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**Army-Baylor Network**  
*Baylor Alumni Network*

# Newsletter

## Army-Baylor Alumni Network News

Letter from the President (Jon Lasell)

Greetings Fellow Bears,

First, I want to thank Sara Ryan for her outstanding leadership as the Army-Baylor Alumni Network President 2015-2016. Under her hand, we made many new strides towards increasing the visibility and viability of the Army-Baylor Network. As the 2016-2017, Network President I am dedicated to building on the accomplishments of Sara. This year we will focus on getting "Back to the Basics".

Let me start by congratulating the Class of 2017 for an outstanding academic year and best of luck during the residency year. Thanks go to LTC Forrest Kim for giving the opportunity to tell the Army-Baylor Network story to the class. In addition, I had the great fortune to attend this year's Oral Board Reception and Closing Ceremony. This year's Closing Ceremony was especially important to me, as I am sure it was to you too, because this year's ceremony marked an end of era. This was Dr David Mangelsdorff's last full course year. He will be retiring in the Fall. To use his words, "No, I will not have any more free time than I do now." On behalf of all former Students, the Network wishes you well as you move on to the next Chapter in your book.

I want to spend a few moments talking about the support that the Network was able to provide during this past academic year thanks to the membership dues and donations. I want to remind each of you that the Army-Baylor Network is a non-profit 501.c3 organization, which means that all donations are tax deductible.

During this past course year, the Network promoted student learning and professional development by fully funding students' attendance to the Annual ACHE/HFMA Landscape, 10th Annual University of Alabama-Birmingham Case Competition (3 students), the National Clarion Competition (4 students), the Distinguished Guest Lecture Lunches as well as multiple awards recognizing the accomplishments of the Class of 2017. Additionally, the network provided the funding to support Alumni engagement, Student and Faculty Research, and events to support the program's national ranking.

One of our "Basic" needs is to increase our membership because none of the above events are possible without the continued support the program's Alumni through event attendance. One of the biggest challenges, the Network faces is the ability to contact current and former members. To that end, the Board has asked our partners at Baylor University to assist us with updating the Network's mailing list and membership database. We discovered that one of the problem stems from members using their work email addresses, which changes over time (retirement, new job, email system changes). I am asking each one of you to login to Baylor Alumni Registry site and validate that your information. If you have registered, you must register first. Most of you probably have either not accessed the Bearweb site or have not accessed in a long time. If that is the case, you can contact the help desk at Baylor (254-710-4357 Option 1), and they will help you get your Bearweb ID and password. I am also asking you to forward this newsletter to any Army-Baylor Alumni that may part of your contact list.

The Board looks forward to another great year leading up to the 2017 Army-Baylor Alumni Reception at the Annual ACHE Congress.

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Jon R Lasell

President, Army-Baylor Network

## Army-Baylor Alumni Board

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### Special thanks to our Baylor Faculty Representatives

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## Alumni Board Nominations

We'll conduct our nomination and voting process virtually this year, and announce the results in March at the Baylor Dinner. Please nominate qualified individuals who have both the time and desire to serve a 5-year commitment to our board. The 5-year term includes 3 years as Vice President, 1 year as President and the final year as Immediate Past President. Ensure your nominee accepts his/her nomination and provide a contact email or phone number so the board can validate his/her commitment as well. *Refer to the Army Baylor Alumni Network Constitution (pages 13-17) for specific information on Board Member Responsibilities.*

Also, we are bound by the bylaws to have a civilian as a board member, who may be a DoD or VA civilian, retiree, faculty member or anyone else who isn't in an active military status. So consider all qualified alumni as nominees, but please give special emphasis to our civilians. Submit nominations to Jon Lasell via email:

[jon.r.lasell.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jon.r.lasell.civ@mail.mil)



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# Welcome to Class of 2018!

## CLASS 2016-2018

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL (USA/USAF), COMMANDER (USN/USCG)

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Lori L. Whitney, ANC, USA

Joseph R. Yancey, MC, USA

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### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CIVILIAN

Ms. Krista Arneson

## Director's Corner

Greetings, Bears! I'm pleased to share several highlights from the Army-Baylor Program since our last newsletter. I'll showcase presentations at local and national events and report on faculty arrivals and departures. As you'll read, our students, faculty, and staff continue to make significant contributions to the fields of health and business administration. Last, we say farewell to Dr. A David Mangelsdorff after 22 years in the Army-Baylor Program.

**Clarion Case Competition.** In April, four members of the Class of 2017, COL Bonnie Hartstein, LCDR Jonathan Levenson, CPT Phil Kaberline, and Capt Desbah Yazzie, competed and placed 3rd out of 16 teams in the National Clarion Case Competition. This was Army-Baylor MHA-MBA Program's first appearance in the competition. The Clarion Case Competition is hosted by the University of Minnesota Clarion Student Association. Teams are required to have representation from at least two different professions. The intent of the case competition is to enable health professional students to "achieve a 360-degree perspective on patient safety in today's health care system and how it might be improved" (<http://www.chip.umn.edu/clarion/case-competition>).



