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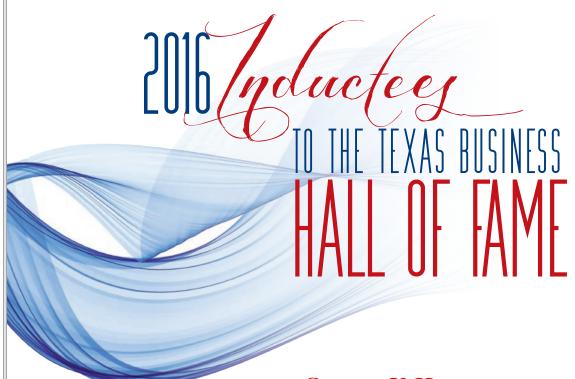
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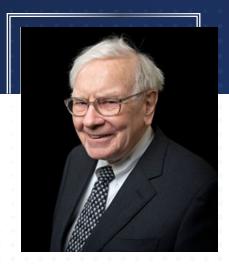
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WARREN E. **BUFFETT**

Mr. Buffett was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on August 30, 1930. His family operated a grocery store in Omaha for 100 years (1869-1969). His father ran an investment firm and also served as a Republican member of Congress for four terms.

Mr. Buffett is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., a holding company controlled by him since 1965.

Berkshire Hathaway was then a New England textile company operating in a fading industry that had recorded an overall loss during the previous decade. In 2015, Berkshire Hathaway's revenues were \$211 billion and its net income \$24.4 billion. The purchase of 1,000 shares of its stock in 1965 paid \$15,000; today that holding is worth more than \$200 million.

Berkshire Hathaway is now the fourth-largest company on the Fortune 500 list (after Wal-Mart, Exxon Mobil and Apple). In a related fact, Berkshire's market value of \$350 billion placed it fourth (on Fortune's measuring date of March 31, 2016) on the 500 list, behind Apple, Alphabet and Microsoft.

Berkshire Hathaway also ranks high on Fortune's annual list of America's Most Admired Companies, where it most recently placed fourth. Berkshire is the only company that has ranked in the Top Ten in each of the 18 years that the list has been published.

Today, Berkshire Hathaway has 89 operating businesses, with its largest sources of earnings arising from insurance and the BNSF railroad. BNSF is one of seven Berkshire operating businesses based in Texas, the others being Acme Brick, Berkshire Automotive, Justin Brands, McLane Company, Inc., Star Furniture and TTI. In addition, the Nebraska Furniture Mart store located in the Dallas metropolitan area is the largest home furnishing store in the country.

Mr. Buffett started out as an investment salesman and securities analyst and early in his career created his own investment partnership (a "hedge fund," to use the common term), Buffett Partnership Ltd. In its years of operation (1956-69), BPL delivered its investors a compounded annual return of 23.8 percent after fees.

If an investor had put \$10,000 in Buffett Partnership Ltd. when it was formed in 1956 and, upon the partnership's closing in 1969, transferred his dollar stake to Berkshire Hathaway, he would at the end of June, 2016, have had shares worth more than \$800 million.

In 2006, Mr. Buffett abandoned his long-standing intention to give away most of his fortune at his death and announced he would immediately begin making substantial annual gifts. The principal beneficiary of his philanthropy was to be the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; other beneficiaries were to be four foundations connected with his family. Through 2015, following this plan, Mr. Buffett had given Berkshire Hathaway shares worth (at the date of the gifts) more than \$25 billion to the five foundations.

In the 10 years since first announcing his plan for giving, Mr. Buffett has expanded it, pledging to give away 100 percent of his Berkshire Hathaway shares to charity during his lifetime or at his death (which will comprise more than 99 percent of his net worth).

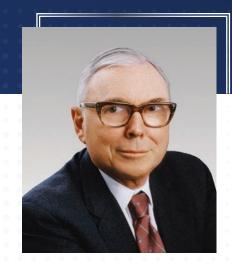
In 2010, Mr. Buffett joined with Bill and Melinda Gates to form The Giving Pledge, which encourages wealthy Americans to devote at least 50 percent of their net worth to philanthropy. The Giving Pledge has since been joined by 153 individuals (or couples, signing together) and is widely acknowledged to have become a powerful philanthropic force.

Mr. Buffett has lived in Omaha for 86 years. While his father, Howard Buffett, was serving in Congress, Warren attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington D.C. He subsequently attended Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and in 1950 received his B.S. from the University of Nebraska. He earned his M.S. in Economics from Columbia University in 1951.

Mr. Buffett was married to Susan T. Buffett until her death in 2004. They had three children: Susan, Howard and Peter. In 2006 he married Astrid Menks.

CHARLES T. MUNGER

Charles T. Munger has been working side-by-side with Warren Buffett since 1962, helping to grow Berkshire Hathaway into one of the largest companies in the world with more than \$550 billion in assets and 330,000 employees. Mr. Munger is vice chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, which has reshaped the Texas business landscape with decades of targeted investments and acquisitions.



