education with minors in Spanish and Journalism in 1956. She was a long-time educator in the Waco public schools and finished her career at China Spring Elementary. She and her late husband George were members of Highland Baptist Church, where they were leaders of an adult Sunday School class for more than 40 years. Peggy is survived by her daughter, Suzy Moffatt, and a number of children and grandchildren.
- **Donald Ray Miller '48, J.D. 51**, passed away suddenly on April 20 at the age of 85. A Waco resident for his entire life, Donald was the "in-house real estate attorney" for Pioneer Savings & Loan Association for 34 years before starting a private real estate law practice, where he worked for 26 years before his retirement. Donald is survived by three children and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- **Audrey Emmet of Woodway** passed away April 21 at the age of 82. Audrey graduated from Baylor, where she was a member of the Newman Club. She raised four children and taught at St. Louis Elementary School and Reicher Catholic High School for 35 years. After retiring, she volunteered at Providence Hospital, often working at the information desk. She is survived by her four children, two grandchildren, and the thousands of students she taught who she considered her "kids."
- **Elbert Lee Weathers** passed away April 20 at the age of 91. He was an electrician for the U.S. Navy and a Baylor graduate who was married for 60 years to Olive Adelia "Dee" Guiles before she passed away. He is survived by a son and daughter, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.
- **Larry Dale Jones**, passed away April 25 at the age of 63. He was a cook at Baylor's Penland Hall for more than 20 years. He is survived by his sister, Bridgett Voss, and her husband Billy; and his nieces and nephews.

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