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# TEXAS BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

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#### **D**AVID BONDERMAN

Chairman and Founding Partner
TPG Capital
FORT WORTH

#### FORREST E. HOGLUND

CEO
SeaOne Holdings
DALLAS

#### STAN RICHARDS

Principal/Creative Director
The Richards Group
DALLAS

#### CARL SEWELL

Chairman
Sewell Automotive Companies
DALLAS

#### ZALE/LIPSHY FAMILIES

Founders
Zale Corporation
DALLAS



# LUCY BILLINGSLEY

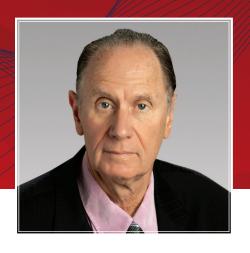
Lucy Billingsley has spent her career in real estate, developing and managing commercial developments. Lucy and Henry Billingsley started Billingsley Company in 1978 hoping to develop lots of properties, have a legitimate business, sleep well at night and have fun along the way. Happily, it worked. From raw land to master-planned corporate parks and multifamily neighborhoods, the Billingsleys are involved in every step of design, instruction, leasing and management. They keep what they build. International Business Park, Austin Ranch, Cypress Waters and the Arts Plaza campus in Dallas' Arts District are some of their larger projects.

Prior to her focus on Billingsley Company, Lucy was chief executive officer of the Dallas Market Center and the Crow Design Centers in Dallas, Houston and Boston. She grew Wyndham Jade to become the largest privately-owned travel agency in the Southwest.

Lucy's primary civic activities include: National Geographic Society's International Council of Advisors, the Council of Foreign Relations and ULI Governing Trustee Board. Locally, she is on the Boards or Advisory Committees of Southwestern Medical Foundation, The Real Estate Council, Southern Methodist University's Tower Center for Political Studies and Folsom Institute for Real Estate. Previously, Lucy founded Chiapas International and was the board chair of both Women for Women International and the Tate Board at Southern Methodist University and served on the Grameen Foundation Board.

Lucy has been inducted into the Dallas Business Hall of Fame, the NTCAR Hall of Fame, awarded the 2013 H. Neil Mallon Award and the Dallas Historical Society's Awards for Excellence in Business. She has also been recognized by CREW as a Distinguished Leader in Commercial Real Estate.

Lucy Billingsley was born and raised in Dallas and is a graduate of The University of Texas with a B.B.A. in finance. She presently lives in Dallas with her husband, Henry, has four adult children and six grandchildren.



### DAVID BONDERMAN

David Bonderman is co-founder and chairman of TPG, a leading global alternative asset firm. Headquartered in Fort Worth and San Francisco, TPG manages more than \$73 billion in assets and has 16 offices around the world. The firm's investment platforms span a wide range of asset classes, including private equity, credit, growth venture, impact investing, real estate, and public equity.

TPG's investments and operations teams have deep experience partnering with companies across the consumer and retail, financial services, health care, industrials, Internet and digital media, natural resources and energy, and technology and software sectors. The firm aims to build dynamic products and options for its investors while also instituting discipline and operational excellence across its investment strategies and the performance of its portfolio. Founded in 1992, TPG has a 25-year history of partnering with and building leading, innovative companies around the world, including Airbnb, Cirque du Soleil, Continental Airlines, Neiman Marcus, McAfee, Spotify and SurveyMonkey.

Prior to founding TPG, Mr. Bonderman was chief operating officer of the Robert M. Bass Group, Inc. (RMBG), which now operates as the Keystone Group, L.P. in Fort Worth, Texas. Prior to joining RMBG in 1983, Mr. Bonderman was a partner in the law firm of Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C., where he specialized in corporate, securities, bankruptcy, and antitrust litigation. From 1969 to 1970, Mr. Bonderman was a Fellow in Foreign and Comparative Law in conjunction with Harvard University, and from 1968 to 1969, he served as special assistant to the U.S. Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division. From 1967 to 1968, Mr. Bonderman was assistant professor at Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans.

