

Tarleton

ALUMNI J-TAC

Do you still bleed
purple and **white**?

WELCOME HOME!

The Tarleton Alumni Association website (<http://www.tarleton.edu/org/alumniassociation>) provides you an opportunity to stay connected with the purple and white. Visit the site for membership information, stay current on TAA events and gatherings, order Tarleton merchandise, and connect with other alums through social networking sites. No matter where you call home, the TAA is only a click away.

***Get Connected.
Stay Connected.***

[www.tarleton.edu/
org/alumniassociation](http://www.tarleton.edu/org/alumniassociation)

If so, the Tarleton Alumni Association has a place for you. The TAA's main objective is to keep Tarleton alumni in touch with the university through a variety of programs and activities. In conjunction with the Alumni Relations Office, each year we honor our distinguished alumni at the annual Distinguished Alumni Gala, recognize outstanding graduates at the Alumni Academic Forum, acknowledge outstanding faculty members with the O.A. Grant Excellence in Teaching Award, and remember faculty, staff, students and alumni who have passed away during the previous year at the Silver Taps Ceremony. And who can forget homecoming! This annual celebration unites alums of all ages through tradition and purple pride.

Alums also stay connected through the many alumni chapters located throughout the state. These chapters have successfully reunited alums through reunions, gatherings, and receptions. The TAA is currently working with several affinity groups to form chapters. These chapters will specialize in bringing together alumni who had a common interest while attending Tarleton.

i.e. spirit groups, student organizations, and competitive teams.

Phase one of Coming Home Campaign is complete. The TAA and Alumni Relations Office are proud to call the Alumni House home. We are located at 343 McIlhane Street. The refurbished home of Tarleton College President, James Cox, is designed to host reunions, dinners, receptions, and community events. It's also a nice place to hang out and catch up with old friends.

We are thrilled to announce the partnership between Erath Living Magazine and the Tarleton Alumni Association. We are excited about the new format of the Alumni J-TAC and the enhanced coverage of TAA events and the showcasing of outstanding alumni.

Get connected and stay connected to the University that gave you so much. Become a member of the TAA, nominate an alumni for a distinguished recognition, or come see us at Homecoming. Whatever you choose to do, don't delay...get involved today!

-Donna Strohmeyer, TAA President

The Gates are Always Open!

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS



Alpha Gama Delta Epsilon Upsilon Alumni Junior Circle, Fort Worth Chapter August 2010



Front row (L-R): Rachel Endres, Jessica Shaver (President 2007), Heather, & Amanda Roche; Back row (L-R): Kathleen Davis, Brittany Christian-Bruce, Abbey Stewart, Keri LaComb-White, Heather Lundgren-Martin (President 2005), Brooklyn Christian.

Brooklyn Christian & Heather Bode, both recently engaged! Brooklyn is engaged to marry AGR Alum, Justin Shafer (Tarleton Grad 2004) in Mexico this December, while Heather is engaged to Jared Groves (Tarleton Grad 2008) to be married this coming June.



Shaena Welch ('06), Jennifer Denton ('07) and Miranda Evans ('07)



Rachel Rucker - pledge class 2005 & Heather Bode, pledge class 2002...Heather currently teaches High School at SHS



Shelby Rhoten, pledge class 1998, Holly Pirkle-Wagner, pledge class 1999, & sister, Laci Pirkle-Archer, pledge class 1996



Courtney Mallory & Courtney Giffin (pledge class '01)



Abbey Stewart & Kathleen Davis (pledge class 2003) - both now elementary teachers in the Metroplex



Rachel Endres (Programmer for BNSF/Fort Worth), Keri LaComb-White, & Heather Lundgren - Martin (HR Reps for EOG Resources/Fort Worth) - pledge class 2002



Kristen Easter (ex-TSU cheerleader & pledge class '03) & Donnelle Cuellar ('98 & President 2001)



