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TBHF★ NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of The Texas Business Hall of Fame

Dear TBHF Members & Supporters,

We wrapped up Q1 with an exciting announcement: our 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees. This group of six extraordinary Texans, who represent a wide range of industries and backgrounds, have made huge impacts in business and their communities. We look forward to celebrating their legacy at this year's Annual Induction Ceremony on November 3, 2022, in Houston, sponsored by Texas Capital Bank.

This quarter, our team worked hard to create more diverse programming, for which we saw record engagement. These virtual and in-person events would not have been possible without the creativity and collaboration from our Legends, Directors, and Alumni who participated as panelists, moderators, and audience members.

Our 2022 Scholar & Veteran application process is underway and we have been blown away by the volume of candidates and their entrepreneurial passion. Thank you to the Legends, Directors, and Junior Directors who are participating in our interview process. We can't wait to announce the Class of 2022 Scholar & Veteran Award recipients next month.

As always, your support makes our mission possible.

Warmly,

Meredith Walker

Celebrating 40 Years & 6 Extraordinary Texans

The Texas Business Hall of Fame is proud to announce this year's slate of 2022 Inductees. Please join us in congratulating John Arnold of Arnold Ventures in Houston, Ric Campo of Camden Property Trust in Houston, Thomas O. Hicks of Hicks Holdings in Dallas, Jeffery D. Hildebrand of Hilcorp Energy Company in Houston, Paul W. Hobby of Genesis Park in Houston, and Whitney Wolfe Herd of Bumble in Dallas.



These six individuals were nominated by the general public and then voted on by Hall of Fame members. Many factors were considered, but each Inductee was chosen for their contributions and success not only in business, but also in community leadership. To learn more about this year's inductees, please click [here](#).

We hope you will join us on November 3, 2022, at the Hilton Americas in Houston for this year's Induction Ceremony, where we will honor the inductees. For more information on the dinner, please click [here](#). A special thank you to Texas Capital Bank, our presenting sponsor this year.

Q1 Programming

We started 2022 off strong with a series of virtual and in-person events, offered exclusively to our network.

In January, we hosted our first Titan Talk of the year, "An Economic Outlook for Texas," featuring TBHF Legend Richard Fisher. A special thanks to Gerald Smith for moderating and to SWBC for sponsoring.

Later that month, alumni were treated to an exclusive Q&A with Dr. Billy Cohn, Vice President for Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Companies and the Executive Director of the Center for Device Innovation at the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

In February, we traveled to San Antonio for our second Titan Talk of the year, a live panel. "A Conversation on Central Texas & The Business Future of our State" featuring TBHF Legend Graham Weston, Gary Farmer of Heritage Title Company of Austin, Michael J. Lynd Jr. of Kairoi Residential, and Jenna Saucedo-Herrera of greater:SATX. A huge thanks to Tom Foster for moderating and to EY and Spirit of Texas Bank for sponsoring.



TBHF Director Daniel Parsley hosted a virtual Q&A "An Introduction to Venture Capital for the Texas Entrepreneur" in late February.

In March, we were joined by Dr. Bob Metcalfe, the co-founder of 3Com and co-inventor of the Ethernet, for a conversation on connectivity.

Later that month, Charlie Amato and Gary Dudley of SWBC hosted a virtual happy hour event for our members discussing how to build a successful co-founder partnership.

And to wrap up the quarter, our Alumni Association hosted a networking breakfast for Dallas Fort Worth members at VariSpace Las Colinas. A huge thanks to Jason McCann and the team at Vari, as well as our Dallas Alumni Advisory Council for putting together such a great event.



In case you missed any of these events, we have recordings available online [here](#). And stay tuned for future event announcements - coming soon!

Legend Spotlight



Jeff Sandefer

Austin

Founder, Sandefer Offshore, Sandefer Capital Partners, & Acton Academy

TBHF had the pleasure of speaking with Jeff Sandefer, 2006 Hall of Fame Member, about his entrepreneurial origins, what it means to be an impactful leader, and his inspiration for starting Acton Academy.

Q: After earning your MBA, you founded Sandefer Offshore and Sandefer Capital Partners. What did that experience teach you about being an effective and impactful leader?

A: At Sandefer Offshore I was 27 years old, leading 60-year-old scientists who had worked at Exxon, Chevron and Mobil. I took the smallest office and parked in the worst parking space, as a sign of respect to those who knew far more than I did but were willing to follow the vision and mission I described.

To read the full interview with Jeff, please click [here](#).

Director Spotlight

Jim Collins

San Antonio

Chairman, Vantage
Bank Texas &
Rioco Partners

Jim Collins has served on the TBHF Board of Directors for two decades. We were excited to speak to him about his perspective on entrepreneurship, community engagement, and to learn more about Vantage Bank's vision for the future.

Q: What is one attribute or trait you think has benefited you the most in your career?

A: I believe the key to success lies in your work ethic. It's important that work ethic includes family values and consistent follow up. This involves devoting the time, energy, and focus to reach a goal or successful conclusion. The goals, tasks, and efforts must be continually evaluated, updated and reevaluated as we go through life changes. Moral codes and personal values must be included with hard work.

To read the full interview with Jim, please click [here](#).

Alumni Spotlight

Sonia Kirkpatrick

Dallas

Founder & CEO,
PediaPlex

In 2011, Sonia Kirkpatrick was awarded The Future Texas Business Legend Award while attending The University of Dallas. She is the Founder & CEO of PediaPlex, an autism spectrum disorder-specialty practice with has 3 locations across Texas. We spoke to Sonia about her inspiration for starting PediaPlex, how her corporate career helped prepare her for entrepreneurship, and how she defines excellence in business.

Q: How has TBHF helped you in your entrepreneurial journey?

A: TBHF gave me the opportunity to meet people I otherwise would have never met. I have been able to speak with fellow entrepreneurs and business leaders. The biggest pleasure for me is meeting Lee Roy Mitchell and his associate Gary Witherspoon. They have been integral to speaking to me about my business and furthering my education as an entrepreneur. Being an entrepreneur can be lonely sometimes, so having a network of individuals who share a common experience and passion is inspiring. I learn so much and feel energized by the ideas and creativity of the group.

To read the full interview with Sonia, please click [here](#).

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. For further details, check your inbox or please email us.

- April 18: Titan Talk: Succession: Creating a Talent Pipeline & Building a Legacy with Gary Kelly, the Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors, Southwest Airlines
- May 10: In Conversation with Morton Meyerson, 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee and Chair of 2M Companies
- May 18: TBHF Cocktail Reception Honoring 2022 Inductees: John Arnold, Ric Campo, Jeffery D. Hildebrand, and Paul W. Hobby
- May 25: TBHF Luncheon Honoring 2022 Inductee: Thomas O. Hicks
- June 16: Houston Alumni Association Networking event - details coming soon
- July 12: In Conversation with Lucy Billingsley & Jason Signor: A Virtual Q&A
- November 3: The 2022 Annual Scholar & Veteran Award Luncheon. Sponsored by Deloitte.
- November 3: The 2022 Annual Induction Ceremony at The Hilton Americas in Houston. Sponsored by Texas Capital Bank.

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