



# 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INDUCTION

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DALLAS, TEXAS

## OUR MISSION

The Texas Business Hall of Fame's mission is to celebrate and champion the business leaders of Texas — both present and future. We recognize transformative trailblazers who exemplify Texas leadership and innovation. These leaders are honored at our annual Induction Dinner. This dinner supports Future Business Legend Awards that provide funding and support to promising early-career entrepreneurs across the state.

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Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation

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TBHF LEGENDS & INDUCTEES

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# FROM OUR CHAIR



On behalf of the Texas Business Hall of Fame, it is my great privilege to welcome you here this evening as we celebrate the 38th Annual Hall of Fame Induction. Since its founding in 1982, TBHF's mission has been to celebrate and champion the business leaders – both present and future – of Texas. The purpose of this evening's event is to tell the stories of our six inductees and inspire other business leaders to channel their successes into a better tomorrow. Each of our incoming Legends has paved the way in his respective industry. We celebrate that there is no singular definition of success, and we applaud the future leaders of tomorrow who are forging their own paths.

With the proceeds from tonight's event, as well as the generosity of our members and donors, we are able to support higher education and entrepreneurship in Texas through our Scholar & Veteran Award Program. In 2020 and 2021, 78 talented student and veteran entrepreneurs from across the state were selected by our Hall of Fame Legends and Directors to receive a Future Texas Business Legend Award and a \$15,000 prize. These innovative men and women represent the future of our great state. Over 72% of these recipients have already founded their own businesses. Their ideas and their passion represent Texas entrepreneurship at its finest, and we are eager to watch their stories unfold.

Every induction is special, and this year is no exception. The past year and a half has been particularly challenging for TBHF, as it has for the whole world. Never has our purpose - "to champion the business leaders of Texas" – been so important and never has the value of innovators been more apparent. It is exactly during these challenging times that we see the power of free enterprise in protecting our communities. In the true spirit of the Texas Business Hall of Fame, our leaders, members, and supporters have risen to those challenges with compassion, intelligence, and engagement. I am so proud of the way this organization has grown and adapted to these challenges. Our organization did not slow down, but instead pushed forward and flourished in the face of adversity.

The ability to move forward in times of adversity, to grow, and to not give up, is what unites us all this evening. Our Legends, Inductees, and Scholar & Veteran Award Recipients have all overcome obstacles to get to where they are. That is true leadership. So, this evening we invite you to look around the room. You are looking at the leaders who have shaped Texas, and those who will continue to do so in the future. We hope that you will be inspired, as we are, by their stories.



Jon P. Karp  
Chair 2021, Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation

# INDUCTEES



MARK CUBAN

OWNER, CHAIRMAN & CEO  
DALLAS MAVERICKS | AXS TV  
Dallas

JOHN PAUL DEJORIA

CO-FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,  
JOHN PAUL MITCHELL SYSTEMS |  
CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, THE PATRÓN SPIRITS COMPANY  
Austin

JOHN C. GOFF

CO-FOUNDER  
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MORTON H. MEYERSON

CHAIR  
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CHAIRMAN & CEO  
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Houston

RANDALL STEPHENSON

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN  
AT&T INC.  
Dallas





## MARK CUBAN

OWNER, CHAIRMAN & CEO  
DALLAS MAVERICKS,  
AXS TV  
Dallas

Since the age of 12, Mark has been a natural businessman. Selling garbage bags door to door, the seed was planted early on for what would eventually become long-term success. After graduating from Indiana University – where he briefly owned the most popular bar in town – Mark moved to Dallas. After a dispute with an employer who wanted him to clean instead of closing an important sale, Mark created MicroSolutions, a computer consulting service. He went on to later sell MicroSolutions in 1990 to CompuServe.

In 1995, Mark and long-time friend Todd Wagner came up with an internet based solution to not being able to listen to Hoosiers Basketball games out in Texas. That solution was Broadcast.com – streaming audio over the internet. In just four short years, Broadcast.com (then Audionet) would be sold to Yahoo for \$5.6 billion dollars. His trade to collar his shares of Yahoo! stock received in the sale of Broadcast.com in advance of the popping of the Internet bubble has been called one of the top 10 trades of all time.

Since his acquisition of the Dallas Mavericks in 2000, he has overseen the Mavs competing in the NBA Finals for the first time in franchise history in 2006 – and becoming NBA World Champions in 2011. They are currently listed as one of Forbes’ most valuable sports franchises.

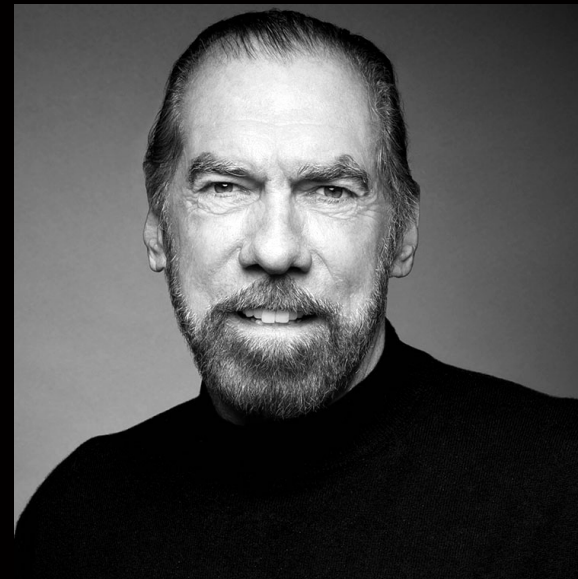
In addition to the Mavs, Mark first appeared as a “Shark” on the ABC show *Shark Tank* in 2011, becoming the first ever to live-Tweet a TV show. He has been a star on the hit show ever since and is an investor in an ever-growing portfolio of small businesses.

Mark is the best selling author of *How to Win at the Sport of Business*. He holds multiple patents, including a VR solution for vestibular-induced dizziness, and a method for counting objects on the ground from a drone. He is the executive producer on movies that have been nominated for 7 Academy Awards: *Good Night and Good Luck*, and *Enron: the Smartest Guys in the Room*.

Quick to call out unscrupulous business practices, Mark established Sharesleuth, a research and investigation website to uncover fraud in financial markets, and endowed the Electronic Frontier Foundation’s Mark Cuban Chair to Eliminate Dumbass Patents, an effort to fight patent trolls.

Mark gives back to the communities that promoted his success through The Mark Cuban Foundation. The Foundation’s AI Bootcamps Initiative hosts free Introduction to AI Bootcamps for low-income high schoolers, starting in Dallas. Mark also saved and annually funds the annual Dallas Saint Patrick’s Day Parade, the largest parade in Dallas and a city institution.

Mark lives in Dallas with wife Tiffany, daughters Alexis and Alyssa, and son Jake.



## JOHN PAUL DEJORIA

CO-FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN OF  
THE BOARD, JOHN PAUL MITCHELL  
SYSTEMS | CHAIRMAN EMERITUS,  
THE PATRÓN SPIRITS COMPANY  
Austin

Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, and residing in Austin, Texas, Mr. John Paul DeJoria is best known for co-founding two iconic global multi-billion-dollar-valued brands: Paul Mitchell and Patrón.

In 1980, Mr. DeJoria and hairstylist Mr. Paul Mitchell used a partially borrowed \$700.00 to co-found California-based John Paul Mitchell Systems (JPMS), now the world’s largest privately-owned professional haircare company. Mr. DeJoria remains chairman of the company.

JPMS brands are available in more than 100,000 hair salons in 115 countries. There are over 100 Paul Mitchell schools throughout the United States, with more planned, and two in Europe.

JPMS produces salon-quality hair care, hair color and styling tools through a family of brands and was the first professional haircare company to take a stand against animal testing since its inception in 1980.

In 1989, Mr. DeJoria co-founded (eventually having a 70% shareholding) Patrón Spirits International. In 2018, Bermuda-based Bacardi Limited purchased the company for the highest valuation ever for a spirits company. Mr. DeJoria is chairman emeritus of the company.

Mr. DeJoria’s current commercial interests include investments in real estate, ROKiT Group, John Paul Pet, Daily Body Restore, Nano Cure, environmentally-friendly hydrocarbon, and the medical and broadcasting industries, among others.

In Texas, Mr. DeJoria created a multi-million dollar fund for the University of Texas at Austin to help the medically disadvantaged and homeless, as well as a major investment in The Other Ones Foundation (TOOF), both which provide community housing locations for the homeless. In addition, he has assisted homeless families through the Salvation Army. He and his wife, Eloise, also founded Eloise House in Austin; a one-stop center for abused women and children that provides advocate support, forensic medical care, and housing.

In 2011, Mr. DeJoria signed the “Giving Pledge” created in 2010 by Bill and Melinda Gates and Mr. Warren Buffet.

Mr. DeJoria has been profiled globally for his corporate and philanthropic initiatives across a multitude of media outlets including: ABC’s *20/20*, CNN, *Forbes* magazine, *Fortune* magazine, Fox, Fox Business, Bloomberg, CNBC, MSNBC, and NBC, among others. He has also appeared as a mentor for budding entrepreneurs via a guest shark appearance on CNBC’s *Shark Tank* television program.





