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MEET THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS’ 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association of Former Students announces its 2010 Board of Directors, elected at the Leadership Council meeting in October 2009. In addition to our 2010 Chair and Chair Elect, the Council also elected three new Directors to join the 12 other elected Directors who will continue to serve. Association President and Chief Executive Officer Porter S. Garner III ’79 also serves as a nonvoting member of the Board.

It’s 4:01 a.m. in Thailand. The sun is just beginning to contemplate rising over Khao Takiab Bay. And in the pre-dawn hours of Bangkok, S. Shariq Yosufzai ’74 is talking lively on his mobile phone, reporting on the success of his meeting with the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn some 8 hours earlier at the Royal Palace. He finishes up the call, closes the door to his hotel room, picks up the room receipt at the front desk, and ducks into a taxicab headed for the airport. Next stop: Johannesburg, South Africa to meet with Nelson Mandela.

To many, it reads like a page out of a novel. But to Shariq (pronounced “Sharq” with the “i” silent)—as he is known to friends and colleagues alike—it could be a page out of his calendar; and in many respects, it’s just another day leading one of the busiest, most diverse and largest marketing operations in the world. As President of Chevron Global Marketing, working across multiple time zones, 65 countries, and overseeing nearly 5,000 full-time employees and 10,000 at service stations, every moment of time is precious. Despite the busy schedule, however, Yosufzai manages to reserve more than enough energy and time for one of his greatest passions: Texas A&M’s Association of Former Students.

When it comes to the Aggie Spirit, he is a fierce defender of our core values and he understands well the power and influence of the worldwide Aggie Network, having met fellow Aggies in or from the nearly 45 countries he’s visited or lived in throughout his career. Often times, it is his Aggie Ring that helps break down barriers and open doors.

“In the early ’80s, I was talking on a payphone at the United Nations Building in New York,” Yosufzai recalled. “I stood, resting my hand on the wall. After my conversation was over, someone tapped on my shoulder. He was the U.N. ambassador of a West African country, who just happened to be an Aggie, and he had seen my Ring.”

Yosufzai believes that the true worth of the Aggie Ring is found in its symbolism of the loyalty, dedication, excellence and commitment shared by a community of individuals. More than the instant camaraderie it engenders, he believes the Ring represents the nexus of values established between two strangers who have a foundational basis to form a link, to form a network.

As the 2010 Chair of The Association Board of Directors, Yosufzai will lead the worldwide network represented by the Aggie Ring and continue to positively influence the organization, just as he has since joining the Board in 2005. As a three term Chair of the Finance Committee, he brought deeper insight into the organization’s planning and budgeting process and enhanced the reporting of financial information. In addition, he served on the Compensation, Fundraising, and Building Enhancement committees and chaired a Distinguished Alumni Task Force committee.

“Each of us at The Association has
learned much from Shariq,” said Association President and CEO Porter S. Garner III ’79. “He continually brings insightful suggestions to the table and offers constructive, progressive advice in a respectful, encouraging manner.”

Garner added that Yosufzai’s professional experience and keen intellect, coupled with his enthusiasm for Texas A&M and Texas Aggies, make him a natural volunteer leader for the organization.

“Shariq is one of the most well-rounded individuals I’ve met,” Garner added. “He’s known as many things: an engineer, a marketer, an opera and symphony enthusiast, a businessman, a critical thinker, and a leader. What he’s most recognized as, however, is a Texas Aggie.” A testimonial to his multi-faceted skills, he will become Chair of the California Chamber of Commerce in 2011 and serves on the Executive Committee of San Francisco Opera Board. An avid sports fan, he follows the Aggies from wherever he is. His love for college sports was manifested when he served as a member of the Executive Committee and Team Selection Committee of the Peach Bowl.

Yosufzai’s Aggie story mirrors many in that he was a first-generation Aggie who quickly embraced and immersed himself in the Aggie Spirit, however, he had to travel a little further to begin his journey. Born in the city of Dhaka, then part of East Pakistan and now the capital city of Bangladesh, Yosufzai first encountered Aggies through two universities in the region that had been established, in part, through technical agreements with Texas A&M. Although he could have attended most any Western university, he chose Texas A&M for the traditional values, innovation and creativity he witnessed through the university’s partnerships in East Pakistan.

Only 17 when he enrolled in 1970, he quickly found his niche on campus while pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering. He was a Distinguished Student, a member of the Corps of Cadets, participant in the Student Conference on National Affairs, helped initiate the Opera and Performing Arts Society (forerunner to today’s MSC OPAS), was elected Student Body Vice President and President of the Student Senate, and named to Who’s Who.

