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# SUPERHEROES

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**Future lawyer. Current fashionista. College basketballer. Photo editor. Phi Alpha Delta veep. And, as of this summer, think-tank intern. Senior Kyra Littlejohn does it all.**

Littlejohn spent her summer months in New York City learning the ropes of digital media, media releases and story development, while living right in the middle of it all on Wall Street.

“I was living in my dream city,” said the Southfield, Mich., native and English-Communication Arts major who plays guard for the Rattlers.

The student-athlete was drawn to the fast-paced city because, after all, she lives a fast-paced life. But it’s taught her that balance is an art.

“Playing basketball has helped me professionally, and my professional development has helped my basketball skills,” she said.

“I wouldn’t have it any other way.”



# Faith and Leadership

## Living Chaminade's Vision

*by Thomas M. Mengler, J.D., St. Mary's University President*

The mission of St. Mary's University calls us all to foster formation in faith and ethical leadership with our students, but also with our families, fellow workers, neighbors and ourselves. As such, St. Mary's mission is grounded in the Marianist mission. Recall that Blessed William Joseph Chaminade placed primary responsibility on the shoulders of lay men and women to evangelize post-revolution France.

Presented with this linkage of St. Mary's mission and Chaminade's vision, we may feel daunted and underequipped. If we compare our daily lives to those of Chaminade and generations of Marianists, it's tough to imagine how we could embody the faith, courage, love and sacrifice of the Marianist brothers and sisters.

But St. Mary's and the Marianists encourage us to follow God's call, especially in the normal tasks of life, by undertaking them with excellence and Christian charity and care.

The business entrepreneur, who produces valuable goods or services and provides jobs with a living wage, serves God and neighbor. The senior engineer who mentors young professionals to develop safe, cost-effective and useful projects is engaged in a vocation, not just a career. Parents who raise their children in an organized faith and prod them to respect the dignity of all their classmates are partners on a holy journey.

From this lens, I hope you are as heartened as I to read about the Guardians of our University (see story page 17) — the faculty who selflessly participate in the Faculty Academic Mentor Program and other programs that engage our students. These stories demonstrate how the St. Mary's faculty is fostering in our students a commitment to academic excellence and servant leadership.

I am also delighted to welcome Steve Sheppard, our new Dean of the School of Law. Steve's vision includes integrating the Marianist mission throughout the law school (see story at right). In the context of legal education, that means educating future ethical leaders of the bench and bar, faithful men and women who — in their normal tasks — practice law with civility, and honesty and who work diligently to serve their clients.

Father Chaminade would be proud. ■







# A Dean's Vision

*Compiled by Gina Farrell (M.P.A. '11)*

Stephen M. Sheppard, J.S.D., is a noted legal expert, respected educator and the new Dean of the St. Mary's University School of Law. He has had a few months to adjust to life at St. Mary's, so we sat down with him to talk about his thoughts on legal education, where he came from, and where he's taking the School of Law.

**Q:** What do you most want the St. Mary's community to know about you?

**A:** I am absolutely committed to the mission of St. Mary's. I came here because I was very attracted to its ideals and the significance of that type of education in America today — a type of education that is committed not only to a quality educational experience but also to the education of the whole person.

**Q:** Your dedication to the Catholic and Marianist foundations of St. Mary's is clear, even though you are not Catholic. Where does that come from?

**A:** Catholicism encourages the finest thoughts and actions in each of us — not only toward one another, but also toward the Divine. Who wouldn't like that?

**Q:** You refer to St. Mary's as "the Law School of San Antonio." What does that mean to you?

**A:** It reminds the citizens of St. Mary's that their home commitment is to this city and its needs, and it reminds the citizens of San Antonio and South Texas that we are here to serve them. One of the things I have learned quickly is that San Antonio has a very special culture. It is courteous, warm and communal, but exciting and dynamic. To be a part of that culture distinguishes this law school.

**Q:** Tell me about how you envision the School of Law five years from now.

**A:** More people will know our story across the state and the nation, because it's a good story — indeed a great story. We will be providing a greater array of legal education both to aspiring lawyers and to a variety of professionals in San Antonio, across South Texas and around the world.

We will provide a cutting-edge, individualized experience to our J.D. class to develop each student's skills and ensure the greatest likelihood of success for each. We will have augmented our curriculum to more fully prepare each student for a career as an ethical professional, ready to compete in a changing economy.

If we have secured more help from our alumni and partners, we will be acknowledged as an intellectual leader in the global legal academy.

**Q:** Is there a life experience that has influenced your professional path?

**A:** I have been really blessed to have wonderful teachers throughout my life. My parents were my first teachers, and I have had wonderful teachers and mentors since. Each has led me to some place that only later did I know I needed to go. I love providing that experience to others. ■



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Guy Martonana (M.A. '08), center, was on a trip to Cusco, Peru, in June when he couldn't pass up taking a photo with these two women and their animals. "They reminded me of the women I worked with during my internship in southern Peru," said Martonana, who is a project development officer in Afghanistan with United States Agency for International Development. "I think the bonnet was icing on the cake."







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St. Mary's University,  
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fosters the formation of people in faith  
and educates leaders for the common good  
through community, integrated liberal arts and  
professional education, and academic excellence.



Students walk across the Quad on a beautiful  
San Antonio afternoon.

## From Our Readers



The fond and perennially happy memories of the late Professor Donald E. Davis, Sociology Department, were felt deep in my heart after reading about Matt McClain's dedication of his "no-hitter" to his younger sister, Maddie, in her battle against renal disease (*Rattler Pitches a Perfect Tribute, Summer 2014*). Words simply do not give justice to the positive, lifelong impact Professor Davis had and continues to have on my personal and professional life. While Professor Davis spent nearly a decade waiting for a kidney and did eventually succumb to his renal illness, the authors make us acutely aware that a simple, yet beautiful gesture made on the part of a 13-year-old can give the ultimate dividend — life. In memory of the amazing love and compassion shown by those fortunate enough to come into the path of Professor Davis, I urge my fellow Rattlers to consider becoming an organ donor. It is this gift of love that I consider a "perfect game."

— Timothy M. McInnis, Ph.D., (B.A. '92)  
St. Louis, Mo.



All I can say is excellent. Your summer selection of stories about projects our alumni are working on were excellent. I will keep this issue to follow three of the people and their work.

— Jerry Moore (M.B.A. '76)  
Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

## We want to hear from you

We are proud to include letters and comments from our readers. If you would like to offer a comment, compliment or criticism, please let us know. The letters we publish here may be edited for space, style and clarity. We print only those letters referring to the most recent issue of the magazine, but not those responding to letters or commenting on topics not addressed in the most recent issue. Letters can be emailed to the editor at [gfarrell@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gfarrell@stmarytx.edu) or mailed to Gina Farrell, *Gold & Blue* Editor, St. Mary's University, One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, Texas 78228-8575.



# Campus News

## Alumnus Leaves Surprise Estate Gift

The late Gary L. Schwarz, who graduated from St. Mary's with a bachelor's degree in Economics in 1958, has left a \$525,000 bequest to the University — a gift that will provide funding for a new Center for Catholic Studies as well as scholarships for qualified students.

Schwarz, who died in April 2013 at the age of 77, was a lifelong resident of St. Clair County, Ill., and a retired records manager analyst for the U.S. Air Force. He was a longtime supporter, making consistent but mostly small gifts over the years. So his bequest came as a surprise.

"We sincerely appreciate Mr. Schwarz's generosity," said President Thomas Mengler. "His legacy will live on in the students who are able to receive an education because of his gift."

## St. Mary's Scores \$5.5 Million in Federal Grants

In short order, St. Mary's University received word of not just one but two multi-million federal grants, bringing to campus a grand total of \$5.5 million during the next five years.

The U.S. Department of Education first notified St. Mary's early in the fall of a \$2.6 million Title V grant for fostering STEM education. Just a few weeks later, a \$2.9 million Title V grant was announced, this one to expand and enhance offerings to graduate students.

The STEM grant is through the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program. It will assist in funding numerous initiatives to bolster programs in the School of Science, Engineering and Technology, including adding a Mechanical Engineering professor and tutors, providing new equipment and renovations for laboratories and renovating the Learning Assistance Center to support STEM retention.

The graduate program grant is through the Department of Education's Promoting Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for



Gary L. Schwarz

Hispanic Americans Program. This grant will strengthen and expand online graduate program offerings, develop community-based outreach programs and support graduate student success through the development of a space for collaboration and research.

St. Mary's was the only college or university in San Antonio to receive both types of grants.

## \$1 Million Gift to Support Women in Law

The St. Mary's School of Law has received a \$1 million gift in the memory of the late Deborah Melaas, who, while only briefly a law student, was left with a lasting impression of her experience.

Melaas' parents knew how much she loved St. Mary's and, after her death, they set up an estate gift in her honor, which will now fund the Deborah K. Melaas Scholarship Fund to assist second-year, female law students.

This is a heartwarming gift that will benefit generations of women who attend the School of Law. It is also a testament to the lasting impact the St. Mary's community has on the students who pass through our campus.

## Escobedos Recognized for Support

President Thomas Mengler presented the 2014 President's Gateway Award for Advancement to Rubén (B.B.A. '60) and Verónica Escobedo during the St. Mary's Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Dinner.

The award is given in recognition of exceptional leadership or success in fundraising and supporting St. Mary's in a way that advances the University's mission and culture of excellence.

The Escobedos have dedicated their lives to service and philanthropy, to the benefit of St. Mary's, the Archdiocese and city of San Antonio, and beyond.

Most recently, they gave \$1 million to enhance the Catholic and Marianist identity of St. Mary's. In 2011, they were the lead donors to the beautiful renovation of Assumption Chapel.

The Distinguished Alumni for 2014 are Stephen M. Dufilho (M.A. '69), Patrick N. Klasing (B.B.A. '71) and Aloys J. Notzon III (B.A. '60).





## Campus Runs for the Neighborhood

St. Mary's held its first-ever StMU 5K for the Neighborhood, a fun run/walk that is part of the University's ongoing efforts to enhance quality of life in the adjoining neighborhood, while promoting health and wellness among the campus community.

Held in October, about 900 participants came together for the timed run. For the students who participated, each \$10 registration fee was donated to United Way agencies operating in the surrounding area.

See page 30 for more photos of the 5K.

# Business

## Business Hall of Fame Honors Four

The Texas Business Hall of Fame has honored four students in the Bill Greehey School of Business with its annual scholarships.

The scholarship winners are Angela Rizzo, senior Corporate Financial Management major, who was awarded the William E. "Bill" Greehey Scholarship; Benjamin Hinojosa, MBA student, who was awarded the Carlos and Malu Alvarez Scholarship; Christopher Costley, MBA student, who was awarded the Harvey E. Najim Scholarship; and Kimberly Kennedy, MBA student.

The scholarships are awarded to outstanding graduate and undergraduate business students who exhibit entrepreneurial drive and leadership spirit.

## New Major Focuses on "Big Data"

So-called "big data" is everywhere, and it's only getting bigger. St. Mary's has responded to the surge in demand for graduates who know how to analyze big data by offering a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Data Analytics.

St. Mary's is the first college or university in San Antonio to offer a major focusing on data analytics, which is a field that takes large segments of data and turns it into information that can be used for effective decision-making.

The new major requires students to complete the basic 120-hour Accounting major, plus an additional 30 hours in data analytics, information systems and electives. The degree will take four to five years to complete, but will fulfill the credit-hour requirements to take the Certified Public Accountant exam.

## KUDOS

### Research Excellence

Feng Zhang, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Business, was named by Rutgers University Business School as its most outstanding alumnus in academic research during the past five years.

## KUDOS

### Grants Fund Business Studies

Richard Priesmeyer, Ph.D., Professor of Business, participated as a researcher in multiple grants from the National Institutes of Health totaling almost \$2 million, which investigated bipolar disorders. In addition, Priesmeyer was invited by Toyota Europe to work on a grant-funded Emogram (an application that measures human emotions) project for more accurately measuring customer responses to design changes.



# A Powerful New Window into a Microscopic World

by Bianca Pardo, Class of 2015

Veronica Contreras-Shannon, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology, gets visibly excited when she talks about the gray box attached to the computer in the photo below. While the box looks fairly unassuming, it's actually a \$100,000 high-powered confocal microscope that gives faculty and students an exciting new way to look at tissues and cells.

"It allows us to focus on different planes, taking pictures so that you are able to basically slice through what you are looking at," Contreras-Shannon explained. "You actually build a 3-D image of what you are looking at."