Berkshire Hathaway's influence on Texas can be found in several diverse sectors, including energy, transportation, consumer services and technology. Berkshire's 2010 acquisition of Ft. Worth-based BNSF Railway, valued at \$44 billion, was the largest acquisition in Berkshire Hathaway's history and one of the largest deals ever in Texas. Berkshire oversees several of Texas' most established companies, including Acme Brick, which was founded in Bennett, Texas, in 1891 (and purchased by Berkshire in 2000), and McLane Company, Inc., the \$48 billion supply chain leader, acquired by Berkshire in 2003.

Mr. Munger has always stressed the importance of strong management and a foundation in ethical practices for Berkshire Hathaway companies. "Good businesses are ethical businesses," he told a meeting in 2009. "A business model that relies on trickery is doomed to fail."

As a teenager growing up in Omaha, Mr. Munger worked at Buffett & Son, the grocery store run by Mr. Buffett's grandfather. He went on to study at the University of Michigan, but dropped out in 1943 to enlist in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served as a second lieutenant and trained as a meteorologist at the California Institute of Technology.

The law was Mr. Munger's initial calling. After the war, he was accepted into Harvard Law School, despite the lack of an undergraduate degree. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School and practiced in Los Angeles from 1948 to 1965. He co-founded the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson and ran his own investment operation. "I ran into him in about 1960 and told him that law was a fine hobby but he could do better," Mr. Buffett wrote in a 1984 essay for the Columbia Business School, "The Super-investors of Graham-and-Doddsville."

In the first 10 years of the partnership, Berkshire Hathaway generated gains of 1,156 percent, compared to a 122.9 percent growth in the Dow. Mr. Munger served as chairman of the Wesco Financial Corporation, a Berkshire subsidiary, from 1984 to 2011, when Berkshire Hathaway purchased the remaining shares it did not already own. Wesco owned steel, furniture and insurance companies, as well as a portfolio of investments in such blue-chip companies as Coca-Cola, Wells Fargo, Procter

& Gamble and Goldman Sachs. In addition to his role with Berkshire, Mr. Munger serves as chairman of the Daily Journal Corporation, the publisher of California newspapers for lawyers, and is a director of the Daily Journal Corporation and Costco Wholesale Corporation, in addition to Berkshire Hathaway.

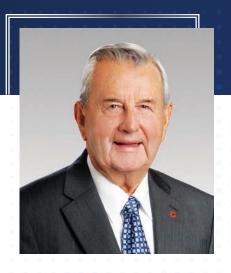
While Mr. Munger and Mr. Buffett agree on the fundamentals of buy-and-hold value investing, there is no doubt Mr. Munger has brought his own perspective to Berkshire Hathaway's investment strategies. Mr. Munger has often stressed the quality of a company and the intangibles, beyond the value metrics. "What Charlie brought to Warren was an appreciation of growth," David Kass, a professor at the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business, recently told Bloomberg News. "Being willing to pay more than the rock bottom price that Warren was only willing to pay before."

Over the years, Mr. Munger and Mr. Buffett have formed one of the most successful and unique partnerships in business. "Warren and I aren't prodigies," Mr. Munger explained several years ago. "We can't play chess blindfolded or be concert pianists. But the results are prodigious, because we have a temperamental advantage that more than compensates for a lack of IQ points."

Together they share the stage at Berkshire's annual shareholder's meeting, which attracts investors from around the world. Mr. Munger is often referred to as "blunt" compared to the more affable Mr. Buffett. Mr. Munger also hosted shareholder meetings for Wesco, handling questions directly from the public.

"He has been highly entertaining, and he has also shaped my thinking in many ways," Mr. Buffett told a biographer. "Though many would label Charlie a businessman or philanthropist, I would opt for teacher."

Mr. Munger also shares Mr. Buffett's focus on philanthropy and community service. He has been a trustee of Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles since 1979 and served as chairman since 1987. He is also a trustee and former chairman of the Harvard-Westlake School and a former trustee and chief financial officer of Planned Parenthood, Los Angeles. He is also founder and president of the Alfred C. Munger Foundation.



CHARLES E. CHEEVER, JR.

Presently serving as chairman emeritus of Broadway Bank, Charles "Charlie" Cheever Jr. has been a family businessman almost his entire career. Charlie was the driving force behind much of the growth and expansion Broadway Bank enjoyed during his time as bank president, a position he assumed in 1961 at the age of 32 after joining the bank in 1957.

He worked alongside his father, Colonel Charles E. Cheever Sr., to create an environment of innovation, working to extend the bank's drive-thru hours and guiding the bank through the hard-hitting recession of the late 1980s, when many banks and financial institutions had to close their doors.

Before joining Broadway Bank, Charlie graduated from West Point in 1949, serving as an Air Force pilot instructor and then as lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve. He also earned his doctor of jurisprudence from The University of Texas School of Law School in 1957.

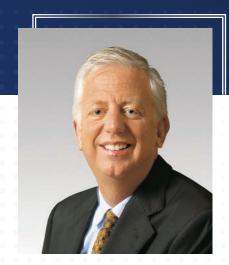
Throughout his life, Charlie has personally embraced the spirit of giving back to the community, which his parents also instilled into the culture of Broadway Bank. Charlie has served as cochairman of the San Fernando Cathedral Restoration Project and the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas Capital Campaign; and as a trustee of the United Way, University of the Incarnate Word, and Southwest Research Institute. He was also on The University of Texas Health Science Center's advisory board for the Center for Medical Ethics and Humanities. Honoring a family legacy of supporting the space program, Charlie spearheaded the capital campaign for the Challenger Learning Center on the San Antonio College campus. The Star Tower, the most visible feature at the Challenger's Scobee Education Center, bears his name.