Pictured from left to right: MAJ(P) Don Sexton (faculty advisor), CPT Phil Kaberline, COL Bonnie Hartstein, Capt Desbah Yazzie, LCDR Jonathan Levenson, and Lt Col Jason Richter (faculty advisor).

**Graduate School Research Symposium.** The Faculty, Students, and Alumni of the Army-Baylor Program represented the program well at the 2016 AMEDD C&S, Health Readiness Center of Excellence, 5th Annual Graduate School Faculty Development and Research Symposium. COL Bonnie Hartstein (Class of 2016, Executive Clinical Leadership Track) was selected to give her presentation entitled: Nurse Advice line impact on non-urgent emergency department utilization. Also, 19 of the 65 research posters on display were by Army-Baylor Program students and faculty. Of note, two student groups received awards for best poster presentation: CPT Matt Moore (Class of 2016, Mayo Clinic Jacksonville resident), Going Green in the Operating Room; and CPT Michelle Slayden (Class of 2017) and CPT William Kilgore (Class of 2017), Impact of Unit Demographics on Opioid Prescription Rates.

**University of Texas Health Science Center's 7th Annual Frontiers of Translational Science Research Day.** On 27 April, Dr Robert A. Clark, Director of the Institute for Integration of Medicine and Science at UTHSCSA, recognized the Army-Baylor Program for its quality and quantity of support for the 7th Annual Frontiers of Translational Science Research Day. He noted that next to UTHSCSA's own submissions, the Army-Baylor Program had the next largest amount of accepted submissions; nearly 24% of the total research posters presented. It was stated that this level of involvement by the program is indicative of Army-Baylor's dedication to increasing excellence & collaboration across the two organizations.

Of the 12 research posters submitted, 2 posters received awards. Best Poster Award Student Category: Jarrod McGee (Class of 2016), Associations Between Staff & Patient Satisfaction, & Discovering the Patient Management Relationship. & Best Poster Award Professor Category: A. David Mangelsdorff, PhD & Linda A. Smith, PhD. Classroom Scenarios for Community Disaster Preparedness, Group Dynamics, and Competency Development.

During the afternoon's research plenary, Assistant Professor Christopher Besser, PhD was selected to present his research entitled "An Impact Assessment of Including a Behavioral Health Provider Within the Structure of the Army Patient Centered Medical Home Model: A Longitudinal Study".

**Pictured from left to right: MAJ Kate Martinez (Class of 2016), CPT Matt Moore (Class of 2016), and CPT LaCharles Brown (Class of 2016).**





## Army-Baylor Closing Ceremonies 2016

**Opening Closing Ceremony.** 83 students from the Classes of 2017 and 2018, faculty, family and guests participated in the annual Opening Closing Ceremony on 22 Jun 2016. The ceremony celebrated the completion of the Didactic Year to include the successful passing of the Comprehensive Oral Exams for the Class of 2017 and the start of the academic year for the Class of 2018.



**Pictured above: Students of the Class of 2017 pose for a class photo at the 2016 Opening Closing Ceremony.**

During the ceremony, we continued the time honored tradition of presenting awards to deserving students and faculty. CPT(P) Robert Davis, Jr swept the student awards winning the Michael S. Franz Alumni Award, inaugural Army-Baylor Director's award, and Peter T. Shaul Peer Award.

**Thank you to all who attended the Army-Baylor Closing  
Ceremonies on June 22, 2016!**

Lt Col Jason Richter won both the Distinguished Faculty Service Award and A. David Mangelsdorff Researcher of the Year Award. Dr. David Mangelsdorff was selected by the students as the Instructor of the Year.



**COL Bonnie Hartstein (Class Leader) presents Dr. Mangelsdorff with a gift in recognition of his selection as Instructor of the Year.**

**Army-Baylor Director's Award.** At last year's Preceptors Conference, Brig Gen (ret) Don Wagner approached me about Army-Baylor awards. He asked me if there was a student award given by the Army-Baylor Program Director. When I said no, he offered to fund one based on criteria determined by the Program Director. So, General Wagner gave a very generous gift to Baylor University that

will fund this award annually. General Wagner and his wife Jan were also involved in selecting the award to be given which is an engraved university chair (pictured below).



