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
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1st place in overall sweeps- nice work this weekend Speaking Bearcats! #bearcatroar [via @kensey_dressler on Instagram]



Worship this morning was everything I needed, and more. Man, its so good to be back in the SBU community  @LittleB_6



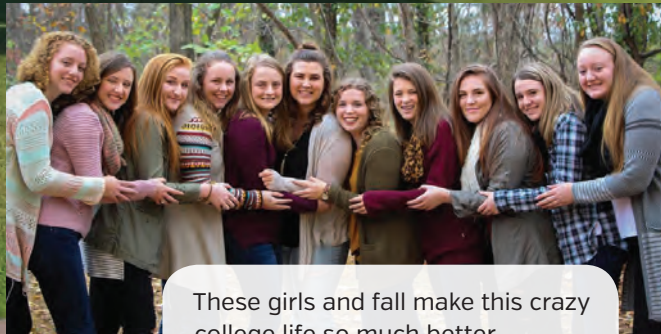
Because my love for @SBUuniv and @FlatBearcat is outta this world even when I'm on break and away from BoMo #FlatBearcat @paigeswearengin

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Had the honor of representing SBU at the Missouri Baptist Convention today with President Taylor and Jess. I'm so grateful for the many opportunities and experiences that SBU provides for students and as always, I'm so thankful to be a Bearcat! #SBUniv [via @mattlgaskin on Instagram]

#FlatBearcat has a new home outside my classroom at LHS! #represent #applymoweeek
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These girls and fall make this crazy college life so much better #thebeasknees #beas4w #sbuniv [via @hgough1996 on Instagram]

me talking about @SBUniv:
yeah I really love it.
me on the inside:
no you really don't understand
I am part bearcat I bleed purple
heaven will look like the forum
C. Pat is my best friend
I don't drive I bed race
my father is the bell tower
my mother is the globe fountain
@oliviadarst

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SBU President
Dr. C. Pat Taylor announces
**UPCOMING
RETIREMENT**



**SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT DR. C. PAT TAYLOR
RECENTLY INFORMED THE SBU
COMMUNITY OF HIS PLANS TO
RETIRE AUG. 31, 2018, AFTER
NEARLY 22 YEARS AS THE
UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENT.**

"It has been a great 22 years," Taylor said. "I've loved being president of SBU. From the time Judy and I first visited Bolivar in 1996, we fell in love with SBU and the Bolivar community. SBU has many accomplishments during the past 22 years, thanks to the efforts of the hard-working faculty and staff who have made my job easier.

"I will miss the students and the great people with whom I have had the honor to work. I have said often, and I still believe it today, that SBU has the best faculty, staff and students anywhere. The University is on a good trajectory, making this a great time for a transition to a bigger and greater future."

Taylor assumed his duties as the University's 24th president on Oct. 21, 1996, and is the longest-serving president in the University's 140-year history.

"When Dr. Taylor told me he was retiring, it was bittersweet for me," said Don Fahrni, chairman of the SBU Board of Trustees. "I was so happy for him to be moving on with his life. Now, he will be able to spend more time with his family and any personal endeavors that he may choose. But, for me, I am really going to miss him. After working with him all these years, I know where his heart is. And it has always been with the university."

21+ YEARS OF SERVICE TO SBU

Since his arrival in 1996, Taylor has conferred 16,963 diplomas. He always says that commencement is his favorite event because it is the University's No. 1 objective – to graduate students who are prepared to be servant leaders in a global society.

Taylor has been instrumental in fundraising, expanding academic offerings and obtaining record student enrollment numbers. He also led the adoption of a new mission statement that continues to guide the institution today: "Southwest Baptist University is a Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society."

Fundraising proceeds during his tenure total more than \$122 million. Under his leadership, endowment funds have increased from \$4.6 million to more than \$32 million. He also was instrumental in the success of the Partners in Excellence campaign, which surpassed its \$50 million goal by raising more than \$62.5 million when the campaign ended in June 2006. That campaign funded 13 major building projects, including the addition of the Jane and Ken Meyer Wellness & Sports Center. Other fundraising projects include the recent expansion and renovation of the Gene Taylor Center, artificial turf for Plaster Stadium, completion of the Jester Center, renovation of the Jim Mellers Center, renovation of the Burnidge Memorial Forum, a new front entrance, renovation of the Sells Administrative Center lobby and an upcoming renovation within the Jester Center for space to be used as a simulation lab for a new pre-licensure bachelor's degree in nursing.

New academic offerings during Taylor's tenure include the



LEFT PHOTO: Don Fahrni, chairman of the SBU Board of Trustees and Dr. C. Pat Taylor, president.

ABOVE PHOTO: SBU Faculty and Staff give Dr. Taylor a standing ovation after his announcement.

University's first doctoral program, the doctor of physical therapy. Multiple graduate degrees in education, including the doctor of education in educational leadership, were launched under his leadership. Other new master's degree programs include the master of science in nursing, master of business administration and master of arts in Christian ministry. Undergraduate degree offerings have changed as needed to stay relevant with an ever-changing global society.

Other academic enhancements started under Taylor's leadership include the Ed and Theo Clark University Success Center, a transition program for incoming freshmen; the updated Gordon and Judy Dutile Honors Program that integrates intercultural, spiritual and servant leadership components; and the Darrell R. Strait Center for the Integration of Science and Christian Faith, an interdisciplinary program that integrates appropriate scientific and biblical principles.