In addition, Charlie served as the chairman, contact banker and regional director of the Texas Bankers Association, and as the director of the San Antonio Branch of the Federal Reserve. He was the founding co-chairman of San Antonio Education Partnership and also chaired many projects and organizations, such as the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, the Leadership Division of Forward San Antonio and others—giving his time and expertise to a great many community organizations.

Charlie has six children with his late wife, Sally: Suzanne, Cece, Jean, Joan, Charlie and Chris. Following the loss of Sally, his wife of 52 years, Charlie subsequently married Nancy and they began a new chapter in life together.

GORDON V. HARTMAN

Gordon V. Hartman of San Antonio is founder and CEO of The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation, an organization dedicated to helping those with special needs. His vision and passion have led to cutting-edge initiatives that bring together people with and without disabilities in the spirit of inclusion.



Gordon's 23-year-old daughter, Morgan, who was born with cognitive and physical challenges, inspired him to champion the special-needs community following a successful career in homebuilding. This has included construction of the world's first ultra-accessible theme park that opened in 2010 and current construction of the world's first ultra-accessible water park.

At the age of 15, Gordon started his own landscaping business while attending a local seminary. By age 19, he had saved enough to begin his homebuilding business, and by age 23, he had started a land development company. Founded in 1983, Gordon Hartman Homes built housing for low- to moderate-income families. Over the next 22 years, Gordon grew his company into the largest locally-owned homebuilding and land development enterprise in San Antonio.

In 2005, Gordon sold his companies and established The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation so he and his wife, Maggie, could pursue their dream of helping children and adults with special needs. Two years later, he recognized the tremendous need for fully accessible outdoor recreational facilities, and he made another dream come true – the April 2010 grand opening of Morgan's Wonderland, the first-of-its-kind theme park designed with no physical barriers to enjoyment by all guests. In 2012, global automotive giant Toyota, a leader in mobility solutions for drivers with disabilities, opted to become the presenting sponsor of Morgan's Wonderland under a long-term philanthropic agreement with Gordon.

Morgan's Wonderland has welcomed more than 1 million guests from all 50 states and 65 countries through park visitation and special events. Gordon's realization that families with special-needs members have great demands on both their financial and emotional resources led to his commitment to admit anyone with a special need free of charge.

Always looking to the future, Gordon is now constructing the world's first all-inclusive water park — Morgan's Inspiration Island — scheduled to open in the spring of 2017. Like Morgan's Wonderland, the new park will be ultra-accessible and feature tropically themed aquatic elements that everyone can enjoy.

At the time of opening Morgan's Wonderland in 2010, Gordon also opened the STAR Soccer Complex, a 75-acre facility adjacent to the park for practices, tournaments and league play. He also launched Soccer for a Cause, a grassroots effort to establish pro

soccer in San Antonio that led to the creation of the San Antonio Scorpions. The team began competition in spring 2012, moved into their new home —Toyota Field —a year later and won the 2014 North American Soccer League championship. Gordon created a business model unique to pro sports—utilizing pro soccer to generate financial support for Morgan's Wonderland and the special-needs community.

In December 2015, Gordon sold Toyota Field to the City of San Antonio and Bexar County. All proceeds from the sale went directly to Morgan's Wonderland which will make it possible for it to pursue its mission of inclusion far into the future. Thus, Soccer for a Cause achieved both of its objectives—bringing exciting pro soccer to San Antonio and securing financial support for non-profit Morgan's Wonderland.

Another passion that Gordon and Maggie share is nationally-accredited The Academy at Morgan's Wonderland, a school for students with special needs that the Hartmans opened in August 2011. It's a unique learning environment that helps students ages 12 to 24 reach their maximum individual potential. Plans currently on the drawing board include construction of a spacious building to accommodate more students at The Academy; Day-Hab at Morgan's Wonderland, a day-habilitation center where young adults with special needs can socialize and continue their learning beyond high school; and medical, dental and housing facilities for special-needs individuals.

Gordon also has played a key role in partnering with CRIT (Children's Rehabilitation Institute of TeletónUSA), a \$17 million clinic next to Morgan's Wonderland serving children with neurological, muscular and skeletal challenges. Modeled after successful CRITs in Mexico, CRIT USA is the first CRIT rehab center built in the U.S. Morgan's Wonderland plays an important role in the healing process by offering families respite from their treatment regimen and a chance to make memories together in a fun atmosphere.

Because of his generosity and vision, Gordon has earned extensive local, regional and national recognition including an honorary Doctorate of Social Work from Our Lady of the Lake University. Gordon's guiding motto is: "Together, we ARE making a difference!"