## JOHN C. GOFF

CO-FOUNDER  
CRESCENT REAL ESTATE,  
GOFF CAPITAL, INC.  
Fort Worth

John C. Goff is a private investor based in Fort Worth, Texas. John invests in a variety of public and private industries, through his family office, Goff Capital, which he founded in 2009.

John co-founded Crescent Real Estate with Richard Rainwater in the early 1990's, designing the strategy and orchestrating the acquisitions leading to its initial public offering (NYSE) in May 1994. Under his leadership as Vice Chairman and CEO, Crescent grew from approximately \$500 million at its IPO to \$6.5 billion upon its sale to Morgan Stanley in August 2007. Crescent provided its shareholders with a 15.4 percent compounded annual return and more than \$2.5 billion in cash dividends during its 13 years as a public company. In November 2009, John reacquired Crescent in a partnership with Barclays Capital, and in December 2017, he purchased Barclays' interest to become the principal owner of Ritz-Carlton, Dallas, and Canyon Ranch - the world's recognized leader in health and wellness.

John joined Mr. Rainwater in 1987 to invest in public securities, private equity, and distressed debt in a variety of industries - including oil and gas, health care, insurance, and banking. This background led John to establish the private equity firm Goff Capital Partners, during the credit crisis of 1998, when the company went on to invest in more than \$4 billion in assets, real estate debt and equity. In 2016, John combined the resources of Goff Capital Partners and Crescent to consolidate all future real estate investing into one entity. Now operating as Crescent Real Estate LLC, the combined organization has assets under management or development with an investment capacity of more than \$4 billion.

John serves as Chairman of the Board for Crescent Real Estate, as well as Contango Oil & Gas Company, a publicly traded independent oil & gas producer. He is presently focused on investments in aerospace, energy, entertainment, real estate, and wellness.

John C. Goff is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, where he continues to pledge his support to the McCombs School of Business through the John C. Goff Endowed Excellence Fund. John was inducted into the McCombs Business School Hall of Fame in 2014 and is a member of The Longhorn Foundation, serves on The University Development Board, as well as the McCombs School of Business Advisory Council. John was named an EY Entrepreneur of the Year for the Southwest Region in real estate and construction in 2014. He is a Legend in the North Texas Real Estate, Dallas Business and Fort Worth Business Halls of Fame, and a 2020/2021 Inductee to the Texas Business Hall of Fame.



## MORTON H. MEYERSON

CHAIR  
MORTON H. MEYERSON  
FAMILY FOUNDATION,  
2M COMPANIES  
Dallas

Morton H. Meyerson is currently chair of 2M Companies, a family office he established in 1983, and of The Morton H. Meyerson Family Foundation. He serves on the board of the Dallas Symphony Association and is Vice Chairman Emeritus of the National Park Foundation. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, and over his career he has served on many governing boards, including as chairman of the Texas Super Conducting Super Collider Project. He spent 10 years as chair of the committee that built the symphony hall in Dallas.

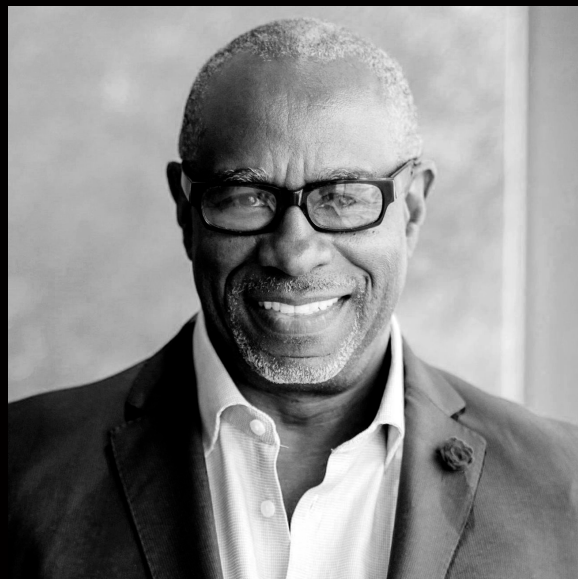
Meyerson, born in Fort Worth, graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a Texas Cowboy. He was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2005. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army, learning the emerging science of computer technology.

Meyerson joined Ross Perot's startup, EDS, as a systems engineer trainee in 1966, rising to become president and vice chair, leading 50,000 employees. During his tenure with EDS, he led duPont Glore Forgan, a Perot-owned Wall Street brokerage firm, into the advanced use of information technology.

In 1984, Meyerson played a significant role in the sale of EDS to General Motors, becoming the chief technology officer of GM. In 1986, he left GM to focus on private investing, working closely with Richard Rainwater and coaching Michael Dell during the formative period of Dell Computer. In 1992, he again teamed with Perot, becoming chair and CEO of Perot Systems and leading it to \$1B in revenue.

Meyerson retired in 1998, and has since focused on investing through 2M Companies, his family office. He spends significant time pursuing an active giving program through his family foundation, which is funded by his private investments.

He has two daughters, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



## GERALD B. SMITH

CHAIRMAN & CEO  
SMITH GRAHAM & CO.  
Houston

Gerald B. Smith is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SGIA (Smith Graham & Co.), a high-quality, competitive investment management firm headquartered in Houston with a full-service office in New York, New York. Founded in 1990, SGIA has served diversified, institutional clients, including public funds, corporations, endowments and Taft-Hartley plans and currently manages over \$6 billion in fixed income, Mortgage & Real Estate Debt and equity institutional assets. SGIA is one of the nation's largest minority-owned investment management firms and one of the largest investment management firms based in Houston. A founding member of the New York Futures Exchange, Mr. Smith has worked with institutional investors to hedge their interest-rate risk by using financial futures.

Mr. Smith dedicates time to many corporate boards and civic and community organizations. He currently is a member of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Investment Oversight Committee for The Charles Schwab Family of Funds; Board Member of the New York Life Insurance Company and Chair of the Investment Committee; and Board Member and Chair of the Audit Committee for Eaton, PLC. He also serves as Board Member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He is the current Chairman of the Texas Southern University Foundation Board.

A graduate of Texas Southern University with a BBA in Finance, in 2012, Mr. Smith received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from his alma mater, where he has established the Gerald B. Smith Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation to help young people of color better compete in today's business environment.

Mr. Smith has received numerous awards for his entrepreneurial achievements and community service. Recently, the City of Houston proclaimed Gerald B. Smith and Anita Webber Smith Day for their extraordinary community and philanthropic giving. He and Anita have three sons – Marcus, Jackson and Jordan, and one daughter – Joy.



## RANDALL STEPHENSON

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN  
AT&T INC.  
Dallas

Randall is former chairman and chief executive officer of AT&T Inc.

During his 13-year tenure as chairman and chief executive officer, AT&T became one of the world's largest companies in the technology, media and telecom space with 2019 revenues of more than \$180 billion.

Today, AT&T's businesses are built around advanced, high-capacity wireless and fiber networks built on a foundation of high-quality spectrum. Coupled with its ongoing investments in nationwide 5G, AT&T provides the bandwidth consumers need as they increasingly engage with premium, mobile-centric video content. In addition, the company delivers highly secure, smart solutions to nearly 3 million

businesses worldwide – from small companies to nearly all the Fortune 1000. And between 2015 and 2019, AT&T invested more than \$135 billion in its network, including capital investments and acquisitions of spectrum and operations. Over that same period, it invested more in the U.S. than any other public company.

Randall led AT&T's \$550 million signature philanthropic initiative, AT&T Aspire, which drives innovation in education to promote student success in school and the workplace. He also led AT&T's breakthrough "It Can Wait" campaign – an education and awareness program to reduce distracted driving. The program has amassed more than 40 million pledges of support.

Under his guidance, AT&T strengthened its leadership in diversity and inclusion, including being named #1 on DiversityInc's 2019 ranking of U.S. companies' success in diversity, and the 2018 launch of WarnerMedia's industry-first Diversity and Inclusion Policy for talent in front of and behind the camera.

Randall began his career with Southwestern Bell Telephone in 1982 in Oklahoma. He served as the company's senior executive vice president and chief financial officer from 2001 to 2004, and from 2004 to 2007 he was chief operating officer. He was appointed to AT&T's board of directors in 2005.



# 2020 SCHOLAR & VETERAN AWARD RECIPIENTS



**DANIEL GAMBOA, ACTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**  
FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

A naturalized US citizen originally from Venezuela, Daniel is grateful to have kicked off his American experience from Texas in 2000. After graduating from Texas A&M as a mechanical engineer, he taught himself finance and helped start the international practice at investment bank Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. In 2017, he joined Blackstone to launch Gavilan Resources and focused on acquiring and developing oil and gas assets in South Texas. After leading Gavilan's finance team through a restructuring and sale in 2020, Daniel joined blockchain startup Figment where the team recently raised a Series B round to continue building web 3.0 infrastructure. He is joined in his life journey by his wife and three sons.



