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## Between the Lines

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As we enter the final month of the 2015 tax year, please consider a tax-deductible contribution to the BAA Legacy Scholarship Fund. We provided 55 Legacy Scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Baylor alumni for the current school year. [You can read more about our terrific Legacy Scholars here.](#) There's a link to a page within each post that will enable you to make a contribution. \$500 will pay for a Spring Semester Scholarship, and \$1,000 will provide a student with a full-year Legacy Scholarship. If you received help writing your Baylor story, please consider helping a student write his or her Baylor story. Thank you.

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## Alumni News

- **Chaplain (Major) Perry W. Polk '62** was named Chaplain of the Year for 2015 at the Civil Air Patrol California Wing Conference in Newport Beach at the end of September. He had been serving as the California Wing Deputy Chaplain and Travis Composite Squadron 22 Chaplain. He is a Civil Air Patrol Mission Chaplain, Master Chaplain and has earned the Level IV Paul E. Garber Award. Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, he has been reassigned to be the Deputy Chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol Pacific Region, which encompasses the five Wings bordering the Pacific Ocean and Nevada. The primary duty of the Region Deputy Chaplain is to be dean of the annual region chaplain's staff college. Chaplain Polk is the Interim Rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Fairfield, CA, and Chaplain for Paradise Valley Estates retirement community.
- **Barrett Richards '72, JD '73**, of the Bell Nunnally & Martin law firm in Dallas was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2016* for his work in Health Care Law.
- **Ed Bashaw '80, MS '82, MBA '91**, will step down from his role as dean of the Arkansas Tech University College of Business to return to full-time teaching as of

July 1, 2016. He joined the Arkansas Tech faculty as dean and professor of marketing in summer 2010.

- **Steven C. Currall '82** has been named vice president for academic affairs and provost at SMU, effective Jan. 1, 2016. Currall, a psychological scientist, becomes SMU's chief academic officer as the University begins its second century of operation. He will oversee all aspects of academic life, including admission, faculty development, libraries, the curriculum and study abroad. He will supervise SMU's seven degree-granting schools and will hold departmental appointments in three of them. Most recently, Currall served as senior advisor for strategic projects and initiatives to the UC Davis chancellor, and previously served as dean of the Graduate School of Management at UC Davis.
- **Alan Goad '82** and **Chrisann Cunningham Goad '82** are on the move again. Alan is with KPMG in the Department of Professional Practice. They now reside in New York City.
- Identical twins **Linda Adams Witte '82** and **Cinda Adams Brooks '83** recently co-authored and published "Heartprints of Africa," a book about a missionary family's harrowing escape from a battle torn area of Uganda where Linda and her family served as missionaries. The story skips back to the 60's where the two graduates of Baylor's nursing program learned lessons from their parents, who were medical missionaries in the same area of Africa, that serve them as they fought for the survival of their families under fire. Linda and Cinda's parents, also Baylor graduates, are a part of four generations of Baylor Bears that include their Uncle Bill Adams, a retired Baylor physics professor.
- **USAF Colonel (Ret.) Jeff Thetford '88** retired this year after more than 26 years of service and has continued to serve the Air Force as a civilian analyst. His wife, **Cheri (Michael) Thetford '87**, is an Air Force a civilian contracting officer. They currently reside in Warner Robins GA. Their daughter Ashley is a sophomore at Baylor. Cheri and Jeff can be reached at [jlthetford@gmail.com](mailto:jlthetford@gmail.com)
- **Michael McLendon '91**, dean of the Baylor School of Education, is among 15 state education leaders who have been appointed to the Texas Commission on Next Generation Assessments and Accountability.
- **John Morrison, BBA/ MTAX '03**, was recently appointed executive director of the Alaska Trust Land Office (TLO) by Governor Bill Walker. Morrison has been instrumental in transforming the TLO into a sophisticated fixed asset manager and investor. Prior to becoming the executive director, Morrison served as Chief Administrative Officer and Deputy Director of the TLO. The TLO is charged with stewardship of and maximizing revenue from the 1MM-acre corpus of Trust Land located across Alaska and currently three additional states.
- **Matthew Shipes '08**, is a technical sergeant and euphoniumist with the Ceremonial Brass group of the U.S. Air Force Band. He is part of the American Tuba Quartet, which is made up of members from President Obama's U.S. Marine Band, the U.S. Air Force Band, and the U.S. Army Band
- **Amanda Crunk Westerfeld '10, MSed '13**, married Todd Westerfeld on Jan. 24, 2015. The couple live in Waco.
- **Levi Norwood '14** is leading the Baylor chapter of Uplifting Athletes, which is holding a Touchdown Pledge Drive during the Texas game on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. at McLane Stadium. The event is a signature fundraiser of the Uplifting Athletes nationwide network of 25 college football chapters led by student-athletes. For the Texas game, each touchdown the Bears score will support Cerebral palsy research. Fans can support the Touchdown Pledge Drive by [making a donation through the Bears' pledge site](#), where fans can choose an amount of money to pledge for each touchdown Baylor scores in the game.
- **Dolores Lozano '14** of Houston is the new assistant track and field coach at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. She is also a marketing consultant for ESPN Deportes.