In the broader education community, Taylor has served on the boards for the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, the Consortium for Global Education, the International Association of Baptist Colleges & Universities, and the CEO Council for the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. He served as chairman of the Missouri Colleges Fund and president of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri Association. He also is a peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission, the University's regional accrediting body.

Taylor was recognized by the Springfield Business Journal as a 2016 Men of the Year Honoree and has been recognized by Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Prior to becoming president of SBU, Taylor served as chief academic officer at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla.

for 10 years. He previously served as associate vice president for academic affairs at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., from 1979-86. From 1975-79, he was an assistant professor of education at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. While at Belmont, he served as head resident of Pembroke Hall, a men's dormitory housing 150 men. His experiences also have included community college and high school teaching and coaching.

A native of Salem, Ky., Taylor received his doctor of education degree with emphasis in history and philosophy of education from then Memphis State University. He received a master's degree in history from Western Kentucky University and a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education from the University of Tennessee-Martin.

Taylor and his wife, Judy, were married for 47 years before she passed away on March 26, 2016, after courageously battling a neurological disease for several years. He has two daughters and two grandchildren.

Fahrni has appointed a 12-person presidential search committee to immediately start the search process. The committee includes six trustees, a faculty member, an academic dean, a member of the executive cabinet, a staff member, a student and an alumna.

"The search committee begins its work today, with the goal of having a new president in place by Aug. 1," Fahrni said. "But if that doesn't happen, we do have a succession plan for an interim president. We are so thankful for Dr. Taylor's willingness to continue to serve while the search committee does its work to find the person God has called to lead SBU going forward. Please join me in praying for the committee members as they undertake this important work for the future of the University." ■

5 Questions

with **Rebekah Wright**



In each issue of SBULife magazine, we interview one of our staff members so you can meet the people who help make SBU a Christ-centered, caring academic community.

Last December, Rebekah Wright received the SBU Life Beautiful Award, an honor given annually to employees – one faculty member and one staff member – who exemplify a “life beautiful.” Rebekah is a 2010 SBU graduate, has worked in Admissions and in Marketing and Communications since graduation and has led mission trips to Guatemala. She currently is assistant director for digital marketing.

As a member of the Marketing and Communications team, what are your responsibilities?

My primary responsibilities involve managing the University’s website and social media accounts, but I help with other projects as needed.

What motivates you during the workday?

I am very task-oriented so I try to keep a detailed to-do list. It’s always satisfying to be able to cross something off the list! I enjoy what I do and who I work with, and I believe in SBU’s mission, which helps keep me motivated to do my best.

You have been part of the SBU community since you were 18 years old. What drew you to SBU and Bolivar, and what keeps you here?

In a word – community. As a prospective student, I had all but signed on the dotted line to go to a different school. But campus visits at SBU made me realize how much more personal everything is here. The individual care and attention I received as a prospective student drew me here, and then as a

student at SBU, I developed a special community with classmates, faculty, and Bolivar community members. The opportunity to stay and work at SBU allowed me to continue to be a part of this community while also helping current and future SBU students enjoy similar formative experiences like what I experienced.

What are your hobbies?

I love watching sports – especially the Kansas City Royals and, of course, cheering on the SBU Bearcat teams! I also love to travel. I have made it to 49 states and 5 countries, and I lead a mission trip to Guatemala each year through my church, Wellspring Baptist Fellowship.

What do you think makes SBU unique?

Not many organizations have such a clearly defined mission statement as SBU, much less have as many people who actually know the mission statement! Most employees and students here can quote SBU’s mission statement. I think SBU truly strives to live up to the mission of being a “Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society.”

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

SBU FACTS AND FIGURES

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

SBU ALUMNI IMPACT CURRENT STUDENTS

Southwest Baptist University has been blessed by the generosity of our alumni, whether it's the giving of resources, service or time. In this edition of SBULife, we feature a few of the many alumni who are making, and continue to make, an impact on our current students.



LETTER FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

Dear alumni and friends,

About 22 years ago this month, I received a phone call from Dr. Hiram Barefoot, my former boss and mentor at Union University asking me to send him an updated copy of my résumé.

"I've got this old résumé here, and I've read an ad for Southwest Baptist University," he said. "Their presidency is vacant, and I am going to nominate you. I can do it one of two ways. I can send over this old résumé and embarrass both of us or you can send me an updated résumé."

"I'm not really sure I want to go," I said. "I'm happy where I am right now."

"OK, I'm going to send this old one then," he replied.

So I sent him the updated résumé because he I knew that he meant what he said.

Then a couple of weeks later, I received a letter from Graham Williams '54, chair of the presidential search committee at SBU, that included an application. I wadded it up and threw it away. I just wasn't interested in leaving Oklahoma Baptist University. Our younger daughter was about to start her freshman year at OBU, so we had decided we were going to stay at OBU for the next four years.

A few months later, during May 1996, Judy and I were headed out the door to attend a student reception the night before commencement when the phone rang. It was Graham Williams. He reminded me that the search committee had my résumé but not my application.

"Mr. Williams," I said. "I'm in a really big hurry right now and I'm already late for this commencement reception. Judy and I will talk about it over the weekend, and I'll call you on Monday."

We got busy, and I forgot about it – until mid-morning Tuesday when I received another call from Graham. I told him that Judy and I would discuss it and pray about it that night.

