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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2021

NCAA CHAMPIONS



Sam Houston State won the FCS national championship in epic fashion on May 16. The Bearkats have finally reached the pinnacle, and the ending play, now known as “The Throw,” will forever go down in SHSU history.

When quarterback Eric Schmid threw to wide receiver Ife Adeyi for the 10-yard touchdown (with just 16 seconds left in the game), SHSU became the first school in Texas history to win the FCS football championship.

Beating South Dakota State 23-21 on a rain-drenched Sunday, Jaquez Ezzard was voted the game’s Most Valuable Player – he kept the team’s championship hopes

alive with a five-yard catch on fourth down in the final minute to set up the game-winning score.

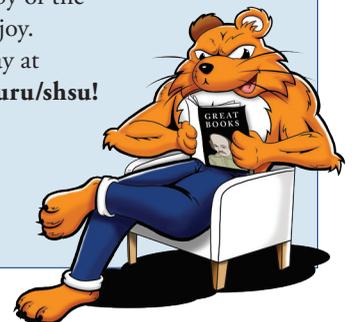
After the game in the locker room, head coach K. C. Keeler shared his thoughts with the team on the magnitude of the moment.

“This is immortality,” Keeler said. “For the rest of Sam Houston’s life, they’re going to celebrate this national championship. For the rest of existence.”

To read more about this historic championship, or to learn more about the SHSU Athletic programs go to gobearkats.com

BEARKAT BOOK CLUB

The SHSU Alumni Association Book Club is currently reading the acclaimed memoir “The Beauty in Breaking”. Join over 300 alumni who participate in the book club and join us for this journey culminating in a live, exclusive Author Talk Q&A with author Michelle Harper. There is no cost to participate—just get a copy of the book and enjoy. Sign up today at www.pbc.guru/shsu/



SAM HOUSTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

New Life Members from November 15, 2020 and May 15, 2021

50's

Janet Gilbert 1959

60's

Gerald Gilbert 1961
Marilyn McDonald 1961
Stella (Neyra) Stafford 1963

Martha Knies 1964
Lynn Moseley 1969

70's

Barbara Doleshal 1970
Diana Wells 1970
Carol Adamcik 1971
Billie Brinkley 1971
Donald Bunting 1972
Glynda Turner 1972
Catherine Kunz 1973
Carol Parker 1973
Donald Kaltwasser 1974
Sharon Hock 1975
David Brown 1975
Bobby Oates 1975
Ronnie Calhoun 1976

Deborah Nelson 1976
Michael Avery 1977
Susan Hewett 1977
Sharon Linton 1978
Charlie Bass 1978
Rhonda Ewbank 1979

80's

Michael Graham 1982
Sandra Overcast 1982
Richard Goebel 1984
Robert Hooker 1984
Craig Johnson 1985

90's

Robert Long 1990
Van Stephens 1994
Gary Kilgo 1995
Stephanie Manley 1995
Jason Chavers 1996
Mark Thomas 1996
Angela Kilgo 1997
Catherine Stephens 1998
Hsiao-Ming Wang 1998

00's

Phillip Dunn 2000
Amanda Lyons 2000
Lynette Young 2000
Julie Dieter 2002
Karen Tovey 2003
Doris Delaney 2005
Scott Taylor 2006
Leah Minter 2008
Veronica Seymour 2009

10's

Ian Lovestock 2011
Blake Roach 2012
Jervon Graves 2012
Sarah Browning 2014
Jacob Burney 2014
Wyatt Powell 2015
Michael Browning 2016
Shealynn Copeland 2016
T. J. Tijerina 2017
Michael White 2017
Lisa White 2017
Sydney Armatta 2018
Roxanne Edwards 2018

Jenifer Johnson 2018
Gozie Morah 2018
Chad Reynolds 2018
Shelby Reynolds 2018
Francisco Sanchez 2018
Steve Conner 2019
Casey Cox 2019
Tyler Thomas 2019
Richard Glass 2019
Gordon Jones 2019
Elvia Rosas 2019
Ricky Vaughan 2019

20's

Kendall Bennett 2020
Ka'Sean Burrell 2020
Cole Cashion 2020
Haley Coker 2020
Jared Herrmann 2020
Michael Howell 2020
Max Joiner 2020
Cody Kent 2020
Sheryl Miller 2020
Katelyn Morgenroth 2020
Faith Oyesanmi 2020

Jennifer Powell 2020
Cody Powell 2020
Victoria Smith-Dicky 2020
Sierra Weber 2020
Sara Wleczyk 2020
Adrienne Zboril 2020
Julissa Cantu Alvarez 2021
Parker Bretz 2021
Alyssa Calamaco 2021
Bradley Dieter 2021
James Paul Ferris 2021
Brent Greyson 2021
Amanda Lee 2021
Bryan Lowry 2021
Maria Parada 2021
Anubhav Thakur 2021
Michael Villanueva 2021
Michelle Williams 2021

Family & Friends

Joy Cavazos
Vanessa Powell

CLASS NOTES

We want to hear from you!

