

ALISA WHITE, PH.D., ANNOUNCED AS PRESIDENT OF SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of the Texas State University System unanimously confirmed Alisa White, Ph.D., as president of Sam Houston State University during a special called meeting today. Dr. White will officially assume the presidency Aug. 10.

Dr. White, a Texas native, has served as president of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, since 2014. She previously served as vice president for academic affairs at the University of Texas at Tyler and Midwestern State University.

Dr. White earned a Ph.D. in Mass Communication and an M.S.L.S. degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and a B.A. in Business from Lee College (now Lee University) in Cleveland, Tennessee. In addition to her experience in Tennessee and Texas, she



has held faculty and leadership positions in Alaska, Louisiana, and Georgia.

Dr. White and her husband, Elliott Herzlich, a jeweler, have three married children and five grandchildren. She succeeds Dr. Dana Hoyt, who is retiring

after serving as president of SHSU since 2010.

Sam Houston State University is a member of the Texas State University System, which consists of seven institutions including Lamar University (Beaumont), Sul Ross State University (Alpine, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde), Texas State University (San Marcos and Round Rock), Lamar Institute of Technology (Beaumont), Lamar State College Orange, and Lamar State College Port Arthur, serving more than 86,000 students.

GENERAL COLIN L. POWELL, USA (RET.) SPEAKS AT VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT



In a virtual commencement celebration recognizing the 2020 SHSU graduates for spring and summer, the first African-American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former Secretary of State, General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.) served as the commencement keynote speaker.

On Saturday, August 1 the live streamed ceremony incorporated the most important elements of this time-honored tradition into a virtual event including speeches, conferring of degrees and music performances.

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Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

New Life Members from November 15, 2019 and June 30, 2020

LIFE ENDOWED

Special thank you to our newest Life Endowed member **Rod Danielson** who became a joint life endowed member with partner **Kelly DeHay '74**.

60's
 Donya Conine 1961
 Sue Bloodworth 1965
 Marvin Lamb 1968
 Jenny Cummings 1969

70's
 Carolyn Cannata 1970
 Johanna Whaley 1970
 Noel McGinnes 1971
 Dick Johnson 1973
 Jan Adams 1975
 Connie Emerson 1975
 Marsha Corley 1978
 David Will 1978
 Sharon Burton 1979
 Kimberly Sutton 1979

80's
 Rebecca Ray 1982

Bill Stice 1982
 Dudley Ray 1982
 Debra Daugeette 1983
 Sheri Stice 1985
 Laurie Baker 1986
 Diana Nabors 1986
 Don Burton 1988
 M'Liss Williams 1988

90's
 John Nabors 1991
 Steven Cardenas 1993
 Ken Dickens 1994
 Debbie Dickens 1995
 Richard Urban 1996
 David Glenn 1998

00's
 Marsha Young 2000
 Russell Young 2000

Maria Trevino 2002
 Denise Rosini-Morgan 2002
 Laurie Stone 2004
 Calvin Martin 2008
 Whitney Martin 2009

10's
 Suzanna (Hernandez) Bachman 2011
 Bill Daugeette 2011
 Darwin Luna 2012
 Brian King 2014
 Caroline Tillman 2015
 Keith Jahn 2015
 Hadley Davis 2016
 Rudy Trevino 2016
 Christine Warner 2017
 Michael de los Santos 2017
 Miles Manning 2018
 Elizabeth Stokes 2018

Jennifer Mock 2018
 Jake Bloomer 2018
 Tyler Carrette 2018
 James Calhoun 2018
 Zachary Leger 2018
 Daniel George 2019
 Abbey Jester 2019
 Irishea Hilliard 2019
 Clemente Rodriguez 2019
 Hunter Strole 2019
 Christopher T. Stefanescu 2019
 Jason Neal 2019
 Jennie Klatt 2019
 Robert Amie 2019

FAMILY & FRIENDS
 Trevor Bachman
 Debra Johnson
 Daniel Warner

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

2 Hours prior to every home game	Alumni Tailgating
Sept 14	SHSU Ring Day—The Woodlands Campus, Main Lobby
Sept 15-18	SHSU Ring Days—SHSU, LSC, room 144
Oct 23	SHSU 48 th Distinguished Alumni Gala
Nov 17	SHSU Ring Ceremony—SHSU, Bernard Johnson Coliseum

