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#### A Week in the [Busy] Life of a Student Foundation Member

Student Foundation member Justin Stohner has perfected the art of giving back to Baylor by creating a calendar full of Student Foundation activities. Each week, Justin, a Dallas senior majoring in accounting, builds his calendar around classes, Student Foundation and basketball activities—all with the intent to directly impact Baylor.

"The best thing about Student Foundation is you're able to serve Baylor. When I think of what Baylor has done for me, I want to give back a little bit of what it's given to me," Justin said.

As co-chair for the Financial Affairs committee of Student Foundation, Justin spends most of his extra time participating in Student Foundation activities.

On weekdays in between class and throughout the day, Justin frequents the Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center to make calls to alumni and donors and to help new members as they make calls. His office hours vary, as he tries his best to reach alums at various times throughout the day. He also participates in Mint Mondays, which is where the members pass out mints (green and white, of course) with facts

about Baylor and Student Foundation attached to help build morale and educate the campus more on the role of Student Foundation.

"I don't really consider it office hours or chores, I consider it something that I enjoy doing. You know when you enjoy something it doesn't really bother you if you do it all the time," Justin said. "We have a blast making trips and helping students and Baylor. It really makes it an enjoyable process instead of a burden."

After class and his first round of Student Foundation activities for the day, Justin spends several afternoons and evenings a week working for the Baylor Bear Men's Basketball Team. Since his freshman year, Justin has worked as a manager for the team, helping with washing uniforms, organizing basketball camps, running the clock at practice, rebounding for the team, as well as other activities.

"We deal with pretty much all aspects of the basketball program," Justin said. "I really think God prepared me for Student Foundation during my experiences with Baylor basketball."

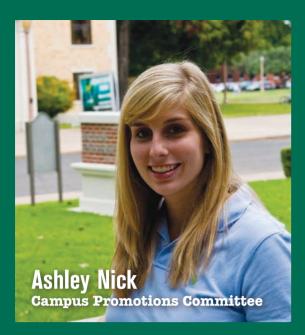
After work, Justin usually spends his time studying (oftentimes at the Crenshaw Center) or just hanging out at the Crenshaw Center watching football, playing board games and getting to know the other members. Other evening Student Foundation activities come up as well, like the etiquette dinner hosted by Martha Lou Scott, associate vice president for Student Life, and Student Foundation intramural practice.

Justin spends a few nights a week meeting with the Steering Committee and fellow members. Every Sunday night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., he meets with the entire Student Foundation, his co-chair and the Financial Affairs committee. On top of his Sunday meetings, he spends Tuesday nights planning with the Steering Committee to talk about volunteer opportunities and upcoming Student Foundation events.

"At Steering Committee meetings we again go over what's going on

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"I'm excited about
Campus Promotions and
planning things that benefit
Baylor students and that
Baylor students actually get
to participate in. Student
Foundation provides an
opportunity for me to give
back to campus. Freshman
Follies brought all of the
freshmen together, and it
was such a fun event where
everyone got to get messy."

"On the social side of
Student Foundation, I
really love the
intramurals. It's another
sense of building unity and
team amongst other
members of Student
Foundation. It is a really
fun activity to be doing
with a group of students
who all care about the
same thing."





"My first student recruitment trip was to the Fort Worth ISD College Fair. There were so many kids interested in Baylor! It's unique having Student Foundation members—as opposed to only having admissions counselors—at the Baylor booth. It was fun to represent Baylor in that way."



#### Serving Baylor: Morning, Noon and Night

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that week and just make sure we're always finding ways to motivate our members and empower them to do the best job they can for Baylor and to represent Baylor in a positive way," Justin said.

You may think at least he gets to rest on the weekends... think again. Almost once a month on a Friday, Justin has a Financial Affairs trip. These trips, often day trips, consist of Student Foundation members visiting donors and alums to educate them on Baylor, keep them informed and raise scholarship funds for students. Justin knows the value of these trips and the time they take.

"My best moment with Student Foundation was definitely the scholarship banquet, when the scholarship recipients and donors got to meet each other," Justin said. "You get to see the fruits of your labor. I loved seeing those students and how I played a small role in helping them stay at Baylor and helping the university retain some of its best students."

Justin's weekend doesn't end there. Student Foundation members "staff" several of the pre-game and football gameday events, including the pre-game presidential tailgate parties, and during the game the President's Skybox, Galloway Suites, Bear Heights and the Bear Zone. The members are able to interact with the fans as they serve them throughout the game.

Some may wonder if it is all worth it—just ask Justin and the other 99 Student Foundation members.