Mr. Bonderman has been a longtime supporter and board member of The Wilderness Society and the Grand Canyon Trust, both of which are key players in protecting wild lands. He also funds the Wildcat Foundation, which is a significant donor to anti-poaching causes in Africa. In 1995, Mr. Bonderman created The Bonderman Travel Fellowship at his alma mater, the University of Washington. The fellowship offers the university's graduate, professional and select undergraduate students an opportunity to engage in an independent exploration and travel abroad. In 2013, Mr. Bonderman was awarded the Global Leadership Award from the Asia Society, and in 2016, he received the Woodrow Wilson Award for Corporate Citizenship.

Mr. Bonderman's other board memberships include China International Capital Corporation Ltd, Cushman & Wakefield, Kite Pharma, Inc., Ryanair Holdings, plc (of which he is chairman), The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation, and The Rise Fund, as well as various academic and advisory boards.

Mr. Bonderman graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1966. He was a member of the Harvard Law Review and a Sheldon Fellow. He is a 1963 graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle.



# FORREST E. HOGLUND

Forrest Hoglund was born in Lawrence, Kansas and graduated from the University of Kansas in 1956 with a degree in mechanical engineering. His options after graduation were to play minor league baseball with the Yankees or to get married and go to work. He made the right choice in marrying Sally Roney and heading to Texas to work for Humble Oil (now Exxon). Upscale living included stays in the Texas towns of Refugio, Freer, Kingsville, Beaumont and Houston. He was placed on the fast track management development program, starting in New Orleans and Houston, and ended up as corporate vice president of Gas and Gas Liquids for Exxon in New York. Forrest likes to divide his business career into thirds, and this first third was spent successfully in one of the largest companies in the world. But he decided he really didn't want to work for the same company all his life.

Forrest left Exxon to become president of Texas Oil & Gas, a Dallas-based company. After 10 years of rapid growth, that company was merged into U.S. Steel Corporation and he served on the U.S. Steel Board. However, he was working in a major company once again. In 1987, he was recruited as CEO to Enron Oil & Gas Company (EOG) in order to take it public. He was able to build a very successful low cost, low debt, public company right in the middle of the Enron Corporation quagmire and EOG's value grew six fold during his tenure. He left what is now known as EOG Resources in 1999 on the same day EOG became fully independent from the Enron organization. That completed the second third of his business life – helping build two very successful mid-sized companies.

The last third of his business career was designed to manage even smaller organizations where he would have more impact and ownership potential. His goal was to make his own mark in a more direct fashion. Additionally, he wanted to have more time to contribute to his numerous not-for-profit interests. In Houston, he became chairman of the Houston Museum of Natural Science and chairman of the MD Anderson Board of Visitors. Forrest and Sally and their three daughters, Kelly, Shelly, and Kristy, started The Hoglund Foundation in 1988, in what Forrest says was the greatest financial decision he ever made. Today, the Foundation continues to promote interests and entities that are near and dear to their hearts in the Dallas area, where the whole family is active in the philanthropic community. Forrest also currently serves as vice chairman of Reasoning Mind, a web-based math program which is designed to allow the U.S. to become competitive in math education in the world.

The Hoglunds chaired the \$653 million University of Kansas Capital Campaign known as KU First. Forrest also chaired the very successful \$185 million Capital Campaign to build the Perot Museum in Dallas. The Perot goal was achieved a year early, all from private sources, and no debt was needed to build the world-class museum. As Forrest loves to say, "The Perot Museum was a gift to North Texas and was designed to be expanded and enhanced as the community wants. It is all set up for that." A major dinosaur discovery by the Perot Museum paleontologists bears the name Nanuqsaurus Hoglundi, honoring Forrest's career in earth sciences and his philanthropic efforts.

Forrest's latest business venture is SeaOne Holdings, based in Houston. SeaOne has developed a worldwide patented system to carry natural gas and gas liquids together in a very low-cost way. They have regulatory approval to furnish gas and gas liquids into the Caribbean and Central and South America. They will be able to deliver half-priced energy to countries that have some of the highest electricity costs in the world. It also will reduce their emissions by more than 50 percent. SeaOne is a great story of American ingenuity helping solve some of our island neighbors' biggest problems. Through SeaOne, Forrest has realized his goal of creating a successful startup company with significant ownership during the last third of his business life.

