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Texas Wesleyan earns accolades  
from *U.S. News & World Report*  
for the fourth consecutive year

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## Dear Alumni & Friends,

I am delighted to announce that we have completed our \$6.5 million fundraising campaign for the Rosedale Renaissance Project, thanks to the generous support of individuals, corporations and foundations.

A year ago, the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa offered a \$500,000 challenge grant for two components of our Rosedale project – the new campus entryway and the United Methodist Church Central Texas Conference Service Center. To receive that funding, we needed to raise \$3.8 million by Oct. 1. We achieved that goal.

I am looking forward to the groundbreaking for the entryway, which will be happening in November. Although the road construction around campus has created some traffic flow issues, it is exciting to see progress happening every day.

Texas Wesleyan continues to grow and thrive. Our undergraduate fall enrollment was up 12.5 percent, and we have earned some great honors. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Texas Wesleyan in the top tier of regional universities in the West for the fourth consecutive year. That means most of our students have not known a time when we have not held that honor. Also for the fourth year in a row, Texas Wesleyan has been named a Military Friendly School.

We have a great year ahead. Come see for yourself. Make plans to attend the alumni reunion weekend April 25-26 to see the progress in person.

Sincerely,

Frederick G. Slabach  
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## On The Cover

Texas Wesleyan students Jessica Liptak, Jose Albores, Alexandra Muniz, Claudia Gonzalez and Trent Sandles have plenty to smile about – enrollment is on the rise, athletic programs are excelling, and the Rosedale Renaissance has begun. On top of all of that, Texas Wesleyan has been recognized for the fourth year in a row by *U.S. News & World Report*. See page 10 to learn more.



# Theatre students perform in historic NYC venue

Theatre students often dream of the day when they can go to Broadway, hobnob with celebrities, and be part of a New York City theatre production. But for many Texas Wesleyan students, that dream becomes reality before they even graduate.

Every year, students and alumni have the opportunity to submit an original script as part of the event known as Playmarket. Every other year, the winning piece is performed as a reading at a theatre in New York City. This year's play, *Positive*, was written by student Brittani Evans and was performed at the historic Cherry Lane Theatre.

## New York Opportunities

The students, led by Professor of Theatre Connie Whitt-Lambert, had many great experiences on the recent Playmarket trip, including:

- seeing more than 10 professional productions, including *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*,

*The Nance, Basilica, The Last Five Years, Ann, Kinky Boots, Women of Will, The Big Knife, Once, and Lucky Guy.*

- networking with Wesleyan alumni professionals, including Meredith Lucio '93 (producer), Mark Ellis Addison '98 (producer), Tamlyn Wright '92 (art director), Shirin Tinati '95 (photographer), Jason Stuart '03 (playwright/producer), Kathy Ferman-Menino '90 (playwright), Michael Skipper '78 (producer), and Anne Street Skipper '78 (who hosted the cast party).
- meeting professional actors, including Sigourney Weaver, David Hyde Pierce, Alec Baldwin, Matthew Broderick, Tom Sturridge, Betsy Wolfe, Adam Cantor, Oliver Platt, and Arthur Darvill.
- meeting New York professionals, including David Van Asselt (artistic director, Rattlestick Playwrights Theater); Kevin Bailey

(executive producer, *Ann*); and Benjamin Endsley Klein (director, *Ann* and *War Horse*).

- visiting The Museum of Modern Art, Central Park, the Empire State Building, Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, Chinatown, Greenwich Village, Little Italy, Lincoln Center, and Mood.

## The Student Experience

After they returned from New York, students were asked to give feedback on their experiences. Here are some excerpts:

"During this journey of Playmarket, I've learned a couple things about myself. One of them was that I could definitely make it here if I moved because of the connections we have with other Wesleyan alumni. Even if I don't pursue a career in theatre, I'm sure I can figure something out. I'm very grateful for coming, and I leave NYC with a smile."

- Eduardo Aguilar '13

"Being a part of the reading allowed me the experience of working with an ensemble and under a director as an actor. The reading in New York City not only gave me my first New York stage credit but also opened the door for me to meet and make connections with alumni and friends of the University who are currently working in the arts in New York. The trip gave me exposure to the city and the lifestyle I would have if I ever decide to move there. The trip made possible by the hardworking, dedicated members of the Texas Wesleyan theatre department every two years is in some ways a reward, but it is mostly a means by which we will continue to pursue our dreams and careers."

- Katie Dean, senior theatre major



## What is Playmarket?

Playmarket was created in 1998 by Professor of Theatre Connie Whitt-Lambert as a venue for Texas Wesleyan students and alumni to present their original scripts before an audience. In alternating years, scripts are presented as readings on campus in the Thad Smotherman Theatre and different theatre venues in New York in collaboration with Rattlestick Playwrights Theater. Since the event premiered, more than 25 original scripts have been featured.

## 2013-2014 Playmarket Events:

PLAYMARKET: The Series  
Thad Smotherman Theatre | 2 p.m.  
Sept. 29 | Nov. 17  
Feb. 23 | May 4



# United in Scuba

*Students from different interests and cultural backgrounds share love of diving*

Students dream about their graduation — getting “finned,” moving the tassel from one side of the mask to the other, and watching the bubbles rise to the surface. Wait . . . what? Okay, so it’s not the typical graduation ceremony. We’re talking about an underwater graduation ceremony — for students who minor in scuba.

But you don’t have to minor in scuba to take those classes. You don’t even have to be a traditional student. Alumni, faculty and staff are welcome. Plus, students have the chance to go on a really cool trip after they learn the requisite skills.



## An Underwater Adventure

This summer, 17 members of the Texas Wesleyan scuba program traveled to Cozumel, Mexico, for a week of phenomenal diving and camaraderie. Students with a wide variety of majors, academic interests and cultural backgrounds traveled together for a common goal: to experience the incredible world of underwater life. Among the majors represented were exercise science, theatre, English, religion, criminal justice and computer science.

“The Cozumel reefs were teeming with life,” Pam Rast, scuba leader and professor of exercise and sports studies, said. “Turtles abounded and students were fortunate to see species that are rare. Among the many types of turtles we saw, the hawksbill, a few green, and loggerhead sea turtles all made appearances.”

Bill Rucker, adjunct instructor for the Recreational Diving Management Program, said the students demonstrated their diving skills during the trip, and he believes they are ready to take on full-time scuba positions around the world.

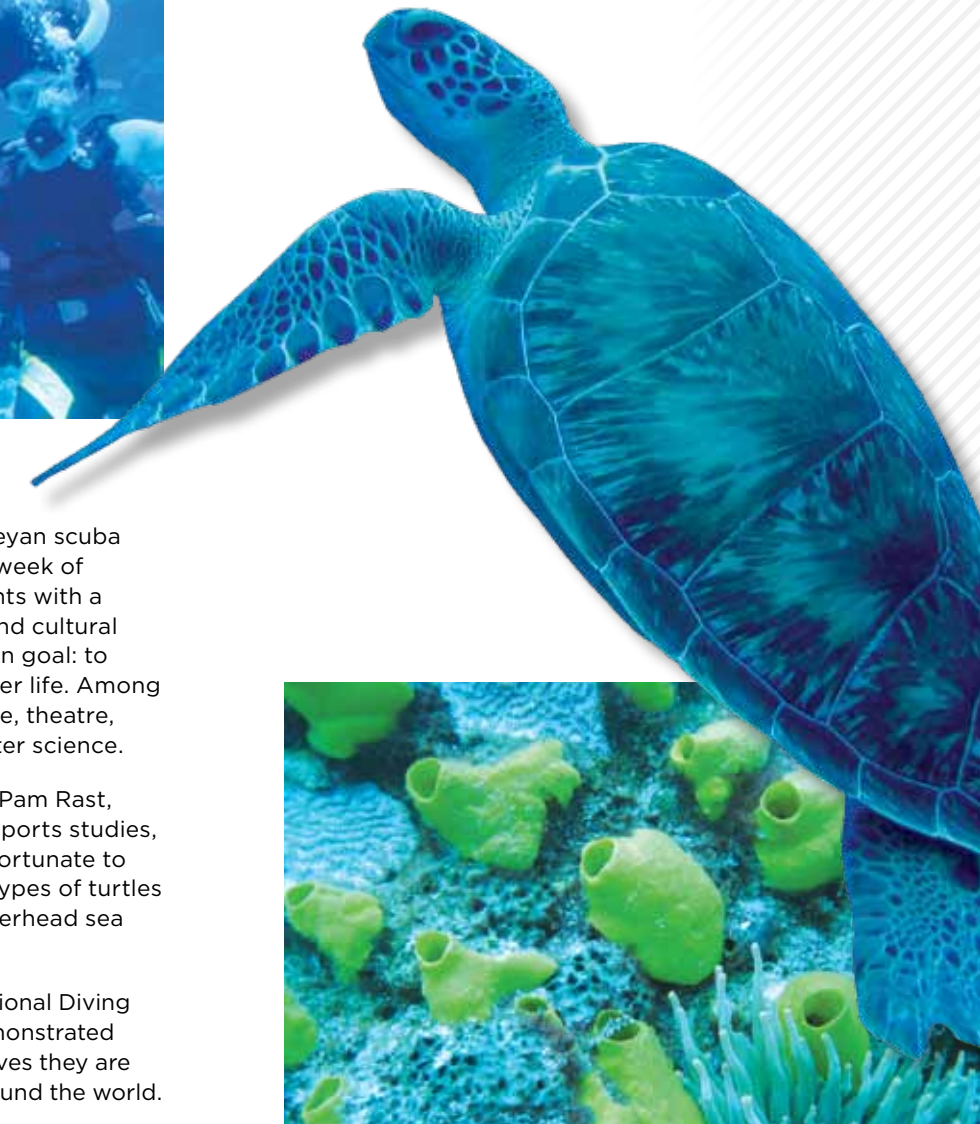


## Misconceptions about scuba

- I can’t do it because I’m not an expert swimmer.
- I only get to practice diving in the pool; I won’t get to go in the ocean.
- I’m not an athlete, so I won’t be able to do it.