Send us updates on work, relocations, marriage, family, degrees, accomplishments—and a photo, too. Let other Bearkats know what you've been up to by completing the online form or emailing us your updates.

Class Notes are shared in [Heritage](#) magazine.

Visit alumni.shsu.edu and click on [Connect With Us](#) to fill out the online form.

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2022 ALUMNI TRAVEL

TROPICAL COSTA RICA (MAR)
IMPERIAL CITIES WITH OBERAMMERGAU (MAY)

CROATIA & ITS ISLANDS (AUG)
DISCOVER SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA (SEPT)
CALIFORNIA RAIL DISCOVERY (OCT)

CANADIAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS (DEC)
ROSE PARADE (DEC 2021/JAN)

**Visit our [Traveling Bearkats](#) page at alumni.shsu.edu to view trip information and pricing details.*

RISING FROM THE ASHES: WINDOW HONORS SHSU'S HISTORY AND MOTTO

The university motto, "The measure of a Life is its Service" was once featured on a stained-glass window in the most prominent building on campus, Old Main. When the building burned in 1982, the window was destroyed. Although it was lost the quote it featured would live on.

In 2020, Frank Parker, vice president for Student Affairs, came up with the idea of recreating the historic window.

"We want to reconnect with our history," Parker said. "Obviously, our students today will never have the opportunity to see Old Main, but if they visit the Old Main Memorial site on campus, look at photos of the building and visit the replica window in the LSC, they will hopefully get a good idea of just how majestic Old Main was."



Working with university archives, the Scottish Stained Glass company researched, designed, and fabricated the window over the course of 11 months. Using over 2,000 pieces of hand painted glass that comprised the design, his team went to great lengths to ensure accuracy.

The replica window found its new home on campus when it was recently installed in the newly renovated and expanded Lowman Student Center.

"We are thoroughly pleased with the final product," Parker said. "The workmanship is absolutely superb, and it looks just like the Old Main stained glass window that I remember. It will certainly be a showpiece for the university."

GOLF TOURNAMENT



Pictured are the first-place team winners: Gustavo Solorzano, Howard White, Clint McRae and Arthur Washington.

The 15th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament was held on March 26 at the beautiful Sterling Golf Club in Cypress, Texas. Club owners and fellow Bearkats, Robert '80 and Erin Steele '80, graciously hosted the event, that turned out to be one of the largest SHSU alumni association tournaments to date.

Since the start, the golf tournament has raised over \$250,000 with tremendous support from our Alumni Board and event sponsors.

The event's success was also possible thanks to the 175 players and volunteers who came out to show their support, helping the alumni association raise over \$21,000.

This year's tournament was a "fan favorite" thanks to the vendors that partnered with us: Cotton Holdings, Ranch Water, Stone Cold Meats, and Whitley Penn Accounting.

SPRING RING CEREMONY



Congratulations to the over 400 students that crossed the stage and received their SHSU class ring on Apr. 7, in the Bernard G. Johnson coliseum. Due to social distancing, the ceremony was held with only students in attendance. Family and friends were able to view the ceremony live through the SHSU YouTube channel.

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Box 2022
Huntsville, TX 77341-2022



2021 SHSU Alumni Association Tailgate

2021 Bearkat Football Schedule
(Orange denotes Home game)

Thu., Sept. 2	TBA	Northern Arizona (Flagstaff, AZ)
Sat., Sept. 11	6 p.m.	Southeast Missouri*
Sat., Sept 25	4 p.m.	Central Arkansas (Conway, AK)
Sat., Oct. 2	TBA	@SFA - Battle of the Piney Woods (NRG Stadium)
Sat., Oct. 9	2 p.m.	Lamar*
Sat., Oct. 23	2 p.m.	Jacksonville State* - Homecoming
Sat., Oct. 30	TBA	Tarleton (Stephenville, TX)
Sat., Nov. 6	Noon	Dixie State*
Sat., Nov. 13	Noon	Eastern Kentucky*
Sat., Nov. 20	1 p.m.	Abilene Christian (Abilene, TX)

*Indicates Alumni Association pre-game tailgates



GO BEARKATS!

The Alumni Association is proud to be a part of this time-honored tradition. Join us in Bearkat Alley 2 hours prior to kick-off.

Tailgate sponsorships are available online.
Members—Free, non-members—\$10 Visit us online at alumni.shsu.edu.



Do You Have What It Takes To Be A Director?



The nominations committee of the SHSU Alumni Association Board of Directors is seeking nominations from alumni and friends of SHSU for 2022 directors.

The SHSU Alumni Board of Directors is dynamic and turns over by one-third each year. Serving on the board is a prestigious role, and one that is greatly appreciated by the university. Elected directors are alumni that hold involvement, interest, support, and commitment to Sam Houston State University.

The nomination form and position description may be found at alumni.shsu.edu. The completed form must be submitted and received by **5 p.m. CDT, Friday, July 30, 2021**. For assistance, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at **936.294.1841**.

View upcoming events at alumni.shsu.edu



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