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1959 Rogers Pope, Sr., BBA '59, was one

of four 2014 honorees to be inducted into the Texas Bankers Hall of Fame in April. Pope has served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Texas Bank and Trust in Longview, Texas, since 1975. He is a former member of the Board of Regents of Baylor University and the Hankamer School of Business Advisory Council. He served on the Board of Trustees of LeTourneau University for eight years, including three years as chairman. Pope has been honored with the Chairman's Award from the Longview Chamber of Commerce, the East Texas Heritage Award, the Paul Harris Award from the Longview Rotary Club, the Henry O. Gossett Award from LeTourneau University, and, along with his son, is a 2012 co-recipient of the East Texas Area Council Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award. He has also been recognized with the 50-Year Banker's Award from the Texas Bankers Association.

1973 Frank Jasek, BBA '73, edited and published the book *Soldiers of the*

Wooden Cross: Military Memorials of Baylor University. The coffee table book tells the story of men and women who died while in military service and have a memorial plaque on the Baylor campus. It received an award from the Texas State Genealogical Society. All proceeds from the sale of the book go toward the Soldiers of the Wooden Cross Scholarship Fund for veterans, family members of veterans, ROTC cadets and active duty military. The fund was set up by the Waco Foundation.

1977 Randall Crawford, BBA '77, has been

promoted to president of the First National Bank of Central Texas, for which he has worked since 1996. Crawford has been the bank's executive vice president for 18 years. He will continue to oversee the bank's day-to-day operations and serve as its chief financial officer.

1978 Gerald (Gerry) P. Dunlap, BBA '78,

retired from ExxonMobil in June 2013 after a 34-year career. His final 13 years with ExxonMobil were spent working on the ExxonMobil Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) projects in Qatar, providing LNG marine/shipping analysis and advice. He established GPD Consulting, LLC to provide consulting services for the Liquefied Natural Gas industry. He and his wife live in Spring, Texas.

1983 Marelyn B. Shedd, BBA '83, has been

named to the Abilene Christian University Board of Trustees. Shedd was voted to be one of the 32 members of the university's board. Shedd is the regional president at First Financial Bank for Abilene, Odessa, Albany, Clyde and Moran. She also serves on the board of Abilene Arts Alliance, as board chair of the Community Foundation of Abilene and the Hendrick Medical Center Foundation, and is vice president of the Development Corporation of Abilene.

1985 Carey P. Hendrickson, BBA '85, was named

chief financial officer and senior vice president of Capital Senior Living Corporation, one of the country's largest operators of senior living communities. Hendrickson has held numerous positions in finance and administration in his more than 22 years at Belo Corp., which owned and operated multiple television stations and newspapers across the country.

Jill Richardson, BBA '85,

received the 2013 University Interscholastic League (UIL) Sponsor Excellence Award, for her coaching of the Caddo Mills High School UIL Accounting team. Richardson was one of 17 sponsors in Texas recognized with the achievement. The winners were selected by a panel of judges in the areas of academics, athletics and music from nominations submitted by school principals and superintendents across the state. The Caddo Mills High School Accounting team won the UIL state championship held in Austin, Texas in May. Over the years, she has coached teams to two accounting team state championships and several individual accounting state championships. In 2014, Richardson's team won the team and individual gold medal in accounting, and they had the highest team score in the state, in all classifications.

Larry S. Starks, BBA '85, is the senior managing director of Waterview Advisors, Inc., a Dallas-based investment bank that provides mergers and acquisition advisory, capital raising and valuation services to middle-market companies across a broad range of industries and geographic markets. Waterview Advisors acted as exclusive financial advisor to Tommy White Supply Company, Inc., as it was acquired by Industrial Distribution Group, Inc. Headquartered in Midland, Texas, Tommy White provides supplies, services and equipment to oil and gas customers in the Permian Basin. It also operates a wellhead shop and two dedicated pump shops.

