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Greg L. Armstrong is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and co-founder, of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. ("PAA"), and its general partner holding company Plains GP Holdings ("PAGP"), both of which are listed on the NYSE.

GREG ~

PAA and PAGP have an aggregate enterprise value of over \$40 billion, and PAA is one of the largest crude oil transportation companies in North America. Armstrong has spent almost his entire professional career with PAA and its predecessor entities (collectively, "Plains"), having joined the company at age 23 when Plains had a total enterprise value of \$10 million.

Armstrong was raised in Durant, Oklahoma. He graduated with honors from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1980 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Management. While attending Southeastern, Armstrong was a four-year letterman in track and field, and also served as an assistant football coach at Durant High School in 1978 and 1979, where Durant finished as state runner-up and state champion, respectively. Upon graduation from Southeastern, Armstrong joined the accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers where he obtained his CPA certification.

While at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Armstrong served as a member of the audit team for the initial public offering of Plains, a small exploration and production company based in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At the time of its IPO in May 1981, Plains' annual revenue totaled less than \$1 million and its principal assets consisted of 225,000 undeveloped acres and three wells producing 100 barrels of oil equivalent per day. Armstrong joined Plains as controller in September 1981, approximately four months after the IPO.

In 1984, at age 25 Armstrong was promoted to Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. In 1986, Armstrong led the effort to move Plains' headquarters to Texas through a merger-of-equals with a Houston-based E&P company. In 1991 he was named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and subsequently President and a member of the board of directors. In 1992, at age 34 Armstrong was promoted to Chief Executive Officer, at which point Plains' enterprise value was approximately \$160 million.

Under Armstrong's leadership, Plains substantially grew its upstream E&P activities, and also formed PAA as a subsidiary to pursue midstream growth opportunities. PAA completed its IPO in 1998 as a master limited partnership, but remained under common management and control with its E&P affiliate until 2001, when the upstream and midstream businesses were separated through a management led institutional buyout.

Since its IPO, PAA has completed more than 80 acquisitions for total consideration aggregating \$12 billion and executed

numerous expansion capital projects totaling \$10 billion. On a daily basis, PAA handles 4.5 million barrels per day of crude oil and NGLs through its pipeline, gathering, trucking, railcar, barge and terminal assets. In 2015, PAGP was ranked 67 in the Fortune 500 and for multiple years PAA has been named by Fortune Magazine as one of "America's Most Admired Companies." PAA has also been named by the Houston Chronicle as one of the Top Workplaces in Houston each year since the award process began in 2010 and Armstrong received the leadership award for the large company category in 2010 and 2012.

Throughout his career, Armstrong has been involved in a number of industry, charitable and civic organizations. He is currently a director of The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and previously served as Chairman of its Houston Branch Board. In addition to serving as a director of National Oilwell Varco Inc., Armstrong is also a member of the National Petroleum Council, the Advisory Board of the Cox School's Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University, and the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for The Council on Alcohol and Drugs (Houston). Armstrong is a Distinguished Alumnus at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and is also involved in a number of efforts to promote education through the granting of scholarships.

Armstrong considers himself blessed with a wonderful family that includes his wife, Melinda, his daughter Alexis and his son Tylon, and a long list of treasured friends – many of which he worked with or met while at Plains. Favorite saying: "On a bad day I am still doing better than I deserve."

Armstrong and Harry Pelanis met in 1980 when both were at PricewaterhouseCoopers. They have worked as business partners continuously since 1983 when Pelanis joined Plains; together, they designed and co-founded PAA, building it a from a small subsidiary of its upstream affiliate with less than 20 employees to a leading, investment grade North American midstream player with over 5,000 employees and total assets of over \$20 billion.



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Pefanis attended The University of Oklahoma where he graduated in 1979 with a BBA in Accounting. Upon graduation from OU in 1979, Pefanis joined the Accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he worked for more than four years as a staff and senior auditor and where he first met Greg Armstrong. While at PricewaterhouseCoopers, he obtained his CPA certification and performed audit services for a variety of clients, including companies in the energy, banking and manufacturing industries.

Pefanis was lured to Plains in 1983 by his now long-time friend and business partner Armstrong. He joined as Special Assistant for Corporate Planning and in 1987, following the deregulation of both oil and gas prices, and the unbundling of services provided by gas pipeline companies, Pefanis was appointed Manager of Products Marketing, charged with developing the Plains marketing and transportation strategy. In the following year, PAA's predecessor, Plains Marketing and Transportation, was formed for the purpose of expanding the marketing effort to include oil and gas produced by third parties. Pefanis was named the President of this subsidiary of Plains in 1988.