Forrest has been given many industry, educational, fundraising and community development awards in his career. He was named International Citizen of 2008 from the Houston World Affairs Council and was honored by his alma mater, KU, as a Distinguished Alum. In 2014, he was honored to receive the Linz Award, Dallas' highest recognition for community involvement.

Sally and Forrest enjoy time with their 10 grandchildren, preparing them to lead successful lives and incorporating the strong business and philanthropic traits that they have developed over these many years.



# STAN RICHARDS

Stan founded The Richards Group as a freelance practice after graduating from Pratt Institute in New York. His work has received awards in virtually every major competition in the world, and broader recognition has followed.

He was chosen by the Dallas Society of Visual Communications as "the single individual who, over his career, has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of creative standards in the Southwestern United States." Pratt honored him with a Distinguished Alumnus Award. Advertising Age featured Stan as a cover story; he was included in The Wall Street Journal's "Giants of Our Time" series and named an Entrepreneur of the Year by *Inc.* magazine.

The University of Texas honored Stan with its Reddick Award for leadership in communication, preceded by Walter Cronkite, Ted Turner and Bill Moyers. Southern Methodist University announced the Stan Richards Creative Chair and, in the same year, Stan received the AIGA Gold Medal, the award for career achievement in design.

In 1999, Stan received the highest honor available to a creative with his election to the Art Directors Hall of Fame, joining Walt Disney, Norman Rockwell and Andy Warhol.

In 2014, The University of Texas renamed its nationally recognized advertising program the Stan Richards School of Advertising & Public Relations. And in April 2017, Stan was inducted into the Advertising Hall of Fame, an honor reserved for only the most legendary contributors to our industry.

Stan serves, or has served, on many boards: The Salvation Army, the Episcopal School of Dallas, YMCA, Cooper Aerobics Enterprises, the Dallas Symphony Association, United Way, the Creative Committee of the 4A's, Pratt Institute Board of Trustees, and the Mayo Clinic Center for Innovation.

Apart from business, Stan skis in Utah and fly-fishes the backwaters of Laguna Madre. And at 6:30 every other morning, you'll find him logging miles in spin class.



# CARL SEWELL

Carl Sewell joined the family automobile business in 1967, after graduating from Southern Methodist University and serving a stint in the Army. His father had begun selling cars in 1911. Carl is a third generation automotive dealer. His daughter, Jacquelin, and son, Carl, are the beginning of a fourth generation. In 1967, the business had one franchise with sales of \$10 million. Today, sales are in excess of \$1.9 billion. Sewell Automotive Companies consists of 17 dealerships representing the following franchises: Audi (3), Buick-GMC, BMW, Cadillac (4), Infiniti (3), Lexus (2), Mercedes-Benz, MINI and Subaru.

Carl has served as chairman of Audi, Lexus and Cadillac National Dealer Councils, as well as a member of the Infiniti Marketing and Product Dealer Councils.

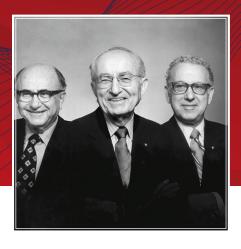
He is a member of the Board of Trustees of SMU, where he served as chairman and the SMU Cox School of Business Executive Board, where he also served as chairman. He is on the board of Southwestern Medical Foundation. He has previously served as chairman of Goals for Dallas and board member of the Neiman Marcus Group, Southwest Media Corporation, First City Bank, Ford Bank Group, United National Bank, American Tire Distributors, Dallas Chamber of Commerce and the State Fair of Texas.

Carl has lectured at Southern Methodist University, The University of Texas, Texas A&M University, the University of Virginia and Harvard University. He has spoken to groups from BMW, General Motors, Hyundai, Toyota, IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Amoco and Apple Computer.

