



 **TEXAS BUSINESS HALL of FAME**

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Our Mission

Founded in 1982, the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation honors the accomplishments and contributions of outstanding business leaders in our state by celebrating their impact on both business and community. We tell their stories to inspire and instill the same sense of enterprise, community, and excellence in all generations of Texans. In addition to recognizing transformational business leaders each year, the Future Texas Business Legend Awards program recognizes up to 40 outstanding individuals annually from the education and Veteran communities who have demonstrated entrepreneurial and business leadership excellence. Each recipient is awarded a cash prize ranging from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

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2025 Chairman of the Board, TBHF

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President, TBHF Alumni Association

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LaRhesa Moon
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Inductees

CHRIS PAPPAS AND HARRIS PAPPAS

Co-Chairmen of the Board,
Pappas Restaurants, Inc. – Houston
Hospitality trailblazers

RICH KINDER AND BILL MORGAN

Co-Founders, Kinder Morgan – Houston
Legendary partners in U.S. energy infrastructure

HOLLY THAGGARD

Founder, Supergoop! – San Antonio
Lifestyle disruptor and skincare innovator

KEN FISHER

Founder, Fisher Investments – Dallas
Visionary global investment pioneer

GARY R. PETERSEN, D. MARTIN PHILLIPS, AND ROBERT L. ZORICH

Co-Founders, EnCap Investments – Houston
Pioneering providers of energy growth capital

2025 TEXAS BUSINESS
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INDUCTEES



KEN FISHER

Founder, Fisher Investments – Dallas

Ken Fisher founded Fisher Investments in 1979 and now serves as Executive Chairman and Co-Chief Investment Officer. Fisher Investments and its subsidiaries manage over \$300 billion in assets for individual and institutional investors globally and maintains three principal business units: Fisher Investments Institutional Group, Fisher Investments Private Client Group, and Fisher Investments Private Client Group International.

Fisher has shared his approach to wealth management and expertise in numerous publications and media outlets. Fisher's *Forbes* "Portfolio Strategy" column ran from 1984 to 2017, making him the longest continuously-running columnist in the magazine's history. Fisher is now known for writing monthly, native language columns in U.S. and international outlets and has authored eleven books on investing, including four *New York Times* bestsellers. *Investment Advisor* recognized Fisher as one of 30 of the most influential people in the investment advisory business over the last 30 years. Today, Fisher appears regularly on financial and news media segments globally—including Fox News, Fox Business, Sky News (UK and Australia), Bloomberg (Canada and Asia), and CNN International.

Mr. Fisher is passionate about supporting conservation and human health research. Both individually and through the Fisher Global Foundation, Fisher and his wife, Sherrilyn, have supported various scientific initiatives, including endowing the Kenneth L. Fisher Chair in Redwood Forest Ecology at Humboldt State to support graduate students, laboratories, and field equipment related to canopy research. The Fishers also funded the Sherrilyn and Ken Fisher Center for Environmental Infectious Diseases at Johns Hopkins University. In addition to scientific research, Fisher has dedicated his philanthropy to supporting community-based initiatives related to first responders, early learning, and reading programs in communities and schools across the United States.



RICH KINDER
Co-Founder, Kinder Morgan – Houston

Richard (Rich) D. Kinder is Executive Chairman of Kinder Morgan, Inc., one of the largest energy infrastructure companies in North America, which he co-founded in February 1997. Under his leadership, Kinder Morgan has grown from a small company with 175 employees to a corporation with approximately 11,000 employees. He receives a salary of \$1 a year and is the largest shareholder of Kinder Morgan. Kinder Morgan owns an interest in or operates approximately 83,000 miles of pipelines and 140 terminals.

Mr. Kinder and his wife, Nancy, established the Kinder Foundation in 1997 and have since made substantial grants to educational, quality of life and urban green space initiatives primarily in the city of Houston. Their foundation, under Nancy's leadership as CEO, has helped make possible a number of major initiatives, including Discovery Green Park, the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University, the Kinder Institute for Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri, Buffalo Bayou Park, the Bayou Greenways 2020 project, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston campus redevelopment, a grant toward major redevelopment and expansion of facilities at Memorial Park, the lead gift for the Buffalo Bayou East project, and most recently, the catalyst donation to establish Kinder Children's Cancer Center, a joint venture of MD Anderson and Texas Children's Hospital.