## What you didn’t know

- There are a lot of physics involved in advanced diving.
- You can minor in scuba regardless of your major.
- You can go on the annual scuba trip even if it’s not your minor.



**Check out the next underwater graduation ceremony!**

2:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13 (following robing)  
Sid Richardson Center pool



Learn more about the scuba program at [txwes.edu/scuba](http://txwes.edu/scuba)



## Texas Wesleyan School of Law transitions to Texas A&M

*President Frederick G. Slabach says the sale is a “win-win-win” for Texas Wesleyan, Texas A&M and the city of Fort Worth*



After nearly two years of negotiations and planning, Texas Wesleyan School of Law became Texas A&M University School of Law in August — just in time for the start of classes.

“The transaction is a win-win-win scenario for Texas A&M University, the city of Fort Worth and Texas Wesleyan University,” Slabach said.

In mid-August, the universities completed a 22-month process culminating in the sale of the downtown law school. Current students and incoming students, as well as faculty and staff, all

became part of the Texas A&M University System.

Slabach said the sale allows Texas Wesleyan to focus on the University’s mission of both student success and the renewal of the University-area landscape through the \$32 million East Rosedale Street Improvements Project.



*“Our university excels in small classes, where students can work closely with professors, ask questions and truly thrive. I am confident that with this agreement we will be able to better serve those students.”*

“In addition to our ‘Smaller, Smarter.’ focus on students, we will also be able to continue the truly transformative efforts already under way to revitalize our home in East Fort Worth,” Slabach said.

Joining in the celebration and press conference to announce the final sale were Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, attorney Dee Kelly Sr., community supporters and Texas Wesleyan trustees. Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp sported a Texas Wesleyan tie.

### A Good Deal for Texas Wesleyan

Over a five-year period, the \$73.2 million agreement provides

\$54 million for the law school as a going concern and \$19.2 million for the lease/purchase option for the building and real estate.

Slabach said the agreement with Texas A&M will help the law school grow and help Texas Wesleyan focus on the needs of the students.

In a letter sent to faculty and staff, President Slabach said Texas Wesleyan excels in the small classroom setting.

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### What it means for law students

- Students who started at Texas Wesleyan School of Law will graduate from Texas A&M University School of Law.
- Interim Dean Aric Short has been with the law school for many years and is continuing in his leadership role.
- Texas Wesleyan School of Law alumni will continue to be a source of pride for the institution.

### How it benefits Texas Wesleyan

- Payments will be made over a five-year period rather than a 40-year span, as originally planned.
- Influx of money strengthens the historic campus as it nears its 125th anniversary.
- With the sale completed, Texas Wesleyan can focus on the future — like the new campus entryway and other components of the Rosedale Renaissance.

## Texas Wesleyan is INTENTIONALLY SMALL



### “I DON’T FEEL LIKE A FISH IN A BIG POND.”

The great thing about a small university is that students feel at home. They get to see the same faces every day and build meaningful relationships. A Texas Wesleyan student is not just a face in the crowd.

“I chose Texas Wesleyan over any other university because my mom went here ... and because of the size of the school. I look up to my mom as a mentor, and if it’s good for her, it’s good for me.

“I get specialized education. I get more one-on-one time with the professors and I have smaller classrooms, which means I

can communicate better with my peers.

“I love Texas Wesleyan because it’s smaller. I feel like it’s for me,” she said. “It’s easier to navigate the school and I don’t feel lost. I don’t feel like a fish in a big pond.”

Ryan Ellison, senior mass communication major



Learn more about Ryan at [txwes.edu/ryan](http://txwes.edu/ryan)



## Texas Wesleyan meets fundraising goal, looks to bright future with Rosedale Renaissance

*The generous support of foundations, corporations and individuals helped Texas Wesleyan meet its \$6.5 million fundraising goal for the Rosedale Renaissance campaign.*

*"Years of planning have come to fruition," President Frederick G. Slabach said. "We are on the verge of our groundbreaking for the new entryway and the road construction is well under way. This is an exciting time not only for Texas Wesleyan, but for the surrounding community and for all of Fort Worth."*

### MEETING THE CHALLENGE

In the fall of 2012, the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa offered a \$500,000 challenge grant for the Rosedale Renaissance Project. The funds were designated for two specific components — the United Methodist Church Central Texas Conference Service Center and the campus entryway.

The University had to raise \$3,865,636 within one year to receive the Mabee funding.

"We are so grateful to all of the donors who are coming together to support the Rosedale project," Joan Canty, vice president for advancement, said. "This has been one of our largest fundraising campaigns, and we are excited about what the future holds for Texas Wesleyan and the surrounding area that is impacted by this endeavor."

### Texas Wesleyan is a TOP-TIER VALUE



## "I KNEW THAT I BELONGED HERE."

Political science sophomore Abbey Borghee knows that she wants to be a lawyer someday. She also knows that achieving that goal could be expensive — if not for financial aid. Texas Wesleyan made it affordable for her to pursue her dreams.

"I knew from an early age that the only way I could afford higher education was through scholarships," Abbey said. "The financial aid office is phenomenal. They truly sit down and help you figure out what scholarships you can get."

When she was thinking about where to go to college, Abbey said the choice was easy.

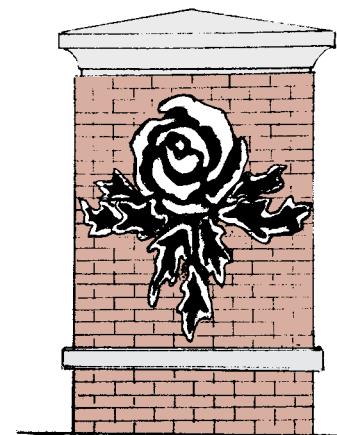
"I always say that I didn't choose Texas Wesleyan; Texas Wesleyan chose me," she said. "The minute I stepped foot on campus, I felt that at-home atmosphere."

She was so certain that she didn't consider other options.

"I only applied to one university because I knew that it was the place to go and I knew that I belonged here," she said.



Hear more of Abbey's story at [txwes.edu/abbey](http://txwes.edu/abbey)



### About the Rosedale Renaissance Project

The Rosedale Renaissance Project is a \$6.5 million multifaceted initiative that will transform the Polytechnic/Wesleyan Urban Village in southeast Fort Worth. A new conference center, new campus entryway, and planned renovation of the historic Polytechnic Firehouse into a business incubator center will bring needed employment and educational services to the community.

Sculptural artist Donna L. Dobberfuhl will carve rose designs in the columns that will be part of the urban village. Her floral theme will carry on in the public art brick-and-steel sculpture that she will create for a new roundabout at Rosedale Street and Ayers Avenue.

The East Rosedale Street Improvements Project began earlier this year and will be completed next year. The other phases of the project will begin in 2014.



## THE MABEE FOUNDATION

As Texas Wesleyan has grown over the years, the Mabee Foundation has supported efforts through other challenge grants. The most recent ones include:

- \$450,000 in 2009 for the Jack and Jo Willa Morton Fitness Center
- \$213,428 in 2004 for the renovation of the Polytechnic United Methodist Church
- Significant funding in the 1980s for the construction of the Armstrong-Mabee Business Center and the Brown Lupton Campus Center

The Mabee Foundation was formed in 1948 by John E. Mabee and his wife, Lottie E. Mabee. The purpose of the foundation is to aid Christian religious organizations, charitable organizations, institutions of higher learning, hospitals, and other organizations of a general charitable nature.



# U.S. News & World Report honors Texas Wesleyan for fourth consecutive year

*Graduation rates and small class sizes contribute to ranking*

U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges 2014 ranks Texas Wesleyan University in the top tier of regional universities in the West for the fourth consecutive year.

Texas Wesleyan is in good company in the latest rankings, sharing the category with institutions like Trinity University (San Antonio), Gonzaga University (Washington), Santa Clara (Silicon Valley region of California), Cal Poly State University – San Luis Obispo, University of Dallas, St. Edward's University (Austin) and California State University – Long Beach.