"I love to help Baylor, I can't say enough about Student Foundation—it really is fun," Justin said. "Most people don't understand it, and they say 'you don't need to get paid for this?' but the joy and fulfillment comes from knowing what you're doing is making a difference for the university."

#### Greetings!

That a joy it is to report to you all, our friends and alumni, on the success of our first year in the Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center. It was such a pleasure to see not only the goals that were exceeded this past year in each of our committees but also to see the camaraderie that developed within the group as members enjoyed time studying, working on committee projects and simply getting to know one another at the Crenshaw Center.

The 2007-2008 year is already off to a great start, and I'm looking forward to seeing how Student Foundation's newest class uses their creativity, enthusiasm and dedication to serve Baylor University's community in the

upcoming year. The group already has been busy giving campus tours, making calls to alumni, volunteering at Fall Premiere, learning about Student Foundation's history, enjoying a great night at Freshman Follies and traveling to high schools to recruit future Bears, and they are looking forward to all that lies ahead in the coming months!

Thanks to each of you for your support of this great organization, and I hope that you will join with the members of Student Foundation and me as we continue to serve the Baylor community in the 2007-2008 year!

Best wishes and Sic 'em Bears, Chandra Ford Troy and Betty Mays Director of Student Foundation

# Making a Difference...One Step at a Time

hat started out as an obligatory trip for Jackie Alvarenga turned out to be a match made in heaven. She agreed to attend Baylor's Fall Premiere as a high school junior only to appease her father and planned to accomplish little else. The Houston, Texas, junior literally walked into a relationship she didn't expect—one that included falling in love with Baylor University. She found exactly what she was looking for—a place to call home.

Like many prospective students, Jackie first learned of Baylor's benefits through various promotional items. An aspiring lawyer, she was apprehensive to visit campus because she was unaware of what the university had to offer. But during her initial visit to campus, Jackie and her father attended a mixer where what some might call fate led her to Chandra Ford, a then member of Student Foundation who now serves as the director of Student Foundation.

Four years later, Jackie recalls the impact of that happenstance meeting. "She was a great representative of Baylor," she said. "At the other campuses we visited, we didn't have contact with students. So, we were hearing things from political science professors and admissions counselors—but never from actual students."

Although her conversation with Chandra piqued her interest in Baylor, Jackie was drawn into the idea more after spending a weekend in Waco, where she met students and political science professors and was exposed to the bustle of campus life.

"I really fell in love with Baylor, just because it was so small, everyone seemed to know each other, and it just felt like home to me the minute I stepped onto campus," she said.

After reviewing her alternatives of various colleges, Jackie prepared to make her mark on the world as a Baylor Bear.

Jackie credits Chandra's sincerity as not only a quality that lured her

into pursuing Baylor further, but also a characteristic that sparked her interest in Student Foundation. So, now that Jackie is in her junior year at Baylor, she has come full circle.

She recently joined the ranks of Student Foundation as a Student Recruitment member and now spends her time modeling what Chandra

taught her years ago. Whether it's through on-campus tours or going to cities across Texas to tell prospective students about Baylor, Jackie truly understands the power that one student's influence can have on another potential Baylor Bear.

"I feel very proud to be at Baylor," she said. "I don't think I've ever felt as proud of being a Baylor student as I did when I sat down with prospective students during Fall Premiere and got to brag about how great my school is!"



# Catch the Bearathon Spirit

She crosses the finish line...and the crowd goes wild!

Whether you are the first or the last to complete Bearathon, the reception at the finish line—and all along the course—is contagiously enthusiastic. Part of what makes Bearathon special is the energetic Student Foundation spirit that infuses every aspect of the race, from devoted race chairs to cheering volunteers. It is this atmosphere that attracts participants (and sideline cheerleaders) not only from the Baylor campus but also representing alumni, parents, Texas and beyond.

"Bearathon is unlike any other race you'll run," Jennifer Muncrief, a Lotus sales representative for IBM in Irving, Texas, said. "At every mile marker there were people cheering us on. It was challenging but very enjoyable because of the scenery on the route, and I could see that Baylor is a great university with a great atmosphere."

Jennifer heard about the race from co-worker and Student Foundation alum Nathalie Sims (BBA '06), who was Bearathon co-chair in 2006. Knowing she would be cheered along every step of the way, Nathalie set the goal of running Bearathon. She began running with Jennifer and a few other co-workers, and the group made Bearathon their second half-marathon.

"When I was co-chair, I was so inspired by those people out there running and just what an accomplishment it was to finish. It was great coming back because I was able to include four co-workers who knew about Baylor but had never experienced it," Nathalie said. "I got to share Baylor with them, and as they saw the support and commitment of all the students, they were impressed by the warmth of the students and the beauty of the campus. This is the best race we'd ever run."