Heather Bode, Rachel Rucker, Keri LaComb - White, Jennifer Adamson ('03), & Melanie Ellis ('99)

Alumni Academic Forum/
O.A. Grant (Excellence in
Teaching) Awards

March 2010

Alumni Academic Forum Honorees



TARLETON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS



College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences: Tim MacAllister '96 earned a degree in Range and Ranch Management from Tarleton State University in 1996. Upon graduation, he accepted a full time Park Ranger position with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Joe Pool Lake. Tim has held several positions including Recreation Specialist, Lewisville/Ray Roberts Lakes Manager, and Operations Project Manager. He is currently Deputy Chief, Operations Division in the Fort Worth District, and is responsible for 25 multi-purpose lakes across the state. Pictured, Tim MacAllister, (l) and Dr. Don Cawthon, (r) (Dean College of Agriculture and Environmental Science)



College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences: John Jefferies '93 received his Bachelor of Science from Tarleton State University in 1993 and a Master's Degree in Range Animal Science from Sul Ross State University in 1994. As a Policy Specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, he has been published in an internationally circulated magazine, provided input in scientific publications, and writing his first fiction novel about Texas ranch life. Pictured, John Jefferies, (l) and Dr. Don Cawthon, (r) (Dean of College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences)



College of Business Administration: George F. "Lin" Bearden '98 graduated with highest honors from Tarleton State University in 1998 with a Master's Degree in Business Administration, he earned his banking degree from the American Bankers Association at Georgetown University in 2002. He is the President/CEO of The First National Bank of Weatherford and The First National Bank of the Mid-Cities. Lin has served as an adjunct instructor at Tarleton State University and served as Chair of the Weatherford College Board of Trustees. Pictured, George F. "Lin" Bearden, (l) and Dr. Sankar Sundarajan, (r) (Interim Dean of the College of Business Administration)



College of Education: Donald W. Hughes '74, '78 earned his B.S. in Physical Education (1974), M.Ed. in Administration (1978), Mid-Management Certification (1982), and Superintendent Certification (1991) from Tarleton State University. He is currently Superintendent at Eastland I.S.D. Donald has previously served on the Executive Committee of Texas Association of Community Schools and Texas Association of Textbook Coordinators. Pictured, Donald W. Hughes (l) and Dr. Jill Burk, (r) (Dean of Education)



College of Education: Penny Elliot '61 graduated with an Associates Degree in 1961 from Tarleton State University and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Education from The University of Texas. After teaching public school for two years, she returned to Tarleton to earn a Kindergarten endorsement. Penny began teaching at Stepping Stones Day School in the Fall of 1974, she was named Director in 1982. Penny is a former Tarleton Alumni Association board member and Terrell Foundation board member. She continues to serve as a mentor at Hook Elementary listening to children read each week. Pictured, Penny Elliot (l) and Dr. Jill Burk, (r) (Dean of College of Education)



College of Liberal and Fine Arts: Taylor Anderson '88, '90 received his Bachelor's Degree in 1988 and a Master's Degree in 1990 from Tarleton State University. He then went on to teach history at his alma mater. He is the author of the science fiction/fantasy/history genre series of novels, Destroyermen, as well as numerous short stories and articles. Taylor is also a gun maker, forensic ballistic archeologist, and movie advisor. Pictured, Dr. Dean Minix, (l) (Dean College of Liberal and Fine Arts) and Taylor Anderson, (r)



College of Science and Technology: Billy Gray '01 earned a B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology from Tarleton State University in 2001. He went on to earn his M.S. in Systems and Engineering Management from Texas Tech University in 2006. Billy is currently Director of Operations for S-TEC and responsible for supply chain, manufacturing, shipping/ receiving and repair station. He also has served as representative on Tarleton's Manufacturing Advisement Board. Pictured, Billy Gray, (l) and Dr. James Pierce, (r) (Dean of College Science and Technology)