Scoring is calculated on many factors, including graduation rates, retention, peer assessment and class sizes. The consistently high ranking reflects well on the University and the student experience.

"We are absolutely delighted to receive this top-tier ranking for the fourth straight year," President Frederick G. Slabach said. "It validates the great work being done on campus by our faculty and staff, and it indicates the caliber of students we have."

## What it means to students

Earning the ranking for four years in a row means that most Texas Wesleyan students have never experienced a time when the institution was not ranked.

"To be a part of a top-tier category speaks volumes about the direction in which Texas Wesleyan University is headed," Trent Sandles, management and English senior, said. "As a student, I think some might think it just seems like a fancy title, but in actuality it means so much more."

"Being a part of an institution with such a consistently great ranking reminds me that I am at the right university. I am learning at a school where academics take main stage and where we are all part of the Wesleyan family. Being at a top-tier university reminds me that Texas Wesleyan is the place for me," he said.

## A tradition of quality

Earlier this spring, U.S. News & World Report Best Grad Schools 2014 ranked Texas Wesleyan's Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia as a Best Graduate School.



## Texas Wesleyan also honored as Military Friendly

For its efforts in supporting active-duty military, veterans and dependents, Texas Wesleyan has been designated among 2014 Military Friendly Schools by Victory Media. This is the fourth straight year that Texas Wesleyan has been selected. Only the top 20 percent of universities and colleges are chosen.

"We are proud of the men and women who bravely serve our country," President Frederick G. Slabach said. "We are honored to have Texas Wesleyan chosen as an institution that is friendly to current military members and veterans. It is our privilege to serve them."

Recipients of the Military Friendly designation are selected through research and survey results of more than 10,000 institutions that are approved for VA tuition funding. Victory Media is a resource for military personnel who are transitioning to civilian life.

# Six alumni named to Board of Trustees

Business innovators. Medical professionals. Alumni. The newest additions to the Texas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees include company founders, an international director and a university leader. All six members are Texas Wesleyan alumni.



## James S. DuBose, HON 2012

James S. "Jimmy" DuBose, founder and chairman emeritus of the Colonial Family of Companies, served on the Texas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees from 1990 to 2000. He received an honorary Doctor of Business degree in 2012 and is married to Carol Cheek DuBose, a Wesleyan alumna of 1959. The DuBose Family Foundation has been a significant donor to the Morton Fitness Center and the Rosedale Renaissance Project.



## Mark Ma, BBA 2004

Mark Ma is the director of marketing for his family-owned AsiaLink Group. AsiaLink has operations in environmental solutions, real estate development, internet services, educational development and consulting. He received his BBA in 2004 and is the recipient of the 2012 Young Alumni Achievement Award from the Texas Wesleyan Alumni Association. He has supported many special projects over the years, including a study-abroad trip to China, and he serves on the International Students Advisory Committee.



## William "Tompie" Hall, B.S. 1974

Tompie Hall is a partner with HandsOn<sup>3</sup>, a private equity firm headquartered in Santa Monica, Calif. He received his B.S. in social sciences in 1974 and currently serves on the School of Business Administration Business Advisory Council. He has an extensive background in international business and finance. During the reconstruction of Kuwait, he served as a senior adviser to the government of Kuwait concerning its war reparation program for the United Nations Compensation Fund.



## Dr. Michael R. Williams, B.S. 1977

Michael R. Williams, D.O., M.D., president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center, knows a lot about higher education. After earning his bachelor's degree in biology in 1977, he went on to earn a D.O. from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine; an M.D. from Ross University; an MBA degree from Duke University; and a master's degree in health care management from Harvard University. He was active in many student organizations at Texas Wesleyan.



## Dr. J. Roy Lowry, B.A. 1971

J. Roy Lowry, D.O., of Fort Worth, is an ENT surgeon in private practice. A board-certified otolaryngologist who has been in practice for 28 years, he majored in chemistry and graduated in 1971. He is very active in the community and serves on several boards at area hospitals. He is a member of the Fort Worth Community Advisory Task Force and a member of the Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers. He grew up in the Polytechnic neighborhood and played the young boy in the 1959 Wesleyan musical, *The King and I*.



## Jerry Wood, B.S. 1969

Jerry Wood is president for Mikrotek, a logistics automation company he founded in 1981 in Arlington. He attended Texas Wesleyan on a golf scholarship and was captain of the golf team in 1967, 1968 and 1969, and he was named Oklahoma Intercollegiate Champion in 1967. He graduated cum laude in 1969 with a degree in chemistry. He served as president of the Ram Club in the early 1990s and now is president of the O.D. Bounds Tournament Committee. A former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Wood has received two honors: Texas Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989 and O.D. Bounds Alumni Award in 2008.



# Alumnus chosen for post-doctoral fellowship at Columbia

By Ken Roberts



Nobel Prize winner Dr. Eric Kandel of Columbia University Medical Center in New York City can thank table tennis for bringing his newest researcher to the United States.

Dinko Kranjac '07 had never stepped foot in the United States when he arrived at Texas Wesleyan in January 2004. The Croatian native found Wesleyan while investigating American universities that had table tennis teams.

"I had been playing table tennis since I was 6 years old. After high school, the major thing I wanted to do was continue playing, but in Europe it's difficult to play sports at a high level and go to school at the same time. I wanted to be a student-athlete, and Texas Wesleyan made that possible."

Kranjac excelled as both a student and an athlete, earning a B.A. in psychology while being a key member of four national championship teams.

**Things don't always go as planned**  
Kranjac's original plan was to stay

two years and then return to Croatia. But the Texas Wesleyan experience derailed those plans.

"I liked it way too much here and decided to stay," he said.

It's a good thing because it was during his third year at Texas Wesleyan when his life's calling became evident.

"In my junior year I took the Biological Psychology class taught by Dr. Jay Brown. He introduced me to the biomechanisms of the brain and how they affect learning and memory. At that moment I decided I wanted to pursue neuroscience."

## Chosen for fellowship

From Wesleyan, Kranjac matriculated across town for graduate work at TCU. After receiving his Ph.D. in May, Dr. Kandel selected Kranjac for Columbia University's highly coveted post-doctoral fellowship. Kranjac is researching the impact of genetic and environmental factors on post-traumatic stress disorder. By learning more about its causes, he hopes to

discover ways to undo PTSD's often debilitating effects.

While his time at Texas Wesleyan started the journey that has taken him to New York, Texas Wesleyan was also where he met his wife, Ashley Wendell Kranjac '07. Fellow psychology majors, Dinko and Ashley, inexplicably, never had a class together and did not meet until their senior year. Ashley is also in New York, working on her doctorate in sociology at The State University of New York - Buffalo. The distance between Columbia and SUNY - Buffalo is about six and one-half hours by car, he said.

"Both of us have the same goal, and that's to be tenure-track university researchers and teachers. This time apart will be difficult, but we know, long term, we are making the right decision for our future."

That future holds tremendous potential for groundbreaking neuroscience research that may improve the lives of individuals experiencing PTSD. And table tennis made it all possible.



# SPARKING A STUDENT'S *curiosity is key*

## TO CRITICAL THINKING

By Laura Hanna

Jay Brown looks forward to each new semester and welcomes the chance to engage a new group of students. He makes a point to learn their names right away and to make sure the students know that he sees them as individuals. He said knowing the students and knowing what's important to them help him determine the best way to teach them.

As assistant professor of psychology, Brown teaches his students to learn about subjects from different angles and to interpret what they learn.

"I'm trying to create critical thinkers who hear things and understand what they mean," he said.

"I've been involved with a considerable amount of discussions involving critical thinking, an essential part of Texas Wesleyan's mission. We talk about critical thinking, what it is, how to implement it, and how to assess it," Brown said. "However, the foundation for critical thought involves curiosity. Without curiosity, there is no critical thinking."

## Why do I have to take science?

For psychology majors, taking science classes — like Biological Psychology — is part of the curriculum. But that doesn't mean they always like it, Brown said.

"Students often say, 'I just want to help people. Why do I have to learn all of this science?' But they need to understand the science to know how to help," he said.

"The science of human nature is a necessary component for anybody to do a good job helping others."

Brown said knowing how things work is the key to being able to fix them. Without that knowledge, it's difficult to determine what's wrong.

"Imagine taking your car to the auto mechanic and he says, 'I don't know how an internal combustion engine works, but I'm going to try to fix it.'"

## Being a professor is like parenting

Brown said the experience of watching students grow and learn is a lot like being a dad.

"As a parent, I feel a deep sense of satisfaction when my children do well, whether it be good grades, performance in the school talent show, or some other thing," he said. "I feel like I did my job right, like I fulfilled my purpose in life."

"At some level, I think of my students as my children and, therefore, feel the same sense of pride and satisfaction."

## When the curiosity kicked in

Jay Brown had Dinko Kranjac '07 in several of his classes and remembers when he first saw Kranjac move to a higher level of learning.