Yosufzai credits Texas A&M and the personal growth he experienced while a student for providing the foundation for his future success. Upon earning his Chemical Engineering degree, he joined Texaco as a process engineer at its Port Arthur refinery in 1975. After serving in a number of engineering positions with increasing responsibility, he embarked in 1988 on a series of management positions with Texaco and Caltex, each now Chevron brands, which would ultimately lead him to his current position. The American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) elected him a Fellow in 2002 and awarded him its Robert L. Jacks award for excellence in the Management of Engineers and the Chemical Process Industries.

Throughout his career he has opened the doors to and mentored many Aggies. Yosufzai received both the Outstanding International Alumnus Award and the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1999, for his positive influence on Aggies, professional accomplishments, and service to Texas A&M and the communities in which he’s lived. He gives generously of his own resources to Texas A&M, as both an Endowed Century Club donor and a generous donor to The Association’s Building Enhancement Campaign.

Yosufzai also seeks mutually beneficial opportunities for his employer and alma mater to partner. Thanks in large part to his efforts—along with those of the six Aggies who sit on Chevron’s executive management team and the more than 650 proud Aggies employed by Chevron—you’ll see many Chevron partnerships across the Texas A&M campus in Chevron and Texaco sport sponsorships, scholarships, internships like the LT-Jordan International program, laboratories, professorships and chairs. These are natural partnerships due to the many shared values of the two institutions. Both operate under a highly revered and tightly followed code of conduct with many overlapping principles. At Chevron, colleagues live by the Chevron Way, which includes integrity, high performance and trust; and at Texas A&M, it’s the Aggie Code of Honor and the Core Values of excellence, integrity, leadership, loyalty, respect and selfless service that light the path.

In today’s slumping economy, The Association’s Board recognizes that many Aggies across the globe are making tough choices and that The Association must continue earning the loyalty and support of former students by promoting the interests and welfare of Texas A&M, perpetuating the ties of affection and esteem formed during university or college days, and serving the student body.

“The Association’s Board recognizes the need and responsibility to carefully manage the dollars entrusted to us by our donors and to operate this organization as efficiently and effectively as possible Yosufzai said. “We have a talented and experienced Board and a dedicated staff, all focused on ensuring the greatest positive impact possible on Texas A&M and delivering value to the Aggie Network.”

Yosufzai and other members of The Association’s Executive and Finance committees recognized the initial indicators of the slowing economy in early 2008 and encouraged Association staff to identify cost savings and budget reductions for 2009 and to maintain a lean budget for 2010. As a result, The Association stands in a good position to support the university, despite the lagging economy.

A realist about today’s economy, Yosufzai is an optimist when it comes to Texas A&M and the power of the Aggie Network. He firmly believes that former students and friends of Texas A&M—given the proper inspiration and motivation—will continue to support The Association and ultimately Texas A&M because of the values represented by the two organizations.

He encourages former students to visit the newly enhanced Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center to see those core values in action. Quite appropriately, Yosufzai brings one of those core values to life with his original quote found on the Excellence core value wall surrounding the Haynes Ring Plaza and 12-foot replica of the Aggie Ring. “In the heart of every Aggie dwells excellence: the unending drive to enrich the world around us.”

Shariq Yosufzai ’74 has, indeed, and will continue to enrich Texas A&M, The Association of Former Students and the world in which we live with his quest for excellence.
S. Shariq Yosufzai ’74
President
Chevron Global Marketing
Oakland, CA

Shariq is serving as The Association of Former Students’ 2010 Chair of the Board. Having graduated from Texas A&M with a bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering, he was honored as both the Outstanding International Alumnus and a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University in 1999. Shariq is President of Global Marketing for Chevron Corporation where he is responsible for Chevron’s worldwide marketing in 70 countries, under three brands: Chevron, Texaco and Caltex. Prior to assuming this post, he was Co-President, Chevron Products Company; President, ChevronTexaco Global Lubricants; Corporate Vice-President and President, Lubricants and New Business Development, Caltex Corporation; Corporate Vice-President for Africa and Corporate Business Units for Caltex Petroleum Corporation and President of Texaco Lubricants Company. Shariq has served on the management committee of Star Enterprise (then a joint venture company of Texaco Refining & Marketing (East) Inc.) and Saudi Refining Inc., a subsidiary of Saudi Aramco. He was also Chairman of the Board of Caltex Lubricants Lanka Ltd. and a member of the board of directors of Caltex Australia Ltd. Shariq was elected a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) in 2002. He was awarded The Robert L. Jacks Memorial Award by the AIChE Management Division in 1995 and named Lubricants World magazine’s ‘Person of the Year’ in 1996. Shariq currently serves as the vice chair of the California Chamber of Commerce board of directors and on the executive committee of the San Francisco Opera board of directors. He has served on various other boards, including the Houston Grand Opera, Jesse H. Jones School of Business at Texas Southern University, the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas Inc., the Greater Houston Area Recycling Council, and Texas A&M’s College of Science Advisory Council, and as Chair of the Societal Impact Operating Council of AIChE.

