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## Between the Lines

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We strive to tell the stories of our alumni and faculty and to help the children and grandchildren of our alumni write their own Baylor stories. One of the reasons many young people come to Baylor is because of what their parents and other family members have told them (or shown them firsthand) about life at Baylor. Over the past few years, we've asked our Legacy Scholarship winners to tell us about growing up in a Baylor Family. [You can read their answers here.](#)

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## Alumni News

- **Dr. Ronald C. Auvenshine '66** was awarded the Humanitarian Award of the American Academy of Craniofacial Pain (AACP) at the annual Scientific Meeting on August 31, 2015. Dr. Auvenshine also received the AACP's Distinguished Service Award in 2009.
- **Dr. Joel Gregory '70, PhD '83**, has been installed as the holder of the newly established George W. Truett Endowed Chair in Preaching and Evangelism at Baylor's George W. Truett Theological Seminary. The chair was made possible by a gift from First Baptist Church of Dallas, where Truett served for 47 years as its pastor. [Here's a link to more from Baylor Communications.](#)
- **Karrin Ford '73** has been named an assistant professor of music (piano studies) at Sul Ross State University, joining the school from Baylor where she was a visiting associate professor in 2014-15.
- **Rene Maciel MS '91** will be nominated for president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Maciel has been president of Baptist University of the Americas since 2007 and recently served 10 months as interim pastor at First Baptist Church in Castroville (TX). Before taking the Baptist University job, he served at Baylor's Truett Theological Seminary first as director of student services and later as dean for admission and academic services.
- **Nikki Mundkowsky JD '93** has been appointed to preside over a new court created solely to handle Child Protective Services cases. Mundkowsky, a Gatesville attorney who specializes in family law and cases involving neglected and abused children, will handle CPS cases in McLennan and Coryell counties.
- **Jeff Steely '96** will leave his post as Baylor Associate Dean and Director of Central Libraries to become Dean of Libraries at Georgia State University, effective Dec. 1. Steely has been at Baylor since 1999, starting as outreach

services librarian and subsequently serving as assistant director for client services, director of central libraries, assistant dean, and associate dean.

- **Kevin Heintzman '97, MBA '98**, and his wife Katrina of Flower Mound, TX, announced the birth of Luca Heintzman, born August 5, 2015. Luca's picture is at the bottom of this section.
- **Jeremiah Mayfield JD '02**, an attorney with Thompson & Knight in Dallas, has been recognized as a Leading Lawyer for his work in the M&A--Middle Market field in the 2015 *The Legal 500 US Directory* published by Legalease.
- **Todd W. Ferguson '04, MA '13**, and a doctoral candidate in sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences, was the lead author for a Baylor study that indicates that U.S. counties with more beautiful weather and scenery have lower rates of membership and affiliation with religious organizations. The study, "The Natural Environment as a Spiritual Resource: A Theory of Regional Variation in Religious Adherence," is published in the journal *Sociology of Religion*.
- **T. Hunter Lewis '07, JD 2010**, has rejoined Orsinger, Nelson, Downing & Anderson as an associate in the Dallas office. Hunter is a family-law litigator and appellate attorney and focuses on divorce; child custody, possession and support matters; complex marital property division; pre- and post-marital agreements; questions of paternity; and LGBT-related issues.
- **Laurel Witt '11** has announced her engagement to Jeffrey McGregor, a graduate of Texas Tech. Laurel is the associate registrar of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth.
- **Ricardo Gomez**, who is scheduled to graduate this December, has been selected to be a violin soloist for the Temple (Tx) Symphony Orchestra. Gomez is also serving as first-chair violinist and concert master for both the Baylor and Temple symphonies and as an intern for the Waco Symphony. He will begin pursuing his master's degree at Baylor after graduation.
- **Baylor Regent Christopher B. Howard** has been named the eighth president of Robert Morris University, effective February 1, 2016. Dr. Howard is currently president of Hampden-Sydney University in Virginia and will become Robert Morris's first African-American president. He has served on the Baylor Board of Regents since 2013 and is in the midst of a three-year term.
- **Dr. Ted and Judy Powers** celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept. 11, 2015. Dr. Powers retired three years ago after 60 years with Baylor, where he is Professor Emeritus of Health, Human Performance, and Recreation. The Powers have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with one on the way. Dr. Powers received the BAA's Retired Faculty Award in 2001 and its Alumni By Choice Award in 1986.



## University News

- **Dave Rosselli** has been named vice president for University Development, effective Nov. 2. Rosselli comes to Baylor from the University of Southern California, where he is executive director of institutional advancement.
- Baylor's **Fashion Merchandising programs** have been ranked first among all private schools and 12th overall for all schools by fashion-schools.org, a website that serves as a resource for anyone interested in a degree in fashion design. In addition, Baylor's Apparel Design and Product Development program is ranked 21st in the nation and third in the region. These programs are part of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.
- The [Waco Trib profiled Patty Crawford](#), who became Baylor's first full-time Title IX coordinator in November 2014.
- **Dr. Michael Poor**, assistant professor of computer science in Baylor's School of Engineering and Computer Science, has received a \$158,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund his research on the exploration of gestural interaction usage for users with chronic pain-related diseases and conditions. His research will impact the mainstream consumer market for products like Xbox Kinect that need to take user limitations into account.
- Assistant Professor of Chemistry **Bryan Shaw's** discovery of evidence of leukocoria (i.e., "white eye") through the use of amateur digital photography has resulted in the creation with Associate Professor of Computer Science **Greg Hamerly** of a new diagnostic tool that enables earlier diagnosis and treatment of retinoblastoma.
- The Baylor Film Society may be close to a revival of its own 30 years after being kicked off campus, [says the Waco Trib](#).
- Baylor will participate in the Big Ten+ Graduate School Exposition at Purdue University Oct. 4-5. The event is designed to provide students with information about graduate education and research opportunities. Student registration is \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door, and travel scholarships are available to help cover travel expenses. Advance registration and more information about the event are available online [at this link](#).
- Baylor's chapter of Mortar Board has been awarded the Silver Torch Award from the Mortar Board National College Honor Society. Mortar Board is a

national honor society that recognizes college seniors for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service.

