

*Dr. Dana L. Gibson*

Dr. Dana L. Gibson became Sam Houston State University's 13th president on September 1, 2010, following unanimous approval by The Texas State University System. She is the first female president in the university's history.

Dr. Gibson is a product of the Texas educational system, growing up and attending schools in north Texas. She also attended Texas universities, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business-accounting and a Master of Business Administration at Texas Woman's University and a doctorate in business at the University of Texas at Arlington.

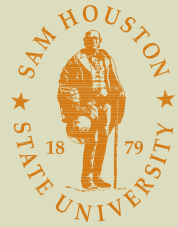
A Certified Public Accountant since 1984, Dr. Gibson began her career in private industry. In 1986 she joined academia when she was employed by Texas Woman's University as a lecturer in accounting and management information systems. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1989, and later received tenure as an associate professor of accounting and management information systems.

In 1996, Dr. Gibson was named TWU's special assistant to the vice president for finance and administration. She was promoted to associate vice president for finance and administration and university controller and was named vice president for academic and information services in 2000.

She left Texas Woman's University to become vice president for finance and administration of the YMCA of Metropolitan Denver (Colorado). After serving two years, she was named vice chancellor for administration and finance at the University of Colorado at Denver (and Health Sciences Center) where she oversaw a budget of more than \$700 million with funded research of \$300 million.

Dr. Gibson returned to Texas as the vice president for business and finance at Southern Methodist University. After her service at SMU, she was selected as president of National University, the second largest not-for-profit university in California.

In 2009, she joined Sam Houston State University as vice president for finance and operations. Her responsibilities included the administration of many of the business functions of the university including the controller's office, budget, auxiliary operations, procurement, property, public safety, parking, human resources, facilities management, construction and planning, information resources, and institutional research and assessment.



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and the College Community  
requests the honor of your presence

THE INVESTITURE OF

*Dr. Dana L. Gibson*

THIRTEENTH PRESIDENT OF  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH OF MARCH  
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN  
AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

BERNARD G. JOHNSON COLISEUM  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

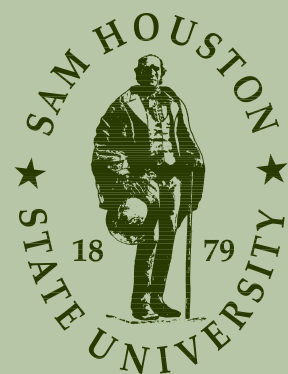
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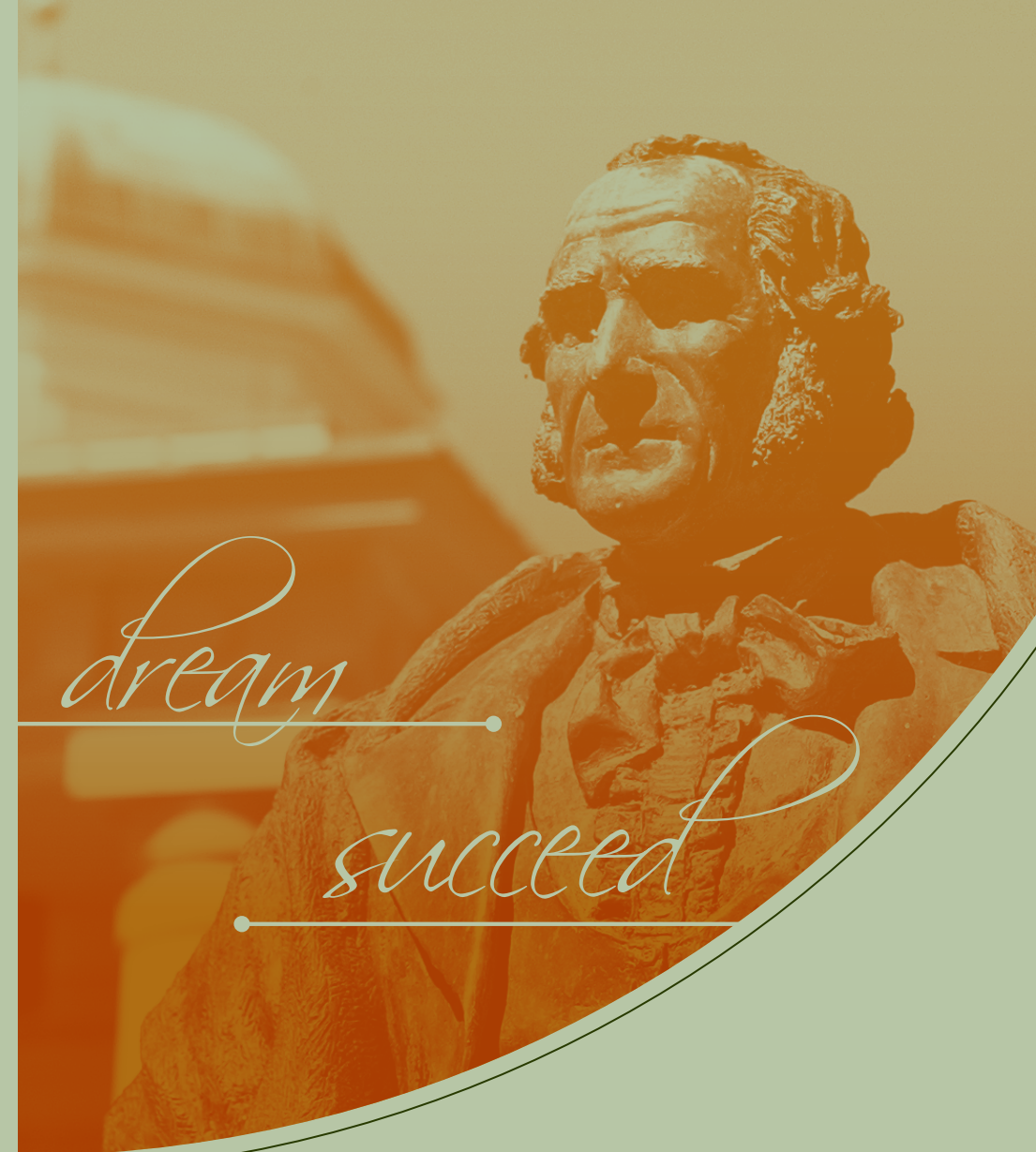
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## SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

For more than 130 years, Sam Houston State University has been preparing students for meaningful lives of achievement. Its motto, “The measure of a Life is its Service,” echoes across SHSU’s five colleges and beyond campus through student research, creative endeavors, service learning, volunteering and more.

Named for Sam Houston, Texas’ greatest hero, SHSU continually honors its historical roots through academic excellence that includes exceptional teaching from faculty members who care as much about their students’ success as they do about furthering the knowledge of their fields.

SHSU is a selective institution that offers 79 bachelor’s degree programs, 54 master’s programs and 5 doctoral programs, including nationally recognized programs in Business, Fine Arts, Education, Mathematics and Criminal Justice. SHSU is classified as a “Doctoral Research University” by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.

This is a university that thinks big but feels small. With a student population of 17,214, SHSU prides itself with creating a close community. Current students and alumni alike attest to the warm, supportive environment found all over the SHSU campus. Faculty members are more than professors—they are mentors, advisors, informal tutors and personal links to great career connections.

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