GARY C. KELLY

Gary Kelly serves as the chairman of the board, president, and chief executive officer at Southwest Airlines. Under Gary's leadership, Southwest has grown to become the nation's largest airline in terms of originating domestic passengers carried and is a mainstay on Fortune magazine's list of the most admired companies in the world, ranking seventh in 2016.

As a 30-year Southwest veteran, Gary joined the airline as controller, moving up to chief financial officer and vice president of finance, then executive vice president and CFO, before being promoted to CEO and vice chairman in July 2004. Gary assumed the roles of chairman and president in 2008. Prior to joining Southwest Airlines in 1986, Gary was a CPA for Arthur Young & Company in Dallas and Controller for Systems Center, Inc.

Southwest Airlines is celebrating 43 years of consecutive profitability and was named "Airline of the Year" by Air Transport World in 2015 and named one of the Top 20 America's Best Employers of 2016 by Forbes. The nation's leading low-cost carrier has consistently received the lowest ratio of Customer Complaints to the Department of Transportation (DOT) since they began tracking Customer Satisfaction.

Throughout the airline's legendary history of success, Gary's biggest source of pride is the fact that Southwest Airlines has never had a single layoff in the airline's 45-year history. Gary has pioneered the airline's transformation through several key initiatives, including the acquisition of AirTran Airways, the repeal of the Wright Amendment, and the launch of international destinations for the first time in Southwest's history—all while staying true to the company's core values and people-centric culture.

Gary has received numerous awards and recognitions over the years. Most recently, he is the recipient of the prestigious 2016 Tony Jannus Award. Gary was named to Fortune magazine's list of the Top 20 People in Business in 2014; was twice named D CEO Magazine's CEO of the Year; he's been named one of

the best CEOs in America by Institutional Investor magazine three times; and Gary was selected as Dallas Business Journal's CEO of the year for 2011. In 2010, Gary was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from The University of Texas at Austin, and in 2013, Gary was inducted into the McCombs School of Business Hall of Fame at The University of Texas at Austin. Gary received the 2013 Father of the Year Award and was the recipient of the 2013 McLane Leadership in Business Award at Texas A&M University.

Gary is a lifelong Texan and received a B.B.A. in accounting from The University of Texas at Austin. As a proud alumnus, Gary has served the university in a number of capacities, including on the McCombs School Advisory Council and Accounting Department Advisory Council. Gary is a certified public accountant and serves on the Board of Directors of the Lincoln National Corporation and Airlines for America, the airline industry advocacy group (serving as chairman from 2012 - 2014). Gary is a current member of the Business Council and the Southwestern Medical Foundation Board of Trustees. Gary previously served on the President's Job Council.

Gary is married to his high school sweetheart, Carol. They are the proud parents of two married daughters who live in the Dallas metroplex, and they revel in their role as grandparents to four beautiful young girls.

Dian Graves STAI

Dian Graves had a plan.

As a young girl in post-war West Texas she was supposed to roller skate, play jacks, and say "yes, ma'am" and "yes, sir." She would make good grades, be a cheerleader, get married and live happily ever after. Plans change.



Dian did in fact play jacks and roller skate, make good grades, cheer for her beloved Midland High, and always was very respectful. She married, attended Texas Tech and McMurry universities and had two children: daughter, Deborah, and son, Tone. In 1965, however, Dian found herself a single mother, working in Abilene as a secretary. Happily ever after had taken a detour.

In 1969, she married pharmacist Jean Owen who had recently formed a company to manage hospital pharmacies. Just three months into their marriage, however, Jean lost his position with the company. Together, the couple had \$250 in the bank, but with a loan from Dian's former in-laws, she and Jean launched a new hospital pharmacy management company. They called it Owen & Company, eventually renaming it Owen Healthcare.

The business plan was simple. Jean handled the technical aspects of pharmacy management and Dian was responsible for marketing. They traveled the state in search of hospital clients with Dian often typing up proposals on a typewriter kept in the trunk of their Buick. Business grew and in September 1976, with 21 hospital accounts in hand, they brought on Carl Isgren as president to help plan their future growth. Two days later, Jean died in an airplane crash.

Many companies sought aggressively to purchase Owen Healthcare, but Dian decided, "If I was going to have to work for someone, it might as well be me." The young widow with two children, a mortgage, and massive debt resolved to keep and lead their fledgling business. She became chairman of Owen Healthcare, reassured her existing employees, and together with Isgren and Harlan Stai, executive vice president, went in search of new clients.

It wasn't easy. Twice she sold homes to stay financially solvent. Still, Dian characterizes those years as the good days. She was developing a great team, growing a company that was revolutionizing the practice of hospital pharmacy, and helping heal people. She was also having fun doing it.

Dian served as chairman of Owen Healthcare from 1976 until 1997, leading the company to a position of dominance in the industry with more than 3,500 employees and operations in 45 states. Owen Healthcare was an innovator in developing computerized tools for pharmacy and supply management that later became industry standards. When Dian became chair in 1976, the company was

valued at \$1 million. Nineteen years later, the company had its initial public offering. In 1997 Owen Healthcare, then valued at \$500 million, merged with Cardinal Healthcare.

Dian regarded her employees as the most precious asset of Owen Healthcare. In 1984, as the sole shareholder of the company, she created an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP). As a result, the 1997 merger made millionaires of many rank and file employees who had helped to build the company, an achievement Dian considers her greatest career accomplishment.

