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Campus improvements. An energized neighborhood. Texas Wesleyan's strategic plan is bringing a bright future into view. [PAGE 10](#)

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Dear Alumni & Friends,

As I walk around our campus this fall, I am delighted by the excitement I see and hear at every corner — construction crews working on the Rosedale Renaissance, energetic campus tour guides escorting new families from building to building, students engaging with their professors and peers, and faculty and staff excitedly talking about classroom upgrades and new landscaping.

We are working vigorously toward the goals set forth in our 2020 Strategic Vision, and I am proud to report that we are well on our way to achieving those goals.

For the fifth straight year, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Texas Wesleyan in the No. 1 tier of universities in the West. We are designated as a Military Friendly school, keeping us in the top 15 percent of universities for military students for the fifth straight year. And, this year, our 124-year affiliation with the United Methodist Church was renewed. All of these accomplishments are the collaborative work of our wonderful students, alumni, faculty and staff.

More key examples of how our 2020 Vision is coming into focus are detailed in this issue's cover story, which focuses on the accreditation of our business school by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, campus improvements and the Rosedale Renaissance project.

If you haven't been to campus to see our vision and transformation in action, please make plans to visit us soon. It was a pleasure to see many of you at this year's Alumni Reunion weekend. The strength of our Alumni Association, through its members and supporters, is an important measure of our strength as a university. I thank all of you for your dedication to Texas Wesleyan.

Next year, we will celebrate our 125-year anniversary together. Students have been thriving here for 125 years because of our intentionally small classes, dedicated faculty and promise to develop critical thinking skills. Our rich history, which is written by you, has brought us to where we are today.

Texas Wesleyan University is a remarkable place, and I am looking forward to celebrating our past, present and future with you.

Sincerely,

Frederick G. Slabach
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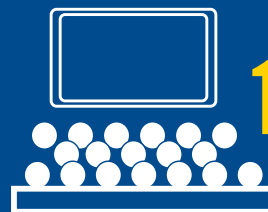
TRENDING NOW

THE LATEST FROM TEXAS WESLEYAN



5 YEARS TEXAS WESLEYAN HAS BEEN RANKED BY *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT* IN THE NO. 1 TIER OF UNIVERSITIES IN THE WEST

#10 WHERE FORT WORTH RANKS ON *BLOOMBERG BUSINESSWEEK'S* "BEST CITIES FOR NEW COLLEGE GRADS" LIST



18 AVERAGE CLASS SIZE AT TEXAS WESLEYAN

\$53 MILLION
AWARDED IN TOTAL FINANCIAL AID LAST YEAR



87.6% OF STUDENTS RECEIVE SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL AID

\$0 TUITION COSTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE THE "SMALLER. SMARTER." PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

\$16,557

AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID AWARD PER NEW STUDENT AT TEXAS WESLEYAN



<5%



OF THE WORLD'S BUSINESS PROGRAMS HAVE EARNED AACSB INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION, WHICH TEXAS WESLEYAN RECEIVED IN MAY



YEARS THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY HAS RECEIVED THE ROBERT A. WELCH FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANT



AWARDS *THE RAMBLER* AND STAFF WON AT THE 2014 TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE PRESS ASSOCIATION'S THREE-DAY CONVENTION

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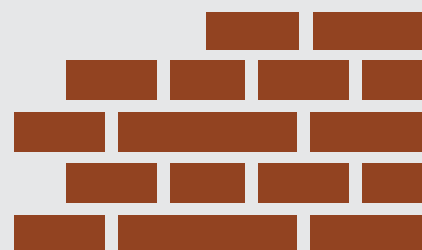
NUMBER OF NEW TREES PLANTED ON CAMPUS LAST SPRING



20,000

COUNSELING SESSIONS CONDUCTED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS AT THE GLICK HOUSE COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER, WHICH TRAINS GRADUATE STUDENTS

\$6.71 MILLION
IN UPDATES AS PART OF THE ROSEDALE RENAISSANCE PROJECT



Rams *in focus*

Rafia Hameed, sophomore biology major, is all smiles as she participates in the inaugural Holi Festival of Color on March 18. The festival is a Hindu tradition that celebrates the winter gloom leaving and spring bloom arriving.

Photo by Chuck Greeson

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1. Update your information online at alumni.txwes.edu/profile
2. Call 817-531-6548

*Contest details available online at alumni.txwes.edu/ipadgiveaway

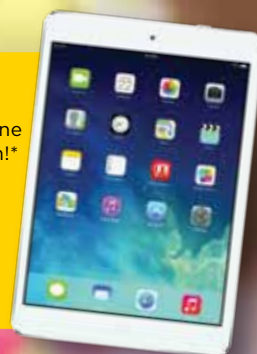




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Engaging Educators

Greg Gullion

**Associate Professor of
Criminal Justice, Ph.D.**

U.S. Professor of the Year Nominee

**Ph.D. in sociology from University
of North Texas**

Classes taught: Gangsters, White Collar Crime/Corporate Crime, Introduction to Criminal Justice, and Infamous Murders and Unsolved Crimes

Did you know: Since developing the criminal justice degree plan in 2011, the number of majors has doubled.

“I teach gangsters.”

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Greg Gullion has interviewed more than 2,300 dangerous minds from around the globe, but it's his passion for teaching classes on gangsters, criminals and serial killers that makes his heart beat.

Usually, Gullion asks the questions. But, after returning from a summer research trip with Interpol (International Criminal Police Organization), the former LAPD criminologist and international organized-crime fighter let us interrogate him for a change.

How have this century's U.S. gangs changed?

“Gangs today are much more violent and more involved in drugs than, say, the gangs of the Public Enemy Era. During the Public Enemy Era of the 1930s, Al Capone pretty much owned Chicago. There were less gangs, so less competition. Today, the number of gangs has grown so much that cities and neighborhoods are divided by streets and the gangs that control them. Also, the fact that gangs today are more involved in drugs makes them more violent. There is more money at stake.”

Is the East Coast vs. West Coast rivalry of the '90s still strong?

“Many people don't realize this, but that rivalry was fabricated for rap music and selling records. Gang rivalries are much more localized. For example, on the West Coast, gangs compete with transnational gangs and domestic gangs (like Bloods, Crips and the international MS-13). On the East Coast, gangs also compete with other local gangs, rather than gangs on the other side of the country.”

Is the mob alive?

“Very much so. The Mafia today has strong presence in cities such as New York, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles. They are primarily involved in racketeering and money laundering.”

What do you like most about teaching?

“The students — seeing their success in class and after graduation. We have former students working in Los Angeles, New York, Portland, Dallas-Fort Worth and internationally fighting organized crime.”

What do criminal justice majors need to learn most?

“They have to know how to think for themselves, solve problems and write. Being a police officer or detective requires much more than standard procedures at a crime scene. They have to analyze and process information and know what questions to ask. It is also extremely important to know how to write. I've seen guilty felons walk free over a misspelled word in a police report.”

What is your favorite thing about Texas Wesleyan?

“I love University College Day. I think the presentations are outstanding and an important part of learning. Even the brightest and sharpest students need practice presenting in front of large and small audiences. I once had a student throw up before a session because he was so nervous! We have a lot of fun, too, and usually draw a good crowd. Some past presentations include Jack the Ripper and the Public Enemy Era.”

— Ann Davis



Learn more about Texas Wesleyan's criminal justice program at txwes.edu/criminaljusticemajor



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Chuck Greeson

Critical Thinkers

15 minutes with ... Lyndsey Bessinger

In a few moments, a conversation with Lyndsey Bessinger, sophomore business major, jumps from cheerleader resting positions (“I prefer to keep my hands at my sides”) to rewards systems in business (“I prefer implicit rewards, but some others do not”) to her study habits (“My secret is to read the textbook”). She’s charming, fun, humble — and whip-smart.

And she’s, to say the least, involved — she’s cheer co-captain, she volunteers as an orientation leader, and she’s an RA. In between all that, she still maintains her 4.0.

Lyndsey says she’s always been organized — she calls herself a “list-maker” — but at Texas Wesleyan, she’s been able to refine her organization with valuable critical thinking skills. In her Management Theory and Practice class, taught by Dr. Rod Erakovich, associate professor of management, Lyndsey worked with a team to see what that critical thinking looks like in the real world.

“One of the first things we learn in Dr. E’s class is how to define a problem,” Lyndsey says. “We look at the different points of view and identify the desired versus the current state.”

Those lessons are already paying off.

“I’ve improved as a leader,” Lyndsey says. “Being a cheerleader taught me how to keep a positive attitude, and business taught me how to be organized.”

— Darren White



WEB EXTRA

See what Lyndsey and her team worked on in Dr. E’s class at txwes.edu/lyndsey

Lyndsey Bessinger

Sophomore

Major: Business

Did you know: She’s also cheerleading squad co-captain

Hometown: Fort Worth

Movers & Shakers

The Reading Connection

Kary Johnson M.Ed. '03 Ed.D. '13

By Nancy Bartosek Strini

Fort Worth native Kary Johnson never dreamed she'd become an entrepreneur and business owner ... or expect to be addressed as Dr. Johnson.