"Runners come from all over for those Cameron Park hills in Bearathon," noted Pete Thauwald (BA '72), vice president for race coordination for Waco Striders Running Club. "Though people may think they can't do this race, they can if they do it the right way. Even though it's tough, Bearathon is one of the best to start with because of the fun atmosphere."

For those who still feel that running Bearathon is not for them, they can get involved in other ways. Race sponsorships are great advertising, and volunteering at the race is a good excuse to visit campus and to contribute to the energetic atmosphere. Marty Castell came to Bearathon 2006 and 2007 to support her daughter, Debra (BA '07), and she enjoyed being a part of the upbeat crowds. "Seeing the enthusiasm of the different student organizations running the water stations and seeing how well Bearathon is organized made me proud for Baylor."

And of course, Bearathon supports a good cause—student scholarships. In fact, Debra Castell earned a Student Foundation scholarship her junior year, so she both benefited from and gave back to Student Foundation's scholarship efforts.

"I know how much I loved Baylor, so to be able to help someone stay at Baylor through scholarships is definitely close to my heart," Nathalie said. "A lot of my heart was put into Student Foundation, so it was great to reconnect by coming back to campus and participating in Bearathon."



KATIE ROCKS! and she RUNS

More than 400 runners participated in Bearathon 2007. Participants ranged in age from 18 to 70 years old, and almost half of those participants traveled from outside of Waco to run in Bearathon. The race raised \$15,000 for student scholarships.

Families, friends, professors and student organizations line the race route, cheering and encouraging the runners to complete Bearathon's challenging course.





Bruiser came out to Bearathon and helped keep the runners' spirits up, high fiving runners during the race and posing for photos afterwards.

Student Foundation members don't arrive at the race right before it starts. They work all night, setting up the course and ensuring that it is ready to start receiving runners at 5:30 a.m.

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# Paving the Way for Future Bears

"When I was at Baylor, there was this big joke about Baylor girls who wore pearls and big bows in their hair," Kathryn Maxfield Ham (BA '00) said. "If God gives me a little girl, I pray that she'll wear pearls and big Baylor bows and be a Baylor girl all the way." Kathryn laughs at her own zeal for a little one "to dress in little lace underpants," but, with the development of osteoporosis, her desire is completely earnest. It's what gives her the focus to endure five grueling sessions of physical therapy a day as she recovers from her third back surgery in a single year. "Every day when I push through, I'm thinking of my two-year-old son and how badly I want him to have a sibling," Kathryn said.

She and her husband, Tim, who attended Texas A&M, joke about where their toddler, James, will attend college. As a fifth generation Baylor alum, Kathryn, of course, is rooting for her alma mater. Family tradition though it may be, attending Baylor wasn't by happenstance for Kathryn; it came with a fierce desire, lots of

perseverance...and more than one scholarship.

Originally from Arkansas, one summer trip to Texas and one tour of Baylor campus was all it took for Kathryn to be hooked on the idea of being the first female in her family line to attend. "I just loved Baylor. I wanted to go there so badly, and I was insistent," Kathryn said. "But my

parents' income was very, very low and they said I couldn't count on any money unless it came from financial aid."

Determined to make it on her own, Kathryn took out a great deal of loans her freshman year. "Once I got there and realized how much it was, I began to be very worried and upset," Kathryn said. "So I went to the



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Kathryn Ham (BA '00)

financial aid office and spent an hour at the brochure rack, reading every paper to find every single scholarship that I might possibly qualify for." Taking the applications to her work-study job in the library, Kathryn spent hours filling them out—a practice she continued every year until graduation. Persistence paid off, and a Student Foundation scholarship came as an answered prayer.

The relief the scholarship afforded was incredible for Kathryn, who just recently finished paying off her student loans. "Every dollar was an answered prayer," she said. "If I hadn't received those Student Foundation scholarships, I would've had to take another loan for that amount. And I would still have thousands and thousands of dollars to pay back." Instead of paying back loans, however, Kathryn has—only seven years after graduation—already established her *own* Student Foundation scholarship fund through a life insurance policy.

"I know scholarships are a gift, but I still felt an

obligation in my heart, even as a student, to give back what I was given," Kathryn said. "I get the life insurance bill every year and I pay it, knowing that if I die tomorrow, it's going to give more scholarship money than I ever took or could ever repay on my own."

This young mother, despite unexpected health challenges, has found a way to "pay it forward."

"I hope that my contributions will not

only help students who are financially unable to get to college, but also students already there, feeling tired and thinking that it's too hard to stay in college," Kathryn said, "I want my scholarship to help students—who feel like I felt—not to give up."