He is author of *Customers for Life*, named best book of 1990 by Tom Peters. With sales of more than one million copies, *Customers for Life* is published in 17 languages and has been re-released by Doubleday.

Carl believes that the most important things to do to be successful are:

- 1. Learn from mentors.
- 2. Decide how good you want to be.
- 3. Have a profound knowledge of your business.
- 4. Hire the best and brightest people.
- 5. Never, ever be satisfied with your level of performance. There is no choice but to improve.



# ZALE/LIPHSHY FAMILIES

Morris and William Zale immigrated to America from Shershova, Poland (now Belarus) in 1906. Their family moved to Fort Worth, Texas following their uncle, Sam Kruger, who was a watchmaker. Sam saw an opportunity to open a jewelry store in Wichita Falls, then the hub of development for newly discovered oil fields in west Texas. Morris (M.B.) dropped out of school after the sixth grade and moved to Wichita Falls to apprentice under Uncle Sam. Seeking independence, M.B. moved to Graham, Texas, opening a jewelry counter in a drugstore. The local Ku Klux Klan began weekly protests, burning crosses every Saturday night near M.B.'s store, after learning that M.B. was Jewish. M.B. got the message, returned to Wichita Falls, and opened his first jewelry store. His target customer was the "roustabout" oilfield worker. M.B.'s marketing concept was aggressive advertising, value pricing and a novel new payment plan called "consumer credit."

As the country descended into the Great Depression, M.B. managed the Wichita Falls store, brother Bill, the Oklahoma City store and brother-in-law Ben Lipshy, the Amarillo store. Attention to details and expenses allowed the company to survive these difficult years. At the end of World War II, Zales had 12 stores. These men had established a company that was now prepared to capitalize on the post-war growth. Together, M.B., Bill and Ben would guide the company for more than four decades. Market segmentation began in 1946, when the company purchased Corrigan's Jewelers of Houston, entering the more upscale "carriage trade" segment of the business.

In 1951, the company established the Zale Foundation to support charitable activities in cities where the company had stores. Being involved in the local community was an important core philosophy of the company. In 1957, Zales went public to prepare for growth, allow employees to become financial "partners," and started the first Employee Profit Sharing plan. Stock options for employees allowed many to benefit greatly when the company was sold in 1986.

The development of enclosed mall shopping centers provided new opportunities for growth, and Zales became a prime tenant. As the company grew, by either opening new stores or acquiring other fine jewelers, a vertical integration plan was adopted. By developing exclusive products and maintaining superior quality, customer value was assured.

The retail jewelry business grew, both domestically and internationally over the years. At its zenith, Zales Corporation operated stores in all 50 states, England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Guam, Japan, Hong Kong and South Africa. In 1986, when Zale Corporation was sold, the company operated more than 1,700 stores with \$1.3 billion in revenue.

The Zale and Lipshy families have been supportive of many educational and philanthropic causes. Some examples are Bishop College (now Paul Quinn): library and board membership; SMU: scholarships for the first African American students; UT Southwestern Medical School: scholarships for the first African American students, endowed chair in neurology and led the effort to establish its first dedicated hospital — Zale Lipshy University Hospital; State of Israel: assisted in establishing a diamond industry and established a trade school in Ramat Gan; Desi India: donated and established Ghandi Lincoln Hospital; Texas A&M University: conceived of and established the Center for Retailing Studies in Mays Business School and endowed the M.B. Zale Chair in Retailing.

The Zale/Lipshy families continue the legacy of their patriarchs today through the activities of the Abe Zale Foundation, the William and Sylvia Zale Foundation, the M.B. and Edna Zale Foundation and the Lipshy Family Philanthropic Fund of the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation.