In fact, Johnson never imagined anything about her life today as founder and CEO of a reading clinic. With 35 staff members, they change the future of 80 students a week by teaching them individually, one at a time, how to succeed — just like Wesleyan teachers did for her not that long ago.

"The whole ethos we have here at The Reading Connection of meeting needs one child at a time is pretty much a Wesleyan thing," she says. "And the notion of serving a disenfranchised population of people, whether socially, economically or because of their learning disabilities, ran pretty strong through the education program. So that ethos definitely impacted how The Reading Connection was formed."

Johnson positively glows when she talks about the program, the students, her staff and the nonprofit they founded; the collaborations and publications with colleagues who used to be her professors; the adjunct teaching, the challenges and, especially, the successes.

Yep, she's living a dream she didn't even know she had.

Johnson was a bilingual elementary teacher in 1999, working on her teacher certification when she bumped into her future in the form of Wesleyan's Carlos Martinez, Ph.D., who — before he became dean of the School of Education — was her teaching certification supervisor.

"One day he said to me, 'You're a good teacher; you should come to Wesleyan and apply for our bilingual master's program,'" she says. "Without him, I wouldn't be here."

Johnson was delighted to discover that Martinez's focus on relationships ran throughout the School of Education. For example, Professor Twyla Miranda was undergoing chemotherapy when Johnson enrolled; Miranda eventually became a friend and a colleague — and a touchstone for life.



"I'd never met somebody like her before," Johnson recalls. "She would come to class with her scarf tied around her head. She would call all seven of us in the class to tell us when she was going to have chemo: 'So you girls go to class. So-and-so is in charge, and this is what you're going to do and what you're going to discuss.'"

"And everyone would show up," Johnson adds with a grin, still amazed. "That would never happen anywhere else."

She learned something essential from Miranda: If students have a relationship with a teacher, they will work much harder for that person and will learn more.

Following graduation, Johnson took Miranda's advice to think of education in new ways. She knew she wanted one-on-one experiences

with students, so Johnson took on her first client, Jack, age 6.

His very satisfied parents passed on her name and The Reading Connection was born. By 2009 it needed a permanent home, and they now have four locations in the Metroplex and have recently opened in Austin.

Johnson's relationships at Wesleyan didn't stop once she graduated — she is working on scholarly projects with some of the faculty and enjoys teaching a class each spring. And, she hires a lot of Wesleyan alumni, as well as students from her class, since she knows they'll be great tutors and employees.

"I don't see myself stepping away," she says. "Even though I'm not a full-time staff member, Wesleyan is my home away from home when I'm not here at the clinic."

Caring for the needy the Wesleyan way

A casual conversation with a parent of a Reading Connection student has given economically disadvantaged kids in Tarrant County new hope.

"It bothered me that we could only serve the well-off," recalls Kary Johnson, founder and CEO of The Reading Connection. "Then this dad suggested we start a nonprofit to find money for scholarships."

So in 2011, Literacy United was born, and in 2014, more than 11,000 local kids are expected to benefit from the group's work either through one-on-one reading intervention at local nonprofits, a library reading program, or books put into Christmas backpacks that a local food bank distributes.

Literacy United's reach continues to grow as well. In spring 2014, it partnered with H.O.P.E. Farm, a nonprofit that works with boys in the Como and Southside neighborhoods.

Michael Morris, director of operations at H.O.P.E. Farm, says the partnership addresses a need that will "keep the boys in school and out of prison."

"We try to find gaps in the learning experiences of the boys we work with," he says, noting that most have a math or reading deficiency. "But when they can read, they can go into a classroom and confidently perform. Reading is vital to the success of what we do here."

"It's been wonderful working with H.O.P.E. Farm," Johnson says. "They started very much like I started The Reading Connection. [Founder] Gary Randall stopped being a police officer to work with one boy, and it's grown from there."

"My goal is to continue to build these kinds of collaborations."

For more information, go to literacyunited.org.

The Reading Connection

- The privately owned clinic opened in 2004.
- In addition to reading intervention, they coach in all academic areas and teach executive functions like planning, organizing, time management and paying attention.
- They offer homework-hour programming and summer enrichment camps.
- About 80 students, ages 4 to adult, are served each week.
- There are 18 reading specialists, four math specialists, one behavioral specialist, one Spanish specialist, seven homework helpers and five support staff.
- Every instructional specialist is certified, holds a master's degree, and has at least three years in a classroom. They are specifically trained to recognize and treat all reading disabilities.
- The instructor to student ratio is 1:1.
- More than half of the staff members are Wesleyan alumni or students.
- The first permanent location opened in Fort Worth in 2009. There are now five: Fort Worth, Mansfield, Hurst-Euless-Bedford, Flower Mound and Austin.
- An offshoot nonprofit named Literacy United was founded in 2011 to provide scholarships for tutoring to the economically disadvantaged. It partnered with local nonprofit H.O.P.E. Farm in 2013.

For more information, go to reading-connection.com.

A young man with short dark hair, smiling, is sitting at a large wooden desk. He is wearing a yellow t-shirt with "TEXAS WESLEYAN EST. 1890 University" printed on it. His hands are on a laptop keyboard. The background is a library with bookshelves.

A **SMARTER** PROMISE



A college journey doesn't always begin with Texas Wesleyan, but new articulation agreements with Tarrant County College and a free tuition program for qualifying transfer students are paving the way for our campus to be the final destination.

TRANSFERRING MADE EASY

The new articulation agreements, which have been in the works since 2013, make perfect sense for Texas Wesleyan and TCC. After all, 50 percent of Texas Wesleyan's transfer students come from the TCC system — that's a lot of credit hours moving between campuses.

On May 7, Texas Wesleyan President Frederick G. Slabach and TCC Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley made a commitment to making it easier for students to transfer to the University by signing the agreements and reaffirming the long-standing relationship between the schools.

"We continue to grow our long-standing partnership with TCC to benefit students and the entire Tarrant County community," President Slabach said. "Together, we are simplifying the process of transferring in to our bachelor's programs."

It was a banner day for both schools, and President Slabach and Chancellor Hadley were joined by their colleagues for the signing at Texas Wesleyan's Baker Building to demonstrate their commitment to the partnership.

"The articulation agreements allow us to build on our already successful relationship with Texas Wesleyan University by further streamlining the process for Tarrant County College students to transfer to Texas Wesleyan when ready," said Chancellor Hadley.

"We are serious about our role as advocates for our students and view these agreements as another opportunity to bolster their numbers beyond the current 50 percent who comprise Wesleyan's transfer students."

THE SMALLER. SMARTER. PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

In addition to the articulation agreements, the University announced a new scholarship program in April



TCC Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley and Texas Wesleyan University President Frederick G. Slabach smile for the camera after signing the articulation agreement documents. — Photo by Chuck Greeson

that offers free tuition to qualifying transfer students.

The "Smaller. Smarter." Promise Scholarship will pay 100 percent of tuition for students who transfer from any regionally accredited college or university and have completed at least 42 credit hours.

"We are excited about this scholarship — how it opens doors for more students to attend Texas Wesleyan who may not have previously considered a smaller, private university," Slabach said.

In addition to the credit hour requirements, students must also:

- Have a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA
- Be a first-time Wesleyan student
- Complete the FAFSA and qualify for the full amount of the Federal Pell Grant

Students automatically apply for the scholarship when they submit their application for admission. If eligible, they must maintain a 3.0 GPA each semester until graduation in order to keep the award.

The scholarship is going to help a generation of future Rams get a top-

tier private education — it's the kind of promise that makes a difference, and it's the kind of promise that makes you proud to be part of the Texas Wesleyan family.

— Elaine Sharpe



For more information, visit txwes.edu/smarterpromise


WHAT IS AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT?

The articulation agreements between TCC and Texas Wesleyan formally outline which credit hours can be transferred toward a degree plan. The agreements save students time and money by ensuring that completed courses at TCC count toward a Texas Wesleyan bachelor's degree.

2020 in focus

New developments in facilities, infrastructure and academic programs are all part of the 2020 Strategic Vision — a plan that is already revolutionizing Texas Wesleyan.

Campus improvements include landscaping, new sod and a new irrigation system.



You hear it as soon as your feet hit the ground: Texas Wesleyan's campus is buzzing — literally buzzing. Buzzing with the sound of new construction projects and campus improvements — and brimming with academic energy.

2014 is the year that Texas Wesleyan's 2020 Strategic Vision is coming into full, clear focus. From the Rosedale Renaissance and campus improvement projects to the business school's accreditation, 2020 starts now.

ROSEDALE RENAISSANCE PROJECT UPDATE

Street improvements along East Rosedale and construction on the new campus entryway, clock tower, Jack Morton Business Accelerator Center and United Methodist Church Central Texas Conference Service Center are underway and scheduled to be complete next year.