Mr. Kinder received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Missouri and served in Vietnam as a Captain in the U.S. Army. He has served on numerous corporate and non-profit boards and is Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. He is also chairman of the Kinder Foundation.



BILL MORGAN

Co-Founder, Kinder Morgan – Houston

William V. Morgan is a co-founder of Kinder Morgan, Inc. KMI is one of the largest energy infrastructure companies in North America and owns an interest in or operates approximately 83,000 miles of pipelines and 144 terminals. The pipelines transport natural gas, renewable fuels, refined petroleum products, crude oil, condensate, CO2 and other products, and the terminals store and handle various commodities including gasoline, diesel fuel, chemicals, ethanol, metals and petroleum coke.

He is currently retired and manages a private, family investment partnership. As a major owner of the Houston Astros, he serves on the Astros Board of Directors.

Since 1974, Mr. Morgan has held various legal and executive positions in the energy industry, including the Presidencies of three major interstate natural gas pipeline companies. Prior to that he served four years in the U.S. Army JAG Corps and was engaged in the private practice of law in Washington D.C.

Mr. Morgan holds a BA degree in economics and a JD degree from the University of Missouri. In 2020 he was inducted into the Mizzou Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Sara, have been married for 59 years and have two children, three grandchildren, and two dogs.



CHRIS PAPPAS
Co-Chairman of the Board,
Pappas Restaurants, Inc. – Houston

Chris Pappas has over 50 years of experience in the restaurant industry. Since co-founding Pappas Restaurants with his brothers Greg and Harris in 1970, he has helped grow it into one of the largest privately owned restaurant companies in the U.S. Today, Pappas Restaurants operates more than 90 locations across multiple brands—including Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, Pappasito’s Cantina, and Pappas Bros. Steakhouse.

Hospitality is at the heart of Pappas Restaurants, where serving others fosters connection, community, and opportunity. Under Chris and Harris’ leadership, the company has provided tens of thousands of jobs, cultivating a culture of excellence through training and career growth. Many team members have built lifelong careers within the Pappas family, advancing from entry-level positions to leadership roles.

Pappas Restaurants is committed to giving back, supporting organizations such as MD Anderson, Periwinkle Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Target Hunger, Belong Kitchen, YMCA, Boy Scouts of America, Star of Hope, Houston Food Bank, and Kid’s Meals. A respected industry leader, Chris is an emeritus board member of the National Restaurant Association, Texas Restaurant Association, and Greater Houston Restaurant Association. He has also served on advisory boards for Amegy Bank and the Greater Houston Partnership.

Chris is actively involved with the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management, serving on the Dean’s Advisory Board. His contributions have earned him multiple honors, including the 1994 Honorary Alumnus Award, the 1996 Volunteer of the Year Award, and induction into the Hospitality Industry Hall of Honor in 2009. Beyond his professional contributions, Chris is deeply involved in the Greek Orthodox community. He was heavily involved in the 2017 renovation and expansion of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Chris holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from The University of Texas at Austin and was inducted as a UT Mechanical Engineering Department Distinguished Alumni in 2012. He is married to Maria, and together they have five children and 11 grandchildren.



HARRIS PAPPAS
Co-Chairman of the Board,
Pappas Restaurants, Inc. – Houston

Harris J. Pappas is Co-Chairman of the Board of Pappas Restaurants, Inc., a privately owned company of over ninety restaurants located in seven states. Since 1970, Harris has accrued over fifty years of industry and operational management experience and is actively involved in the operation and development of Pappas Restaurants.

Harris attended Schreiner Institute and continued his education at Texas A&M University where he earned two bachelor's degrees in Finance and Accounting. Upon graduation, Harris was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Harris served overseas for one year in Thailand and one year in Vietnam and was awarded two Bronze Stars and three Army Commendation medals.

Harris generously gives his time to civic and community affairs. He served a five-year term on the Board of Trustees at Hermann Hospital, a 10-year term on the Board of Trustees of Memorial Hermann Healthcare System in Houston, and a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Schreiner University. He served as a Director at Oceaneering International for twenty years and serves as a corporate member of the Memorial Hermann Board and an advisory director for Frost National Bank-Houston.