“The Association’s recent building enhancement project will help broaden our reach and connection to all former students. The Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center serves as an inspiration and reflection of the legacy of all Aggies – former, current and future – for generations to come.”

Shelley E. Potter ’78
Landscape Architect
POTTER Architecture
Dallas, TX

Shelley is serving as The Association of Former Students’ Immediate Past Chair. She is a landscape architect and President of POTTER Architecture in Longview and Dallas. Shelley graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in Landscape Architecture from Texas A&M University in 1978. As a student, she was Chair of MSC OPAS, member of Who’s Who, and a founding member of the Chi Omega Fraternity chapter. She currently serves as the fraternity’s National Vice President and was a delegate to the National Panhellenic Conference from 2000 to 2004. Exemplifying community service, Shelley’s resume includes numerous civic boards such as the Longview Planning & Zoning Commission and Smart Growth Task Force. A member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and former park planner for the City of Longview, she served as President of the Junior League of Longview and President of Longview 2020 Forum. Shelley was elected President of the Deep East Texas A&M Club in 1995, a position preceded by her service as Vice President for Fundraising. From 1997 to 2004, Shelley was the Area 30 Representative for The Association of Former Students before being elected to The Association’s Board. While on the Board, she chaired the Constituent Network Task Committee and the Building Enhancement Task Committee. Shelley is currently serving on Texas A&M University’s Presidential Search Committee. She and her husband, Jeff ’78, were recently recognized as two of the 2009 Outstanding Alumni for the College of Architecture for their many contributions to Texas A&M, their community and profession.

“The Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center is home for the Aggie Network. Not only will they be inspired by stories of the struggle and triumph of Aggies and Aggieland but they will learn and experience the finest examples of the Aggie spirit. They will also see that The Association is committed to its mission, vision and the core values of Texas A&M.”
Jorge A. Bermudez ’73  
President and CEO  
Byebrook Group  
College Station, TX

Jorge is serving as The Association of Former Students’ 2010 Chair Elect. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1973 with a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics and went on to receive a master’s degree in the same field. He is President and CEO of the Byebrook Group, a small firm dedicated to research and advisory work in the financial services industry. Jorge is the former Chief Risk Officer of Citigroup. Prior to this appointment, he served as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Commercial Business Group in North America, as well as Citibank Texas. During his 30-year career with Citibank/Citigroup, he held the following positions: Chief Executive Officer of Citigroup Latin America; Executive Vice President and Head of Global Cash Management and Trade; President of Citibank Argentina and Head of the South America Division; Head of Credit Policy and Risk for International Banking; Head of Risk for the Corporate Banking Division in North America. Jorge currently serves as director on the following boards: The Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; The Council of the Americas, New York; The Americas Society, New York; and The Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley. A selfless leader to Texas A&M University, Jorge serves on the International Board, the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Development Council, the Mays Business School Development Council. A recipient of the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry Award, he was recently recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Jorge and his wife Denise have four children, Jorge II, Andres, Elena and Antonio. “The enhancement to the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center has created an opportunity for The Association to showcase the history of all Aggies. By making our history a living experience, it will help build and maintain the Aggie Spirit in both former and present students.”

