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A NEW TRIPLE TREAT

Ben's Triple B – Biscuits, Burgers and Brews, the soon-to-be newest hot-spot on campus, is the new restaurant of Chef Ben Merritt. Named *Fort Worth* magazine's 2016 Top Chef and 2017 Top Chef Master, Merritt is also the chef/owner of Fixture – Kitchen and Social Lounge on Magnolia Avenue in Fort Worth. Ben's fast-casual restaurant features a full bar, a selection of beers on tap and an all-day menu. Free WiFi, booth seating with USB outlets and an outdoor deck make it a perfect spot to study, get work done and grab a bite. It's at the corner of East Rosedale and Wesleyan streets on university-owned property.





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A BRIGHT SPARK

Lighting intellectual fires by creating gathering spaces



Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we enter into a very busy summer, I find myself thinking about the past, present and future, and how our university is at a point where they all come together.

In this issue we touch on all three:

- Alumni who built the university and continue to support it.
- The new student center, which will inject energy into campus life, and faculty who are teaching curious minds.
- The exciting new TXWES Fab Lab, which represents the future of education — creating places that bring minds together and provide the tools they need for success.

It’s a very exciting time to be on campus as we watch the fruits of our 2020 Vision rise before us. It is a place filled with smart people from all sorts of backgrounds, who enjoy intellectual engagement, are hardworking and ambitious, and always have an eye on tomorrow.

I hope you’ll join us. I promise, it will enrich your life.

Enjoy your summer, and check our website to see how you can get involved.

Frederick G. Slabach
President
Texas Wesleyan University

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HOMECOMING BROUGHT RAMS TOGETHER

There was football, friends, fun, a meaningful evening of awards and plenty of encouragement for the spirited 5K run.

ON THE COVER

One of the new Fab Lab's 3D printers in action

Photo by Chuck Greeson





WORDS OF WISDOM — AND LOVE

The new Martin University Center has a special kind of foundation: messages of love and encouragement from the current TXWES community, written in marker on the concrete foundation during a January event.

These gems of knowledge are now

covered with flooring, but photos of the messages were taken so future generations can still read them. The event was a one-time opportunity to leave a mark on the most significant capital project at Texas Wesleyan in a century. 



MARTIN UNIVERSITY CENTER TO OPEN FALL 2019

Construction on the Nick and Lou Martin University Center is near completion and on track to welcome students on the first day of classes in the fall. Look for details coming this summer about the dedication ceremony next fall.

You can track progress on the Martin Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week no matter where you are, with our construction camera.

txwes.edu/martincam

The Martin Center will be a centrally located hub for student life and engagement in the heart of campus and provide meeting space for east Fort Worth community leaders and friends.

Located between the Eunice and James L. West Library and Canafax Clock Tower, the Martin Center will be approximately 44,000-square-feet and two stories tall. It will include a new student and family welcome center, food court, coffee shop, ballroom that can accommodate 300, bookstore and convenience store, spaces for student organizations and student life offices, lounge areas, an amphitheater and more!



HIGH HONORS IN HIGHER ED

Slabach receives top award

A prestigious executive leadership award was given to President Frederick G. Slabach by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in February.

The District IV Dr. E. Joseph Savoie Chief Executive Leadership Award is the highest honor bestowed by the organization, recognizing an outstanding leader in the district, which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. 

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This. Is. Big. Less than 5% of business schools on the planet are @AACSB accredited. We're honored to be one of them. Congrats to our School of Business Administration! #allbusiness #TXWES #smallersmarter

AS SEEN ON TV

Ricardo Rodriguez, dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences, took WFAA on a tour of one of two ultra-low freezers housed in the Ella C. McFadden Science Center during a Jan. 31, 2019, segment.

"Rodriguez braved the temperatures to pull out a package of specimens, a rare bacteria that was discovered in a Mexican tomb by a Texas Wesleyan professor and his students," WFAA said in its online version of the story. "It has been on ice, carefully preserved for research for years."

Cary Adkinson, associate professor of criminal justice at Texas Wesleyan University, was an expert on a Nov. 8, 2018, segment by WFAA/News 8 about a woman from 1949, who some consider to be Tarrant County's first female serial killer.

"Often times with women, it isn't always who you expect," Adkinson told WFAA. "They're kindly, next-door grandmotherly figures. For committing these types of crimes, they're not typically boogie men in the dark with scary knives waiting to hurt you. They're very unassuming."

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January 2019

Missed out on this awesome blanket during finals? Show us how you're staying warm as you head back to class today and tag us. You could be picked to get a blanket of your own! Stay warm, #Rams



Our students and student-athletes make us proud inside and outside the classroom during a day of service. ❤️💛 #LivingSmallerSmarter



STARTUP CRAWL

Special event brings entrepreneurs to campus

Connecting entrepreneurs and local resources was the goal of Fort Worth's Global Entrepreneurship Week last fall, and Texas Wesleyan was a key stop on its 2018 Startup Crawl FW.

