1940s

BOB LUCAS, BBA ‘41, former World War II pilot, spoke to students at La Poynor Middle School and High School in LaVernia, Texas, as a part of organization Free To Be’s presentation on war, freedom and patriotism. Lucas shared the story of his plane being shot down in Germany and how he was able to successfully escape to neutral territory.

1970s

BEN HAGINS, BBA ‘70, has written a book, Slaves of Heaven, published by Sparrow Publishing. See www. slaving.org/earth. Hagins was in the U.S. Air Force 10 years, mostly in the B-53 program in Fort Worth, Texas, and spent nearly 30 years as an advisor with First Command Financial Planning. He was captain of the golf team, and is now active at First Baptist Woodway and Waco Links Fellowship. Hagins has been married to Kathy for 43 years, and his son Trey works for Baylor in University Development.

JOEL JOHNSON, BBA ‘75, retired in January as 156th district court judge after 20 years on the bench, although he will continue to hear cases statewide as a visiting judge.

JOHN EDDIE WILLIAMS, JR., BBA ’76, visiting judge, was honored as 2015 BBA ’76, JOEL JOHNSON, BBA ’75, links fellowship. Hagins has been active at First Baptist Woodway and Waco golf team, and is now active at Fort Worth, Texas, and spent mostly in the B-52 program in the U.S. Air Force 10 years, served as chief operating officer. He brings more than 30 years of accounting experience to his new role and is recognized as an expert in the nonprofit sector with a concentration in religious organizations, agencies, clubs and associations. MICHAEL DOYLE, BBA ’81, was named vice president and business development officer of the newest branch of First Columbia, set to open in San Antonio. Doyle has been active in the financial services industry for 28 years, focusing on asset-based lending. ROLAND GARCIA, BBA ’81, a shareholder in the Houston office of the international law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP, recently served as a delegate to the AmCham in Panama and Colombia. The mission, led by Houston Mayor Annise Parker and organized by the Greater Houston Partnership, the city of Houston and the regional banking community, focused on strengthening the city’s economic and cultural ties with important Latin American trade partners. As a member of the delegation, Garcia met with elected officials, business executives and community leaders across several cities, including Panama City in Panama, and Bogota, Barranquilla and Cartagena in Colombia. Mission briefings, site visits and roundtables covered a wide range of industries, such as manufacturing, advanced technologies, tourism, transportation, energy and infrastructure, and life sciences, among others. With more than 25 years of experience, Garcia handles a wide range of commercial litigation cases, including matters involving claims for breach of contract, non-competition agreements, trade secrets and copyright infringement. Additionally, he represents clients in local, state and national governmental and regulatory matters, in complex transactions, and in government contracts, with a concentration on arm’s length transactions, open records and public information act demands, and due process challenges. Garcia is experienced in counseling multinational clients who seek to do business in the United States, particularly in the greater Houston area and across Texas.

1980s

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1990s

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TODD BEHRINGER, BBA ’88, co-owner of Bicycle World in Waco, Texas, announced he will buy a 27-acre private tract next to Cameron Park and keep it open to the public. Behringer owns Texas Endurance Sports, the parent company to outdoors and bicycle stores in the Houston area, in addition to Bicycle World (formerly Outdoor Waco).

JEANETTE MILLER, BBA ’88, has been named director of Cass Career Center for the 2015-16 school year at the Hermannville, Mo., School District’s Board of Education. Miller has worked in the Hermannville School District since 2003 and served as Cass Career Center assistant director for the past four years.

COSSY PACHARES, BBA ’88, was elected the vice president of LifeWay’s retail division. Pachares brought 14 years of LifeWay experience to the position, having served as associate vice president of management information systems, where he led daily operations, information technology, and organized by the Greater Commerce, Economics and Politics. Straughan has served as associate dean, and professor of business administration and marketing at the Williams School.

ALAN JONES, BBA ‘90, was appointed the regional sales manager for extrusion in the Southwest region for Graham Engineering Corporation. Based in Dallas/Fort Worth, Jones will be responsible for sales in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas.
HELVIN HUNT, BBA ’91, is currently serving as the interim head coach for the Demar Nuggets. Hunt spent four years on Baylor’s basketball team before he began his career coaching in high school. He is now the head coach of the Men’s Basketball team at the University of North Texas. Hunt spent four years on Baylor’s basketball team before he began his career coaching in high school. He is now the head coach of the Men’s Basketball team at the University of North Texas.