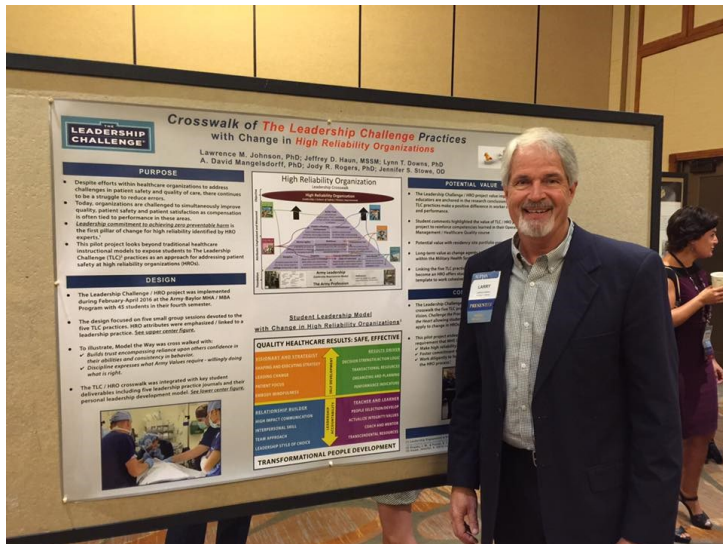
The criteria for the award is as follows: The Army-Baylor Director's Award is presented to the student, in the opinion of the Program Director, who has demonstrated substantial intellectual growth throughout the academic year as well as the greatest potential to significantly improve the Federal Health System. The focus of this award is on recognizing strongest growth and potential. We are grateful to Brig Gen (ret) Wagner for this very generous gift which will support a new tradition for our program.

**Pictured from left to right: Brig Gen (ret) and Mrs. Donald Wagner, CPT(P) Robert Davis, Jr, winner of the Inaugural Director's Award, and LTC Forest Kim**

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**Changes to MBA Curriculum and New Elective Offerings.** The Army-Baylor Program continues to evolve to keep pace with the rapidly changing healthcare landscape. Thanks to the efforts of Curriculum Committee Co-Chairs, CAPT Lynn Downs and Lt Col Jason Richter, the MBA curriculum was changed to allow 12 hours of electives providing joint MHA-MBA students more flexibility in course selection and the ability to take courses that align with their interest and individual competency development needs. Previously, joint MHA-MBA students did not have any elective credits in their curriculum. In addition, several new elective courses were added to the Program this year to include: International Business Case (where students compete in the San Antonio International Business Case Competition), Business Innovations and Successful Entrepreneurship (where students work with local inventors to develop a business case and pitch their inventions to actual investors, think 'Shark Tank'), Health Insurance, Qualitative Research Methods, and Lean Six Sigma Principles (which allows students to earn their green belt).



**AUPHA Annual Meeting.** LTC Forrest Kim and Dr. Larry Johnson represented the Army-Baylor MHA/MBA and AMEDDC&S Health Readiness Center of Excellence at the Annual Association for University Programs in Healthcare Administration (AUPHA) Meeting in Kansas City, MO on 22-25 Jun 2016. Dr. Johnson presented his research on "The Leadership Challenge Practices with Change in High Reliability Organizations."

**Pictured above: Dr. Larry Johnson poses in front his poster at the AUPHA Annual Meeting in Kansas City**

**AJBS and AIB Annual Meetings.** COL Tanya Peacock represented Army-Baylor MHA/MBA and AMEDDC&S Health Readiness Center of Excellence at the Association of Japanese Business Studies and the Academy of International Business Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA on 25-29 Jun 2016. She was part of a distinguished panel of researchers and presented her research on "Creating and Orchestrating Heterarchical Advantage in the Global and Local Context".



**Hails and Farewells.** Several faculty members have transitioned from the Program into significant roles within and outside of the military. Lt Col Jason Richter was selected for Squadron Command at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. MAJ(P) Chris Besser, selected off of the primary Deputy Commander for Administration list, transitioned to be the Deputy Commander for Operations at Fort Meade. Chaplain (MAJ) Thomas Brooks will be transitioning to a Brigade Chaplain position at Fort Riley. Last, LTC Fred Weigel retired after 28 years of dedicated service. He was selected as an Associate Professor at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee. We're thankful for the many, significant contributions of these patriots and professionals. They will surely be missed!