"He was always a good student, but it wasn't until closer to the end of his education that I really saw that curiosity in his eye and engagement in the classroom."

"During the spring 2007 semester, I learned I was going to be preparing a Biological Psychology class to be taught for the first time during fall 2007. I talked about the upcoming Biological Psychology to my students in my spring classes. I figured that if I was going to prep a new class, I better fill it," Brown said.

"Not more than 15 minutes after discussing this, I got an email from Dinko asking me which textbook the class would be using. I knew at that point that Dinko either had that essential curiosity needed to excel — or he was a nerd. Turns out it was the first one!"



## Texas Wesleyan Produces MOVERS & SHAKERS



## "TEXAS WESLEYAN ... FELT LIKE HOME"

David Cox '94 said the nurturing professors made a big difference in his college experience — and taught him the skills that he still uses today as president and CEO of Goodwill Industries.

"The professors really challenged me," he said. "I attained a wealth of knowledge ... which really set me up for success later on in my career."

Cox said he considered many options for his higher education but found the best option in his hometown.

"I grew up in Fort Worth and I looked at schools all over the state and some out of state," he said. "I looked at some of the state schools and saw these huge classrooms full of students. Then I toured Texas Wesleyan and it felt like home. I saw the small class sizes and all the personal attention students were getting from the professors. It was just a fit for me."



See more about David at [txwes.edu/david](http://txwes.edu/david)





## Lady Rams fit right into a Wesleyan golfing legacy

By Josh Lacy

Golf has been a tradition at Texas Wesleyan for the better part of a century. The men's golf team began playing in the mid-1930s and developed into one of the most storied programs in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Last year, the Lady Rams and sophomore Alexis Belton took the course for the first time.

The men's golf team at Texas Wesleyan has won six NAIA National Championships (second most for any one institution), while nine individuals have taken medalist honors at the national tournament. The men continued that tradition last season by earning a national No. 1 ranking and eventually finishing as the national runner-up for a record 10th time.

**WOMEN'S TEAM HITS THE LINKS — AND THE BOOKS**  
Meanwhile, the Lady Rams took the course with the opportunity to start their own tradition. A first-year program, the Lady Rams were not expected to win immediately; however, they did compete well. In 10 events, the team posted seven top-10 finishes and a pair of top-five finishes. Their best performance came in the Red River Athletic Conference Championship. In rainy conditions at Oklahoma City's Lincoln Park West, the Rams shot 327 in the first round to take the lead. A tough 346 in round two dropped the team two spots, but they still enjoyed their best finish of the season at third.

More important than their performance on the course, the

Lady Rams handled themselves like champions in the classroom. The team posted a combined GPA of 3.21 to lead all of Texas Wesleyan's NAIA varsity sports and earn NAIA Scholar-Team status.

"I am extremely proud of these young ladies for the effort they put forward both on the course and in the classroom," head coach Kevin Millikan said. "To achieve this level of success academically is difficult enough, but to do it while competing as college athletes is unbelievable. It is a great honor to coach such a dynamic group of young women, and I am excited about the future of this program."

### PLAYER INVITED TO PGA EVENT

Alexis Belton, a sophomore from West Monroe, La., was a major part of the inaugural team's success. The mass communication major transferred to Texas Wesleyan after producing three top-10 finishes as a freshman at the University of Mobile. With the Lady Rams, she posted a scoring average of 85.4 with a low round of 77. At the RRAC Championship, she shot a 36-hole score of 162 to finish fifth.

Belton really made headlines after the season. She was invited to play in the 27th PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship presented by Brown Capital Management in Port St. Lucie, Fla., a tournament featuring more than 200 contestants from 50 colleges and universities. Belton dominated the Ryder Course at the PGA Golf Club, shooting an opening round 77 and a second

round 72. That put her in first place in the women's independent division heading into the final round. Belton stayed hot with a final round 74 to edge UT-Pan American's Samantha Garcia by a single stroke.

"I came into the final round and I just wanted to have fun and play my best," Belton said. This was her first time to compete in the tournament.

"It felt great to win, and I can't wait to come back and play again next year," she said.

The Lady Rams began their second season in September, when they co-hosted (with Northwood University) the Hawks Creek Invitational at Fort Worth's Hawks Creek Golf Course.



ALEXIS BELTON >>



## Texas Wesleyan begins new era in volleyball

By Josh Lacy

Over the last 35 years, Texas Wesleyan has been a consistent winner on the volleyball court. This season, the Lady Rams begin a new era under the tutelage of Kimberly Weaver. She began in July and is the sixth head coach in program history.

Weaver inherits a program that has produced 841 victories since its inception in 1978. That hefty total ranks 18th among all NAIA institutions. The Lady Rams took to winning right away with a record of 26-21 in their inaugural season behind head coach Sinah Goode. Two years later, Becky Hughes took the helm and brought the program to national prominence.

Hughes, a Texas Wesleyan University Athletic Hall of Famer, led the Rams to a national runner-up finish in just her third season and went on to produce four more national tournament teams and two NAIA Hall of Fame players (Willa Gipson and Diane Urey) while racking up 369 wins against just 194 losses.

After Rosie Stallman took the team back to the national tournament, Rick Johansen produced 188 wins over nine seasons and made back-to-back Elite Eight appearances in



2005 and 2006. Christy Clawson produced the third most wins in program history with 131 over the last seven seasons. Now it's Weaver's turn.

### NEW COACH TOUTS WINNING RECORD

Weaver comes to Texas Wesleyan from Liberty Christian School where she served as head volleyball coach for two years. Prior to Liberty Christian, Weaver notched an overall record of 113-48 as the head coach at Midland College. During her tenure at Midland (2007-2010), Weaver oversaw a 100-percent graduation rate and posted a 10th-place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament in 2010. That same year, she was named WJCAC Coach of the Year and NJCAA District F Coach of the Year.

"It is both an honor and a joy to join such a distinguished staff at Texas Wesleyan," Weaver said upon her hire. "I am extremely grateful to [athletic director] Steve Trachier and [assistant athletic director] Kevin Millikan for granting me the opportunity to lead such a strongly established volleyball program. My husband and I are very excited about being part of Ram Nation!"

Weaver received her B.A. in sociology in 2006 (magna cum laude) from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She was an Academic All-America selection in 2004 and earned two Sunbelt Conference Academic Awards while at UALR.

"We are very excited to have Coach Weaver join our staff," Trachier said. "Her previous experiences as a college head volleyball coach will provide us with the foundation to build upon an already successful program. We are very lucky to have her direct our program."

The Lady Rams began the season at the Oklahoma Baptist University Tournament in August and had their home opener in early September, when the Lady Rams hosted the Wesleyan Hughes Classic.

# Mike Jeffcoat

named to Southland Conference  
All-Decade Baseball Team

By Ryan Keating



The Southland Conference, as a part of its yearlong 50th anniversary commemoration, has announced its All-Decade Baseball Team from the 1970s. The team includes stars from its member institutions from the 1970 season through 1979, and among them was Texas Wesleyan baseball head coach Mike Jeffcoat.

The '70s all-decade team is comprised of 40 athletes, and honorees from each of the eight institutions that made up the league during the era are represented: Lamar and Louisiana Tech (where Jeffcoat played) each had 11 players named on the team; McNeese followed with six; Texas-Arlington, Trinity, and Louisiana-Lafayette each had three; Arkansas State had two honorees; and Abilene Christian had one player named.

Of all players named to the list, Jeffcoat is the only one who went on to play major league baseball. He is proud to be part of the all-decade team.

"It's such a great honor that the Southland Conference has gone back and named me to the all-decade team," Jeffcoat said. "There are a lot of great names on that list, and to be on it is just an honor. The conference only had six schools when I was playing, but it was tough."

## 40-WIN SEASON DURING HIS FRESHMAN YEAR

In his freshman season, Jeffcoat and his Louisiana Tech Bulldogs had a 40-win season and only needed one win to secure a conference title heading into the final series with Lamar University. But the Bulldogs lost the first two games rather badly.

"The team was a little down that morning at breakfast and I thought, 'We have nothing to lose. We only need to win one game and we have two games to do it.' So I told our sports information director to not be afraid and I predicted a no-hitter that day, not even knowing for sure if I was going to pitch the first game," Jeffcoat said. "I ended up starting the first game, and we won 1-0 in extra innings — and I threw a no-hitter."

That team went on to the regional tournament that was played in the park that would eventually be home to Jeffcoat — the Rangers ballpark, then called Arlington Stadium.

## LIFE IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES

In 1980, Jeffcoat was drafted by the Cleveland Indians, which began his 11-year career in major league baseball. He also played for the Giants, Marlins, and, of course, six years with the Texas Rangers. He posted a career 4.37 ERA and was the first American League pitcher since the inception of the designated hitter rule in 1973 to record an RBI in a regular season game.

## NEARING 400 WINS AS COACH

Jeffcoat will begin his 13th season as head baseball coach this year. He has the most wins in program history with 396. The team is coming off a 42-18 season that ended in the finals of the NAIA National Tournament opening round, just one win short of the NAIA World Series. The 2014 Rams will open the season with eight straight home games. The opener with Jarvis Christian College is scheduled for 2 p.m., Jan. 31, at LaGrave Field.

