

The Baylor Line Foundation

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Between the Lines

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Kicking it off....

- We will finalize our mailing list for the Fall 2016 issue of The Baylor Line on Sept. 9. If you have moved or didn't receive the Spring/Summer issue (it included a profile of Dutch Schroeder), please send us a note to BaylorLine@BaylorAlumniAssociation.com
- The other reason that you may not have gotten the last issue is that your membership has lapsed (or you were never a BAA member). [You can renew or join at this link.](#)
- The Baylor Line Foundation's Oral Histories project has launched on YouTube as a way to capture what members of the Baylor Family loved about the time here. The first set of video interviews with retired history professor James Vardaman and former baseball coach Dutch Schroeder – both Baylor icons — have been posted on the BLF's YouTube page ([here's a link to go see them](#)). “We think this will be a wonderful way to connect members of the Baylor family across generations and share their loved ones' stories with others,” said BLF President **Fred R. Norton Jr. '80, JD '83**. If you subscribe to the page (there's a red button), we'll notify you when we add new interviews. And it won't be long before you can upload videos of your own family members.
- **Mark Your Calendars:** The annual Baylor Line Foundation Homecoming Tailgate will be held October 15 at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. The kickoff time hasn't been announced yet, but the tailgate will start three hours before game time. George's will be catering the event, and early-bird tickets will cost \$20 for BLF members and \$25 for non-members. Unlike last year, there will not be VIP parking, but many of last year's guests already had their own parking. [You can reserve your tickets by clicking on this link.](#)
- Baylor Line Foundation members disappointed that the Baylor Bookstore terminated its 10% in-store discount can now take advantage of a superior discount from Barefoot Campus Outfitter that includes reduced prices for online purchases. Barefoot's Waco store, located at 1508 Speight Avenue across the street from Vitek's, is offering a **15%** discount to members on ALL merchandise in their store and website, including branded items for other schools and Barefoot's own branded merchandise. **Members can receive the 15% online discount by [using the promo code BAYLORLINE16 \(all caps\) on Barefoot's website](#) or by presenting their BAA membership card at**

the store. You can also access the site from our home page and blog pages.

- The BLF selected 82 incoming freshmen and undergraduates to receive \$1,000 Legacy Scholarships for the 2016-17 school year, a 50% increase over last year. [There's more on the program here](#) (along with a link to donate to it).

Recently Published on the Line Notes Blog

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- [Reserve your place at our 2016 Homecoming Tailgate](#)
- [Video interviews with Dr. James Vardaman, Dutch Schroeder kick off Baylor Line Foundation's Oral Histories project](#)
- [BLF names At-Large Directors, new Editorial Board](#)
- [Introducing our new mission statement, logo](#)

Alumni and Faculty (And Future Alumni) News

- **Dr. George Garner and Barbara (Bowen) Garner (both '68)** have retired from the North American Mission Board living in Flagler, CO, (and seasonally Nashville, TN). They are owners and proprietors of Heritage Suites in Flagler (list on Airbnb.com). George is director of the Rural Missional Leadership Greenhouse (www.ruralchurchplanting.com). Both are active in the ministry of Wheatland Conference Center ministry (www.wheatlandcenter.com) and support church planting and strengthening in Eastern Colorado. They can be reached at P. O. Box 186, Flagler, CO 80815.
- **Ben Renberg '91, MBA '03**, has been named senior associate vice president for Cornell University's alumni affairs and development division, effective Sept. 15. He will be responsible for programs that include major gifts; leadership gifts; trusts, estates, and gift planning; and communications and donor engagement. Fred will move to Cornell from Rice University, where he has served as associate vice president for development since 2010. He once served as associate vice president for university development at Baylor and director of development at Baylor College of Medicine.
- **Jimmy Walker '02** won his first Major at the PGA Championship! Walker played golf at Baylor from 1997-2000.
- **Amy Brown Wolf '00, MAcc '00** was admitted to the partnership at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Amy is an Audit Partner serving several energy companies in the Houston area.
- **Zandra Cook B.S. '11, M.S. '16**, is now the program coordinator for the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Cook worked previously for Baylor in the admissions office and later as the program coordinator for the Engineering Learning Resource Center.
- **Brian Allen, MBA '12 and MHA '12**, has become chief operating officer for Parham Doctors' Hospital in Richmond, VA.
- **Susie Typher Harrison '12** is now the head of strategic relationships at Pencils of Promise, an international education non-profit based in New York City. Harrison has worked at Pencils of Promise for over two years.
- **Brandon Stowers '12** has recently become an IT project manager for Emerson Process Management in the Austin area.
- **Courtney Acarregui '13** is now an investment associate with J.P. Morgan Endowments and Foundations Group. Acarregui has been a private analyst for J.P. Morgan for the past three years.