In 1993 and 1994, Pefanis stewarded the construction of Plains' crude oil terminal in Cushing, Oklahoma, which today is the largest facility at the Cushing Interchange, the delivery point for the NYMEX crude oil futures contract and the most liquid physical trading point in the world. Pefanis' leadership and success in developing Plains' commercial marketing activities and the construction of the Cushing terminal were instrumental in the formation of Plains All American, its initial public offering in 1998 and its growth to one of the largest crude oil midstream entities in North America.

Since its IPO, PAA has completed more than 80 acquisitions for \$12 billion and also executed approximately 1,000 expansion capital projects for \$10 billion. PAA's commercial presence includes purchasing approximately 950,000 barrels per day of crude oil at the wellhead, making PAA one of the largest crude oil purchasers in the country.

Pefanis currently serves on the Boards of the American Petroleum Institute, where he also serves as Chair of the Midstream Committee, the Association of Oil Pipelines, the Memorial Hermann Foundation and the Advisory Board for the Price College of Business at the University of Oklahoma. He has also served on the New York Mercantile Exchange's Crude Oil Advisory Committee from 1996 through 2003 and on the Board of Trustees for both Episcopal High School and Annunciation Orthodox School, where he served as Board Chair.

Harry and his wife Jane have supported a number of philanthropic efforts, particularly those associated with Episcopal High School, Annunciation Orthodox School and The University of Oklahoma, where they fund the annual Sooner Launch Pad Pitch Competition, and the development of the first Active Learning Center Classroom in Price College.

Pefanis has a very close relationship with his parents, Nick and Penny, and his three brothers, Terry, Dean and Jim. He has been supported for most of his professional career by his lovely and patient wife of 25 years, Jane, and they are blessed to have two wonderful children, Elisabeth (23) and Nick (21).





Woody Hunt is Executive Chairman of Hunt Companies, Inc. (Hunt). Hunt, an international company, is a developer, investor, manager, and financier of real assets, providing a broad range of services to public and private sector clients.

WOODY L.

Since its founding in 1947, Hunt has a proven track record in developing more than \$10.6 billion in project value. Hunt currently owns and/or manages, through its diverse business platforms and integrated affiliate companies, more than 214,500 multifamily units and 4.9 million square feet of industrial, office and retail property; has a financing platform that originates over \$2.0 billion in new commercial loans annually; and a commercial loan servicing portfolio of more than \$11 billion.

Hunt has more than 1,000 direct employees and has separate ownership positions in Amber Infrastructure, Moss & Associates, and Pinnacle Property Management.

Woody graduated with honors from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance, and he subsequently received his MBA in Finance from UT. Woody also earned an MA Degree in Management from the Drucker School of Management at Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California.

In addition to his duties with Hunt, Mr. Hunt is a member of the Board of Directors for Complete College America; foundation trustee of the College for all Texans Foundation; member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center-Houston; chairman of the Borderplex Alliance in El Paso; previously served as Chairman of the Texas Business Leadership Council, where he now serves on the Executive Committee; member of the Texas Institute for Education Reform; member of the Texans for Education Reform; a member of the Western Governors University (WGU) Texas Advisory Board; member of the Paso del Norte Foundation; and a member of the Board of Directors for El Paso Electric (Nasdaq: EE) and WestStar Bank.

Woody was previously Chairman of the Texas Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee, which was charged with developing the Higher Education Plan for the State of Texas for 2015 to 2030; Vice Chairman of The University of Texas System Board of Regents; served seven years, three as Chairman, on the Board of Directors of The University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO); was founding chairman and a board member of the Medical Centers of the Americas Foundation in El Paso; was chairman of the Texas Select Commission on Higher Education and Global Competitiveness; was a member of the Commission for College Ready Texas and the Texas Tax Reform Commission; was a member of the National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE); was a member of the Texas Advisory Committee on Higher Education Cost Efficiencies; was a member of the Task Force on Higher Education Incentive Funding; was a member of the Council for Continuous Improvement and Innovation in Texas Higher Education; and was the chairman of the Paso del Norte Health Foundation. He was a member of the Board of Directors and chairman of the Finance Committee of PNM Resources (NYSE: PNM) in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and has served on numerous other civic, non-profit, and professional boards.

Mr. Hunt also serves as Chairman of the Hunt Family Foundation, a private family foundation he and his wife Gayle, established in 1987. Mr. Hunt has been inducted into the McCombs School of Business Hall of Fame, and the El Paso Business Hall of Fame. He has received the City of El Paso's Conquistador Award, and was an El Paso County Historical Society Honoree. Mr. Hunt was named "Top Newsmaker" by the El Paso Times and "El Pasoan of the Year" by the El Paso Inc.



