2016:

JOE L. WARD, BBA ’68, has been appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Red River Authority Board of Directors for a term through 2023. The authority provides for the control, conservation and development of the watershed and water of the Red River and its Texas tributaries. Ward is a full-time rancher and has interests in an insurance consulting business, redevelopment projects in downtown Brownm, Texas, and investments in land and family-owned restaurants.

JIM TURNER, BBA ’69, past Baylor Scott & White Holdings Board of Trustees chair, was honored in October as the Kerney Laday, Sr. White Holdings Board of Trustees chair, was Hall of Fame inductees. The Hall of Fame Class was Tyler Independent School District’s 2018 Athletic former football student-athlete, was among the ‘71, TOMMY JIM TURNER, BBA ’69, a land and family-owned restaurants; consulting business, redevelopment projects in the Red River and its Texas tributaries. Ward is a past president of the Independent Student Media, was honored with a 2018 Elite Lawyer Award for the area of law firm, which recognizes attorneys who display a high level of competence in their practice and receive acknowledgment from their peers, community, bar and committees. He is the founding partner of the Williamson Law Firm in Dallas, Texas.

NANCY SHEMWELL, BBA ’78, has been appointed chief operations officer of IoT Community (Internet of Things community), the world’s largest community of corporate executives, IoT innovators and practitioners. Shemwell has served in leadership positions for more than 30 years with global organizations, including VeriCloud, DataSpan, Multi-Link, Jovial Test Equipment, Extreme Networks, Symmetricom and Nortel Networks.

STEPHEN KWAKU ASAIE, MBA ’85, is among four accomplished scholars and practitioners selected to the Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) as its first Democracy and Development (D&D) Fellows. Asaie will serve as a D&D Fellow in Accra, Ghana. The professor in Accounting at Florida’s Fisher School of Business, University of Florida, is a public intellectual and scholar-activist whose contributions and activities, including as plaintiff in a number of leading cases against the Supreme Court of Ghana, are helping to push the frontiers of governance and the rule of law, particularly in the area of constitutional law and practice.

NANCY SHEMWELL, BBA ’78, has been selected president of the National Association of Social Security Claimants’ Representatives (NASSCR), a trade group of legal representatives assisting disabled individuals.

LAURA SWERINGEN, BBA ’84, a real estate executive with The Laura Swearingen Team, REAL MAX Associates of Arlington, has been appointed as its Seattle office, a leading provider of human resources and business performance solutions. He will direct the company’s sales efforts in the Oklahoma region.

DONOVAN (DON) RUSSELL, BBA ’88, has been named vice president of sales for the company’s leading manufacturer of Gummy Vitamins and Supplements. He will oversee sales and product development in the consumer-packaged goods industry serving retailers worldwide.

DOUG ALLEN, BBA ’89, has joined the Orlando, Florida, office as a partner in the business law firm of Kelley Kronenberg. Allen has nearly three decades of experience handling workers’ compensation issues in Florida courts. He is admitted to practice law in Florida, the Florida Supreme Court, the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida and the United States Supreme Court.

DEANNE KING, BBA ’91, current senior counsel to the Senate of omnichannel operations and customer experience at Sprint, has been named Sprint’s chief human resources officer. King has been with Sprint for nearly 30 years and has extensive management experience across a variety of business units, including human resources.

DAN R. REEVES, BBA ’89, joined Roberts & Roberts in Tyler, Texas, in June, where he will continue to represent injured victims. Prior to this, Reeves worked as a personal injury attorney at Bennett Law Office in Longview, Texas, for approximately 19 years.

2017:

TOMMY BOWMAN, BBA ’77, a standout basketball student-athlete at Baylor and a member of the University’s Board of Regents from 2001-2013, has been selected for the 2017 class of the University of Memphis Hall of Fame as Baylor’s representative. Bowman was the school’s first black basketball recruit at Baylor in 1966 and one of the Southwest Conference’s first black players.

GARY DON JOHNSON, BBA ’77, MBA ’78, former football student-athlete, was among the Tyler Independent School District’s 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. The Hall of Fame Class was recognized at a ceremony in September.

2018:

MIKE SINGLETARY, BBA ’83, shared the four pillars upon which he discovered his purpose in life and challenged players to examine their own purpose during the Morrisston West Quarterback Club kickoff dinner at First Baptist of Morrisston, Tennessee. After earning All-American honors at Baylor, Singletary went on to a career at the professional level with the Chicago Bears.

JOAN DRISKILL, BBA ’84, was elected president of the National Association of Social Security Claimants’ Representatives (NASSCR), a trade group of legal representatives assisting disabled individuals.

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TODD DORTON, BBA ’86, has been promoted to a new strategic position at 3M. Dorton has been with 3M for more than 24 years of experience in brand and generic pharmaceutical management.

CARRI CLARK, BBA ’93, has joined Silverline as a professional advisor in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as an executive officer and a member of the company’s Board of Directors, Delaney has more than 20 years of experience in brand and generic pharmaceutical management.
CLINT HARP, BBA ’00, who gained fame as a craftsman on “Fixer Upper” and starred in his own DIY Network show; “Wood Work,” has written a book, “Handcrafted: A Woodworker’s Story.” The book is an ode to dreaming, hard work and risk-taking. He and his wife Kelly Harp, BS ’02, own Harp Design Co.

REAGAN RORSCHACH, MBA ’00, has joined Stonemar Commercial Finance as managing director of originations in the Midwest region of the United States while based in Dallas, Texas.