The \$6.71 million project represents our vision to revitalize our neighborhood and creates a critical thinking hub in east Fort Worth.

- The new campus entryway will include a clock tower, a horseshoe-shaped drive, expanded visitor parking, stone monument signs, landscaped medians and additional lighting.
- The United Methodist Church Central Texas Conference Service Center will be home to the bishop's offices and 25 to 30 employees.

- The Jack Morton Business Accelerator Center will be managed by our business school faculty and students and will provide market research and analysis for potential southeast Fort Worth businesses.
- The street improvements adjacent to campus leverage \$32 million in road renovations along East Rosedale — a collaboration between Texas Wesleyan, the city of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments that covers the entire East Rosedale stretch from Highway 287 to Stalcup Road.



For more information visit,
txwes.edu/RosedaleRenaissance



Renovations to the Armstrong residence halls include new landscaping, trees and flowers. The major renovations were a gift from James C. Armstrong, the son of Elizabeth Means and O.C. Armstrong, and his children.
— Photo by Chuck Greeson



Photo by Chuck Greeson

“THIS CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT BROUGHT TO YOU BY TEXAS WESLEYAN.”



Photo by Chuck Greeson

New sidewalks. New fences. New flowerbeds. New classroom equipment. Everywhere you look, campus enhancement projects to improve the appeal and safety of the University are in the works.

Several of the safety, classroom, security and landscaping projects were completed this spring and summer. Renovations to both Elizabeth Means Armstrong Hall and O.C. Armstrong Hall were unveiled as students returned to campus. More than \$1 million in renovations were made possible thanks to a generous donation from James C. Armstrong, son of Elizabeth Means and O.C., and his children. The dorms have now been renamed the

James C. Armstrong and Elizabeth Means Armstrong Hall and the James C. Armstrong and O.C. Armstrong Hall.

The improvements in progress on campus complement our renewed focus on the campus visit experience and attracting and retaining students. They also lay the groundwork for long-term sustainable economic growth in our community — all a part of our 2020 Vision.

— Ann Davis



For the latest campus improvement updates visit txwes.edu/campusimprovements



Business school recognized as top tier with AACSB accreditation

Last spring, the School of Business Administration achieved accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), the premier accreditor of business schools in the world.

This distinction has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world's business programs.

AACSB accreditation brings access to thought-leadership programs across the world to our students. The curriculum is dedicated to engaging students directly with the needs of businesses in the community and developing innovative and critical thinking skills that will positively impact those businesses.

"This is a great achievement for our school and a great asset for Fort Worth," School of Business Administration Dean Hector Quintanilla, Ph.D., said. "Businesses understand the value of AACSB-accredited programs and look for it when interviewing candidates or



Dean Hector Quintanilla, Ph.D.,
School of Business Administration

sending employees back to school to further their education.

"Our next steps, as we look toward the goals of our 2020 Vision, will be to offer more executive education and online/hybrid MBA programs," Quintanilla said.

— Ann Davis



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Beverly Volkman Powell elected Board of Trustees chairman

Last spring, Beverly Volkman Powell '92 MBA '99 was elected as new Board of Trustees chairman.

Powell has served for 14 years on the Texas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees and has chaired the Academic Affairs, Personnel, and Buildings and Grounds committees. She previously served as vice chairman of the board.

"Beverly has been a key member of the Texas Wesleyan Board of Trustees," President Frederick G. Slabach said. "As a business and education leader and a Texas Wesleyan graduate, she has a keen understanding of the University's future and its strategic vision, and her expertise will be very important in the coming years."

Texas Wesleyan also named Dan Boulware '68 vice chairman of the Board of Trustees and John R. Murphey '71 as secretary of the board.

Powell replaces outgoing Chairman Kenneth Jones. Jones' leadership helped lead Texas Wesleyan through many of the major milestones that have shaped its modern era — from the Texas A&M School of Law acquisition to the launch of the Rosedale Renaissance campaign.

— Darren White



More information about Beverly Volkman Powell can be found at txwes.edu/powell. Visit txwes.edu/jones to watch a tribute to immediate past Chairman Kenneth Jones.

Music & Mentorship

A strong support network in the music department creates greater opportunity for music students.

By Paige Rodges

New chair — with Wesleyan experience

This June, veteran faculty member Dr. Jerome M. Bierschenk accepted a new position as music department chairman and director of choral activities.

Making music — together

Texas Wesleyan's music department combines a high-quality music program with personal attention.

As a result, more of the students who enter the music department are able to see the program through and earn degrees.

Senior music major Andrew Weliver is a saxophonist in the program. He credits the smaller department with the opportunity to learn outside of his original concentration.

"Because of the size and access to faculty, we get to do things we might not be able to do at other schools," he said. "At Texas Wesleyan, students get a conservatory-style training."

Role models and mentors

Weliver considers the department chair a mentor, not just musically but also morally.

"Because the Wesleyan faculty have the opportunity to get to know students on a personal level, they learn what influences a student's studies and can help lead them as an instructor and as a role model," Weliver said.

Andrew Weliver on the Martin Hall stage
— Photo by Chuck Greeson



Making the cut

The nurturing environment starts during the audition process. Potential students, uncertain about their skill level or which piece to perform, can meet with professors and receive one-on-one instruction prior to auditioning.

After students perform their chosen piece, they come off-stage and talk to professors on a personal level. This gives professors insight into a student's passion. Their personal story plays into a student's ability to succeed in the program almost as much as aptitude.

"We will take a chance if we see drive and potential," said Bierschenk. "Our intuition is almost always correct."

A multit talented music department

Bierschenk says Weliver typifies the benefits of the Texas Wesleyan experience. While working with him, Bierschenk recognized his voice talent and encouraged him to further develop both skills.

The rewards of hard work

Bierschenk and other faculty work to make practice an everyday ritual.

"When students commit to the habit of practice, they become better musicians — and that spills over into academics, making them better students as well," Bierschenk said.

According to Weliver, the musician's

"I've lived both worlds. I've seen the difference."

— Dr. Jerome M. Bierschenk

heart is "never satisfied and always wants more. It's what makes the hard work so rewarding."

A collective work

Students who take ownership of their skill and motivate themselves are what inspire Bierschenk as an instructor. He then pours more energy into the students. The result is a better product that shows when it's performance time.

Why smaller really is smarter

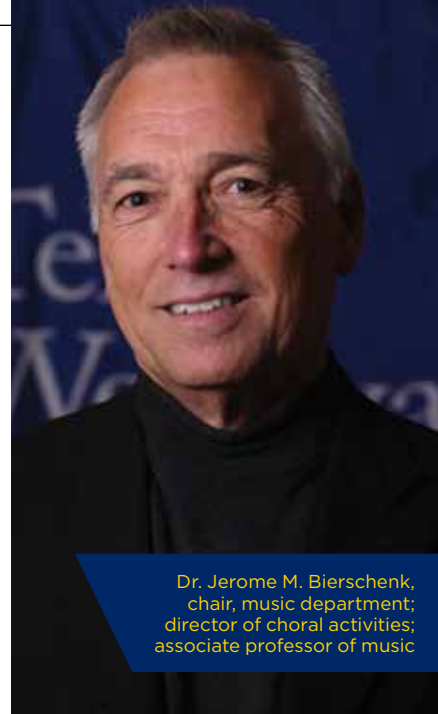
The music department gives students the chance to try new ideas, experiment and build their confidence as musicians and as people. It creates stronger ties between students, faculty and alumni. The Smaller. Smarter. philosophy works. It fuels the family atmosphere and that encourages student success.

"I've lived both worlds," said Bierschenk. "I've seen the difference."

of preparation. On top of their studies, music students practice two to eight hours a day and up to 14 hours per day as they approach a performance. Weliver comments, "The program asks a lot from students, but the rewards outweigh the demands."

Music and education

Research shows that the study of music helps with cognitive development. As a result, the study of music can enhance a student's skills in other areas such as critical thinking, decision-making, language learning, multitasking and working within a team.



Dr. Jerome M. Bierschenk,
chair, music department;
director of choral activities;
associate professor of music

Upcoming Events

The Stephen Barr Memorial Concert

This year's performance will feature renowned pianist and 2014 Van Cliburn competitor Alex McDonald, DMA.

Oct. 24, 7:30–8:30 p.m.,
Ann Waggoner Fine Arts
Building/Nicholas Martin Hall

Wesleyan at the Modern

The Texas Wesleyan faculty will perform along with selected students.

Nov. 1, 2 p.m., Modern Art
Museum of Fort Worth

Wesleyan Chorale

Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.,
Ann Waggoner Fine Arts
Building/Nicholas Martin Hall

*For more information
about these free events and
Texas Wesleyan's music
department, visit
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Did You Know?

The job market

Music students have a variety of career options, including education, graduate school, event coordinating, film scoring, sound design, conducting ... and the list goes on. Many of Texas Wesleyan's music graduates go on to serve in the public education system, even as those jobs are harder to come by.