Michael C. Linn founded Linn Energy in 2003 with only four employees, no production or wells, and with the \$20 million funded by Quantum Energy Partners and himself, exponentially raised the company to \$750 million within three years.





Linn Energy went public in 2006 as the first publicly traded E&P, LLC, taxed as a partnership and operating as an upstream MLP with no general or limited partner. Today, dozens of upstream LLCs or MLPs exist because of Linn's visionary structure.

Linn's business aspiration and entrepreneurial spirit took root in his formative years. At age seven, he curiously studied his father's days as a petroleum engineer in Pittsburgh. Then at eleven, Linn started a paper route he ran for four years before handing over to his brother. Linn's family and their businesses have always intertwined. He worked at the same drug store in which his grandfather worked, and during college followed his father's passion for oil and gas, working oilrigs and other ground-floor positions. Even his brother and brother-in-law are geologists. Although Linn graduated cum laude from Villanova University in 1974 with a BA in Political Science and cum laude from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1977, his inherent interest in oil and gas prevailed. He practiced law for the law firm of Ecker, Ecker, Zofer and Rome until 1980, when he joined his father's company, Meridian Exploration Corporation as General Counsel.

A self-acknowledged risk taker, Linn bought his father's interest in Meridian in 1985, taking no salary for two years and venturing his personal net worth. Linn's keen instinct for parlaying risk into opportunity took flight in these years, and became the theme that defines his career. Linn served Meridian, a private oil and natural gas investment company with operations in both the Appalachian and Permian Basins, as President and Chief Executive Officer until its sale in 1999. From 2000 to 2003, he was President of Allegheny Interests, Inc. before forming Linn Energy. Today, Houston-based Linn Energy, LLC (Nasdaq: LINE), valued as an \$18 billion dollar enterprise prior to the price collapse of oil, has approximately 2,000 employees in more than 26 offices across a dozen states.

In addition to serving on Linn Energy's board of directors, Linn serves Nabors Industries, Ltd. as a board member and as Chairman of the Compensation Committee; as board member for Black Stone Minerals; as senior advisor for Quantum Energy Partners, LLC; as a non-executive director for Centrica plc; and on Western Refining Logistics GP, LLC's board.

Linn regularly holds leadership positions in industry associations both past and present, including the National Petroleum Council; Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), serving as chairman, board member, and as the 2011 IPAA Chief Roughneck of the Year honoree; as a member in the All American Wildcatter's, a select group of individuals who have made significant contributions to the wildcatting profession, are of good character, high integrity, respected by their peers, and whose word is their bond; Natural Gas Supply Association; National Gas Council; President of the Independent Oil and Gas Associations of New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia; and as a Texas Representative for the Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

Linn regularly represents the oil and natural gas industry before state and federal agencies, the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, as well as in the media on CNBC.

In 2013, Linn received the Wilson Center's Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service, an honor bestowed to individuals who have served with distinction in public life, who pour their time, talents, and resources into improving the lives and futures of others. The Wilson Center was chartered by Congress as the official memorial to President Woodrow Wilson and seeks to be the leading institution for in-depth research and dialogue to inform actionable ideas on global issues.

Linn's notable civic affiliations include Texas Children's Hospital, serving on the executive committee, board of trustees, as Chairman of the Compensation Committee, member of the finance committee, and alongside wife, Carol, as co-Chairmen of the Care First \$475 Million Capital Campaign; MD Anderson; Houston Methodist Hospital; Texas Heart Institute; Houston Children's Charity; Museum of Fine Arts Houston; and the Houston Police Foundation.

Additionally, Linn served the C.T. Bauer School of Business at the University of Houston on its advisory board, the Chancellor's Energy Advisory Board, and as a lecturer; Villanova University as a founding member of the Dean's Advisory Council for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and as a member of the Council of Overseers at Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University.

Today, Linn is President and CEO of MCL Ventures LLC, an oil/gas/real estate investment firm based in Houston.





Mr. Rosier's invaluable leadership at McLane Company, Inc., has resulted in significant market share growth and substantial revenue increases—from \$5.6 billion when he became president and CEO in 1995, to \$46 billion in 2014—all while maintaining the company's beliefs, values and philanthropic efforts and while servicing many of the nation's top grocery and foodservice retailers.

GRADY ROSIER 🖘

In 2003, the company was sold to Berkshire Hathaway, with Mr. Rosier left in charge to focus on the shared values of efficiency, a team approach and delivering value to customers.

