1940s

DONALD H. FLANDERS, JR., BBA '44, was inducted into the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame in Greensboro, North Carolina. He rescued a bankrupt outdoor furniture manufacturer and turned it into an internationally known producer of wicker casual furniture and turned it into an internationally known producer of wicker casual furniture. In the 1960s, he moved to the Texas auditor’s office as a staff auditor. He worked his way up until he became the state auditor in 1968. After 17 years in that capacity, he became the chancellor’s financial officer at the University of Texas. His wife, three sons and six grandchildren survive him.

1950s

GEORGE MCNIEL, BBA '52, passed away after a successful life and career. McNiel began his career as a CPA at Arthur Anderson before moving to the Texas office as an office senior staff auditor. He worked his way up until he became the state auditor in 1968. After 17 years in that capacity, he became the chancellor’s financial officer at the University of Texas. His wife, three sons and six grandchildren survive him.

D. M. EDWARDS, BBA '76, contributed a seventh endowed scholarship for Baylor, Edwards was a Rotary Major Donor Award for the Rotary Foundation and the President of the Rotary Club of the Association of Symphony Orchestra. He was selected for a second three-year term to the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation and for a seventh year to the Engineering Texas Baptist University Board of Trustees. Other achievements included: elected president of the East Texas Symphony Orchestra Foundation; selected as chair of the University of Texas at Tyler Development Board; elected president of the Literacy Council of Tyler; and compiled a $1,000,000 endowed scholarship.

WILEY STEM III, BBA '76, has been named the Waco City Manager. Stem started his career with the City of Waco, Texas, at the age of 20, where he served as the city’s first, white, African American. His grandfather, Wiley Stem, Sr., was the Waco city attorney. DANNY RAMEY, BBA '78, is a partner in financial services firm that focuses on financial management and enterprise risk management.

1960s

BOB RICKS, BBA '67, former Edmond, Oklahoma, police chief, was awarded the Night Award, presented each year by the Oklahoma City Police Department to honor a man whose leadership reflects the “salt and light” ethic that Christ asked believers to be in Matthew 5:13-16. He spent a large part of his career in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In the FBI, he rose from the position of special agent to special agent-in-charge of the FBI for Oklahoma. During his time with the FBI, he was detailed to the Drug Enforcement Administration where he served as chief counsel and senior inspector. As deputy assistant director, he was responsible for all FBI investigations of domestic and international terrorists. In 1995, Ricks was appointed Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and Cabinet Secretary for Safety and Security. In 2002, he was appointed the first director of Homeland Security for Oklahoma by then-Gov. Frank Keating, following the events of 9/11. Following eight years of service with the Department of Public Safety, Ricks was hired as the chief of police for the City of Edmond in October 2003. He retired from the police department in February 2015.

STEVE BARTELS, BBA '69, recently retired from Proctor & Gamble. He and his wife of 47 years continue to live in Overland Park, Kansas.

1970s

RICHARD SCHUETZ, BBA '70, has been selected to present at the annual University of Mexico (UMX) Press. A 30-year Air Force veteran, he has served as associate director of business operations for 15 years and is responsible for its day-to-day operations, including recruitment, travel, shipping and receiving, and information technology. He oversees development and execution of the Press’s annual budget, financial analysis and reporting. He recently served as vice president of business development and alliances at SimpliVity, which was recently acquired by Hewlett-Packard Enterprise. Prior to his time at SimpliVity, he led global business development at Visiion Media, where he helped develop new partnerships and revenue streams, leading to an initial public offering (IPO) in 2013. He has also held leadership positions at Symantec, Verint, BEA Systems, KOMAG and Seagate.

C. RUNCIE CLEMENTS IV, BBA '87, has been named executive vice president and general counsel of Nashville, Tennessee-based independent corporate trust services provider Cumberland Trust. Previously, Clements was the charitable giving counsel for the American Cancer Society.

JEFF FLETCHER, BBA '82, was elected and now serves as state district judge of the 402nd District Court in Wood County, Texas.

GARY BRINKLEY, BBA '85, is the new city manager of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. His primary goal as new city manager is to move the community forward.