# 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Spencer Woolfolk

Acton School of Business

Priscilla Joy Olivia James

Baylor University

Christopher Ryan O'Teter

Dallas Baptist University
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Kenady Sean Shope

Dallas Baptist University
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Melvin Smith

Dallas Baptist University
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Terence Narcisse

Houston Baptist University The Stewart Morris Scholarship

**Eric Spaulding** 

Lamar University
The Ben J. Rogers Scholarship

**Ky D. Cooksey** Rice University

Darrell S. Morris

Rice University
The TBHF Chairman's Scholarship

Captain Joseph Leland Foster

Sam Houston State University
The SWBC Foundation Scholarship

Hannah Lee Cho

Southern Methodist University The Robert H. Dedman Scholarship

Liliya Leontyeva

Southern Methodist University

The Signor Family Scholarship

Veronica M. Gaskey

St. Mary's University The Carlos and Malu Alvarez Scholarship

John Matthew Holland

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

Joseph Marina

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

Jeannie Gusme

St. Philip's College The Whataburger Scholarship

Willie L. Dennis Jr.

Texas A&M University

Amenemopé McKinney Texas Christian University Elie Nabushosi

Texas Southern University

Jessica St. John

Texas State University

Caleb Richardson

Texas Tech University

The Silver & Black Give Back Scholarship

Mason Riley Fecht

Texas Tech University – Free Market Institute The McLane Company Reading Program Scholarship

Elizabeth Camille Fagan

Trinity University
The Doug and Martha Hawthorne
Family Fund Scholarship

Mark E. Brightenburg

University of Dallas
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

**Bethany Devine** 

University of Dallas
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Amanda Bryce Domaschk

University of Dallas
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Dane Ralph

University of Houston

Frank Edward Rivera II

University of the Incarnate Word

The H-E-B Scholarship

Endre Wagner

University of North Texas

Robert Lajeunesse

The University of Texas at Austin The Mike A. Myers Scholarship

Nicholas Lira

The University of Texas at Arlington

The Kelcy Warren Graduate

Fellowship for Engineering

Vijay Bhagvath

The University of Texas at Dallas
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Rachel Leah Hugo

The University of Texas at Dallas The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

**Omeed Shams** 

The University of Texas at Dallas
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Michael Zertuche

The University of Texas at San Antonio



SPENCER WOOLFOLK
Acton School of Business

Spencer Woolfolk currently serves as an analyst for Moriah Group, a diversified holding company located in Midland, Texas. Spencer joined the Moriah team shortly after receiving his MBA in entrepreneurship from the Acton School of Business, where he was named Student of The Year. In addition, Spencer received an undergraduate degree in marketing from Abilene Christian University in 2016.



PRISCILLA JOY OLIVIA JAMES
Baylor University

A serial leader, Priscilla has co-founded two ministries, led Bible Study groups, initiated philanthropic events, represented her universities as an ambassador, and founded a business: Priscilla's Joyful Events. She aspires to expand her business to include donating services to those who are overwhelmed by adverse situations. She also plans to partner with other companies wanting to do likewise. Ultimately, nothing gives her more pleasure than using her resources to restore joy and dignity.



CHRISTOPHER RYAN O'TETER

Dallas Baptist University / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Christopher O'Teter is the assistant director of graduate recruitment and presently pursuing a master's of business administration degree at Dallas Baptist University. He has received several honors including being inducted into Phi Theta Kappa and Delta Mu Delta. Christopher was instrumental in the creation of the Young Business Professional Organization and an organization to encourage student political involvement. He believes there are no heights too tall to climb to achieve one's dream.



KENADY SEAN SHOPE
Dallas Baptist University / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Kenady Sean Shope is a graduate student at Dallas Baptist University pursuing an accelerated MBA in entrepreneurship alongside her undergrad in music business. Kenady is so honored and would like to thank the Texas Business Hall of Fame for this incredible honor. She would also like to thank her tremendous family, and an amazing God. To Him alone be the glory. Kenady is currently writing a musical and hopes to shape the culture of Texas by building communities one show, and one story, at a time.



MELVIN SMITH
Dallas Baptist University / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Melvin Smith earned dual MBAs from Dallas Baptist University and a BBA from Valdosta State University. He served 22 years in the United States Army and retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Melvin is currently employed as a staff director for the Federal Railroad Administration's Office of Railroad Safety. He resides in Cedar Hill, Texas, with his wife Yulanda and their two children. Melvin specializes in transportation operations and is preparing to pursue a transportation-intermodal business.



