

## 1959

**ROGERS POPE SR., BBA**, was honored with the 50-Year Banker Award at the Texas Bankers Association's annual meeting in San Antonio. Pope serves as chairman of the board and CEO of Texas Bank and Trust, and is also chairman of the board of First State Bank of Van, Lindale State Bank and First State Bank of Overton. Pope has formerly served on the Hankamer School of Business Advisory Board.

## 1968

**TOM GANN, BBA, MBA**, was appointed by the governor to the governing board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Gann is president of Gann Medford Real Estate Inc., a full service brokerage firm in Lufkin. In addition, he is president of Tom Gann & Associates, a residential and commercial construction company.

## 1973

**JOHN B. GUINN, BBA, JD**, was named Best Attorney in the Tri-County area (Coryell, Lampasas and Bell counties, comprising 2,821 square miles) by the readership of the *Copperas Cove Leader-Press*. Guinn has also served as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, in Coryell County for 28 years.

## 1979

**GARY M. DIXON, BBA**, partner at Ernst & Young, LLP, National Tax Department, was named to the national board of trustees by the March of Dimes Foundation. The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. Dixon received the Elaine Whitelaw Volunteer Service Award in 2008, and most recently served as chairman of the

Executive Committee of the Texas chapter of the March of Dimes.

**MARK HURD, BBA**, was featured in the March 16, 2009, issue of *Fortune* magazine, Vol. 159, No. 5. Hurd serves as CEO, president and chair of the board of Hewlett-Packard.

## 1981

**FRANK WILSON, BBA**, has been appointed senior vice president and chief accounting officer for PerkinElmer Inc., a global leader focused on improving the health and safety of people and the environment. Before joining PerkinElmer, Wilson was the corporate vice president of investor relations at Danaher Corp., a manufacturer of professional instrumentation, medical and industrial technologies and tools and components.

## 1982

**KEVIN PERKINS, BBA**, has been appointed assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division. Perkins was most recently assistant director of the Inspection Division.

## 1983

**MARK S. ADAMS, MBA**, has been added as a partner at the Orange County office of Jeffer Mangels Butler & Marmaro LLP (JMBM). Adams was formerly with Greenber Traurig, LLP.

**DOAK FIELD, BBA**, has been named vice president of UDP, a billing and OSS provider. Field has over 19 years experience in the telecom industry and is also a former linebacker in the NFL and USFL.

## 1986

**KEN PAXTON, MBA**, was re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives in November 2008 and completed his fourth

legislative session. He currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee and the House Land and Resource Management Committee. Additionally, he owns and operates a private practice, specializing in estate planning, probate, real estate and general business matters. He and his wife, Angela, and their four children currently reside in McKinney, Texas.

## 1988

**DAVID HARPER, BBA**, has been elected to serve a minimum 3-year term on the Baylor University Board of Regents. Harper currently serves as partner at Haynes and Boone, LLP, an international corporate law firm, and chairs the firm's Litigation North Section. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and serves as president of the Harvard Law School Association of Texas.

## 1990

**MICHAEL JOHNSON, BBA**, has been named to the overall men's Athletes of the Century by Drake Relays. Johnson won four Olympic gold medals and became the only athlete to win the 200- and 400-meter races in the same Olympics in 1996. He holds the world record in the 400 and also won nine gold medals in world championship meets. Johnson ran at the relays during his collegiate career at Baylor from 1987 to 1990.

Johnson has also been named to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame. The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and Allstate Insurance Company announced the members of the Class of 2009 to be inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame presented by Allstate. The U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame is the only national sports hall of fame that uses fan voting as part of its selection process.

**MITCH KRALIS, BBA**, has been named Cambridge Who's Who Executive of the Year in Real Estate. Kralis serves as executive vice president of Red Sea Group, an investment company operating primarily through holdings and development projects. Its focus is the hotel and residential real estate markets, as well as complementary activities in other upmarket sectors.