Porter S. Garner III ’79  
President and CEO  
The Association of Former Students  
College Station, TX

Porter is the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Association of Former Students. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1979 with a B.B.A. in Marketing and began his career with Hughes Tool Company before joining The Association’s staff as Field Director in 1981. After nearly 18 years of service to The Association, Porter was unanimously elected Executive Director by the Board of Directors in January 2000, making him only the seventh professional in this position in The Association’s 131-year history. Today, he is leading initiatives to achieve The Association’s vision to become the premier alumni association and enhance Association services and broaden the organization’s reach and relevance to the worldwide Aggie Network. Porter serves as a non-voting member of The Association’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee, working closely with the Board to ensure that donated funds are used in the most efficient and effective ways to benefit Texas A&M and the Aggie Network. Under his leadership, The Association has provided over $40 million in support to Texas A&M University. In addition, he has led The Association’s fundraising efforts to raise over $16 million towards the enhancements to the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Porter is a member of the Council of Alumni Association Executives, the Self-Governing Alumni Forum and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. In addition, he serves on the Board of Stewards for his church. He is a past president of the March of Dimes and served on the Board of Directors of the Brazos Valley Rehab Center. Porter and his wife, Lisa ’91, have three children, Claire, Callie and Porter IV. “Regardless of when we walked this campus, how we arrived or from where we began our journey, we share a bond that transcends time. We share a bond, respected and envied throughout the world that recognizes we are as individually unique as we are collectively common.”

Kamal Ariss ’83  
Vice President of Business Development & Marketing  
JE Dunn Construction  
Houston, TX

Kamal graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor’s degree in Engineering Technology and went on to earn a master’s degree in Land Development in 1987. He is a founding father of the first chapter of Texas A&M’s Beta Theta Pi
Fraternity. Kamal is Vice President of Business Development and Marketing for JE Dunn South Central with offices located in Houston, Dallas, Austin and Oklahoma City. JE Dunn Construction, a national third generation family-owned company and leader in the construction industry, was founded in 1924 and is the 21st highest ranking firm in the nation with a volume of $2.5 billion in 2008. Kamal has managed the planning and construction of many large national projects in his 25 years of practice. Actively involved in his community, he serves on the boards of directors for the Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance, The Oaks at Briargrove and the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council. Kamal is a member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Construction Owners Association of America, and CoreNet Global. A generous supporter of The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University, he is a member of the Houston A&M Club, Chancellor’s Century Council and the A&M PAC. Kamal served The Association of Former Students as a Representative at Large prior to his appointment on the Board. Kamal and his wife, Traci, have two children, Conner and Maya.

“It is in times of economic duress when Texas A&M and The Association truly need Aggies that have been successful in their careers to step up and give back to the university. Those that have experienced such success should feel obligated to share their financial rewards to allow other fellow Aggies to have an opportunity.”

Susan “Sue” Rudd Bailey, M.D. ’78
Physician
Fort Worth Allergy and Asthma Associates, LLP
Fort Worth, TX

Sue received a bachelor’s degree in Medicine from Texas A&M University in 1979 and graduated with honors from the Texas A&M College of Medicine in its charter class of 1981. She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. Sue served as an associate consultant in the Department of Pediatrics at the Mayo Clinic and was an instructor in the Mayo Medical School prior to moving to Texas in 1988. She is an allergist in private practice at Fort Worth Allergy and Asthma Associates, LLP, and is board certified in pediatrics as well as in allergy and immunology. Sue is a distinguished fellow of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and is a fellow of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and the American Academy of Pediatrics. She was appointed by then-governor George W. Bush to the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System from 1999-2005 and chaired its special committee on health affairs. She has held many leadership positions in the Texas Medical Association (TMA) and is currently its President-Elect. She has served on the Board of Regents of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and is a fellow of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and the American Academy of Pediatrics. She was appointed by then-governor George W. Bush to the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System from 1999-2005 and chaired its special committee on health affairs. She has held many leadership positions in the Texas Medical Association (TMA) and is currently its President-Elect. She has served on the Board of Regents of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and now chairs its Publications Committee. Currently chair of the Texas delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA), Sue has represented the TMA in the AMA House of Delegates for 12 years and was elected to the AMA Council on Medical Education in June 2004. Locally, Sue is an elder, and sings in the Chancel Choir in her church. She is the mother of two sons, Michael Wynn (wife Amy and granddaughter Emily) and Stephen Wynn ’10, and is married to W. Douglas Bailey ’67. “The enhanced Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center tells the story of what it means to be an Aggie, and I hope that each Aggie who returns campus will realize that it’s not something to just see, it’s something to experience.”