# Shaping THE Future



William Gibson '60 and Ailene Gibson '60



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— Bill Gibson '60

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# ALUMNI MEDAL AWARD WINNERS



## *Alumna* OF THE YEAR AWARD *Anne Street Skipper '78*

*Awarded to an outstanding alumnus or alumna whose service and loyalty to the University, community involvement and personal accomplishments merit the honor.*

From a young age, Anne Street Skipper understood one's service brings significance to the people, organizations and communities one serves. Thankfully, Anne has always put her understanding into action. Even during her high school days in Graham, Texas, Anne was a student council leader, an active Junior Chamber of Commerce member, and her church's Board of Stewards student representative.

Her service has been applied to her alma mater's benefit for more than two decades. Anne joined Texas Wesleyan's Board of Trustees in 1991 and is its immediate past chair, and, previously, she chaired the Student Life Committee. Anne points to the completion of new student housing and the covenant between the University and Polytechnic United Methodist Church as two of the most significant accomplishments she championed.

Having returned home to Graham in recent years, Anne just completed a three-year term as Chamber of Commerce president. She also sits on her community's Memorial Auditorium board and is an advising member of the Graham Regional Theatre board.

Anne operates Wildcatter Ranch & Resort. For the past six years, she and the ranch staff have hosted veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Working with the Wounded Warrior Project, Anne brings veterans to her ranch where they experience a weeklong renewal on beautiful Texas ranchland overlooking the Brazos River.



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD { *Dr. Bill Leonard '68*

*Awarded to a Texas Wesleyan graduate whose achievements have distinguished him or her in a broad (national or international) sense.*

As an undergraduate in the turbulent '60s, Dr. Bill Leonard discovered it was acceptable to ask questions. In particular, he started asking one question that's especially difficult to answer: Why?

Having grown up in Fort Worth during the Jim Crow era, racial inequality was not often discussed. That is until he enrolled in Dr. Jesse Lord's sociology class. Dr. Lord spoke openly and clearly about racism in America. With newly raised consciousness, Bill anguished when the television showed fire hoses and dogs unleashed on people. It was during this time that Bill, leaving a Wesleyan Senate meeting, learned of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination on his car radio.

And he asked: Why?

Those experiences galvanized Bill. Every day, they impact his work as an academician and minister. The James and Marilyn Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History at the School of Divinity, Wake Forest University, researches people and religions on society's fringe.

Bill's search for answers has resulted in his authoring or editing 23 books (and counting) and innumerable columns published in academic and religious journals. He is a highly regarded and sought out preacher, having served approximately 30 churches as their interim minister and continuing today as a frequent guest in pulpits across the nation.

With a consciousness illumined at Texas Wesleyan, Bill's accomplished career has been driven by one difficult question: Why?



## WESLEYAN FLAME AWARD { *Dr. Elizabeth Alexander*

*Presented to a current faculty or staff member whose commitment and dedication to the University and its students exemplify the Wesleyan mission and traditions.*

*"... all members of the academic community must have freedom to pursue independent thought and to exercise intellectual curiosity."  
~ from the University's mission statement*

She enters the classroom at the beginning of the semester and dumps her kitchen garbage on the table. Turning to her students, she exclaims: "Welcome to history!"

Ever since her parents gave her a set of children's history books, Dr. Elizabeth Alexander, A.M. Pate Jr. Professor of Early American History, has been passionate about history. Those books unleashed a curiosity to seek more than what the words told and the illustrations showed. She wanted to lift history off the pages and touch it.

Dr. Alexander discovered history is a mystery and historians are both detective

and prosecutor. They gather evidence about people and develop hypotheses about their lives based on that evidence. Then, they become prosecutor, arguing the case for what happened to them and why.

As her students look on in amazed disbelief, Dr. Alexander asks them to become detectives. What does the kitchen garbage say about living in the 21st century? What hypotheses can they develop to support their findings? As the semester unfolds, she asks her students to remain in character as detectives and prosecutors, to keep touching history as they dig for answers. Along the way, Dr. Alexander's students make an important realization: what they do with their lives will outlive them and another generation will stand as detective and prosecutor. They are challenged to ask themselves, what do they want those future historians to discover about them?



## HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD { *Louis "Mac" McLain*

*Awarded to a non-alumnus whose contributions to students, alumni and the life of the University merit special recognition.*

Asked to instruct a class at SMU, a young Dallas banker discovers an irresistible urge to teach. Some would say it was a calling. As people often do when they sense a call, Louis "Mac" McLain sought the counsel of his ministers, the Rev. Ben Feemster '50 and the Rev. Dr. James Abel '63. Among their Texas Wesleyan acquaintances, the United Methodist ministers spread the word about their parishioner, and soon thereafter Mac was asked to set aside his bank ledgers and follow his call to Fort Worth.

Mac joined the School of Business Administration faculty in 1976, beginning a journey that would extend beyond his May 2013 "retirement." With the exception of a hiatus from 2005-2008, Mac held various

positions on campus. He was a longtime business school chair, the University's first chief investment officer, and he retired as director of major gifts. But the constant during his Wesleyan career, even today in retirement, was and is teaching.

Mac teaches that business is not just about increasing profit. There are also ethical issues that he introduces to students. A business has responsibilities to its employees and to the communities where it operates. And, business decisions have human consequences that should be considered before taking any action.

Mac's goal is to impart a values-centered education to his students. For any teacher, that's a good call.



## WESLEYAN SERVICE AWARD { *David D. Martin MBA '04*

*Awarded to a Texas Wesleyan graduate whose service to the University and its alumni has contributed specifically to the success of the Alumni Association and its programs.*

On his first campus visit to inquire about the MBA program, David D. Martin realized Texas Wesleyan is a special place. "This," he thought to himself as he stepped out of his car, "is what a university should be."

Although he did not have an appointment for his lunch-hour visit, the then School of Business Dean Louis "Mac" McLain met with David and answered all his questions. When he left 45 minutes later, David knew where he would pursue his master's degree.

Once enrolled, David appreciated that his professors got to know him as an individual and that his fellow grad students became friends rather than nameless classroom faces. This is where he belonged.

That belonging translated to David becoming a University leader, first as president of the MBA Student Association and later as the Alumni Association president. Displaying Ram pride, he encourages everyone — students, faculty, staff, administrators, trustees, alumni — to increase participation in campus events, to give back to the University. He works to heighten Wesleyan's exposure in the community, organizing such activities as the Wesleyan float in Fort Worth's annual Parade of Lights.

Today, the president of David D. Martin Commercial Real Estate frequently visits the campus. Stepping out of his car, he knows: "This is what a university should be." And his service to Wesleyan is one reason that's true.



## YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD { *Armando Villarreal '11*

*Awarded to an undergraduate alumnus or alumna within 10 years of graduation to recognize outstanding personal or professional achievement.*

Four-time All-American Armando Villarreal is quickly establishing himself as a professional golfer. The native of Los Mochis, Mexico, turned pro after graduating from Texas Wesleyan and is a touring member of the Professional Golf Association NEC Series.

The 2013 NEC Series season includes 14 events in nine Latin American countries. Armando's best finish as a PGA professional, thus far, came in May when he placed second at the Mundo Maya Open in Merida, Mexico. His four-day score of 278 was just one shot behind the winner. Other tournaments he has participated in this season include the Dominican Republic Open and the U.S. Open Qualifying Tournament in Jupiter, Fla.

The early success Armando is finding on PGA's world stage is merely a continuation of a successful collegiate career that included a second-place individual finish at the 2009 national championship and a third-place finish in 2010. As a senior, Armando set a Wesleyan career season scoring record, finishing in the top five on six occasions and winning two tournaments.

"Rarely as a coach do you get the opportunity to work with someone who has everything: skill, work ethic, attitude, sportsmanship," said assistant athletic director and former men's golf coach Kevin Millikan. "Armando is that type of player, and I expect his recent results are just a preview of his success at the professional level."



## O.D. BOUNDS AWARD { *Dr. Terri Mossige '94*

*Presented to an alumnus or alumna involved in athletics who exemplifies the work, character and contributions made by the late O.D. Bounds Jr. B.S. '41, a beloved Texas Wesleyan faculty member, coach, volunteer and friend.*

There was a time when Dr. Terri Mossige needed direction. She needed an advocate who believed in her and encouraged her. She first found that person, or perhaps it was the other way around, in her volleyball coach at Arlington High School. Even after letting one opportunity to play collegiate volleyball slip away, Terri's high school coach refused to give up. She called Becky Hughes '83, then Texas Wesleyan's women's volleyball coach, and asked her to give Terri a chance.

Not wanting to disappoint either coach who was willing to believe in her, Terri walked on to Wesleyan's volleyball team driven to succeed. After her first season, Coach Hughes awarded Terri a scholarship, telling her:

"You're a determined and dependable player, and you're an inspiration to this team." Those words encourage Terri still.