As we prayed, Judy reminded me that I always tell students that if they want to do God's will, then when opportunity knocks, you should open the door to see what's there. So I called Graham back, and he arranged for a phone interview the next day.

A week later, I drove to Springfield for an interview. Two days later, I was notified that I would be a finalist. But we had a

problem. Judy and I were going to be out of the country for seven weeks, for a week's vacation in Greece, teaching English at the International Baptist Lay Academy in Budapest and conducting a workshop for teachers at Moscow Economic School in Russia. Graham said to take our time. We landed in the U.S. on Saturday and drove to Bolivar the next day for an interview on Monday.

The rest is history. In August 1996, we were introduced to the faculty and staff just after school started. That day, I told the SBU faculty and staff that our blood had turned purple. And it did. We fell in love with SBU that day.

I've never regretted the decision to come to SBU. Last summer, I started thinking and praying that maybe it's time for me to start thinking about retiring. Judy and I always prayed that we would finish strong and that we would know when to finish.

I announced last month that I will be retiring on Aug. 31, 22 years after being called to lead SBU. The University is on a positive trajectory, and personally, I need to hit the reset button.

A 12-member search committee has already started the search for the University's 25th president. The committee would appreciate any nominations you might have. Send those nominations to Dr. Allison Langford, committee chair, at alangford@SBUuniv.edu.

It has been a wonderful 22 years. I will miss regular visits with the many friends of this great University, but I am very much at peace about this decision and feel like it is the right decision at the right time. I thank God that He has answered my prayer and Judy's prayer that we would know when to finish.

There comes a time in the history of a University when it needs to be energized. This presidential transition will be a time of renewed energy, a time of celebration and a time of renewed focus and recommitment.

I will continue to pray for this University every day. I know that a bigger and greater future is ahead for SBU.

Thank you for all of the support you have given me and our University during the past 22 years.

C. Pat Taylor

SBU President




22.7
AVERAGE ACT FOR
INCOMING FRESHMEN


\$21,600
TUITION
(Undergraduate)


3,691
TOTAL STUDENTS


2,332
Female
STUDENTS


1,359
Male
STUDENTS

3.46
Average GPA for
INCOMING FRESHMEN



16:1
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

79%
Percentage of Full-Time Bolivar Campus
Teaching Faculty with a Doctorate or
other Terminal Degree


718
GRADUATE
STUDENTS

148
TOTAL FACULTY
(Full Time)

197
TOTAL STAFF
(Full Time)

BUDGET FIGURES

Revenue Budget

	2017-18 Final Budget	
Tuition & Fees	\$48,550,340	81.12%
Missouri Baptist Convention	\$1,150,000	1.92%
Other Undesignated Gifting	\$540,800	0.90%
Investment Earnings	\$266,290	0.44%
Financial Aid Revenue	\$1,154,811	1.93%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$440,363	0.74%
Auxiliary Enterprise Revenue	\$7,747,396	12.94%
TOTAL	\$59,850,000	100.00%

Expense Summary

Educational and General			
Total Instructional and Departmental	\$17,581,245		29.38%
Organized Activities	\$3,327,091		5.56%
Total Library	\$1,268,399		2.12%
Total Student Services	\$3,048,250		5.09%
Total Operation/Maintenance of Plant	\$3,487,195		5.83%
Total Administration	\$1,940,991		3.24%
Staff Benefits	\$1,410,436		2.36%
Total General Institutional	\$2,926,007		4.89%
Total Student Aid	\$18,649,071		31.16%
Debt Retirement	\$1,236,487		2.07%
Contingency	\$523,341		0.87%
Total Educational and General	\$55,398,513		92.56%
Total Auxiliary Enterprises	\$4,451,487		7.44%
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET	\$59,850,000		100.00%

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Glenn Miller, Wayne Clark and Chris Miller

GLENN MILLER '81

By Denise Elson Tucker '89

When Glenn Miller arrived at Southwest Baptist College in 1978 from Ohio in his 1972 Vega station wagon, his plan was to attend school for one or two semesters. After all, he “wasn’t college material,” according to his high school geometry teacher.

But, he wanted to prove to himself, his father and his teacher that he could do it.

Through hard work and perseverance, Miller earned his associate’s degree in general education in 1981. And during his time at SWBC, he met his wife, Kim ’81, who earned bachelor’s degrees in accounting and business. The couple then moved to Kansas City where Miller earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

“SBU was a huge part of the foundation (for my life and career),” Miller said. “I wanted to take a degree with me from SWBC, and I still finished my degree on time.”

With school behind him, Miller began working at Midwestern Theological Seminary in Kansas City. MBTS processed church financial statements during his time there, but when Midwestern made the decision to get out of that business, a good friend suggested Glenn should start his own business.

In 1989, Miller Management Systems, LLC, was born.

An accounting firm dedicated to serving churches and other nonprofit clients, MMS currently has five SBU graduates working in its company.

“Glenn and his son, Chris, have long relationships and great memories about SBU, and SBU Accounting has been very

fortunate that they wanted to connect with our department in special ways,” said former SBU accounting faculty Wayne Clark ’78. “They purposefully reached out to us and offered their time and resources to our accounting students, and they have created several career opportunities for our graduates.”

Clark, who assisted MMS in the recruiting of SBU students, talked with the Millers about funding a scholarship for current students.