- Former New York Mayor Rudy Guiliani will be Ken Starr's guest for On Topic on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. in Waco Hall.
- The free shuttle that links downtown with Baylor has expanded its routes and schedule, [according to the Waco Trib.](#) The Dash is now covering more ground in downtown Waco as well as Speight Avenue and the interior of Baylor's campus and is adding service on Saturdays and during school holidays.
- The enormous fountain bowl for Baylor's new Rosenbaum Fountain is now in place, [according to the Waco Trib.](#)
- **Sports News**
- Baylor has scheduled a three-game series with Texas State for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 seasons. Baylor's home game against University of the Incarnate Word in 2019 has been rescheduled to the 2020 season, according to the football team's media guide.
- USA Today focused on the athletic department's Applied and Athletic Performance department in an article titled ["At Baylor, getting football down to a science."](#) The article said "Baylor's embrace of technology is intended to place the program on a different plane than the rest of the Football Bowl Subdivision."

## In Memoriam

- **Treasure Thomas Malone '40, MS '72**, passed away Aug. 30, 2015, just a few weeks after her 98th birthday. She served in a number of leadership positions with the Austin Avenue United Methodist Church. She did graduate study at Duke University and the University of Texas, and traveled to Ireland, Italy, Hawaii, Sweden, and England after her retirement. She is survived by daughter Kathy Whitehill and sons John and Mark Malone and their families, including four grandchildren.
- **Mary Nell SoRelle '45** passed away on Aug. 30, 2015, in San Antonio at the age of 90. Mary Nell received her bachelor's degree from Baylor in Education and English and was a member and president of the University Urbanites. She taught third grade at La Vega in Bellmead, married William Harold Taylor Jr. in 1946, and raised four children. She had moving down to a science, moving 14 times. She married her second husband, Jack Martin SoRelle in 1987 and they enjoyed traveling across the country and across Texas; Mary Nell kept a large Texas map with pushpins in all the Texas towns they visited. She is survived by her sister, four children and their families, including 11 grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.





- **Mary Jane Aiken Stopschinski Sternberg '52, MA '54**, passed away August 28, 2015 at the age of 84. Jane had a private piano studio for 30 years (teaching harp) and raised and bred dogs. She and her first husband Hank Stopschinski raised five children who were involved in a variety of activities that took advantage of Jane's sewing skills. In 1995, Jane moved to Waco and married Daniel Sternberg, dean of the Baylor School of Music and leader of the Waco Symphony Orchestra. She was very involved with the symphony and volunteered at the senior center teaching computer classes and at the Waco Meals on Wheels. Jane crossed the Atlantic once or twice a year for the past 15 years. She loved spending summers in Hanigsen and passed away in a hospital near her summer home there, with her oldest daughter Suzanne by her side and Mozart playing in the background. She is survived by her five children and five grandchildren.
- **Richard Lee Clark '59, JD**, passed away Aug. 24, 2015, at the age of 78. Dick played for Baylor in the 1957 Sugar Bowl, going on to play professionally for the Toronto Argonauts and the Calgary Stampeders in the CFL. Following his football career, Dick obtained his law degree and served as both an Assistant District Attorney in McLennan county and in private practice first with his father and later with his son. Dick's obituary said he "loved his home in Waco, his condo in Vail, vacationing in Cancun, Mexico every winter for his wife and daughter's birthday, family gatherings, grandkids' bal hames, skiing with his buddies in Vail, playing gin rummy with his great buds at Ridgewood Country Club in the 19th Hole daily, and sitting on the deck of his home relaxing and looking out at the lake. Dick also loved golf, loved his friends dearly, and loved his (Waco HS) class of 1955." Dick is survived by Sandra, his wife of 51 years; his daughter Christi and son Richard; and two grandchildren.
- **Charles Evans III '59** passed away Sept. 1, 2015 at the age of 78. Like Dick Clark (above), he graduated from "the greatest class ever, the Waco High School Class of 1955." Charles founded the Redwoods lumberyard in 1965 and operated it until his retirement in 2005. Charles is survived by Mary Wood Evans, his wife of 56 years; his son Charles and daughter Angela; and their families, which include three grandchildren.
- **Rex Staley Whitaker '65, JD '69** passed away Sept. 1, 2015 at the age of 72. He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and practiced law with Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee for more than 40 years before retiring as a senior partner to practice with his son at Baird, Crews, Schiller & Whitaker, where he was of counsel until his death. Rex also taught Securities Law at Baylor Law School as an adjunct professor. Survivors include Marilyn, his

wife of 51 years; and daughters Lisa and Kristi and son Mark and their families, which include nine grandchildren.

- **Michael Patrick McNamara** passed away Sept. 1 at the age of 67. Mike served as Deputy U.S. Marshall for 34 years and was chief investigator of the McLennan County District Attorney's office at the time of his death.

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