Mastering the craft

Students perform at a few events per semester, but each performance requires weeks

President's Honors Concert



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1. Julia Oh (piano) and senior Adam Pratt (cello) play "Sonata for Cello and Piano in D Minor II" from *Allegro* by Dmitri Shostakovich.
2. Back to front: Daniel Wingard, Shelby Pressley, Mindy Hanson, Alexander Lopez, Emily Davis, Macedonio Mucino, Jayme Vaughn, Avary Vaughn, Crystal Sanchez, Andrew Weliver, Adam Pratt, Sophia Ingram, Hayley Eaker, Ashley Hilliard
3. Sophomore Avary Vaughn sings "Non so piu son, cosa faccio" from *Le Nozze di Figaro* by Mozart (Keith Critcher, piano).
4. Senior Mindy Hanson sings "Del cabelo mas sutil" from *Con Amores, La mi Madre* by Fernando Obradors.
5. Senior Sophia Ingram receives a bouquet of flowers from President Frederick G. Slabach at the end of the performance.
6. On the saxophone, senior Andrew Weliver plays "Fantaisie for Saxophone and Piano" (Keith Critcher, on piano, not shown).
7. Charles Duke '53, third from left, Joe Don Conger, fourth from left, and Lynn Wiseman '71, fifth from left, listen intently to the concert.

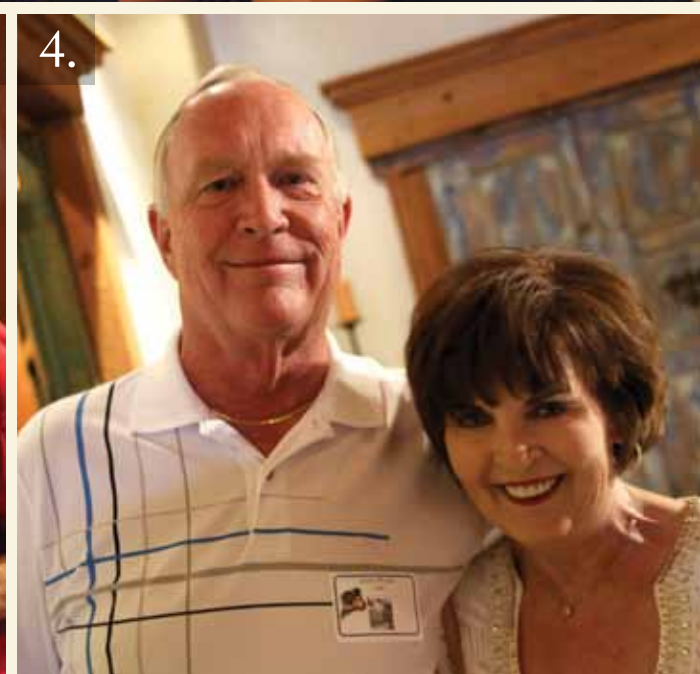
One to Remember

More than 250 alumni and friends attended the annual Texas Wesleyan Alumni Reunion, April 24-26. Attendees celebrated at various events including the inaugural Arts & Letters Distinguished Alumni Reception, the Friday night dinner at Blue Mesa, and the 60th annual spring musical. Fellow Rams returned to campus, reconnected with each other, and recalled their favorite Wesleyan memories.

We hope you'll save the date for next year's reunion on April 23-25, 2015!

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1. Bob and Jeri '67 Johnston and Dan '68 and Barbara '68 Boulware
2. Ashly Spencer '11, Beth Hargrove '02 MBA '11 and Xochitl Villalpando '09
3. James '67 and Polly Pollan '67 Starr and Wanda Wesson Reynolds '64
4. Trustee Jerry Wood '69 and his wife, Kim
5. Frederick G. Slabach, University president; Amy Alt '94; Jill Montgomery Loudermilk '04; Joe Ralph Martinez '89; Wanda Hunsaker Russell '64; Dennis Camp '64; Ouida McWilliams Moore '64; Ann Harrell Burge '54; Susie Canafax '74; and Karen Cole '99 MBA '04, alumni board president
6. Charles Duke '53 with President Frederick G. Slabach and his wife, Melany Neilson
7. Erica Maroney '07 and Rachel Benham '13
8. Spencer Baker '14 and Allie Beck
9. Sabra Doggett '70 and Charles Willett '66
10. Lamar Smith '50 HON '65





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The Dynasty

How Texas Wesleyan has changed the landscape of collegiate table tennis — forever.

By Josh Lacy



2014 Table Tennis National Champions team photo, taken by head coach Jasna Rather (from left to right): Matthew Mayfield, Yahao Zhang, Zhedi Bai, Claudia Lie Ikeigumi, Roberto Torres Zavallos, Razvan Cretu, Caroline Kajihara, Emil Santos, Keith Evans

In 2002, a small school from Fort Worth, Texas, showed up at the Collegiate Table Tennis National Championships in Baltimore. Being from what was perceived as a weak South Region, Texas Wesleyan University was not yet eligible to compete for the team title. That crown went to the University of Illinois. However, the Rams swept all of the remaining titles in men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles and, in the process, changed the landscape of collegiate table tennis forever.

In 2004, the Rams and the South Region became eligible to compete for the team title, and the Rams have yet to be defeated in that competition. The Rams have been so good that they have raised the level of play throughout the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) as the rest of the country tries to play catch-up. The competition in the NCTTA has never been greater. Several programs have been knocking at the door, yet the Rams have continued to have an answer and have continued to prove themselves as one of the greatest dynasties in the history of college athletics.

Making history

In 2013, the Rams made history with their 10th consecutive title,

surpassing the University of North Carolina women's soccer and the University of Iowa men's wrestling, who both had streaks of nine consecutive NCAA national championships. Now Texas Wesleyan is closing in on some other impressive marks. The University of Arkansas men's track and field (12), Trinity University men's squash (13), and Methodist University women's golf (15) have had longer streaks, but none of those streaks are active.

What's the secret?

"This team is so special for many reasons," head coach Jasna Rather commented. "We have great friendships, great communication between players and coaches, and a great sense of loyalty for our school and our team. I think players appreciate that the coaches show interest in their school progress and follow their progress in each class. After all, students are here to complete their education. Texas Wesleyan is a great spot for a serious student-athlete who wants to continue to play at a high level and get a good education."

World-class players and coaches

The Rams certainly have played at a high level, and in doing so have raised the level of collegiate table tennis throughout the country.

Texas Wesleyan has produced national champions, national team members and even a few Olympians, including Rather herself who won a bronze medal for the former Yugoslavia in 1988 and has been a member of Team USA, as have Team USA members Eric Owens, Jim Butler, Mark Hazinski, Yahao Zhang, Croatian Ines Perhoc, and Dominican Emil Santos, just to name a few.

This year, the Rams were honored to host the Team USA trials at the Sid Richardson Center. Yahao Zhang made the home crowd proud as he earned one of the four spots on the men's national team that was up for grabs. Zhang went on to join the team at the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan, where he won all three individual matches that he played.

National Championship victory

The Rams entered the 2014 National Championships as the top-seeded team, but the margin with second-seeded Mississippi College was very narrow. Mississippi College had served notice in the singles competition that they were a force to be reckoned with. The men's singles final was an all MC affair with Cheng Li defeating his teammate Yichi Zhang. In men's doubles, the Rams and Choctaws had battled it out with each program putting two teams



Caroline Kajihara



Razvan Cretu

in the final four. Texas Wesleyan's second-ranked duo of Zhedi Bai and Razvan Cretu defeated Mississippi's second-ranked combo of Junyu Xiao and Zesheng Huang for the title.

The two titans met again in the final of the team competition and the contest lived up to the billing. The match was tied 2-2 entering men's doubles, which would decide the title. Team USA member Yahao Zhang and 2013 men's singles champion Emil Santos took to the table for Texas Wesleyan against Li and Zhang, and the Rams came away with a thrilling victory.

Winningest sports program in Texas

The win ran Texas Wesleyan's streak to 11 consecutive national championships, a competition in which they still have never been defeated. The 2014 team title, along with the win in men's doubles, gives Texas Wesleyan an amazing total of 55 championships since the program's inception. Programs like Mississippi College and Lindenwood University have pushed Texas Wesleyan to the brink recently. However, the challengers will have to continue to try to match Texas Wesleyan's level of play in hopes of knocking off the champs, and that is a very good thing for the NCTTA.



Yahao Zhang

Photos courtesy of Jose "Little Joe" Valdez

Texas Wesleyan golfer swings into history

Standout player Jose Rolz shows his drive and determination on the golf course.

By Josh Lacy

While Texas Wesleyan has boasted the top table tennis team in the country for the last 11 seasons, the Rams have also maintained one of the premier programs in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for over 60 years with its men's golf team.