JOHN KAY, BBA '86, graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with a PhD in arts and technology, in management, and he has been the pastor of Kavanagh United Methodist Church in downtown Greenville, Texas. His wife, three sons and six grandchildren survive him.

1980s

DONALD LADHANI, BBA ‘92, has been elected to the board of directors of Noble Energy Inc. Ladhani is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Blocker Energy Solutions Inc., a leading provider of comprehensive water management solutions to the unconventional oil and gas industry.

1990s

KEVIN KASTOR, BBA ‘90, was named vice president of business development at Cousthew. Technologies. Based out of the San Francisco, California office, Kastor will serve as a key part in spearheading the company’s global expansion. His role includes providing strategic guidance for driving business opportunities, forging new original equipment manufacturer (OEM) relationships and overseeing the development of the company’s strategic business partners. His previous accomplishments include enabling successful exits and triple-digit growth at both private and public technology companies, overseeing and leading underwriting capacity as vice president of business development and alliances at SimpliVity, which was recently acquired by Hewlett-Packard Enterprise. Prior to his time at SimpliVity, he led global business development at Visiion Media, where he helped develop new partnerships and revenue streams, leading to an initial public offering (IPO) in 2013. He has also held leadership positions at Symantec, Verint, BEA Systems, KOMAG and Seagate.

ROBERT “BOB” HONEYCUTT, BBA ‘89, has been named the chief executive officer of Ennis Regional Medical Center and named to the Waco City Council as the next city manager. Honeycutt had served as a member of the city’s staff for his entire career as a CPA at Arthur Anderson before joining the company’s partner ecosystem. His focus areas will include sales, project management and marketing, targeting the last seven years of customer-focused relationship building, strategic planning, grant writing, community relations, the development, property management and fundraising.

ConWIR HARPER, MBA ‘93, has been named a new board member of Leadership Montgomery County, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and enhancing the current and future leaders of Montgomery County, Texas.

JEFF RAINIE, BBA ‘93, was selected as a new board member of Leadership Montgomery County, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and enhancing the current and future leaders of Montgomery County, Texas.

DAN RUMMEL, BBA ‘92, has been named executive vice president and general counsel of Nashville, Tennessee-based independent corporate trust services provider Cumberland Trust. Previously, Clements was the charitable giving counsel for the American Cancer Society.

ROBERT “BOB” HONEYCUTT, BBA ‘89, has been named the chief executive officer of Ennis Regional Medical Center and named to the Waco City Council as the next city manager. Honeycutt had served as a member of the city’s staff for his entire career as a CPA at Arthur Anderson before joining the company’s partner ecosystem. His focus areas will include sales, project management and marketing, targeting the last seven years of customer-focused relationship building, strategic planning, grant writing, community relations, the development, property management and fundraising.

1990s

KEVIN KASTOR, BBA ‘90, was named vice president of business development at Cousthew. Technologies. Based out of the San Francisco, California office, Kastor will serve as a key part in spearheading the company’s global expansion. His role includes providing strategic guidance for driving business opportunities, forging new original equipment manufacturer (OEM) relationships and overseeing the development of the company’s strategic business partners. His previous accomplishments include enabling successful exits and triple-digit growth at both private and public technology companies, overseeing and leading underwriting capacity as vice president of business development and alliances at SimpliVity, which was recently acquired by Hewlett-Packard Enterprise. Prior to his time at SimpliVity, he led global business development at Visiion Media, where he helped develop new partnerships and revenue streams, leading to an initial public offering (IPO) in 2013. He has also held leadership positions at Symantec, Verint, BEA Systems, KOMAG and Seagate.
TEMPLE WEISS, BBA ’94, has been named chief administrative officer of Leafarfield, where he will lead the company’s finance and accounting, information technology, human resources and engineering departments. Weiss has an extensive background in finance, strategy, acquisitions, and business support and development, which has included roles with public companies and private equity portfolio companies in real estate, financial services, lodging, entertainment and restaurants.

MATT DELorenzo, BBA ’95, has been appointed as national information technology staffing and account executive for the AIA Texas 500 Monitor Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff race Nov. 5 at Texas Motor Speedway.

