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# FIRST PERSON PERSPECTIVE REACHING BEYOND BAYLOR

### Allison Woerner, 2011-2012 Campus Promotions Co-Chair

fter being away at college for three A years, people inevitably will ask you about your experiences and if you are enjoying your academics and activities. Answers could range from difficult classes or favorite professors to a discourse on how much I have learned. I could talk about all of the wonderful traditions that Baylor has, like Dr Pepper Hour, Sing and Christmas on 5th Street. While these experiences have had a meaningful impact on my college experience, my time in Student Foundation has changed me the most significantly. Student Foundation taught me more about myself, in just one year of membership, than I ever imagined.

Like most college students, I came to Baylor wrapped up in my own ambitions and dreams, and for my freshman year that seemed to be enough to keep me occupied. However, at the end of my sophomore year I began to realize I was missing something. Putting so much of my time and energy only into myself became exhausting, and I realized that I had to do something to give back...to give of myself.

A friend invited me to apply for Student Foundation, explaining that the opportunities to serve were amazing. I applied, was accepted and quickly realized she was right. This is where I could offer much of my time and efforts. What a blessing to be able to see returns almost immediately as many others were blessed through receiving scholarships from Student Foundation.

However, the full scope of the organization's impact did not hit me

until recently. Lizzy Davis, the Troy and Betty Mays Director of Student Foundation, shared pictures she received from another student group that had recently returned from a mission trip to Kenya. As they journeyed overseas earlier in the year, they carried several checked bags full of leftover t-shirts from Bearathon, Student Foundation's annual half-marathon fundraising event. The photos showed an entire village full of children wearing Bearathon shirts with huge smiles on their faces. How unbelievably moving and incredibly gratifying it was to witness. Months of hard work were poured into Bearathon in order to raise scholarship funds for Baylor students, but that one event had an impact that went well beyond Baylor. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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Support the future of Baylor students by making a gift to Student Foundation's current or endowed scholarships. Every gift to endowed scholarships also supports *The President's Scholarship Initiative*.

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Receive a Student Foundation alumni jersey with a \$500 gift to Student Foundation's endowed scholarship fund.

### From the Director

**G** enerous Living—the members of Student Foundation exemplify this term as they seek new and innovative ways to live their lives in service to others. In 2010-2011, Student Foundation members served the Baylor community in unprecedented ways. For the first time ever, in support of *The President's Scholarship Initiative*, members gave of their personal resources to support our scholarship fund. One hundred college students gave nearly \$2,000! They also set records by raising \$35,000 from Bearathon (nearly 1,700 participants—wow!) and raising more than double their goal.

We also were able to give away a record 119 scholarships to deserving, outstanding students such as Joe Guillory (featured on back cover) because of our generous alumni and supporters who also epitomize generous living.





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Lizzy Davis, '07 Troy and Betty Mays Director of Student Foundation

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By partnering with a Baylor missions team, Student Foundation was able to serve people who live on the other side of the world. Matthew 20:28 says: "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many," His example is to be followed. That is what Student Foundation aims to do—serve others because it is what our University, and our God, calls us to do.

Student Foundation is an organization that champions what it means to serve. Though I am only a small part of a larger mission, my efforts contribute to a greater cause that has far-reaching, lasting impact.

# **2011-2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### 10/27: FALL FESTIVAL



Experience Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" in Fountain Mall as Student Foundation presents its Fall Festival. Baylor students, alumni and friends are welcome at this free event.

### 11/5: HOMECOMING RECEPTION



Relive your Student Foundation years! Join current members at the Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center after the Homecoming parade for a morning of food, fun and fellowship.

### 3/24 Bearathon

Show those college kids that you've still got it! Join participants from across the nation for our annual half-marathon and 5K Run, and help raise funds for student scholarships.



### 4/27: Annual Scholarship Banquet

Last year, 119 students received scholarships at Student Foundation's annual Scholarship Banquet. This invitation-only banquet allows students the chance to personally thank their donors for their generosity and support.



### Ensure the future steps of Baylor students by purchasing Student Foundation bricks and pavers!

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Call (254) 710-3498 or visit **www.baylor.edu/studentfoundation** for more information about bricks (\$500) and pavers (\$2,500).

# a servants HEART

Greg Looser (BA '91, JD '94) has a big heart—a heart for the Lord, for his family and for giving back to others. During his time as a student at Baylor and as president of Student Foundation, Greg learned the true meaning of service.



"At that age—and it's the best age in your life you realize how valuable it is to turn outward and

away from your own experiences to see the benefit of what it means to help others," he said. "For me it was a pivotal point to learn the value of service."