College of Science and Technology: Dr. Wayne Keith '95 graduated from Tarleton State University in 1995, where he was a member of the Presidential Honors Program, Tarleton Band, and Alpha Phi Omega. He attended Rice University for his M.S. and Ph.D., graduating in 2001. Wayne worked for the Southwest Research Institute processing data for NASA, he then taught part-time at The University of Texas at San Antonio. He is a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor of Physics at McMurry University in Abilene. Pictured, Dr. Wayne Keith, (l) and Dr. James Pierce, (r) (Dean of College Science and Technology)

Focusing on former students' success and inspiring graduating students was the focus at the 18th annual Alumni Academic Forum. The event celebrated the accomplishments of nine former students by bringing them back to campus to share their experiences with current students. The Tarleton Alumni Association hosts the event each spring, which typically recognizes two graduates from each of the university's five colleges. Forum participants shared their post-graduation experiences and offered advice to university seniors searching for their first jobs.

[NOT PICTURED: College of Liberal and Fine Arts: Nelda Lee '61 graduated from Tarleton with an Associate Degree in Art in 1961. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from The University of North Texas in 1963. Nelda continued her graduate studies at Texas Tech University and San Miguel de Allende Art Institute, Mexico. She is the President of Nelda Lee Inc., a Senior Member of the American Society of Appraisers, and was appointed by Governor Ann Richards to the Texas Commission on the Arts.

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS



2010 O.A. Grant Recipients



Dr. Joe Cadle, College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, is a Professor of Animal Science who has served on the Tarleton faculty since 1981. He received his B.S. in Range Science from New Mexico State in 1972 and his M.S. & Ph.D. in Animal Science from New Mexico State in 1974 and 1978, respectively. Cadle has taught a wide variety of Animal Science courses including Feeds and Feeding, Animal Nutrition, Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals, Environmental Physiology, and graduate courses in Feedlot Management and Ruminant Nutrition. He has encouraged and supported numerous student research projects as well as being involved in many research projects of his own. Pictured, Dr. Dominic Dottavio (Tarleton President), Dr. Joe Cadle, and Donna Strohmeier (TAA President)



Dr. Nancy Boykin, College of Business Administration, is an Associate Professor of Marketing for the Department of Management, Marketing and Administrative Systems and has served on the Tarleton faculty since 1998. She received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree from Louisiana Tech University in 1982, and a Ph.D. in Marketing from the University of North Texas in 1993. Her teaching responsibilities include Principles of Marketing, Consumer Behavior, Promotional Strategy, Public Relations, and Services Marketing at the undergraduate level and Marketing Strategy and Marketing Management for the MBA program. Pictured, Dr. Sankar Sundararajan (Interim Dean of the College of Business Administration) and Dr. Nancy Boykin, (O.A. Grant Recipient/College of Business Administration)



Dr. Peter White, College of Science & Technology, is an Associate Professor of Mathematics and has served on the Tarleton faculty since 1997. White is a graduate of California State University receiving his B.S. in 1987 and earning a M.S. and Ph.D. from Oregon State University in 1990 and 1994, respectively. White typically teaches upper level and graduate mathematics courses and his teaching evaluations consistently rank in the top 10% of the department. He has served as the chair of the Curriculum Committee and as Freshman Mathematics Coordinator and has written a textbook which is used in some of his classes. Pictured, Dr. Dominic Dottavio (Tarleton President), Dr. Peter White (O.A. Grant Recipient/College of Science and Technology), and Donna Strohmeier (TAA President)



Dr. Melissa Becker, College of Education, has served on the Tarleton faculty as an Associate Professor of Curriculum & Instruction since 2004. She received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Howard Payne University in 1981, her M.S. in Family Life Studies in 1985 from The University of Southern Mississippi, and her Ed.D in Curriculum & Instruction from Baylor University in 2000. Dr. Becker is the Coordinator of Distance Learning Faculty Training at Tarleton, where she coordinates and schedules faculty training related to technology instruction. In her undergraduate and graduate courses, Dr Becker teaches the application of best teaching and learning practices in both online and face to face formats. Pictured, Dr. Jill Burk (Dean of College of Education), Dr. Melissa Becker (O.A. Grant Recipient/College of Education) Dr. Ann Calahan (Dept Head/College of Education)