Harris received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Texas A&M University in 2001 and the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Texas A&M Mays College of Business in 1999. In 2013, Harris was inducted into the Hall of Honor by the Texas A&M Corp of Cadets Foundation and was inducted into the Hilton Hospitality Hall of Honor at the University of Houston's Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management in 2009. In October of 2004, Harris was honored as an Archon in the Greek Orthodox Church and was the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2005. The Washington OXI Day Foundation presented Harris with the Calamos Award in 2024 for service to his country with honor and courage during the Vietnam War.



GARY R. PETERSEN

Co-Founder, EnCap Investments – Houston

Mr. Petersen is co-founder of EnCap Investments L.P., an investment manager and leading provider of private equity capital to the energy industry. Since its inception in 1988, EnCap has successfully raised and managed the investments of institutional capital in twenty-five separate funds. EnCap currently manages approximately \$40 billion of institutional capital.

Prior to the formation of EnCap Investments in 1988, Mr. Petersen was a Senior Vice President in the Energy Banking Group for Republic Bank Corporation in both Dallas and Houston. He served from 1970 to 1972 in the U.S. Army in Washington D.C. as a First Lieutenant in the Army Security Agency.

Mr. Petersen is a distinguished Alumni of Texas Tech University and holds B.B.A. and M.B.A. degrees in Finance. He has also done post-graduate work at American University in Washington D.C. and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

Mr. Petersen serves on the board of multiple EnCap portfolio companies and is a member of the board of Plains All American, Inc. (NYSE: PAA). He is on the board of the Baker Institute of Rice University, a past Chairman of Chapelwood Methodist Church, Chairman of Memorial Hermann Foundation Board and Chairman of the Council Recovery Board in Houston. Mr. Petersen is a minority owner of the NFL franchise – Houston Texans and the major league baseball team – Houston Astros.

Mr. Petersen is a member of the Board of Directors of the Houston Branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank and is the Chairman of the Energy Advisory Council of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. He was recently honored at the 2020 Men of Distinction luncheon where he was the recipient of their annual award. He resides in Houston, Texas and has four children.



D. MARTIN PHILLIPS

Co-Founder, EnCap Investments – Houston

D. Martin Phillips is a Managing Partner and Co-Founder of EnCap Investments L.P. Founded in 1988, EnCap Investments is one of the oldest and largest providers of private capital to the energy industry in the United States. EnCap currently has over \$50B of institutional capital under management and has raised 25 separate institutional funds since inception. Mr. Phillips serves on the board of directors of several EnCap portfolio companies and has served on the board of directors of multiple significant public energy companies over the course of his 45-year career. Prior to the formation of EnCap Investments in 1988, Mr. Phillips was a Senior Vice President in the Energy Banking Group for Republic Bank Corporation in Dallas, Houston and Denver, Colorado.

Outside of EnCap, Mr. Phillips serves on the boards of MAE Energy and The NexTen Energy Fund. Mr. Phillips' community involvement includes serving as a board member and chair-elect of Memorial Hermann Foundation and the Emeritus Board of Small Steps Nurturing Center. Mr. Phillips previously served as the National Chairman and board member of OneGoal, a national program focused on postsecondary education advancement for "at risk" students. He also is an active member of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church where he serves on the Investment and Personnel committees.

Mr. Phillips attended Louisiana State University on a football scholarship and graduated with a BBA in 1975 and earned an MBA in 1977. Today, Mr. Phillips is a board member of the LSU Foundation and the LSU E.J. Ourso College of Business. Additionally, he was elected to the LSU E.J. Ourso College of Business Hall of Distinction in 2015.



ROBERT L. ZORICH

Co-Founder, EnCap Investments – Houston

Robert L. Zorich is a Partner and Co-Founder of EnCap Investments L.P. EnCap is the largest private equity firm in the Country solely focused on energy. It was founded 36 years ago and manages over \$50 billion for approximately 350 institutions from around the world. EnCap has backed more than 275 companies since inception. Prior to EnCap, Mr. Zorich began his career as an energy banker, co-founded an oil and gas company in the 1980s, and had a two-year stint in institutional money management.

Mr. Zorich received his Bachelor's degree in Economics from UC Santa Barbara in 1971, and in 1974, he earned a Master's degree in International Management (with Distinction) from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) in Phoenix.