Last year, the men's golf team earned its 53rd appearance and 50th top-10 finish at the NAIA National Championship. With four NAIA All-American selections, the program now holds 85 All-Americans in its illustrious history.

This year's standout player was Jose Pablo Rolz. He was one of 15 first-team NAIA All-American selections and one of 10 student-athletes selected to the Ping NAIA All-American first-team.

The 2014 Rams ranked in the top-five nationally and were rated third in the Golf World/Nike Golf NAIA Coaches' Poll. Placing sixth at the NAIA National Championship, they earned the program's 206th victory at CSU-San Marcos' Cougar Invitational at Shadowridge in Vista, California.

Rolz led the team, with the ninth best scoring average in program history. He notched six top-10 individual finishes in five consecutive tournaments. During that run, he placed fourth at the Kohler Collegiate Classic at Whistling Straights, third at the Cougar Invitational, and second at Houston-Victoria's Claud Jacobs Collegiate.

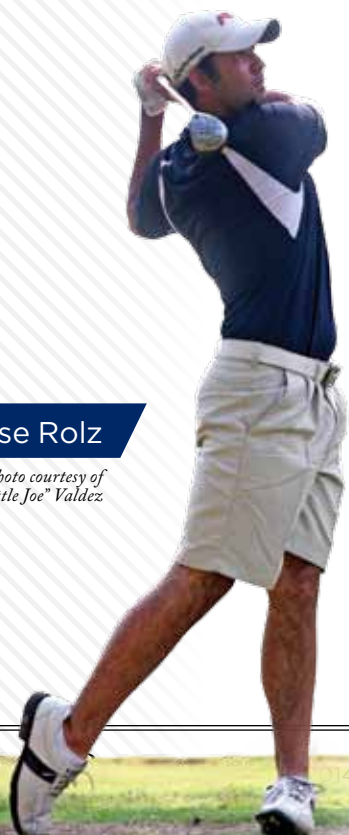
At the NAIA National Championship, the right-handed swinger played at LPGA International's Jones Course in Daytona Beach, Florida. Battling an illness, he opened with a modest round. In round two, he launched to the top on the leaderboard, dropping in seven birdies en route to the low round of the tournament at 5-under-par 67.

That score also jumped the Rams from fourth to second overall. Before the Rams could tee-off in round three, a rain delay shortened the championship to 54 holes. The team finished sixth.

In the soggy conditions Rolz birdied 18. Oklahoma City University's James Marchesani also birdied 18 to tie with Grand View University's Jay Monahan, leaving Rolz in third. In a playoff, it was Marchesani who took home the O.D. Bounds NAIA National Medalist Trophy.

Rolz came to Wesleyan as a top amateur in Guatemala with a strong golfing pedigree. He competed in the Central American Olympics in Guatemala and hopes to join the national team for the 2016 Olympics.

This season, Rolz will finish off his record-breaking collegiate career trying to lead the Rams to a seventh National Championship and becoming the 10th Ram to win the individual national title.



Jose Rolz

Photo courtesy of Jose "Little Joe" Valdez

Fall 2014 Athletic Highlights



October 28

Soccer Senior Night
vs. Oklahoma City University
Martin Field
Lady Rams at 5 p.m.,
Rams at 7 p.m.

November 1

Volleyball Senior Night
vs. Southwestern
Christian University
Sid Richardson Center | 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball Season Opener

vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan
Sid Richardson Center | 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball Season Opener

at Texas College
Tyler, Texas | 7:30 p.m.

November 3

Men's Basketball
Home Opener
vs. Paul Quinn College
Sid Richardson Center | 7:30 p.m.

November 5

Women's Basketball
vs. No. 6 Wiley College
Sid Richardson Center | 7 p.m.

November 7

Men's Basketball at
Texas State University
San Marcos, Texas | 7 p.m.

November 7-13

Men's and Women's Soccer
Sooner Athletic Conference
Tournament
Location: TBA

November 9

Women's Basketball at TCU
Fort Worth, Texas | 2 p.m.

November 14-15

Sooner Athletic Conference
Volleyball Tournament
Location: TBA

November 28-29

Men's Basketball
Clifford Thanksgiving Classic
Sid Richardson Center

For more information and the latest Rams sports news, events, player rosters and more, visit ramsports.net.



Dear Fellow Alumni,

The annual Texas Wesleyan Alumni Reunion has come and gone, and what a great time we had! From the alumni dinner at Blue Mesa on Friday night to our Saturday morning events and lunch at Lou's Place, Reunion was a wonderful time to visit, connect and rekindle old friendships. And what better way to end the weekend than with a fantastic musical performance of *The Drowsy Chaperone* and a fun gathering at the Afterglow reception. If you missed Reunion this year, plan now to join us next year.

Great things are happening at Texas Wesleyan. With new sidewalks, parking lots, wrought iron fencing, park benches and beautiful new landscaped areas, changes and improvements are evident everywhere you look. Major summer construction projects included renovations to the O.C. and Elizabeth Means Armstrong residence halls. Construction has begun on the new campus entry plaza and clock tower, the UMC Central Texas Conference Service Center, and the renovation of the historic Polytechnic Firehouse. Finally, the East Rosedale road improvement project continues to move closer to completion. If you haven't been on campus in a while, I invite you to visit soon to see for yourself how these changes are rejuvenating both the campus and the surrounding Polytechnic neighborhood.

More exciting news was the announcement just before May graduation that our School of Business Administration earned accreditation by the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB

International). This accreditation, achieved by less than 5 percent of business programs worldwide, validates what the Texas Wesleyan community and alumni already knew — that Dr. Hector Quintanilla and his faculty lead one of the top schools for business education in the country.

A big thank you to all alumni who gave back to the University this past year through a gift to the Wesleyan Fund or other University programs. Our alumni giving percentage increased another percentage point last year, moving us closer to our goal of reaching the national average alumni participation level. Why is the number of alumni who give so important? Because alumni giving percentage is considered by various funding organizations before grants and large gifts are awarded. This means that your gift of any amount makes a difference in the life of a student, helps the University receive much-needed funding from corporate and foundation donors, and helps Texas Wesleyan achieve higher national rankings. Your gift of any amount matters! Make a gift and make a difference today by donating online at txwes.edu/makeagift or calling the alumni relations office at 817-531-6548.

Come back, give back and get involved.
GO RAMS!

Karen Cole '99 MBA '04
President, Texas Wesleyan University
Alumni Association



2014 Alumni Medal Dinner

October 17
Ridglea Country Club

Go to alumni.txwes.edu/alumni-medal-dinner to view this year's recipients.

A TEAM EFFORT

Two former Texas Wesleyan athletes return to give back to the Rams athletic department what it gave to them — opportunity.

By Paige Rodges

Ray Jefferson '54

— Photo by Chuck Greeson



Six decades ago, Ray Jefferson '54, Gerald Baum '54 and Jim Bridges '54 were just three friends hanging out on the Mulkey Hall balcony.

"We caused a lot of mayhem. But we never got too far out of line because Coach Johnnie Edwards and his wife lived below us on the bottom floor," Jefferson said.

Jefferson, Baum and Bridges, along with their good friend Mel Chapman '53, were fast friends on the Texas Wesleyan campus, making memories that would last a lifetime.

Fast forward to present day, when Baum and Jefferson have dedicated their time and energy to building support for the Johnnie Edwards '39, Dan Hart '47, Jim Bridges '54, Ray Jefferson '54 Endowed Men's Basketball Scholarship, which Baum established and endowed in 1998 — and still funds.

To understand why two men generations removed from their college years would pour so much passion into future generations of Texas Wesleyan basketball players, you have to first understand the depth of their friendship.

"From the beginning, we were staunch friends," said Jefferson.

Ray Jefferson, who came to Texas Wesleyan in 1950 on an athletic scholarship, humbly describes his time at Texas Wesleyan as "something a little bit special." A modest statement from a man with an accomplished collegiate career.

He was the only three-sport letterman in Texas Wesleyan history and received 10 varsity letters playing basketball, golf and tennis, all the while earning two bachelor's degrees in history and education. In 1984, he was inducted into Texas Wesleyan's Athletics Hall of Fame.

Two of his basketball teammates, Bridges and Baum, became his lifelong friends.

In 1951, Baum and Jefferson joined the United States Marine Corps after a recruiter made a pitch to the basketball team. The two rode a train cross-country to attend boot camp in San Diego.

"It was the first summer when we got out of school," Jefferson said. "We rode across the country with other Fort Worth players from TCU and North Texas. There was no air conditioning on the train. We would stop, walk across the street, and grab a Coke with the other fellows."

Jefferson and Bridges would go on to be managing partners of the

Jim Bridges Sporting Goods mid-cities store, providing service to North Texas athletes for more than 20 years. Bridges died in 2012.

Jefferson and Baum stayed in touch — and Texas Wesleyan was the common bond.

As an alumnus, Jefferson was a charter member of the Ex-Letterman's Club and the Ram Booster Club. He was also on the committees for the Texas Wesleyan Hall of Fame and the O.D. Bounds Golf Classic. But the basketball team remains especially close to both men's hearts.