- **Maria Medel '15** of Spring, TX, is now executive assistant to the CEO at Viswa Lab Corp.
- **Jacob Iman '16**, a senior University Scholar, is one of only 32 American university students – and the only one from a Texas university – to receive a 2016 Marshall Scholarship, which he will use to study at Oxford University. Iman studied at Oxford during the spring 2015 semester and also held a summer research internship at Oxford's Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies.

## University News

- Baylor's George W. Truett Theological Seminary is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year with a variety of programs and events that highlight both its history and future dedicated to preparing preachers, missionaries, and ministers to the world. Truett expanded two years ago by opening an Austin branch.
- Baylor ranks first among the nation's law schools – ahead of Yale and Harvard – as the law school with the highest percentage of “Super Lawyers” among its alumni. National Jurist magazine judged lawyers based on peer review, awards received, and community service undertaken in naming Super Lawyers. **Baylor Law School Dean Brad Toben, JD '77** also noted that the Princeton Review has called Baylor Law “the Marine Corps of law school” for its focus on discipline and workload demands.
- Baylor is looking at possibilities for an automated alert system to use with students abroad in light of the recent terror attacks in Paris, [according to an article in USA Today](#).
- Baylor Student Publications was chosen for 18 national awards, receiving five best-in-the-nation awards for individual Baylor journalists. The Baylor Lariat, Focus Magazine, BaylorLariat.com, and Roundup Yearbook were recognized as top news outlets in their fields for the 2014-15 school year, and the Lariat was named one of the top 10 collegiate newspapers by the Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Association.
- The Gathering on the Brazos, a national grassroots movement to cut across racial, socioeconomic and denominational divides with a worship and prayer service will return to McLane Stadium on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017, said Baylor Regent Emeritus Drayton McLane Jr. and Ramiro Peña, executive director of The Gathering and pastor of Christ the King Church in Waco. They emphasized the momentum built by the inaugural Gathering, which drew more than 35,000 people from across the country and other nations on Palm Sunday this year. Thousands more viewed the service via live television and live streaming nationally and internationally.
- A team of Baylor researchers is hoping to develop technology that will enable healthcare providers to recognize individuals who may be prone to falling before potentially life-threatening falls or accidents occur, particularly those involving seniors. The technology involves tracking movements during a person's daily physical activities, including walking, sitting, standing and reaching for household items. Right now, the movement is tracked in a lab where a person wears a body suit equipped with a number of sensors. “What the full-body suit allows us to do is monitor the body's position and motion while we are simultaneously monitoring the electromagnetic signals so we can correlate the body's positions with those magnetic signals,” said Dr. Brian Garner, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at Baylor who has teamed up with Dr. Yang Li, associate professor of electrical engineering and Dr. Garrison Benton, an orthopedic surgeon at Baylor Schott & White Hospital on the research.
- Baylor's Model Organization of American States (MOAS) returned from the Mock Organization of America States competition at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with 12 team and individual awards. The program prepares students to simulate the workings of the OAS, a regional body of the United Nations, according

to Dr. Joan Supplee, the Lynn Professor of History in the College of Arts and Sciences.

- **Ellen Filgo**, a reference librarian at Baylor, has created the [Waco Diaper Bank](#) to help low-income families running short of diapers between paychecks or trying to stretch their supply by deferring diaper changes. The project is underwritten by the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.

## In Memoriam

*Please note that we cannot always provide the deceased's graduation year from Baylor, particularly if they are not a member or their information is not available elsewhere. We apologize and mean no disrespect.*