Mr. Rosier took an unusual path to the chief executive office. He grew up in humble beginnings in Florida. After he finished high school, he joined the Marines.

During his time in the service, working primarily as an aviation electrician, he developed many of the attributes that stick with him today. "In the Marines I learned to achieve things I never thought I would do. I learned a lot of mental discipline," says Mr. Rosier. Following his discharge, he remained in the reserves and raced through college, taking double the normal course load, and earned a B.A. in history from the University of Florida. After college, Mr. Rosier went to work in retail and distribution, eventually rising to vice president and general manager of Sav-A-Stop, a non-food convenience distributor.

Mr. Rosier was recruited to McLane in 1984 as a regional executive, joining the 90-year-old company run by former Texas Business Hall of Fame winner, Drayton McLane, Jr. He worked his way up through the ranks, serving in a variety of senior executive positions, learning every aspect of the business, including stints in sales, marketing and customer service.

When he was named chief executive in 1995, Mr. Rosier embarked on a plan to revamp the distribution company as a full service logistics and supply chain provider. He sold non-core assets to focus exclusively on retail services and transportation, as McLane trucks and warehouses became ubiquitous around the country.

As president and CEO of McLane, Mr. Rosier isn't known as CEO or President or even Mr. Rosier. He's simply known as Grady. And he prefers to be called "Head Coach". Also, according to Mr. Rosier; "The people of McLane, which we affectionately refer to as teammates, really drive this show. Our teammates are the "magic sauce" if you will."

With Mr. Rosier at the helm, the company entered a new phase in 2003 when he was instrumental in the negotiation of the sale of McLane from Wal-Mart to Berkshire Hathaway for a \$1.5 billion cash deal. Under Berkshire, McLane was ensured financial stability and access to a wide array of potential new customers. Mr. Rosier increased focus on employee relations, education and benefits, while continuing to expand through a mixture of organic sales and acquisitions.

When the economic downturn hit in 2008, Mr. Rosier continued to invest in technology and customer service, as well as commitments to teammate 401(k) programs. The company's revenues continued to grow, despite the national slowdown. In 2009, McLane posted record pre-tax earnings of \$344 million on sales of \$31.2 billion for the year. In Berkshire's shareholder report, Mr. Buffet wrote, "McLane employs a vast array of physical assets. McLane's prime asset, however, is Grady."

Over the years, Mr. Rosier has used strategic purchases to help grow market share and expand McLane into an array of related markets. In 2010, the company entered alcoholic beverage distribution with the purchase of Empire Distribution, Inc., a 70-year-old wholesale distributor of distilled spirits, wine and beer operating mainly in the Southeastern United States. In 2012, McLane purchased Meadowbrook Meat Company (MBM), one of the nation's largest customized foodservice distributors for national restaurant chains.

McLane has also developed as an industry leader in green technologies with more than \$100 million in energy-conserving automation and other beneficial initiatives. Initiatives like replacing 48% of their tractors over the next year to improve emissions performance and working with organic vendors to divert expired or recalled food product from landfills to repurpose for compost, animal feed and waste-to-energy.

Under Mr. Rosier's leadership, McLane has continually increased its participation in a wide range of community groups, focusing on organizations that help children. Over the past 28 years, McLane teammates have raised more than \$90 million for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, and actively supported the United Way. In 2013, McLane introduced the SPARK Initiative to increase awareness and provide employment opportunities to people with disabilities.

The giving culture that Mr. Rosier has created at McLane stretches far beyond the McLane walls when it comes to his personal dedication to causes. In addition to the many boards he sits on, he is very active in supporting The Pangea Network, a Texas-based non-profit dedicated to educating, training and providing resources for personal development and financial growth in both women and young people in central Texas and Africa.

Grady serves in a wide variety of roles in the community. He is the first past chairman of the National Association of Wholesale-Distributors, a current director of NVR, Inc. and a director of NuStar Energy.

Today, McLane delivers 10 billion pounds of merchandise to customers every year. The company operates one of the nation's largest private fleets of more than 2,100 tractors and 3,000 multi-temp trailers, but when it comes to McLane, Grady says: "It's not just a company to me. It's my passion. This is what I do. And the people at McLane are my family."



Dan Wolterman joined Memorial Hermann Health System in 1999 and was named president and CEO in 2002. Under Mr. Wolterman's inspired and strategic leadership, Memorial Hermann has experienced robust year-over-year double digit growth, resulting in its ascent to the largest not-for-profit health system in Southeast Texas.

