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## Between the Lines

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### Kicking it off....

- **The BAA and Baylor University reached a settlement agreement on March 7, 2016**, that includes retention of the Baylor Line name and independence, \$2 million in compensation for the demolition of the Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center, and three alumni-elected voting Regents. The BAA will change its name and no longer hold itself out as an “alumni association.” [For a lot more information on the agreement, click here to go to our Settlement Details page.](#)
- **Special Meeting Details:** The BAA Board has called a Special Meeting of members for 10 a.m. on April 30, 2016, at the Waco Hilton, 113 South University Parks Drive, to allow members to vote on a Resolution recommending amendments to the organization’s Certificate of Formation and Constitution and Bylaws. Every active BAA member is eligible to vote. BAA members are *not* required to attend the meeting in person to vote. Online voting is available prior to the meeting. Active members who have not voted online may vote in person at the meeting. Lapsed members will NOT be able to renew their memberships and vote at the Special Meeting. [For more information, click on this link.](#)
- Any individual whose BAA membership lapsed at any point between the Transition Agreement vote on Sept. 7, 2013, and April 1, 2016, will be eligible to vote IF the individual renews his or her membership prior to 11:59 p.m. (Central) on April 18, 2016. [You can renew your lapsed membership here.](#)

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- [Get your discount tickets for the Lady Bears in the NCAA Women’s Regional in Dallas on March 26 and 28.](#) Yet another member discount from the BAA.
- [What’s on James Nortey’s Phone?](#) First in what will be a recurring series on the favorite apps of Baylor alumni. First up: Austin Attorney and BAA Director James Nortey ’08.
- [Getting to Know...Steven Currall ’82.](#) A conversation with Southern Methodist University’s new provost.
- [Student-managed Phil Dorr investment fund contributes \\$180,000 to Baylor athletic scholarships.](#) Baylor Business School students enrolled in the Practicum in Portfolio Management course saw the fruits of their efforts to manage “real money” with the presentation of \$180,000 to the Athletic Department for student-athlete

scholarships.

## Alumni (And Future Alumni) News

- **Ed and Merle Wittner** (both 1951 graduates) celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 3, 2016. The couple worked in the music ministry for more than 50 years and retired after 23 years at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in 1999. They have three children (including **Robbie Kitchen '76 and Dan '82**) and two granddaughters, one of whom is a sophomore at Baylor (**Shae Kitchen**).
- **Parnell McNamara '69** has been re-elected sheriff of McLennan County by a more than 2-to-1 margin. McNamara is a retired deputy U.S. marshal.
- **Joel Allison '70** will move from his role as president and CEO of Baylor Scott & White Health to the new role of senior adviser to the chairman of the company's board of trustees starting next Feb. 1. Allison began working at Baylor Health Care System in 1993 as senior executive vice president and chief operating officer in 1993 and was promoted to president and CEO in 2000. After the 2013 merger of Baylor and Scott & White Healthcare, he became CEO of the new organization.
- **Isaiah Austin** and his self-named Foundation is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a home in Waco. Austin decided to enter the NBA Draft in 2014 at the end of a two-year stint with the Bears, but was diagnosed with Marfan syndrome, a career-ending genetic condition. Austin was considered a first-round prospect, and NBA Commissioner Adam Silver made him a ceremonial pick during the draft.
- Senior **Riya Rahman** was recognized by the White House as Champion of Change for her work with the Texas Hunger Initiative and Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign. Rahman was focused on ensuring summer meals for children, and was the youngest Champion of Change honored at the White House on Feb. 26.
- Senior **Ashton Warren** won the 2016 Big 12 Guest Reporter Search and joined the Big 12 team at the Men's Basketball Championship in Kansas City. Warren is a reporter and host for Baylor Vision and has experience interning for local new stations.
- Sophomore **Jessica Babb** has won a \$3,500 scholarship from the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters.
- Incoming Freshman **Lauren Cox** has been named the 2015-16 Gatorade Texas Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Five other Lady Bears (Nina Davis, Kalani Brown, Beatrice Mompremier, Brittney Griner, and Alexis Jones) have won the award.