**CESAR ORTIZ, II, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**  
FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

A proud Texas native, Cesar Ortiz, is also a first generation American. After serving in the United States Army, Cesar began a career in construction. Following two years of learning and working in the industry, Cesar set out to open a construction services company with his best friend. What started out as a five-man operation has grown into a 55-person construction firm specializing in concrete demolition and excavation. 10 years into the venture, Cesar has his sights set on growing H3 Construction into a multi-faceted construction and development company in the North Texas region. Receiving an MBA from Baylor University is not only the completion of a lifelong goal, but the beginning of a new chapter in the pursuit of knowledge.



**MITCHELL GUTHRIE, DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Mitchell graduated with an MBA from Dallas Baptist University in May of 2021. He also holds a bachelor's in finance and marketing from DBU. Mitchell, an active member and leader of several campus organizations, served as Senator and later, Vice President for DBU's Student Government. Currently, Mitchell is working as the Director of Enrollment and Engagement at Providence Academy, a private school, where he works with students to help them achieve their academic goals. Mitchell's entrepreneurial goals are centered around youth engagement and community involvement. Passionate about athletics and how sports can help bring together communities, Mitchell's long-term goal is to build and develop a basketball training facility that works with local youth to provide a safe environment.



**MITCHELL CANTWELL, DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, it only took Mitch Cantwell 18 years to find his way to Texas. He loves people and jumps at any chance to build relationship equity. He is always seeking ways to learn about new things and push his own limits. Mitch is passionate about finance and is in the process of co-founding a financial literacy company. Mitch's entrepreneurial roots stem from his father, Kevin. Seeing his dad leave the corporate world and start his own company had a lasting impact on Mitch, inspiring him to follow in his dad's footsteps and one day start his own business. He completed his MBA in May of 2021. Mitch currently works at Holt Lunsford Commercial, the largest privately held third party commercial real estate company in Dallas.



**MATTHEW DUCE, DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Matt Duce serves at Dallas Baptist University as Director of Graduate Recruitment. Prior to his appointment as Director, Matt served in two other staff roles on campus, including Assistant to the Chancellor and Project Manager. Since 2021, he has also served as an adjunct faculty member. Before returning to his alma mater to serve as a full-time staff member, Matt played two seasons of professional baseball in the St. Louis Cardinals organization. Following retirement in 2019, Matt returned to DBU to pursue an MBA and serve in the Chancellor's office. During that time, Matt has developed a passion for Higher Education and leadership studies. Matt holds a B.S. in kinesiology and will graduate with his MBA in December. Matt and his wife, Jaycee, currently live in Dallas, Texas.



**NICHOLAS BELBAS, HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
THE STEWART MORRIS AWARD

Nicholas Belbas is currently a Senior at Houston Baptist University pursuing a bachelor's degree in cyber engineering. For eight years, Nicholas participated in FIRST Robotics, a mentor-based program that teaches science, engineering, and technology. As lead programmer, his team advanced to the World Championships three years in a row. During his freshman year at HBU, Nicholas worked with a classmate to develop a new kind of smart door access control, "The LiveBolt." Nicholas and his teammate plan to use the funding to improve the existing prototype and file a patent for their technology. Nicholas also has a small business digitizing old home videotapes for customers, providing a faster turnaround and lower prices compared to other archiving services. His long-term goal is to start his own cyber security solutions firm in Texas.



**YESENIA LOERA ROMO, LAMAR UNIVERSITY**  
THE BEN J. ROGERS AWARD

Yesenia Loera Romo graduated from Lamar University in May 2021 as a first-generation college student. After obtaining her degree in finance and economics, Yesenia is currently pursuing an MBA with a concentration in leadership while working as a Banking Analyst for Texas Capital Bank. She previously worked in the restaurant industry for six years performing everything from bartender to manager to ensure that she graduated debt free. Yesenia's innovative mindset has led her to become invested in shaping the future of housing in her community. One day, Yesenia plans to start a 3D printed house community in the Golden Triangle of Southeast Texas as an affordable housing solution for people who commute long distances to work at local industrial sites.



**ALEXA STACHOWIAK, RICE UNIVERSITY**  
THE T.T. & W.F. CHAO AWARD

Alexa holds a BS in pre-med health from Texas A&M University. She is currently pursuing an MBA from Rice University with a specialization in corporate investments and entrepreneurship while working as a senior finance associate for United Airlines. She has recently begun heading a \$20M healthcare acquisition in addition to owning a PE firm. After developing a passion for finding the "holes in healthcare," Alexa has created three healthcare softwares - one that is expected to launch in DPC's across Texas in fall of 2021. Alexa is also the Founder and CEO of Healthgenex, a healthcare software that works to improve patient and provider interaction, and hopes to continue innovating healthcare technology and pharmaceuticals in the near future.



**KYLE ROCKIN MCLAUGHLIN, RICE UNIVERSITY**  
AT&T FUTURE LEGEND FIRST IN FAMILY AWARD

Kyle McLaughlin is a graduate from the University of Florida currently pursuing an MBA at Rice University. At the age of 24, Kyle will graduate among the youngest in the MBA program and has accumulated 7+ years of experience and mentorship working for TBHF Legend Jim Crane. A former NCAA Division 1 athlete, baseball always played an important role in Kyle's life, personally and professionally. Despite suffering a career-ending injury, Kyle did not abandon his love of sports, instead doubling down on his entrepreneurial pursuits. Throughout undergrad, Kyle worked in Outside Operations at Floridian National Golf Club. For the last three years, while simultaneously pursuing his MBA, Kyle has worked full-time in Baseball Operations for the Houston Astros. His long-term goals include starting his own company and supporting the Houston community.





**CLAYTON COTTLE, SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
THE SWBC FOUNDATION AWARD

Clayton is an early-stage entrepreneur with one goal: to help change the world. A native of Danville, IL, Clayton first earned his BS and MS in criminal justice sciences at Illinois State University. He will receive his MBA next year from Sam Houston State University where he also works in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Clayton is the founder of Barra, a fitness equipment solutions company. Barra's first innovative product on the market is the Bar Brush; a cleaning tool designed specifically for barbells. The long-term vision is to create a fitness equipment marketplace while offering a Barra branded product line. Clayton also co-founded the streetwear brand A Story of Self-Belief. This clothing venture helps support other entrepreneurs through charitable proceeds.



**JENKINS BENDER, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
THE ROBERT H. DEDMAN AWARD

Jenkins Bender works in Dallas as a Development Analyst for Stream Realty Partners after graduating from Southern Methodist University with her MBA in finance and real estate last year. Previously, she worked as the Hospitality and Talent Director at Chick-fil-A Franchise after graduating from The University of Texas in Austin in 2018. Raised by entrepreneurial parents, Jenkins garnered a healthy respect for owning and operating one's own business. She's particularly interested in fostering human connection through hospitality, placemaking, and development, and aspires to harness the power of people and place to create exceptional experiences. To thoroughly understand the industry before forging her own path, Jenkins is pursuing a career in development. Jenkins derives great joy from working with her community and is especially enthusiastic about childhood healthcare and educational organizations.



**STACY CARESSE TUBONEMI, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
THE SIGNOR FAMILY AWARD

Stacy Tubonemi was born in Oklahoma and is of Nigerian and Liberian descent. She obtained her BBA degree in Finance from Southern Methodist University after which she went on to work in the banking sector. She graduated from SMU in May of 2021 with an MBA in finance, strategy and entrepreneurship and a minor in management. Listed by Poets & Quants among its best and brightest top 100 MBA students of the class of 2021, she recently started work with AT&T as a Senior Financial Analyst on its corporate strategy and development team. Stacy's major focus now is to apply her experience and skills she gathered in the classroom into her current role at AT&T where she can help manage the strategic transformation of certain businesses, investments, and product lines.



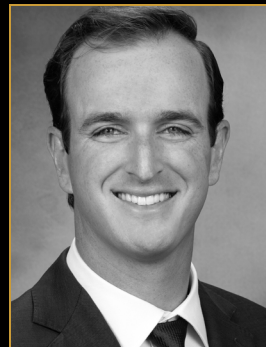
**BRIANNA SERROS, ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY**  
THE CARLOS AND MALÚ ALVAREZ AWARD

Brianna Serros received her BA from the University of Texas at Austin in 2019 and her MBA from St. Mary's University in 2020. Brianna credits her first job working for TBHF Legend Kendra Scott for igniting her entrepreneurial spirit and passion for the fashion and retail industry. Currently, Brianna is working for Supergoop as their Direct to Consumer Operations Coordinator. She is the founder and owner of Shop Cuatro, LLC., an online boutique that offers trendy and affordable fashion to people of all ages. Cuatro draws inspiration from classic designs and adds a sassy twist. In the last year, Cuatro has been invited to over 10 pop-ups in the San Antonio area and continues to grow her brand's online and social presence.