Robert E. “Bo” Bradbury ’89
Vice President and Account Director
GSD&M Idea City
Austin, TX

Bo graduated from Texas A&M University in 1989 with a degree in Marketing and went on to earn an MBA from the University of Houston. He currently serves as Vice President and Account Director for GSD&M Idea City, a full-service advertising agency that works with companies to discover, define, and articulate their core purpose. In this role, he leads the agency’s partnership with AARP and is tasked with helping the organization communicate its extraordinary purpose of creating positive social change for its 40 million members. Prior to his work on AARP, he has had the opportunity to lead GSD&M teams working on behalf of some of the nation’s most respected brands including SBC Communications/AT&T, Dial, and Charles Schwab. In addition, Bo led the GSD&M team that created Texas A&M University’s first branding campaign, Welcome to Aggieland, and has led the agency’s partnership with The Association of Former Students on
its recent building enhancement project. Before joining GSD&M, Bo held account management and market research positions at Fogarty Klein & Partners and Ogilvy & Mather where he worked on such diverse businesses as Pizza Hut, Randalls Food Markets, Tom Thumb and Shell Oil Company. Bo and his wife, Stacey, have two children, Paige and Jake.

“No many of the experiences we hold dear, whether they were on campus or around the world, were made possible by another Aggie sharing their time and talents. By doing the same, you are helping create similar experiences for others.”

Otway B. Denny, Jr. ’71
Partner
Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
Houston, TX

Otway earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Texas A&M University in 1971 and a Juris Doctorate, cum laude, in 1973 from Baylor Law School. In addition to being a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Ross Volunteers while at Texas A&M, Otway served as Chairman of the Fish Camp Committee and MSC Leadership Committee. In 1973, he was admitted to practice law in Texas. He has been a Partner in the Houston office of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. since 1981 and has litigated numerous cases in state and federal courts. Included in Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in American Law and The International Who’s Who of Product Liability Defense Lawyers, Otway has been selected for ‘The Best Lawyers in America’ and ‘Texas Super Lawyers.’ He has also been ranked among the top attorneys in Litigation: General Commercial Practice Field in Texas according to Chambers & Partners, USA. Otway is a past president of both the Houston Bar Association and the Houston Young Lawyers Association. He is Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas, Past Chair of the Board of the Houston Bar Foundation and Past Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Bar Foundation. Otway is a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, an advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates and a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Houston and Texas Bar Foundations. Otway served as a Class Agent from 1971–1991 and currently serves Texas A&M University in a number of volunteer capacities, including the Corps of Cadets Development Council, the College of Liberal Arts Development Council and the 12th Man Foundation’s Advisory Board.

He was named ‘Lawyer of the Year’ by the Texas Aggie Bar Association in 2001. Otway and his wife, Bonnie, have three daughters, Amy Denny Stuber ’97, Lisa ’98 and Stacey.

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Kathleen graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Agricultural Economics and also attended school at Southern Methodist University in Oxford and in Russia. Kathleen joined Citi in November 2006 as Head of Citibank Texas Commercial and President Citibank Texas. She was named President of the Central Region, Commercial Banking, in 2007. Prior to joining Citi, Kathleen spent 25 years with Bank of America and its predecessor banks where she held various leadership roles in Corporate Banking, Commercial Banking and Asset Management. She ran the Southwest Strategies and North Texas Commercial businesses for Bank of America from 2003 to 2006 and served as President of Bank of America, Dallas during that time. From 2000 to 2003, she held various roles in Private Banking and Asset Management including Dallas Market Executive, Southwest Region President, National Trust Executive, and Asset Management Group Risk Executive. As Managing Director from 1998 until 2000, she was responsible for the Southwest Diversified Industries Group for Banc of America Securities. Kathleen had responsibility for Cross Border Structured Finance and Project Finance origination activities in the Western U.S. from 1991 until 1998. During the ten years prior to 1991, she held lending and management positions within the Corporate Bank with various assignments managing corporate clients in the Southwest, Midwest and West Coast regions. Kathleen is active in her community, currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Children’s Medical Center and the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Medical Foundation and a member of the Board for the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations. A recipient of the Tyrus R.Timm Honor Registry Award, she serves on the Advisory Council for the Center for International Business Studies. Kathleen and her husband, Robert, have two daughters, Catherine and Sarah.