Dian's business honors include five times being listed among Working Woman magazine's Top 25 Business Women and four times receiving similar recognition from Savvy magazine. She has been inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, was named one of the Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World by Ernst and Young, and Business Houston's Regional Entrepreneur of the Year.

She received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from McMurry University and Northwood University's Outstanding Business Leader Award. A member of the Committee of 200, Dian has served on the boards of Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas and the Texas Chamber of Commerce. Gov. Bill Clements appointed her as a founding commissioner of the Texas Department of Commerce. She also served on the Abilene-based boards of West Texas Utilities, McMurry University, First Abilene Bankshares, First National Bank, West Texas Rehabilitation Center and the Community Foundation of Abilene.

After the Owen Healthcare merger, Dian re-focused her energies as chairman of the Dian Graves Owen Foundation and Mansefeldt Investment Corporation, a private equity company managed by Tucker Bridwell. As Owen Foundation chair she has overseen more than \$85 million in grants, primarily to organizations in Abilene, Fredericksburg and Houston. Her philanthropic and business leadership have led to recognition as Abilene's Outstanding Citizen of the Year and honors from the Houston Grand Opera, the Abilene Philharmonic Guild, the Grace Museum and the United Way of Abilene.

Dian and her husband, Harlan Stai, reside in a restored German homestead near Fredericksburg, where they enjoy entertaining their four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



Dennert O. WARE

Dennert O. (Denny) Ware was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, lived much of his life in Indiana, and has had two work assignments spanning four years in Europe. He was recruited to San Antonio in 2000 and has made his home here. He and his wife, Suzanne, have been married 52 years and have five children and nine grandchildren. He has earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from Indiana University, where he later taught in the program.

His business career has spanned more than 50 years in the aerospace and medical products industries. He has striven to give back to society both to give others an opportunity to reach higher levels of accomplishment and to appreciate the wonders of human endeavor exhibited in the presentation of the performing arts.

Ware sits on the Executive Committee of MedCare Investment Funds, the investment arm of local businessman and philanthropist, James Leininger and is currently the executive chairman of the Board of CeloNova BioSciences, Inc., chairman of the Board of Seno Medical Instruments, Inc. and principal liaison to Brain Sentinel, all companies in that portfolio with innovative products designed to improve patient outcomes by changing the way medicine is practiced.

In his distinguished career, he has served as the president and chief executive officer of Kinetic Concepts Inc., president and chief executive officer of Boehringer Mannheim Corporation and president and chief executive officer of Roche Diagnostics Corporation. Under his leadership at KCI, revenue grew from approximately \$300 million to \$1.4 billion, making it one of the medical technology industry's fastest growing companies. Its Initial Public Offering (IPO) was one of the most successful in the medical device industry in 2004. Several million patients with severe chronic and acute wounds have benefited over the past 15 years because of their treatment with the Wound V.A.C., which incorporated KCI's innovative technology enabling physicians to improve patient outcomes by changing the way medicine was practiced. While his core business pursuits are, and have been, in Texas for many years, he and his family have purchased the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island, Michigan and are restoring a 110-year-old lodge, Silver Birches, into a historic boutique hotel, also on the island.

Ware has invested countless hours in giving back to the communities where he has lived through his participation, leadership and financial contributions in an impressive list of organizations supporting education and character development of young people at home and abroad, medical care, assistance and a path forward for the homeless and performing arts organizations. They include chairing capital campaigns for Boys Scouts of America Councils in Indiana and Texas and serving as president of the Alamo Council of the Boy Scouts. He has served as vice chairman of Community Hospitals of Indianapolis and is serving on the boards of the San Antonio Academy and TMI - The Episcopal School of Texas. He has served on the Board of Christel House International, a foundation which provides full service education and support to more than 4,000 students from abject poverty around the world. In the area of tertiary education, he sits on the advisory council of the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering at Purdue University and participates in supporting career development by delivering case lectures at leading universities around the country and assisting with academic programs at UTSA and St. Mary's University here in San Antonio. He served on the Board of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and, for many years, chaired the Board of the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra. He is currently the vice chairman of the internationally recognized, and very successful, Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation (the Tobin Center). He is a supporter of Haven for Hope.

He was named the 2005 Medical Device Chief Executive Officer of the Year by leading industry analyst firm Frost & Sullivan in recognition of his leadership, vision, and impact on KCI's growth and performance. In 2006, he was named the Ernst and Young Houston and Gulf Coast Area's "Entrepreneur of the Year." He has received the Silver Beaver Award from The Boy Scouts of America. The Alumni Council of San Antonio Academy of Texas distinguished Ware in 2014, naming him the recipient of the Colonel W.T. Bondurant, Sr. Distinguished Humanitarian Award.



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BLAKE SMITH
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Originally from Dallas, Blake received his B.A. degree in political science from the University of Georgia in 2005. From 2007-2013, he was the director of Akola Project, a social enterprise focused on providing income and educational opportunities to disadvantaged women in the rural villages of Uganda. Blake is currently the founder and CEO of Muir Group, a hospitality company that develops and operates high-end luxury camp sites. Blake currently resides in Austin with his wife Sarah.