DAN 🔊 WOLTERMAN



Mr. Wolterman's stewardship of Memorial Hermann saw the system grow to 13 hospitals and 201 outpatient care sites, more than 24,000 employees and 5,000 affiliated physicians, and garner numerous national quality and patient safety awards. The system annually generates \$4.5 billion of revenue; has more than 2 million patient visits; and, in 2014, provided \$438 million of free services to the community's indigent population.

Mr. Wolterman has more than 35 years of experience in health care, and is perennially recognized as one of the industry's most influential leaders and policy experts. His career has seen him hold a range of senior managerial positions in hospitals from Florida and Indiana to Utah and Texas.

Mr. Wolterman's leadership of Memorial Hermann has been adept and visionary, and has transcended just building a fiscally sound health system. Sensitive to the plight of the poor and uninsured in the Houston region, Mr. Wolterman has worked tirelessly to help create solutions, and often has stated that: "I want Memorial Hermann to be a part of reforming the healthcare system in America and truly get to a model where everybody has access to basic health services. I'm passionate about coming up with solutions. That's the best part of being the CEO – I can use this as a platform to advocate for change and try to do the right thing for people."

With a long history of community service, doing "the right thing for people" has meant Mr. Wolterman spearheading the creation of the Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation to build collaboration with other healthcare providers, government, business leaders and community stakeholders to identify and deliver viable solutions to the problem of the uninsured and underinsured in the Greater Houston and Harris County region. In addition to Memorial Hermann annually committing hundreds of millions of dollars toward providing and improving access to health care for thousands of families, Mr. Wolterman has been a tireless advocate at the local, state and federal levels for this cause.

A particular concern for Mr. Wolterman has been providing care to uninsured children. He has been an advocate of Memorial Hermann's Health Centers for Schools program, which offers a medical home for uninsured students, ongoing from prekindergarten through 12th grade. The program provides primary medical care, nutrition counseling, mental health services

and dental care free of charge to families who may or may not have insurance – the primary objective being to keep students healthy and in school where they can learn.

Mr. Wolterman also has been a prolific community servant volunteering his time to chair numerous organizations, including: the Greater Houston Partnership, Texas Hospital Association Board of Directors, Voluntary Hospitals of America-Texas Board of Directors, American Heart Association-Houston Board of Directors, Air Quality Task Force (at the request of a former Houston mayor) and the 2011 National Senior Olympic Games.

He is also a board member of the 2017 Houston Super Bowl Host Committee and past board member of the American Heart Association Houston Region and the Greater Gulf Coast Chapter of United Way. He has also served on many national committees. Mr. Wolterman is also an adjunct professor at The University of Texas School of Public Health, and serves on the University of Houston – Clear Lake Healthcare Administration Program Advisory Council.

Mr. Wolterman has received numerous recognitions, including: the Texas Hospital Association's Earl M. Collier Award for Distinguished Heath Care Administration; American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award; Health Access Texas Public Health Award, for a leader who has a strong belief in prevention and better access to healthcare; the InterFaith CarePartners Sustaining Presence Award, for activities that constitute an exemplary contribution to the creation of caring communities; Xavier University Distinguished Alumni Award; and a past recipient of Community Partners Father of the Year Award. He has also been annually voted one of the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare magazine.

Mr. Wolterman is married to Lori Genitempo Wolterman, and they have three children: Daniel, Savannah and Linleigh. In addition to his commitment to his family, Dan is an avid golfer with a scratch handicap.



Cholarship Recipients ~

JOHN PORTER

Acton School of Business

JONATHAN S. COLE-McKay Baylor University

LEAH RUTT

Dallas Baptist University

The Mitchell Family

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LESLEY BRIELLE BARNES

Houston Baptist University

The Stewart Morris Scholarship

JEREMY G. ALLEN

Lamar University

The Ben Rogers Scholarship

SOPHIA LIAW

Rice University

The Douglas L. Foshee Scholarship

SARA SOFIA AYLSWORTH

Sam Houston State University

The SWBC Foundation Scholarship

KATE JOHNSTON

Southern Methodist University

The Robert H. Dedman Scholarship

BEN MEYER

Southern Methodist University

The Signor Family Scholarship

FORREST BLACKWELDER-BAGGETT

St. Mary's University
The Harvey E. Najim Scholarship

LEANNE FUENTES

St. Mary's University
The William E. "Bill" Greehey Scholarship

MARK PEREZ

St. Mary's University

The Carlos and Malu Alvarez Scholarship

HARRY STALEY JR.