"This scholarship could make a strong impact on someone's life through enhancing the sport they play and the friendships they'll make with teammates and competitors," said Jefferson.

Jefferson and Baum want future Rams to have the education, friendships and fun they had at Texas Wesleyan campus more than 65 years ago.

"I am very thankful to have gotten the opportunity to go to Texas Wesleyan," said Jefferson. "The school continues to move in a great direction. I look forward to seeing what comes next."

Gerald Baum, as team manager



“Texas Wesleyan took a chance on me.”

On April 5, 1949, Gerald Baum was a high school senior “headed nowhere.” Thankfully, his high school basketball coach knew Johnnie Edwards ’39, Texas Wesleyan’s basketball coach at the time, and made a phone call. And with that, Gerald was on his way to become a Ram.

In 1998, Gerald established the Johnnie Edwards ’39, Dan Hart ’47, Jim Bridges ’54, Ray Jefferson ’54 Endowed Men’s Basketball Scholarship to recognize the mentoring and guidance Coaches Edwards and Hart provided the men’s basketball program at Texas Wesleyan and to recognize the support and loyalty Jim Bridges and Ray Jefferson shared with the basketball program as student players and alumni.



To donate to the Edwards, Hart, Bridges, Jefferson Men’s Basketball Scholarship, or to establish an endowed scholarship of your own, contact Gina Phillips ’97 MS ’07, director of development and alumni relations, at 817-531-4220 or gphillips@txwes.edu.

For more information on endowments, visit alumni.txwes.edu/endowment.



Coach Dan Hart



Standing: Pat Simmons, Jerry Buck, John Friday, Ed Chipman, Bill Minnis, Paul Prater, Jim Shawver, Jim Bridges, Don Bice; Kneeling: Gerald Baum, Ray Jefferson, Coach Dan Hart



Coach Johnnie Edwards

Alumni News

Gatherings



Dr. Bill Hunt '54, Ouida McWilliams Moore '64 and Dr. Jeff Smith '83 represented Texas Wesleyan at the presidential inauguration ceremony for Dr. Edward Burger at Southwestern University.



The Ben Hogan Classic — a charity event for soldiers at Fort Hood held last March — was a huge success. Texas Wesleyan was well represented,

including attendees Wesleyan senior Blake Vinson, **Nathan Anderson '13, Rick Doggett '81** and his wife, Denise, and Trustee **Jerry Wood '69** and his wife, Kim, who gladly volunteered two days of their time to assist the Ben Hogan Foundation in organizing and conducting this event.

1960s

Mary-margaret Belota '69 was the featured poet in May at the Benbrook Public Library. On the second Tuesday of each month, the library presents different poets who read and discuss their work. She read from her first chapbook of poetry, published earlier this year, and also read some of her new work from her second volume of poems, which she hopes to complete this year.

1970s



John Agee '75 was the first living organ donor at Methodist Dallas Medical Center. He helped save three lives, including that of his wife, Pamela. His story was featured on *Fox News*. You can read more about this miraculous story online at methodisthealthsystem.org/pamelaagee.

Debbie Brown '78 received the Live Theatre League of Tarrant County's Elston Brooks Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's ceremony held in the Scott Theatre at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center. She also appeared in the Dallas Children's Theater production of *Charlotte's Web* last summer.

Gary Dean Cox '78 recently published *On Track Job Search Book: One Stop Resource for the Serious Job Seeker*, which is available on Amazon.com.

Tommy Elliott '76 was inducted into the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Tommy retired from Fort Worth ISD after 36 years of coaching and teaching. He is currently an assistant baseball coach at Southwest Christian School.

Lyle Kanouse '75 recently completed his 65th film, *America's Still the Best*, based on the novel (same title) about the 1971 oil tanker collision that spilled over a million barrels of oil in the San Francisco Bay. Lyle and his wife, Audrey Wasilewski, will direct *Fellowship! The Parody Musical of Lord of the Rings* at Circle Theatre in Fort Worth opening Oct. 16.

Anne Street '78 traveled to various destinations last spring and summer to promote her Wildcatter Ranch. She attended the International Tourism Bourse in Berlin, the International Pow Wow in Chicago, the Arabian Travel Market in Dubai, and she also attended events in Asia (Shanghai, Hong Kong and Seoul), as well. Anne also appeared in the Graham Regional Theatre's production of *Beauty and the Beast* along with her daughter, Emily, in June.

1980s



Ann Shaw '87 was featured on the Texas Wesleyan University website as a mover and shaker. She owns Shaw's Patio Bar & Grill on Magnolia Avenue in Fort Worth. Before she graduated, Ann knew what she wanted to do with her mass communications degree. Now, she uses what she learned from her professors in everything she and her husband do at the restaurant, including all of the advertising and public relations.



Carla Jeanne Lee '89 and James Andrew Johnson were married at the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame in the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards last November. Carla is currently the director of admissions and services at UNT Health Science Center's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

1990s

In April, Mayor Vincent C. Gray announced that **Matthew Brown '96** would take over as the District Department of Transportation acting director. Matthew has served as the agency's deputy director for resource management since 2011.

Sergio De Leon '98 (justice of the peace, Precinct 5) spoke to the Texas Wesleyan 3PR students in the spring.

2000s

Jonah Copeland '09 is currently working for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Fort Worth as the job development specialist and enjoys playing guitar for his church.

Timothy Jones M.Ed. '04 was honored by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth at its 2014 Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner. Timothy received the Bridges-to-Friendship Award for his commitment to educational exchange between the youth of Callisburg, Texas, and Kesennuma, Japan — an innovative partnership that has received commendation from the state of Texas.



Kary Johnson M.Ed. '03 Ed.D. '13 was featured on the Texas Wesleyan University website as a mover and shaker. She started The Reading Connection in Fort

Worth to help children become better readers through one-on-one attention and personalization. Read more about her passion for teaching on page 6.

Board of Trustees member **Mark Ma '04** spoke to the Texas Wesleyan 3PR students in the spring.



Katerina Taylor '01 started her own business, Smart Kidz Money Matters, in 2009 and placed first in Sustainability and Business Concept in the

Coles School of Business "Concept to Reality" Contest at Kennesaw State University. She joined the executive team of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce in 2012 as the director of investor relations and programs.

Katerina is an actively engaged community advocate and serves on several local boards, including the United Way of Greater Atlanta, CHRIS Kids, and the Johnnetta B. Cole Women's Society. Katerina was named an *Atlanta Business Chronicle* 40 Under 40 Rising Business and Community Leader, and she was honored by the Tau Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Incorporated with the Doris J. Harris Humanitarian Award for her commitment to the greater Atlanta community. Katerina credits her business savvy and ability to build relationships to her time spent on the campus of Texas Wesleyan interacting with fellow students, engaging with professors and fully immersing herself into her college experience.



Xochitl Villalpando '09 was honored at the Fort Worth Admin Awards. She won the Above the Call Receptionist Award, which recognizes receptionists

who go above and beyond the call in delivering an exceptional first impression and serving internal and external customers with professionalism, enthusiasm and care, leaving a lasting impression with all whom they come into contact with.

Kaci (Mills) Womack '03 MBA '06 shared a picture of her future Ram, Madison.



Contact the alumni office at alumni@txwes.edu or 817-531-6548 if you are expecting or recently had a baby so we can send you a Wesleyan baby t-shirt.

2010s

Joel David Taylor M.Ed. '12 is the coordinator for theatre arts and dance with Fort Worth ISD and a published theatre critic in the DFW area. He is also a professional actor who recently appeared in *Taken for Ransom*, which aired on the Lifetime network, starring Teri Polo, Tia Carrere and Chazz Palminteri. Joel has also appeared in various commercials for the Texas Lottery, Oklahoma Tourist Bureau, NBC and Baylor Medical.



Tribute Gift Recognition

A gift to a charitable organization is a wonderful way to recognize someone of importance in your life. Texas Wesleyan is honored to receive gifts in memory or honor of alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends. These gifts acknowledge the relationship individuals have with the University and the community. We are pleased to recognize these gifts and the role each honored person and donor has in the lives of our students.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors for their tribute gifts received from 2/1/14 through 5/31/14.

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In Memoriam



Edna Reeves Anderson '44 M.Ed. '53
Feb. 26, 2014, Hurst

Edna Reeves Anderson was born on April 15, 1915, in Tarrant County to George Preston Reeves and Nora Austin Reeves. She was a nontraditional student, graduating from Texas Wesleyan in 1944 with a degree in elementary education. Edna taught for years in the Birdville and Hurst-Eules-Bedford school districts. For 49-plus years, Edna and her husband, Reginald W. Anderson, shared a committed life in service to their faith, their families and their community. They traveled the world together but always returned to Hurst, where they were pioneers in the development of the community. Edna's greatest joy was giving to others. Her gift to the Texas Wesleyan University Rosedale Renaissance project helped to complete the campaign, and she was able to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony last November thanks to her devoted friend Bobbie Roberts. Edna's generosity has benefited many organizations, foundations and charities in addition to her lifelong church that began as Isham's Chapel, the forerunner to First United Methodist Church of Hurst.