STEVE BURRINGTON Baylor University

Steve is the president and founder of Texas Hearing Clinics, LLC. He and his wife, Jasmine, started the company with the intention of changing the way those with hearing loss are cared for. He is currently in pursuit of his executive master's degree in business administration with a specialization in health care management at Baylor University. Steve loves the state of Texas and has a passion for entrepreneurship.



DANA D. DRAWSAND
Dallas Baptist University / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Dana Drawsand earned her B.S. degree in accounting from Grambling State University. She is currently pursuing an M.B.A. in entrepreneurship from Dallas Baptist University. While Dana has worked in public accounting and in large corporations, her passion lies in working with small businesses. Currently, she is the controller at Unlocking DOORS Inc., a non-profit organization, whose mission is to reduce recidivism. Upon graduation, Dana plans to open her own accounting and consulting firm.



AMELIA KERSHNER

Dallas Baptist University / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Amelia has worn many hats throughout her 20-year career in the beauty industry: strategic business owner, leader and manager, trainer, mentor and student. Coupled with her vast practical experience and formal business education, she is pursuing her MBA at Dallas Baptist University. Amelia is eager to put her dual concentrations in finance and marketing to work as she continues to make her mark in the business world and give back to her community.



LARA LEWIS

Dallas Baptist University / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Lara Lewis is a digital marketing strategist at GuideStone Financial Resources. Lewis joined GuideStone in 2012 as a web developer after completing her bachelor's degree in computer science from Hardin-Simmons University. Her passion for engaging people through digital media has led her into the marketing department. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in business administration with a focus in marketing at Dallas Baptist University. She and her husband, Derek, live in Carrollton, Texas with their goldendoodles.



LOGAN BOATRIGHT
Houston Baptist University / The Stewart Morris Scholarship

Logan Boatright is pursuing an M.B.A. at Houston Baptist University with a concentration in finance; he currently holds a B.S. degree in political science with a business minor from Texas A&M University. Logan has worked for Swagelok Southeast Texas as a technical advisor for seven years, and is also a board member for the ISA Texas Channel Section. Upon graduation, Logan plans to further his career with his company and eventually run his own business.



KEYANA CARR Lamar University / The Ben Rogers Scholarship

Keyana Carr is a community relations assistant at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. She graduated from Lamar University in May 2016 with a bachelor's degree in business administration: management and general business. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity in which she has held multiple positions. Keyana is currently working on a master's degree of business administration with a service marketing and management concentration at Lamar University.



JR GIBBENS
Rice University / The TBHF Chairman's Scholarship

After the Air Force Academy, JR flew F-16s and earned a master's degree in operations research from Southern Methodist University. JR served in a selective unit responsible for the development and employment of, unmanned aircraft systems. After directing missions in support of high-risk operations, JR leveraged his UAS integration and operational experience to co-found Trumbull Unmanned. JR is entering his second year at Rice and spent the summer in investment banking at Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.



SAMANTHA J. LEWIS
Rice University / The Douglas L. Foshee Scholarship

As a fourth-generation entrepreneur and through six years of running her two companies, Samantha has found her true passion building businesses. Her future goals are simple: add value everywhere she can, learn something new every day, enjoy her career and build businesses. Texas is the perfect place for Samantha to accomplish these goals. She loves the warm weather, the bluebonnets, the culture, and most importantly, SEC football.



HAMID BOUAICHA
Sam Houston State University / The SWBC Foundation Scholarship

Hamid Bouaicha, a computer engineer, is an M.B.A. candidate at Sam Houston State University with a focus in management, entrepreneurship and finance. After earning a "DEUG" degree in mathematics and physics and a "MAITRISE" degree in computer engineering from Morocco at age 22, he moved to Texas in 1999 and started working in different industries, mainly within the information technology sector. Hamid earned his US citizenship in 2010. After graduation, he plans to start a small business in the health and fitness industry.



SALLIE BAXTER
Southern Methodist University / The Robert H. Dedman Scholarship

Sallie was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. She attended Highland Park High School before going to Vanderbilt University where she majored in economics and organizational development. After college, Sallie spent three years living in Beijing, China, where she gained experience in international business. She moved back to Dallas in 2013 and began her M.B.A. at Cox School of Business in 2015 with hopes of going into consulting. Sallie currently works for Credera in Dallas doing technology consulting.



SHERRIE ANN JOHNSON
Southern Methodist University / The Signor Family Scholarship

Sherrie received her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University and worked in software development following her undergraduate career. She then launched a fitness training facility in Charlottesville, Virginia before moving to Park City, Utah as a strength and conditioning coach for the US Women's Alpine Ski Team. Her next role for a sport technology startup serendipitously brought together key elements of her background. Sherrie recently spent her MBA internship in San Francisco in product management for Salesforce.



RYAN M. WEMPE St. Mary's University / The Carlos & Malu Alvarez Scholarship

A 2005 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Ryan spent a decade as an army intelligence officer. He served two combat tours in Afghanistan and one in Iraq before returning to his San Antonio birthplace in 2015 to pursue an M.B.A. Ryan volunteers with multiple defense-related, non-profit organizations, and aspires to apply his team-building and leadership skills in the private sector. Ryan and his wife are expecting a child this fall.