The determination Terri exhibited as a Lady Ram is manifested today as a high school volleyball coach turned principal. She is an inspiration to an entirely different team — the team of teachers, coaches, administrators and students at Fort Worth's Paschal High School. Terri reminds the teachers that their students can be "built up or built down." Terri understands it's her "duty" to build up all students at Fort Worth's largest high school and to be their advocate — believing in them and encouraging them — because she knows the difference that makes in a young person's life.



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## Calling All Alumni!

The University has contracted Harris Connect to publish our next alumni directory. To ensure our records are current, Harris will contact you by email, regular mail or phone to verify that your information is accurate. Harris will also produce and sell hard copies of the directory, allowing you to reconnect with old friends and network with other Texas Wesleyan alumni. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## Dear Texas Wesleyan Alumni,

I am very eager to serve our University as the president of the Texas Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors. This is a wonderful time to be part of and to become reacquainted with our alma mater, as more than 250 alumni and friends discovered when they returned for Alumni Weekend in April 2013.

During my tenure, I would like to ask each of you, as alumni, to do just two things: Come back and give back.

Come back to reconnect with fellow alumni and friends. Come back to see the beauty of the campus, from the magnificent Oneal-Sells Administration Building to the new construction under way on East Rosedale Street. Come back because it is still your University, and never has there been a better time to renew your pride in all that it represents.

Give back to enable current students to receive a values- and student-centered education like you received at Texas Wesleyan. Give back because many of you received scholarship assistance when you were a student at the University. Give back because foundations and corporations look at the alumni giving percentage before awarding large gifts and grants.

In closing, our Alumni Association is only as strong as the sum of its parts. We are all Texas Wesleyan Rams, and we can all make a difference.

Most sincerely,

Karen Cole '99 MBA '04



# Alumni News

Several alumni were recognized at the 2013 Annual Theatre Awards for the Live Theatre League of Tarrant County:

**Jason Domm '82**  
*Theatre Design & Technical Award*

**Lydia Mackay '99**  
*Theatre Arts Educator Award*

**Sarahi Salazar '12**  
*Bill Garber Young Theatre Artist Award*

**Rod & Claudia '72 Stepp**  
*Ann L. Rhodes Philanthropic Individual Award*

**Joel Burns** (attended Wesleyan)  
*Theatre Arts Advocate*

## 1950s

**Robert Collie '51** and co-author Annelie Collie have a book available on Amazon titled *The Apostle Paul and Post-Traumatic Stress*.

## 1960s

**Jim '58 and Frankie '60 Russell** have three children and 11 grandchildren. Their youngest grandson, Tristan, was featured on WFAA-TV in March 2011 when he fell from the third-floor window of his home. The Russells are proud to share that he is doing very well. NBC ran a follow-up story on Tristan as he began his first day of school.

**Cathy Cady '67** will choreograph the Hot Springs Village Players production of *Annie* in November.

**Stan Carr '69** has two new books available via Barnes & Noble Nook — *Can You Find Me* and *Poetry Made Simple*.

## 1970s

**Dr. Christa Johnson Mars** was named WC Alumnus of the Year at Weatherford College's homecoming in April. After her junior year at Texas Wesleyan, she was accepted into medical school at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, where she graduated four years later in the top five of her class. Her father, John C. Johnson, also attended Texas Wesleyan and graduated in 1947.

**John Agee '75** received the Mentor of the Year award for the 2012-2013 school year for the Lancaster ISD in conjunction with The Turn-Around Agenda through Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church in Dallas. He mentors fourth- and fifth-graders one day a week and has volunteered for this program for five years.

**Lyle Kanouse '75** will appear as the janitor in an upcoming CBS sitcom *Bad Teacher*. Filming started in August and will include actors David Alan Grier, Kristin Davis, Sara Gilbert, Ari Graynor and Ryan Hansen. Lyle also appeared in a few movies this summer and early fall including *The Trials of Cate McCall* starring Kate Beckinsale; a dark comedy called *Out West*, directed by Lee Brownstein; and *Beyond the Ropes*, produced by Ryan Gosling.

**Evan Faris '76** appeared as Nicely-Nicely Johnson in the Stolen Shakespeare Guild's production of *Guys and Dolls* at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, July 26-Aug. 11.

Several alumni including **Evan Faris '76**, **Janie Faris '77 MA '83**, **Anne Street Skipper '78**, and **Stephanie Faris Sanders '01** were featured in the cast of *Les Miserables* at the Graham Regional Theatre, June 28-30.

**Debbie Brown '78** performed as the lead role of Clara Nowak in Circle Theatre's production of *A Miracle on South Division Street*, June 13-July 13.

**Michael Williams '77** was named as the president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth after serving as interim president for six months. ☺



**Anne Street Skipper '78** was selected as a semifinalist for the Wounded Warrior Program Carry Forward Awards. This innovative outreach campaign recognizes individuals who are making a difference in the lives of today's wounded service members. She also appeared as Sister Robert Anne in the hilarious musical *Nunsense 2: The Second Coming* at Graham Regional Theatre along with **Stephanie Faris Sanders '01**.

## 1980s

**Stan Graner '81** appeared in WaterTower Theatre's productions of *The Grapes of Wrath* in April and A.R. Gurney's *Black Tie* in June. He won Best Supporting Actor in an Equity Play for his work in *The Diary of Anne Frank* in Dallas' Column Awards — his seventh Column Award. Stan also plays piano and sings most Saturday nights at the legendary local restaurant The Italian Inn.

**Rene Lawson '81** received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Houston Graduate School of Theology. He is currently continuing his Navy Reserve duty in San Diego.

**Dan Mocio '82** was promoted to chief lending officer at Worthington National Bank. He is

active in several community organizations, including The First Tee of Fort Worth and St. Andrew's Church and School.

## 1990s

**David Cox '94** was promoted to president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth, Inc. His selection was made official on March 26 at Goodwill Fort Worth's board meeting. David previously served as senior vice president of retail sales and marketing.

**R. Michael Rose '94** published *ROE Powers ROI*, which discusses return on energy methodology. It is available at amazon.com.

J.O., owned by **Jennifer Henderson '96**, received eight awards at the second annual PRSA Worthy awards ceremony. The Worthy awards are given in recognition of the best regional communication strategies. ♡



**Jason Lamers '96** was named among 2013's "40 Under 40" by the *Fort Worth Business Press*. He serves as the chief of staff for Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price and the City Council. Jason was the recipient of Wesleyan's Young Alumni Achievement Award in 2007 and is married to **Kelli Lamers '99**.

**Kelly Reeves '96**, currently the senior conference planner for American Airlines Training and Conference Center, was awarded Leader of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2012 and 2012 Leader of the Year.

**Melissa Stanford Oden '97** was honored to be elected as second vice president for

the Texas Public Health Association at the Annual Education Conference in March. She also serves on the executive council and governing board for the organization.

**LaTrice Tatum '97** was featured in the *Fort Worth Business Press* regarding her purchase of Handley Heights Place. She spent six months transforming the 2,500-square-foot main house into an events center. Ninety percent of her business is weddings, but she also stays busy with anniversary parties, birthday parties and family reunions.

**Suzanne Foxworth '98** is working for NASA full time. She places interns and works with the Minority University Research and Education Program. She also works with the Pre-Service Teacher Institute and the Reduced Gravity program.

## 2000s

**Brandon Weaver '00** and his wife, Katherine, are proud parents to Allen Warren Weaver born on Dec. 14, 2012. ♡



**Daphne Brookins '01** was one of six members appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the OneStar National Service Commission. The commission works with OneStar Foundation to further national service initiatives in Texas and to administer the AmeriCorps Texas program.

**Melinda Massie '01** was named as a 2013 featured contributor to *She Owns It*, a website dedicated to celebrating, connecting and supporting women entrepreneurs. She is the *A Life Less Cluttered* expert and writes monthly on debunking organizing myths and how to clear the clutter and emotional ties to it. Her company, Organizing with a Side of Fabulous, turns 4 this January.

**Debra Ney '01** was selected as Elementary Teacher of the Year in the Keller ISD. Debra teaches language arts and has spent the last 12 years teaching in Keller. She credits Twyla Miranda, Ph.D., for her love for books and why she is a teacher.

**Stephanie Faris Sanders '01** appeared as Sister Mary Paul in the hilarious musical *Nunsense 2: The Second Coming* at Graham Regional Theatre along with **Anne Street Skipper '78**. Stephanie was also featured in the cast of *Les Miserables* at the Graham Regional Theatre, June 28-30, along with **Evan Faris '76, Janie Faris '77 MA '83 and Anne Street Skipper '78**.

**Callie Vivion-Matthews '02 J.D. '06** was sworn in before the United States Supreme Court in December 2012.

**James Lind '03** performed in the banda with the Dallas Opera in their production of *Turandot* in April. This year marks his fifth season performing with the Dallas Opera.