In addition, while state-of-the-art, the microscope is easy for students to use and control from the connected computer and its software.

"When the students see it in 3-D, it really starts to make sense physiologically," she added. ■

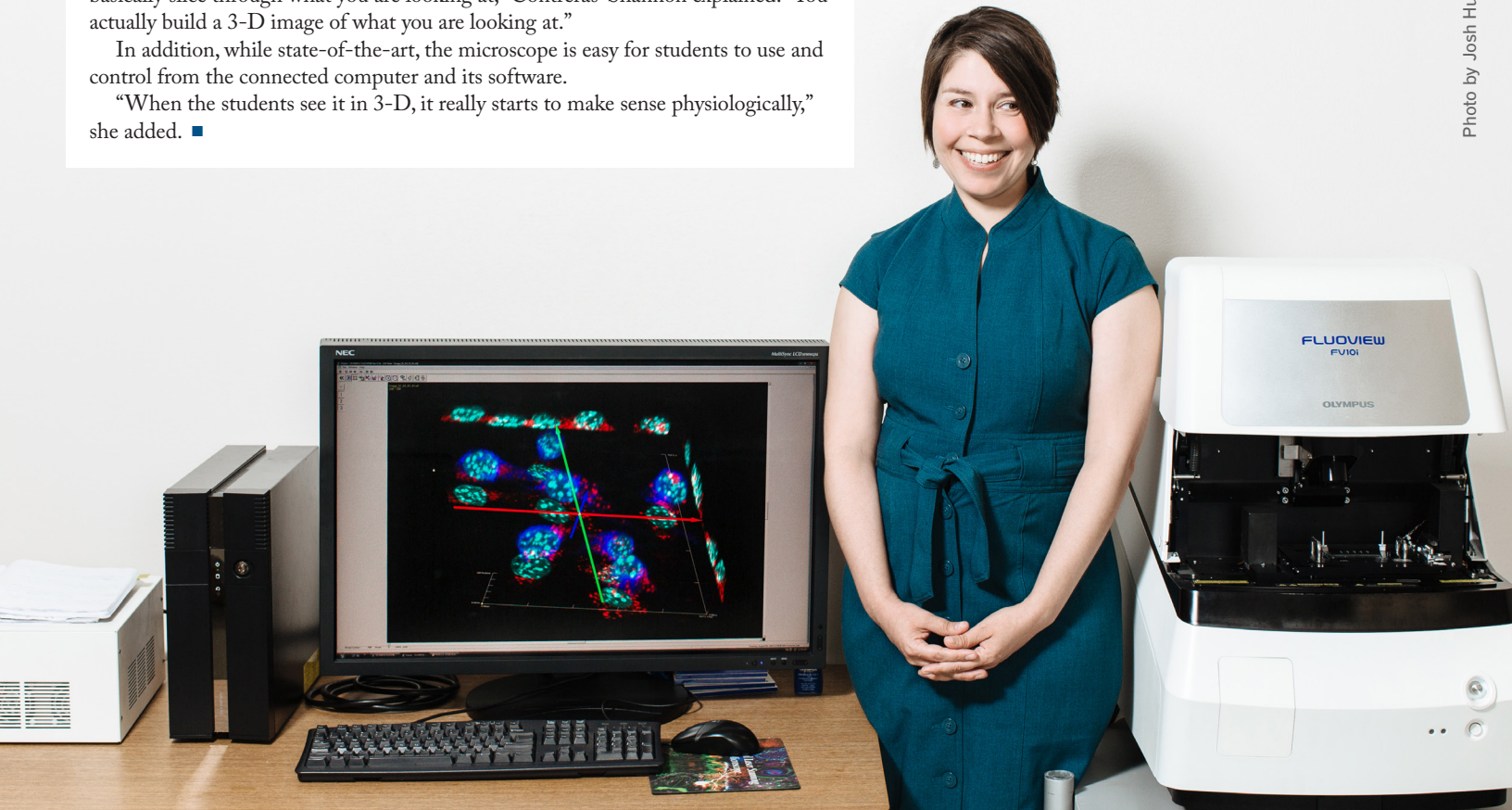


Photo by Josh Huskin

## Science

### New Engineering Labs Unveiled

A \$200,000 grant from the Albert and Margaret Alkek Foundation led the way for a recent renovation of the basement of Garni Hall, and it is benefiting the new Mechanical Engineering program.

While the basement was a working laboratory in past decades, it had fallen into disrepair and had become a storage area. Now, the space is once again home to student and faculty research, with the new thermo-fluids and strength of materials laboratories fully operational.

### KUDOS

### Funds for Biology Projects

Shamik Bhattacharya, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering; Lori Boies, Ph.D., Biology Instructor; and Veronica Contreras-Shannon, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology, in collaboration with Edward Sako, M.D., Ph.D., Chief of the Division of Adult Cardiac Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, received a \$50,000 grant through the

Institute for Integration of Medicine and Science/Clinical and Translational Science Award program for their project "Ex vivo studies of tricuspid valve mechanics."

Additionally, Contreras-Shannon has received more than \$17,000 from the San Antonio Area Foundation to support her project "Role of beta-tubulin isotypes in foam cell formation."



# Humanities

## KUDOS

### Yoga Assists Breast Cancer Research

Terri Boggess, Ph.D., Professor of Exercise and Sport Science, and Nydia Tijerina Darby, along with researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, studied the effects of yoga on post-treatment breast cancer survivors and presented their findings this fall.

## KUDOS

### Poetry Wins Recognition

Diane Bertrand, St. Mary's Writer-in-Residence, has been honored with another recognition, this time for a work of poetry. Bertrand, who has won numerous awards for her children's books and young adult fiction, was a finalist for the 2014 Writers' League of Texas Book Awards for her book of poetry titled *Dawn Flower*.

## KUDOS

### Keynote Address

Larry Hufford, Ph.D., Professor of International Relations, presented the keynote address at the World Council for Curriculum and Instruction in Taiwan this fall. Hufford's presentation topic was "Problems and Possibilities in Multicultural and Global Education in Post-conflict Societies."

## KUDOS

### First Speed Fellowship Awarded

Mary Lynne Hill, Ph.D., Professor of English and Communication Studies, is the first Edward and Linda Speed Peace and Justice Fellow. She is writing a book titled *Language of Protest: Acts of Performance, Identity, and Legitimation*.

In 2013, Edward (B.B.A. '70, M.A. '86) and Linda Speed established the fellows program within the School of Humanities and Social Sciences to support faculty research and presentations, including publishing or creating works that address peace and justice issues.

# Law

### Law School Introduces Masters Program

The School of Law is now offering a Master of Jurisprudence (M.Jur.), which is a 30-credit hour program designed for those who do not wish to practice law but are interested in gaining a broader understanding of the American legal system.

The degree is primarily for professionals practicing in areas that intersect with the law such as human relations, criminal and juvenile justice, the court system (such as magistrates and probation officers), journalism, social work, regulatory agencies, county and municipal government, and health care.

Credits acquired through the M.Jur. program do not count toward the completion of a Juris Doctorate degree, nor do they satisfy the requirements to sit for the bar exam.

## KUDOS

### Expert Opinion Heard on National Media

Gerald Reamey, J.D., Professor of Law, is frequently sought by the local media to comment on legal issues. But occasionally his legal expertise is needed by the national media as well. The story of Texas Gov. Rick Perry's indictment this fall led the Wall Street Journal, the American Lawyer, Dallas Morning News, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and many other newspapers to seek Reamey's opinions.

### New Law Program to Attract Top Students

School of Law Dean Stephen Sheppard has announced a new full-tuition scholarship program to recruit top students to St. Mary's.

The Presidential Law Scholarship is open to any law school applicant of outstanding academic achievement, with a proven commitment to service and the potential for a life of community leadership.

The scholarships will cover 100 percent of the tuition and fees required to complete the

Juris Doctorate degree, as well as an annual stipend. Students will be expected to be active in the law school community while a student and to complete their legal study at St. Mary's.

"These scholarships underscore our Marianist mission and the 'value-added' component most law schools don't have," Sheppard said. "We expect our students to graduate and pursue a lifetime of leadership and successful practice in service to others. Those are the type of students we wish to attract."

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We expect our students to graduate and pursue a lifetime of leadership and successful practice in service to others.”

— Stephen M. Sheppard, J.S.D.  
Dean, St. Mary's School of Law

### St. Mary's Named a Best Value

The St. Mary's School of Law was honored as a "Best Value Private Law School" by the *National Jurist* this fall. Twenty-two institutions made the 2014 private law school rankings.

This was the third time in four years that St. Mary's was named a best value, a designation that is based on numerous factors, including tuition cost, student debt accumulation, employment rate, bar passage rate and cost of living.

### Congratulations to the Distinguished Law Graduates

The School of Law honored its 2014 Distinguished Law Graduates this fall.

The honorees were The Hon. Israel Ramon Jr. (J.D. '77), of the 430th District Court, Hidalgo County; Clem V. Lyons (L.L.B. '62), Law Office of Clem Lyons PC; and Tiffanie S. Clausewitz (J.D. '08), The Rosenblatt Law Firm.



# Sports

## Five Inducted Into Hall of Fame

Five new members of the St. Mary's Athletics Hall of Fame were inducted in October. They were Kym Kling (B.A. '05), softball; Jesse Gutierrez (CL '01), baseball; Eric Battersby (B.A. '13) baseball; Erin Griffin (B.A. '05) women's basketball; and Bill Greehey (B.B.A. '60), who was inducted as an associate.

Both Gutierrez and Kling were instrumental in capturing the 2001 NCAA D-II Baseball National Championship and the 2002 NCAA D-II Softball National Championship, respectively, while All-Americans Battersby and Griffin enter the Hall of Fame as two of their programs' greatest. Greehey was recognized for his generosity and dedication to student success at St. Mary's.

## Student-athletes Rake in Academic Honors

St. Mary's Athletics boasted several academic honors in recent months, including both individual and team academic successes.

Ten softball players were named as National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America Scholars for the 2014 season, the most they have had honored in a single season.

Both St. Mary's men's and women's tennis also achieved All-America status in academics, with both programs winning their third-straight Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team Award.

Women's tennis had six honored individually as ITA Scholar Athletes while men's tennis had four named ITA Scholar Athletes. Women's tennis star Mariana Rong was honored as a Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-American.

Rattler volleyball continued its tradition of academic success, earning its fourth straight American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award, which honored the Rattlers' high academic performance during the 2013-2014 school year.



# Revisiting a Dream

Former AT&T general counsel gives abused children a voice in court

by Anndria Flores (B.A. '12)

For 23 years, Merrie Cavanaugh (J.D. '84) built a successful legal career, working her way up to associate general counsel for AT&T. When offered a retirement incentive, she took it as a sign that it was time to follow her heart.

Three decades earlier, Cavanaugh was a child welfare worker. She saw a system that didn't guarantee abused children an effective voice in court, and she was determined to become a child advocate attorney.

After graduating from the St. Mary's University School of Law, like many new attorneys, Cavanaugh was eager to pay off her student debt and she found herself going down a more corporate career path.

"For many years, I had ignored the nudges of my heart while providing for my family," Cavanaugh said.

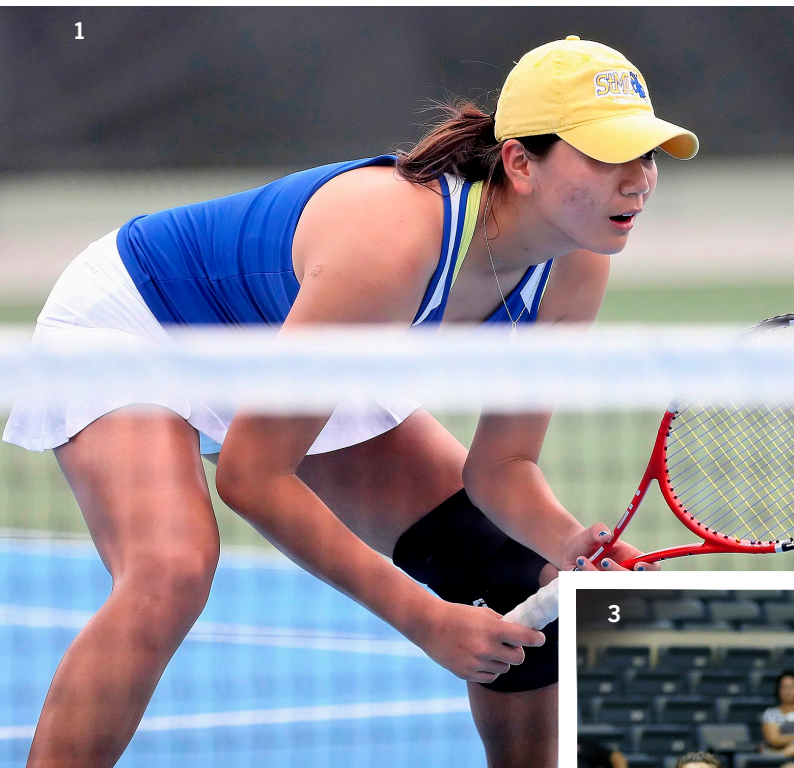
With AT&T's retirement incentive, it was time to do something she called "soul-satisfying."