St. Philip's College
The Whataburger Scholarship





MARK McCord

Texas A&M University

STEPHANIE LAUREN STARE

Texas Christian University

Jalisa Charnele Sims

Texas Southern University

JOHN ATKINSON

Texas State University

NICHOLAS D. BURNS

Texas Tech University

The Silver & Black Give Back Scholarship

THOMAS JOSEPH DAVIS III

Trinity University

The Doug & Martha Hawthorne Family Fund Scholarship

DANIEL FRID

University of Dallas

Dylan Thomas Senter

University of Houston

Laura Lule

University of the Incarnate Word

The H-E-B Scholarship

ETHAN GEER

University of North Texas

BLAKE WILLIAMSON

University of Texas

The Mike A. Myers Scholarship

RANDALL DEE KELTON

University of Texas - Arlington

The Kelcy Warren Graduate Fellowship for Engineering

HAZEM ELSHORBAGY

University of Texas - Dallas

JOSEPH SIMPSON

University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley

DAVID CARPENTER

University of Texas - San Antonio





JOHN PORTER Acton School of Business

John Porter graduated from the Acton School of Business in 2015 with an MBA in Entrepreneurship, and was named Student of the Year. He also holds a BBA in Finance from the University of Texas. Before Acton, he spent a number of years at two VC firms, Calxeda and Spredfast, where he proved crucial to implementing a multi-continent supply chain and scalable business structure. He plans on joining one of the early stage companies he's been consulting for this year.



JONATHAN S. COLE-MCKAY Baylor University

Jonathan Cole-McKay, an Oklahoma City native and entrepreneur with Jamaican roots, graduated from Baylor University with degrees in Distribution Management, Entrepreneurship and Spanish. Jonathan started his first company his sophomore year of college and has since started several other successful e-commerce websites. He is pursuing a dual-degree at Baylor University in MBA/MS in Information Systems. Jonathan's goal is to create a family oriented, Christian company which reflects his personal values and ethical foundation.



LEAH RUTT OP Dallas Baptist University | The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Leah Rutt, a Pennsylvania native, ventured to Dallas Baptist University in 2010 on a full-ride tennis scholarship, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Marketing. She is now pursuing an MBA from Dallas Baptist University, while working as a graduate assistant coach on the women's tennis team. Leah's passion for developing young people and sharing her enthusiasm for tennis has led her to start a business coaching and providing tennis lessons.



LESLEY BRIELLE BARNES
Houston Baptist University | The Stewart Morris Scholarship

Lesley Barnes earned her BS in International Business Management from Brigham Young University-Hawaii, and is currently pursuing an MBA at Houston Baptist University. She has worked for NOV for the last seven years, and is currently working in Organizational Development. Over the last five years, she has worked in 15 countries around the world. Lesley is the leader for the Social Architects group within GK-USA NGO in an effort to end global poverty.



JEREMY G. ALLEN
Lamar University | The Ben Rogers Scholarship

Jeremy G. Allen is a five-year BBA/MBA student at Lamar University with minors in Spanish and Business Law. Jeremy has completed international study and internships in Spain, Argentina, the Panama Canal, Puerto Rico Department of State and the Center for International Private Enterprise (Washington, D.C.). He is founder/president of the Shepherd of H.O.P.E. tutoring/scholarship foundation and owns the well-awarded Jeremy G. Allen Tutoring Program, obtaining numerous contracts from the Texas Department of Assistance and Rehabilitative Services.



SOPHIA LIAW Rice University | The Douglas L. Foshee Scholarship

Upon graduating with honors from The University of Texas, Sophia Liaw was an analyst in J.P. Morgan's Corporate Banking Energy group for three years. There she co-chaired the Houston Junior Women in Banking resource group and was nominated to serve as the Southwest Representative on the Junior Resource Council. Sophia also currently serves on Small Steps Nurturing Center's Young Professionals Board, and this past summer she interned in Barclays' Consumer & Retail group in New York.



SARA SOFIA AYLSWORTH Som Houston State University | The SWBC Foundation Scholarship

Sara Aylsworth is pursuing her MBA through Sam Houston State University's online program. She is an Associate Planner at Charming Charlie and is grateful for the opportunity to continue her education and be a part of this elite group of scholars. Outside of work and school, Sara is a musician who resides in Houston with her husband. She would like to thank her family for their immense support in this journey.



KATE JOHNSTON Southern Methodist University | The Robert H. Dedman Scholarship

Kate Johnston is pursuing an MBA in Marketing and Strategy at Southern Methodist University. Previously, Kate worked in the healthcare sector both as a consultant to Life Sciences firms and then later as a Revenue Integrity Analyst at Baylor Scott & White Health. Upon graduation, Kate hopes to continue her work in the healthcare industry and to someday launch her own company that focuses on patient engagement and pricing transparency for care delivery systems.