CHIP GAINES, BBA ’98, known for his HGTV television show “Fixer Upper,” was named as the honorary pace car driver for the AAA Texas 500 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff race Nov. 5 at Texas Motor Speedway.

KATIE (SARANTAKES) SCALLAN, BBA ’95, has been appointed as chief marketing and corporate communications director for The Freddien Group, where she oversees marketing, corporate branding and communications for the company and its portfolio of companies across the automotive, entertainment, luxury hospitality and golf industries. These organizations include Gulf States Toyota, Impervious Entertainment, Aurora Resorts Collection, Diamond Creek Golf Club and Congaree Golf Club. Prior to The Freddien Group, Scallan was senior manager of engagement marketing and public relations for Gulf States Toyota, one of the world’s largest independent distributors of Toyota vehicles and parts.

IRENE SONG, BBA ’95, has been promoted to partner at Ernst & Young LLP as part of its EY advisory practice in San Francisco, California.

KATHERINE NOLL, BBA ’99, shareholder in the San Antonio, Texas, office of Chamberlain Hrdlicka, was named one of four 2017 “Women in Law” in the July/August issue of San Antonio Woman magazine. Noll also was named as one of “San Antonio’s Best Lawyers” by SA Style magazine in 2018. She has broad federal and state tax expertise, with a focus on a diverse range of complex tax issues, including tax planning, business transactions and representing clients before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

SCOTT THOMAS, MTAX ’99, joined Winston & Strawn LLP as a partner in the Dallas, Texas, office. Thomas has experience in commercial litigation, securities litigation and arbitration, representing businesses in federal and state courts in Texas, New York and California. Thomas joined Winston after leaving Fish & Richardson. Prior to his legal career, he worked at international accounting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

TERRY WELTY, MBA ’99, has joined PatientPop, maker of all-in-one practice growth software for healthcare providers, as senior vice president of marketing. Welty brings more than 20 years of experience leading high-performance marketing teams to drive aggressive revenue growth. He comes to PatientPop from Quanum, where he acted as chief marketing officer. His resume includes executive roles at Smarth, DuxSecurity and Quest, as well as five successful exits.

2000s

BRANDON JONES, BBA ’00, has joined Winstead’s taxation, employee benefits and private business practice group as a shareholder in the Fort Worth, Texas, office. Jones has more than 15 years of experience counseling clients across a variety of industries, including energy, entertainment, healthcare, hospitality, insurance, retail and waste recycling.

TUCKER WORSTER, BBA ’00, co-founded AuDStandard, LLC, which provides product design and practices management services to audiologists, hearing aid dispensers and ear and nose and throat physicians. Prior to AuDStandard, he managed the group purchasing division of the world’s largest provider of hearing healthcare Sonova, LLC. In addition to co-founder and partner, Worster currently serves as the managing director of AuDStandard, LLC.

JEFFERY P. CHAMBERLAIN, MBA ’01, U.S. Army LT Col., has been named commander of the 99th Security Forces Group with Guaranty Bank in Dallas, Texas. Chamberlain is the founder of Chamberlain Security Services, which serves as the lead provider of security services to his affiliated entities. Prior to joining the family bank in 2015, Chamberlain served as assistant director of Operations of the 99th Security Forces Group. He is active in the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Fort Worth, Junior Achievement of the Chisholm Trail, Trinity Habitat for Humanity and several other community organizations in the area.

DANIEL O’DONNELL, BBA ’02, has been named vice president of sales and trading at Mission Capital. Prior to joining Mission Capital, O’Donnell was a managing director with Holiday, Fanoglio, Fowler D. P (HFIF) in the firm’s national loan sales group. He was also formerly vice president of U.S. acquisitions for FirstCity Financial Corporation.

DARREN IRONS, MBA ’04, was named global product manager for Webex Precision Rolls. Previously, he was the global product manager for Webex Print Rolls. He was recently chief financial officer for IL Hudson, a custom molded rubber and plastics manufacturer.