In addition to the MMS scholarship, Glenn and Kim continue to give back by establishing an endowed scholarship, in their name, for nonprofit accounting students. MMS also hosts “The Circle of Impacting Ministry” workshop, which is designed to examine the areas of giving, administration and ministry within the church, and is a joint venture with the business and theology departments at SBU.

“THAT IS A REAL BLESSING THAT WE’RE PLAYING A PART IN GETTING THEM THROUGH SCHOOL, LIKE I WAS HELPED TO GET THROUGH SCHOOL.

“We are so thankful that Glenn and Chris have personally shared with our students through seminars, class presentations and interview opportunities,” Clark said. “They have been a true blessing to SBU Accounting.”

The impact is not a one-way street, Miller said. They also are blessed.

“We are impacted by the students’ testimonies,” Miller said. “That is a real blessing that we’re playing a part in getting them through school, like I was helped to get through school.

“You think about legacy. It’s about mission and vision. I am a firm believer in the institution.” ■



SBU ALUMNI CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK

By Denise Elson Tucker '89

Southwest Baptist University alumni groups have long played a role in giving back to the student body, and university as a whole, through scholarships and other projects.

The Alumni Association Board, made up of 19 SBU alumni, supports one endowed scholarship given to four students each year (a student from each class - freshman, sophomore, junior and senior - is selected).

This scholarship was established to assist current and incoming students of SBU alumni. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate Christian faith and be active members of an evangelical church. Recipients also must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

The Alumni Board selects the four recipients of the scholarship during the winter board meeting. Gifts to the Alumni Association Scholarship can be given at www.SBUniv.edu/give. Type "endowed alumni" in the "search for funds" section.

Another alumni group is the 50-Year Club, which is comprised of SBU alumni who have been out of school for 50+ years since graduation. Each year the newest members are inducted into the 50-Year Club during a luncheon held during Homecoming week-end.

This group has donated to several projects across campus, some recent projects include:

- Signage for campus
- Beasley Hall renovation

- Lane No. 1 of the Orlin B. Stewart track
- All four marble signs and front entrance fencing
- McClelland Dining Facility renovation
- Chapel renovation (sponsored 12 chapel seats)

The club's current officers are: Stella Cunningham '59 (president), Ben Franklin '60 (vice president) and Elizabeth Pace '59 (secretary).

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SARA DRAKE SALGUERO '04

By Denise Elson Tucker '89



At the beginning, attending Southwest Baptist University was “kind of a truce” between Sara (Drake) Salguero and her parents.

Salguero had always dreamed of going to Oklahoma Baptist University as several of her good friends had done. Although it was a little far from her home in Raytown, Mo., it appealed to the high school senior who was looking for adventure. Her parents, however, wanted her to attend William Jewell College, which was a little closer to home and was going to cover most of her costs to attend, but Salguero wasn’t interested in staying close to home.

A visit to the SBU campus in Bolivar changed their minds.

“My parents and I decided one weekend to take a trip to Bolivar, Mo., as it was kind of a truce between what they wanted and what I wanted,” Salguero said. “In the end, both my parents and I fell in love with both the school and the town of Bolivar. After that weekend, we all were certain that SBU was where I needed to be.”

After earning her degree in elementary education, with a minor in early childhood education in 2004, Salguero worked as an intern with a student ministry at a church in Kansas City. Later that year, she left for Guatemala, where she had gone on mission while a student. She returned to the U.S., but her “heart was always in Guatemala,” she said.

While serving in Guatemala, Salguero met and married a man named Edgar, who was studying to be an engineer and was overseeing the work Salguero’s team was doing. After they were married in November 2007, they served together as house parents in one of the homes for girls at Casa Bernabe.

The Salgueros have served full-time in various capacities at Casa Bernabe for the past 10 years and currently serve as directors of the

ministry. They oversee all the children, staff and programs that make up the ministry.

When Salguero first moved to Guatemala, she served as the On-Campus Missionary and Team Coordinator, handling the correspondence prior to the teams’ arrival with the SBU team.

“Once the team landed in Guatemala, I was responsible for their overall care while serving at Casa Bernabe,” Salguero said. “I organized their stay, their work projects, helped when they were sick or needed advice, and basically just kind of acted as ‘mother hen’ throughout their stay.”

The Salgueros just hosted their 13th team from SBU. Each team has 12-25 students, with one team recently including close to 30 members.

“Over the past years, Sara has played a unique role in being

able to impact many lives through her service at Casa Bernabe, first as a mission participant, then by teaching at Casa Bernabe, and now as a mission host and representative of Casa Bernabe,” said Diana Gallamore, director of the Center for Global Connections at SBU. “She has a good

understanding of what the SBU Center for Global Connections intends for SBU students and a unique position to speak into their lives as they are seeking the Lord for their next steps in life.”

All of which she learned as a student at SBU— and wants to pass along to other SBU students.

“My hope is that for as long as God gives me the opportunity, I can invest in young men and women that are so much like I was during my years at SBU,” Salguero said. “I hope to help open their eyes to see that so often we put God into a box and we only dream so far, when in fact, God has something so much bigger and more marvelous than what we dream for ourselves.” ■

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NEW BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED IN MEMORIAM

By Denise Elson Tucker '89

A scholarship to benefit Southwest Baptist University students in the Robert W. Plaster College of Business and Computer Science recently was established in the memory of Lois Louise Kasier Richardson.