Currently, Mr. Zorich is an active member of the board of directors for several EnCap portfolio companies and continues to hold memberships in various industry-related organizations. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation, the Thunderbird Global Alumni Network Advisory Council, the President's Council of Houston Methodist Hospital, and the Council of the Duncan NRI at Texas Children's Hospital.

Mr. Zorich's past community service has involved a role as Chairman of the WorkFaith Connection, Chairman of The Hope and Healing Center and Institute and a board member of Memorial Assistance Ministries organization. He is currently recognized as an emeritus board member of all three organizations.

Honors include being inducted as a member of the Western Energy Alliance Rocky Mountain Hall of Fame, the Hart Energy Oil and Gas Investor Magazine Hall of Fame, and a recipient of Sigma Chi Fraternity's Significant Sig award.



HOLLY THAGGARD

Founder, Supergoop! – San Antonio

Holly Thaggard is the Founder of Supergoop!, the first and only lifestyle brand 100% dedicated to UV protection. Supergoop! is changing the sun care industry through breakthrough, first-to-market SPF innovations. In 2005, Holly launched the brand with a collection of ingredient-conscious, efficacious formulas that deliver broad spectrum protection in unique, user-friendly, and feel-good ways. Holly is on a mission to stop the epidemic of skin cancer by changing the way the world thinks about sunscreen.

Holly's focus is on product innovation and development, and she is a vocal advocate for sun and skin health. Since she started Supergoop!, the brand has earned numerous industry accolades, including Allure's "Best of Beauty" list seven years in a row, a total of four CEW Beauty Awards, two products honored in TIME magazine's Best Inventions lists along with inclusion in TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential Companies list for 2022. Holly has also been honored on Entrepreneur's 2019 100 Powerful Women List and Inc. magazine's 2019 100 Female Founders Building America's Most Inspiring Businesses. She was recently named an EY Entrepreneur of the Year alongside Supergoop! CEO Amanda Baldwin. Prior to starting Supergoop!, Holly was a third grade teacher and professional harpist. She currently lives in San Antonio, Texas with her husband and two children.

Texas Business Hall

2024

Michael M. Boone
Joe Gebbia
Kathleen S. Hildreth
David B. Miller
David Robinson
Taylor Sheridan

2023

Arch "Beaver" Aplin, III
Eddie Block
Alan Dreeben
Christopher "Kit" Goldsberry, Jr.
Janet Gurwitch
Daniel Lubetzky
Jack Martin

2022

John Arnold
Ric Campo
Whitney Wolfe Herd
Thomas O. Hicks
Jeffery D. Hildebrand
Paul W. Hobby

2020-2021

Mark Cuban
John Paul DeJoria
John C. Goff
Morton H. Meyerson
Gerald B. Smith
Randall Stephenson

2019

Richard W. Fisher
George C. "Tim" Hixon
Bill Miller Family
Kendra Scott
Robert F. Smith
Graham Weston

2018

Albert Chao
Dorothy Chao Jenkins
James Chao
T.T. Chao
Ernest "Ernie" Cockrell
Jim Crane
Jim McIngvale
David Weekley
Richard "Dick" Weekley
Patricia Will

2017

Lucy Billingsley
David Bonderman
Forrest E. Hoglund
Stan Richards
Carl Sewell
Zale/Lipshy Families

2016

Warren E. Buffett
Charles E. Cheever, Jr.
Dian Graves Stai
Gordon V. Hartman
Gary C. Kelly
Charles T. Munger
Dennert O. Ware

2015

Greg Armstrong
Woody L. Hunt
Michael C. Linn
Harry Pefanis
Grady Rosier
Dan Wolterman

2014

Donald L. Evans
Gerald J. Ford
Douglas D. Hawthorne, FACHE
Trevor Rees-Jones
Harold C. Simmons
Kelcy Warren

2013

Charlie Amato
Tom Dobson
Gary Dudley
Paul Foster
Joseph M. "Jody" Grant
H-E-B
Rex W. Tillerson

2012

Donald Adam
Frank A. Bennack, Jr.
Douglas L. Foshee
John L. Nau, III
Todd Wagner

2011

Barry G. Andrews
Colleen C. Barrett
Lee Roy Mitchell
Ross Perot, Jr.
Welcome Wilson, Sr.