Dr. Charles Rives, College of Liberal & Fine Arts, is Professor of Music and a faculty member at Tarleton since 1983. He received his BMED and MA from Eastern New Mexico University and a DMA from Arizona State University. Recognized for his outstanding choral ensembles, Dr. Rives also is well known for his leadership in producing some of the finest public school music educators in the state. Dr. Rives founded the Tarleton State University Summer All-State Camp and has been its director for over 15 years. Dr. Rives has implemented new technology in his music education methods courses keeping his students abreast of the latest technological innovations in their field. A skilled vocalist, Dr. Rives was selected by audition in 1998 to perform at Carnegie Hall under the direction of the master conductor Robert Shaw. Pictured, Dr. Dominic Dottavio (Tarleton President), Dr. Charles Rives (O.A. Grant Recipient/College of Liberal and Fine Arts), and Donna Strohmeier (TAA President)



Sandra Beaty (2009 Jack and Louise Arthur Award Recipient) and Keynote Speaker



Distinguished Alumni Gala

January 2010



Distinguished Alumni Chapter



Wilma Davis, Karen Koonsman



Dr. Lisette Dottavio (presidents's wife), Nancy Turley (TAA Board)



Lt. General Tommy Thomson and Chris Adams (TAA Board)



Sonya Lawson, Luke Lawson (TAA Board)



Sena (TAA Board) and Mike Leese



John Pelham (TAA Board) and Mr. Smith

Distinguished Honorees are selected by the Tarleton Alumni Association in five categories: Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Friend, Distinguished Faculty, Distinguished Staff, and Outstanding Young Alumnus or Alumna. The first Distinguished Alumnus was selected in 1966, Faculty & Staff in 1969, Friend in 1976, and Outstanding Young Alumnus in 1984. Recipients are honored each year at the Distinguished Alumni Gala sponsored by the Tarleton Alumni Association and the Tarleton Alumni Relations Office.



Distinguished Alumni: Bill Casner '72
Setting aside a life-long dream, Bill Casner left the Thoroughbred industry in 1979 and with partner, Kenny Troutt founded Excel Communications. After taking the company public in 1996, he and Troutt reaffirmed an earlier commitment to each other by re-entering Thoroughbred racing in 2000 and establishing WinStar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. Pictured with wife Susan.



Outstanding Young Alumnus: Mark Smith '92
Mark Smith was an outstanding basketball player at Tarleton from 1988-1992. After graduating from Tarleton, he attended Law School at Ohio State University and now serves as the General Counsel for Delivery Agent, Inc. in San Francisco, California.



Distinguished Staff: Donna Haynie
Donna Haynie joined the staff of the Student Activities Department in 1990 and assisted in developing many of the student programs that continue today. In 1995 she transferred to the Administration and Planning Department of Physical Facilities where she was instrumental in the development of construction projects and master plans until her retirement in 2009. Pictured, Raegan (daughter) Donna Haynie (Distinguished Staff), Larry Haynie, Ashley (daughter)



Distinguished Faculty: Dr. Weldon Newton
Dr. Newton joined the Tarleton faculty in 1974 as Head of the Department of Agriculture and in the 1970's and 1980's was responsible for adding new courses, developing new graduate programs, and dividing the Agriculture Department up into three updated departments. He retired in 1996 as Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and was recognized as Professor Emeritus of the Texas A&M System. Pictured, Dr. Newton with his wife Cynthia.