Greg has had a successful career in law, serving first as a briefing attorney in Dallas and then practicing with a firm in Houston. He spent more than a decade with Pride International, Inc., ultimately serving as senior vice president and chief administrative officer, until the company was sold in May 2011. Greg serves in many capacities for various professional organizations, and he has been lauded widely as a lawyer of integrity.

His wife, Beth, and he have two daughters, Brock, who is 12, and Avery, who is 10. The family regularly participates in service projects together in their hometown of Houston, and the Loosers are mindful to model

Christ's calling of service for their children.

"What we're trying to instill in our girls is that being involved in things that are important and significant and that make a difference in the lives of others is really a matter of the heart," he said. "It's a choice that you make, and in our family it's important because that's what God has called us to do. We are to be servants."

When Greg was a member of Student Foundation, he helped create a slogan for the group's scholarship fundraising efforts—"Change the life of a student today." Greg and Beth are doing just that, even today.

Through two endowed scholarships at Baylor, in Law and in Student Foundation, the Loosers are making a lasting difference in the lives of students, now and for future generations.

"It is truly the best way, in my view, to give young people an opportunity that they may not be able to have otherwise," he said.

Most recently, the couple has rallied behind *The President's Scholarship Initiative*, Baylor President Ken Starr's three-year, \$100 million



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—Greg Looser

push to raise endowed funds for student scholarships.

"I've had the privilege and pleasure of spending some time with Judge Starr and certainly catch his vision for the importance of scholarships, and it was at that point that I said, 'You know we've got to do an undergraduate scholarship," Greg shared. "Student Foundation was the natural fit because of my experience and involvement."

As most do, Greg fondly recalls

his time wearing the green and white striped jersey.

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"You're united by that common bond—love for Baylor and love for service to the University and to the student body. That is just a really fond memory and was a great experience for me."

# IMPACTING BAYLOR WACO AND BEYOND

A 5-year Glance at Student Foundation's Service. What does Student Foundation mean to Baylor University? Factor in the impact of recent years, and see the tangible results.

FUNDING Dreams

given through scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

554 STUDENT FOUNDATION DONORS

The Alumni Relations committee (formerly Financial Affairs) devotes months to raising scholarship funds each year—an accomplishment that students and donors celebrate at the annual scholarship banquet. From Freshman Follies to Bearathon, zeal and excitement flood Baylor's campus every time the Campus Promotions committee hosts an event.

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36 states and 3 countries represented at Bearathon/5K Run

the Community, Campus and Alumni

**ENGAGING** 

4,975 Bearathon/5K participants

1,360

hours of volunteer service including campus tours, VIP events, etc.

### **Goals Met...Challenge Extended.** 2011-2012 Membership Participation Update

By Emily Foreman, 2011-2012 Alumni Relations Co-Chair

Baylor students are blessed with the opportunity to receive an education at a distinctive, private, Christian university, and Student Foundation members are charged with the important duty of raising scholarship funds as we seek to provide the same wonderful experience for future students.

Last fall, the 2010-2011 Steering Committee challenged the members of Student Foundation not only to promote the mission of providing scholarship funds, but to live it out. We could not, with good conscience, ask alumni and current students to invest in a cause without first demonstrating our own support. Therefore, we established a goal of 100 percent member participation to the Student Foundation Endowed Scholarship Fund. By the end of the year we achieved our goal; every member of Student Foundation made a gift, resulting in \$1,998.05 raised

for student scholarships.

The 2011-2012 Steering Committee has decided to continue this goal, and hopefully it will be a tradition carried on in the future.

Student Foundation members are setting the precedent by encouraging fellow students to give back to their community in any way possible. Whether that is donating weekly coffee money to a scholarship fund or volunteering with an after-school reading program, every seemingly small act can have an immense impact and can help establish generous practices that will last a lifetime. events held for students

REACHING

Campus

When Student Foundation members don the green and white striped jersey, they represent a passion for Baylor and a legacy of service.

> STUDENT FOUNDATION MEMBERS

### • **PREPARING** the Next Generation

high schools visited to promote Baylor



At high school college fairs and receptions across the nation, future Bears hear about Baylor University and benefit from the Student Recruitment committee's expertise on the "Baylor Experience."





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## Where are they now?

#### jeff WALLACE BBA '87, JD '91 Woodway, TX Pictured with: wife, Debble (BA '90), and children: Jeffrey, Lauren, Katherine and Jillian

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All roads lead back to Baylor for Jeff Wallace (BBA '87, JD '91), who received both his undergraduate and law degrees from Baylor. After running the 2008 Bearathon with his wife, Debbie, Jeff said they felt led to return to Baylor after a career in investments and banking. Within a year, the family of six made the move from Louisiana to Waco, where Jeff now serves as Director of Operations in the Office of Investments at Baylor.