2010

Carlos Alvarez
Robert Duncan
W.A. "Monty" Moncrief
W.A. "Tex" Moncrief, Jr.
Harvey E. Najim

2009

James T. Hackett
Philip Romano
Jerry L. Susser
Sam J. Susser
Sam L. Susser
Martha Fuller Turner

2008

Dick Evans
Mike A. Myers
Glen E. Roney
Kern Wildenthal, MD, PhD

2007

Tom Benson
Dr. James R. Leininger
Paul J. Sarvadi
Clayton W. Williams, Jr.

2006

Joe B. Foster
Dennis E. Nixon
Lee R. Raymond
Corbin J. Robertson, Jr.
Jeff Sandefer

2005

Walter E. Johnson
Jerry Jones
T. Boone Pickens
Vin Prothro
Tim Word

2004

Tilman J. Fertitta
Matt F. Gorges
Peter Holt
Rosemary E. Kowalski
Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr.

2003

Baylor College of Medicine
Allen J. Becker
Dan L. Duncan
Reese M. Rowling
Robert B. Rowling

of Fame Legends

2002

Robert J. Allison, Jr.
Louis A. Beecherl, Jr.
William E. "Bill" Greehey
Lee William "Bill" McNutt, Jr.
Robert D. Roger

2001

Stanford J. Alexander
Rod Canion
Don D. Jordan
Charles L. "Chuck" Watson

2000

Henry C. Beck, Jr.
Al Casey
A.R. "Tony" Sanchez, Jr.
Roger Staubach
H.B. Zachry, Jr.
H.B. Zachry, Sr.

1999

President George H.W. Bush
Tom Friedkin
The Caroline Rose Hunt Family
L. Lowry Mays
Louis M. Pearce, Jr.
Eckhard Pfeiffer

1998

Mary Crowley
Michael Dell
Harold Hook
S. Roger Horchow
Red McCombs

1997

J.S. Abercrombie
Lamar Hunt
Robert C. McNair, Sr.
Fayez Sarofim
Edward E. Whitacre, Jr.

1996

Ebby Halliday Acers
Anne Windfohr Marion
Harry K. Smith
William T. Solomon
Lionel Sosa

1995

Joe L. Albritton
Governor Dolph Briscoe
Joe M. Dealey
Robert W. Decherd
William Stamps Farish
W. Carloss Morris
Stewart Morris
James M. Moroney, Jr.

1994

Comer J. Cottrell
Charles G. Cullum
Robert B. Cullum
John P. Harbin
George P. Mitchell
John V. Roach

1993

Aron S. Gordon
The Kruse Family
Robert M. Luby
Robert R. Onstead
Ambassador Robert S. Strauss
Ben Taub

1992

The Baird Family
Roy M. Huffington
Ray L. Hunt
Drayton McLane, Jr.
W. Ray Wallace

1991

John F. Baugh
Gordon A. Cain
Governor William P. Clements, Jr.
Thomas C. Frost
Howard R. Hughes, Jr.
Ben J. Rogers

1990

Jack S. Blanton
Norman Brinker
Edwin L. Cox
Cecil H. Green
Frank W. McBee, Jr.

1989

Albert B. Alkek
Perry R. Bass
Hugh Roy Cullen
Ben F. Love
McHenry Tichenor

1988

John S. Justin, Jr.
Herbert D. Kelleher
George Kozmetsky
Frank W. Mayborn
Henry S. Miller, Jr.

1987

Lloyd M. Bentsen, Sr.
Robert H. Dedman
Gerald D. Hines
General Robert F. McDermott
Robert A. Mosbacher, Sr.