BRYAN TILSON, BBA ’04, was named to the Campaign Asia-Pacific (APAC) “40 Under 40” list. Based in Shanghai, China, he is the youngest person ever to take up a managing director role in Wieden + Kennedy offices. Recently, he has spearheaded two programs in China, the Kennedys and W&K.

DAVID ARGUETA, BBA ’05, has been named chief administrative officer for Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City. Argueta previously served as president of a Catholic Health Initiative hospitals in Texas. Prior to that, he was the chief operating officer for Children’s Hospital of Luke’s Hospital, which has multiple campuses in Dallas-Fort Worth. Prior to that, he was on the executive team at Baylor Scott & White – Hilclott in Waco, Texas.

CHRIS LANG, MBA ’10, has been named vice president and chief compliance officer of RCB Bank, a Waco-based community bank. Lang previously served as global product manager for Alerus Financial Corporation.

KARY LALANI, BBA ’05, was recently named senior vice president and chief security officer of Lalani Lodging, Inc., a Waco, Texas-based hospitality company that focuses on the development and management of hotel assets for affiliated entities. Prior to joining the family business in 2009, Lalani served as an assistant vice president in the commercial real estate group with Guaranty Bank in Dallas. Lalani is the past chairman of the Baylor Waco Foundation. He serves on the boards of directors for the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, Board of the Waco Business League and is a committee member of the Heart of Texas Young Life Chapter.

COLIN SMITH, BBA ’11, has been elected assistant vice president and loan officer of Citizens National Bank in Hillsboro, Texas, Hill County. Smith is a graduate of the Texas Independent Bankers Association (FPA) co-produces, co-markets and co-brands the podcast. In addition to her podcasts, Moore has played a direct role in growing and promoting the community of younger advisors, helping to establish a Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, branch of the FPA NextGen program and working to directly mentor young planners.

2010s

WILL COURINGTON, BBA ’06, has joined GolfWeb Media, Certified Public Accountants, in Tyler, Texas.

ANDREW HEJTMANEK, BBA ’07, MCC ’07, has been promoted to director of BDO CPA & Advisors. Hejtmaneck, a member of BDO National Health Care Group, has more than 10 years of experience in the field, providing audit and assurance services to healthcare providers.

HANNAH (WESTBY) MOORE, BBA ’08, was named as one of Investment News’ 2018 Forty Under 40. In 2017, Moore owns a boutique wealth management firm in Dallas, Texas, called Guiding Wealth Management. She also produces a series of podcasts called “How to Be a Financial Planner, Now What?,” which are aimed at providing support and inspiration for newly minted advisors. The Financial Planning Association (FPA) co-produces, co-markets and co-brands the podcast. In addition to her podcasts, Moore has played a direct role in growing and promoting the community of younger advisors, helping to establish a Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, branch of the FPA NextGen program and working to directly mentor young planners.

RAN YANG, BBA ’12, was promoted to financial analyst at tax consultancy firm alliantgroup. Blackmon joined the firm in 2013. He was promoted from senior associate to associate director— on alliantgroup’s research and development tax credit implementation team. Blackmon has led the team to provide thorough, quality research and development studies and excellent client service.

JOHN DAVID BEARD, BBA ’14, and fellow Baylor alumnus Dylan Washington opened FireWire Coffee Bar on Austin Avenue in Waco, Texas, which they hope will serve as a gathering place for students and local neighborhoods. They offer coffee roasted in-house, lunch, local and craft beer, wine and other beverages. They plan to open another location later this year. In addition to co-founder and partner, Beard currently serves as the managing director of alliantgroup.

CHRIS LAFEVER, MBA ’15, has been named head of the investment management group at Standard Chartered Bank in London, England. Feaver previously served as vice president in the investment management division at Citigroup, where he advised high-net-worth individuals and institutions in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Prior to Citigroup, Feaver worked as a consultant at McKinsey & Company. Feaver will be based in London.

BRANDON BLACKMON, BBA ’16, has joined Blackmon Law Group as an associate attorney in the firm’s Fort Worth, Texas, office. Blackmon has held the team to provide thorough, quality research and development studies and excellent client service.