“Aggies will walk in to the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center and much more fully experience the depth and richness of our history. I hope it will be a place that inspires us even more to continue the legacy of service that Aggies have modeled since our founding.”
Robert W. “Bob” Harvey ’77  
President  
RWH Ventures LLC  
Houston, TX  

Bob graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. While a student, he served as Commander of the Corps of Cadets as well as Student Body President. Following graduation, he went on to earn his MBA from the Harvard Business School. Bob is President of RWH Ventures LLC, a company he formed in 2005 to invest in the energy and environmental technology sectors. From 1999 to 2005, he served as Vice Chairman and Executive Vice President of Reliant Energy, Inc. His responsibilities included oversight of the company’s European power generation and trading subsidiaries, its domestic retail marketing business, and its wholesale power generation and marketing business. From 1999 to 2005, he served as Vice Chairman and Executive Vice President of Reliant Energy, Inc. His responsibilities included oversight of the company’s European power generation and trading subsidiaries, its domestic retail marketing business, and its wholesale power generation and marketing business. From 1999 to 2005, he served as Vice Chairman and Executive Vice President of Reliant Energy, Inc. His responsibilities included oversight of the company’s European power generation and trading subsidiaries, its domestic retail marketing business, and its wholesale power generation and marketing business. From 1999 to 2005, he served as Vice Chairman and Executive Vice President of Reliant Energy, Inc. His responsibilities included oversight of the company’s European power generation and trading subsidiaries, its domestic retail marketing business, and its wholesale power generation and marketing business. From 1999 to 2005, he served as Vice Chairman and Executive Vice President of Reliant Energy, Inc. His responsibilities included oversight of the company’s European power generation and trading subsidiaries, its domestic retail marketing business, and its wholesale power generation and marketing business. From 1999 to 2005, he served as Vice Chairman and Executive Vice President of Reliant Energy, Inc. His responsibilities included oversight of the company’s European power generation and trading subsidiaries, its domestic retail marketing business, and its wholesale power generation and marketing business.

David A. Heath ’76  
Retired Vice President for Global Sales  
Nike, Inc.  
Austin, TX

David was a National Merit Scholar and graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University in 1976 with a bachelor’s degree in Health and Physical Education, and earned a master’s degree in the same field in 1979. He was Texas A&M’s first full-time assistant athletic trainer and was later named Head Athletic Trainer for all men’s and women’s sports within the university. David spent eight years with Adidas before joining Nike as a regional apparel sales manager in Dallas in 1990. He directed Nike’s U.S. territory sales, managed the U.S. equipment division and directed commerce in the Americas region before he became Vice President for U.S. Sales in 2004 where he led the wholesale business of Nike branded footwear, apparel and equipment sales. In February 2007, David was promoted to Vice President for Global Sales where he was responsible for over $16 billion in sales revenue in the four global operating regions. Prior to his retirement in 2009, David managed global HR planning for the entire sales organization, as well as designed and implemented all go-to-market strategies to interface with wholesale customers with his primary day-to-day focus being on the United States, United Kingdom, Japan, China, India, Russia and Brazil. A community volunteer, David has been active with the Boy Scouts of America for many years. Having served on various corporate executive boards and being a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, David has twice hosted the “How to Interview with Corporate America” session with Texas A&M University’s Mays Business School MBA students and is a regular Executive Professor. A third-generation Aggie, David followed in the footsteps of his father, James A. Heath ’40 and two great uncles who graduated in the 1920s. He and his wife, Andrea, have two sons, Joel ’05 and Todd ’07.

“What was once a more “formal” building where you often felt the need to be “library” quiet is today a vibrant, engaging, open environment that allows The Association of Former Students to better tell the story of the past, present and future of Texas A&M.”

Scott D. Josey ’79  
CEO and President  
Mariner Energy, Inc.  
Houston, TX

Scott graduated from Texas A&M in 1979 with a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering. Additionally, he received an
MBA from The University of Texas and a master’s degree in Petroleum Engineering from The University of Houston. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Mariner Energy, Inc. since August 2001. In October 2002, Scott was also appointed Chief Executive Officer and in February 2005 was appointed President. From 2000 to 2001, he served as Vice President of Enron North American Corp. and co-managed its Energy Capital Resources group, which provided structured capital to the energy industry. From 1995 to 2000, Scott was the co-founder of Sagestone Capital, which provided investment banking services to the oil and gas industry and managed two funds for Commonfund Capital, a large fund of funds for college and university endowments. From 1991-1993, he was a Director with Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. in its energy finance group. Prior to Enron, he spent 11 years with Texas Oil & Gas Corp working in all phases of its drilling, production, pipeline, corporate planning and commercial activities. He is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Independent Producers Association of America. He serves on the Board of the Bellville Hospital Foundation. Prior to his election to the Board, Scott served The Association of Former Students as a Representative at Large. Scott and his wife, Holly, have three children, Luke, Zachary and Reese.

“The phrase ‘Aggie Spirit’ captures and embodies the tradition, pride, fraternity and legacy that are unique to Texas A&M University. It cannot be comprehended without being an Aggie but it is admired and envied by alumni from most any other college or university.”