**Wanda Monroe '04 M.Ed. '09** was selected as Teacher of the Year at Brewer Alternative Campus in White Settlement. This is Wanda's third year as the special education teacher at Brewer. She said her experience at Texas Wesleyan helped prepare her for her career.

**DeAwna Wood '05** was a top 10 finalist in the Folgers jingle contest. Although her group did not win the grand prize, they were featured on the Folgers website for the duration of the competition, and they enjoyed the experience.

**Desiree Kniker Bohls '05** is proud to announce the birth of her first son, Foster James Bohls, born on Jan. 29, 2013.

**Rachel (Carter) Willis '06** was promoted to vice president of finance and was appointed as an officer of her company, ID Technology, a division of Pro Mach Inc.

**Jonah Copeland '09** finished his internship at Convergence School of Supernatural Ministry and will release his first album in October.

**Ben Phillips '09** appeared as Marcellus Washburn in *The Music Man* at Lyric Stage in Irving, June 14-23.

## 2010s

**Patrick Fraser '10** was given the 1st Place Honors Student Research Award by the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at UNT's Health Science Center on Research Appreciation Day 2013.

**Michael Kreitzinger '10** appeared as Sky Masterson in the Stolen Shakespeare Guild's production of *Guys and Dolls* at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, July 26 - Aug. 11.

**Brian Von Hatten '10**, attorney, has joined the law offices of Scott & Scott, LLP, an intellectual property and technology law firm in Southlake, Texas. Brian represents many large and mid-market organizations on matters related to transactions, software licensing and disputes. As a former IT manager for a global pharmaceutical company, Brian devoted significant attention to network security, data privacy, IT procurement and outsourcing, and policy development.



**Armando Villarreal '11** took second place in the Mundo Maya Open, a tournament on the NEC Series PGA Tour Latinoamérica, which was held in Merida, Mexico. ♡



**Alejandro Hukill-Arias '12** worked for state Rep. Lon Burnam and state Sen. Wendy Davis on their campaigns. He has now secured a position as field representative in the Fort Worth/Dallas district offices for newly elected U.S. Rep. Marc Veasey '95.

**Jessica Walls '13** was featured in *Now* magazine and discussed her career change from the health care industry to teaching and also expressed her love for Texas Wesleyan.



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The school is so well known for producing quality educators that professors like Lisa Dryden often receive calls from hiring managers who are looking for recommendations.

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"Our faculty members are all focused on helping individuals become the best rookies they can be," Carlos Martinez, dean of education, said.

And the School of Education's reputation is going to get even bigger when it graduates the first Doctorate of Education students in December.



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# In Memoriam



**Louise H. Canafax '53**  
March 23, 2013, Fort Worth

Louise Terry Canafax was born Nov. 24, 1931, in Bryson, the third daughter of Jesse England and Mary Louise Terry. She received her bachelor's degree in music education from Texas Wesleyan College and master's degree from TCU with additional study at the Eastman School of Music, USC and Wellesley College. She married Clarence Canafax on June 25, 1955. Louise performed with the Fort Worth Symphony, Fort Worth Opera Orchestra and the San Antonio Symphony. She taught music at Trinity Valley School for 31 years and spent each summer performing with the New Hampshire Music Festival Orchestra. She represented Texas in The World Symphony Orchestra. Since 1989 she was the backstage mother for every Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. In addition to being a docent at First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, she was a member of the boards of the Van Cliburn Foundation, the Youth Orchestra of Greater Fort Worth and the Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota.



**Marjorie B. Murphy '45 & '49**  
April 9, 2013, Fort Worth

Marjorie Murphy was born Nov. 15, 1924, in Fort Worth to Rose Simpson and John Murphy. Marjorie was 15 months old when her mother passed away. She was raised by her mother's sister, Bess Simpson, "Auntie." Marjorie graduated from Polytechnic High School. She earned a B.A. and B.M. from Texas Wesleyan College and an M.A. from University of Nebraska. She studied with Frank La Forge in New York City and at Juilliard. Marjorie was an outstanding singer, highly praised in oratorio and concert. She was choir soloist at Polytechnic United Methodist Church for more than 20 years and Chancel Choir soloist for 43 years at First Christian Church. Her roles of Anna in *The King and I* at Texas Wesleyan and the mother in *Amahl and the Night Visitors* are unforgettable. She served 34 years as secretary of the fine arts department at Texas Wesleyan and taught private voice lessons for students. Marjorie's warmth and charming personality caused her to be surrounded by many loyal friends. A friend once commented, "Everyone thinks they are Marjorie's best friend."

## 1940s



**Edwin L. Cromwell '49**  
April 1, 2013, San Antonio  
Edwin earned his B.S. from Texas Wesleyan College in accounting and economics. He went on to do post-graduate work at TCU. During his banking career, Edwin served as a trust officer with National Bank of Commerce in San Antonio and as the assistant auditor for Continental National Bank of Fort Worth and First National Bank of Fort Worth.

## 1950s



**Helen J. Gleghorn '50**  
Feb. 15, 2013, Euless  
Helen graduated from Texas Wesleyan College in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in speech. She dedicated her life to teaching for the next 51 years. She was a valued member of the Euless Historical Society and a member of Airport Freeway Church of Christ for 48 years.

**William E. Brey '54**  
Feb. 19, 2013, Mount Dora, Fla.

Bill attended Texas Wesleyan College on a tennis scholarship, graduating in 1954 with a BBA. After graduation, he married Tommie Harmening and began his successful career with Montgomery Ward. After 24 years at Montgomery Ward, Bill accepted the position of president and CEO of Restonic Corporation, an international bedding manufacturer with offices around the world.



**Robert L. Johnson '54**  
July 15, 2013, Fort Worth  
Robert Loyd "Uncle Bob" Johnson graduated from Texas Wesleyan College with a B.S. in religion. Bob spent his career working in aviation electronics. He retired after working many years at Meacham Field and lived in the nearby Saginaw community. Although he never had children, he loved his nieces as his own.



**Terry G. Roberts '54**  
June 11, 2013, Fort Worth  
Terry married Gayle Wood in Fort Worth on Feb. 17, 2007. He graduated from Texas Wesleyan College in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in education and from TCU in 1957 with an M.Ed. He was employed by Fort Worth ISD as a teacher/assistant principal for 33 years. He enjoyed traveling and visiting with family and close friends.



**Jeanne C. McGlathery '55**  
March 5, 2013, Loveland, Colo.  
Jeanne earned a B.A. in music at Texas Wesleyan College and became a member of Sigma Alpha Iota. A compassionate and gifted caregiver to seniors, she earned an M.A. in gerontology from the University of Northern Colorado in 1985. Throughout her life, Jeanne was dedicated to selflessly serving others whether vocationally or as a volunteer.



**Maynette Dowler '57**  
May 22, 2013, North Richland Hills  
Maynette graduated from Texas Wesleyan College with a B.S. in education. She taught in Fort Worth ISD from 1957 until her retirement in 1989. Maynette was a guidance counselor at Western Hills High School for many years. She loved big bands, dancing and going to the lake. She was always smiling, and everywhere she went there was laughter, love and good times.



**Kent Conwell '59**  
Feb. 14, 2013, Port Neches  
Kent earned a B.S. from Texas Wesleyan and began teaching. He later acquired an M.Ed. and Ph.D. Kent authored more than 40 westerns, six mysteries, and wrote a weekly article for *The Port Arthur News*. He won awards for his short stories, screenplays, mysteries and westerns. He spent many years as a teacher, and after his retirement, he would often receive

calls and visits from ex-students who would thank him for being such a positive influence in their lives.

## 1960s



**James Curtis Ford '65**  
July 19, 2013, Waco  
Curtis earned a B.S. from Texas Wesleyan College. He coached football at a number of schools before moving to Houston to work for Pan American Airlines. He later moved to Mart and went to work for Read's Food Store and *The Mart Herald*. Curtis then worked for Mars Candy Company in Waco until retirement in 1997.



**Anna J. Bell '66**  
May 25, 2013, Granbury  
Anna "A.J." Bell received a B.S. from Texas Wesleyan College and was a dedicated teacher at South Birdville Elementary. A.J. was an avid card player and was very active in the Garden Club and her church.

**Michael W. Jackson '68**  
Feb. 21, 2013, China Spring

Michael was awarded a golf scholarship to attend Texas Wesleyan College, where in 1968 he received his BBA in management. He went on to pursue his MBA at UNT. In 1997, he married Jan Marstaller. Although his skill and schooling led him to a successful career in building and construction, he also traveled the countryside of Italy working for a marble company where he was self-taught and fluent in Italian.

## 1970s



**Ronald D. Bearden '73**  
March 25, 2013, Iraan  
Ronald "Ronnie" Dean Bearden graduated from Texas Wesleyan College with a B.S. in mathematics. He also graduated from TCU. Ronnie retired from McCurdy Oil Company as a field supervisor. He was a longtime resident of Iraan. Ronnie loved to play golf and shoot darts. He maintained a lifelong passion for learning.