She met the founder of Texas Loves Children Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides resources, training and expertise statewide to attorneys representing child clients, and today is its director of development.

Cavanaugh sees this as a second chance at the kind of work she originally came to St. Mary's to do: improving case outcomes for abused children.

"It's never too late to follow your heart and revisit a dream," Cavanaugh said. ■





On the baseball diamond, Rattler pitcher Rene Solis became the program's third player in history to be honored as a Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-American with his third-team selection.

### Women's Tennis Continues Historic Run

Just one semester removed from setting school history by advancing to the NCAA Sweet 16, the St. Mary's women's tennis team was back to its old tricks.

The Rattlers roared through the fall portion of their schedule, as Mariana Rong and Cristina Lopez — the region's top-ranked doubles tandem — qualified for the ITA Small College National Championships after winning the South Central Regional title in September.

It took Rong and Lopez defeating a pair of familiar faces to advance to the national tournament in Sumter, S.C., having downed Rattler teammates Jamie Lee Denton and Kaylin Kruseman 8-2 in the final. In fact, the semifinal round featured three Rattler doubles teams among the four teams that qualified, with Felicity Delgado and Kerry Wiegand having also advanced to the semis.

### Martinez Breaks Career Digs Record

Seven games into her senior season, St. Mary's volleyball libero Victorria Martinez etched her name in the program's history.

Martinez became the Rattler's all-time digs leader, surpassing the record previously held by volleyball legend Katy Migl Guevara (B.B.A. '06) who held the record for nine seasons.

Martinez took the record after reaching 1,928 digs during a win over Texas A&M International in September and has since eclipsed the 2,000 mark.

1. Mariana Rong
2. Cristina Lopez
3. Victorria Martinez (5)



# Common People, **UNCOMMON ACTIVISM**

*by Alex Salinas (B.A. '11)*



In the 1950s, a Texas school district was forcing Mexican-American students to repeat the first grade three times. When alum Enrique Aleman Jr., Ph.D., uncovered his own mother's childhood fight in this battle against inequality, he decided to chronicle the historic struggle.



A few years after the landmark and widely known 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, another legal case in a small South Texas town — this one largely forgotten — showed the battle for racial equality was not over in South Texas.

Aleman (B.A. '93), an Associate Professor at the University of Utah, coproduced a documentary last year about the *Hernandez v. Driscoll Independent School District* case titled *Stolen Education*. The 65-minute film has been screened to packed audiences at universities, public schools, libraries and film festivals in North Carolina, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

In 2002 Aleman, then a doctoral student at The University of Texas at Austin, was taking a study break at home to channel surf when he came across a documentary on civil rights activist Hector P. Garcia. The program mentioned a court case he had never heard of that took place just minutes from his native Kingsville.

In October 1956, eight 7-to-10-year-old Mexican-American students from Driscoll testified in front of a federal judge, local residents, as well as the school district's principal, superintendent and teachers. The children testified against the school district's practice of forcing all Mexican-American students to repeat first grade for three years via a "beginner," "low," and "high" first grade.

The court ordered the school to abandon the practice the following year, although the school continued to segregate minority students in other ways.

Aleman recalled that his mother, Lupe, attended elementary school at Driscoll during the case's litigation, which she had mentioned only once with few details. She also told him that she graduated from high school at 21 years of age. However, by the time he began looking into the Driscoll case, his mother had just passed away.

"I never had the opportunity to ask her fully about what it was like to stand up against an oppressive system of segregation and racism," Aleman said. He soon discovered that Driscoll's small agricultural community, like Lupe, rarely spoke of the case.

"These were not happy memories for the people involved, so they didn't discuss them, even with their families," Aleman said. "I found out later that my mother was the first student to be called to the witness stand. I was shocked and excited but upset that I wouldn't be able to ask about her experiences."

Aleman eventually filled in the many blanks his mother left. In 2010, he took a year off from teaching as part of a fellowship to research the Driscoll case, traveling around South Texas with a digital recorder to interview the schoolchildren, now in their late 60s, and others familiar with the case.

Additionally, Aleman uncovered original court documents revealing that the defendants thought the "retardation of Latin children" would adversely impact the education of white children — a belief shared across other Texas school districts at the time, he said.

Aleman initially compiled research for a book, but with Utah filmmaker Rudy Luna, the project morphed into a documentary.

"You often hear about the (civil rights) leaders, but not the 'common' people," Aleman said. "That's who this story is about: the Latino children who were activists without realizing it, standing up against a mostly white city."

*Stolen Education* also chronicles public school inequities that still exist today, such as poor funding and tracking, which is separating children based on academic performance, both of which most heavily impact poor and minority students.

"Latinos are among the youngest and fastest growing demographics in the United States, yet they consistently lag behind in the achievement gap (test scores, dropout rates, higher education attendance, etc.)," Aleman said.

"We have a long way to go." ■

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Left page: Enrique Aleman Jr.'s mother, Lupe, is pictured with her third-grade class. Lupe is in the back row, second from right. Above: Enrique Aleman



# Let there be LIGHT

## GALA AND ART SALE BENEFITING ART EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The beauty of *The Saint John's Bible*, acquired by St. Mary's University last year, seems to move everyone who experiences it, so imagine the creative inspiration San Antonio's favorite artists derived from it.

In October, President Thomas Mengler and his wife, Mona, hosted the Let There Be Light Gala and Art Sale, with a portion of the sales going to St. Mary's for scholarships for Art Education majors.

The genesis of the event is the hand-written, hand-illuminated *Saint John's Bible*. St. Mary's professor Brian St. John was touched by the craftsmanship of the fine art in the Bible's seven volumes, particularly the illumination accompanying the pronouncement "Let There Be Light" in the Book of Genesis. He drew upon that inspiration, inviting fellow artists to create their own works of art.

Twenty works from many of San Antonio's finest artists were displayed in the Mengler home, including works created by internationally known artist Jesse Treviño (whose paintings hang in the Smithsonian), Lionel and Kathy Sosa, the Marianists' own Brother Cletus Behlmann, S.M., Gini Garcia, and many more.

"Mona and I were excited to have such brilliant artwork in our home, if only for a short time," Mengler said. "The event was a wonderful evening celebrating local artists, *The Saint John's Bible* and St. Mary's University."

*The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Edition, which was purchased by St. Mary's last year, was made possible through the generosity of John and Susan Morrison, longtime friends of the Menglers.

Here is a sampling of the works. ■



Rebecca Coffey  
*Forest of Enlightenment*

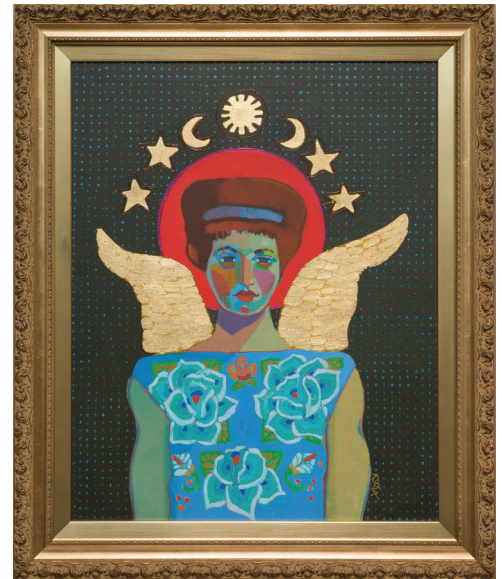




Brian St. John  
*A Light, Alight*



Steven DaLuz  
*Et Lux Hominum*



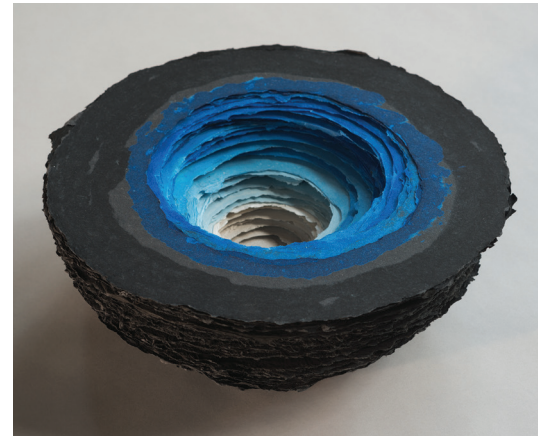
Kathy Sosa  
*Let There Be Light on My Mind*



Richard Conn  
*Light Reveals*



Bettie Ward  
*In Time We Reveal Our True Selves*



Beck Whitehead  
*Let There Be Light*



Gini Garcia  
*From the Dark, Light.*



Brother Cletus Behlmann, S.M.  
*World of Light*



Roberta Buckles  
*And It Was Good*



# Man of Mexico

## Law Professor Leads a Fight for Mexican Voting Rights

by Anndria Flores (B.A. '12)

Roberto Rosas' résumé is impressive: consultant to the Mexican government on public administration projects, the CEO of a business consulting firm, a business manager, a former engineer for Kodak, and a canon lawyer. Not to mention, he was an adviser to the two past Presidents of Mexico on migration public policy.

A longtime St. Mary's School of Law professor with dual citizenship in Mexico and the United States, Rosas is passionate about being a voice for Mexican citizens living outside the country. Meanwhile, his experiences in Mexico bring a unique international flavor to his work at St. Mary's.

In 2003, Rosas became director of the Commission of Legal Affairs for the Advisory Council of Mexicans Living Abroad. His first initiative was to implement absentee voting, a right Mexicans living abroad did not have. In 2005, the law was changed, but there were significant flaws.

"The government said all Mexicans have a right to vote, regardless of where they live, but the law didn't say how they can vote," he said.

So the fight was not over. Rosas and the Commission continued until the government agreed to pay the costs for ballots mailed to citizens abroad. Finally, that law was changed as well, but problems remained. In May 2014, the Mexican Congress approved another change in the law, allowing Mexicans abroad to vote for president, governors, mayors and senators starting in 2018. Starting with that election, absentee voters abroad could return their vote by mail, in person at all Mexican consulate offices and via the Internet. Mexican voter registration cards will also be available at Mexican consulate offices, making the voting process easier than before.

In addition to changing absentee voting policies, Rosas and the Commission continue their fight to gain the right for Mexicans abroad to have their own representative in congress, voted for by Mexicans living abroad. In February 2014, at the headquarters of the National Human Rights Commission in Mexico City, Rosas was named president of the Centro de los Mexicanos en la Globalization. As president, he plans to continue working with Mexicans who live in the U.S. and Canada to defend the human rights of Mexicans living abroad.

Rosas considers his work in Mexico to be a heartfelt calling he enjoys retelling to his students in the classroom.

"To me, it is a social commitment to be able to help Mexicans living abroad," he said. ■



Photo by Paco Navarro



# GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSITY



*Stories by Andrew Festa*

Leave wide-eyed, first-generation college students alone in the vast expanse of academia, and there are bound to be some dudes and damsels in distress. Too many are endangered by one of myriad issues that can befall even the most prepared first-time college students.

So St. Mary's gives them a hero. Teams of them, in fact, through programs such as the Faculty Academic Mentor program, STEM Scholars and themed-living communities.

These programs connect faculty and staff with students to ensure they find their way at St. Mary's.

A funny thing happens in these programs, though. It's not just the students that learn and grow; their mentors benefit too. Professors change the way they teach. Lives are transformed. Friendships are forged. And students find the strength to succeed.

On the next pages, read about these symbiotic relationships.



# The Retention Magician

ROSALIND ALDERMAN, PH.D.  
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR RETENTION MANAGEMENT



**D**emystifying the professoriate,” Rosalind Alderman calls it. Or, in layman’s terms, making it “not weird” for awed freshmen to befriend professors and get to know them as human beings.