Mrs. Richardson, who was from Bourbon, Mo., was a student at Southwest Baptist College from 1972 to 1974 and pursued a degree in business. She spent time as an accountant and taught business for more than 25 years.

Her husband, Gary, established the "College of Business Alumni and Ex-Students Scholarship" with an initial gift of \$5,000 in memory of Lois, who "truly loved being a business teacher."

The scholarship is for incoming freshmen and returning sophomores, with freshmen needing at least a 3.5 grade point average and sophomores needing to maintain a 3.0 GPA. Recipients are selected by the college dean and SBU's financial aid office.

Dr. Troy Bethards, dean of SBU's Robert W. Plaster College of Business and Computer Science, said several alumni and former students have received financial support while working on their undergraduate degrees. The desire is to provide former SBU students with the opportunity to give to those coming behind them, and allow the Bearcat family to assist those who have financial needs.

"The establishment of the College of Business Alumni and Ex-Students Scholarship in honor of Lois Louise Kaiser Richardson, a former student of SBU, makes this a reality," Bethards said. "The scholarship pools funds from our alumni and former students for the express

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS!

The Robert W. Plaster College of Business and Computer Science is calling on its alumni to help secure the funding needed to fully endow the "College of Business Alumni and Ex-Students Scholarship."

"I encourage our business college graduates to answer the call to help us complete the funding for this scholarship," said Dr. Troy Bethards, dean of the college. "By doing so, they will play an important role in assisting students in reaching their goal of obtaining their bachelor's degree."

To give to the scholarship, contact Bethards at [417] 328-1757 or tbethards@SBUniv.edu, or Dr. Brad Johnson, vice president for university relations, at [417] 328-1805 or bjohnson@SBUniv.edu.

purpose of meeting the needs of current SBU students pursuing a degree program related to Business Administration."

Majors related to Business Administration include:

- Computational Finance
- Economics/Finance
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Sport Business

"Without the Richardson family providing the seed funding to honor Lois Louise Kaiser Richardson, this scholarship would not be a reality," Bethards said. "I am humbled that the family chose to honor Mrs. Richardson in a way that continues to positively impact others." ■

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JEFF JACKSON '91

By Denise Elson Tucker '89



When he was a boy, Jeff Jackson was fascinated by computers.

So much so that he bought his first computer when he was 12 years old, using money he made doing odd jobs for other farms near his family farm outside Moberly, Mo.

Little did he know, when he purchased that Timex Sinclair in 1982, that computers would be the focus of his future.

“I don’t think I knew when I started, to be quite honest,” Jackson said. “When I got it, I started playing with it and got a book on programming. In my spare time in high school, I was teaching myself to program. It started a passion for it, which I’ve always had.”

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That love of computers and his desire for a Christian education led him to Southwest Baptist University in 1987 which had recently created the computer science department.

And, while he continued his undergraduate studies at SBU, Jackson had several internship opportunities including: Los Alamos National Lab, Argonne National Lab and Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Once he earned his degrees in computer science and mathematics in 1991, Jackson went on to graduate school at Purdue University to continue studying computer science. He completed an internship for Intel and started working full-time at Intel in 1994.

But Jackson remained connected with SBU. Several years ago, Jackson began serving on SBU’s CIS advisory board, and he has been a speaker for the Robert W. Plaster College of Business and Computer Science’s Psalm 15 Lecture Series.

“I usually try to speak to a few classes and give a presentation on some new, interesting technology trend we are working on,” said Jackson, who began making trips back to SBU in the early 2000s. “I have given a few keynotes at conferences sponsored by the department and also served on the CS Industry Curriculum Review Committee several times. It has been exciting to see the department grow to offer multiple computer science majors.”

About a decade ago, at Dr. Tim DeClue’s suggestion, he established an endowment that now provides \$3,000 in scholarships annually to freshmen computer science students.

“I told him my greatest regret is meeting a talented high school student and coming to realize they do not believe they can afford to attend SBU,” said DeClue, chair and professor of computer and information science. “Jeff responded by establishing and endowing a scholarship for incoming freshmen computing majors. His significant and generous contribution was matched by Intel, which gives the scholarship an even greater impact.”

Jackson said it is our duty – as servant leaders – to help others.

“I believe anyone’s career trajectory should lead them to assist those coming up, just as others helped them,” Jackson said. “In particular, I think SBU has a unique offering for anyone seeking computer science at a Christian institution.

“The fact that SBU is a Christian school that offers computer science, and it’s ABET certified – I think you have to go a long way to find that. Add to that the size – to have a department that large is something, as well; to offer that many majors in computer science – add all those things up for a small Christian school, that’s a lot.” ■

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BRENT WATKINS '98 AND JIM LUDDEN '03

By Denise Elson Tucker '89

Like most college students, Brent Watkins and Jim Ludden had no idea what the future held for them when they first arrived at Southwest Baptist University.

“I came here for the ministry degree aspect,” said Watkins, a native of Quincy, Ill. “I didn’t really look at any other places. It fit, and that was it.”

For Ludden, theater and communications, plus the fact that SBU was a Christian university, are what first drew him to Bolivar.

Watkins earned his degree in Christian education in 1998 and Ludden graduated in 2003 with degrees in theatre and speech communication.

While Watkins and Ludden were completing their undergraduate studies, they began volunteering with the Bolivar Fire Department - and they have been there ever since.