1986

Mary Kay Ash
Amon Carter, Sr.
Ray Ellison
H.L. Hunt
Ross Perot

1985

Trammell Crow
Judge James Elkins, Sr.
Walter M. Mischer, Sr.
Eddy C. Scurlock
Gus S. Wortham

1984

Monroe Anderson
William Clayton
J.M. Haggard, Sr.
Oveta Culp Hobby
Stanley Marcus
Clint W. Murchison, Jr.
Sid Richardson
John Shary
Joe C. Thompson
Sam Young, Sr.
Joe Zeppa

1983

George R. Brown
Herman Brown
Jesse H. Jones
J. Erik Jonsson
Robert Kleberg, Jr.
L.F. McCollum
W.D. Noel
Charles Tandy
Arthur Temple

2025 Future Texas Business Legend Award Winners

Veteran Awardees



JOHN ALBERS

CHAIRMAN AND CEO, ALBERS AEROSPACE - MCKINNEY

The Miller Family Future Texas Legend Veteran Award

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Colonel

Texas A&M University, Northcentral University



JOHN ELMORE

CO-FOUNDER & MANAGING PARTNER, RISE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT GROUP | RISE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT GROUP | ARCHER RISK SERVICES - HOUSTON

Nau Future Texas Legend Marine Corps Veteran Award

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran (Sergeant), The University of Texas at San Antonio



BRAD HARRISON

MANAGING PARTNER, SCOUT VENTURES - AUSTIN

Future Texas Legend Army Veteran Award in Honor of James Galloway

Retired U.S. Army Infantry Officer, Army Ranger

West Point, Massachusetts Institute of Technology



JOSEPH KOPSER

PRESIDENT, GRAYLINE GROUP - AUSTIN

The Greg Armstrong Future Texas Legend Veteran Award

Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel

West Point



JAKE NEWBOLD

PRESIDENT & CEO, TRIDENT 1 FFL SOFTWARE - DALLAS

The Douglas L. Foshee Future Texas Legend Veteran Award

Retired U.S. Navy Senior Chief Navy SEAL

Cornell University

Teacher Awardees



LEE GEFFERT

MARKETING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TEACHER RICHARDSON HIGH SCHOOL - RICHARDSON

Texas Business Hall of Fame Teacher of Excellence Award Supported by Jason and Jean Signor

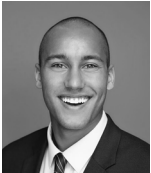


MICHELLE MOORE

CTE MARKETING TEACHER RONALD REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL - SAN ANTONIO

Texas Business Hall of Fame Teacher of Excellence Award Supported by Alan & Barbara Dreeben

Scholar Awardees



LUIS MONTERO

CO-FOUNDER & HEAD OF INVESTMENTS, TAURSAS INVESTMENTS - HOUSTON

T.T. & W.F. Chao Chairman's Award

Rice University



AYODEJI DARAMOLA

INVESTMENT BANKING ASSOCIATE, BANK OF AMERICA - HOUSTON

AT&T Future Executive Leader of Distinction Award in Honor of Randall Stephenson

Rice University



KAELIN NGUYEN RUBENZER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LIFELONG LEARNING WITH FRIENDS - AUSTIN

Shaun D. Kennedy Award of Excellence in Empathy & Innovation

The University of Texas at Austin



JASMINE CURNEL

FOUNDER & CEO, CONCEITED LUXE - DALLAS

The Future Texas Business Legend Scholar of Exceptional Valiance Award

The University of Texas at Dallas



SEAN FINNEY

FOUNDER & CEO, TANO SKINCARE - AUSTIN

The Brett Wiggs Innovative Leadership Award

U.S. Naval Academy, The University of Texas at Austin



PRANATHI BINGI

CEO & CO-FOUNDER, PILLMED - LUBBOCK

Gary R. Petersen Future Texas Business Legend Award

Texas Tech University



REESE BOOKOUT

OWNER & OPERATOR, DIAMONDBACK DETAILING |

AMERICAN DRONE COMPANY - NEW BRAUNFELS

The Carlos & Malú Alvarez Award

The University of Texas at San Antonio



CRAIG BRENTLINGER

OWNER, DRINKWATER PRODUCTS - THE WOODLANDS

The Paul Foster Future Texas Business Legend Award

Baylor University



JOSEPH F. COTIE
OWNER, COTIE BROTHERS SHOW CATTLE - HOUSTON

The McFerrin Center for Entrepreneurship Future Texas Business Legend Award in Honor of James Galloway, '29
Texas A&M University



EMILIANA M. ESCOBAR
CEO & FOUNDER, ELECTRA XR - BROWNSVILLE

James and Kathleen Collins & Vantage Bank Texas Future Texas Business Legend Award
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley



CLARA GUERRERO
FOUNDER & CEO, CLARAQUESÍ MARKETING - SAN ANTONIO

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



ELIAS HANSEN
OPERATIONS MANAGER, NOLAN PRACTICE MANAGEMENT - SAN ANTONIO

The Doug & Martha Hawthorne Family Fund Award
Trinity University



CANDACE D. JONES
CO-FOUNDER & CEO, THE KHEE REALTY GROUP - PORTER

The Ben J. Rogers Award
Lamar University



SCOTT LUDWIG
OWNER & ADMINISTRATOR, VISITING ANGELS - IRVING

The Mitchell Family Foundation Award
The University of Texas at Arlington, Civil Affairs Office, Retired Major, U.S. Army and Army Reserves



CAROLINE LUTHER
FOUNDER, COOKIES BY CAROLINE - DALLAS

The Robert H. Dedman Award
Southern Methodist University



CORA MONCIBAIZ
FOUNDER, IMAGO DEI EVENTS - DALLAS

The Mitchell Family Foundation Award
Dallas Baptist University



ARSALAN MONSHIZADEH
FUTURE FOUNDER, CLEATIES - DALLAS

The Mitchell Family Foundation Award
The University of Dallas



GRAHAM PRESTON
MANAGING CONSULTANT, INVESTED CONSULTING CO. - AUSTIN

The Alan and Barbara Dreeben Future Texas Business Legend Award
Texas State University



IMAN SALAFIAN, PhD, PMP
PRESIDENT & CEO, IMAGINE DEVICES INC. - AUSTIN

The Morton H. Meyerson Future Texas Business Legend Award
The University of Texas at Austin



MIGUEL SALINAS, MA, LPC
OWNER, CLEAN SLATE COUNSELING - SAN ANTONIO

The Harvey Najim Future Texas Business Legend Award
The University of Texas at San Antonio, Former U.S. Navy Gunner's Mate



ASHLEE SAWTELL
CEO, AZ MOBILE PET VACCINES - HOUSTON

The SWBC Foundation Award
Sam Houston State University



DAVIAN SERNA
CO-FOUNDER, CDTV MEDIA PRODUCTIONS LLC - FORT WORTH

Future Texas Business Legend Directors' Award Supported by Amanda and Robert Brock
University of North Texas



TYLER STROTHMAN
FOUNDER & CEO, VELOCI RUNNING - HOUSTON

T.T. & W.F. Chao Award
Rice University



IVAN TONG
CEO, MEDCEPTOR, EMT CAPTAIN, UEMR - HOUSTON

The Mitchell Family Foundation Award
The University of Texas at Dallas



FORREST WILLIAMS
FOUNDER AND CEO, WATERWATCH - DALLAS

Future Texas Business Legend Award
Texas Christian University



ZACH TRAYLOR
FOUNDER & OWNER, ROLL 'N' REEL PHOTO BOOTH - HOUSTON

T.T. & W.F. Chao Award
University of Houston



BRIADY HUTCHINSON
OWNER AND OPERATOR, BEE'S ROLLED ICE CREAM - WICHITA FALLS

The TBHF Alumni Association Outstanding High School Entrepreneur Award in Honor of Coulter & Lily Rush Hoppess
Homeschool



HUDSON PIETSEK
FOUNDER, HUDSON'S PRESSURE WASHING - ABILENE

Ishaan Thakur Outstanding High School Entrepreneur Award
Abilene High School

2025 Executive Committee

Amanda Brock

Chairman of the Board, 2025

Jon P. Karp

Vice President, Awards
Past-Chair, 2020-2021

LaRhesa Moon

Chairman-Elect, 2026

John G. Keeton

Vice President, Finance & Audit
Past-Chair, 2023

Mary Bass

Vice President, Director Membership

D. Kirk McDonald

Vice President, Administration

Martina Lemond Dixon

Vice President, Community Engagement

Charles Philpott

Vice President, Legend Selection Committee
Past-Chair, 2018

Brian W. Garrison

Vice President, Finance & Audit

Rose Rougeau

Vice President, New Initiatives

Larry M. Hanrahan, MD, MBA

Vice President, Alumni Association

Jessica Whitacre Thorne

Vice President, New Initiatives

David S. Huntley

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