Distinguished Friends: Dwain and Carolyn Bruner
The Bruners have been in the automobile business in Stephenville for more than 40 years beginning with the establishment of Bruner Chevrolet in 1969 and continuing with the addition of other dealerships over the years. They have supported many of the academic, fine arts, and athletic programs at Tarleton and have been especially generous with the funding of the Dwain and Carolyn Bruner Endowed Scholarships.



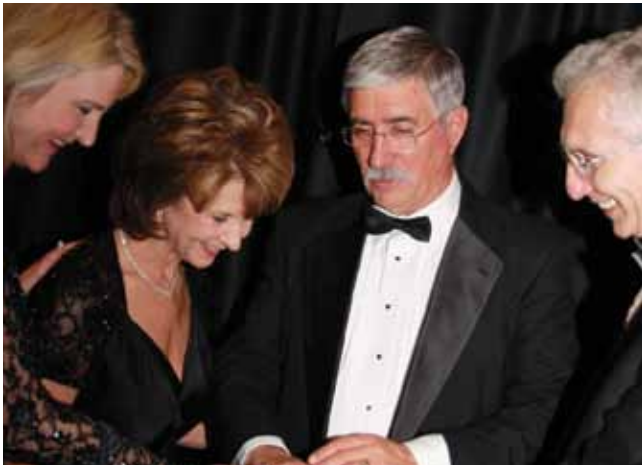
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Dave Turley, Elaine Bayer, Tommy Konczak (TAA Board)



Jim Chambers and Barry B. Thompson



Nance Turley (TAA Board), Bonnie Peterson, Paul Koonsman, Dr. Dominic Dottavio (Tarleton President) admiring Paul Koonsman's Lifetime Achievement Ring presented to him by the TAA



Dr. Weldon Newton Family (Distinguished Faculty)



Laurie Gaiser (TAA Board), Jeff Gaiser



Hugh Wolf receiving a medallion

Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Annual Founders Day Event March 2010



FAR LEFT Golf outing on Founder's Day weekend—James "Jim Bill" Bishop, David Murry, Steve Gandy, Justin Shafer
LEFT Fiesta—Aaron "Woody" Woodall, Tres Lowry, Justin Shafer



Purple Poo Alumni Summer Events

Summer 2010



Joe Gilliam, Logan Synatzske & Justin Perkins the night before fellow Alumni Poo brother Garrett Mabry's wedding in July 2010



Courtney (Patton) Vanden Berge & Lyndee (Tucker) Galler



Jaime (Willard) Marquardt & KR Averhoff, June 2010



Joe Gilliam, Courtney (Patton) Vanden Berge, Mintara (Minish) Maxfield & Sharon (Allan) Clouse at a summer wedding, July 2010



Sharon (Allan) Clouse, Heath Harlien, Elly Westergren, Jessica Junkin, Logan Synatzske & Brad Sosebee at the Clyde H. Wells Alumni Golf Tournament, Homecoming 2009



Ashley (Dewey) Duff & Kristina (Gonzalez) Sosebee



Dustin & Sara (Bonds) Pierce having fun "poo-ing" Alumni Poo sister Lyndee Tucker's wedding in June 2010.



Brooke Jarecki and Courtney (Patton) Vanden Berge at a Poo Sister's wedding in June 2010.



Brad Stinson entertaining Brittney (Rosbrough) Cox's son at a summer wedding, July 2010



Dan Myane & Kristina (Gonzalez) Sosebee



Alumni Poo sisters Elly Westergren & Jessica PeeWee Junkin aboard the NASCAR themed homecoming float, 2009



Stash (Nanney) Wells & Roger Rickets

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Pictured in this photo are (from left to right) Lezah Maitland, Wendi Snyder, Allison Stitt, Rebekah White, Kara Kelton.

Sigma Alpha Alumni

August 2010



Kayla Dunn Kelly, Tamra Sommerfield McGaughy, Carol Ann Harp Mountjoy, Tanya Franke Dvorak, Jamie Foster.