TERENCE NARCISSE
Houston Baptist University / The Stewart Morris Scholarship

With a passion to serve and support others, Terence founded the East Harris County Empowerment Council in 2008. The nonprofit organization provides programs that empower individuals to overcome poverty and achieve their full potential. He graduated with honors with a degree in political science and holds certifications in nonprofit leadership and corporate entrepreneurship from the University of Houston. Terence is currently pursuing a master's of business administration at Houston Baptist University.



ERIC SPAULDING
Lamar University / The Ben J. Rogers Scholarship

Eric Spaulding graduated summa cum laude from Lamar University with a BBA in marketing and is currently pursuing an MBA in leadership management. Eric is the vice president of membership and public relations for Lamar's chapter of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. After graduating with his MBA, Eric will attend law school. His career goal is to become a Major League Baseball agent and own his own sports agency.



Ky D. COOKSEY Rice University

Ky D. Cooksey is pursuing a professional MBA at Rice University. Through the Rice Board Fellows Program, Ky serves on the Board of Directors at Musiqa, a Houston non-profit. Ky is also the director of Natural Gas Trading at Calpine, where he has worked for the past 11 years. In addition, Ky is co-developing Greenleaf Waste Solutions, a start-up in environmentally-friendly hazardous waste treatment. Ky holds a BBA in finance from The University of Texas.



DARRELL S. MORRIS
Rice University / The TBHF Chairman's Scholarship

Darrell S. Morris is a Rice MBA second-year professional student currently working at Chevron Corporation as a trading analyst in the Crude Supply and Trading department. He serves on the Rice Jones School Association Program Committee, Rice Blockchain Technology Club, and is a Rice Board Fellows Program board member with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Darrell graduated from the University of Houston with degrees in finance and management information systems.



CAPTAIN JOSEPH LELAND FOSTER
Sam Houston State University / The SWBC Foundation Scholarship

Joseph is currently pursuing a business degree at Sam Houston State University where he has made the Dean's List and President's List every semester. He is the owner of Foster Guide Service, a company he started two years ago that plans and guides bay fishing trips in the Matagorda Bay Complex, and the host of *The Outdoor Factor*, a hunting and fishing show on the Pursuit Channel.



HANNAH LEE CHO Southern Methodist University / The Robert H. Dedman Scholarship

Hannah received her bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Denver and earned her master's degree in accounting from The University of Texas at Dallas while working in corporate accounting. Hannah is currently pursuing her MBA at the Cox School of Business, and she interned last summer in Toyota's finance analytics department. Hannah aspires to start a consulting firm in Dallas to help small businesses with everything from tax planning to process improvement.



LILIYA LEONTYEVA
Southern Methodist University / The Signor Family Scholarship

Liliya Leontyeva is a second-year MBA student at the Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business and spent last summer with Goldman Sachs' Investment division. Liliya previously spent five years with Deloitte managing large, global Human Capital projects and leading work on five continents in 15 countries. She obtained her BBA in finance from the Cox School of Business and her BBA in marketing from the International University of Business and Law in Kherson, Ukraine.



VERONICA M. GASKEY
St. Mary's University / The Carlos and Malu Alvarez Scholarship

With a demonstrated history of innovating in health care, Veronica has created and sustained a relapse prevention program for physical therapy patients in more than 13 clinics as Baptist HealthLink's first business developer. Named "Rising Star in their 20s" by San Antonio Express News, she is a licensed diabetes self-management program leader by Stanford Medicine and will complete her MBA for Values-Driven Leaders from the Greehey School of Business at St. Mary's University in December.



JOHN MATTHEW HOLLAND St. Mary's University / The William E. "Bill" Greehey Scholarship

Matt Holland moved to San Antonio, Texas from Shreveport, Louisiana in 2009. He was constantly recognized for his athletic and academic performance at St. Mary's University where he studied chemistry with an emphasis in biochemistry and was also a star pitcher for the Rattler baseball team. Matt, who currently works in Quality Assurance at DPT Laboratories, a contract manufacturing pharmaceutical company in San Antonio, is pursuing an MBA from St. Mary's University.