The event, which included five locations, was a great way to learn about area businesses and resources,

and to encourage an entrepreneurial spirit in students. It also gave visitors a look at the many business resources at Texas Wesleyan, like the new makerspace in the library.

Startup Crawl FW was one of the signature events for Global Entrepreneurship Week 2018 in Fort Worth. 🇺🇸



NEW SPORT ADDED

Wrestling comes to Texas Wesleyan

Ram athletics is expanding with the addition of men's and women's varsity wrestling.

With the addition, Texas Wesleyan brings collegiate scholarship wrestling to the DFW metroplex, becoming the second such program in the entire state on any level to offer scholarships. This will provide students competing at more than 110 DFW public schools the chance to stay close to home and play the sport they love. Ray Bedford, founder of Spartan Mat Club, one of the largest elite high school clubs in Texas, was named head coach and recruiting is underway. Competition will begin in the fall.



THEATRE WESLEYAN PRESENTS *Avenue Q: THE AWARD-WINNING ADULT MUSICAL COMEDY* April 25 - April 28

Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, *Avenue Q* is filled with gut-busting humor and a delightfully catchy score, not to mention puppets like you've never seen before. *For Mature Audiences*

LEADERSHIP NETWORK

New partnership with FWISD will help local schools

Improving poor-performing schools is the goal of an innovative, five-year partnership between Texas Wesleyan and the Fort Worth ISD.

Known as the Leadership Academy Network, the new partnership is the next step in a pilot program announced in 2017 that identified five struggling campuses as Leadership Academies. This allowed the district to appoint high-achieving teachers and principals, specifically chosen for their track record of significant growth and their willingness to engage in rigorous work.



Texas Wesleyan will operate and manage the schools under a performance contract, and its board will serve as the governing board for the Leadership Academy Network. The School of Education will provide data-driven academic oversight and intensive professional development, and its students will be volunteers, mentors and role models.

The Leadership Academy Network impacts about 3,000 students. The transition will begin before the start of the 2019-20 school year. 📖

BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

ADVICE FROM AWARD-WINNING EXECUTIVE: “READ MORE.”

John C. Goff, chairman and CEO of Crescent Real Estate Holdings and president of Goff Capital, spoke to students in September. Goff was named the 2018 Fort Worth Business Executive of the Year and was honored at the Fort Worth Business Hall of Fame in October.



The Business Hall of Fame will celebrate its 50th anniversary this fall.

His remarks included advice to the students. “The most powerful thing I can say to all of you is to put these darn things [phones] down for a couple hours a day and just either think and plan or read.”

JULIE MURPHY '10: FROM BESTSELLER TO HOLLYWOOD



Catch *Dumplin'* on Netflix

There's buzz from the campus all the way to Hollywood, thanks to the movie version of the story from the mind of Julie Murphy '10.

Dumplin', the 2015 *New York Times* bestseller, is now a movie streaming on Netflix starring Jennifer Aniston, with Danielle Macdonald as Willowdean (aka Dumplin' herself).

The film is also getting plenty of award buzz. The song “Girl in the Movies,” by Dolly Parton, was nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Original Song.



NOVEL EXPERIENCE

New book chronicles woman coach during World War II

Marjorie Herrera Lewis, a local sports writer and reporter, was on campus in October for a book signing when her debut historical novel, *When the Men Were Gone*, came out. Herrera Lewis tells the inspiring story of Tylene Wilson, a woman who goes against social norms to become the first woman high school football coach in Texas. It's based on a true story of a high school teacher and principal in Brownwood during the dark days of World War II. Lewis followed in Wilson's footsteps when she took a job as assistant football coach when TXWES reinstated its football team in 2016. She sponsors the Marjorie Herrera Lewis Endowed Speaker Series to give students opportunities to enrich their education in mass communications. 📖



SPOTLIGHTING CHURCHILL

Lauded biographer shares insight at campus event

Churchill biographer and bestselling author Andrew Roberts was on campus in February to talk about his new book *Churchill: Walking with Destiny*.

Roberts told the audience about what he called the “avalanche” of new information about the British prime minister that has been made available over the last 10 years, which he used to write his latest tome.

“I was very honored when Her Majesty the Queen

allowed me to be the first Churchill biographer to use her father's diaries.” Those diaries described weekly private meetings between the queen's father, King George VI, and Churchill during World War II.

Roberts is a visiting professor at the War Studies Department at King's College, London. He has written or edited 19 books, which have been translated into 22 languages. 📖



LESSONS

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



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SCIENTIFIC KITCHEN HACKS
BY CHRISTOPHER PARKER
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MICROBIOLOGY

Texas Wesleyan faculty are experts in their field *and* have a wealth of knowledge to share. Here are a few handy tips from professors to help you remain a lifelong learner.

Many kitchen problems can be overcome with a little scientific know-how. Like they say: when life gives you lemons, make a colloidal solution of citric acid and sucrose (that's a lemonade joke).