However you phrase it, students need to be engaged in the learning process, she said.

To make a dent in the daunting task of recruiting, retaining and graduating students who had once only dreamed of a quality college education, Alderman knew St. Mary’s needed to take a bold first step. So, in 2010, she created the Faculty Academic Mentor (FAM) program, which she believes is the only college program in the nation providing first-gen students with both faculty and student mentors.

Groups of four new “FAMmers,” as she affectionately calls them, are assigned a peer mentor (usually an upperclassman who has already been through the program) and a faculty

mentor. These St. Mary’s insiders become trusted advisers and make navigating college life easier through check-ins, care packages and reminders.

FAM assembles as a large group for service projects and banquets, including “Flash Fridays” — spontaneous get-togethers at places like San Antonio burger institution Chris Madrid’s. But it’s the overnight retreat to New Braunfels that really cements the student-mentor bond. Alderman has seen barriers come down and friendships form during those quiet September weekends at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch.

“We give them the framework, and then the magic happens.”



# THE ODDS DEFIER

**ALEXANDRA CASTORENA**  
SENIOR EXERCISE AND SPORT SCIENCE MAJOR

**W**ithout FAM, Alexandra Castorena might be a college dropout. Another statistic. Instead, she's going to graduate from St. Mary's in three years with a degree in Exercise and Sport Science.

"As a first-generation college student, I didn't understand how to navigate the financial aid process," she says. "Had it not been for FAM and their outreach, I would have most likely lost my aid and not returned to St. Mary's in the fall."

Not only does FAM provide direct support and encouragement to first-gen students, its mentors also work behind the scenes to track the progress of each FAMmer. So if one is having a bit too much fun or struggling in a certain class, there's someone there to help.

This safety net came up huge for Castorena, who missed a key step in financial aid paperwork that could have left her high and dry her sophomore year.

"My FAM family became my 'Are you ready for college?' parents," the McAllen native says. "And it's been a blessing."





# CAPTAIN STEM

RICHARD CARDENAS, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

and the

# DYNAMIC DUO

NESTOR GERARDO ASTORGA AND NESTOR RODRIGO ASTORGA  
SENIOR BIOLOGY AND BIOPHYSICS MAJORS, RESPECTIVELY



**F**anatical support” isn’t just the tagline of a San Antonio tech titan, it’s also what turned the Astorga twins into STEM Scholars.

After sorting out a clerical error that merged the two Nestors into one, Physics Professor Richard Cardenas, Ph.D., welcomed the Brownsville natives. Both of them. He pulled the pair aside during freshman orientation and introduced them to his program for outstanding students in science, technology, engineering and math fields.

Their chat started out as the beginning of a beautiful relationship — between the twins and Cardenas, and among the other 22 scholars as well.

“I, among other students, was taken under Dr. Cardenas’ wing, and he eased our transition into college,” Gerardo says.

STEM Scholars is about more than academics: The students live together, study together and play together as residents of the STEM Living and Learning Community. It groups like-minded individuals, who come from similar high-risk backgrounds, and gives them a heightened opportunity to succeed. And because they live together in Marian Hall, they make genuine friendships to boot.

“I have grown close to staff members, professors and students because of the constant support I get from them,” Rodrigo says. “Professors and staff members I see on a daily basis become more than just that. ... My friends have become my family outside of my home.”

Cardenas knows just how vital that is today.

“With this generation — having someone the students feel is on their side is very important,” he says. “You can be strict with them, but they know you’re always on their side.”



# The Great Believer

TERESA VAN HOY, PH.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

# and Mr. Doubtful

ANDY VARGAS (B.B.A. '14),  
CORPORATE FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT GRADUATE



**T**his is definitely not going to work for me.”

A freshman for all of two weeks, Andy Vargas recalls not being sold on St. Mary’s. In fact, he wanted out. But his FAM mentor, Teresa Van Hoy, wasn’t about to let him go that easily.

“I’ll check back with you this day next year,” she says she told him. “If you’ve given it everything, and if St. Mary’s isn’t your place in the world by then, I personally will help you prepare your transfer applications.”

She said Vargas could honor his parents by sticking it out.

“She sort of dared me to stay, and she promised me I wouldn’t regret it,” he says. “She was right; she definitely won that bet.”

That was the turning point. The El Paso native said he’d give it some time and

explore everything St. Mary’s had to offer.

What he found was a second family. Students and faculty in FAM took away his feelings of isolation. He befriended Marianists who became spiritual mentors.

“Typically, many students come in with a mentality that there is a barrier of different worlds between faculty, staff and students; however, FAM completely ruptures the barrier,” Vargas says.

He became a President’s Ambassador and went on to earn the Presidential Award. He took part in the Model United Nations and Van Hoy’s “Stand and Deliver” Educational Outreach Program. He earned prestigious internships with NuStar Energy and on Wall Street. He’s now an associate trading analyst for Tesoro.

“It’s up to you to change your mentality and see what kinds of things are out there for you,” he says.

Or, as Van Hoy puts it: “If you’re engaged, you can’t help but be transformed.”



# The Transformer

COLETTE DAUBNER, PH.D.  
PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES



**A** first-generation college student herself, Colette Daubner felt called to be a mentor.

“I remember how baffling everything was,” she says. “I didn’t even know basic things, like what’s the difference between the finance office and the financial aid office. ... My students know they can ask me anything and I will give them straight answers.”

She takes pride in those moments when students reach out to her for advice and relate to her on a personal level. It wasn’t always easy for her, though.

She once was too tough on her students, she says. After 20 years at Texas A&M — where she spent more time in laboratories than lecture halls — she expected freshmen to come in prepared for college. But over time she learned that the role of professors in freshman STEM classes was to provide motivation and encouragement in addition to

book knowledge and lab expertise.

“FAM gives me a deeper human connection to young people than teaching them does,” she says. “This isn’t meant to disparage teaching, but it has drier goals. It aims to open minds and pour information and ideas in.

“FAM aims to help students see how they belong at St. Mary’s and in the world.”



# THE ROWDIEST RATTLER



**RYAN MUÑOZ**  
SENIOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

Nothing builds camaraderie quite like screaming at the top of your lungs in unison with a bunch of fellow maniacs. These are the Rowdy Rattlers — easily the most intense themed-living community at St. Mary's.

Ryan Muñoz is a former co-leader of the group, which hails from Dougherty Hall. They announce their presence with authority at all Rattler athletic events, rallying new fan support and providing a real home-field advantage in a “rowdy, not rude” manner.

“Leading ‘the prayer’ before every game was my favorite experience with the Rowdy Rattlers,” he says. “I loved the silence in the gym when I yelled, ‘Our Lady of Victory, pray for us! Our Lady of Sorrow, pray for them!’ It gave us a huge adrenaline rush. You must experience it at least once during your St. Mary's career.”

Endless enthusiasm and an innovative approach allowed him and co-leader Vince Vasquez to grow

the ranks of the omnipresent Rowdy Rattlers. They developed a punch-card system that rewarded students for attending games with Rowdy Rattler T-shirts.

After a successful run as the face of the group, Muñoz has stepped away to devote his time to developing a new themed-living community, the Marianist Leadership Program.

“I have met wonderful athletes, coaches and St. Mary's staff through this program,” he says. “I have made friendships that will last a lifetime. The Marianist charism of community lives within the Rowdy Rattlers and the athletics department.”



# The Ascender

RE'SHEA GARRISON, JUNIOR FORENSIC SCIENCE MAJOR



When a family member dies suddenly — tragically — everything else becomes a blur. Things that once were priorities are no longer important.

Re'Shea Garrison knows this all too well. Her brother was shot to death in January 2013 in her hometown of New Orleans.

Garrison left St. Mary's to be with her family and missed several weeks at the beginning of her second semester. When she returned, she was way behind — and she was lost. But in a time of extreme sadness, loved ones band together for support — which is exactly what FAM did for Garrison.

Mentors Leticia Hart and Dmitriy Khon, Ph.D., helped her with her studies and pushed her to not give up. Her FAM peers were there to lend an ear and a hug.

"Their positivity kept me motivated," she says. "I had so much invested already. Having FAM as a backbone when my family wasn't there really helped."

Her brother's killers were caught, and she's at peace, Garrison says. But

her desire to help others in similar situations burns like never before. Her long-term goal is to help crime victims with her Forensic Science degree, but first she wants to spend two years as a City Year mentor, keeping children on the right path.

"You're giving them that foundation to go to college, strive to be better and participate in activities to develop completely as a person, as a human being," she says. "I've seen so many people in New Orleans — they're kids, but nobody gives them the time of day to pursue an education. ... It breaks my heart to see so much potential go to waste." ■



# Thank You

## President's Report on Giving

June 1, 2013-May 31, 2014

*Gateway: A Vision for St. Mary's University* calls on us to make St. Mary's one of the finest private universities in the region, a gateway for our graduates to professional lives as ethical leaders in Texas, the nation and the world. When we developed that vision, I noted that achieving our vision would require support of many kinds, but certainly financial support. I asked our alumni, friends, and employees to remember that every gift matters, no matter the amount.

When you make a gift, you are investing in our successful future and helping to make a fine Catholic and Marianist institution even greater. Each gift is a reminder of your commitment to our culture of excellence and the mission we carry forward.

These figures show how those many small gifts — along with the larger ones — add up to make a difference for our students. This proves the old adage that the sum is greater than the parts. Together, we can achieve our vision.

Thank you for your support.

Thomas M. Mengler, J.D.  
*St. Mary's University President*



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A bequest from the estate of Gary L. Schwarz (B.A. '58), which will provide funding for the creation of the Center for Catholic Studies and student scholarships

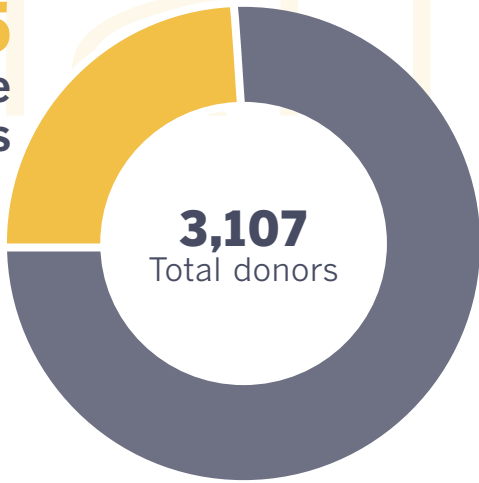
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As an undergrad, I never really thought of *not* giving back.

But it's been eye-opening to see the amount of time, talent and treasure that Alumni Association members put in to further the mission of our University. It is truly inspiring.

The best things in my life are a result of the friends, mentors and brothers that I met while I was there.

St. Mary's is where I met my wife, where we exchanged our vows, and it is where we take our children to share with them the great traditions and values of the Marianists.

With so many blessings in our lives, it makes perfect sense for us to give back."

— Beto Muñoz (B.A. '99)  
Teacher and Assistant Coach at  
Samuel Clemens High School



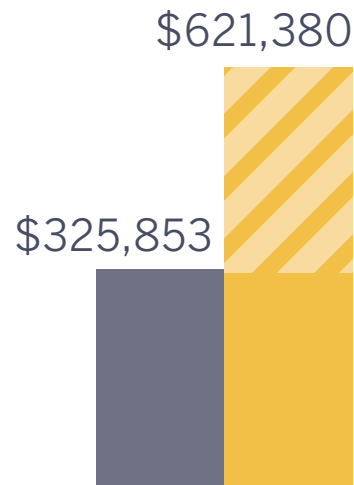
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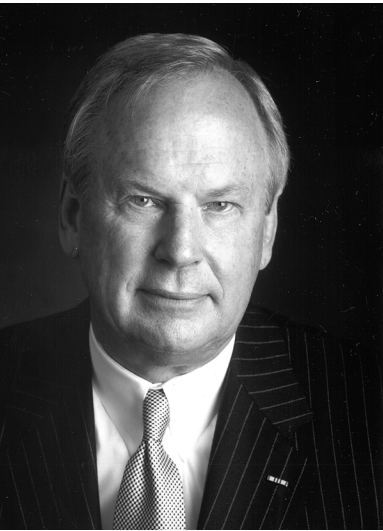


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# Class Notes



## John Vaught (J.D. '78)

Vaught, Denver, a partner in Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, recently became president of the Denver Bar Association. A long-standing member of the Denver Bar, he has served in numerous roles and on various committees including the board of governors and liaison and budget committee. In 2013, Vaught was selected by USAA as one of two national counsels in the United States. In 2011, Vaught, a Vietnam veteran, helped establish the Colorado Bar Association's Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans program, which provides pro bono legal service to veterans, active duty service members, and their families.