JOSEPH MARINA St. Mary's University / The Harvey E. Najim Scholarship

Joseph Marina works as a scrum master at LMI. He has an undergraduate degree in engineering science with a minor in mathematics and physics from Trinity University. He is currently completing an MBA at St. Mary's University as well as working on projects that analyze how holographic computing can change spatial design and training.



JEANNIE GUSME St. Philip's College / The Whataburger Scholarship

Jeannie Gusme is a native Texan. She is currently studying business administration at St. Philip's College, with plans to continue her education at Texas A&M University. Born into a family of entrepreneurs, Jeannie has decided to continue the 50-year legacy of businesses in San Antonio, Texas by opening her own company. She started Graze Landscape, a company specializing in commercial contracts. Jeannie is honored and incredibly grateful for this scholarship opportunity.



WILLIE L. DENNIS JR. Texas A&M University

Willie Dennis is an MBA candidate at Texas A&M University's Mays Business School. Willie attended The University of Texas at Arlington where he double majored with degrees in business economics and business management. Upon graduation, Willie worked for ExxonMobil as a graduate revenue accountant and for Multiview Inc. as an accounting and financial reporting associate. Upon completion of his MBA, Willie will be pursuing a career in investment banking while also pursuing his entrepreneurial dreams.



AMENEMOPÉ McKINNEY Texas Christian University

Amenemopé McKinney is a second-year MBA student at the Neeley School of Business. McKinney worked as a management consultant, specializing in human capital strategy and finance/risk strategy, for four years before coming to Texas Christian University. McKinney also founded Ambytion Sports Enterprises and authored the book Just A Game. McKinney received her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Rice University.



ELIE NABUSHOSI Texas Southern University

Elie was born in the Congo, but grew up in Frisco, Texas. In 2016, he graduated from Southern Methodist University as a student athlete. Elie is the founder and CEO at PlayrStream, the online recruitment tool for transfer athletes. He serves in the community as a mentor to the youth and attends Shoreline Dallas Church. Elie's goal is to become an investor. He is an achiever, lifelong learner, and has a passion for Christ, people and business.



JESSICA ST. JOHN Texas State University

Jessica St. John is an entrepreneur and graduate student currently earning an MBA in international business at Texas State University. With a passion for alternative health and integral business, she is building a practice as a business coach and digital development consultant for alternative health practitioners. She aims to empower healers by helping them build economically viable businesses and to increase access to various alternative healing modalities from around the world.



CALEB RICHARDSON
Texas Tech University / The Silver & Black Give Back Scholarship

Caleb Richardson is a senior energy commerce major at Texas Tech University and is from Ropesville, Texas. He is involved with the Rawls Business Leadership Program, Rawls Ambassadors, SGA and Mortar Board. He currently works part-time filming for Tech's football team and doing financial analytics for a local franchisee. Caleb is focused on a career in the oil and gas industry and has gained experience in this realm interning for Coronado Resources and Anadarko Petroleum.



MASON RILEY FECHT
Texas Tech University FMI / The McLane Company Reading Program Scholarship

Mason Fecht is from Houston, Texas and graduated from St. Thomas High School in May 2015. He currently attends Texas Tech University—Free Market Institute where he is pursuing a degree in finance within the Rawls College of Business. Mason's primary business aspiration consists of operating his own activist hedge fund.



ELIZABETH CAMILLE FAGAN
Trinity University / The Doug and Martha Hawthorne Family Fund Scholarship

Camille graduated with a degree in English from the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia. She is currently earning her master's degree in health care administration at Trinity University in her hometown of San Antonio, Texas. Camille gives back her time to her community as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas and an academic aide for the Boys and Girls Club.



