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Between the Lines

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Kicking it off....

- **In case you hadn't heard...**the settlement vote passed by an overwhelming margin with a turnout that was well over double what we received for the Transition Vote in 2013. [Here's a link to the story.](#)
- **The BAA Annual Meeting** will be held June 11 at 10 a.m. at the Waco Hippodrome. We hope to see you there!
- **Tickets are going fast for Onward!**, a celebration of the Baylor Alumni Association and our future as The Baylor Line Foundation. The June 11 dinner at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame will honor the inaugural Alumni-Elected Regents: Dan Chapman, Wayne Fisher, and Julie Turner and thank The Honorable Ed Kinkeade for his role in negotiating the settlement. Proceeds will benefit the BAA's Legacy Scholarship Program, and dress for the event is Business Attire. [You can click here to get the Onward! 2016 Legacy Scholarship Event Center for more information on tables, individual tickets, and sponsorship opportunities.](#)
- **Did you receive the Winter 2016 issue of the Baylor Line?** If not, it's most likely because your annual membership lapsed in 2014 or 2015. If you want to start getting the magazine again -- and we'll have the next issue out in early June -- then [you should renew right away at this link.](#) If you're a life member and didn't receive the issue, then please let kellie@bayloralumniassociation.com know your new address without reading any further. And if you've told us at some point that you don't want to receive the magazine but have changed your mind, let Kellie know.
- **Need a last-minute gift idea for Saturday?** How about a New Graduate Life Membership to the Baylor Alumni Association, soon to be The Baylor Line Foundation? Alumni who are graduating this year (or who have graduated since May 2013, are eligible for a 50% discount and pay only \$500. [Go here for more information.](#)

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- [Question: What is your favorite part about returning to Baylor?](#) We're looking for your memories – and are planning to share some of them in an upcoming issue of The Baylor Line. Just add them to the Comments or send them to us with a photo or two.
- [BAA announces 2016-17 officer and board nominees](#) led by Fred Norton '80, JD '83, who will serve as the new president of The Baylor Line Foundation when the transition is complete.
- [Relationships at the heart of what makes Baylor special.](#) Lauren Noble '19, a freshman student in Professor Macarena Hernandez's Reporting and Writing for Media class was asked to pitch a story to a publication. She chose us, and this is what she wrote.
- [Question: Should the Baylor Board of Regents release the full Pepper Hamilton report to the Baylor Family?](#) Your chance to weigh in here or on our Facebook page.

Alumni (And Future Alumni) News

- **P. Michael McCullough '60**, an attorney in the Dallas office who specializes in Trusts and Estates, has been selected for inclusion in *D Magazine's* "Best Lawyers in Dallas 2016."
- **Ed Crenshaw '73** has retired as CEO of Publix, one of the nation's five largest grocery retailers. Crenshaw, who served as Student Foundation president from 1972-73, joined Publix shortly after graduation and was named CEO in 2008.
- **Steven Newcom '78** was named CPA of the Year by the Fort Worth Chapter of the TSCPA for 30 years of service to the association and its statewide parent, the Texas Society of CPAs, and for his leadership of the Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD over several terms as trustee.
- **Dr. Brenda Sims '79** is the director of the University of North Texas' New College at Frisco. Before becoming director in 2015, Brenda was the founding chair of the Department of Technical Communications at the University of North Texas.
- **Cynthia Lynn Peterson '79** was recognized in May for 15 years of service as director of Library Services at East Texas Baptist University.
- **Elizabeth Palacios '80, M.S. '91**, has been named Baylor's special assistant to the president on diversity. She will continue in her role as dean for student development in the Division of Student Life.
- **Ken May '82** is pastor of First Baptist Church in Stephenville, one of the largest churches in Erath County and a community center for a variety of Christian ministries.
- **Laura Scott '84, MSED '89**, was honored with a lifetime achievement award from the Texas Academic Advising Network. Laura has been a Baylor counselor and advisor for more than 30 years.
- **James Rosengren, MHA '91**, has been named to join the University of Central Florida's College of Sciences Dean's Advisory Board. Rosengren is chairman of the board and executive chairman of Flower Mound, TX-based Heritage Health

Solutions, Inc.

- **Dr. Caleb O. Oladipo. PhD '93**, and a former assistant professor in Baylor's Department of Church-State Studies has been named the Snellings Endowed Chair of Christian Evangelism and Missions, at Campbell University Divinity School, effective August 1, 2016.
- **Keri Yousif '93**, professor of French at Indiana State University, has received the university's Caleb Mills Distinguished Teaching Award
- **Christopher Loeffler '97** is the benefits manager for the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center. He also chairs the University of Texas Systemwide Insurance and Retirement Advisory Committees. He is currently pursuing a MS in Human Resources
- **Rachel Morris Smith '01**, a partner in the Houston office of the BakerHostetler law firm, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation.
- **Brenna Johnson and Kenny Johnson (both '01)** are proud to announce the birth of their triplets on Oct. 2, 2015. The boys are pictured below (left to right): Colton, Justin, and Logan.