CHARLES COLLINS ANDERSON IV St. Mary's University / The William E. "Bill" Greehey Scholarship

Chase Anderson graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in supply chain management. He then moved to Mendoza, Argentina to work as an ERP specialist for a petroleum logistics firm before returning home to San Antonio to work for J.P. Morgan in their private bank. In 2015, Chase decided to pursue his dream of becoming an entrepreneur. This decision led him to enroll in the Greehey MBA program at St. Mary's University and begin working as an HVAC installer. Chase plans to purchase a commercial HVAC company within the next five years and grow his business into one of the largest mechanical contractors in the state.



SEAN STRATER
St. Mary's University / The Harvey E. Najim Scholarship

Sean Strater was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. He will graduate from St. Mary's University with his MBA in December. Sean has worked for SA Technologies, Ericsson, Sirius Computer Solutions, Nexius and USAA. His background includes roles as a business analyst and process engineer. Sean started his own company, Strater Consulting Group, in October 2015 and has had a very promising first year. His company specializes in CRM management and data analytics.



HANNAH LEE MAHAFFEY
St. Philip's College / The Whataburger Scholarship

Hannah graduated with an A.A.S. degree in web and mobile development in May 2016, and is currently working on her A.S. degree in computer science at St. Philip's College. She plans to transfer to University of Texas at San Antonio and pursue her Ph.D. in computer science eventually. Her dream job is to be a software engineer for Google or start her own company. She is a highly motivated and dedicated student as well as a life-long learner.



CHRISTOPHER BYBEE Texas A&M University

Christopher Bybee is a senior business honors and finance major from Texas A&M University. Since his senior year of high school, Christopher has been a part of three small startups in the food, apparel and app development industries. He spent this past summer working for an oil and gas investment bank, Simmons & Company International in Houston. Long term, Christopher plans on continuing to pursue entrepreneurial endeavors with the goal of working in venture capital.



MATTHEW MATUSZAK
Texas Christian University

Matthew Matuszak is a senior at Texas Christian University. He is passionate about ideas that encourage cultural and creative cohesion through connection to the modern environment. His first venture, in high school, was a car detailing business that attained moderate success. Matthew's latest venture is a location-sharing social network called Roote. Roote is a dynamic social map that transforms how people connect through technology. In his free time, Matthew reads, writes and practices martial arts.



WILLIE SYKES
Texas Southern University

Willie Sykes is a proud, six-year veteran of the United States Navy where he served as non-commissioned officer. In the midst of a rigorous training program in preparation for deployment, Willie became the first in his family to attend college and earned a degree in business administration. He is now a candidate for a master's degree in business administration at Texas Southern University. Willie is the proud owner of Empowerment Investment Group, and a managing partner at Texas First Landscaping Services.



JAMISON L. DRISKILL Texas State University

Jamison Driskill, a sixth-generation Texan, graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. degree in theater. After an exciting career as an actor, director and teacher in New York City and Los Angeles, he returned to Texas to pursue an M.B.A. Inspired by personal experience, Jamison intends to use his knowledge to ensure that both his parents' generation and his children's generation will be secure and comfortable in their later years.



MICHAEL KMETZ
Texas Tech University / The Silver & Black Give Back Scholarship

After completing internships with Bell Helicopter, the U.S. Congress and ConocoPhillips, Michael will graduate with a B.B.A. degree in energy commerce and a Spanish minor from Texas Tech University in May 2017. Michael launched his first business venture in middle school using eBay. Michael enjoys blending his comedic, voice impression and musical talents with business to benefit local charities. Michael plans to work in the energy industry, earn his M.B.A., and eventually host a talk show.



ERIC EDMUND HERNANDEZ
Texas Tech University—Free Market Institute / The McLane Company Reading Program Scholarship

Originally from El Paso, Texas, Eric has worked full-time to support his efforts to earn a college degree. In 2012, he started his own business, Render Enterprises, LLC, a full service professional land acquisition company. He is an active member of the Permian Basin Landmen's Association and a registered landman with the American Association of Professional Landmen. He plans to continue working to build Render Enterprises, LLC on a part-time basis while pursuing a B.B.A. in energy commerce from the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration.



NICKLAUS PETRO
Trinity University / The Doug & Martha Hawthorne Family Fund Scholarship

Nick Petro was born and raised in Midland, Texas, and graduated from Texas State University in 2015 with a B.S. degree in health care administration. Nick has since been accepted into the master's of health care administration program at Trinity University and has been nominated by his peers as class president. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, fishing, hunting, playing sports and hiking. Nick will carry out his 2017 residency with the Methodist Healthcare System in San Antonio.



SADIE FOSSITT
University of Dallas / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Sadie Fossitt is pursuing an M.S. degree in cybersecurity at the Satish & Yasmin Gupta College of Business at the University of Dallas. She also holds a B.A. in government from The University of Texas at Austin. Currently, Sadie is a legal assistant at the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Texas. Upon graduation, she hopes to pursue a career in the cybersecurity industry, providing strategic and technical security solutions for public and private entities.