**Dallie L. Houston '73**  
**May 28, 2013, Fort Worth**  
 Dallie married Marvin Houston on Jan. 20, 1956, and they moved to the Fort Worth area in March 1957. She graduated from Texas Wesleyan College with a degree in elementary education and taught second grade for several years. She then worked for State Farm, where she retired after 20 years. Dallie was an accomplished musician (piano/organ) who enjoyed teaching piano lessons, especially to her grandsons.



**James H. Brown '74**  
**April 8, 2013, Fort Worth**  
 James "Jim" Harvey Brown served our country in the Vietnam War. Upon his return he continued his education at Texas Wesleyan College, graduating with a BBA in accounting. He started his career at KPMG and then served many years working for the Bass Enterprises in Fort Worth.



**Martin L. Patterson '76**  
**May 10, 2013, Arlington**  
 Martin served four years in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Germany. He graduated from Texas Wesleyan with a B.A. in psychology. He worked for the Postal Service for 29 years. Martin was a member of Tate Springs Baptist Church and was a Mason and a Shrine clown.



**Jack W. Tollett '78**  
**May 24, 2013, Fort Worth**  
 Jack "Jackson" Wesley Tollett married his best friend and soul mate Paula Reed on Jan. 8, 1988. He graduated from Texas Wesleyan College with a BBA in management and worked on graduate studies in economics at TCU. He taught economics as an adjunct professor at TCU and taught Texas history at William James Middle School. Jack was the chairman and CEO of the Texas Methane Producers.

## 1980s



**Kenneth M. Norland '86**  
**March 4, 2013, Winfield, Kan.**  
 Kenneth graduated from Texas Wesleyan College with a BBA in business administration and a degree in ranch management from TCU. He was vice president of the Texas Grain and Feed Association. He and his wife, Madeline (Magnusson), have jointly owned and operated the Bluestem Bed and Breakfast. It is an example of Ken's ingenuity of design.

## 1990s



**Pamela Day '91**  
**April 7, 2013, Fort Worth**  
 Pamela received a B.A. in bilingual/early childhood education from Texas Wesleyan University and a master's degree from UTA. She was employed by Fort Worth ISD as an adult education aide, an elementary teacher, an assistant principal and a principal. She cared deeply for the welfare and well-being of her students and her teachers.



**William P. Poland '94**  
**Feb. 6, 2013, Fort Worth**  
 William Pitchlynn "Pitch" Poland graduated from Texas Wesleyan University with a B.S. in social sciences. Pitch's heart was as large as his smile and he generously gave of himself to help others. From the homeless to his recent mission trip to Uganda, he always thought of others before himself.



**Hattie Jim Dycus McManus '96**  
**July 22, 2013, Fort Worth**  
 Hattie Jim earned a bachelor's degree from UNT and an M.Ed. from Texas Wesleyan. She taught in the Dallas school district, the Fort Worth school district and the Everman school district. Hattie Jim was a founding member of Christ Chapel and an active and longstanding member of the book club, the Bridge Group of the Woman's Club of Fort Worth, Fort

Worth Lecture Foundation and the Roundelay Dance Club. She was a world traveler and was climbing bell towers in Europe last October.

## 2000s



**Bryan D. Boyd '02**  
**March 11, 2013, Fort Worth**  
 Bryan put his psychology degree from Texas Wesleyan to work as he motivated his clients to combine their workouts with healthy eating. He had a passion for his clients as he trained young athletes, teenagers, business men and women, as well as his elderly grandmother. His smile and compassion and his "full-tilt boogie" attitude often took you one step further and one step healthier.

**Timothy S. Smith '04**  
**May 20, 2013, Springtown**  
 Timothy graduated from Texas Wesleyan University with a B.S. in psychology.

**Michayela D. Mays '08**  
**May 13, 2013, Azle**  
 Michayela graduated from Texas Wesleyan University with a B.S. in mass communication.



James C. Armstrong

# Son donates \$750,000 to renovate dorms named for his parents

**C**irca 1956: Elizabeth Means Armstrong, Class of 1920, and her husband, Otho C. Armstrong, University trustee, pictured on the right, study the plans for their new dormitories to be built and named for them.

The Armstrongs' gift spearheaded a \$1 million campaign to build new facilities on the campus, to include the two residence halls, the Dora Roberts Dining Hall, and the Judge George W. Armstrong Library (today's School of Business Administration building).

The Armstrongs' son, James C. Armstrong of Austin, has made a donation of \$750,000 to renovate both Elizabeth Means Armstrong Hall and Otho C. Armstrong Hall.

### Renovation beginning soon

The renovations are scheduled to begin in late fall and will include new landscaping, window treatments, and kitchen and study lounge upgrades.





# Thirty years later, school ties are still strong for alumnus

by Ken Roberts

Although it's been nearly 30 years since Stefan Stamoulis '84 graduated from Texas Wesleyan, his experience as both a student and alumnus personifies today's "Smaller. Smarter." advertising campaign. In fact, that experience began for him even before he enrolled. When he was a high school senior, Stefan hadn't decided where here was going to pursue higher education. A friend in his native Galveston who had attended Wesleyan encouraged Stefan to visit the campus. Stefan agreed to make the trip to Fort Worth to learn more about the University, and he was hooked before his weekend visit ended.

"When I met with Buddy Carter, who was the registrar, and Jerry Bawcom, who was dean of students at that time, I decided right then that this is where I was going to go to school. They took the time to learn about me and I could tell they really cared. That was what I was looking for in a college," Stefan said.

## A place that cares about students

Stefan's first impression of the University never wavered. In fact, it was strengthened with experience. "I really felt like it was, and is, a place that cares about students and wants to see them succeed. I've been to other colleges, and Wesleyan does this a tad bit better."

Perhaps recognizing that Stefan was more appreciative than many undergraduates of the University's caring nature, Dr. Bawcom made it possible for Stefan to reciprocate by giving him the opportunity to care for nature. A creature of nature, that is: Willie the Ram.

"I don't know what happened to the previous caregiver, but they needed somebody to care for Willie the Ram, and Jerry Bawcom asked me if I wanted the job. I was from Galveston. I'd never taken care of animals, but I decided to do it." Stefan's job description included feeding and grooming Willie and taking him to parades, school functions and athletic events. "I was responsible for school property. I had a truck and trailer, and Willie, of course. That experience put me in contact with the workings of the college, and I just felt really close to the school," Stefan said.

After earning his BBA, Stefan pursued an undergraduate degree in geology from Tarleton State University and an MBA at Pepperdine University; and he is two classes removed from earning a master's degree in sustainability and environmental management from Harvard University. The owner of three successful companies, all providing vital environmental services that protect our nation's groundwater and air, and the holder of three industrial patents, Stefan says his first university remains especially important to him. "I continue to support Texas Wesleyan because it was a special time and place in my life. I believe in the University's mission and I've sat down with students in the cafeteria and found out they feel the same way I do."

Just as his friend encouraged him to look at Texas Wesleyan, Stefan's message to anyone who's undecided about where to pursue higher education is smaller is smarter. "The people here have proven over and over that they care about students. If you want to have a close experience with your school and professors, and if you really want to learn and graduate, Texas Wesleyan is the place."



## Save the Date!



### School of Natural and Social Sciences Alumni Reception

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"The skills that I've learned here are working in groups, keeping a laboratory notebook, and organization. The instruments provided at Texas Wesleyan give me a hands-on experience for what I might come across in my professional career."

Maria, who wants to be a pathologist, knows that the skills she is learning today will help her in the long run.

"I believe it will help me gain experience ... and I will know what I'm doing instead of just learning it after I start working."



Find out more about Maria's success at [txwes.edu/maria](http://txwes.edu/maria)

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Jerry Wood '69



# Upcoming Events



## November

- 15 Barr Memorial Concert, Martin Hall, 7:30 p.m. Reception follows at Lou's Place.
- 16 Burge Classic Basketball, Sid Richardson Center gym, 4 p.m.
- 24 Wesleyan Encore reunion, Lou's Place, 4 p.m.
- 30 Clifford Classic Basketball, Sid Richardson Center gym, 4 p.m.

## December

- 3 Wesleyan Chorale, Martin Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 A Festival of Lessons & Carols, Polytechnic United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- 13 Undergraduate robing, 11 a.m. Graduate robing, 6 p.m. Both are held in Martin Hall with a reception in Lou's Place.
- 14 Commencement, Southwestern Theological Seminary, 11 a.m.

For a full list of events, go to [txwes.edu/calendar](http://txwes.edu/calendar)

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"I had an empathy and a heart to help first-time college goers and adults returning to college who may be afraid of college or may be concerned that it was something they couldn't accomplish and help them see that they could have a future in college and beyond college — and that they were capable of completing a degree."

She said she hopes to help students become persuasive communicators.

"I think what is important about the work I do is that I focus on four areas — I look at content, collaboration, critical thinking and communication — and how to develop those skills in students — and use those in the classroom in order to teach them the kinds of skills and capabilities and abilities they need to be successful at both the University and in business."



Learn more about Carol Johnson-Gerendas at [txwes.edu/cjg](http://txwes.edu/cjg)



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