# Leave a LASTING Legacy

Located around the Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center is a walkway composed of engraved granite pavers and bricks. For \$500 per brick and \$2,500 per paver, you can support Student Foundation and leave a lasting legacy in your own name or in tribute or memory of loved ones. Positioned in such a highly visible place on campus, these granite pavers and bricks are the perfect way to pay tribute to Student Foundation.

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# Where are they **NOW?**

## Ryan Willard (BSEd '02) Nashville, Tennessee

Ryan Willard can draw a straight line from his Student Foundation experience to his career. First, working with the Student Recruitment committee helped him land a part-time job in undergraduate admissions



at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where Ryan was pursuing his master's degree in higher education administration. Upon graduation, the dean of undergraduate admissions forwarded Ryan's resume to Vanderbilt Law School, where Ryan now loves his work as Coordinator of Admissions and Recruitment.

"Things have really fallen into place for me," Ryan observes. After all, he uses every day skills he developed in Student Foundation, first in Student Recruitment

and then as co-president. "I really liked being able to share my experience at Baylor with prospective students and encourage them to come to my school. I literally wouldn't be where I am today without having served on the Student Recruitment committee."

#### Angela Hay Pettigrew (BBA '91) Houston, Texas

As she began her professional career as a CPA with Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Angie Pettigrew frequently applied skills she cultivated serving on the Financial Affairs committee. "In a public accounting firm, you're constantly having to go into new situations and interface with executives. In Student Foundation, I learned to handle new situations, meet new people and represent my institution professionally."



Angela Hay Pettigrew with her husband, Rob, and their two daughters, Katie and Caroline

After earning her master's degree in healthcare administration from University of Houston-Clear Lake, Angie now applies similar skills to her career at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. As Strategic Project Facilitator, she leads process improvement teams. The mother of Katie and Caroline and wife to Rob (BS '86, MS '88), Angie works part-time and devotes the rest to family, church and of course, the occasional visit to Baylor.

#### Philip Green (BBA '84, MTA '86) Westport, Connecticut

Since graduating from Baylor, Phil Green has worked for one firm, Ernst & Young, but has had the opportunity to live in a number of cities, including Dallas, New York, Boston, Amsterdam and London. Phil is now back in New York, and he and his wife, Lisa (BBA '84), have settled into Westport, Conn., with their three children, A. J., Kathryn and Jennifer. Phil, who was promoted to partner in 1996, works in the New York tax practice where he is the lead tax partner on a number of E&Y's "Office of the Chairman" accounts—the firm's



largest global clients. He recalls fondly his years at Baylor and his time with Student Foundation.

"You're an ambassador for the university. When giving campus tours to prospective students and their parents, you're also giving them a glimpse of what student life is about, and it's a front-line demonstration of the type of students Baylor attracts, cultivates and produces. What better way for a parent to see the caliber of people their child will interact with and the values they will learn than by seeing the students themselves in a serving capacity."

### Kathy Hutto (BA '73) Austin, Texas

"Polite persistence pays off, whether you're trying to encourage people to contribute to Student Foundation,

recruiting a student or encouraging members of Foundation to get their tasks done," Kathy Hutto notes. Kathy should know what she is talking about—she is a Governmental Affairs Consultant with Jackson Walker LLP in Austin. "The same is true in my lobbying career. You have to build the case and continue to advocate until you reach the desired goal. I think those are skills I started developing in Student Foundation."



Kathy did not anticipate becoming a lobbyist when she graduated from Baylor.

However, while pursuing her master's degree in social work at University of Texas at Austin, she interned with the legislative budget board, and the "capitol bug" bit. She married outside of the Baylor family, but Kathy insists that, "we don't hold that against him"—and she also serves on several boards in the Austin community and was selected by the *Austin Business Journal* as a recipient of the 2005 Profiles in Power Award.

# **An Experiment in Success**

The eekly detours to a medical research center, in route to her parents' home in the Dallas area, have brought senior Tiffany Hsu into the midst of mind-boggling research over the past two years.

"I quickly discovered that I was falling in love with the research process and the fact that it was so powerful in terms of answering questions," Tiffany, a biology and neuroscience major, admitted.

It's truly a love affair that began her sophomore year and has affirmed her calling. When Tiffany started her Baylor experience, scholarship support, her family and a part-time job at a Waco hospital covered her expenses. However, continuing at that pace would have been too much. It was a Student Foundation scholarship that allowed her to pursue her developing passion.

"Without that scholarship, I never would have discovered research, and that would've been devastating in terms of finding and pursuing my calling."

You, too, can help students like Tiffany pursue their calling through giving to Student Foundation scholarships. For more information about how you can support students like Tiffany, please contact Chandra Ford, director of Student Foundation, at (254) 710-3497.





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