DAVID SULLIVAN, BBA ’00, was cast in the recurring role of “Chet” in the eight-episode HBO series, “Sharp Objects,” starring Amy Adams. At Baylor, Sullivan played football for the Bears for one year, while also starring in theater productions and participating in Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Sullivan sought his big break by landing his first starring role as Abe in “Prime,” an independent film that claimed the Grand Jury Prize at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival. From 2016-2017, Sullivan starred alongside Will Arnett in the Netflix series, “Faked.”

MICHAEL BROWN, BBA ’01, MTAX ’01, has been named executive vice president of sales and services at ERIKS Seals and Plastics.

KAREE HUGGINS, BBA ’02, MBA ’03, has been promoted to vice president of sales for Blackmon Mooring & BMS CAT, a leader in disaster recovery. Huggins, who has been with Blackmon Mooring since 2005, will oversee all aspects of the national account team and influence all touchpoints of the sales channel.

ANGELA RAGAN, BBA ’03, a senior manager with JIRBT Certified Public Accountants in Waco, was named Young CPA of the Year by the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA). The award honors an individual 39 years of age or younger “who has made significant contributions to the accounting profession and the community and is a member of at least one other professional organization.” Ragan is a senior manager with JIRBT. Ragan joined JIRBT in 2005. Shortly after earning her BBA in Accounting from Baylor, she’s a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Texas Society of CPAs and the Texas Society of CPAs, of which she is on the Board of Directors. Ragan is involved in the community, serving as a board member for Compassion Ministries, where she holds the positions of president, vice president and treasurer, and she was also a business advisory board member for the A.J. Moore Academy, a magnet school in Waco that prepares students for success in post-secondary education and in the workplace.

TAYLOR L. MATHews, BBA ’08, has been promoted to accounting specialist in the oil & gas department of Gollob Morgan Petty in Tyler, Texas. He played a key role in assisting clients in the area of oil & gas tax and audit by advising them on economic and political trends that may affect the business climate.

MIYRA JIMENEZ, BBA ’09, a children’s program director and managing attorney at the Refugees and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), has been named as one of the largest faction of RAICES that provide legal services to unaccompanied children in court.

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PATRICK CUMMINGS, MBA ’11, has been named executive director of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation (TIF), a nonprofit organization established to create an active forum for the exchange and curation of ideas designed to improve the prospects of the thoroughbred industry and its stakeholders.

TAYLOR JESSE, BBA ’12, MARC ’13, has joined Taylor Hoffman, a Richmond, Virginia-based registered investment advisor as a family wealth manager. He will serve as a dedicated financial planning resource for the firm’s clientele.

JACKSON WREN, BBA ’15, and brother Eric Wren, BA ’14, started a crossword-styled doughnut venture called Nightlight Donuts, which continues to gain popularity at the Waco, Texas, Downtown Farmers Market. The twins previously founded Dapper Bear Clothing, which sold neckties and socks in green and gold plaid.

BEN LAMM, BBA ’04, Dallas entrepreneur and co-founder of Convirasa, has sold the company to a publicly-traded online messaging company that helped pioneer alternatives to customers’ long waits on the phone with call centers. Lamm is the former chief executive officer and co-founder of Chaotic Moon Studios, an Austin creative technology studio that consulting company Accenture bought in 2015. He and Austin entrepreneur Andrew Busey are also co-founders of Team Chaos, which was acquired by San Francisco gaming developer Zynga in 2018.

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RYAN K. PATRICK, BBA ’00, was sworn in at an investiture ceremony at the federal courthouse in Houston, Texas, as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. Patrick is a former state district judge and criminal lawyer.

Lauren Bailey, BBA ’96, has been named senior vice president, chief credit officer and divisional credit administration officer for the Texas Market of Comerica Incorporated. In his new role, Bailey will support middle market, Texas, energy and U.S. banking.

MARK EMBRY, BS (MARKETING) ’96, is co-founder of medloyx Group, a healthcare IT advisory firm in Dallas. Texas medloyx Group was recently named as a small business partner to the Department of Defense and Veterans Administration as a small business team with Corner Corporation.

PETER L. SEFZIK, MBA ’96, has been named executive vice president – business at Comerica Bank. In his new role, Sefzik will lead Comerica’s business segment, which provides companies with an array of credit and non-credit financial products and services.

CHIP GAINES, BBA ’98, and wife Joanna Gaines, BA ’01, have invited the Church Under the Bridge to relocate to Magnolia Market at the Silos before the church is displaced by upcoming road construction in Waco, Texas. Chip has known about the ministry since he was a college student at Baylor and reached out to the church’s pastor after learning how the congregation would be impacted by construction.

NANCY (PAYNE) MCEACHERN, BBA ’98, business development director and producer at Ionours of Texas, recently received the registered employee benefit consultant of the year award from the Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU). NAHU views this designation as the highest form of recognition in the health insurance industry. Mceachern has demonstrated a commitment to educational leadership within the insurance profession.

SHAWN COURTNEY, M.B.A. ’99, has been appointed president of the Intellectual Capital and Innovation Institute (IC2 Institute) and previously served as regional product director of ERKS North America and president of ERKS Seals and Plastics.

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JUSTIN BRASELL, BBA ’06, MBA ’07, has been appointed executive vice president of the Transwestern Healthcare advisory services team in Houston, Texas. In his role, Brasel will work to support business development efforts, direct local initiatives and implement new technologies to support tenant and landlords involved with healthcare real estate.

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