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## Between the Lines

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### Two things....

- 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](mailto:kellie@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com).
- The new issue of *The Baylor Line* will feature 14 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](mailto:BaylorLine@BaylorAlumniAssociation) and we'll consider running it in our Spring issue, which will be out in early May.

### Alumni (And Future Alumni) News

- [Lovely article in the Waco Trib](#) about Reed's Flowers in Waco, which was run for years by **Harry Reed '46**, until he turned over management to daughter Debbie a few years back.
- **Andy Pittman '68** has published his fourth book, *Case Studies in Sport Law*. Andy retired as a Professor Emeritus in 2009 after 28 years at Baylor and is now teaching at Texas A&M.
- **Jeff Dulcie '80** is now territory sales manager at the KEW Group Oncology in the DFW area. His son, Matthew, played four years for the Baylor Baseball team.
- **Bill Rice III '82** is now a senior portfolio manager and senior investment management consultant at Morgan Stanley in Longview, TX.
- **Erica Escobar '08 and Brian-Cody Carbajal '09** have announced their engagement and will be married March 12 in Waco. Erica is an assistant principal for the Richardson (TX) Independent School District while Cody is a campaign support analyst at Targetbase in Irving, TX.
- **James Cole '10** and Balkeum Kim, who is a master's student at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, have announced their engagement. James is employed at Berry Appleman & Leiden in Dallas.
- **Price Christian '11** is now a senior account executive at Javelin Marketing Group in New York.
- **Josh Gordon '11** has applied to the NFL for reinstatement after being suspended for the 2015-16 season for multiple violations of the league's substance-abuse policy, according to ESPN Cleveland.
- **Lauren Cochran '12** is now an account manager at Success Partners in Dallas.
- **Jose Reyna '12, MA '15**, is now an adjunct instructor of Spanish at McLennan Community College's Continuing Education-Corporate Training program.

**Odyssey Sims '14 and Brittney Griner '15** are among 24 finalists for the U.S. Olympic Women's Basketball team's 12-woman roster. Both players are now in the WNBA.

- **Manuel Soberon '14, MBA '16**, is now a venture scholar at G51 Amplify in Austin.
- **Brandon Hemphill '15** finished 16<sup>th</sup> of 1,000 students from four continents in the Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) Global Portfolio Challenge. Hemphill cited the influence of Baylor assistant professor Ted Moorman in helping him develop his strategy for the competition.
- **Rose Masike, MS '15**, was [profiled in the Baptist Standard](#) for her work with Buckner International in her home country of Kenya. Masike, who completed Baylor's Global Mission Leadership program last May, works with orphans and children in poverty.
- **Lauren Stevens '15**, who is pursuing her master's degree in Public Health at Loyola University (Chicago), is now a project coordinator at Loyola University Medical Center.
- **Natalie Wall, MS '15**, is now a Graduate Admissions Advisor at Abilene Christian University.
- **Laurel Dandridge '16** is now a personal trainer at Gold's Gym in Waco.

## Final 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](mailto:baylorline@bayloralumniassociation.com) for use in the magazine.*

- **Clyde Mote**, who earned both his undergraduate and law degree in 1950, passed away Dec. 2, 2015 at the age of 89. A resident of Bullard, TX, Clyde was a World War II veteran and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was an assistant city attorney, private attorney, and corporate attorney before retiring in 1989. He retired to Emerald Bay on Lake Palestine near Tyler, TX. He is survived by his second wife, Roxann Mote; sons **Terron Mote Hayes '76**, Bruce and Douglas and their families.
- **Barbara Schultz Cunningham '54** passed away Jan. 15, 2016, at the age of 84 in Waco. Her life was a testimony to her faith. She served as Baptist Student Union Director at the University of Houston; as Youth Director at both Lakeview Baptist Church in Dallas and First Baptist Houston; and as a career missionary in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, and Ghana until 1972. After returning to the United States and served as a member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; as a trustee at San Marcos Academy; and on the faculty of the Billy Graham School of Evangelism. She is survived by her two sons, Milton and Miller and their families, which includes two grandsons and their families.
- **Mary Lou McCoy '58** passed away Nov. 8, 2015, in Dallas at the age of 78. She worked for Fina Petroleum in Dallas, where she met the man who would be her husband for 53 years, Carroll "Mac" McCoy. She spent more than 35 years volunteering at Park Cities Baptist Church, teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday school, serving in the Homebound Ministry, and publishing the monthly Park Cities Baptist Church newsletter. Mary Lou also received the church's Marth Howard Excellence in Education Award in 2004. She is survived by husband Mac; her twin sister, Ruby Sue George; and many loving nieces, nephews, and other family members.
- **Norman Bumpers** passed away Jan. 16, 2016 in Houston at the age of 79. He and wife Annette Cox Bumpers owned and operated Filter Fab in Houston for more than 36 years before his retirement in 2003. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Annette; daughters Terri Lynn Bumpers, Judy Johnson, Lori Reid, and Becki Morris

and their families; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and many other family members.