## 1991

**DOUGLAS R. JONES, BBA**, has been named a vice president and principal at Roach Howard Smith & Barton (RHSB), a leading independent insurance brokerage firm and an Assurex Global partner. Prior to joining RHSB, Jones served as executive vice president at a Dallas-based insurance agency, where he headed the Technology and Directors & Officers Liability divisions.

**CHARLES KIM, BBA**, has joined HSYS INC and will head the database services team. Kim brings with him over 18 years of leadership in deploying Oracle technology at Forbes Global 2000 companies. Kim is an Oracle ACE and has written books on Oracle Database 11g, Data Guard and Linux.

## 1993

**CHRISTOPHER T. FORSYTHE, BBA**, was promoted to vice president and controller for Atmos Energy Corporation. Forsythe was previously the director of financial planning for the company.

## 1994

**MARK BRIDGES, BBA**, has been named by the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) as the Andre P. Juneau Young Agent of the Year. Bridges is a producer at Edmond, Deaton & Stephens Insurance Agency in Amarillo.

**COLLINS DELOACH, BBA**, has been named a vice president in the Dallas office of Pariveda Solutions, a leading IT consulting company. DeLoach was formerly a business development executive at Perficient, Inc. in Plano.

**SCOTT JAMES, BBA**, featured in the spring 2009 issue of the *Baylor Business Review*, was named one of "America's Most Promising Social Entrepreneurs" by *BusinessWeek*. James is the founder of Fair Trade Sports, a company that produces a full-line of eco-friendly Fair Trade sports balls.

**DAVID F. JOHNSON, BBA, JD**, a shareholder in Winstead's Fort Worth office, has become certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Johnson is now certified in three areas: civil appellate law, civil trial law, and personal injury trial law.

## 1997

**JANINE STARR, MBA**, has joined hrQ, an award-winning search and professional services firm focused exclusively on the human resources profession. Starr will lead the expansion of the company in Austin and San Antonio as managing consultant.

## 2002

**JASON DUMOIS, BBA**, along with **A.J. CONYERS, BBA '06**, have recently launched a new online company called SalesProfile™. SalesProfile™ is an innovative job Web site for sales professionals seeking employment. Instead of posting a traditional resume, salespeople can effectively showcase their true talents online, through creating a multimedia profile, delivering a 30-second "elevator pitch" video and completing an optional online behavioral assessment. [www.salesprofile.com](http://www.salesprofile.com)

## 2003

**BRENT WRIGHT, BBA,** has joined Texas-based wholesale insurance broker Towerstone, a subsidiary of The IMA Financial Group, Inc., as a senior broker/underwriter. Wright has been involved in the insurance arena since 1999 and holds the Associate in Commercial Insurance Underwriting (AU) designation.

## 2004

**BEN LAMM, BBA,** serves as founder and COO of the agency Simply Interactive. Out of thousands of entries, the company received an interactive award nomination in the South by Southwest Festival (SXSW) in Austin for their work on a Christian campaign known as I AM SECOND ([www.iamsecond.com](http://www.iamsecond.com)). This was the first time a faith-based site has been nominated for an award by SXSW.

## 2006

**CHRISTOPHER LOUDERMILK, BBA,** was one of four recipients to receive the Irl Marshall Certified Franchise Executive Scholarship award during the International Franchise Association's 49th annual convention in San Diego. Loudermilk serves as the director of military development for Waco-based company The Dwyer Group.