**BRISSA J. YUARTE, ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY**  
THE WILLIAM E. "BILL" GREEHEY AWARD

Brissa is the creator and owner of Dulce Soap Co., a local handmade soap and organic skincare line that won second place in 2019 for San Antonio Current Magazine's "best handmade product." Brissa graduated from St. Mary's University in 2020 with dual degrees in Industrial Organizational Psychology and Masters of Business Administration. Dulce Soap Co.'s first official studio space will break ground in the summer of 2022, giving Brissa the space to create more product. Brissa is also solidifying a business plan to develop partnerships with non-profit organizations to help women jumpstart their entrepreneurial careers. Brissa is currently a Senior Consumer Researcher for H-E-B's headquarters; the knowledge and skillset gained here will help Dulce Soap Co. use qualitative and quantitative methodologies to have successful performance outcomes in new product lines.



**STEVEN NASH PORTER, JR., TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**  
FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

Nash Porter, a "double Aggie," completed his MBA from Texas A&M in December of 2020 after previously graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M in 2016. Nash is always on the hunt for any business activity in the technology industry. His entrepreneurial journey began when he started offering 3D printing services, helping customers develop prototypes. During his MBA program, he pursued the development of a pool safety device to help prevent drownings called "Kisby"—a device that detects objects of certain dimensions below the water surface. He is currently working as a Senior Process Engineer for Dell Technologies in Round Rock, Texas. Nash's long-term goal is to create an incubator program focused on program design to help engineers, designers, and innovators bring their ideas to life.



**JENNIFER ANTONINI WHEELAN, TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**  
FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

Jennifer Wheelan is a business entrepreneur and the founder of Integro Equus Wellness LLC, a team focused on leveraging innovation to aid in the recovery and conditioning of performance sport horses across the Permian Basin. Her passion for horses developed at a young age, through the United States Pony Club Association. She is pursuing her Energy MBA from Texas Christian University, while simultaneously working as an analyst for Pioneer Natural Resources. Her education background includes a BS from Oklahoma State University in strategic communication, an emphasis in advertising and a minor in psychology. Jennifer plans to blend her love of learning with her passion for creative problem-solving, in hopes to one day become a member of the Texas Business Hall of Fame.



**QWINTIRA TALLAMON, TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**  
FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

Qwintira is a first-generation college student who recently graduated from Texas Southern University with her Master of Business Administration. She also holds a BA in accounting from TSU. Currently, she works as a tax and fixed assets accountant for Mueller, Inc in Ballinger. Qwintira is also the founder and lead tax preparer of Queenie's Mobile Tax Service, a tax preparation services business she began in 2017. Qwintira has worked with over 50 individual, partnership, estate and trust, and S-Corp clients. Qwintira is an active member of the National Association of Black Accountants. She is currently studying for her CPA exams. Her long-term goal is to use her combined business, bookkeeping and tax preparation skills to launch her own CPA firm.



**GREGORY TOBIAS, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

In May of 2021, Greg completed his MBA and graduated from Texas State University. Since then, he has navigated a change in the business model of his insurance financing firm, Jet Premium Finance. His company has become the first loan origination marketplace for the insurance industry and has signed two nationwide client integrations. Jet Premium Finance is on track to close a second straight year of 50% or greater revenue growth. Greg consulted with an insurtech startup, Assurely, in late 2020 and accepted an offer to become the company's fifth employee in January of this year. As Assurely's Head of Business Operations, Greg is leading the organization and execution of initiatives, including embedding insurance into non-insurance channels and new product development for emerging industries.



**CALLEN STEWART, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**  
THE PEFANIS FAMILY AWARD

Callen Stewart is a Texas Tech University alumni and the founder and Principal of West Texas Capital (WTC), a small start-up capital group specializing in multifamily commercial real estate. The group was founded in 2019. In 2020, WTC transitioned from residential to commercial real estate. The capital group closed their first multifamily deal in Lubbock, Texas, earlier this year and the company is currently working on closing a multifamily property in Houston. WTC is built on providing secure investment vehicles for their investors, as well as providing innovative solutions to improve and simplify resident lives. Looking into 2022, Callen and his team are currently focused on scalability, maximizing returns during changing economic cycles, and investing capital back into the build-out of the company's platforms inside emerging digital transformation technologies.





**HENRY BOLIVAR DORRIS, V, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY - FREE MARKET INSTITUTE  
THE MCLANE COMPANY READING PROGRAM AWARD**

In May of 2021, Henry “Holt” Dorris graduated from the Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech with a major in supply chain management. He now finds himself in the manufacturing world, managing processes for a mid-size consumer staples company. Holt has always had a knack for entrepreneurship and worked his way from flipping thrift store goods to creating a clothing brand during his time in school. Holt is the president and co-founder of TownNorth Clothing, LLC., a high-quality men’s athletic wear and accessories company founded during Holt’s junior year at Texas Tech. Holt oversees the sales, marketing, and operations for the business. His ultimate goal is to continue growing TownNorth into a successful business and eventually expand across multiple industries.



**GARRETT DEWBRE, TRINITY UNIVERSITY  
THE DOUG & MARTHA HAWTHORNE FAMILY FUND AWARD**

A first-generation college student, Garrett received his bachelor’s degree in biology from Texas Tech University and a master’s degree in healthcare administration from Trinity University. In 2016 Garrett co-founded Difyn, a technology company with the goal of incorporating virtual reality into the online car shopping experience. In 2017, Difyn was acquired by a top-100 privately held auto group. Garrett is also the founder of Leather Trust, a luxury Apple Watch band company, and a portion of every sale is donated to the Colorectal Cancer Alliance. Currently, Garrett is a hospital administrator at Lake Granbury Medical Center in Granbury, Texas. Garrett’s long-term goal is to start a company that helps improve care coordination for oncology patients.



**CHRISTIANA FOTE, UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD**

Christiana is originally from Houston and is currently pursuing an MBA at the University of Dallas. After graduating from The Ohio State University with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering, she joined Kimley-Horn where she works in municipal roadway design. She was drawn to this industry because it allows her to be engaged in her community while employing her skills in math and science. This year, she received her Professional Engineering license through the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. She appreciates the opportunity to see her work positively impact transportation systems, parks, and developments in the DFW metroplex. By one day owning her own engineering firm, she hopes to further encourage public and private sector partnerships.



**ISAIAH HAYES, UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD**

Isaiah Hayes, born and raised in Arlington, is a first-generation college student. He graduated cum laude from the University of Dallas in May 2021 with a bachelor’s in business. Isaiah, a student athlete, served as captain of his college basketball team and ran on the track team. Growing up in a low-income, single-parent home, Isaiah knew from a young age he wanted to be an entrepreneur and a role model to his younger siblings. Isaiah combined his love of sneakers and art to launch ISO, which is an acronym for “I Stand Out.” ISO offers restoration and customization services for vintage clothing and sneakers, creating unique, one of a kind footwear. Isaiah plans to pursue an MBA in the near future while continuing to expand and grow his business.



**EDISSON RAMOS, UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD**

Edisson Ramos was born in Tarma, Peru, and moved to Texas at the age of four. A first-generation college student, he graduated from the University of Dallas in 2020 with a bachelor’s in business. Currently, Edisson works for AT&T in their B2B sales channel. Edisson is passionate about making education accessible to all. During his time at UD, he created the Groundhog Library. Founded in 2019, the library is a collection of more than 370 textbooks available for students in core and upper-level courses, helping students in need. Since its inception, The Groundhog Library has expanded rapidly. In the near future, the project is set to expand to additional universities across the country.



**VERONICA HERRERA, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
THE T.T. & W.F. CHAO AWARD**

Veronica Herrera is a first-generation American and a first-generation college student. She graduated from the University of Houston’s C.T. Bauer College of Business in spring of 2021 with a degree in business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurship and marketing with a minor in Sales. Her passion for innovation and entrepreneurship led her to the Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship. Currently, Veronica serves as Managing Director for the Bauer Consulting Organization. Veronica founded Verrera Consulting, a marketing and strategy consulting company that helps businesses in Houston reach their goals. Additionally, she has created a program called Uplift Outsourcing, which provides those suffering from mental illness or homelessness with tailored work and professional development opportunities.



**JAIRO EMMANUEL CRUCES, UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD  
THE H-E-B AWARD**

Jairo Cruces graduated from the H-E-B School of Business at the University of Incarnate Word with an MBA in finance in 2020. Since receiving his award, Jairo has continued to grow his business, Cruces Cedar Clearing LLC, a land management company whose primary purpose is to provide land stewardship and provide services that involve the recycling of natural products, timber harvesting, water solutions and wildlife conservation. Recently, the business has acquired two additional tracts of land, one to build for customer retail and one for investment. The investment tract of land is currently being developed as a new subdivision to provide affordable, sustainable living in Kerrville, Texas. This is the next phase in which Jairo’s company will embark in developing communities that provide conservatorship, affordability, and creation while preserving the natural environment.