“Originally, another student had joined and got me interested,” Watkins said. “Once you get in, it becomes addicting and you find that niche.

“Now, here I am, 20 years later.”

Ludden, whose grandfather was a firefighter, had no inclination of getting into the fire service. While doing work study for Watkins at Pike Auditorium, Ludden was invited by Watkins to also get involved with the fire department.

“I was a kid and I didn’t know anything about (the fire department),” Ludden said. “I was working through growing up, where does the Lord want me and what is my purpose in life. I really fell in love with the fire service, and found that it could be my mission field.”

Watkins and Ludden both joined the fire department full-time in 2012. Watkins is currently deputy chief and emergency management

director, and Ludden is the fire chief.

As SBU alumni and leaders in the greater Bolivar community, Watkins and Ludden continue to have an impact on SBU students and the university, through safety training and projects, volunteering opportunities and mentoring.

“They have both impacted campus on many levels,” said Mark Grabowski, director of safety and security at SBU. “Jim and Brent have been instrumental in helping to create a safety awareness day on campus each year. They bring in several fire trucks, set up educational stations related to impaired driving, operating a fire extinguisher, etc.”

Getting SBU students involved in service-oriented work is important to Watkins and Ludden, as well. The department requires 24 hours a month, which allows students the flexibility to work as their school schedule allows.

Since being part of the fire department, Watkins said they have seen at least 40-50 SBU students come through. Some have served short-term, while others have ended up making a career out of their service.

“What it comes down to is we’re alumni,” Watkins said. “We came there for a reason, we went there for a reason, we paid money for a reason. So, we want to see the university thrive and the students be safe. There is a natural affiliation for us already built there, so it makes it that much easier to continue that in this role.

“Neither one of us imagined we’d be here, but God opened the doors and we’re still here serving - servant leaders in a global society.” ■



Bolivar Fire Chief Jim Ludden guides an SBU student through an impaired driving simulation.

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Wright, Bowling named SBU Life Beautiful Award recipients

Rebekah Wright, assistant director for digital marketing, and Dr. Steve Bowling, associate professor of mathematics, received the Staff and Faculty Life Beautiful Awards during the annual employee Christmas banquet Dec. 7 at Southwest Baptist University.

“The designation ‘life beautiful’ is the highest honor a person can receive at Southwest Baptist University,” said Dr. C. Pat Taylor, SBU president. “Each year during the Bolivar spring commencement, we honor two graduating seniors who are chosen by the faculty as best exemplifying a ‘life beautiful.’ And, each year during the employee Christmas Banquet, we honor a faculty member and a staff member who exemplify a ‘life beautiful.’”

The Faculty Life Beautiful Award was established in 1987, and the Staff Life Beautiful Award was established in 1992.



STAFF LIFE BEAUTIFUL

Rebekah Wright, a native of Wichita, Kan., earned bachelor of science degrees in international business and economics/finance from SBU in 2010. While a student, she worked as a tour guide for the office of admissions and was president of SBU’s chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (now Enactus). After graduation, she worked as an admissions counselor for three years before moving to the office of marketing and communications, where she currently serves as the assistant director for digital marketing, managing the University’s website and social media accounts.

“She invests in the lives of students and co-workers every day, showing her love for Christ in all that she does,” said Charlotte Marsch '97, director of marketing and communications. “She passionately believes in SBU’s mission. She demonstrates servant leadership at SBU and by serving in her local church, and in the Bolivar community.”

She attends Wellspring Baptist Fellowship, where she serves on the church’s administrative team, teaches a middle school girls’

Sunday school class and leads a team every summer to work and minister to the Oasis, a residential home in Guatemala for girls who have experienced sexual abuse and trauma. In addition, she attends Bible Study Fellowship, mentors several SBU students and previously served as treasurer for Polk County K-Life. She represents SBU in the community by serving on the Bolivar Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

FACULTY LIFE BEAUTIFUL

Dr. Steve Bowling has been a member of the SBU faculty since 2001 when he began as an assistant instructor of mathematics. He currently is a professor of mathematics.

He has a bachelor of science degree from John Brown University, a master of science and a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas.

“He attends Chapel more regularly than any other faculty member I know,” a colleague wrote. “In the department, he is a beacon. His first comment about a problem is, ‘Let’s pray about it now.’”

Prayer is an important part of Bowling’s life. One colleague noted Bowling’s custom of prayer walking in the Wheeler Science Center, praying at each door for the students and staff within each office and classroom. He has graded AP calculus exams since 2009, and prays that he does good work as well as be a good ambassador for Christ in his interactions with other AP graders.

Bowling also has assisted with Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief efforts and has trained as a chaplain for that effort.

He regularly receives student evaluations with comments like: “He showed a Christ-like attitude every day; he prayed every day before class; and, he is present for his students and his university.”

Bowling is a member of First Baptist Church in Bolivar, where he has been a member of the construction team and is actively involved in the Esquire Ministry, greeting people as they enter. He and his wife, Claire, have one child, Peter.

Delta Mu Delta names SBU regional scholarship recipient



Delta Mu Delta, the International Honor Society in Business, has selected a student from Southwest Baptist University for its Regional Award for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Kailynn Kneibert, a senior accounting major from St. Louis, is the recipient of the scholarship presented to an outstanding student of business.

Delta Mu Delta’s mission statement says: Delta Mu Delta is a business honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence of students at qualifying colleges and universities to create a DMD community that fosters the well-being of its individual members and the business community through life-time membership.