## 1951

**Emilio Nicolas Sr., B.S.**, San Antonio, former vice president and general manager of KWEX-TV in San Antonio and co-founder of Spanish International Network, the first Spanish-language television network in the United States and the predecessor company of Univision Communications, received the Pioneer Award at the 2014 San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner.

## 1956

**William Gonzaba, M.D., CL**, San Antonio, his sons **W. Thomas Gonzaba Jr., M.D. B.A. '83**, and **V. Gregory Gonzaba, M.D., B.A. '89**, who, along with his daughter-in-law **Anna Pantusa Gonzaba, M.D., B.S. '81**, lead the Gonzaba Medical Group, received the Family Excellence Award at the 2014 San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner.

## 1957

**The Rev. Virgilio P. Elizondo, S.T.D., Ph.D., B.S.**, San Antonio, Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Professor of Pastoral and Hispanic Theology at Notre Dame University, and former Rector of San Fernando Cathedral, received an honorary Doctorate of Pastoral Theology from the Oblate School of Theology.

## 1958

**Pedro A. "Pete" Rodriguez, CL**, and his son **Hugo B. Rodriguez, B.A. '84**, San Antonio, were awarded the Outstanding Contribution to Bands Award from the Texas Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, the international bandmasters fraternity. Pedro Rodriguez founded instrument repair shop Musical Instrument Service in 1969 and was joined in the business by his son.

## 1961

**Sister Mary Angelina Kilbane, S.H.Sp., B.A., M.A. '67**, Dallas, celebrated the 60th Jubilee of her religious profession.

## 1962

**Clem Lyons, LL.B.**, San Antonio, received the San Antonio Bar Association's Joe Frazier Brown Sr. Award of Excellence.

## 1963

**Charles Q. Brown, B.B.A., M.B.A. '72**, O'Fallon, Ill., is president of the board of directors of the Queen of Peace Center, an addiction and mental illness treatment facility for women, sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

## 1965

**The Honorable Alma L. Lopez, B.B.A., J.D. '68**, Natalia, former chief justice of the Texas Fourth Court of Appeals, was inducted into the National Hispanic Heritage Hall of Honor by the Hispanic Sports Foundation for Education.

**Charles J. Muller, B.A., J.D. '69**, San Antonio, a partner with Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, was named to the 2015 Best Lawyers in America list by *U.S. News & World Report*.

## 1969

**Stephen M. Dufilho, M.A.**, San Antonio, principal at Goldsmith, Fillis & Dufilho Capital Partners LLC, has been named to the board of directors of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic health system.

**Retired Texas State Guard Brig. Gen. Victor M. Ortiz Jr., B.A.**, Castroville, was reelected to the Castroville City Council representing District 5.

**Evelyn Campbell Reed, B.A., M.A. '71**, San Antonio, and her husband O.M. Reed, D.D.S., celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary; they married in Glendale, Calif., on June 26, 1945.

## 1970

**Virginia (Garcia) Silva, B.A.**, Katy, is a senior human resources business partner with Green Mountain Energy, which assists utilities with offering renewable energy products to their customers.

## 1971

**Harold C. "Hal" Carson, B.A., B.B.A. '76**, San Antonio, is retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

**The Rev. Rubén M. Patiño, C.S.P., B.S.**, Horseshoe Bay, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Chapel, marked the 35th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

**Curtis L. Frisbie Jr., J.D.**, Dallas, who is of counsel with the Dallas office of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was selected for the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

**George Tovar, B.A.**, San Antonio, a former military officer, is now a civilian working as a program analyst with the U.S. Army Medical Department Board at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

## 1972

**Diana Rocha, B.A.**, Downey, Calif., is retired from the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

## 1973

**Azalia V. Martinez, M.D., B.A.**, El Paso, is a family practice physician for the medical group practice Live Life Better.

**Mary Anne Wiley, J.D.**, Austin, is general counsel in the Office of the Texas Governor. She has been with the governor's office since 2001.

## 1974

**Ricardo G. Cedillo, B.A.**, San Antonio, a partner with Davis, Cedillo & Mendoza Inc. and a member of the board of trustees of Holy Cross Community Services, was inducted into the Archdiocese of San Antonio's Catholic Schools Hall of Fame.

**George B. Hernández Jr., B.A.**, San Antonio, president and chief executive officer of the University Health System, received the Health Award at the 2014 Diamond Awards Gala benefiting the La Prensa Foundation. He was also the honoree at Project MEND's 2014 Toast of the Town gala.

**Dianne Hallworth, B.A.**, Pipe Creek, is a staff nurse in the University Hospital System in San Antonio.

**John M. Quiñones, B.A.**, New York City, host of ABC News' "Primetime: What Would You Do?" received the Henry Guerra Lifetime Achievement Award from the San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists.

## 1975

**Larry W. Harrison, J.D.**, Sugar Land, a self-employed attorney, was awarded the Suzanne Bartholomew Service Award by Fort Bend Lawyers Care, a nonprofit corporation which serves those who are financially needy in Fort Bend County.

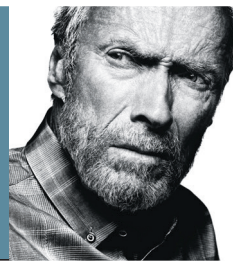
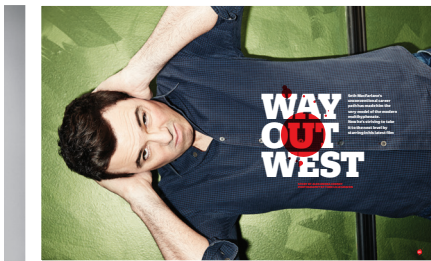
**M. Stella Tenorio-De La Garza, B.A.**, San Antonio, is second vice president of the San Antonio Conservation Society.

## 1976

**Ronald G. Reinhard, B.S.**, Grey Forest, was re-elected as mayor of the city of Grey Forest.

**Leonel A. Solís, J.D.**, San Antonio, has published his first novel, *Venture the Wind*, a coming-of-age story set in the Rio Grande Valley and Mexico.





# Mr. Variety

by Nicolette Good

Alum Chuck Kerr (B.A. '07) has landed a job as art director of *Variety* magazine — a holy grail for any graphic designer, and a big jump from his previous role as the San Antonio Current's art director when we last talked to him in the Fall 2012 issue.

*Gold & Blue* caught up Kerr in Los Angeles to learn about his new pursuit.

**Q:** In a nutshell, what does your job as art director of the weekly magazine look like?

**A:** I do editorial/layout design for *Variety* magazine, from concept to execution. Typically, I design the cover story each week, and I also get to work with nationally renowned photographers and illustrators.

For such a big undertaking (our issues can be up to 150 pages), the process is usually very smooth. *Variety's* editorial staff pretty much invented the business of entertainment journalism, and they know how to get things done.

**Q:** The scale and budget of *Variety*, not to mention its more than 100-year history, is impressive. What are your most exciting challenges?

**A:** When I got the call to join up, I was excited, but also nervous since it seemed like such a huge leap. But a lot of the creative process is not too different from when I designed the San Antonio Current, or even when I was entertainment editor at *The Rattler*.

It's still all about coming up with designs and concepts that help tell the story. Only now, the story might be about the Oscars, media mega-mergers, or the state of the box office in China.

If anything, the biggest challenge has been getting used to living (and driving) in Los Angeles.

**Q:** I imagine you get to meet some interesting characters. Anything you can share?

**A:** The most memorable — and surreal — thing so far has been shaking hands with Clint Eastwood at a photo shoot for a *Variety* cover story. And as a *Mad Men* fan, meeting John Slattery (who plays Roger Sterling) was a thrill, but I refrained from geeking out on him about the show.



**Q:** What does the future look like for *Variety*, and what's your role in that change?

**A:** As the print industry changes we are constantly adapting to stay relevant, and we now focus solely on the weekly magazine and *variety.com*. My role in this new era is to help elevate the print edition's design and visual storytelling to give readers a more engaging experience each week.

While the website can break news better than a weekly magazine, print still has the web beat in terms of being a beautiful object that you can go back to again and again.

You can't frame a web page, but you can still frame a *Variety* cover. ■

*This interview has been edited for length and clarity.*



**Peter S. Vogel, J.D.**, Dallas, a partner with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was named to *D Magazine's* 2014 Best Lawyers in Dallas list.

## 1977

**Glynn W. Tschirhart, B.B.A.**, Castroville, a two-time San Antonio Express-News High School Baseball Coach of the Year, has retired after compiling a 367-204 record in 21 years. He coached at Alamo Heights High School, Southwest High School, and D'Hanis High School, where he won a state championship in 1995.

## 1978

**David E. Chamberlain, J.D.**, Austin, senior partner at Chamberlain McHaney, received the Standing Ovation Award from TexasBarCLE, the State Bar of Texas' division for providing continuing legal education.

**Gail Dalrymple, J.D.**, Austin, has retired from law practice and is founder and executive director of TILT Performance Group, a nonprofit acting company of adults with disabilities. She also works with Texas Parent to Parent presenting workshops around Texas for parents of disabled children.

**Lucinda J. Garcia, J.D.**, Corpus Christi, a member of the firm Wood Boykin & Wolter PC, is president of the Corpus Christi Bar Association.

**Richard G. Garza, B.A., J.D. '83**, San Antonio, a partner with Jackson Walker LLP, was named to *S.A. Scene* magazine's 2014 Best S.A. Lawyers List.

**Mark H. Miller, J.D.**, San Antonio, a partner with Jackson Walker LLP, was named to *S.A. Scene* magazine's 2014 Best S.A. Lawyers List.

**Richard M. Roberson, J.D.**, Dallas, a partner with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was named to *D Magazine's* 2014 Best Lawyers in Dallas list.

**Lawrence A. Waks, J.D.**, Austin, a partner with Jackson Walker LLP, was selected for the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

## 1979

**Deborah A. Ackerman, J.D.**, Dallas, is a member of the board of trustees for the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center.

**Donna Marie Burke, B.A.**, Warrenville, Ill., a teacher at Glenbard North High School, received a 2014 Glenbard High School District Distinguished Service Award.

**Peter E. Hosey, J.D.**, San Antonio, a partner with Jackson Walker LLP, was named to *S.A. Scene* magazine's 2014 Best S.A. Lawyers List.

**The Rev. Gregory G. Trawick, B.A.**, Cadiz, Ky., is pastor of St. Stephen Catholic Church in the Diocese of Owensboro.

## 1980

**Carmen Hinojosa-Laborde, Ph.D., B.S.**, San Antonio, a biomedical researcher with the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research and a member of the Providence High School board of directors, received an Outstanding Leaders in Catholic Education Award from the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

## 1981

**Patrick B. Tobin, J.D.**, San Antonio, managing partner of the San Antonio office of Jackson Walker LLP, was named to *S.A. Scene* magazine's 2014 Best S.A. Lawyers list, and was selected for the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

## 1982

**Monica L. Bonilla, B.A., J.D. '95**, San Antonio, is a vice president and estate settlement specialist in the Wealth Management Division of Broadway Bank.

**Paul D. Garcia, M.D., B.A.**, San Antonio, medical director of WellMed Senior Services, was inducted into the National Hispanic Heritage Hall of Honor by the Hispanic Sports Foundation for Education.

## 1983

**Sandra N. LaClave, B.A.**, Tomball, is senior general manager of General Growth Properties.

**Carmen Velez, B.B.A., M.B.A. '87**, Houston, is director of operations for Stavix & Cohen Financial.

## 1984

**Kevin M. Beiter, J.D.**, Austin, has joined McGinnis Lochridge & Kilgore LLP as a partner.

**J. Matthew Dow, J.D.**, Austin, managing partner of the Austin office of Jackson Walker LLP, was selected for the 2014 edition of *Texas Super Lawyers*.

**Paul J. Garro, B.A.**, Helotes, is principal and provost at Central Catholic High School in San Antonio.

**Paula Gold-Williams, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, executive vice president of CPS Energy, received the Finance Award at the 2014 Diamond Awards Gala benefiting the La Prensa Foundation.