**JUSTIN R. WOOD, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS  
FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD**

Justin Wood grew up in Paradise, Texas, working summers at his father’s construction business—where he first experienced the trials and triumphs of the entrepreneur. He is a first-generation college student and completed his undergrad studies in 2009 from the University of North Texas with dual BBA degrees in business economics and marketing—subsidizing his 4-year scholarship with part-time employment to graduate debt free. He will complete his MBA at UNT in December 2021. Justin is a mortgage production expert and licensed loan originator in Texas and works for Homebridge Financial Services. Justin’s future business goals are with his company, Wood Principal Finance, a stand-alone mortgage company and wealth management firm, built on the foundation of helping the next generation of first-time homebuyers and homeowners in Texas.



**ANDREW BOURDILLON, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
THE MIKE A. MYERS AWARD**

After graduating from The McCombs School of Business in May of 2021, Andrew joined a fast-growing, sports-tech startup in Austin called WIN Reality as Director of Finance & Corporate Development. The company builds and sells Virtual Reality-based baseball and softball training software. Customers include MLB teams, professional, college and high-school athletes and more recently, any less competitive player in the consumer market looking to improve their performance. Andrew was tasked with starting and building out the company’s finance, accounting and operations functions, and has since grown the team to four. The company recently closed a non-dilutive financing round, giving them runway through the holidays, after which they are looking to raise a larger equity round. Andrew’s long-term goal is to establish his own venture capital and private equity firm in Austin.



**BRANDON KARAM, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
THE T.T. & W.F. CHAO “CHAIRMAN’S” AWARD**

Brandon Karam is a native Texan born in San Antonio. He received a mechanical engineering degree at Rice University, a JD at George Washington University, and an MBA at the University of Texas McCombs School of Business. While practicing law, Brandon and his first cousin founded Pristine Sprays to create more natural and eco-friendly personal care products that are better for the skin and more sustainable for the planet. Brandon and his cousin had the opportunity to pitch their flagship “flushable wet wipe alternative” on ABC’s *Shark Tank*. It is sprayed onto dry toilet paper to create an instant wet wipe that is actually flushable and free of harsh ingredients. Pristine has since appeared on Good Morning America, CNBC, and iHeartRadio to market their brand new product category “toilet paper spray.”





**VICTORIA LEIGH MESSERSCHMIDT, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON**  
THE KELCY WARREN GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR ENGINEERING

Victoria graduated in August of 2021 with her PhD in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. She also holds a BS in biomedical engineering from Purdue University. Her area of concentration is nanotechnology and genetics to aid congenital heart disease, for which she was recognized as a National Institute of Health T32 Fellow. Her company, Cordis Health Products LLC, is focused on helping adults with abnormal heart rhythms, specifically in hard-to-reach places such as those that are rural. The device will help cardiologists recommend treatment plans and therapy for patients, while giving patients easier access to medical professionals. Currently, Victoria's goal is to continue to iterate her device and file a patent for her new combination technology.



**BRITTANY (BRUNSON) MCSWEENEY, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Brittany (Brunson) McSweeney is originally from the Dallas area and is pursuing an MBA at the University of Texas at Dallas. In her undergraduate studies at the University of Arkansas, Brittany co-developed Brunson Bump System in 2015, a software program to automate and optimize manual tasks involved in sorority recruitment. She has since started a company, BBMC Solutions, and has sold the program to several universities. Brittany currently works for Southwest Airlines on the Customer Experience Team, where she is responsible for identifying gaps in the customer journey, ideating, and executing solutions. Most recently, this includes assisting in the creation and implementation of the customer facing pandemic response plan, "The Southwest Promise."



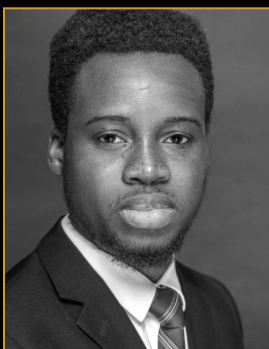
**PHILIP SCOTT MILLER, III, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Philip Miller was a TBHF scholarship recipient in 2020 while finishing his Master's in Marketing at The University of Texas at Dallas. Due to the financial effects of Covid-19, Philip pivoted his original plan and completed an MBA from LSUS. Philip is the Owner of Crull Fitness, a Richardson, TX based sports performance training center. Philip is also the President of PM3 Sports, a full-service sports agency representing NFL and collegiate athletes. With new laws regarding Name Image and Likeness for college athletes Philip has been able to leverage his network from Crull Fitness to help athletes earn money through various business ventures. Philip is currently focused on expanding Crull Fitness into Melissa, TX and recruiting potential NFL players for the 2022 NFL draft.



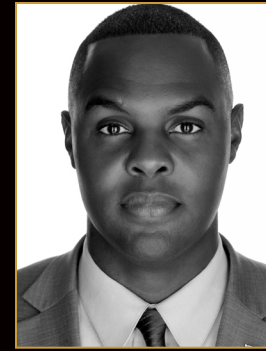
**GAURAV SETHI, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Gaurav Sethi is an Honors graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas with a degree in finance and actuarial science. He currently works at J.P. Morgan Chase as an investment banking risk analyst. While at school, he co-founded 180 Degrees Consulting, a student-run consulting group that provides pro-bono services to nonprofits. Gaurav is also Co-Founder and CFO of CampusOven, an affordable and convenient meal delivery startup that connects students and work-from-home employees to local caterers. CampusOven has been his first step in creating change in the food industry, providing affordable and accessible healthy food. CampusOven is now in the process of an acquisition with a private buyer. Gaurav has shifted to developing new solutions in the crypto space and is working on a new startup.



**YAW SAM, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY**  
JAMES AND KATHLEEN COLLINS FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

Yaw Sam, who grew up in Accra, Ghana, is currently pursuing his MBA at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. In 2020, Yaw received his bachelor's degree in marketing from UTRGV. Yaw is very involved in student leadership on campus and served as a Senator for the UTRGV Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship. Yaw is the co-founder and marketing director of Brand Geniuz, a marketing agency that he launched in 2020. Yaw is also working on a mobile application, My Gyde, that helps creators and influencers connect with advertisers and small businesses to increase the impact of influencer marketing through a seamless process. The MVP of the app is set to launch in Spring 2022.



**ANTHONY GANTT, BUNKER LABS / MARINE CORPS**  
NAU FUTURE TEXAS LEGEND MARINE CORPS VETERAN AWARD

Marine Major Anthony Gantt, a 22+ year Marine, husband, and father of six, founded At Ease, a short-term rental platform helping federal civilian and military employees and their families find government approved, temporary housing with less time and frustration. After three moves in two years, Anthony and his wife, Novia, started At Ease with the mission to simplify the booking and reimbursement process for PCS orders (permanent change of station). At Ease is founded and operated by active military families and veterans and is dedicated to improving the lives of our heroes and their families. At Ease recently won the \$100,000 Q2 and Austin FC pitch competition, became a Goldman Sachs 10K Small Business fellow, and was accepted to TVL and MetaProp Accelerators.



**DYAN GIBBENS, BUNKER LABS / AIR FORCE**  
FUTURE TEXAS LEGEND VETERAN AWARD

Dyan Gibbens leads Trumbull, a Forbes Top 25 Veteran Founded Startup, serving energy and defense. Dyan studied engineering, instructed skydiving, and learned to fly at the U.S. Air Force Academy with experience in autonomy, aerospace, and AI. Dyan's expertise in industrial engineering is focused on computer vision and optimization. She supported drone and leadership initiatives during the Obama and Trump administrations, gaining Fortune and Forbes recognition, and supported G7 I7 in Italy. Dyan was selected to serve on the Advanced Technology External Advisory Council in 2019 and the Global Partnership on AI in 2020. Dyan serves as a Strategic Advisor and Acting CTO to AFWERX and SpaceWERX (U.S. Air and Space Forces).



**JUDSON KAUFFMAN, BUNKER LABS / NAVY**  
FUTURE TEXAS LEGEND VETERAN AWARD

Jud Kauffman, a native Texan, dropped out of college early and became a Navy SEAL, deployed three times to Iraq, and earned multiple combat distinguishments. After his military career, Jud returned to school to earn a degree from Belmont University before becoming a serial entrepreneur. Jud is a co-inventor on three US patents and has co-founded five companies, including a distillery, a consulting firm, a security company, a construction company, and an ocean robotics company called Terradepth. Terradepth's unique unmanned submersible technology will enable cost-effective, detailed data-capture that, when paired with big data analytics and machine learning, will offer new insights into our oceans. He enjoys volunteering his time supporting teenagers' personal development, transitioning military personnel, and inspiring entrepreneurs.



**SAMANTHA SNABES, BUNKER LABS / AIR NATIONAL GUARD**  
THE GREG ARMSTRONG FUTURE TEXAS LEGEND VETERAN AWARD

Samantha Snabes is an officer in the Mississippi Air National Guard. She also serves on the Chief, National Guard Bureau's National Guard Innovation Team after supporting the launch of the Defense Innovation unit Experimental-Austin for the SecDef. In her civilian capacity, she's the co-founder of re:3D-a bootstrapped, open-source, socially-driven US manufacturer of affordable, large-scale 3D printers capable of printing with virgin or recycled filament, pellets and/or flake. re:3D was selected as the 2021 Consumer Technology Association Company of the Year, 2020 Tibbetts Awardee, 2019 Startup of the Year, 2018 \$1M Global Creator Awards Winner, 2015 Collision Pitch Winner and grantee of multiple SBIR/STTR grant. Samantha holds a BS-Biology, BA degrees-International Relations and Hispanic Studies, MBA-concentrations in supply chain management and international relations, and certified firefighter/EMT-B.



