It isn’t often that a mother and daughter get to walk the stage together at graduation, but that’s what happened to one Arts & Sciences staffer recently. Tammy Havens, administrative associate in the Department of Communication (at right in the photo), and her daughter, Shandin, received their diplomas for successfully completing business degrees during Baylor’s Fall 2016 commencement in December. “To me, [graduating with my daughter] was one of the most amazing and proud moments in my life,” Tammy said.

A legal dispute concerning acceptable levels of phosphorus in the scenic waterways along the Illinois River has raged for more than three decades between the states of Arkansas and Oklahoma. But now, a scientific study done by Dr. Ryan King has helped settle the matter. The three-year study conducted by the Baylor biology professor led to a unanimous recommendation on phosphorus levels by a joint committee studying the problem.

JOBS WELL DONE

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Other Arts & Sciences faculty members retiring this spring or summer include: Dr. Jeter Basden, religion; Dr. Richard Duhrkopf, biology; Sharon Johnson, Spanish; Berry Klingman, art; Dr. Mary Lynn Klingman, English; Dr. D.E. Mungello, history; and Dr. Mary Nichols, political science. Also retiring is Dr. Frank Mathis, associate dean for undergraduate studies in the College of Arts & Sciences and professor and interim chair of mathematics.
Masterful Exits

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