Plowboys Events



25 year Plowboy Reunion in 2010



Future Plowboy

Homecoming Photo Album 2009

Alumni
Gatherings
1950's -60's



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Military Luncheon



General Chris Adams (TAA Board)



Col William L. Tate



Homecoming Photo Album 2009

Class of 1959 Golden Reunion



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Homecoming Bonfire



2010 Tarleton Homecoming Events

Theme: Celebrating the Spirit of Tarleton

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22ND

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. / Homecoming Registration
Alumni Center 343 McIlhane Street
Stop by the Alumni Center to register for Homecoming activities.

8:00 a.m. / Tarleton Alumni Association Annual Board Meeting
Thompson Student Center Room 219
Annual meeting of the Tarleton Alumni Association. All alumni welcome.

9:30 a.m. / J. Dixon White Golf Tournament
Canyon West Golf Course - Weatherford, TX
Check-in 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Tee Time 11:00 a.m.
For more information contact Recreation Sports at 254-968-9904

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. / War Year's Reunion
Alumni Center
All veterans welcome.

6:00 p.m. / Wine & Cheese Reception/Dinner Honoring Class of 1960
Alumni Center - 343 McIlhane Street
This is a ticketed event. Contact TAA at 254-968-9682 for more information. Reception starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. / Delta Zeta Gathering
Alumni Center
All former Delta Zeta's are invited to celebrate their 25th anniversary.

9:00 p.m. / LV. Riserig Bonfire
College Farm - College Farm Road and FM 8
Join current student and alums as we kick off homecoming weekend with this traditional event.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23RD

6:45 a.m. / Homecoming 5K
Check in 6:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. at the Recreational Sports Center
Race begins at 8:00 a.m. \$20 per runner. Call Rec Sports at 254-968-9912 for more information.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / Homecoming Registration and Open House
Alumni Center 343 McIlhane Street
Stop by the Alumni Center to register for Homecoming activities and take a look around the Alumni House.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. / Jesse L. Tackett College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences Alumni Breakfast
College Farm - Teaching Pavilion
All Ag & Human Sciences Alumni are welcome.

10:00 a.m. / Homecoming Parade
Parade begins at Memorial Stadium, travels down Washington Street and encircles the campus. Review stands across from Alumni Center and Thompson Student Center.

12:00 p.m. / Distinguished Alumni Chapter Luncheon
Tarleton Dining Hall
By Invitation Only - Distinguished Alumni Recipients and guests only

12:00 p.m. / Meats Team Luncheon
Alumni Center
Ticketed Event - contact TAA at 254-968-9682
All former Meats Team Members are invited.

12:30 p.m. / Plowboys Alumni Chapter Luncheon
Alumni Center
All former Plowboys welcome to attend. Ticketed event - Contact TAA at 254-968-9682 for tickets.

12:30 p.m. / Alpha Gamma Delta Luncheon
Alumni Center
Ticketed Event - contact TAA at 254-968-9682 for ticket information.
All former Alpha Gamma Delta members are invited to celebrate 25 years on the Tarleton campus.

12:30 p.m. / USO Troubadours Luncheon
Alumni Center
Ticketed Event - Contact TAA at 254-968-9682 for ticket information.

12:30 p.m. / Reunion Luncheon Honoring Class of 1960
Thompson Student Center Ballrooms
Ticketed Event - Contact TAA at 254-968-9682 for tickets.

2:00 p.m. / Ice Cream Social
Alumni Center
FREE! All alums invited to attend.

3:00 p.m. / Texan Alley & Tailgate Parties
West lawn of Recreational Sports Center & Memorial Stadium Parking Lot

6:00 p.m. / Football Game
Memorial Stadium
Texas A&M Kingsville vs. Texans and Crowning of Homecoming Queen
Ticket booth opens 4:00 p.m. Gates open 4:30 p.m.
Ticket info Call 254-968-1832

9:00 p.m. - Midnight / Street Dance
Alumni Center
Open to all Alums!