# 2021 SCHOLAR & VETERAN AWARD RECIPIENTS



**KEISHA RISER, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**  
FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

Keisha is passionate about healthcare and was motivated by social disparities to make a difference in her community. As a “patient advocate,” her desire to address the disparities in underserved populations suffering out-of-hospital cardiac arrest became the launch pad for CPR Guru, a CPR, First-Aid, and AED training services company. For 13 years, Keisha has worked for the Mary Crowley Cancer Center. She oversees the company's operations with responsibility for patient coordination and quality. Keisha also volunteers at GDAS, an indigent medical clinic, and MegaCare, a humanitarian organization that facilitates local health fairs, blood drives, homeless events, and academic tutoring. Keisha earned her Bachelor of Science degree in forensic science from Baylor University and will graduate with her EMBA in December 2021.



**GRACE ELIZABETH ELLIOTT, DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

In July of 2020, Grace launched her own floral design and events company, Grace Blooms Events. Since the launch of her business, she has designed and coordinated numerous events and steadily grown her clientele. She uses her entrepreneurial experience and the foundation built from her studies in business hospitality and hotel management, to bring new ideas and trends to Diamond Affairs clientele and the DBU Women's Auxiliary Board, where she also works while running her business. Grace is known for her transitional design style and her love for intricate floral design. She is eager to continue to expand her work in the hospitality industry. Grace anticipates receiving her MBA with a specialty in marketing at DBU in May 2023.



**FOREST SHOULTS, DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Forest Shoults is the owner and founder at Mountaintop Films, an adventure elopement, wedding film and photography company based in Dallas. Forest and his wife love capturing the most important moments in people's lives, retelling and preserving them for a lifetime in some of the most beautiful places in Texas, as well as across the world. In four years, Mountaintop Films has filmed and photographed over one hundred weddings, shot in five different countries, and has been published in multiple bridal magazines. His goal is to open a series of studios that would each feature a creative workspace and a coffee shop that can be used as a rented venue space for filming music videos, creating and capturing digital media for companies.



**CHELSEA LESTER, HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
THE STEWART MORRIS AWARD

Chelsea Lester is currently pursuing her MBA in organizational development and change at Houston Baptist University with the goal of growing her understanding of organizational design and becoming a successful change agent among organizations providing mental health services and resources to underserved communities. She is currently growing her company, Building Bridges with Love, to be a mental health resource that expands beyond the walls of the schools and serves Houston's underserved youth. In addition to Building Bridges, Chelsea is a licensed real estate agent and is currently working on her mortgage originator license with the goal of opening her own “one stop shop” real estate business. Once her master's degree is completed, she plans on adding teaching at the college-level to her professional interests.



**DION TRAN, LAMAR UNIVERSITY**  
THE BEN J. ROGERS AWARD

Dion Tran is currently a dual BBA/MSA student pursuing a degree in accounting at Lamar University. Dion is a first-generation American and college student. He has received the Financial Executives International Scholarship, awarded to students for academic achievement, leadership skills, and career plans in the finance or accounting field, as well as the TXCPA Scholarship, awarded to students with the intent of becoming a Texas CPA. With plans to obtain CPA certification by 2023, Dion has accepted a full-time offer at Deloitte Houston in its audit practice after completion of his Winter internship. He wants to use the knowledge of business structure and funds obtained from public accounting to reinvest back into his business, K.creates. K.creates provides custom embroidered articles of clothing as well as a wide range of stationery items.



**GARRETT ROBERT NEVILLE, RICE UNIVERSITY**  
THE T.T. & W.F. CHAO AWARD

Garrett Neville is a Texas native and serial entrepreneur from The Woodlands. As the son of a podiatric physician and surgeon, Garrett started learning medical entrepreneurship at a young age. He is currently pursuing a career as an entrepreneur who combines commercial real estate, healthcare, and family-enterprise all into one. Today, he oversees the initial operations for Pro•Motion Mobile Medical Marketing LLC, a medical device startup that specializes in the creation and delivery of ambulatory technologies. Additionally, he serves as Co-Founder, Investor, and Project Administrator for a 64K SF medical office and retail development north of The Woodlands. Garrett is an MBA Candidate at Rice University's Jones Graduate School of Business in Houston and holds a BBA in finance from the McCombs School of Business.



**SOPHIA FITZ RANDOLPH, RICE UNIVERSITY**  
THE T.T. & W.F. CHAO “CHAIRMAN'S AWARD”

Sophie Randolph, this year's Chairman's Award recipient, is currently finishing her MBA at Rice University, with a focus in entrepreneurship. Raised in western Massachusetts, she fell in love with Texas and the opportunities it has provided her in growing two companies. She founded Crescendo Management in 2019, something she viewed as an operational learning tool that has evolved into a revenue generating booking, managing, and marketing company for later-stage start-ups in the services sector. She plans to eventually sell her stake in this company to focus on her next endeavor, Green Room, a company and software that targets independent music artists and aims to consolidate (and remedy) the long-term economic barriers most independent artists face because they do not have a single source of income.



**SHANNON MARTIN, SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
THE SWBC FOUNDATION AWARD

Shannon received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology from Sam Houston State University and is currently pursuing his Master's in Business Administration from Sam Houston State University. Shannon began his career at an early age while working in the family-owned machine shop. This experience instilled in him a strong work ethic and a love for entrepreneurship. After earning his bachelor's degree, Shannon began work in the Oil and Gas industry, where he has held multiple leadership roles in both Engineering and Sales. Throughout his career, Shannon has developed multiple patents and led several successful projects. Shannon is currently employed at MorphPackers as a Senior Design Engineer and Technical Salesman. Shannon's entrepreneurial spirit led him to start a business, AK Concessions, helping local youth athletic associations optimize their concession profits.



**IREWOLE AKANDE, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
LUCY BILLINGSLEY FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

Irewole “Wole” Akande is an engineer and life-long entrepreneur. Originally from Nigeria, he moved to the United States for his Bachelor's in engineering management from the Illinois Institute of Technology and is currently an MBA Candidate at SMU. He is the co-founder of City Health Tech (CHT) – a health tech startup that aims to build the future of global healthcare. Wole believes the future of healthcare is in the prevention of diseases through research, policy improvements, proper health education, encouragement of hygienic practices, and access to disease prevention technologies. CHT uses connected devices (IoT), behavioral science, and health communication to improve and safeguard public health. Wole plans to spend his life building technology solutions that are unique, ethical, and inclusive.





**RUAN JUSTUS MEINTJES, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
**THE ROBERT H. DEDMAN AWARD**

Ruan is African by blood, Cajun by birth, and a Texan by heart. The son of South African wildlife veterinarians, Ruan and his family moved to Frisco and the surrounding area in 2000. Ruan attended Patrick Henry College in northern Virginia and holds a master's degree in conflict management and dispute resolution from SMU. After college, Ruan managed operations for a small Frisco-based high-complexity medical and real estate company. Today, Ruan serves as principal and vice president of a specialty real estate developer in the north DFW area. He is concurrently pursuing a JD/MBA at SMU. In his spare time Ruan is an instrument-rated pilot, an avid Harley-Davidson rider, marathon runner, and loves spending time with his wife, Ellen, and their respective families.



**DANIELA MARIA DURAN GARCIA PRIETO, ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY**  
**THE CARLOS AND MALÚ ALVAREZ AWARD**

Originally from El Salvador, Daniela has called San Antonio home since 2018. She is a current double major in Digital Marketing and Business Administration and Management. Daniela serves as President of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization, Social Media Chair for the Greehey Scholar Program, a student analyst at the Najim Center for Corporate Social Responsibility, and on the Student Advisory Council. In 2020, Daniela started an internet-based resale business called Fit Looks-- focused on selling female athletic wear in the El Salvadorian market (a business that has grown exponentially in less than a year). After graduation, Daniela plans to work for Goldman Sachs in client operations and continue to grow Fit Looks. One day, she plans to open her own marketing agency in Texas geared towards small business.



**TARAH WILLIAMS, ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY**  
**THE WILLIAM E. "BILL" GREEHEY AWARD**

Tarah is currently pursuing a dual MBA and MS degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology at the Greehey School of Business at St. Mary's University. Tarah served in the United States Marine Corps as a Spanish linguist and signals intelligence analyst. During her time there, Tarah was captain of the Running Team, President of the Marie Corps Ball Committee, and a physical fitness instructor. For the last year, Tarah has worked at Rackspace Technology where she played a leadership role in creating a global mentoring program. Tarah would like to one day open a firm dedicated to addressing challenges in culture and communications in Texas businesses. By combining her two degrees, Tarah plans to help these businesses create long-lasting work cultures intertwine employee and organizational development.



