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Between the Lines

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Two things....

- **Mark Your Calendars:** The BAA Annual Meeting will be held **Saturday, May 21, 2016**. We are finalizing a location and time, but it will be in Waco just after lunchtime.
- **The Winter 2016 issue of *The Baylor Line*** 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.

Recently Published on the Line Notes Blog

- [Getting to Know...René Maciel, MS '91](#), president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Baptist University of the Americas.
- [Litigation Update: New evidence received from McLane Stadium architect shows it was not necessary to demolish Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center.](#) Join the discussion on our website or on Facebook.

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Alumni (And Future Alumni) News

- **Rachel Cywinski '85** presented information from her doctoral research on mathematics anxiety among community college students at the Joint Mathematics Meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America in Seattle, WA, in early January. Rachel is pursuing her doctorate at the University of the Incarnate Word.
- **Brad Watson '97, MS '99**, is now a sales director at Client Command.
- **Adam Lam '03** is now an assistant vice president for I/T Risk Management for Caliber Home Loans in Plano, TX. He previously worked for Dell as a security systems compliance senior advisor.
- Four-time Olympic medalist **Jeremy Wariner '04** is now a franchise owner and general manager for Jimmy Johns in the D/FW area.
- **Dr. Kimberly Martin '04** and **James Rittimann '04** were married on July 11, 2015 in Tyler. Dr. Martin-Rittimann is a pediatric infectious disease physician employed by the University of Oklahoma, while Jim – who was Baylor's 2004 valedictorian – is

a vascular and interventional radiologist at Tulsa Radiology Associates.

- **Katie Musick Perry '10** is the new director of the University of Texas at Arlington FabLab at UTA Libraries and is overseeing a major expansion this spring of the facility, which offers cutting-edge tools for digital fabrication and data visualization.
- **Michael Jones '10** is now chairman of the board at GTM HOMEFront Foundation in Georgetown, TX.
- **Stephanie Elise Blackburn '10** and **Carter Adams Johnson '11** were united in marriage on Oct. 10, 2015. Stephanie has worked in alumni relations and external development in both the business and law-school alumni offices at the University of Texas-Austin. Carter is a regional account executive for VMware in Richmond, VA.
- **Baylor Assistant Football Coach Tate Wallis '12** was named the 2015 FootballScoop Wide Receivers Coach of the Year. This was Tate's sixth year as a Baylor coach and his first working with the wide receivers, including Biletnikoff Award Winner Corey Coleman, who lead the nation in touchdown receptions.
- **Caroline Curtiss '12** is now a clinical dietician in the Radiation Oncology Department at the Moncrief Cancer Institute at UT Southwestern.
- **Eric Richard '13** is now a Material Planner at GE Power in Houston. He has been serving in GE Power's Operations Management Leadership Program for the past two years.
- **Mariam Erkin '13** is now an inside sales account manager for Dell in Austin. She is also pursuing her Master of Arts in Development Economics and International Development at Texas State University.
- **Odyssey Sims '14**, former point guard with the Baylor Lady Bears basketball team, had her No. 0 jersey retired during ceremonies at halftime of the team's game against Oklahoma. Sims now plays for the WNBA's Tulsa Shock.
- **Kaitlyn Wooley '14, MS '15**, is now a speech language pathologist with the Denton ISD.
- **Josh Clemons '15** now works in Corporate Actions for TD Ameritrade in Keller, TX.
- **Bridget Reid '15** is now a family developer at the Texas Baptist Home for Children in Waxahachie, TX.
- **Arden Howell '15** is now a marketing communications specialist with the Financial Planning Standards Board in Denver.
- Baylor Football received a New Year's Day verbal commitment from defensive end **Brandon Bowen**, a top 60 national recruit. He is ranked No. 4 nationally among weakside defensive ends by Rivals.com.
- All-American Junior Defensive Tackle **Andrew Billings** and Junior Cornerback **Xavien Howard** have announced that they will enter the NFL draft and forgo their senior years.

In Memorium

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.

- **Fred Vinson '37** passed away Jan. 1, 2015, at the age of 99 – just 10 days after his wife, Martha “Billie” Vinson. Fred played football at Baylor for one year and lettered in both baseball and basketball. Fred began working after graduation for Wm. Cameron & Co (which later became CertainTeed Corp.) and he worked that for his entire 41-year career and served as president for his last 10 years. Fred is survived by his three children, Fred Jr., Janice Davis, and Sara Mull, and their families; nine

grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and his brother John Vinson and his family.