"We had such a sense of mission in coming to Baylor...Working with the endowment, I know that every dollar increase can benefit a student who might not be able to attend Baylor otherwise," Jeff said.

As a student, Jeff received a Student Foundation scholarship in a time of great need, and when he learned that fellow students had actually raised the funds for his scholarship, he wanted to be part of the organization.

"I never would have been here had people not given of their time, talent and treasure to keep me here," Jeff emphasized. "Hopefully, Debbie and I are continuing along the very path that we were beneficiaries of as Baylor students."



emily NICHOLSON BA '03 Washington, D.C. Pictured with: husband, Rob Simcox

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Relationships and service define Emily Nicholson's (BA '03) Baylor experience. A third generation Baylor graduate, she loved staying active on campus. "I didn't just pay dues...I was the one to say, 'Sure I'll arrange the flowers for the luncheon' or 'I'll find a speaker," Emily said.

She continued to pursue a life of service and obtained a master's in Public Administration from George Mason University. After graduating, she went to work for the Newseum, an interactive museum of news, where she is the Major Gifts Manager.

Emily's connection with Baylor remains strong, even from her home in Washington, D.C. She met her husband, Rob, through a Baylor friend while taking a tour of the White House given by a Baylor graduate. She and Rob were married at Armstrong Browning Library in 2007.

As a Student Foundation scholarship recipient and former member, Emily is profoundly aware of the value of the organization: "Student Foundation gave us wonderful experiences, not just academically, but also friendships that last a lifetime, so being able to facilitate that for someone else is a really wonderful opportunity." gary SHEPPARD BA '87 Houston, TX

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I went into my profession knowing that it's not easy and there's a lot of delayed gratification, and the Lord got me through."

For Dr. Gary Sheppard (BA '87), every decision is centered on a principle he was raised to practice—from the decision to be a physician at age 12, to joining and now supporting Student Foundation—Gary believes that those who receive must give back.

After receiving a scholarship, Gary felt he had to find a way to be part of Student Foundation. His senior schedule was jam-packed between participating in the Baylor University Golden Wave Marching Band and traveling for medical school interviews, not to mention keeping up with his pre-med coursework, but Gary felt compelled to be part of the organization and to give as he had received.

This theme is evident in Gary's life and in his career as a prominent physician in Houston. "I went into my profession knowing that it's not easy and there's a lot of delayed gratification, and the Lord got me through," Gary said. "That's how I approach every day. It's a blessing to be a physician, and I have to be a blessing to others." cheree COMEAUX ASPELIN BA '95 Houston, TX Pictured with: husband, Scott (BA '94) and son, Kjell



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"It has always amazed me that a family I didn't even know could care so much about *me*," said Cheree Aspelin (BA '95), a first generation college graduate.

After being exposed to Student Foundation by receiving a scholarship her sophomore year, Cheree wanted to be part of giving back. As a member, she had firsthand insight into what their mission really meant: "we were giving away an education," she said, "and that impacts people for the rest of their lives."

Cheree was motivated to join Student Foundation by a desire to do something that would be meaningful in the real world, and she believes her experiences gave her an "edge" after graduation.

Today, Cheree and her family live south of Houston where she is a Management Consultant for BP Texas City Refinery, the third largest oil refinery in the country. She works with management on engaging employees and is responsible for improving the "safety culture" at the refinery.

"All of these opportunities never would have been presented to me had I not been to Baylor," Cheree said. "I've been so blessed, beyond my wildest dreams."



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### **STUDENT FOUNDATION**

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Joe Guillory Lake Charles, LA Student Foundation Scholarship recipient

"I know I can't do it alone."



# FUTURE PLAN

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"I don't want just to become a scholar," he said of his decision to study at Baylor. "I also want to know who I am and who God made me to be."

Joe plans to return to his hometown one day to open a medical clinic.

"It's not an obligation in any way," Joe said. "It's a privilege to be able to give back and to achieve what I believe God has set out for me in His plan."

FOR MORE INFORMATION on how to invest in students like Joe, please contact Lizzy Davis, the Troy and Betty Mays Director of Student Foundation, at (254) 710-3498 or Lizzy\_Davis@baylor.edu, or make your gift online at www.baylor.edu/studentfoundation.

REMEMBER: Your gifts to endowed scholarships support the *The President's Scholarship Initiative* and help make it possible for Joe and many other Baylor students to realize their calling to make a difference.