BEN MEYER Southern Methodist University | The Signor Family Scholarship

Ben Meyer, a Dallas native, is currently pursuing his MBA at Southern Methodist University, where he is concentrating in Finance and Strategy and Entrepreneurship. Prior to business school, he spent four years as a high school math and microeconomics teacher in Dallas ISD. This summer, he interned with Five States Energy Capital. Ben earned his bachelor's degree in Economics and Mathematics from Yale University.



FORREST BLACKWELDER-BAGGETT St. Mary's University | The Harvey E. Najim Scholarship

Forrest Blackwelder-Baggett is, first and foremost, a proud husband, father and life-long Texan. As a JD/MBA degree candidate at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Forrest hopes that a dedication to community betterment will guide his entrepreneurial goals in an ethical and forward-thinking manner. Forrest is currently employed as a Legal Briefing Clerk at the esteemed law firm of Goldstein, Goldstein & Hilley. Following graduation, he plans on founding and managing his own law firm.



LEANNE FUENTES St. Mary's University | The William E. "Bill" Greehey Scholarship

Leanne Fuentes was born in Cuba, grew up in San Antonio, Texas, and attends St. Mary's University. She majors in Finance and Risk Management and Marketing. Leanne is currently serving as the chapter president for the Gamma Iota Sigma and is a peer mentor for the Greehey School of Business. Leanne was also Chief Financial Officer of Rattler Enterprises, a student-run university business. Fuentes recently completed an internship with General Electric Capital in Norwalk, Connecticut.



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Mark Perez will graduate this spring with a BBA in Finance and Risk Management from St. Mary's University. He is the Vice President of St. Marys' Gamma Iota Sigma Risk Management Society, Secretary of the St. Mary's Honors Program, and the Chief Operating Officer of Rattler Enterprises. Moreover, Mark recently completed an internship with USAA as a Financial Analyst in Treasury Operations. Previously, he worked at an independent business consulting firm.



HARRY STALEY JR. St. Philip's College | The Whataburger Scholarship

Harry Staley Jr. is a systems analyst for the U.S. Army where he was awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service by Brigadier General Kirk F. Vollmecke, and a challenge coin by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), The Honorable Heidi Shyu. In addition to completing his degree at St. Philip's College, Staley is also pursuing a BS in Computer Science and Mathematics from Texas A&M University, and hopes to continue his education in pursuit of an MS in Analytics from the Mays Business School.



MARK McCord ~~ Texas A&M University

Mark McCord will graduate this year from Texas A&M University. He interned as a business analyst at Kimberly-Clark and previously served as a Naval Officer and Nuclear Engineer at Naval Reactors in Washington, D.C. for five years. Mark earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Colorado and a Masters in Nuclear Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. Mark enjoys spending time with his wife and son.



STEPHANIE LAUREN STARE OF Texas Christian University

Stephanie is an MBA candidate at Texas Christian University's Neeley School of Business. A Dallas native, she is a graduate of Ursuline Academy of Dallas, as well as The University of Texas at Austin, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Prior to pursuing her MBA, she was a graduate of Neiman Marcus' Executive Development Program and was most recently an Assistant Buyer. This summer, Stephanie interned in AT&T's Leadership Development Program.



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Jalisa Sims, a Baton Rouge native, graduated from Southern University and A&M College with her bachelor's degrees in Accounting and Finance. After graduation, Jalisa moved to Houston to pursue a career in the Office of Procurement at NASA Johnson Space Center. She is currently pursuing her master's in Business Administration at Texas Southern University and plans to graduate in May 2016.



JOHN ATKINSON Texas State University

John Atkinson is pursuing an MBA with a concentration in computer information systems at Texas State University's McCoy School of Business. He has been a software project manager for the last 10 years, focusing mainly in online banking platforms for banks and credit unions. He is also a collegiate level senior ice hockey referee, officiating games for major universities within Texas as well as mentoring younger referees so that they may be recognized on a national level.



NICHOLAS D. BURNS
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Nicholas Burns is currently pursuing an MBA in Business Analytics at Texas Tech University, after receiving his BBA in MIS at the University of Houston. Before earning his BBA, Nicholas served three years of active duty in the U.S. Army and two years in the Texas Army National Guard with one combat tour in Afghanistan. He is presently developing innovative solutions for a technology start-up focused on integrating bio-metric sensors with RFID technology for various industries.