**TOKUNBO "TJ" FALOHUN, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**  
**THE BRETT WIGGS INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

An aspiring medical technology innovator, TJ's dream is to bring affordable, life-saving medical technologies to those in need. TJ co-founded Ai-Ris, a medical device company focused on ending diabetes-induced vision loss by increasing access to early diagnostic testing. Using novel imaging technology and a proven machine learning algorithm, their technology expands access to vision care. In less than two years of operation, Ai-Ris has received multiple grants from the National Science Foundation and Blackstone, filed for a provisional patent, and published the findings of their technology in Cell & Nature Medicine. TJ also created a med-tech student organization that brings together students from medicine, engineering, and business to solve medical problems in interdisciplinary teams. This was the birthplace of Ai-Ris and Olera, his second venture.



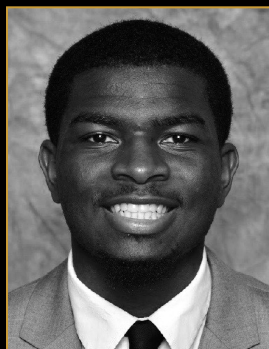
**WILLIAM "CHASE" KAMMERER, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**  
**THE MCFERRIN CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP**  
**FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD**

Chase Kammerer graduated from the Air Force Academy in 2014 and was a four-year basketball letterman. He spent five and a half years in the Air Force as an acquisition officer managing various weapon and space asset development programs. He was the recipient of an Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service for his work on a future satellite ground system. Currently, he is a full-time MBA student at Texas A&M, acting vice president of Aggies in Business performing the due diligence activities for the Aggie Angel Network, a teaching assistant for an MBA business analytics course, a member of the Air Force Academy Entrepreneurs and Investors Club, and is working on an entrepreneurial venture in the OwlSpark startup accelerator program at Rice University.



**AUSTIN DAVIS, TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**  
**FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD**

Austin Davis graduated from Texas Tech and started his career in the refining industry. After a short stint in Houston, he relocated to NYC to lead the northeast US operations for a major US refiner. In 2011, he took an opportunity to join Southwinds Energy, LLC, a private E&P company that was based in Dallas with operations in the Mid-Continent. In 2016, he and his business partner started a municipal waste business in the DFW area which resulted in an exit in September 2019. Austin stepped into the oilfield service business soon after and has been serving as CEO of Connection Field Services, LLC to present. Austin will receive his MBA in Energy from the TCU Neeley School of Business in December of 2021.



**KORDEL JOHNSON, TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**  
**FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD**

Kordel is a first-generation college student who is currently pursuing an MBA at Texas Southern University. He received his undergraduate degree in accounting from South Carolina State University, where he also played on the South Carolina football team for a consecutive four years and was the recipient of both the Willie Heggins and Gigi Zimmerman scholarships. Kordel credits his childhood as driving his "go-getter" spirit and football with developing his strong sense of discipline and desire to lead. He is a member of the National Association of Black Accountants, as well as the Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society for financial professionals. One day, Kordel would like to own his own accounting firm and use that income to develop and invest in other businesses.



**JOSHUA TRAVIESO, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD**

Before earning a BA in economics from the University of Texas at Austin and pursuing an MBA at Texas State University, Joshua gained technical and leadership experience in the United States Marine Corps. As a graduate student, Joshua started Floresville, Texas's first specialty coffee production facility, with the help of friends from the military, utilizing no external capital or funding. As an entrepreneur, Joshua works toward developing an organization that makes specialty coffee accessible and affordable. He enjoys working with diverse groups to accomplish goals and improve processes. Currently, he is seeking opportunities to distribute his specialty products and to improve his skill sets as an entrepreneur and creator. Joshua's specific fields of interest include coffee, business analysis, entrepreneurship, and management.



**DARCE ROSS, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**  
**THE PEFANIS FAMILY AWARD**

Owner and operator of Darce Ross Photo, Darce is an accountant and passionate entrepreneur. Having realized his entrepreneurial fervor in high school, his initial endeavor was a full-service shoe cleaning business. At 19, Darce discovered his passion for photography. He has since developed a strong reputation in photography services focused on graduations, engagements, weddings, and other life events, capturing creative and artistic memories for his clients. With a passion for diversity, inclusion, and giving back to society, Darce strives to incorporate these values into all his entrepreneurial activities. Since the creation of Darce Ross Photo, Darce has increased his organizational reach from five to over 100 senior shoots a year. While continuing to grow his business to operate independently, Darce is completing his internship at KPMG in the audit division.



**MATTHEW SPENCER HOOD, TRINITY UNIVERSITY**  
**THE DOUG & MARTHA HAWTHORNE FAMILY FUND AWARD**

Spencer received his bachelor of science in business administration studying finance and accounting from the University of Tennessee. Prior to undergrad, Spencer initiated a start-up lawn care business that serviced customers in the greater Nashville community. This experience helped to establish Spencer's foundational business mindset and laid the groundwork for future goals and aspirations he has in business. Currently, Spencer is earning a master's degree in healthcare administration from Trinity University and preparing for a career as a healthcare leader in Texas. In January, Spencer will begin his administrative residency at Surgical Care Affiliates in their Houston division. Spencer also aspires to start a non-profit organization geared towards supporting families of suicide victims.





**ZARA ATIQ, UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Zara Atiq is a business analytics professional. She earned her master's degree in business analytics from the University of Dallas and strives to continually inform business decisions through data-driven insights. She has worked in the telecommunications industry to significantly increase the customer base for 4G and Mobile Financial Services. Zara has also served in the microfinance sector and led awareness programs specifically for underprivileged women of Pakistan to empower them financially and increase their access to banking. The pandemic has served to inspire her to work toward better health care and she is now determined to launch an interactive platform where users will be connected to lifestyle coaches, registered dietitians, and nutrition psychologists to help educate them toward a healthier lifestyle.



**DUSTIN MATHIS, UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS**  
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Dustin Mathis is owner and founder of Grind To Greatness Skills Development. His business involves developing life-lasting relationships with his basketball clients, helping them grow in their personal lives and developing their basketball skills to the best of their abilities. Dustin has been able to work with over fifty clients within the last few years and each year this number has steadily grown. Being able to help this amount of people in their lives on and off the court has truly been the best reward. He plans on acquiring his own gym in the future, creating a place for people to call home outside of their home – a place for them to receive personal training, skills development and bringing a community closer together.



**JOHN PAUL THOMAS, UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS**  
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As an entrepreneur, John Paul Thomas started pursuing his career as a fashion designer by starting his own fashion label, Fly Forever, in 2018. It is a ready-to-wear menswear line, that is sold online and carried in several independent specialty stores around the United States. Over the past year, he has opened a new design studio/showroom and has pivoted his focus to his first collection from his Jacob & John line. John Paul has also entered into the Airbnb business. He currently has five rental properties in the downtown area and is evaluating other investments in the region. In addition to these three businesses, John Paul would like to start a sports agency after he obtains his master's degree in finance in December 2021.



**ANIL GURUNG, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON**  
T.T. & W.F. CHAO AWARD

Originally from Nepal, Anil Gurung is a first-generation college student who completed his undergraduate degree at Texas A&M in mechanical engineering. Currently, he is a PMBA student at University of Houston's C.T. Bauer College of Business. Since earning his undergraduate degree, Anil has risen through the ranks of the HVAC industry as an engineer and team leader developing new products. While working full-time, Anil started his business, Extrude Technology LLC, in 2017. Extrude Technology provides engineering services such as drafting, 3-D modeling, and reverse engineering, to companies at a competitive price. He is also currently working on a new business venture, MasterTechPro, a service company that will provide Texas homeowners with easy, on-demand access to expert HVAC technicians. Anil plans to formally launch MasterTechPro in 2021.



**LUIS AARON JIMENEZ GUILLEN, UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD**  
THE H-E-B AWARD

Luis Aaron Jimenez Guillen is a student and entrepreneur at the University of the Incarnate Word with more than five years of experience in startup development. He has developed multiple startups in different innovation fields such as clean energies, e-commerce, and food ordering. Since the age of 16, he has participated in more than seven business competitions. Under Luis Aaron's leadership, the first student-run startup at his university called "Manos Magicas" was able to benefit more than 16 indigenous families and grow a local store from San Antonio by selling handmade products through an online platform. Currently, he is the president of an entrepreneurship club at UIW (The CEO Club) where he shares his experience with other students and helps young entrepreneurs with their projects.



**JUANIKA K. MCCLENDON, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS**  
FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD

Juanika K. McCleendon, better known as The Big Beauty Boss, is a first-generation college student and twenty-two-year-old entrepreneur, investor, and influencer. She is a licensed cosmetologist and traveling certified eyelash technician in the state of Texas. Juanika owns and operates two small beauty businesses named "Wink & Mink" and "Irvy Skin & Beauty." Wink & Mink, founded in 2017, is a luxury eyelash extension business specializing in esthetician services such as application of extension eyelashes and facials services. Irvy Skin & Beauty, founded in 2020, is an organic and cruelty-free skincare brand. Juanika is currently completing a BBA in entrepreneurship and residential property management with a minor in marketing. Juanika's long-term goals include owning and operating her own hair salon and hair school.