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

- **Rhea Briggs Terry '53** passed away Feb. 6, 2016, on her 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. She married the love of her life, **George Terry '53**, in 1954 and they traveled the country for his job with Phillips Petroleum. Rhea taught school in Texas, California, Georgia, and New Mexico, serving as principal at Hillander Elementary School in Midland and Sunset Mesa Elementary School in Albuquerque, NM, and was named teacher of the year for the Irving (TX) Independent School District. Rhea is survived by her husband, George; son David and daughter **Nan Terry '82, MS '85**; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins.
- **Melba Estes '54** of Dallas passed away March 6, 2016, at the age of 83. Melba graduated from Waxahachie High School, where she was chosen Homecoming Queen

senior year. Brenda raised her two sons, Phillip and Clay, and was known for doting on her grandchildren through holiday meals, feeding the ducks at the park, and hosting elementary school field trips at her home. Her needlepoint designs are on display at the Belo Mansion. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, John; her son Clay and his wife Brenda; and four grandchildren; along with his brothers and numerous nieces and nephews.

- **Margaret Meadows '63** of Woodway (TX) passed away Feb. 27, 2016, at the age of 74. Margaret focused her charitable work on ministering to children through churches in Houston, Abilene, and Waco, serving most recently as the Children's Ministry Division Director at First Baptist Church in Waco. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Joe, who was her caregiver until her death; son Mark and daughter Meredith; four grandchildren; and a number of other family members.
- **Johnny Lueck '69** of Riesel passed away March 5, 2016, at the age of 70. He spent most of his career working for Wallace Computer Services in Marlin. He is survived by his mother, Victoria Lueck; his brothers Mark and Stan; his daughters Christie and Vicki and his son Carter; and four grandchildren.
- **Katharine Curry '81** passed away March 9, 2016, at the age of 57. Katherine was a Cotton Palace Princess in 1977 and a Hedonia debutante in 1978, and was very active in the Junior League. She is survived by her mother, Alice Walker Bidelspach; her former husband, James Curry; her daughter Laurin Potts; and grandchildren Makenna and Brody; and a number of other family members.
- **Dr. Karl Glastad** passed away Feb. 24, 2016, at the age of 56. Dr. Glastad earned his medical degree at UT Southwestern Medical School, did his radiology residency and MRI fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center, and worked for American Radiology Associates for 26 years. He saved countless lives with his meticulous work and teaching, and was an active outdoorsman. Perhaps the greatest demonstration of his impact on others is the 22 pages of tributes to him on the funeral-home page. He is survived by his wife, Allison; their four children, Karl, Kristin, Jacob, and Luke and their families; his mother, Johanne; and his sister, Joyce.

## University News

- San Jacinto College in East Harris County (TX) has become the eighth school to join the Baylor Bound program to help its students transfer more easily to Baylor and reduce the cost of attending college for participants.
- Baylor's Professional Selling program tied for first among 31 universities competing at the University of Toledo (OH)'s Invitational Sales Competition on Feb. 25-27, 2016.
- Two teams of Baylor student journalists have received First Place 2016 gold Circle Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. BaylorLariat.com won first place for News Online Design Website as the best university newspaper website in the United States, while BaylorFocusMagazine.com won first place for Magazine Online Design Website as the best university magazine website in the United States. Baylor students also picked up a total of 12 national digital media awards, including first-place awards for video, audio, slideshows, radio podcasts, photo slideshow, and column writing.
- Louise Herring School of Nursing Dean Shelley Conroy has been appointed to the Professional Nurse Credentials and Standards Committee by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS).
- Nursing school assistant professor Shelby Garner has received a Fulbright-Nehru Research Grant from the U.S. India Educational Foundation to allow her to research the impact of simulation education for nurses in Bengaluru, India.
- Baylor will integrate iGrad's financial literacy platform into its campus-wide Student

Financial Foundations program as part of an expanded partnership between the two organizations.

- Baylor suspended the local chapter of Phi Delta Theta from all organizational activities until the completion of a thorough investigation into recent charges against the fraternity for underage drinking and sexual assault.
- Football coach Art Briles (8 years) and basketball coaches Kim Mulkey (16 years) and Scott Drew (13) have been together at Baylor since 2008, placing them in a tie for third with Duke among 128 FBS schools as the longest tenured trio for those three sports. Baylor has six coaches who have spent more than a decade at Baylor.

## **BAA News**

- **Links to Discount Tickets and Other Benefits for the Baylor Family**
  - ◦ [NCAA Women's Regional in Dallas \(March 26 and 28\)](#)
  - ◦ [Scarborough Renaissance Festival](#), running six weekends between April 9 and Memorial Day Weekend in Waxahachie.
  - ◦ [Hotel and Car-Rental Discounts](#)
- 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](#).

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