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Trinity University | The Doug & Martha Hawthorne Family Fund Scholarship

Thomas Davis, a Texas native from Aledo, graduated from Trinity University in May 2014 with a BS in Business Administration Management. Thomas continued into Trinity's MHA program and will be graduating in December 2016. While attending Trinity for his master's degree, Thomas cofounded Valitum Health Technologies Inc., which develops software solutions to engage pediatric patients in the education of their conditions. Thomas has accepted a position with Conifer Health Solutions to work on product solution and development.



Daniel Frid Open University of Dallas

Daniel Frid began his career at Integrated Athletic Development, one of the nation's premier indoor athletic facilities. He is the Director of Operations at United Athlete Agency, and today, he represents and markets NFL and MMA athletes. Daniel oversees the day-to-day needs of clients, both on and off the field, interfacing with team personnel, brand executives, athletes and their families. Daniel's focus is on representation, production and marketing, and is fully bilingual in English and Spanish.



DYLAN THOMAS SENTER Winiversity of Houston

Dylan Senter is a native Houstonian, and has a life-long passion for entrepreneurship and sports. He is a student at the University of Houston pursuing a double major in Marketing and Entrepreneurship with a minor in Sales. Dylan has founded multiple companies including: "BrittleMama"- a school fundraiser company, "EcommAdvisors" — an e-commerce consulting company, and "SuperSenter" — an Amazon sales company. He plans to further build his e-commerce operations, and continue working in the start-up community.



LAURA LULE OF University of the Incarnate Word | The H-E-B Scholarship

Laura Lule is pursuing an MBA with a concentration in Marketing at The University of the Incarnate Word. Currently, Laura works as a Strategic Planning Analyst for USAA, leading financial services for Military members and their families. Laura's previous experiences include the airline industry at Southwest Airlines and the family insurance business. Upon graduation, Laura plans to further her career specializing in Sponsorship and Media Advertising and develop her own company specializing in Real Estate transformation and Sales.



ETHAN GEER WUNIVERSITY OF North Texas

Ethan Geer was born and raised in Highland Village, Texas into a family of six kids. His achievements include earning an associate's degree in Music and selling \$120,000 in Cutco kitchen products. He currently works for his family business, Tree Shepherds, of which he will soon become part owner. Ethan will finish his bachelor's degree in Entrepreneurship at the University of North Texas in the spring of 2015.



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Blake Williamson is an MBA candidate at the University of Texas' McCombs School of Business. After graduating from Wheaton College in Illinois, he served as an Air Force Intelligence Officer for five years. Blake continues to serve as a Captain in the Air Force Reserves. At McCombs, he is the President of the Armed Forces Alumni Association and Finance Director for the University of Texas' graduate student body. He and his wife, Stacey, reside in Austin.



RANDALL DEE KELTON OF The Kelcy Warren Graduate Fellowship for Engineering University of Texas - Arlington | The Kelcy Warren Graduate Fellowship for Engineering

Randall Kelton was raised northwest of Fort Worth. After attaining a BS in Manufacturing Engineering from the University of North Texas, he spent over a decade in aerospace and defense. Witnessing the decline of manufacturing in the United States, Kelton was inspired to pursue a PhD in Material Science and Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington. His goal is to be instrumental in developing products which can be made at home in Texas.



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UT Dallas MBA student Hazem Elshorbagy holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. President of UTD's Energy Association, his entrepreneurial vision is to "monetize sustainability" in the energy sector. His innovative solutions include an automated biofuel refinery and an environmentally friendly heavy oil extraction process. Hazem also holds a U.S. patent for inventing a foot-controlled car. His startup, Know your Waste, deploys sensors to optimize trash hauling, saving costs and increasing recycling.



JOSEPH SIMPSON OF University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley

Joseph Simpson is a PhD student at the University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley. He owns AmarilloABA, LLC., a company that provides Applied Behavior Analysis therapy to children with Autism. He hopes to expand his business to other locations in Texas. Joseph is a veteran of the military and deployed twice to Iraq and twice to Afghanistan. He enjoys spending time with his family and volunteering with Special Olympics Texas.



DAVID CARPENTER OUNIVERSITY of Texas - San Antonio

David Carpenter is pursuing an MBA with a concentration in Real Estate Finance and Development, as well as a graduate certificate in Urban and Regional Planning at UTSA. In addition, David authors a real estate blog at www.realdavid.com. David's motivation is to help continue the redevelopment of Texas' urban core. His goal is to play a vital role in Texas' continued growth while maintaining sustainable methods of development and building use.

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