Scott is general partner of Bluestem Partners, LP, a diversified family investment partnership. He is also Principal and Co-Manager of CA Partners LLC, a registered investment advisor managing a fund of hedge funds for several family office groups. He is the Founding Principal of Private Equity Partners, a private equity investment firm, founded in 1996. Scott graduated from Texas A&M University in 1980 with a bachelor’s degree in Range Science. He later graduated from Stanford University Graduate School of Business with a master's degree in Range Science. From 1990 to 1996, Scott was an investment analyst, portfolio manager and vice president for Luther King Capital Management, an independent investment counseling firm with in excess of $6 billion under management. Prior to that, he was employed in various managerial capacities by King Ranch, Inc. In addition to serving on numerous corporate boards, Scott has volunteered his time with several non-profit organizations through the years, serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth, the Board of Visitors of the Amon Carter Museum and the Board of Trustees for Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. He has also served as a trustee, committee chair and president of the board of trustees for the Fort Worth Country Day School.

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Jennifer is a principal with KPMG LLP and leads the forensic practice for KPMG’s Silicon Valley office in Mountain View. For the past 15 years, she has advised global electronics and software clients regarding regulatory compliance and has assisted them in mitigating and investigating fraud and misconduct. Jennifer graduated from Texas A&M University with bachelor’s degrees in Economics and Aerospace Engineering and earned a master’s degree in Economics from Stanford University in 1992. Jennifer is also a small business owner of Yield Wine Bar in San Francisco. This venture was recently awarded the Best Wine Bar in the San Francisco Bay Guardian’s Readers Poll of 2009. A volunteer within her community, Jennifer serves through her connection with Involve, KPMG’s national volunteer program. She serves as treasurer of her church and is a board member and treasurer of the denomination’s theological school. Jennifer was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority while a student at Texas A&M University where she served as treasurer and has supported the University of California, Berkeley chapter by serving
on the board of its house corporation for eight years. An active member of the San Francisco Bay Area A&M Club for over 15 years, Jennifer has served as President, Vice President of Finance, and Muster Chair. Prior to her appointment to The Association of Former Students’ Board of Directors, Jennifer served as a National Representative from 2001-2007.

“The Aggie Spirit means striving to contribute to something bigger than yourself with fellow Aggies while not losing our sense of shared tradition and history.”

Michele A. Mobley ’87  
Partner  
DuBois, Bryant and Campbell LLP  
Austin, TX

Michele graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M University in 1987 with dual degrees in Philosophy and Physics. As a student, she received the Gathright Award in the College of Liberal Arts as well as the Buck Weirus Spirit Award. Michele went on earn a Juris Doctorate degree with honors from Duke University where she was a member of the Duke Law Journal and was elected to the Order of the Coif. Practicing in the area of estate planning, Michele serves as a partner with DuBois, Bryant and Campbell LLP. Licensed to practice in Texas, New York and Florida and before the U.S. Tax Court, she is board certified in estate planning and probate. Michele is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell legal directory. Her practice encompasses a wide range of estate planning subjects, such as wills drafting, trust drafting, estate and trust administration, estate tax, fiduciary income tax, business succession planning, charitable planning and advising non-profits. Michele is a member of the Austin Bar Association, American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas (Chairman, Estate and Inheritance Tax Committee, Section of Taxation, 2000), and The National Committee on Planned Giving. In addition to serving as a member of Duke University’s Estate Planning Council, she is also a member of the Texas A&M Foundation’s Planned Giving Council and Texas A&M’s College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Development Council. Michele has three children, Maryam, Adam and Sami.

“One of the really special attributes of Texas A&M is the involvement of its students and alumni – this is called the Aggie Network, but that is merely a shorthand phrase for a quite complex set of relationships.”