- **Jeremiah Mayfield '02**, an attorney in the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight's Business/Corporate practice, has been selected for inclusion in *Texas Rising Stars*® 2016 by Thomson Reuters.
- **Chris Charles Scott '04** directed "The Shape of Shreveport," a multipart documentary telling the stories that shaped the Louisiana city's history, and now it's been named Documentary of the Year by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.
- **Robert Chapa '05** married Amy McAlexander of Waco, a Baylor employee, married on May 7 in Waco. Robert works for Farmers Insurance Group.
- **Mackenzie Wallace '07, MA '07, JD '11**, an attorney in the Dallas office of Thompson & Knight's Business Litigation practice, has been selected for inclusion in *Texas Rising Stars*® 2016 by Thomson Reuters.
- **Emily Miller '08, JD '11**, an attorney in the Houston office of Thompson & Knight's Business Litigation practice, has been selected for inclusion in *Texas Rising Stars*® 2016 by Thomson Reuters.
- **Brynn Sankey, MA '15**, has had his short film, "Stray" selected to appear in the 2016 Cannes Short Film Corner. Baylor students and professors are on screen and on the crew, including senior theater major **Devin Perry '16**, **Chynna Marie Walker '15**, and **Kristina Beevers '12**. This is the second consecutive year that a Baylor

grad has a film featured in Cannes – last year it was **Maverick Moore, MA '14**, for his film “Shotgun, which had Sankey as a crew member.

- Six Baylor athletes were selected in the National Football League draft, led by **WR Corey Coleman**, who was picked 15th overall by the Cleveland Browns. The six picks were Baylor’s highest total in a single draft since 1987 – although only five actually played football at Baylor (the sixth was basketball power forward **Rico Gathers**, who was picked in the sixth round by the Dallas Cowboys as a possible tight end). Other Bears who will get their chance to shine on Sundays (and Monday, Thursdays, and Saturdays) are cornerback **Xavien Howard** (2nd round-Miami Dolphins); defensive lineman **Andrew Billings** (4th-Cincinnati Bengals); offensive lineman **Spencer Drango** (5th-Cleveland, joining Coleman, **RGIII**, and possibly **Josh Gordon**); and deep snapper **Jimmy Landes** (6th-Detroit Lions).
- Senior Russian Major **Joseph Mabbitt**, a Baylor Air Force ROTC student, has earned a coveted internship at the Pentagon this summer, working in the Secretary of the Air Force/International Affairs office.
- Legendary Baylor coach **Grant Teaff** will receive the 2016 National Football Foundation’s Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award on December 6.
- **Doris Gage**, Collins Dorm Director from 1979-1995, will have a reunion for her former student employees and co-workers on July 9, 2016 from 2-4 p.m. at PineCrest Retirement Community in Lufkin, TX. For more information on the event: <http://tinyurl.com/DorisGageReunion>

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 for use in the magazine. We also received a number of older obituaries as an unintended consequence of the settlement vote, so we’re including those here too.

- **Sara Cunningham Coleman** of Havana, FL, passed away April 7, 2016, at the age of 99. The first female born in the Cunningham family for five generations, Sara received her degree in Physical Education, which she taught at Baylor. She met Charles Foster (Froggie) Coleman at Baylor and they married in 1939. She loved Froggie and her family dearly; was passionate about gardening (and was very, very good at it); played bridge for 70+ years; proudly flew a Baylor flag in her yard; and wrote postcards every single morning to family and/or friends for 50 years. Sara is survived by her brother and sister; three children (Molly, Sally, and Tad and their families, which include 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.
- **Anita Ruth Sutherland '47** of Dallas passed away April 21, 2016 at the age of 89. Anita received two bachelor degrees from Baylor in Home Economics and Elementary Education and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and a Baylor Beauty her senior year. She met her husband John Paul Sutherland Jr. at Cliff Temple

Baptist Church and they were married 55 years before his death in 2002. She loved teaching and taught second and third grades for 15 years at Ruby Young Elementary School and was a member of Cliff Temple Baptist Church for more than 80 years. She is survived by her children Sandy, Karen, and John P III and their families, including seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