- **Alyssa (Brooke) Bonorden '13** began working for the Texas Historical Commission, the state agency for historical preservation, in August. She is currently the historical interpreter at Mission Dolores State Historical Site.
- **Lauren Brown '13** recently began working as a pricing analyst for Williamson-Dickie Manufacturing Company in the Dallas area.
- **William "Billy" Bernhard '14** is now an account executive for Datalink in the Dallas area.
- **Kyler Cross '14** recently became a regional marketing consultant for Allstate in Chicago, Illinois. Cross has participated in Allstate's Leadership Development Program for the past two years.
- **Charlie Foster '14** is now an employer relations specialist for Baylor University. Foster previously worked at the Dwyer Group in Waco as a local marketing specialist.
- **Emily Travis '14** recently began work as a registered dietician at Wellness Coaching and Nutrition Therapy, LLC, in Houston.
- **Nicole Przybyla, MS '14**, of Waco has announced her engagement to Zachary Lloyd Erwin. Both are CPAs with Jaynes, Reitmeier, Boyd & Therrell P.C. They plan to marry Jan. 7, 2017 in Waco.
- **Katherine Christine Scrivner '14** married Tyler Joe May on July 30, 2016, at the Waco Palladium. The bride is a second-grade teacher for the Moody Independent School District.
- **Megan Kamrath '15** will be teaching sixth grade math at Spring Woods Middle School in Spring Branch ISD this school year.
- **Tajwar Majeed '15** is now working as associate district manager for ADP in the Houston area.
- **Catherine Grace Bower '16** is now working as a junior account manager at Modern Message in Dallas, as of July 2016.
- **Lauren Lisak '16** is now working as a QA analyst for Wayfair in Boston, Mass.
- **Samantha Wilson '16** recently began working in sales at Oracle in Austin.
- **Brianna Childs '16** has embarked on the World Race, which is a mission trip to 11 countries in 11 months. Childs will come back to Waco after the World Race to pursue a Masters of Divinity from Truett Seminary and a Masters of Social Work from Baylor University.
- Incoming Freshman Athlete Victoria Powell wrote a guest column for the Sporting News entitled "Why I Chose Baylor Despite the 'Baylor Scandal'" [Here's a link](#)
- **Dr. Paul Gordon**, chair and professor of Baylor's health, human performance, and recreation department in the Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences, has been selected as a member of the National Institutes of Health's Common Fund study section review.

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 tobaylorline@bayloralumniassociation.com for use in the magazine.

- **Elizabeth Majors Smith Githens**, emeritus professor of English at Baylor, died Sunday, July 10, at the age of 96. The surviving member of her generation, one of eight siblings and 54 first cousins, she never tired of recounting stories of their small-town life together. An honor graduate of Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, she came to Waco in 1941 to attend graduate school at Baylor, where she met physics professor Arthur Wallace Smith. They were married on July 20, 1944, and until his untimely death in 1955, Elizabeth and Arthur also spent time in Austin, Nashville, and