Norma Thurston Ellis '48
April 21, 2014, Fort Worth

Norma Thurston Ellis was born on Oct. 10, 1927, in Farwell to Hazel Estelle Lovelace and Herschel Luther Thurston. As the youngest daughter of a Methodist minister, she lived throughout the Texas Panhandle while growing up. She graduated from Perryton High School in 1944 where she met the love of her life, Danny Ellis. Four years later, she earned her bachelor's degree in education from Texas Wesleyan. On Feb. 13, 1949, she and Dan were married in Brownfield. Norma and Dan, along with their three daughters, made Fort Worth their permanent home in 1958 when Dan began his pediatric dentistry practice. Norma and Dan shared 50 wonderful years together. Jesus Christ was the center of their home, marriage and family. They were faithful members of McKinney Memorial Bible Church for many years. Constant companions completely devoted to one another, they enjoyed a vast number of activities and adventures: tennis, golf, flying, snow skiing, traveling, and investing their time and resources in supporting Christian ministries. In addition, Norma was a faithful and generous alumna to her alma mater.



1940s



Philip Kemper '46
April 14, 2014, Delta, Pennsylvania

Rev. Philip J. Kemper was married to his wife, Lucille, for 68 years. Rev. Kemper was a United Methodist minister for 27 years. He was a graduate of Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Texas Wesleyan. Rev. Kemper founded Seven Valleys Baptist Church, Oak View Baptist Church in Glenville and Westminster Baptist Church.

Merline Merwin Pierce '46
Feb. 20, 2014, Colorado City, Colorado

Merline Pierce was born Nov. 22, 1925. She married John Dudley Beal, who preceded her in death, and later married Leland Pierce in 1973. Merline graduated from Big Spring High School and Texas Wesleyan. She and Leland owned and operated Lee's Rental from 1969 to 2005. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she enjoyed singing in the choir.



Charles Royer '49
March 12, 2014, Fort Worth

Charles William Royer Sr. was born on April 27, 1925. Charles served in World War II and as a Marine Corp. officer in the Korean War. He served as president and chairman of the board of Royer and Schutts, formerly Standard Office Equipment Company. Charles

loved to play golf and tennis and was a member of River Crest Country Club since 1947. The greatest love of his life was his wife, Lamoine, whom he married in 1947.

1950s

Tina Burns West '52
May 7, 2014, Irving

Tina West graduated from Texas Wesleyan in 1952 with a degree in music. She went on to play the violin with the Fort Worth Symphony and Boston Pops and was also an accomplished pianist.

Claudine Bridges Postlethwaite '53
March 15, 2014, Arlington

Claudine Postlethwaite was born on June 26, 1931. She met her husband, William "Buddy" Postlethwaite, at Texas Wesleyan in music history class. They were married 69 years. Claudine spent her life sharing her love of music as a church organist and choir member. She taught K-12 music for 35 years.



Patricia "Patsy" Hicks Wilshire '56
Jan. 25, 2014, Fort Worth

Patricia Anne Wilshire was born in Lufkin on Feb. 9, 1934. She graduated summa cum laude from Texas Wesleyan in 1956. Patsy was a member of Stadium Drive Baptist Church where she enjoyed teaching Sunday school for 56 years and was active in WMU.



Sarah "Ruth" Dupree '57
June 15, 2013, Fort Worth

Ruth Dupree was born Oct. 5, 1917. She attended Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth, graduating cum laude. In 1957, Ruth earned a BS in education from Texas Wesleyan University, where she was a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society. Ruth and husband, Conrad L. Dupree, were married for 65 years.

1960s



Donald Louis "Butch" Rees '60
May 21, 2014, Robinson, Illinois

Butch earned his BS degree from Texas Wesleyan, where he set many basketball records. He was elected to the Texas Wesleyan Hall of Fame in 1986. Butch served as a teacher and coach for over 26 years. During his tenure at Washington Catholic, Butch developed and built Rees Baseball Field, which was named in his honor. He also helped establish the Trophy Room in Robinson in 1972.



Evelyn Turner Adkison '63
Feb. 7, 2014, Fort Worth

Evelyn Marie Adkison was born Sept. 7, 1928. She graduated from Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth in 1945, where she met husband Ray Adkison. Evelyn graduated from Texas Wesleyan in 1963, where she received a degree in elementary education. She taught in the Everman ISD for 18 years. She was a longtime member of Sagamore Hill Baptist Church.



Bertha Brewer Reed M.Ed. '61
May 20, 2014, Fort Worth

Bertha Reed was born Oct. 10, 1919. Bertha graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree and later received a master's in education from Texas Wesleyan. She taught elementary music in Castleberry ISD for more than 20 years. Bertha was a longtime member of Benbrook United Methodist Church and First Christian Church in Fort Worth, where she served in the choir. She was also a member of Texas State Teachers Association and the Fort Worth Harmony Club.



Charles Eldon Savage '62
April 17, 2014, Arlington

Charles Eldon Savage was born on Feb. 16, 1931. After serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, Charles graduated from Southwestern University and Texas Wesleyan and later received a master's degree from University of North Texas. He pastored the Bethel Assembly of God for 32 years. He also served as secretary-treasurer for the North Texas District and as presbyter, general presbyter and executive presbyter. He taught in the International Bible College in Brussels, Belgium, and Korean Bible College in Berlin, Germany.



Travis Dale Morrison '66
Jan. 25, 2014, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

Travis Dale Morrison was born on Nov. 19, 1939. He received his BBA from Texas Wesleyan in 1966. Dale served in the United States Navy. An avid Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers fan, he revealed his passion for sports by umpiring local high school and college baseball for over 20 years. He was a retired regional sales manager in the food industry and a member of Village United Methodist Church.



Weldon Ward '67

Jan. 14, 2014, Fort Worth
 Weldon G. Ward was a longtime commercial realtor in Fort Worth and Dallas. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother, son and uncle and was well liked by all who knew him.



David Darter '69
Jan. 31, 2014, Granbury

David Thomas Darter was born in Decatur on Jan. 1, 1946. He received his undergraduate degree from Texas Wesleyan, a graduate degree from Smith College in Massachusetts, and did postgraduate work in educational administration at Tarleton State University. David was a charter member of Kingswood United Methodist Church in Burleson.



Cheryl Evartt Smith '69
March 29, 2014, Poolville

Cheryl Anne Smith was born on Jan. 25, 1947, in Fort Worth to Fred and Anne Savage of Weatherford. She recently lived in Supai, Arizona, where she was a special education and elementary teacher for the Havasupai Indian Tribe and a member of the church.

1970s



Susan McAdams Harrell '70
Feb. 14, 2014, Fort Worth

Susan "Ninnom" McAdams Harrell was born on March 15, 1948. She grew up in the Riverside area where the McAdams family was involved in the development of "6 Points." She graduated from Texas Wesleyan in 1970. She married Bill Harrell in 1969. Susan retired after 20 years of service as a flight attendant with American Airlines and was an instructor at the flight academy. She was known for her wonderful smile and treating each passenger as though he or she was the only one on the flight.



Larry Wren '70
Jan. 31, 2014, Arlington

Larry Stephen Wren was born on Feb. 15, 1942. He graduated from Polytechnic High School in 1960 and worked tirelessly on the 50-year class reunion. Larry served our country in the U.S. Army, and after his discharge completed his BBA degree at Texas Wesleyan. He owned and operated Wren's Small Engine Repair. Besides the love of his family and friends, Larry loved playing golf with his Poly buddies, especially Bill Telford.



Thomas Michael Phillips '72
Feb. 16, 2014, Fort Worth

The Rev. Thomas Michael "Mike" Phillips was born on Oct. 3, 1943, to Lee Weaver Phillips and Lorene Sandlin, and was raised by Lee and Maxine Charles Phillips in Weatherford. Mike married his high school sweetheart, Georgia Nix, and they were blessed with two beautiful children, Kelley Denise and Thomas Lee. The Philips home provided love and support as Mike followed his calling to the Methodist ministry. Mike earned his bachelor's at Texas Wesleyan while serving at Central UMC in Mineral Wells.

**Richard Scott '73****Jan. 6, 2014, Fort Worth**

Richard Fain Scott II was born March 7, 1947. He served in the U.S. Air Force, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. In 1973, he graduated with a BBA from Texas Wesleyan. Richard was an award-winning insurance salesman

with Prudential Insurance before establishing Credit Bail Bonds in Tarrant County. He was an avid, talented basketball player and is remembered for his good nature and great sense of humor.