Paul K. Stafford ’90  
Proprietor  
The Stafford Law Firm  
Farmers Branch, TX

Paul earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Texas A&M University in 1990 and a Juris Doctorate from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1994. He is licensed by the State of Texas and in the Federal District Court – Northern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas. From 1994 to 1998, Paul served as an Assistant District Attorney, first in Denton County, followed by service in Dallas County. Paul is currently proprietor of The Stafford Law Firm in Dallas focusing on the areas of commercial, business, and insurance litigation (policyholder rights, coverage, and recovery). He was named a ‘Rising Star’ by Texas Monthly in 2005, 2006 and 2007 and was named one of eight ‘Dynamic Lawyers in DFW’ in 2008. Paul was named a ‘Super Lawyer’ by Texas Monthly and Law & Politics magazine. He is an active member of the Dallas Bar Association (DBA), serving on its Board of Directors. In 2006, Paul was named ‘Outstanding Minority Attorney’ by the DBA, served as Chair of the organization’s 2008 Board, and currently serves as its Second Vice-President. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Dallas Bar Foundation and is a member of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation. In addition to being an active member of the State Bar of Texas, Paul is an adjunct professor at Texas Tech University School of Law. He serves on the boards of directors of The German Marshall Fund of the U.S. as well as Camp John Marc: Special Camps for Special Kids. Paul is an active member of the Black Former Student Network (Chair, 2007-2008), the Dallas A&M Club, the Texas A&M Liberal Arts Development Council, and the Department of Political Science Former Student Advisory Board. He and his wife, Telea, have three daughters, Camryn, Kendall, and Chelsea.

“The Aggie Spirit is the undeniable, indescribable sense of love and integrity that every true Aggie feels for Texas A&M, and the unending desire to perpetuate that love and integrity in future generations of Aggies.”
James R. “Jim” Thompson ’68
Founder
James R. Thompson, Inc.
Kaufman, TX

Jim graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor’s degree in Architectural Construction. As a student, he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and Ross Volunteers and was named a Distinguished Military Graduate. Following graduation, Jim joined the United States Air Force and served as an instructor pilot until 1973. After gaining ten years of construction experience, he founded James R. Thompson, Inc., with offices now located in Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston. JRT prides itself as an award-winning company, focusing on the construction of low-rise buildings, interior finish-out and renovation. James R. Thompson, Inc. celebrated 27 years in January 2010 and has been awarded the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Summit Award 18 times and the AGC State Award seven times. Jim is a member of Texas A&M’s Construction Industry Advisory Council, the Legacy Society, the President’s Board of Visitors for the Corps of Cadets, the Corps of Cadets Association and the 12th Man Foundation’s Advisory Board. In 2000, he received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the College of Architecture. Jim has funded a President’s Endowed Scholarship, two Sul Ross Endowed Scholarships and a Construction Science Endowed Scholarship. In addition to serving Texas A&M, Jim served on the Kaufman ISD School Board for 15 years and helped establish the Kaufman ISD Scholarship Foundation. He is a former trustee of the Texas Association of School Boards as well as the Kaufman County Appraisal District. Jim is a member of the Kaufman County A&M Club and has served as a Class Agent for the Class of ’68. He and his wife, Donna Beth, have three sons, Lance, Ryan ’95 and Cody ’01.

“[The transformation of the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center has been exhilarating to me and I believe current, former and future students will be inspired when they see the changes. Without reservation, it captures the Spirit of Aggieland and tells the story of Texas A&M in an unprecedented fashion that will appeal to all ages.]”

P. William “Bill” Toler ’76
CEO
Swift Communications, Inc.
Cincinnati, OH

Bill is a 1976 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor’s degree in Accounting. While at A&M, Bill was in the Corps of Cadets, serving as 1st Brigade Commander his senior year, Ross Volunteers, MSC Town Hall, and a SCONA delegate. He served in the United States Army as a field artillery officer for four years in Germany before joining Procter & Gamble in 1980. Bill helped pioneer P&G’s industry leading joint business development approach with its major retail customers like Walmart and then became one of the key architects of P&G’s worldwide organizational transformation to Customer Business Development, a multi-disciplinary team selling approach that became the industry standard for consumer goods companies with adoption by other industries such as aerospace and computer software/consulting services. Bill then led various business units in multiple regions of the world as general manager for Pet Care and Oral Care. He retired from P&G in 2009 as the Global Vice President for P&G’s Professional Oral Care business. Bill is currently the CEO for Swift Communications, Inc., a publisher of community newspapers and web-sites primarily operating in seven western states. In addition to having served as a Representative at Large for The Association of Former Students, Bill served as a member of Texas A&M University’s Vision 2020 Task Force and the President’s Vision 2020 Advisory Council. He is an active member of the Corps of Cadets Association and previously served on the Advisory Board for the Center for Retailing Studies at Texas A&M as well as the Texas A&M University Honors Programs Advisory Committee. Bill and his wife, Melanie ’76, have two children, Courtney and Mark.

“The enhanced Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center and Haynes Ring Plaza will become the central meeting place for all Former Students every time they return to campus. It will be a place that extends and deepens the Aggie Network.”

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