Timothy L. Young, BBA '85, was added to the Orlando, Fla., Mad Cow Theatre's board of directors. Young is one of 12 board members. Young has been a financial consultant and has acted as finance manager, chief financial officer or controller for a range of corporations in Orlando and Hong Kong. Young founded the Blankner School Foundation.

1989 Shelley Goodman, BBA '89, was named vice president and general manager for AT&T's Illinois/Wisconsin area in May. Goodman oversees the sales and operations for more than 1,500 employees, 86 AT&T-owned retail locations, and more than 750 national retail partners and authorized dealers.

1992 Perry E. Brown, MBA '92, has joined First Republic Bank - Private Wealth Management as its managing director. Brown relocated to New York City to work with high-networth individuals, foundations/endowments and government entities. He serves clients with asset management, commercial and residential credit, and other banking needs.

Greg Davis, BBA '92, National Geographic creative photographer, debuted his short film *Cloth Paper Dreams* May 30 at the Blanton Museum of Art in Austin, Texas. The film focuses on three different travelers as they traverse great distances for the chance to connect with something greater than themselves. Taking place during India's Kumbh Mela, the world's largest spiritual gathering of more than 100 million people, Davis captured incredible images and footage of the epic journey of three men.

Jeffery D. Price, BBA '92, was named one of the nation's top financial advisors for the second consecutive year by leading finance publication *Barron's Magazine*. In the March issue, Price was recognized as part of its annual "America's Top 1,200 Advisors: State-by-State." Price lives in Flower Mound, Texas, with his wife Cara and their two children.

1993 Chris O'Toole, MBA '93, has been promoted to the National Sales Director of Allparts Medical, LLC, a division of Philips Healthcare. Chris, his wife Julie and their family moved to Nashville, Tenn., this summer.

Jeffrey P. Wood, BBA '93, has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer of Siluria Technologies, a pioneer in the commercial production of fuels and chemicals made from clean and abundant natural gas. Wood will oversee Siluria's financial strategies, as well as manage the company's external communications, accounting and human resources functions. Wood will also take a key strategic role in expanding Siluria's midstream business platform.

1996 Kim Vance, BBA '96, was named vice president of marketing and communications of rug manufacturer Feizy Rugs. Vance will be responsible for leading the development of brand strategy, product marketing and corporate communications.

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Ron Downing, BBA '98, was named president of Trendsetter Engineering Inc., a subsea solutions provider to major and independent oil and gas companies across the globe. Downing previously served as executive vice president of operations at Trendsetter, overseeing the company's business development, sales, rental, legal, quality and HSE departments. Downing joined Trendsetter in 2010.

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Michael Davis, BBA '00, with his wife Kala (Bass) Davis, BBA '01, started Capital City Bevinco, a Harrisburg, Penn.-based franchise of Bevintel. Capital City Bevinco serves the restaurant and bar industry through inventory control, by monitoring use of beer and alcohol against sales. On average, the typical restaurant and bar loses 20 to 30 percent through over-pouring, spillage and waste. By identifying losses

and working with the establishment to institute corrective actions, Capital City Bevinco helps restaurants and bars capture those lost profits.

Tucker Worster, BBA '00, was named National Sales Manager for Sonova Holding AG's e-HearingCare division. Based in Switzerland, Sonova is the world's leading manufacturer of hearing devices.

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Matt Keepers, BBA '02, has been elected the 76th president of the International Home Furnishings Representatives Association (IHFR). He has been active in IHFR for many years as an at-large member. Keepers has worked at Hooker Furniture since graduating from Baylor. In January 2008, Keepers became lead representative for Hooker Furniture. He has served on many company representative committees to help foster change and education, and he has increased communication between sales force and management. In 2009, Matt was awarded the James W. Roberts Award for Outstanding Service by a Professional Sales Representative by Hooker Furniture.