** For a complete listing of upcoming alumni association events, visit alumni.shsu.edu*

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2021 ALUMNI TRAVEL

SHADES OF IRELAND~MARCH
 HIGHLIGHTS OF NORWAY~JUNE

CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS~JULY
 DISCOVER SCOTLAND~AUGUST

TREASURES OF EGYPT~OCTOBER
 CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE~DECEMBER

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COMMIT 2020

A message from Christopher Tritico, President,
Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Prior to the challenges of the current pandemic, I introduced COMMIT 2020—a campaign to re-energize our individual commitment to the SHSU Alumni Association. Now, more than ever before, the university, Alumni Association and the students need our commitment and support.

This is my challenge to you—support COMMIT 2020 and make the SHSU Alumni Association and our university the best it can be.

Together we CAN make a DIFFERENCE, Eat 'Em Up Kats!

Please reach out to the Office of Alumni Relations 936.294.1841 or alumni@shsu.edu, to discuss.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Commit financially. Higher Ed fundraising is a changing and increasingly hard target to hit. A new, bigger and better commitment to the alumni association and our university is greatly needed.

Commit to bringing in new members. Not only does this mean new revenue, new members bring new faces and new ideas. We continue to prosper through the commitments we make to growth.

Commit your time. Time and energy can go a long way with advancing the needs of the university. There is nothing like seeing in person the face of a student you have just helped.

Commit to your local alumni club. Participate in local networking and find ways to get engaged. Serve as a mentor to students, sponsor local events and activities.

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SHARING THE GIFT OF ART

The campus landscape includes a new, unique work of public art, made possible by a generous gift from Life Endowed members of the Alumni Association, Kelly DeHay ('74) and Rod Danielson. Crafted by Mexican artist Yvonne Domenge, an entwined, vibrant blue "Cicek" (Turkish word for 'flower') now sits along Bowers Blvd.

"Several years ago, we had admired the artist's work at an installation in Herman Park in Houston. The more we thought about a sculpture, the more we knew it had to be created by Yvonne," DeHay said. "We were so thrilled when the art committee loved our choice as much as we did. The gorgeous new Art Complex seemed like the perfect place for a modern contemporary sculpture by an artist whose work appears all over the globe."

Sam Houston State and the SHSU Alumni Association owes much of its success to donors like Kelly and Rod who are the epitome of the university motto, "The measure of a Life is its Service."



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2020 SHSU Alumni Association Tailgate

Sat., Sept. 5	6 p.m.	Tarleton State*
Sat., Sept. 12	6 p.m.	Mississippi Valley State*
Sat., Sept. 19	TBA	Nicholls (Thibodaux, LA)
Sat., Sept. 26	TBA	Incarinate Word (San Antonio, TX)
Sat., Oct. 3	TBA	@SFA - Battle of the Piney Woods (NRG Stadium)*
Sat., Oct. 10	2 p.m.	Abilene Christian - Kick for a Cause & Bearkat Family Weekend*
Sat., Oct. 17	4 p.m.	Northwestern State
Sat., Oct. 24	2 p.m.	McNeese - Homecoming*
Sat., Nov. 7	Noon	Central Arkansas*
Sat., Nov. 14	TBA	Lamar
Sat., Nov. 21	TBA	Houston Baptist

*Indicates Alumni Association pre-game tailgates

GO BEARKATS!

The Alumni Association is proud to be a part of this time-honored tradition. Join us in Bearkat Alley 2 hours prior to kick-off.

Members—Free, non-members—\$10 Visit us online at alumni.shsu.edu.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI GALA
OCTOBER 23, 2020

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Mr. Ray A. Burgess '75
Attorney, Mediator
(The Woodlands, TX)

Mr. James A. Surls '66
Artist/Sculptor
(Basalt, CO)

Mr. Terry Williams '83
Regional VP, HEB
(Cypress, TX)

SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Brian K. Hall '88
Small Business Liaison Officer, Shell Oil Corp.
(Houston, TX)

Mr. Edgar A. Reeves '56
Retired, Edgar A. Reeves Insurance
(Houston, TX)

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

Mr. Stephen C. Morgan '08
President, Trans Tex Treating
(Houston, TX)

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