- **Louise G. Kent '42** passed away Jan. 6, 2016, at the age of 94 in Dallas. Louise received her degree in music and lived with her husband Keith in Shreveport, LA, where they raised their family of five boys, until returning to Waco in 1977 when their younger sons chose to go to Baylor. Louise was active in music throughout her life, serving as church choir director, church soloist, and public-school music teacher. She was also the executive director of the Central Texas chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Keith; her five sons – Stephen, Craig, David, Paul, and Creighton and their families; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.
- **Etta Boyd (Wall Terry) '52** of Clyde passed away Dec. 29, 2015, at the age of 84. After receiving her degree in Education, Etta taught second grade in Fort Worth and then served with her pastor husband **Dan Terry '51** in churches in Elliott and Wichita Falls, TX and Tecumseh and Anadarko, OK. Etta is survived by two daughters, **Dana Fickling '81** and her husband, **Karl Fickling '80** of Grand Prairie, TX, and Vicki Rowan and her husband Dennis; four grandsons including **Ryan Fickling '10** and **Chase Fickling '15**, and two great grandchildren.
- **Jack McClintock '54** passed away Dec. 22, 2015, in Arlington at the age of 79. After graduating from Baylor with a degree in geology, Jack served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and then spent 35 years with the General Services Administration before his retirement in 1995. He was an excellent carpenter and mechanic and loved classic cars. Jack is survived by his wife, Lina Lewis McClintock; daughter Kathleen Depweg and her husband, Leonard; and grandson Jackson Burnett.
- **Donald Lee Prigmore '60** of McKinney, TX, passed away on Dec. 31, 2015, at the age of 78. Don was a member of the Baylor golf team and of the PGA and spent more than 40 years as a golf professional, including a number of years as the head golf pro at Walnut Creek Country Club in Mansfield, TX. He is survived by two sons, Timothy and Jay; three stepchildren, Jimmy, Jeffrey, and Holly; and eight grandchildren.
- **David “Butch” Scott '73** of Bryan passed away Dec. 29, 2015 at the age of 68. Butch worked his entire life in auto sales at dealerships in West McGregor, and Hearne, TX. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Bryan and a former long-time member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church of the Assumption in West. He is survived by the love of his life, Lou Scott; sons Derek and Brian and their families; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and a number of other family members.
- **Ray Schumann Jr. '90** of Waco passed away Jan. 6, 2016 at the age of 70. Ray attended Baylor until enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1966 and serving in the Vietnam War. After his retirement from the Navy as a Master Chief Operations Specialist in 1988, he returned to Waco and completed his degree at Baylor with a triple major from the College of Arts and Sciences. He is survived by his brother, John Schumann and his family.
- **Thomas E. Garner**, who earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from Baylor, passed away on Jan. 9, 2016, at the age of 62. Tom began his legal career in San Marcos providing legal assistance to indigents with Hays County Legal Aid and later became a respected criminal-defense lawyer. He loved literature and the performing arts, traveling to book signings with his arms full of books just so he could give most of them away later and he took the children of friends to great musicals. Tom is survived by his wife Rene, three children – Leslie, Tyler, and Tommy; two grandchildren; his parents Joe and Helen Garner; and many other close family members.
- **Anjanette Biddle-Piscacek** of Waco passed away Jan. 6, 2016 at the age of 50. An avid sports fan of the Midway High School Panthers after running track and playing basketball (along with being an academic all-state in basketball her senior year), she

graduated from Baylor and remained a die-hard cheerleader for the Bears in all sports. She is survived by her husband Charlie; her parents, Hollis and Ethel Biddle; and her brother Robert and his family.

- **Robbie Lorraine (Porterfield) Kirk** passed away Jan. 11, 2016, at the age of 95. A resident of Bellmead, TX, for more than 70 years Robbie was a Baylor University Bookstore employee for five years, and was designated as an “Alumni by Choice” by the Baylor Alumni Association in 2013 – the oldest inductee to date. She is survived by her son David and twins Patricia “Trish” Dawson and Preston Kirk and their families and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- **Louise Stephens Farr** of Waco passed away Dec. 30, 2015 at the age of 87. Louise worked for many years at the Baylor University Book Store where she mentored and “mothered” many a homesick college student. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Troy Farr; four children, Michael, Jerry, Robby and Susan Farr Johnson; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and a large extended family.

University News

- **Dr. Edwin Trevathan** has resigned his executive vice president and provost role at Baylor after just eight months in the role, but is staying on as Professor of Neuroscience. [A Jan. 15 Waco Trib article \(Link\)](#) tied Trevathan’s decision to faculty disagreement over the hiring of a Chief Diversity Officer at the university.
- Former Baylor President Bill Underwood has been [recognized by the Telegraph of Macon \(GA\) as the 2015 Middle Georgian of the Year](#) for his work as Mercer University’s president over the past decade. Underwood served as interim president of Baylor from June-December 2005, after the resignation of Robert Sloan. He was also recognized by the BAA as an Alumni by Choice in 1996 and with the W.R. White Distinguished Service Award in 2008 and by Baylor as a Master Teacher in 2004. He also held the Leon Jaworski Chair at the Baylor School of Law.
- Baylor has named **Dr. Michelle Rae Hebl** of Rice University as the 2016 recipient of the Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching. Dr. Hebl will receive a \$250,000 award and an additional \$25,000 for the psychology department at Rice, and is expected to teach in residence at Baylor during the spring 2017 semester.
- Baylor’s **George W. Truett Theological Seminary** has received a \$600,000 grant to from Lilly Endowment to establish the Youth Spirituality and Sports Institute: Running the Race Well. One of 82 schools participating in the Lilly Endowment’s High School Youth Theology Institute’s initiative, Truett’s Running the Race Well will use an eight-day, mentor-guided setting designed to help teenagers become leaders in sports, church, and beyond. The first RRW sessions will be offered during the summer of 2018.
- The **Baylor Symphony Orchestra** won first place in The American Prize competition’s orchestra division for universities and colleges for the second consecutive year while the **Baylor Wind Ensemble** placed second in its first time entering the competition.

BAA News

- If you didn’t renew your Annual Membership in 2015, you’re in danger of not receiving the next issue of The Baylor Line AND of not being allowed to vote should the BAA need to poll members on the future direction of the organization. [If you renew or join by using this link](#), we will get a copy of the new issue to you and you’ll also regain the right to vote on any issue affecting the future direction of the BAA. If you need to update your mailing address, please send a note to Kellie@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com

- We've increased our focus on profiling Baylor alumni and faculty on the pages of our website. If you'd like to catch up, [you can just go here](#) or click on the image at the top of any page on the website, Suggestions for people we should profile can be sent to BaylorLine@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com



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