- **Dr. Ira Peak Jr. '66, MA '68**, passed away Nov. 30, 2015, in Indianapolis, IN, at the age of 73. Dr. Peak also received in Ph.D. in Christian Social Ethics from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and served on the faculties of a number of universities including Indiana, Louisville, Nevada-Las Vegas, and TCU. He also led a succession of congregations for Baptist and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denominations. At Baylor, Ira played football, was a member of Chamber, sang with the Baylor Religious Hour choir, and found time to be on staff at the Seventh and James Baptist Church in Waco. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Ashli Cartwright-Peak; daughter Sydney Powell and her family; two grandchildren; sister Becky Hrnack and brother James Peak and their families; and a host of other relatives. [A memorial service and reception will be held Feb. 25, 2016, at 4 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Richardson.](#)
- **Jim Ed Lancaster '66** passed away Aug. 27, 2015, in Shenandoah, Texas, at the age of 72. Jim was Track and Field Coach Clyde Hart's first NCAA entrant in 1964 and was the 1964 Southwest Conference champion in Shot Put. He still is in the Baylor record books with the third best shot put and the 8<sup>th</sup> best discus throw. Jim was employed as a purchasing agent for the Klein Independent School District for 30 years before retiring in 2011. He enjoyed working with his hands, whether it was repairing cars, building fences, woodworking, or remodeling. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Dianne Floyd Lancaster; son Roger Lancaster and daughter Susan and their families; six grandchildren; and a number of other family members.
- **Gloria Gail Pelzel** of Lott passed away Jan. 22, 2016, at the age of 71. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Baylor and her master's in education from Texas A&M. She worked in the Morgan, Bremond, Marlin, and Chilton school districts and retired as superintendent of the Westphalia ISD. She is survived by two sons, Mark Pelzel and Kyle Pendergraft and his wife Megan.
- **Gene Adamcik '70** passed away Jan. 22, 2016 in Waco at the age of 68. Gene spent a number of years in Dallas and Waco working for Pepperidge Farm Biscuit Products and other cookie and cracker companies until 2011. But he was best known as the passionate co-owner of Heart O' Texas Speedway since 1981. Gene loved auto racing and although he sold the track in 2013, he spent his final day at his favorite place. Gene also served on the board of the Elm Mott Fire Department and had many hobbies, including connecting on FaceTime with his 6-month-old granddaughter. Gene is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Adamcik; by son Andy and daughter D.D. and their families; one granddaughter; and a number of other family members, including his Speedway family.
- **Kate Farley '17, Carolina Gutierrez '18, and Maria Astudillo '18** won individual awards as members of a Model UN team that also won two team awards during the Texas Model United Nations Conference. Farley won as Outstanding Delegate award while Gutierrez and Astudillo won for outstanding position papers for the World Health Organization committee. The Baylor team also won team awards for outstanding delegation (China) and Honorable Mention Delegation (Vietnam).

## University News

- Graduates in Baylor's education programs achieved a 100% pass rate on certification exams in the State of Texas for the second year in a row. The current rate reflects tests taken by Baylor students who graduated in the 2014-15 academic year. The overall state average for 2014-15 was 94%.
- Baylor has presented its Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching to Dr. Michelle Hebl, a Rice University psychology professor. Dr. Hebl will receive a \$250,000 grant and a semester-long teaching position. The Rice psychology

department will receive \$25,000. Hebl is expected to teach in residence during the Spring 2017 semester.

- [People Magazine has recognized Chemistry Professor Bryan Shaw](#) as part of its Heroes Among Us series of articles for his creation of an application that can detect eye cancer in children.
- Baylor is teaming up with Midland College to make the college-transfer process easier as part of its Baylor bound program. The agreement – the sixth that Baylor has signed with Texas schools -- gives Midland College students access to Baylor advisers, online degree requirement guides, special mailings, and the Baylor Library System interlibrary loan system.
- Baylor Athletics has installed a new Wi-Fi network in the Ferrell Center and is giving basketball fans more ways to engage with the game from their seats. [Here's a link to the article from BaylorProud.](#)
- Baylor and University of Mississippi officials are in discussions to play a 2020 football game at NRG Stadium in Houston as part of efforts to get Big 12 schools to play at least one Power 5 school each year in non-conference. Baylor faces Duke from the ACC in 2017-18, but doesn't have another Power 5 team scheduled until Utah from the Pac-12 in 2023-24.
- Baylor's new President's Advisory Council on Diversity is moving forward with plans to create a Chief Diversity Officer position, despite concerns from some faculty members. [The Waco Trib is covering the story.](#) And [here's a link to the university's release](#) announcing the members of the Baylor Family who will be serving on the council.
- Two new exhibits at the Mayborn Museum are celebrating Tinkertoys and Mr. Potato Head as a salute to young imaginations and creativity. The exhibits, which were created by the Betty Brinn Children's Museum in Milwaukee, [will be at the Mayborn through May 1.](#)

## 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 right out 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](mailto: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](mailto:BaylorLine@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com)

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