JOHN NDERITU
University of Dallas / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

John Nderitu is currently pursuing a master's degree in information and technology management at the University of Dallas, scheduled to graduate in fall 2017. His career over the last 10 years has been in human resources technology, specifically human capital analytics and leveraging technology to drive organizational success. He is currently working as a senior HR information analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. John has served in similar roles at MetLife, Bank of America and American Homes. When he is not analyzing data to tell a story, John enjoys traveling and spending time with family.



JOSHUA RYAN MONTEMAYOR
University of Dallas / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Born and raised in McAllen, Texas, Joshua attributes any accomplishment and success to the amazing example his parents set throughout his life. Spending the last seven years in operational management roles in Dallas, he is currently employed with Blue Apron, a startup company that has furthered his interest in entrepreneurship ventures.



AMANDA MOYA
University of Houston

Amanda's parents have worked very hard their whole lives, which inspired her to work as hard as they have. Being a straight A student throughout her educational career, she knew she could be whatever she wanted. Amanda chose to teach children that education is the most important tool for a successful life. She will graduate in May 2017 with two bachelor's degrees in marketing and entrepreneurship and begin to grow her tutoring business.



RAMIL RODRIGUEZ
University of the Incarnate Word / The H-E-B Scholarship

Ramil Rodriguez will graduate in the spring of 2017 earning a B.B.A. in marketing with a concentration in communication arts. Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, Ramil focuses on the well-being of local communities and small businesses. Currently, he is working at the San Antonio Entrepreneur Center to establish "Social Stash," a digital marketing solutions company. Ramil also volunteers for several city-wide organizations and hopes to utilize channels, like social media, in a way that brings communities together.



Luis Salazar
University of North Texas

Luis Salazar is a student of the University of North Texas majoring in operations and supply chain management. As a resident of Texas for 22 years, he shares a natural interest toward the state and its potential for small businesses. His previous positions have included cell phone sales, used car sales, home sales and purchasing and procurement of labor for home construction. The last of these jobs motivated him to one day own his own business.



TIMOTHY CARREON
University of Texas at Austin / The Mike A. Myers Scholarship

Tim Carreon is a second-year student in the full-time M.B.A. program at the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin. He currently serves as the class president and is the co-founder of the Social Impact Internship Fund at McCombs, which raises donations to fund fellowships for M.B.A. students pursuing summer internships in low-paying government, non-profit and social impact companies.



DARIA ZHUKOVA
University of Texas at Arlington / The Kelcy Warren Graduate Fellowship for Engineering

Daria would describe herself as enthusiastic and inquisitive. A Russo-American hailing from Fort Worth, she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington. While Daria's formal education is more scientifically-focused, she aims to go into business for herself, and head her own biotechnology company. Daria is fluent in English, Russian and Spanish, and enjoys traveling in her free time.



KIRAN DEVAPRASAD
University of Texas at Dallas / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Kiran is an Executive MBA graduate from The University of Texas at Dallas Jindal School of Management. A lifelong entrepreneur, he most recently founded TraceIT, Inc., a SaaS, mobile, remote and offsite workforce management platform. Other ventures include Portable Climate Control, Inc. where he designs and builds portable air conditioners for light aircraft, boats and RVs, and an automotive collision repair and restoration center. Kiran is honored to represent UT Dallas as a 2016 scholarship recipient.



BRIAN HARRIS
University of Texas at Dallas / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Brian Harris graduated from The University of Texas at Dallas with a bachelor's of science degree in business administration in May 2016. He continued into the master of science in innovation and entrepreneurship Program at UT Dallas. In April 2016, he founded Local Harvest, LLC, a commercial mushroom farm providing gourmet mushrooms to the Dallas chef market. Brian is a proud father and husband living in Frisco, Texas where he enjoys travel, fly fishing and outdoor activities.



KAMIAR KORDI University of Texas at Dallas / The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Kamiar Kordi, The University of Texas at Dallas master of science in finance student and Dallas native, graduated with honors with bachelor of science in finance degrees in economics and political science from Texas A&M University. Kamiar started the first human rights charter at Texas A&M, and served as the vice president of the Diversity Association. He is currently president of UTD's Energy Association and serving as lead adviser to Texas A&M's microfinance fund. Kamiar is the founder/president of Policentric, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that uses social data and data analytics for enhanced civic engagement.



SHAHIL SHARMA University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Shahil Sharma is a small business owner with a primary focus on the automotive sector and secondary involvement in grocery stores and IT projects. He has three years of experience in the automotive business, and more than 10 years of experience in small scale business operation and management. Sharma was brought up with a diverse international background, earned his M.B.A., and is currently completing his Ph.D. with a concentration in finance. He currently lives in Edinburg, Texas with his wife and son.



LUKE PETE SCAMARDO III University of Texas at San Antonio

Luke Scamardo III, CFP® is the founder and president of Scamardo Financial, LLC, a registered investment advisory firm proudly serving the central Texas area. Luke earned a B.A. in economics from The University of Texas at Austin and is currently pursuing his M.B.A. at The University of Texas at San Antonio. He is a member of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society and is an honored husband and father to three wonderful children.



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