**Attention B-School Alumni:** *We want to include your news in the Baylor Business Review. Please send this information to [Kristin\\_Stires@baylor.edu](mailto:Kristin_Stires@baylor.edu)*

**Remember to update your information** in the Baylor Network Alumni Directory at [www1.baylor.edu/network/alumni\\_directory](http://www1.baylor.edu/network/alumni_directory)

**BAYLOR TEAM WINS NATIONAL XTAX COMPETITION** The Baylor xTAX student team won first place in the national xTAX competition in Washington D.C. sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

This is the third time in five years that a Baylor team made it to the national finals, and the first win. The team members included captain Brinn Serbanic (graduate student -Salado, Texas), Abby Haston (graduate student -Mineola, Texas), Tristan Vick (junior-San Antonio, Texas), Kathryn Mothershead (sophomore-Cape Girardeau, Mo.), Justin Bexley (sophomore-San Antonio, Texas) and was coached by Brett Wilkinson, associate professor of Accounting.

**BAYLOR STUDENTS GARNER NATIONAL RANKINGS ON CPA EXAM** Baylor Business students are continuing to prove themselves outside the classroom and the national rankings for the 2007 Uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam released by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) proves this yet again. (The 2007 test results are the most recent.)

Baylor's graduate accounting students had the second highest pass rate in the nation for students who took and passed all four sections of the exam, with an overwhelming 80 percent passing. This is the third straight year that Baylor graduate students have achieved a national top-5 ranking. Undergraduate students also fared well; their 57.14 percent pass rate ranks them 16th in the nation among first-time candidates without advanced degrees.

**BAYLOR'S HANKAMER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IN TOP 50** The Hankamer School of Business was ranked 45th in *BusinessWeek's* 2009 rankings of undergraduate business schools. The School also earned national specialty rankings: 5th in Quantitative Measures, 7th in Accounting, and 8th in Corporate Strategy.

**MBA PROGRAM CLIMBS IN RANKINGS** Baylor's MBA program climbed 8 spots to 63rd in *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools: Business Schools" list. The magazine surveyed 426 master's programs in business accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and ranked 118 programs.

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY HOSTS THE ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN ECONOMISTS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE** Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business and the Baylor Institute on Faith and Learning hosted the Association of Christian Economists 25th Anniversary Conference April 16-18 on campus. The focus of the conference was "Three Perspectives on Economics and Faith." Dr. John Pisciotta, professor of Economics, served as the conference director.

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**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S STUDENT-MANAGED INVESTMENT FUND PROVIDES \$1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS** For the sixth straight year, the Baylor University athletic department has received a generous financial contribution from the Philip M. Dorr Alumni & Friends Endowed Investment Fund, bringing the total amount of scholarships from the student-managed investment fund to \$1 million. The fund operates out of the Southwest Securities Financial Markets Center in the Hankamer School of Business.

**ESTATE GIFT SUPPORTS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR BAYLOR BUSINESS STUDENTS** A significant gift from the estate of Lee and Millie Harris of Bartlesville, Okla., formerly of Oklahoma City, has established the M. Lee and Millie Harris Endowed Scholarship Fund in the Hankamer School of Business. The scholarship honors the couple's three granddaughters who each earned degrees from the Hankamer School of Business: Stacy Lessman (BBA '93) of Yukon, Okla., Lori Rodgers (BBA '97) of Frisco, Texas, and Kristi Blausler (BBA '00) of Rockwall, Texas.

**NEW ADDITIONS TO DEVELOPMENT STAFF** Dusty Bedwell has been named assistant director of development for Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business. Bedwell holds a BBA in Marketing from West Texas A&M University and is working towards a master's degree. He is married to his wife Amanda who is a teacher and coach at Lorena ISD. Jennifer Hodgens was also added to the team as a development associate. They will join Kevin Ludlum, executive director of development; and Greg Davis, director of development; in fundraising efforts for the business school.

**BAYLOR MIS PROGRAM WINS INNOVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** The Southwestern Business Deans' Association (SWBDA) awarded Baylor's Management Information Systems Program the 2009 Bobby G. Bizzell SWBDA Innovative Achievement Award at its annual meeting held June 14-16 in Santa Fe, N.M. The award recognizes business programs that demonstrate innovative excellence and includes \$1,500 donated by *BusinessWeek* to continue the good work of the program.