- **Dorothy Campbell '48** passed away Oct. 14, 2015, in Dallas at the age of 91. Dot was baptized by Dr. George W. Truett and was the roommate of Ann Vardaman (later Ann Miller, who has been recognized as one of Baylor's great professors). She was a student of Dr. A.J. Armstrong and earned her B.A. and teaching certificate from Baylor. Dot lived in Houston after graduation for 61 years and was well known in the oil and gas industry and was a patron of the arts. She and her sister moved to Dallas to live with her niece, **Suzanne Barker Roberts '65**. Dot is survived by her sister, several nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and nephews.
- **Thomas T. Martin '49** of San Angelo, TX, passed away Nov. 24, 2015, at the age of 91. In addition to graduating from Baylor, Tom also held master's degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. He served in a variety of pastor roles in Malakoff, TX; Austin, Richmond, VA; San Marcos; and Galena Park. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.
- **John Scott (Scotty) Woods Jr. '52** passed away April 3, 2015. He worked for Gulf Oil, Butler Manufacturing, Bank of the Southwest, and was director of personnel services for the Baylor College of Medicine from 1964 until his retirement in 1994. A native Houstonian, Scotty is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joyce Annette Woods; daughter Shauna Woods Schiwitz '83 and son John Scott Woods III '84, MBA '86, and their families, which include four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Scotty's mother, Carrie Cain Woods, was a 1920 Baylor graduate, and both sisters were Baylor grads too.
- **John B. "Skip" Parker '53, JD '55**, of Dallas passed away Oct. 23, 2015, at the age of 84. Skip attended Baylor on a basketball scholarship and served in the military after graduation. He joined the Dallas office of Arthur Young in 1960 and became a partner in just 10 years and became the partner in charge of the Tax Department of the Dallas office in 1980. He married Leslie Finks, who he had hired as a tax accountant in 1984, following his retirement in 1990. They enjoyed traveling and visited 104 countries together. He is survived by Leslie, his beloved wife of 25 years; and two brothers and a sister and their families and loved ones
- **Richard Scott '56, MBA '65**, of Waco passed away Nov. 24, 2015, at the age of 79. After graduation, he went to the Navy's Officer Candidate School and retired as a Commander after serving in the reserves for 17 years. Richard began a long and distinguished career at Baylor in 1968, first as a faculty member for nine years, as the Dean of the Hankamer School of Business for 20 years, and finally as the Vice President of Development for 10 years. Richard is survived by his wife, Terry, who he met while on active duty in Long Beach, CA; three children and their spouses; three granddaughters; and many other family members in Crawford, TX, and southern California.
- **John William Garibay** of Mountain City, TX, passed away Nov. 18, 2015, at the age of 75. One of 10 children, Johnny served in the Texas National Guard and worked and retired from Fiesta in Houston after 15 years of service as a receiving manager.

He is survived by six sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

- **Cheryl Anderson Clark '70, MA '96**, of Waco passed away Nov. 18, 2015, at the age of 67. She was the first librarian of the Lake Air Branch of the Waco-McLennan County Library and worked at Baylor before teaching art and English in the McGregor and Waco Independent School Districts. She co-managed the Anderson/Clark Gallery, a family-owned business in the 1980s, before returning to teaching and working as a technology specialist for the Waco ISD. She was preceded in death by her husband, Winston B. Clark, and is survived by her son and daughter and her step-daughter and three grandchildren.
- **Charles Loyd Ivy '72** of Gatesville, TX, passed away Nov. 27, 2015, at the age of 65. Charles began his career with the National Bank of Gatesville while in high school and continued there after graduation. He and his wife Melinda worked with his parents for 18 years at the Western Auto Store in Gatesville, before returning to banking in 1990, first with Guaranty Bank and Trust Co./Extraco Banks and then in 2005 as manager of Educators Credit Union. Charles is survived by his wife of 38 years, Melinda; two sons and their wives; three grandchildren; his mother and his sister and brother-in-law.
- **Barby Anna (Parrish) Williams '75** of Waco, passed away Nov. 13, 2015, at the age of 59. Barby was an active Athenian (now Kappa Kappa Gamma) and a Baylor Beauty at Baylor, where she met her future husband, Dale Williams. As newlyweds, Barby taught 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Bosqueville while Dale attended Baylor Law School. She was a co-founder of Waco Baptist Academy and served as board president. The school presents the Barby Williams "Faithful Servant Award" and scholarship each year. She also owned the Roots Boutique in downtown Waco. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Dale; two children and their families (including three grandchildren); and her mother and sister.
- **Deborah Kay Hahn '80** of Waco passed away Dec. 1, 2015, at the age of 57. Debbie graduated with honors from the Louise Herring School of Nursing, where she was a member of Alpha Tau Delta and later Sigma Theta Tau. She worked at both Providence and Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco during her long career as an RN. She is survived by her cousins along with countless treasured friends.

## BAA News

- BAA members can now get two nights free at the [Lake Austin Spa Resort](#) in Austin when they purchase the two-night "Ultimate Package" and provide their BAA membership number. Lake Austin Spa Resort was ranked as the top U.S. Destination Spa in the 2015 Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards and the No. 4 Destination Spa in the world in Conde Nast Traveler's 2014 Reader's Choice awards. [For more information, go here.](#)
- We've seen an uptick in the number of Baylor Family members in Texas taking advantage of our partnership with TicketSchool.com's Defensive Driving class. If you or a family member is in need of this service, you can [learn more here](#) or [sign up here.](#)
- If you're making a donation to the BAA, don't forget that we're a 501(c)3 organization and eligible to receive matching funds from companies. If you do submit your BAA contribution to the company, please let [Kellie Juandiego](#) know because companies will often send us checks without providing the name of the donor. Thanks.
- Miss an issue of Between the Lines? [We have them archived here](#) and are also reprinting alumni milestones and obituaries in each issue of the Baylor Line.
- Only a small percentage of our Facebook followers (the people who "Like" you) see our updates unless we "boost" them through a paid ad. The BAA posted 23 updates in November. If you haven't seen many of them even though you've Liked our page,

then you can go to our page, click on the “LIKED” button and select “Get Notifications.” That way, if we post something and it does not show up in your News Feed, you will receive a notification. [And if you haven’t Liked our page yet](#), isn’t this a perfect time to go do that?

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