SBU DPT project provides mobility for children with disabilities

Serving others is at the heart of the mission for the faculty, staff, and doctor of physical therapy students at Southwest Baptist University.

SBU's DPT department hosted an event on Nov. 4 called "Go Baby Go" to provide mobility opportunities for local children with disabilities.

The project was developed by Cole Galloway, a physical therapy researcher at the University of Delaware. The idea is to take a battery-operated toy car, build in extra support for a child who may not be able to sit independently, and modify the activator switch so the child can operate it by using a hand- or head-activated switch.

"Research has shown that finding ways to help kids be independently mobile improves their expressive language and social interaction, and does not reduce their potential for eventually walking," said Dr. Sarah Jones, associate professor of physical therapy at SBU.

This fall, SBU DPT students modified four battery-operated toy cars to make them more accessible for children who cannot operate a foot pedal or steer by themselves. Modifications often include replacing the foot pedal with a hand- or head-activated pedal that powers the car and almost always involves building a better support seating system including the seatbelt, head support and roll bars.

Pairing a motor skill with immediate reward helps promote a child's exploration, Jones said, otherwise, they can become passive.



PHOTO 1: SBU DPT students present Jesse Wells with his modified car. (From left, clockwise): Kayla Sanders, Dami Alao, Bonnie Wells, Jeremy Wells, Melody Hanson and Nicole Hoch.

PHOTO 2: SBU DPT students discuss wiring options for a hand-activated switch. (From left): Breck Mitchell, Garrett Dutton, Casey Curtis and Hannah Herbert.

"Seeing a child begin to realize that they are the ones making that car move, and the way that changes their facial expressions or their vocalizations; that's a sweet moment," Jones said.

Jones said that Delaware produced its "Go Baby Go" manuals free of charge for those who are interested in the project in an effort to encourage communities to participate and promote a grass-roots, low-tech effort.

"We are excited to see where this project goes," Jones said. "I am hopeful to do a build project each year, if not each semester, and partner with the community to provide mobility for children of all abilities."

SBU's DPT students provided the labor, but relied on the financial support of local individuals, businesses and sponsors, including Super Lube, Jim Rush Auto and Chuck's Auto Supply.

"This is a project that gets to the heart of what physical therapy is all about," Jones said. "We want our patients to be mobile, but not just for the sake of moving - it's more about using functional mobility to help kids explore and participate in their world."

For more information about the "Go Baby Go" project and SBU physical therapy, contact Jones at (417) 328-1673 or sarahjones@SBUuniv.edu.

Dr. Kevin Patterson hired as Director of Graduate Education



Dr. Kevin Patterson, current superintendent of Ozark School District in Ozark, Mo., has been hired as the new Director of Graduate Education.

He plans to retire from the school district effective June 30 and begin working at SBU in July.

"Kevin's experience, ties to SBU, and passion and vision for graduate education make him a good fit for this important leadership role at SBU," said Kevin Schriver '83, Psy.D., Dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences at SBU. "We are excited to have him join our Graduate Education team in further developing visionary teachers and aspiring leaders."

Patterson is a 1987 SBU graduate with a degree in mathematics education. He has worked in the Ozark School District his entire career, beginning in 1987 as a math and computer teacher, along with football, wrestling and track coach. Other positions have included high school assistant principal, junior high school principal, and assistant and associate superintendent. He has served as superintendent since 2012.

Patterson has led the Ozark School District through several impactful changes while maintaining a focus on student achievement.

1960s

William Bendure '61 and his company, Bendure & Associates, Inc., opened a new office in Springfield, Mo., in June 2017 in addition to their office in Oklahoma City, Okla. He can be reached at bbendure22@gmail.com.

Carol (Davolt) Spurgeon '62 recently published a book entitled, "How Could He...!? An Ordinary Journey With An Extraordinary God." A review of her book was recently published in the Montana Arts Council "State of the Arts" newspaper. Carol can be reached at spurgeon@3riers.net.

1970s

Glen Land '77 is retiring after 44 years in Christian ministry. He and his wife, Joyce, plan to return to the Missouri Ozarks where Glen looks forward to gardening and writing. Glen can be reached at glenland@gmail.com.

Donald Shannon '79 received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gateway Seminary in December 2017.

1980s

Sandra Dubro '85 is married to Brian Ballingall and they will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on October 30. Sandra lives in Acworth, Ga., and can be reached at smdubro@bellsouth.net.

1990s

Bryan Claycomb '91 and his wife, **Linda (Stoltzfus) '89**, live in Little Elm, Texas, and have four children, Aaron (21), Christian (21), Joshua (19) and Briandalyn (16). The family can be reached at linda@claycomb.us.

Philip Huebner '92 has retired from the U.S. Navy after 28 years of military service. He will be moving back to Kansas City. Philip can be reached at navyhueb@gmail.com.

Theresa (Ney) Rose '96 lives in Ballwin, Mo., and has one child, Levi (7). Theresa can be reached at rosetheresa@rsdmo.org.

Karen (Marsey) McSpadden '99 lives in Springfield, Mo., and can be reached at prettyinpinkdec99@gmail.com.

2000s

Walter Pano '04 is married to Katarina and has two children, Jaden (3) and Aubree (1). Walter lives in Katy, Texas, and can be reached at panodwayne@gmail.com.