MARK E. BRIGHTENBURG
University of Dallas / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Mark's research in management is motivated by an interest in using organizational science to help Texas business leaders thrive in their work and outperform expectations. Mark graduated from Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in communication studies, from the University of Texas at Dallas with a master's degree in management and administrative science, from the University of Dallas with an MBA in financial services, and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Dallas Gupta College of Business.



BETHANY DEVINE
University of Dallas / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Bethany loves people and the joy of helping others. She is a full-time student at The University of Dallas pursuing an MBA in accounting. On the weekends, Bethany serves as a praise and worship leader at an inner-city church in South Dallas. After graduation, Bethany plans to continue her community involvement by offering information and solutions for the economic development of families in inner-city communities of Texas.



AMANDA BRYCE DOMASCHK
University of Dallas / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Born in Austin and raised in Dallas, Amanda was brought up in an entrepreneurial family. After graduating from Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in political science, she worked in the Texas Legislature for two sessions before starting on her first entrepreneurial venture in 2012 with Vita Management, a marketing consulting company. Currently, Amanda is on track to graduate with her MBA from the University of Dallas in the spring of 2018.



DANE RALPH University of Houston

Dane Ralph is a Bauer Honors Student and Tier One Scholar studying entrepreneurship and marketing in the University of Houston's Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship. His heart for serving others and vision for the ways business can be used for good led him to pursue social entrepreneurship to aid in improving education in developing countries. Dane would like to thank the Texas Business Hall of Fame for this opportunity, his encouraging family, and God for His relentless love and undeserved grace.



FRANK EDWARD RIVERA II
University of the Incarnate Word / The H-E-B Scholarship

Frank Rivera II is currently in his senior year at the University of the Incarnate Word. In the spring of 2018, he will graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. Frank is very grateful to be recognized in his accomplishments, and would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped make this possible. With the help of the Texas Business Hall of Fame scholarship, he will continue to grow his business, Reel Mission Media, throughout Texas.



ENDRE WAGNER University of North Texas

Endre is a first-generation American from Budapest, Hungary. His family immigrated to the Dallas-Fort Worth area in order to give him and his brothers the opportunity to pursue a more fruitful life after the Soviet Union collapsed. He does not take this opportunity lightly and uses it as the fire behind his entrepreneurship. After helping establish two businesses and a Dallas-based startup accelerator, he has been vital in creating and launching multiple companies from that accelerator.



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Robert is currently a second-year MBA student at the McCombs School of Business He is also the co-founder/CEO of Sparkvents, a company changing the way professionals network at live events. The Sparkvents band recognizes a handshake gesture and instantly logs a digital connection providing a seamless networking experience. Rob is passionate about building the entrepreneurial community at UT and is involved in multiple entrepreneurship-focused organizations on campus.



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Nicholas attends The University of Texas at Arlington where he studies mechanical engineering, mathematics and physics. From a young age, he wanted to do something exciting for society in a new and innovative way. Nicholas' love for science came naturally, so as he got older he became more and more intrigued by the possibilities in entrepreneurism. As of now, Nicholas is finishing his degree and Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) at Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory.



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Vijay Bhagvath is an undergraduate finance senior at The University of Texas at Dallas and a private equity intern at Hicks Equity Partners, a family office led by Thomas O. Hicks. Vijay is the co-founder of Snapp'n Save, an innovative mobile app for college students to discover deals around campus, and wishes to pursue a career in entrepreneurship after obtaining experience in the investment banking and private equity industries.



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Omeed is an intrapreneur, entrepreneur and athlete who has an unyielding passion for innovation and new product development, coupled with the gift of selling. He is the current founder and CEO of Kwest — on a mission to change the way people explore the world through gamified adventure. When he is not "Kwest-ing," you can find him coaching or training at his local Crossfit gym.



MICHAEL ZERTUCHE
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Michael attended Louisiana State University and graduated with a degree in construction management. Michael's family has shaped who he is today, showing him the importance and value of hard work, dedication, honesty and education. He aspires to keep these attributes at the forefront of his career goals. He has blended a construction background with a real estate career to diversify his services. Michael is currently working on his MBA at The University of Texas at San Antonio to further advance his business growth.

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