Joshua Curlett, BBA '04,

was honored as one of Dallas Business Journal's "Top 40 under 40" in the Metroplex for 2014. Curlett was promoted recently to chief operating officer of Sound Productions, Inc., one of the top professional audio, lighting and video retailers in the nation. Sound Productions is building a new training and education facility in Irving, Texas.

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David Argueta, MBA '05, has been named chief operating officer of CHI St. Luke's Health-The Woodlands Hospital. Most recently, Argueta served as vice president of operations at Baylor Scott & White-Hillcrest in Waco, Texas.

Ashton Gustafson, BBA '05, of A.G. Real Estate & Associates of Waco, Texas, will be a featured speaker at the 2014 REALTORS Conference & Expo, an annual conference produced by the National Association of REALTORS (NAR). The REALTORS Conference & Expo will be held November 7-10 at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The event includes 100 education sessions, the largest real estate industry trade show with 400 exhibitors and the opportunity to network with 17,000 real estate professionals and guests. Gustafson will present a session at the conference titled, "Time Management: Systems, Tools and Disciplines." The session focuses on a modern approach to taking on the demands of the high-paced and

technologically-advanced economy. He was selected by Realtor Magazine into the 2010 "30 Under 30" class for the United States.

2007

Tyler Colburn, BBA '07, has worked at Ryan, Inc., a corporate tax consulting firm, since 2007. Since graduating, Colburn started his own real estate investment firm, Colburn Investments, where he identifies substantial opportunities in the real estate marketplace. Since the inception of the company in late 2011, Colburn has acquired residential properties across Southern California. He has positioned himself for retirement, but continues to pursue opportunities in the real estate market to further his success and to help others around him achieve a similar success.

Suzanne Blake, MBA '08, is on

the founding venture development team for Zhar Venture Investment, LLC, a venture capital firm in Dubai. She has worked in the Middle East for four years as a sales and marketing executive.

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Juan Fernando Loa, BBA '09, was named director of admissions at the University of Texas at Tyler. Loa has worked at the school since 2011, most recently as a graduate academic

adviser for the College of Business and Technology. In his new position, Loa will oversee the graduate admissions process.

Jason Lovvorn, BBA '09, was named the new head of school at First Baptist Academy in Dallas.

Rose Vera, MBA '09, was recognized by the Texas Assisted Living Association (TALA) for her efforts to testify before Texas legislators regarding issues facing an aging population in April. During the hearings, Vera outlined the quality of life benefits experienced by individuals who age in place, and the need for assisted living communities to be given a fair chance to dispute survey findings. In addition, she worked with TALA to encourage the state to name the first Tuesday in March of every year as Assisted Living Awareness Day in Texas. The effectiveness of Vera's testimonies prompted TALA to give this special honor for the first time in the organizations 18-year history.

Tyler Goodwin, BBA '10, for the past year and a half, has been helping create a new business unit within London-based Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP). This division, SmartLife, is focused on building new businesses around water and sanitation utility services in Africa and Asia, typically by creating a decentralized service that fills the gaps in central utility provision. SmartLife was accepted to the Unreasonable Institute's inaugural East Africa venture accelerator program in

Kampala, Uganda. SmartLife is a joint venture between WSUP, Unilever and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition. It is East Africa's first healthy lifestyle retail shop built for the mass market. WSUP was awarded a 2014 Skoll Award for Excellence in Social Entrepreneurship for its innovative approach to solving the water and sanitation crisis. The Skoll Award recognizes organizations that have the potential to scale their success and also to drive large-scale, systems change.

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Paul Ruiz, MBA '11, has been appointed interim chief financial officer of Summit Hotel Properties, Inc., a publicly-traded real estate investment trust focused primarily on acquiring and owning premium-branded, select-service hotels in the upscale and upper midscale segments of the lodging industry. Ruiz is the vice president and chief accounting officer of the company. He has more than 25 years of executive, financial, accounting and operational experience.

Mindy Sue Stanton, BBA '14, accepted a position at Goldman Sachs in Dallas, Texas.

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