**Five new faculty members** will be joining the Army-Baylor team this Summer/Fall. Lt Col Glen Gilson, a PhD candidate in Health Services Research and Administration, arrived in July from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Chaplain (Major) Jason Unsworth arrived in August from the University of Pennsylvania with a Master in Bioethics. LTC Ron Gesaman will join the Army-Baylor team as our master nurse practitioner. He's coming across the street having most recently served as Chief Nursing Operations at the San Antonio Military Medical Center. MAJ Christian Nelson will arrive in August from the University of South Carolina. In September, MAJ Walter Hawkins will come to the program from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Welcome to Our **New Residency Director**. In March, the Program welcomed its very first civilian Residency Director, Ms. Lorena Bailey. Ms. Bailey comes to the program with a wealth of operational and teaching experience having served as both enlisted and Medical Service Corps officer in the Air Force and, most recently, as an instructor our Basic Health Administration Course. In addition, Ms. Bailey has graduate degrees in Education in Adult and Higher Education and Healthcare Management/Human Resources Development. Ms. Bailey will provide much needed continuity for our residency program. Her position also provides a full time employee to focus on residency matters throughout the year and frees faculty members to focus more on teaching, service, and research. You can reach Ms. Bailey at [lorena.a.bailey.civ@mail.mil](mailto:lorena.a.bailey.civ@mail.mil).

**Dr. Mangelsdorff Retirement.** Dr. David Mangelsdorff will be retiring this Fall after over 22 years as faculty in the Army-Baylor Program. It goes without saying that Dave is in institution in his own right. At this year's Opening Closing Ceremony, Dave was recognized with Professor Emeritus status by Baylor University. In addition, in honor of his countless contributions to the program, the Army-Baylor Alumni Network Board voted unanimously to name the annual faculty researcher of the year award, the A. David Mangelsdorff Researcher of the Year Award. From this day forward, future generations of Army-Baylor students will remember Dave's legacy as they hear of this award.

## Congratulations to Dr. Magelsdorf : Professor Emeritus



**Pictured above: Dr. Mangelsdorff (with LTC Kim) upon receipt of his Professor Emeritus status from Baylor University and commemorative Baylor University pin.**

The state of your Army-Baylor Program remains strong. Our students, faculty, and staff continue to represent the Program well. We are grateful for the great support of the Alumni Network as your contributions are helping to develop the next generation of federal health executives and showcase the program at the national, regional, and local levels. As always, if I can be of assistance, please contact me at [forest.s.kim.mil@mail.mil](mailto:forest.s.kim.mil@mail.mil).

Sic 'em, Bears!

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Forest S. Kim, PhD, FACHE

LTC, MS

Program Director

## Army-Baylor Distinguished Alumni Award

Congratulations to MG(r) M. Ted Wong yet another distinguished



### Army-Baylor Bear!

Major General Wong has held a variety of clinical and staff assignments to include OIC, Kelley Barracks Dental Clinic, Germany; staff prosthodontist, FSH; Chief, Dental Lab Branch, AMEDD Center & School, FSH; Staff Officer, HQ, US Army Dental Command, FSH; and Dental Executive Fellow, Office of The Surgeon General (OTSG). He commanded the 665th Medical Company (DS), Korea; and the Presidio of Monterey Dental Clinic Command, CA. After attending the U.S. Army War College, he served as the Senior Dental Staff Officer, OTSG, HQDA followed by Commander of both, the North Atlantic Regional Dental Command and Walter Reed Dental Activity, Washington, D.C. He also served as the ninth commander of the U.S. Army Dental Command, with responsibility for the operational missions of all Army Dental Activities and dental clinics around the world. Major General Wong is the twenty-sixth Chief of the Army Dental Corps and recently served as the Deputy Commanding General for Readiness, Western Regional Medical Command and the Commanding General, William Beaumont Army Medical Center. He assumed command of the Southern Regional Medical Command, FSH, and Brooke Army Medical Center, FSH, on June 2, 2011. [

Wong was the 26th chief of the U.S. Army Dental Corps. He retired in 2014 and is the 2016 Army-Baylor Distinguished Alumni Award Winner

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# Congratulations, Class of 2017!

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Peter V. Huynh, MS, USA

Jennifer S. Stowe, MS, USA

Scott J. Rankin, DC, USA

Timothy L. Switaj, MC, USA

Timothy M. Snavelly, ANC, USA

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Yuri A. Campbell, MS, USA

Matthew T. Krull, MS, USA

Todd R. Eaves, MS, USA

Jonathan D. Levenson, NC, USN

Daniel D. Heffner, MS, USA

Joshua D. Walters, SP, USA

Ricco A. Jones, MS, USA

Jason R. Weir, MS, USA

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**Thanks again for all you do for Baylor University, our Army-Baylor Alumni Network and the provision of quality healthcare throughout the world.**

**Sic 'em Bears!**

Jon Lasell  
Alumni President  
Class of '12

## **Online Networking:**

There are several online networking groups available to connect with our alum. We are really excited about the reconnecting opportunity that these tools provide. Join us:

**LinkedIn:** [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) **Group Name:** Army-Baylor Alumni

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) **Group Name:** U.S. Army-Baylor University Healthcare Administration Master's Program

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**Group Name:** US Army-Baylor University MHA

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**Army Baylor Network Board Member  
Distinguished Alumnus Award**

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