## 1985

**Cary V. Clack, B.A.**, San Antonio, is communications director for the Office of the Mayor of San Antonio.

**Kevin L. Kelley, J.D.**, Dallas, a partner with Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was named to *D Magazine's* 2014 Best Lawyers in Dallas list and selected for the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

## 1987

**Angel V. Delgado, Ph.D., B.A.**, San Antonio, is director of the Global Clinical Development & Clinical Sciences within the Clinical Services Department of the new Center for Innovation Research and Development at ArjoHuntleigh, a Geringe Company.

**Joan M. Labay-Marquez, B.A., J.D. '90**, Boerne, coordinator of the Alan Dreeben Research Center for the Dreeben School of Education at the University of the Incarnate Word, is chair of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics SWTX Section.

More Photos from the inaugural StMU 5K for the Neighborhood fun run/walk. **1.** The 5K route's halfway point was the fountain in front of St. Louis Hall. **2.** These two participants are thrilled to cross the finish line. **3.** Runners take off at the starting line. Visit [www.stmarytx.edu/5K](http://www.stmarytx.edu/5K) to view a web gallery.





**David L. Roland, J.D.**, Houston, is senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.

## 1988

**Scott R. Cordes, B.A.**, Pearland, is vice president and chief legal counsel for Gulf States Toyota Inc.

**Angela J. Moore, J.D.**, Boerne, is a partner with Aristotelidis & Moore, Attorneys at Law.

**Cynthia Hujar Orr, J.D.**, San Antonio, an attorney with Goldstein, Goldstein & Hilley, received the 2014 National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Robert C. Heeney Award.

**John D. Wittenberg Jr., B.A.**, San Antonio, has joined Frost Bank as corporate counsel.

## 1990

**Geraldine-Ann Cusack, B.S.**, Dublin, Ireland, is a senior business analyst for sustainability with Siemens, Europe's largest engineering company and maker of medical diagnostics.

**Paul J. Johnston, B.B.A.**, Austin, is a realtor with Coldwell Banker United.

**Lucinda Canavan Mantz, J.D.**, San Antonio, was named Assistant Attorney General of the Year for the Texas Office of the Attorney General for the San Antonio region of the Child Support Division.

## 1991

**Stephen S. Hennigan, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, president and CEO of the San Antonio Federal Credit Union, is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas' Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council.

**Cynthia Brotman Nelson, J.D.**, Dallas, a partner in the Dallas office of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, was selected for the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

## 1992

**C. Lee Cusenbary Jr., J.D.**, San Antonio, general counsel for Mission Pharmacal Company, received the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association's Outstanding Mentor Award.

**Michael P. Grasso, B.A.**, San Francisco, is chief marketing officer for Sunrun Inc., a provider of solar electricity to residential customers in 11 states.

**Luis E. Nieves, M.D., B.S.**, Arlington, is a physician partner with Texas Pain Relief Group, a 15-physician interventional pain management practice located in Hurst.

**Timothy D. Uhl, Ph.D., B.A.**, Helena, Mont., is superintendent of Catholic schools in Montana, overseeing the schools of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings and the Diocese of Helena.

**Sandra Wolff, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, was elected to the North East Independent School District Board of Trustees representing District 3.

## 1993

**Gary N. Garcia, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is president of Jacobs Equipment Distributing Co.

**Alma Cruz Gonzales, B.A.**, Kerrville, director of religious education at Notre Dame Catholic Church, is working on a master's degree in Pastoral Ministry at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

**Diana E. Morales, J.D.**, Irving, is associate counsel in the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' Office of the Chief Counsel.

**Adriana E. Villafranca, B.A., M.P.A.** '95, San Antonio, is chief advancement officer for Any Baby Can.

## 1994

**Anna Martinez Boling, J.D.**, Kyle, is attorney and counselor at law for her practice, The Boling Law Firm PLLC, in San Marcos.

**Julia C. Mann, J.D.**, San Antonio, a partner with Jackson Walker LLP, was named to *S.A. Scene* magazine's 2014 Best S.A. Lawyers list, and selected for the 2014 edition of *Texas Super Lawyers*.

**Patricia Portales, Ph.D., B.A., M.A.** '97, San Antonio, a Professor of English at San Antonio College, had her chapter "Tejanas on the Home Front: Women, Bombs, and the (Re)Gendering of War in Mexican American World War II Literature" included in *Latina/os in World War II: Mobility, Agency, and Ideology*, an anthology published by the University of Texas Press.

## 1995

**Julissa Cantu Carielo, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, president of Tejas Premier Building Contractor Inc., received the Small Business Owner of the Year Award at the 2014 San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner.

**Terra A. Jimenez, B.A.**, El Paso, and Noel Lorusso married on April 17, 2014.

**Philip M. Mezey, M.B.A.**, San Antonio, is executive vice president of Southcross Energy LLC.

**Stuart B. Parker, M.B.A.**, San Antonio, has been named CEO-elect of USAA. He will become CEO of the San Antonio-based Fortune 500 insurance and financial services company in 2015.

**Nancy Szalwinski, M.A.**, Guatemala City, Guatemala, was named counselor for public affairs at the United States Embassy in Guatemala after completing an assignment as deputy public affairs officer at the U.S. Interests Section in Havana.

## 1996

**Daphne Previti Austin, J.D.**, San Antonio, has opened the Law Office of Daphne Previti.

**Henry Avila III, B.A., M.A.** '00, San Antonio, was named Teacher of the Year for the North East Independent School District's Jackson-Keller Elementary School, where he is a fifth-grade teacher.







## Eric Naranjo (B.B.A. '02)

Naranjo, who lives in Lima, Peru, has been busy since graduation. He spent several years in the Peace Corps, earned his master's from the University of Denver in Global Finance, was a founding member of a social investment startup, and now is the regional investment officer for Latin America and the Caribbean with the United States Agency for International Development.

## 1999

**Celina Garza Alvarez, B.A.**, San Antonio, and husband Roberto welcome son Grayson Breck, born Dec. 31, 2013.

**M.J. Mateo, B.A.**, San Antonio, is vice principal of student affairs at St. Anthony High School.

**Donald K. Pollard, J.D.**, Dallas, is a landman and attorney for Rosewood Resources Inc.

**Carmen M. Ramirez, J.D.**, San Antonio, is a real estate broker, lawyer, and mediator with Real Estate Resources San Antonio.

## 2000

**Zachery P. Nasits, B.A.**, Helotes, has been named a principal owner of Geomedia, a film production company.

**Corinna (Parada) Toscano, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, and husband David welcome son Giovanni Manuel, born Feb. 13, 2014.

**Laura Ramos Valadez, B.B.A., M.B.A. '02**, San Antonio, is a sales associate with Premier Apartment Locators.

**Mary Anne Votion, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is director of mission support for the Congregation of Divine Providence.

## 2001

**Roger Andrade, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a groundwater protection manager for the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

**Alejandro R. Hernandez Jr., J.D.**, Victoria, founder of the Law Offices of Alex R. Hernandez Jr. PLLC, was named one of the top 10 Texas criminal defense attorneys by the American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys.

**Mary Ann Hisel, J.D.**, Shavano Park, was elected to the Shavano Park City Council.

**Jose R. "Bobby" Muñiz, Pharm.D., M.B.A.**, Harlingen, co-owner of Muñiz Rio Grande Pharmacy, was appointed to the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**Michelle Holleman Ochoa, J.D.**, Beeville, is first assistant public defender with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.

**David S. Stolle, J.D.**, Dallas, a partner with Jackson Walker LLP, was named to *D Magazine's* 2014 Best Lawyers in Dallas list.

## 2002

**Jeanette Robles Arringdale, B.A.**, and **John J. Arringdale, B.B.A. '03**, San Antonio, welcome daughter Arwen Alexis, born Sept. 3, 2013.

**Mark Durfee, M.B.A.**, Troy, is an eighth-grade history teacher at South Belton Middle School in the Belton Independent School District. He and wife Christina are proud that their daughter Savannah, a graduate of Belton High School, enrolled at St. Mary's this fall and is majoring in English.

**Zahrah M. Ektefaie, B.A., M.A. '04**, New York City, and Jason Wattier married on July 5, 2014.

**Clarissa (Cadena) Flores, B.A.**, San Antonio, is deputy executive director for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

**Michael A. Dominguez, B.A., M.P.A. '98**, Houston, is an associate with Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen and Loewy LLP.

**Ahna S. Gomez, B.A.**, Grand Prairie, is principal of Irving High School in the Irving Independent School District.

**Benjamin F.S. Herd, B.A.**, a partner with Thompson & Knight LLP, was selected for the 2014 edition of *Texas Super Lawyers*.

**Elizabeth Thomson Hetrick, J.D./M.B.A.**, San Antonio, is senior vice president, wealth adviser and team manager in the Wealth Management Division of Broadway Bank.

**Silvia A. Olvera, B.A.**, Austin, is co-founder of Doorway to Wellness, an acupuncture and Chinese medicine practice.

**Kathryn Jane Restivo, M.A.**, San Antonio, was honored as the Mount Sacred Heart Catholic School Teacher of the Year by the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

**Louissette M. Zurita, B.A.**, San Antonio, was honored as the St. Anthony High School Teacher of the Year by the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

## 1997

**Twister Marquiss, B.A.**, San Marcos, a senior lecturer with the University College at Texas State University and co-editor of the *Journal of Texas Music History*, is director of the Common Reading Program at the university.

**Denise Garcia Van Wyngaardt, B.A.**, Sterling, Va., is CEO of Indigo IT LLC, an IT services firm, which was named the U.S. Small Business Administration 2014 National Prime Contractor of the Year.

## 1998

**Esther C. (Epiphane) Alexander, B.S.**, San Diego, Calif., and husband Stephen welcome daughter Clairabelle Nicole, born March 5, 2014.

**Mario R. Carrasco, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a financial adviser with Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

**Maria Luna-Chavez, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is on the accounting faculty for the Alamo Colleges.

**Anthony Macias, B.A.**, Cedar Hill, is an assistant vice president and bank-wide investigator for First National Bank Texas.

**Shawn M. McCaskill, J.D.**, Dallas, a shareholder with Godwin Lewis PC, was named to *D Magazine's* 2014 Best Lawyers in Dallas list.

**Rebecca N. (Espinosa) Parks, B.A.**, Van Alstyne, and husband Jason welcome son Paxton Cole, born March 3, 2014.

**Jessica Y. Prado, B.A., J.D. '01**, San Antonio, **Celina M. Recalde, B.B.A., J.D. '01**, Houston, and **Sandra Chambers, J.D. '01**, San Antonio, have formed Chambers Prado & Recalde PLLC, a multi-service law firm with offices in Houston and San Antonio.



**Maribel Grimley, B.A., M.A. '04**, Quito, Ecuador, is a civilian defense attaché at the United States Embassy in Ecuador.

**Kristine Kresta Magaro, B.B.A.**, and husband **Anthony J. Magaro, B.S. '04**, Floresville, welcome son Anthony James, born Feb. 3, 2014.

**Juan D. Morales II, B.A., M.A. '04**, San Antonio, is a compliance consultant.

**Sandra R. Silva, B.A.**, San Antonio, is an operations/account supervisor with Andrade Communicators.

**Sergio D. Tijerina, B.A.**, Houston, and wife Cristelia welcome daughter Mercedes Rose, born June 28, 2014.

**Michael Vallejo, B.B.A.**, Laguna Beach, Calif., is national training manager for the United States Retina Division of Allergan Inc. in Irvine, Calif.

**Antonio L. Vásquez, Ph.D., M.A.**, San Antonio, was co-recipient of the 2014 National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies Tejas Dissertation Award from the NACCS Tejas Foco for his dissertation *Roots and Flow of the Tejano Diaspora in the Southern United States*, written for his doctorate in Mexican American Studies, which he earned from Michigan State University in 2013.

**Yvonne Yates, B.A.**, San Antonio, and Thomas Marks married on Oct. 12, 2013.

**Erin L. Young, B.A.**, St. Peters, Mo., is manager of procurement analysis for Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals.

## 2003

**Maria G. Castillo, B.S.**, San Antonio, is a science teacher at Central Catholic High School.

**Bradley B. Clark, J.D.**, Manor, managing partner of Bradley B. Clark Law Group PC, has been named a "Texas Rising Star" for the third time and also named to the 2014 *Texas Super Lawyers* list.