Bret '06 and **Courtney (Barron) Stanford '08** live in Bolivar and have three children, Gavin (8), Kaden (7), and Beckham (4).

2010s

Lelia (Seabaugh) Spaeth '10 married Justin Spaeth on April 29, 2017. She can be reached at lelia.seabaugh@gmail.com.

Lissette Plasencia '15 is employed by Nestle USA and lives in Edison, N.J. She can be reached at Lissette_13_13@hotmail.com.

Future Bearcats



Devan '16 and **Renee (Coleman) Barger '15** welcomed their first child, Preston, in June 2017. The family lives in Kansas City, Mo., and can be reached at renee.v.barger@gmail.com.

Kristin (Thorson) Cooke '11 and her husband, Caleb, welcomed their son, Trenton Jon Cooke, on Nov. 6, 2017.



Steven '16 and **Jordan (Oberbeck) Harris '16** welcomed their first child, Eden Nora Esther, on July 7, 2017. Her grandparents are Dr. Rob '88, '96 and

Lorie Harris '88. Dr. Harris is the Vice President for Student Development at SBU.

Christina (Owensby) Patterson '14 and her husband, Austin, announce the birth of their son, Jace, on May 19, 2017.



Dr. Becky (Li) Schoenberg '08 and her husband, Quint, welcomed future Bearcat, Emmy, on Dec. 4, 2017. She joins big sister, Mylia (4).



Julie (Adams) Tufts '07 and her husband, Zach, welcomed their first child, Ezekiel Owen, on Dec. 22,

2017. The family lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., and can be reached at jztufts@gmail.com.

In Memory



John W. Maddux, Jr. '83 of Cassville, Mo., passed away on April 7, 2017, after a four-year battle with cancer. John was the first college graduate in his family,

graduating from SBU with a degree in education. John taught mathematics his entire career at Southwest R-5 High School in Washburn, Mo. John was active in his church and was a member of Gideons International of Cassville. He is survived by his mother and brother.

Robert Jean Hall '56 of Moberly, Mo., passed away on Dec. 25, 2017. Bob was a graduate of Cassville High School, Southwest Baptist College, where he was a Life Service Award recipient, University of Missouri and did post-graduate work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Bob taught physics, math and chemistry at SWBC, Hannibal-LaGrange College and in mission schools in Nigeria. He was an ordained deacon, taught Sunday school and sang in the choir at Carpenter Street Baptist Church in Moberly. He is survived by his wife, Martha, and their five children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Donna Baker, 70, of Bolivar, passed away Jan. 13 at Citizens Memorial Hospital. A lifelong resident of Bolivar, Donna graduated from Bolivar High School in 1966 and married Bobby Dale Baker in 1968. Donna worked as a housekeeper at SBU from 1986 until 2004. Donna was a long-time member of First Baptist Church, Bolivar, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She attended New Life Church, Bolivar, for the last several years. She enjoyed cooking, baking and hosting large family gatherings. She loved to laugh, was always willing to help anyone and would spend her own money to make crafts for others. She is survived by her husband, Bob; son, Robert; daughter, Betty; six grandchildren and several other family members and friends.

Guess Who?

When we ask alumni what they love most about SBU, they almost always share stories of how their professors cared about them and invested in their lives. While the list of these influential faculty is long, can you identify any of the faculty pictured below?

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Everyone who correctly identifies at least one of these employees will be entered into a prize drawing. Submit your guesses by email to SBUcommunications@gmail.com or by mail to: Office of Marketing and Communications, 1600 University Ave., Bolivar MO 65613.

Entries must be received by Friday, March 17.

Thank you to all who participated in the previous Guess Who contest.

The pictured faculty members were John Smashey, Rosalyn Snellen, and Bob Kitchin.

The following all submitted correct responses: Tyrone and Cheri (Falcone) Adcock, Sonda (Philliber) Allen, Crystal (Finke) Apon, Sharla Bailey, Jann Bass, Dr. Derrall Beasley, Denae Beckett, John Blackburn, Allison Blamey, James and Diana Bledsoe, Michael Brenneis, Joy Brown, Maeanne Browning, Mary Alice Carpenter, Nathan and Kristin Church, Matthew Cobb, Angela Collins, Duane Davis, John Gage, Cindy Gann, Donald Gowin, Martha (McFerron) Green, George Hale, Jennifer (Swartz) Hayes, Nancy Johnson, Erin Kinzinger, Rhonda (Anderson) Lamke, Sharon Liston, Bill Lower, Linda Maberry, Dorothy Mantonya, Bob and Leslie Marsden, Anita (Oesch) Martin, Brenda McGill, Linda (Herring) McGinnis, Martin Miller, Eugene Moffet, Kenneth Murray, RJ and Lori Myers, Reggie and Janet Noot, David Olson, Lisa Patterson, Diane Perkins, Alexis (Bledsoe) Rainwater, Tammy (Smith) Rhodes, T. Jay Sanderson, John Schudy, Damon and Lisa Sewell, Jim Shrimpton, Burnace Smtih, Don Smith, John Stillwagon, Geoff Stewart, Elizabeth Strunk, Cathy Tisher, Carrie Turpin, Rick Vance, Amy Varner, Melissa (Leck) Warden, Ellen (Brown) Willis, and Christi Criscione Wingate.

Congratulations to **RJ and Lori Myers** who won the prize package!

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