Oak Ridge as he advanced his graduate research. During her own teaching career at Baylor from 1945 to 1969 she inspired a generation of students not only to love literature, most especially poetry, but also to take pride in their own writing. From 1963 to 1965, she pursued doctoral studies at the University of Kansas. Back again at Baylor, she remained active in Round Table and AAUP, was faculty sponsor of Kappa Theta sorority, and even enjoyed playing piano (with two fingers) for the 2-year-olds at First Baptist Church. After her marriage in 1969 to Sherwood Githens, Jr., a Duke University professor who had served as physics chairman at Baylor from 1949 to 1952, Elizabeth brought her love for language to the junior high classroom in Durham NC. After she was again widowed and moved back to Waco, she ventured in 1987 to Shimonoseki, Japan, to teach for a year at Baiko Gakuin University. Elizabeth is survived by her daughters, **Sarah Smith Randles '70** and Ellen Smith Dunlap; and three stepchildren; 12 grandchildren, including **Alice Randles Sauer '99**; 14 great-grandchildren; and scores of nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

- **Col. John Bales (USAF, Ret.) '53** of San Antonio passed away April 17, 2016, at the age of 84. John served his country as an Air Force fighter pilot for 23 years, flying the F-84 Thunderjet, F-86 Sabre, the F-100 Saber Sabre, and his favorite the F-4E Phantom II. In Vietnam, he flew more than 200 combat missions in the F-4E and was awarded multiple Air Medals as well as two Distinguished Flying Crosses. John returned from Vietnam as Major Bales and then served at the Pentagon for four years where he received two promotions. He retired from the Air Force in 1976 after serving at Randolph AFB where he was awarded the Legion of Merit. John is survived by Margaret Kerley Bales '54, his wife of 62 years; four children, Malcolm, Karen, Lisa, and Andrew; 17 grandchildren; and many other family members who will miss him.
- **Dr. Walter Jamar Reid** passed away April 9, 2016, just a week after his 85th birthday. After serving two years in the U.S. Army after his graduation from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Dr. Reid established his OB/GYN practice in Lufkin, TX in 1963 and retired in 1994. Dr. Reid serves Deacon and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Lufkin for many years and was an avid sportsman and hunter. Jamar co-founded the Ducks Unlimited chapter in Lufkin and served as State Chairman and National Trustee for 10 years. He is survived by his sons Royce and Lawrence and daughter Jennifer and their families; and his granddaughter Elizabeth.
- **Charles W. Horton, Jr. '57** passed away at the age of 80 on June 9, 2016 in Graham, Texas. "Charlie" also earned a degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1962 and his master's in Education from Texas Wesleyan University in 1962. He was a teacher, counselor and Dean of Students at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin. Charles was born to deaf parents in Fort Worth, Texas and was a lifelong Minister for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Vera Helen Horton '57**.
- **Jared Frame**, who would have been a junior for the upcoming school year, passed away Aug. 4 in Arizona from complications of an unexpected illness. Jared, who was majoring in management information systems and entrepreneurship, is survived by his parents Becky and Darren Frame of Scottsdale, AZ, and his brother, Andrew. Becky and Darren graduated from Baylor in 1984 and , Darren Frame also teaches at Baylor as a clinical assistant professor of management in the Hankamer School of Business.

University News

- The Waco Independent School District's board of trustees has approved a social services project with Baylor Education and Social Work schools intended to help students struggling with severe behavioral challenges. Called the Baylor School of Education Campus-Based Family Services Project, the initiative will be funded through a tax increase passed in November 2015 that will bring the district an

additional \$8.2 million per year.

- Construction has begun on Baylor's new near-campus golf facility that was announced in October 2015 as a result of a multi-million-dollar lead gift from Billy Williams, B.B.A. '63, and his family of Naples, Florida. The facility will be named in honor of the Williams' family. The practice is being constructed on a 14-acre site off of University Parks Drive near the Willis Family Equestrian Center. The facility will be home to many things including an on-site practice course, a driving range and a clubhouse.
- Baylor is hosting a yearlong display of the "Nagasaki Cross" — a 14.5-inch sculpture made from materials salvaged from a middle school damaged in the Aug. 9, 1945, atomic bombing of the Japanese city by the United States during World War II. The cross is now being displayed at Moody Memorial Library, and will eventually be displayed at other campus buildings, including George W. Truett Theological Seminary's facilities.
- Baylor Athletics announced that assistant football coaches will not be talking to the media this season.

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