PAUL WILSON, BBA ’91, MBA ’94, MTAX ’94, former ORIX USA chief accounting officer, was promoted to chief financial officer (CFO). As CFO, Wilson will be in charge of overseeing all of the company’s financial disciplines, including financial controls, treasury, tax, financial planning and financial reporting to the parent company, ORIX Corporation. Before joining ORIX USA, he served 21 years with public accounting firms.

ANGELA NASH, BBA ’92, was hired as the vice president of development for the Methodist Health System Foundation. Nash leads key campus campaigns and works to further the mission of the Methodist Health System. In the past decade, Nash has served on more than a dozen charitable boards, guiding major growth initiatives, resulting in more than $75 million in total donations.

JEFF COOK, BBA ’93, president and chief executive officer of Insurance Services for Salton Healthcare Family, was named a board member for the Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (HAAM). The nonprofit organization focuses on providing affordable healthcare for low-income musicians.

DAVID ROBERTS, BBA ’93, was promoted to president and chief operating officer of American Traffic Solutions. He leads the state and local government services, and fleet services business units. He is responsible for managing and implementing the company’s strategic plan. Roberts joined American Traffic Solutions in 2014 from Billig Tree, where he was president and chief executive officer.

LAURA ROMAN, BBA ’95, was recently appointed chairman of the Midland, Texas Chamber of Commerce.

HOPE KNOX, BBA ’96, was appointed district attorney of Leon County in January. Knox was in a private practice and president of the Walker County Bar Association.

DAVID SAULNIER, MBA ’96, was appointed chief risk officer of State Street Global Commerce.

EILSA C. FOX, BBA ’02, was promoted to senior associate at Decker Jones, P.C., a Texas law firm. Fox previously worked in the due diligence and integration teams. Her work on the due diligence team acknowledged Cerner’s acquisition of the Siemens Health Services business unit assets for $13.5 billion. Royston served as the director of community engagement and head of its Financial Restoration Ministry. They have guided more than 500 church members and community groups to financial stability through their financial literacy program, which has recently been published in a book and curriculum guide. The couple hopes to expand their audience beyond Waco through their publication.

CHIP GAINES, BBA ’98, and his wife Joanna have signed up for a third season of popular reality show “Fixer Upper” on HGTV, which is based in Waco, Texas. They also have retail and real estate businesses, and are in the process of renovating the Brazos Valley Cotton Oil Co. in downtown Waco.

2000s

BENJAMIN D. LAMB, BBA ’00, was named senior vice president of finance and corporate development by EnLink Midstream companies. Lamb manages acquisitions and financing transactions for EnLink while partnering with other units to identify and execute projects that support EnLink’s overall growth strategy.

JOEL PEEL, BBA ’00, and his brother John Peel are renovating a historic downtown building in Waco, Texas, for their two growing businesses. Joel Peel has 22 employees at Hole in the Roof, which designs and makes promotional apparel, and does print and Web promotions.

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2010s

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HEATHER MCCUNNIF, BBA ’07, a family physician in Waco, Texas, was awarded the 2014 Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) at its annual meeting. McCunniff’s honor from AAFP recognizes outstanding family medicine residents for their leadership, civic involvement, exemplary patient care and aptitude for and interest in family medicine.

JENNIFER FOX, BBA ’09, president of FBIH Hotels & Resorts, International Division, and Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, has been named to the board of directors at Inspire, what is considered the largest destination club in the world. Fox has more than 25 years of experience in the luxury, resort and business segments of the hospitality industry, with an extensive background in hotel operations, brand development, marketing, and hotel brand and market repositioning.

ERIN ROYSTON, BBA ’09, represented Cerner Corporation at the NASDAQ opening bell on February 3, 2015. The ceremony acknowledged Cerner’s acquisition of the Siemens Health Services business unit assets for $13.5 billion. Royston was a leader on Cerner’s market strategy team. The team developed and implemented strategies to improve Cerner’s win rate in the large hospital market segment. As a result of the team’s efforts, Cerner doubled its win rate against its primary competitors.

WILLIAM T. MCCUNNIF, BBA ’07, a family physician in Waco, Texas, was awarded the 2014 Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) at its annual meeting. McCunniff’s honor from AAFP recognizes outstanding family medicine residents for their leadership, civic involvement, exemplary patient care and aptitude for and interest in family medicine.

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HANNAH GORE, BBA ’14, opened a salon called On the Avenue Salon & Bistro Bar downtown Waco, Texas, and hopes to create a newer industry concept by creating a menu for customers to choose what style they’d like to receive while sitting behind a bar. As part of her senior project at Baylor, Gore created a business plan for the salon, which was well received by her professors.