**B. PATRICE BARTLETT, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**  
THE MIKE A. MYERS AWARD

Patrice Bartlett is the Program Lead of the Innovative Heights Business Incubator and Accelerator Program which she launched in 2018 at Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio. This program is one of the largest and most successful of its kind in the country. Her core focus is to inspire and help high school students solve problems through entrepreneurship, where they build prototypes and launch real businesses. In three years, 15 new businesses have been created through this initiative. Patrice has 13 years of experience in teaching secondary mathematics, business and entrepreneurship. She obtained her BBA in marketing from The University of Texas at San Antonio and will complete her Executive MBA at the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin in 2022.



**JAIDEEP PATIL, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY INNOVATIVE LEADER HONORARY AWARD

Jaideep Patil is the co-founder and CEO of Explorastay, an aggregator site that compares dozens of listing sites so renters can access the most affordable housing options for one to twelve plus month stays. Jaideep launched Explorastay as an undergrad student at UT Austin, when he realized how unconsolidated and time-consuming the medium-term housing search could be with renters having to scour multiple sites specializing in different kinds of properties. Jaideep launched Explorastay to solve this problem. In under a year, the company has surpassed \$10K in monthly revenue, struck affiliate partnerships with large accommodation sites like VRBO and Zumper, won the \$25K grand prize at Longhorn Startup Demo Day, joined the Capital Factory Accelerator in Austin, and most importantly - connected thousands of renters to housing.



**MERCEDES JOHNSON, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Mercedes Johnson is a first-generation college student who has received undergraduate degrees in mass communications and marketing (Texas State University in 2018) and design and production (the University of Texas at Dallas). She is currently pursuing her MBA in entrepreneurship and innovation at the University of Texas at Dallas. While pursuing her master's degree, she was invited to participate in the Comet-X Accelerator Program where she founded Food Magnet. She placed second in the pitch competition with Food Magnet and is actively working with her team to launch the company, her very first start-up. With Food Magnet she aims to provide food truck owners with a platform for identifying where customers are and locations to access them. She will be piloting this technology in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio.



**ROHIT SHENOY, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS**  
THE MITCHELL FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARD

Rohit Shenoy is a recent graduate from the University of Texas at Dallas, where he was a recipient of the McDermott scholarship. He is also the founder of Durable Alpha, a stealth startup in the alternative data space. His startup has partnered with major hedge funds across the country and is backed by a hedge fund in Dallas. Before this startup, he co-founded CampusOven and Fixe Food, two food tech startups that made healthy eating more affordable and accessible for people. He has also worked as a consultant intern at Bain & Company and as a software engineer at Highside Global. Rohit looks forward to growing his current startup in the coming years and hopefully leading it to a successful exit for the Texas startup ecosystem.





**ALEJANDRA JIMENEZ, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY**  
**JAMES AND KATHLEEN COLLINS & VANTAGE BANK TEXAS FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD**

Alejandra Jimenez is a passionate small business entrepreneur. She is a first-generation college graduate and earned her BBA in the fall of 2019. She is currently a graduate student at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley pursuing her MSBA. Alejandra started her own custom jewelry and gift business, A&J Custom Creations, in 2020. Her goal is to expand her business and continue growing as a leader. She is a full-time administrative assistant at H-E-B Grocery, where she has been recognized with several scholarships and awards including the H-E-B Women of Distinction Award. On campus, Alejandra serves as the President of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization. She loves motivating her members to grow and network with different leaders and entrepreneurs.



**DEVANSHI YOGESHKUMAR PATEL, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**  
**AT&T FUTURE LEGEND FIRST IN FAMILY AWARD (IN HONOR OF RICHARD FISHER)**

Devanshi Patel is a first-generation college graduate. She obtained a BS in biomedical engineering from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Growing up as a young girl in India, Devanshi witnessed how gender inequality so often hindered women from pursuing their career goals. In a culture where women traditionally marry young to become housewives, the idea of starting a business was hard for her to imagine. Her goal is to inspire women in these situations to pursue their goals, particularly in areas of entrepreneurship. In addition, Devanshi is a co-founder and CEO of Tranquility Therapeutics. Tranquility Therapeutics won UTSA's \$100K Student Technology Venture Competition for developing a drug-free and non-invasive device designed to alleviate the symptoms of a panic attack.



**DAVID ROBINSON, JR., UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO**  
**THE HARVEY NAJIM FUTURE TEXAS BUSINESS LEGEND AWARD**

David serves as Director of Placemaking at Weston Urban, where he is focused on launching and programming Legacy Park in downtown San Antonio. He joined Weston Urban from Blueprint Local, a firm investing in real estate development to promote long-term, inclusive economic growth. Prior to Blueprint Local, David led Admiral Capital Group's efforts to make a strong social impact in the cities where the firm invests. David's focus was to expand Admiral's platform to make direct impact investments as well as scaling the firm's philanthropic work. Before Admiral Capital Group, David worked for sports and education technology startups in Austin and New York. David was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. He recently earned a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Texas at San Antonio.



**JUSTIN BRADSHAW, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS / ARMY**  
**THE DOUGLAS L. FOSHEE FUTURE TEXAS LEGEND VETERAN AWARD**

Justin Bradshaw is a former Army Diver and currently a Senior Marketing Executive with Labcorp. He has been in healthcare for the past five years with a vision to start a medical distributorship in the future. Justin founded CombatSwim—a fitness business based on the training he encountered as an Army Diver. Participants would perform drills such as underwater weight walks, treading water with weights, full clothes swimming, hypoxic drills, and calisthenics. CombatSwim ran for eight years and operated in ten cities across the U.S. Justin still trains professional MMA fighters, athletes, and future military members, was also featured as a trainer on MTV's "I Used to be Fat" and was selected as Big Brother of the Year in 2012 for his longtime engagement and volunteerism with the organization.



**STEVE JIMENEZ, RICE UNIVERSITY / MARINE CORPS**  
**NAU FUTURE TEXAS LEGEND MARINE CORPS VETERAN AWARD**

Houston entrepreneur Steve Jimenez is a Marine and Texas A&M graduate devoted to his three beautiful daughters and passionately committed to bettering our shared community. Steve is often joyfully described as a professional solver of problems and did just that as a business consultant and Lean Six Sigma Black Belt for Fortune 50 businesses upon return from Operation Enduring Freedom. He recently founded technology venture rutd, llc (resources united, technology driven), a mobile application that instantly connects veterans to resource organizations, and the non-profit Hives for Heroes, operating in multiple countries to create purpose and connection through beekeeping. Steve holds a Master's from the Naval Postgraduate School and is pursuing an MBA at Rice University. He is one of Houston Business Journal's 2021 "40 under 40," and remains grateful to further meaningful connections through the Texas Business Hall of Fame.



**ROBERT E STRONG, JR., BUNKER LABS / AIR FORCE**  
**THE GREG ARMSTRONG FUTURE TEXAS LEGEND VETERAN AWARD**

Robert Strong is a former Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force. He holds a BA in history from Ithaca College, as well as a Certificate of Culinary Arts from Le Cordon Bleu Austin. Robert is the founder and CEO of Pretty Thai® Specialty Sauces & Spices. Pretty Thai® was a 2018 H-E-B Quest for Texas Best Finalist and is a Primo Pick in 220 H-E-B locations. Pretty Thai® has expanded into the Mid-West in 250 plus Meijer stores, as well as into Imperfect Foods Nationwide. Robert is a founder of the Palmer Nicklaus Foundation, dedicated to supporting families impacted by congenital heart defects and heterotaxy. The Foundation is in memory of Robert's late son, Palmer, who passed away from CHD and Heterotaxy in May of 2017.



**TRAVIS P. WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN / ARMY**  
**FUTURE TEXAS LEGEND VETERAN AWARD**

Travis Washington is an MBA candidate at the McCombs School of Business. Previously, he served six years in the Army as a Platoon Leader and Battalion Fire Direction Officer, receiving an Army Commendation Medal. Travis spent two years at Keller Williams Realty as the co-founder and co-team leader of the Washington Real Estate Team. Currently, Travis works as a portfolio manager for the MBA Real Estate Investment Fund and is active with the Texas Veterans in Business (VP of recruitment) and the Black Graduate Business Association (VP of events). Travis aspires to create a Texas-based consulting firm specializing in the application of advanced technology to gather critical analytics data to better manage human capital in the workforce to increase efficiency in career management and development programs.

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1984

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Stanley Marcus  
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Sid Richardson  
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1983

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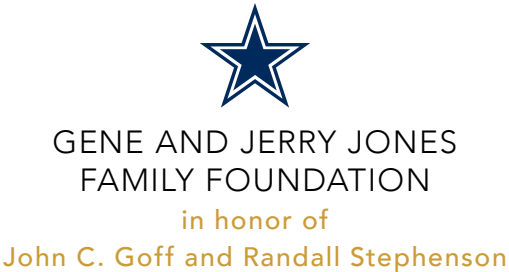
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