**Angeles F. Córdova, B.B.A.**, Lewisville, is senior vice president of Human Resources Transformation for Citi.

**Alicia K. Franklin, J.D.**, Houston, has been appointed judge of the Texas 311th District Court by Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

**Madeline A. Paul, B.A.**, San Antonio, is assistant clinical director of the Speech & Language Center at Stone Oak.

**Jennifer Perez Ramirez, M.P.A.**, San Antonio, and husband Kristopher welcome daughter Caitlin Anne, born July 7, 2014.

**Whitney L. (Miller) Vela, B.A., M.A. '06**, and husband **Ricardo Vela Jr., B.A. '04, M.A. '08, J.D. '11**, San Antonio, welcome son Luke Henry, born Feb. 22, 2014.

## 2004

**Delia R. Garcia, M.A.**, Washington, D.C., is a senior liaison with the National Education Association.

**John R. Miller, B.A.**, Lawrence, Kan., is a museum/archives technician at the Harry S. Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs.

**Christina Espinoza Vela, B.S.**, and **Louis G. Vela, B.S.**, San Antonio, welcome son Gregory Louis, born June 6, 2014.

## 2005

**Leslie Jean Bollier, J.D.**, Austin, is a partner with Piper Turner Bollier PLLC.

**Lauren Sracic Ciminello, J.D.**, San Antonio, a partner with Jackson Walker LLP, was named to *S.A. Scene* magazine's 2014 Best S.A. Lawyers List.

**Danielle M. Copes, J.D., LL.M. '07**, Helotes, an attorney with Tinsman & Sciano, Inc., was named to *S.A. Scene* magazine's 2014 Best S.A. Lawyers list in the area of plaintiffs' personal injury litigation.

**Michael T. Guyer Jr., B.A.**, San Antonio, is a teacher at John F. Kennedy High School in the Edgewood Independent School District.

**Robi Andrews Heath, B.A.**, Frisco, has opened Kid Talk, a children's counseling practice that specializes in play, art, and animal-assisted therapy.

**Kymberly K. Kling, B.A.**, San Antonio, and David W. Cavazos married on May 26, 2013.

**Annalisa Valdez Martinez, B.A.**, San Antonio, and husband Gilberto welcome son Gilberto Luis, born Aug. 25, 2014.

**Greg Pardo III, B.A.**, Kolkata, India, a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State, is deputy director of the American Center in Kolkata.

**Nichol Rodriguez, B.A.**, San Antonio, is director of implementation for CaptureRx.

**Krystal Sheeran, B.B.A.**, Panama City, Fla., is a supervisor with Moroch Advertising.

**Petra C. "Patsy" Valenzuela, B.B.A.**, and **Carlos E. Zamora, B.A. '06**, Houston, married on Dec. 27, 2013.

**Brooklynn Chandler Willy, J.D.**, New Braunfels, is president of Texas Financial Advisory.

## 2006

**Noah Almanza, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is president and chief executive officer of the San Antonio Parks Foundation.

**Oneil A. Cross, M.A.**, Alexandria, Va., is manager of systems integration for Deloitte.

**Braden M. Graham, B.B.A., J.D./M.B.A. '14**, San Antonio, is manager of corporate services for Security Service Federal Credit Union.

**Maryam Hosseiny Herrera, J.D.**, Dallas, is managing partner of Hosseiny & Herrera Law Firm PC.

**Kyle V. Hill, J.D.**, Austin, has been made a name partner at Martin Frost & Hill PC.

**Pennie Treviño Ramirez, B.A.**, and **Christopher A. Ramirez, B.S. '11**, San Antonio, welcome daughter Reagan, born March 23, 2014.

**Michael R. Rodriguez, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, and Monica Molina married on Dec. 21, 2013.

**Ruben O. Valadez, J.D.**, Eagle Pass, is assistant principal of Eagle Pass High School.

**Tracie Wright-Reneau, J.D.**, New Braunfels, has been named a partner with Hazel Brown Wright Reneau PLLC.

**Michelle (High) Young, J.D.**, Dallas, is associate general counsel for Apex Clearing Corp.

## 2007

**Kathryn Thomas Alsobrook, J.D.**, Kansas City, Mo., is a prosecutor with the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office.

**Luke H. Alsobrook, J.D.**, Kansas City, Mo., is an assistant city prosecutor for the city of Overland Park, Kansas.

**Graham D. Baker, J.D.**, San Antonio, has joined Campbell Miller & Associates.

**Jennifer Williams Broughton, J.D.**, Brownwood, has opened The Law Office of Jennifer W. Broughton.

**Eric B. Kuyper, B.A., M.A. '14**, is founder of Kuyper Consulting LLC, which specializes in CPR and first aid training, concealed carry certification, basic handgun and rifle training, situational awareness and home protection training and education.

**Kathryn Flowers Samler, J.D.**, and husband **Matthew T. Samler, J.D.**, Dallas, welcome son Charles Craft, born March 25, 2014.

## 2008

**Arturo Acosta, B.B.A.**, and **Sarah Swaim, B.A. '09**, San Antonio, welcome son Benjamin, born May 7, 2014.

**Arthur J. Allen, J.D.**, Plano, is a landman with T2 Land Resources LLC.

**Elizabeth Ruiz Ashby, B.A.**, El Paso, is a public affairs specialist with the University of Texas at El Paso's Office of University Communications.

**Danko Barisic, B.B.A., M.B.A. '11**, and **Tara P. (Stone) Barisic, B.A. '11**, welcome daughter Elise Petra, born Jan. 8, 2014.

**Brittany K. Brink, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a contract attorney with Kercheville & Badger PC.

**John C. Carrillo Jr., B.A., M.A. '10**, Fort Worth, and **Nallely Rios Carrillo, B.A.**, welcome son Miguel Alejandro, born May 30, 2014. John is an assistant director of residence life for the University of Texas at Dallas.

**Hector R. Esquivel, M.A.**, San Antonio, is principal of Southside High School in the Southside Independent School District.

**Ezra A. Johnson, J.D.**, San Antonio, is a partner with Uhl, Fitzsimons, Jewett & Burton PLLC.

**Hector O. Pedraza, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is an area resource manager for Securitas USA Security Services.

**Jason C. Petty, J.D.**, Beaumont, is an associate with Germer PLLC.

**J. Patrick Rouse, J.D.**, San Antonio, a newly elected shareholder with Langley & Banack Inc., received the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

**Daniel Salazar, B.S.**, San Antonio, is patient access director for Conifer Health Solutions at St. Luke's Baptist Hospital.

**Armando Sanchez Jr., B.B.A.**, Phoenix, a promotions and marketing manager for Radio Disney, was named North American Regional Volunteer of the Year for Disney.





# Meet Brian: The Game Changer

by Christina Mendez

Brian Anderson (B.A. '93) has been calling games for nearly two decades, but he's getting ready to tackle a whole new broadcasting adventure.

Anderson will be on the air for the NFL on CBS — daunting, when you consider that the National Football League averages more than 17 million viewers per game.

"Imagine what it was like your first day of high school," the former English-Communications Arts major said. "It's like that except in front of millions of people."

But Anderson is no stranger to the big leagues: He's been an announcer for Major League Baseball (MLB), the NBA, the Golf Channel and the San Antonio Missions. Before getting the call to join the NFL on CBS, he had been a sportscaster for the Milwaukee Brewers for seven years.

As a pro broadcaster, Anderson believes it's his responsibility to keep the games relevant and popular. And if he was ever unsure that he was living up to that charge, an Apple television commercial, called "Game Changer,"

removed all doubt. The 2008 ad featured a video highlight of a Brewers game with Anderson calling Ryan Braun's grand slam.

"I just happened to be the voice calling the grand slam," he said. "I'm sitting on my couch watching the NFL, and this commercial comes on, then I hear my voice. My first thought was, 'Cool!' My second thought was, 'Is that even legal and should I be paid for that?'"

(Short answer: Not when you work for a MLB team.)

A former Rattler baseball player himself, Anderson recognizes all the breaks he's had along the way. But those breaks would not have paid off had he not put in the work. As an undergrad, he honed his skills in photography and videography, thinking of broadcasting only as a "plan B" to a baseball career.

With his résumé soon to include broadcasting for the NFL, his plan B transformed into an A-grade career.

"Being a part of an enterprise like the NFL is thrilling," he said. ■



**Benjamin C. Slawson, J.D.**, Russellville, Mo., is legal counsel with the Missouri Department of Revenue.

## 2009

**Lindsey Beard Berwick, J.D.**, San Antonio, is vice president and associate corporate counsel of the Credit Administration for Frost Bank.

**Sharon A. Frederickson, M.A.**, Seguin, was honored as the St. James Catholic School Teacher of the Year by the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

**Elizabeth M. Henderson, B.A.**, Toronto, Ontario, is an attorney with Egan LLP, the Canadian affiliate of Ernst & Young LLP.

**The Rev. Scott E. Janysek, B.A.**, Panna Maria, was ordained to the priesthood on May 17, 2014, by The Most Rev. Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, and has been assigned to St. Mary's Church in Fredericksburg as parochial vicar.

**Emily C. Jeffcott, J.D.**, New Orleans, has been named a partner at the Lambert Firm PLC.

**Jessica (Castanon) Maurer, B.A.**, San Antonio, and **Alexander Maurer, B.B.A.**, married on Oct. 5, 2013.

**Daniel E. McCarthy, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a religion teacher at Central Catholic High School.

**Douglas L. Silva, B.B.A.**, McAllen, is a small business relationship manager with Lone Star National Bank.

## 2010

**William B. Asare, J.D.**, Corpus Christi, is an associate with Bonilla & Chapa PC.

**Alison N. Avalos, D.P.T., B.A.**, El Paso, received a doctorate in Physical Therapy from Texas Woman's University.

**John D. Ledbetter, J.D.**, Austin, and wife Pamela welcome son Luke Elias, born June 3, 2014. John is a title examiner with Corridor Title Co.

**Christopher M. Peng, J.D.**, San Antonio, has opened the Law Office of Christopher Peng.

**Taylor Rausch Schilling, B.A.**, Carrollton, and husband Johnathan welcome daughter Aiyanna Rausch, born Oct. 2, 2013.

**Jonathan Solano, B.B.A., M.B.A. '12**, Doral, Fla., is a research analyst for Fusion, a television network which is a joint venture between Univision Communications and the Disney/ABC Television Network.

**Aaron S. Treviño, B.S., M.S. '13**, San Antonio, a software engineer with TASC, and wife Jennifer Martin welcome son Aaron Shade, born Oct. 27, 2013.

## 2011

**Rebecca C. Bergeron, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an associate with Burleson LLP.

**Selena Mendoza Beverage, B.A.**, Macdona, and husband John welcome son John III, born April 21, 2013.

**Lauren S. Cacheaux, J.D.**, Eagle Pass, is an attorney with the Nevárez Law Group.

**Stephen B. Carlton, J.D./M.B.A.**, Orange, and wife Claire welcome daughter Mayve Elysse Parker, born May 19, 2014. Stephen has been elected county judge of Orange County and will take office in January 2015 as one of the youngest county judges in Texas.

**Nicole M. Conger, J.D.**, Austin, is a trial lawyer with Rob Wiley PC.



The chapter will host its annual Turkey Fry on Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Pecan Grove.

## Chapter Spotlight

# San Antonio Young Alumni Chapter

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San Antonio Young  
Alumni Chapter President

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**Sharlene Flesher, B.S.**, Washington, Pa., is a doctoral student at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Michael D. Holcomb, J.D.**, Crawford, is an administrative officer with Extraco Banks.

**Thomas F. Huttenhoff, B.B.A.**, Houston, is a financial analyst with Phillips 66.

**Sung Je Lee, J.D., M.B.A. '12, LL.M. '14**, Austin, is an attorney with the Fowler Law Firm PC.

**John M. Seale, J.D.**, Washington, D.C., is legislative counsel to United States Congressman Steve Scalise of the First District of Louisiana, who is the House Majority Whip.

**Jett A. Smith, J.D.**, Mineral Wells, has been inducted into the Mineral Wells High School Hall of Honor.

**Stephen L. Spencer Sr., B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is a business development specialist with Intertek.

**Benjamin M. Tenenholtz, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an attorney with Speights & Worrich.

**Warrin Witten, B.S.**, San Antonio, and Mitchell Donowho married on May 17, 2014.

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## 2012

**Vincent P. Ancona, B.A.**, Houston, is a consultant with Apogee Consulting Group.

**Elizabeth A. Angelone, J.D.**, Austin, has opened the Angelone Law Firm PLLC.

**Rebecca Avila, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a financial foundations specialist for USAA.

**K. Patrick Babb, J.D.**, Dallas, is an associate with David & Goodman PC.

**Sarah A. Escamilla, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a site coordinator with Communities in Schools of San Antonio.