1980s**Helen Brutsche Kolodey '82****May 31, 2014, Heath**

Helen Marie Kolodey was born on Oct. 28, 1941. On a partial scholarship from First United Methodist Church, she worked her way through Texas Wesleyan, graduating in 1982 with a BBA degree. She worked at

Alcon Laboratories in Fort Worth as a customer service supervisor, later advancing to training manager. Her expertise in training was highly regarded. She traveled to Alcon facilities throughout the U.S. and to Beijing, China, and Istanbul, Turkey, where she trained sales, marketing and customer service professionals from numerous Asian and European countries.

Brick Moore '84**May 29, 2014, Bonney Lake, Washington**

Brick Moore received a BBA in accounting from Texas Wesleyan.

**Carmen Batres Sanchez '86****M.Ed. '99****May 19, 2014, Fort Worth**

Carmen Batres Sanchez was born in 1943 in Guatemala. She taught in missionary school prior to studying at California Baptist University where she received a BA degree. She married Daniel R. Sanchez,

and they were appointed as missionaries to the Republic of Panama. Their missionary service continued at the Baptist Home Mission Board, at the Baptist Convention of New York and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She taught in the Fort Worth ISD for 25 years and received a master's degree in education from Texas Wesleyan. She also conducted teachers' workshops in numerous states and countries and participated with her husband in missionary activities on four continents.

1990s**Darlene Lay Evans '92****March 6, 2014, Arlington**

Lana Darlene Evans graduated magna cum laude from Texas Wesleyan. Darlene loved to write and was very passionate in her profession as vice president of curriculum development at Children's Choice Learning Centers until October 2013. Her greatest passion, though, was her family, and she treasured every minute they could spend together. Darlene will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

**Rudolph "Rudy" Pulido '94****Jan. 17, 2014, Fort Worth**

Rudolph "Rudy" M. Pulido Jr. had a soft heart for pets and children. Rudy was born in Fort Worth on Sept. 9, 1968, to Rudolph "Rudy Sr." and Angie Medina Pulido. Rudy was a graduate of Arlington Heights High School and

earned a BS degree from Texas Wesleyan. Rudy was a realtor at Alexander Chandler Realty and a member of the Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors. He was also a member of the alumni association of All Saints Episcopal School and a member of the Fort Worth Polo Club. Rudy was an avid snow skier, polo player and golfer but had been sidelined by a hip injury. He proudly served as an intern for U.S. Congressman Pete Geren upon graduation from Texas Wesleyan and enjoyed the title of being the youngest grand jury member to serve in Tarrant County and being teased as "practicing law without a license."

**Howard Wright M.Ed. '99****April 28, 2014, Denver City**

Howard Ellis Wright was born Aug. 20, 1941. He graduated from Lamesa High School in May of 1959 and went on to earn degrees from Texas Tech University and Texas Wesleyan University. His two

careers, one as an automobile dealer and the other serving with the Texas Public School System, served him well during many years as an active businessman.

**Hallye E. Schwier****Jan. 6, 2014, Fort Worth**

Hallye E. Schwier was born in Henderson County on April 30, 1912. Hallye received BA and MA degrees from Texas Christian University. She married Harry H. Schwier in 1934. Hallye joined the United

States Coast Guard in 1942 and served on active duty until the end of World War II. She received her commission in 1945 and served in the Coast Guard Reserve for another 25 years, retiring at the rank of commander in 1974. Hallye worked as a public school teacher and administrator, serving as dean of girls at Handley Junior High School. She was a longtime active member of Polytechnic United Methodist Church and supporter of Texas Wesleyan University.

**James "Jim" Patterson****April 21, 2014, Fort Worth**

James N. Patterson Jr. left his mark on the community, his church and civic organizations and his family. When you look at the Fort Worth skyline, you can see Jim's professional impact. He spent more than

40 years with Thos. S. Byrne Inc., General Contractors, where he became president and chief executive officer. He oversaw the building of many Fort Worth landmarks, including Kimbell Art Museum, Amon Carter Museum, the Water Gardens, U.S. Currency Plant, Sundance Square and countless others. Mr. Patterson was a 1948 graduate of Texas A&M College and did post-graduate work at MIT. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy (World War II) and the U.S. Army (Korean War). He served as a leader in the United Way, Association of General Contractors and the North Texas Contractors Association. He served as president of the Exchange Club and was a longtime member of Downtown Rotary, where he was named a Paul Harris Fellow. Jim was active in Meadowbrook United Methodist Church, serving as teacher and assistant at VBS to chair of finance and board of trustees. Jim supported the United Way, for which he served as campaign chair, and served on the board of Carter Blood Care and as a trustee of Texas Wesleyan University. Jim and his wife, Lila, were married 63 years.

**Paul Boller HON '93****March 20, 2014, Fort Worth**

Dr. Boller was born Dec. 31, 1916. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University in 1939 and pursued graduate studies there. During World War II, Dr. Boller attended the Navy language school in Boulder, Colorado, where he learned Japanese. He served as a Navy translator in Honolulu and Guam. After the war, Dr. Boller returned to Yale and earned a doctorate. Dr. Boller joined TCU in 1976 as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Chair of United States History and retired in 1983 to become a professor emeritus and scholar. He earned many awards, including a 1993 honorary doctorate in literature from Texas Wesleyan University.

An Instant Reconnection

Picking up where they left off, three '64 friends reunite for the biggest golden anniversary in Texas Wesleyan history.

By Paige Rodges



Left to Right: President Frederick G. Slabach, Mike Smith, Charles Rice, Martha May, Del McAmis, Judy Stinson, Tommy Giles, Don Boulware, Laura Hodel Giles, Ron Boulware, Wanda Hunsaker Russell, Dennis Camp, Ouida McWilliams Moore, Wanda Wesson Reynolds — Photo by Chuck Greeson

1964 — it was the year of the Beatles and *The Dick Van Dyke Show*. It was the year Diet Pepsi hit the shelves and the first Ford Mustang hit the streets.

Meanwhile, in Fort Worth, Dennis Camp '64, Ouida McWilliams Moore '64 and Wanda Hunsaker Russell '64 were arriving back on the Texas Wesleyan campus, ready to start their senior year.

"It was hilariously fun! One would wonder how most students made the dean's list, much less found time to study," said Moore.

This spring, the Class of 1964, celebrated its golden anniversary and hosted the most well-attended 50th anniversary reunion in school history.

"It was like stepping back into yesterday," Russell says.

Well, maybe minus the Beatles haircuts.

Camp, Moore and Russell ran in close circles while on campus but lost touch after graduating. When asked to serve as chairs for their reunion, these friendships were reignited. The connection was instant.

Camp, Moore and Russell went to work calling their closest friends. Those friends called their friends. It was the network of relationships that brought the Class of 1964 back together again.

"Ouida was always very social, and her dedication to the school is why our class stayed so close. She hunted people down," said Russell.

Looking back on her time at Wesleyan, Moore remembers, "Dorms had sign-out sheets. You had to write down what time you left, with whom, where you went and when you would return. They're like a diary now. I keep mine in a scrapbook next to my freshman beanie."

"There was a wonderful synergism that occurred during those years," says Camp. "We were free to pursue our preparation for life, encouraged to take risks, to serve and be our best."

Some things haven't changed. Faculty helped nurture students and made education the priority. Students had the opportunity to study outside of their subject field.

"Anything you wanted to get involved in, you could. Wesleyan was the perfect school for me," said Russell.

Moore recalls standing in the library, crying after a long day of waiting in line for classes, only to find them already filled. Dr. Carl Schrader spotted her and told her to dry her eyes. He then helped this young freshman register for some junior classes that required prerequisites. He signed off and told her, "You're a smart girl. You can handle it." The two remained friends, long after she passed those classes.

"I cannot imagine a more rewarding experience. Wesleyan gave me a foundation for my personal and professional life," said Camp.

The bonds between classmates and faculty are strong but not everyone stayed in Dallas-Fort Worth. Attending reunions can be expensive when travel is involved. For Russell, "It really means something when your classmates make the effort to come back."

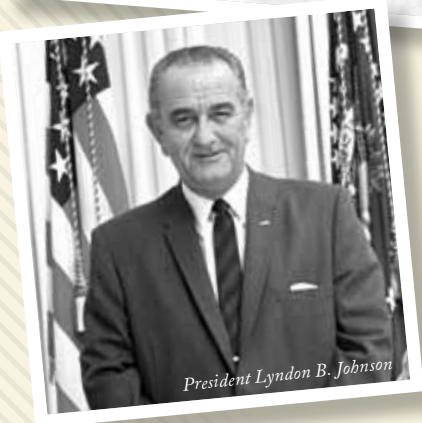
Because of these friendships and a steadfast devotion to the University, the Class of 1964 held the highest attended golden class reunion in the history of Texas Wesleyan. 1964 was a big year, but was 1965 bigger? Here's looking at you, Class of '65.



The Beatles



1964 Ford Mustang



President Lyndon B. Johnson

“I am a very proud
alumnus of Texas Wesleyan.

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— Glen Tuggle '85



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