- **Orlin Russel Corey '50, MA '52**, passed away Oct. 11, 2015 at the age of 89. He taught eight years at Georgetown College in Kentucky and eight at Centenary College in Shreveport, LA. He founded and directed Everyman Players, a touring classical troupe, creating celebrated productions through repeated New York and London seasons and spending 24 years performing on four continents. He was a producer of the American College Theatre Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and spent 13 years as publisher of Anchorage Press. Corey was commissioned by the BAA to research, write, and produce a history of Baylor called "Towers of the Brazos," which debuted to rave reviews in Waco Hall in 1982. He is survived by Shirley Trusty Corey, his beloved wife of 40 years.
- **Patricia Stiles Moderi '53** of Dallas passed away March 29, 2016, at the age of 83. After graduation, which she completed in three years while holding a job, she taught in Houston and then moved to Dallas, where she went to work for a local oil company. An avid painter and community volunteer, Pat is survived by John, her husband of 56 years; her son David and his wife Nancy; and her two grandchildren.
- **Winston Ray Smith '54** of Dallas passed away April 16, 2016, at the age of 82. He spent his entire legal career in Amarillo at the Underwood Law Firm, was certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law, and served as president of the Amarillo Bar Association in 1980-81. He is survived by his Patsy, his wife of 62 years; his daughter Linda and her family, which includes two granddaughters; and his sister Genelle and her family.
- **Rev. J. Dan Cooper '57** of Lexington, KY, passed away June 4, 2015, just after his 80th birthday. Dan spent his life service to God and others as a pastor to congregations in Fort Worth, Shawnee, OK, and at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington, where he was named Pastor Emeritus after his retirement. Dan is survived by Marilyn Cooper, his wife of 57 years; his children Dana and John; four grandchildren; and three siblings and their families.
- **Jim Millerman '59** of Dallas passed away April 22, 2016, just short of his 78th birthday. Jim was a star football and track athlete in high school in Abilene and college at Baylor. [Kevin Sherrington eulogized Millerman in an article in the Dallas Morning News sports section that you can read here](#), but Millerman also had a very successful career in the insurance business. He served as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Dallas in 1987. Jim is survived by Esther, his wife of 59 years; children Malayne and Eric and their families; four grandchildren; and his brother and sister and their families.
- **Dr. Nancy Ray White '60** passed away March 31, 2016, at the age of 78. After a pediatric residency at Children's Medical Center, she worked for the City of Dallas at the Martin Luther King Center for 12 years before going into private practice. She is survived by Arlton White, her husband of 55 years.
- **Billy Dale Allen '64** passed away November 2, 2013, at the age of 72. After graduating from Baylor, he worked in sales for 12 years and then got his master's

degree from the University of North Texas in Education. He taught Marketing Education and became Cedar Hill ISD's Vocational Director for 33 years. He was Managing Director and trombone player for the Texas Dixieland Band and Sounding Brass Ensemble. At Baylor, he played in the Golden Wave Band, the Baylor Symphonic Band, the Baylor Orchestra, and the Waco Symphony. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Benja Lightfoot Allen '67, and his sister-in-law, Dora Gail Lightfoot Yawn '68, and a number of nieces and nephews who graduated or attended Baylor.

- **Evelyn Jane Caldwell '77** passed away July 1, 2015, at the age of 60. While at Baylor, she was in the Golden Wave Marching Band and became the music director at Somerville (TX) High School. She returned to Irving, TX, where she was a music teacher at Sherwood Park Baptist Church's school; a buss driver for special-needs children in the Dallas County ISD; and Coldwell Banker as an office administrator. She is survived by her parents, John and Joyce Peeples' brother John Peeples Jr and wife Shirley; and four nieces and nephews.

University News

- The largest graduating class in Baylor history will walk the stages in separate college ceremonies on Friday and Saturday and commencement for the George W. Truett Theological Seminary will take place Friday evening. [For more information, go to the Baylor Commencement website \(link\).](#)
- Baylor has received a \$1 million gift to support Honors College mission trips and to create the David and Amy Hunt Christian Missions Endowed Fund. The Hunts, who live in McLean, VA, are parents to a current Baylor student and gave the money to allow Baylor students with discipline-specific knowledge to spread Christianity on their mission statements. The new fund will provide money for about 10 students to take a mission trip to Greece, with preference given to Honors College students.
- The Baylor Acrobatics and Tumbling (Acro) team became the first Baylor team to win back-to-back national championships, defeating the University of Oregon in the finals at the Ferrell Center. It was the sixth consecutive national championship for Coach Felecia Mulkey, who won four at Oregon before coming to Baylor.
- Nineteen Baylor students in the spring "Philanthropy and the Public Good" class presented a total of \$52,250 in donations to nine nonprofit groups. Students met with dozens of nonprofit groups this semester before deciding on the nine that best aligned with the following community needs: health and wellness; hunger and homelessness; children, youth and education; human services and civil rights; community development; and culture, arts and the environment.
- Baylor is the nation's top performing university on Facebook and No. 3 on Twitter, according to Engagement Labs, a company that creates and follows something an eValue score that measures the overall effectiveness and performance for organizations across various social—media outlets. Baylor ranked first for engagement on both platforms.
- The City of Round Rock, TX, is building a new memorial to honor Baylor's Immortal Ten as part of the city's downtown renovation project. The memorial will improve on a plaque that currently stands at site where 10 Baylor basketball players,

coaches, and fans were killed when their bus collided with a train on Mays Street in 1927.

Paid Advertisement: Bruce Finley '73 is selling his 530-acre Sunset Bluff Ranch. The Ranch is located in Coryell County just 40 minutes from McLane Stadium. For information about the Ranch, photos and contact number, [click here](#).

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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