**Missy Ann Garza, M.A.**, San Antonio, is a teacher at Harmony Science Academy.

**Vilma Judith Gonzalez, M.A.**, Laredo, is a behavioral health manager for Mercy Ministries of the Laredo Mercy Clinic.

**Meghan K. Kempf, J.D.**, Austin, is staff counsel for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

**Nathalia L. Mendieta, B.A.**, Houston, is assistant coordinator of middle and high school ministry at Saint Anne's Catholic Church.

**Mary E. Neal, J.D./M.A.**, Colleyville, is an associate with Kate Smith Law PLLC.

**Michelle D. Tello, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, is a loan servicing specialist with Wells Fargo Bank.

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## 2013

**Ramon L. Benavides III, B.A.**, San Antonio, is an enrollment service officer at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

**Ben R. Crowell, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an associate with Speights & Worrich.

**Alejandra Diaz, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a graphic designer/communications assistant for the San Antonio Board of Realtors.

**Fidel Esparza III, J.D.**, Pearsall, is assistant chief counsel with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

**Rosileen Ferioli, B.A.**, Philadelphia, is a U.S. National Park Service Park Ranger (Protection) assigned to Independence National Historical Park.

**Daniella Renee Gonzalez, B.A.**, Houston, is a law student at the South Texas College of Law.

**Evan M. McGuire, J.D.**, Fort Worth, is an associate with Griffith Jay & Michel LLP.

**Jessica S. Hernandez, B.B.A.**, San Antonio, and Triston Woodus married on Sept. 30, 2013.

**Patrick R. Kasperitis Jr., B.A.**, San Antonio, is a social studies teacher at Central Catholic High School.

**Jerry L. Lott, J.D.**, Dallas, is an associate with McCathern PLLC.

**Jason A. Rogers, J.D., Alberto C. Garcia, J.D.**, San Antonio, and **Charles D. Ocampo, J.D.**, Fort Worth, are partners in Rogers Garcia Ocampo PLLC, a law firm with offices in San Antonio and Fort Worth.

**Dion R. Ruiz, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a student in the physical therapy doctoral program at the University of the Incarnate Word.

**First Lt. Christina L. Schwensen, J.D.**, Charlottesville, Va., received a commission in the U.S. Army and is attending the Judge Advocate Office Basic Course.

**Lauren A. Valkenaar, J.D.**, San Antonio, is an associate with Norton Rose Fulbright LLP.

**Bethel T. Zehaie, J.D.**, Arlington, is an associate with Stickle & Associates PC.

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## 2014

**Steven H. Garcia-Levis, B.A.**, San Antonio, is a life insurance agent with New York Life Insurance Co.

**Amariah J.F. Gonzales, B.A.**, San Antonio, is the Adams Elementary site coordinator for Communities in Schools of San Antonio.

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# Fondest Farewell

## JOHNNY GAVLICK

St. Mary's University Athletics Hall of Famer Johnny Gavlick (B.B.A. '50) passed away on July 4, 2014, at the age of 88. A lifetime supporter of St. Mary's Athletics, Gavlick was a founding member of the St. Mary's Athletics Association, which evolved into the Booster Club and is now known as Rattler Nation.

Gavlick was a member of all three supporting organizations and was inducted into the St. Mary's Athletics Hall of Fame as an associate in 1998. A storied military veteran, he served in the U.S. Naval Amphibious Forces in the South Pacific during World War II and was recalled to serve as an officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. After leaving the military, Gavlick worked for the Texas Employment Commission for 35 years.

## MILYSE LAMKIN

Milyse Lamkin (B.A. '86), a standout athlete and member of the 1986 NAIA softball national championship team — the first national title in St. Mary's history — died Aug. 28, 2014, after battling cancer. She was 52. Lamkin found her calling in teaching special education and coaching, and landed her dream job when she was asked to return to her alma mater, Sam Houston High School in the San Antonio Independent School District. In nine seasons, she led the Hurricanes to a 172-118 record and six district titles. Lamkin was inducted into the St. Mary's University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1999.

## ANDREW MAGILL

Andrew James (Jim) Magill, Ph.D., a long-time St. Mary's professor, died Sept. 5, 2014, at the age of 85. He was born in Northern Ireland, and graduated from St. Patrick's

Teacher Training College, Dublin, Ireland. He received an M.A. from the University of Windsor, Ontario, and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Magill was a beloved professor of English at St. Mary's for more than 30 years.

## ED MESSBARGER

Legendary St. Mary's University men's basketball coach Ed Messbarger, one of the formative faces of the storied Rattler men's basketball program, passed away at the age of 81 on June 30, 2014. A St. Mary's Hall of Famer, Messbarger led the Rattlers to 279 victories over 15 years (1963-1978) as part of a historic 41-year college coaching career that saw him win 630 games and retire No. 3 on the all-time NCAA Division II wins list. Messbarger led St. Mary's to national prominence with 13 Big State Conference titles and four NAIA District IV championships. He was inducted into the NAIA National Hall of Fame in 1990.



# In Memoriam

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## 1940s

**1943 Joseph F. Misfud, Ph.D., B.S.,** Houston, died Aug. 14, 2014.

**1947 Everett L. Williams, M.A.,** Kerrville, died March 27, 2014.

**1949 Samuel F. Biery, LL.B.,** San Antonio, died June 22, 2014. **Edgar H. Harrell Sr., LL.B.,** San Antonio, died July 5, 2014. **Frank H. Yates, B.B.A.,** Litchfield Park, Ariz., died May 30, 2014.

## 1950s

**1950 Harry P. Lee, B.A.,** Nassau Bay, died July 16, 2014. **Brother Benedict Camillus Westrick, F.S.C., M.A.,** Santa Fe, N.M., died April 14, 2014.

**1951 Herbert Calderon, D.D.S., CL,** San Antonio, died Aug. 30, 2014.

**1952 Gerard Metzger, B.A., M.A. '67,** Chicago, died June 19, 2014.

**1953 Charles R. Goff, B.A.,** Dallas, died Jan. 27, 2014.

**1954 Frederick E. Kraus, B.B.A.,** Fredericksburg, died April 21, 2014. **Louis H. Lenzer, CL,** Richardson, died Aug. 6, 2014. **Albert H. Warburton, D.D.S., CL,** Shavano Park, died July 29, 2014. **The Rev. Robert R. Osborne, S.M., B.A.,** St. Louis, died April 27, 2014.

**1955 P. Gus Cardenas, B.B.A., M.A. '62,** Austin, died July 25, 2014.

**1956 William Guardia, B.A.,** San Antonio, died Sept. 5, 2014. **Robert C. Upton Jr., Ph.D., B.A.,** Boyce, La., died Sept. 7, 2014. **Sister Kathleen Mary Walsh, S.H.Sp., B.A., M.A.T. '75,** San Antonio, died May 31, 2014.

**1957 Ralph J. Bernsen Sr., B.B.A./LL.B.,** Hondo, died July 5, 2014. **William Christilles, Ph.D., CL,** San Antonio, died July 30, 2014.

**1959 Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel Melvin L. Heslop, B.B.A.,** Kingwood, died July 9, 2014.

## 1960s

**1960 Ernest A. Casillas, M.D., B.A.,** Kerrville, died July 15, 2014. **Charles H. Way, B.B.A.,** San Antonio, died July 23, 2014.

**1961 Daniel E. Doyle, B.A.,** San Antonio, died May 27, 2014. **Jesus M. Ruiz, CL,** San Antonio, died Aug. 5, 2014.

**1962 Paul Mendoza, CL,** San Antonio, died July 8, 2014.

**1963 Henry Michael Mezzetti, CL,** San Antonio, died Aug. 22, 2014. **J. Brett Pechuls, B.A.,** Roanoke, died May 27, 2014. **Antonio G. Rodriguez Jr., B.B.A.,** San Antonio, died June 26, 2014.

**1964 Archie E. Anderson Jr., J.D.,** Houston, died June 30, 2014. **Ralph D. Gerhardt, B.A.,** Adkins, died May 26, 2014.

**1965 Arvid G. Leick, B.B.A.,** Richardson, died Aug. 27, 2014.

**1966 Hector DeLeon, B.B.A.,** San Antonio, died May 19, 2014. **Treva Ann Minor, B.A.,** Rockport, died July 14, 2014.

**1967 Harry Ben Adams III, B.B.A./J.D.,** Universal City, died Aug. 7, 2014. **Robert W. Coffin, J.D.,** Corpus Christi, died April 27, 2014. **Lloyd E. Davis, B.A.,** San Antonio, died June 17, 2014. **Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. James Viesca, B.B.A., J.D. '72,** San Antonio, died June 26, 2013.

**1968 Phyllis C. Harper, J.D.,** Baytown, died June 12, 2013. **James R. Jordan, B.A.,** San Antonio, died June 11, 2014. **Stanley A. Retzlloff, B.B.A.,** San Antonio, died May 25, 2014.

**1969 Fred R. Mazuca, B.A.,** Tustin, Calif., died Aug. 2, 2014.

## 1970s

**1970 Wayne J. Coburn, B.B.A.,** San Antonio, died Sept. 7, 2014. **Harvey R. Levine, J.D.,** La Jolla, Calif., died Feb. 5, 2013. **Ralph A. Noll, B.A.,** Devine, died May 10, 2014. **Guadalupe Reyna O'Malley, B.A.,** Mason, Ohio, died Jan. 6, 2014. **Irene Whitt, B.A.,** San Antonio, died Aug. 12, 2014. **Sharon Ann Zaumeyer, B.A.,** San Antonio, died April 24, 2014.

**1971 William S. McBirnie, B.A.,** San Antonio, died May 19, 2014.

**1973 Walter R. Hall, B.B.A.,** San Antonio, died May 19, 2014. **Freddy R. Jones, B.B.A.,** San Antonio, died Sept. 3, 2014.

**1975 Gladys J. Baez-Dickreiter, B.A., M.A. '77,** San Antonio, died May 28, 2014. **Charles H. DuBois, J.D.,** Fairfax Station, Va., died Sept. 4, 2014. **The Most Rev. Bernard F. Popp, D.D., M.A.,** San Antonio, died June 27, 2014. **John F. Scarzafava, J.D.,** Oneonta, N.Y., died July 13, 2014. **Arnulfo D. Serna, B.B.A.,** Kent, Wash., died April 29, 2014.

**1976 Retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel James H. Leonard Jr., M.B.A.,** San Antonio, died June 6, 2014. **Ginger Hall Underwood, M.A.,** Arvada, Colo., died Aug. 12, 2014. **Retired U.S. Air Force Major Melvin Weathersby, M.A.,** San Antonio, died May 17, 2014. **Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Donald E. White, B.A.,** San Antonio, died Aug. 20, 2014.

**1977 Richard H. Fox, J.D.,** San Antonio, died Aug. 2, 2014. **The Rev. Merwyn J. Thomas, C.S.C., M.S.,** South Bend, Ind., died May 18, 2014.

**1978 Richard M. Robertson, J.D.,** Dallas, died May 5, 2014.

**1979 Sister Ann Roddy, S.S.N.D., M.A.,** New Orleans, died Nov. 2, 2013.

## 1980s

**1982 Darrel W. Hudson, B.A.,** San Angelo, died June 8, 2014.

**1984 Daniel A. Bass, J.D.,** Austin, died June 25, 2014. **Carol A. Bird Shanks, M.A.,** Holly Lake Ranch, died June 26, 2014.

**1986 Harold D. Stull, SP.,** San Antonio, died April 30, 2014. **The Rev. Joseph J. Welschmeyer, M.A.,** St. Louis, Mo., died June 25, 2014.

## 1990s

**1990 Stephen L. Reznicek, J.D.,** San Antonio, died June 6, 2014.

**1996 Retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Paul L. Stone, B.A.,** San Antonio, died Sept. 4, 2014.

## 2000s

**2001 Audrey Diane Bloom, Ph.D.,** Round Rock, died June 21, 2014.

**2004 Josue I. "Joshua" Vargas, B.B.A.,** San Antonio, died Aug. 8, 2014.

**2005 Retired U.S. Air Force Major Benny Jack Krieger Sr., M.A.,** Castroville, died April 20, 2014.

**2009 Retired U.S. Army Master Sgt. Pauline I. Perry, M.A.,** San Antonio, died July 15, 2014.





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