1. Recover solidified brown sugar

Add a slice of bread to the sugar, seal the container and let it sit overnight. Like magic, the brown sugar will revert to its original sugary state, while the sacrificial slice of bread will become stale. How it works: Brown sugar is very hygroscopic, meaning it is very good at drawing moisture out of the air. As the brown sugar draws more moisture out of the air, the bread will begin to lose water since it is less hygroscopic. The bread dries out while the brown sugar softens.

2. Better scrambled eggs

No one enjoys scrambled eggs when, after sitting on a plate for a few minutes, they begin to weep. A simple solution

is to add salt to the beaten eggs before cooking and letting them sit for 10 to 15 minutes. You will notice that the eggs will begin to get darker in color and, once cooked, will remain tender and moist instead of releasing water onto the plate. How it works: when we cook eggs, the proteins in the egg white (and a few in the yolk) unwind and begin to stick to one another, resulting in a solid mass. When these unwound proteins begin to cool down, they tighten up a little and begin to wring out the water that was trapped in the mesh-like mass of solid egg that we just worked so hard on. Adding salt before cooking reduces how strongly the proteins bind to each other, so when they solidify, they don't squeeze hard enough to wring out the water.

3. Calibrate your oven with sugar

Nothing is as disappointing as baking cookies or a cake for the required time, only to open the oven and discover that the promised baked goods are not yet ready. Chances are, your oven is not heating up to the temperature you set it at. If you don't have an oven-safe thermometer, you can use regular granulated sugar to test your oven. If

you suspect that your oven is too cool, preheat it to 375°F and place a small scoop of sugar on tin foil in the oven for 15 minutes. If it doesn't melt, your oven is too cold. If you think your oven is too hot, preheat the oven to 350°F before adding the sugar. If the sugar melts, your oven is, in fact, too hot. How it works: The melting point of sugar is 366.8°F. If the sugar does not melt when the oven is set at 375°F, then the oven is not heating properly. If the sugar melts at 350°F, then the oven is getting too hot.

4. Better pie crust with vodka

Making pie crust can be tricky. If you don't knead the dough enough, it will fall apart when you roll it out, but if you knead it too much, the crust will be tough and chewy when baked. An unusual, but effective, solution is to replace about half of the water in the recipe with vodka. Mix the ingredients as you normally would, and then chill in the freezer before rolling it out. You will notice that the dough will be pliable right out of the freezer and, after baking, the crust will be flaky and tender. The vodka is lost during baking, so don't bother with the expensive stuff;

cheap vodka works just as well. How it works: Vodka plays two roles here. It prevents the dough from freezing in the freezer, resulting in pliable, rollable dough while staying cold and keeping the fat in the dough from melting before you bake. It also prevents gluten formation in the dough. The vodka prevents the gluten from forming since gluten proteins are insoluble in alcohol.

5. Emergency buttermilk

As a father of two young children, I often receive requests for buttermilk pancakes. But if I'm out of buttermilk, I make my own. Mix one cup of milk with one tablespoon of lemon juice or vinegar and let it sit at room temperature for 10 minutes. The resulting mixture will thicken to buttermilk consistency and be acidic enough to give your pancakes a decent rise. How it works: Adding acid to milk causes the casein proteins in milk to unwind and stick together. The clumping of milk proteins due to acid is similar to the clumping of egg proteins due to heat, as described above. The thick acidic mixture reacts to baking soda, releasing carbon dioxide just like the ever-present science fair volcano. 🍷



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Fortify yourself this summer with five stories that will lift your spirit as their protagonists learn about love, kindness and loyalty as they grapple with loss, grief and hardship.

1. *A Man Called Ove* By Fredrik Backman

“Loving someone is like moving into a house. At first you fall in love with all the new things, amazed every morning that all this belongs to you . . . Then over the years the walls become weathered, the wood splinters here and there, and you start to love that house not so much because of all its perfection, but rather its imperfections.” — Sonja, Ove’s wife

Ove at first appears to be a grumpy old man, tired of life, and feels he no longer has a reason to live. He attempts to ignore everyone around him, yet he forms meaningful friendships with the least likely of people. He discovers the importance of looking beyond first impressions in order to uncover the many wonderful facets that make up people.

2. *The Story of Arthur Truluv* By Elizabeth Berg

“What is it that makes a family? Certainly no document does, no legal pronouncement or accident of birth. No, real families come from choices we make about who we want to be bound to, and the ties to such families live in our hearts.” — Arthur

Arthur shows us that love never ends and confirms that even after losing someone we love, second chances at love can reveal themselves. He discovers that when least expected, we can meet someone capable of revolutionizing our lives.

3. *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* By Gail Honeyman

“I allowed my mind to wander. I’ve found this to be a very effective way of passing the time; you take a situation or a person and start to imagine nice things that might happen. You can make anything happen, anything at all, inside a daydream.” — Eleanor

Eleanor is funny, sad, quirky and blunt. She is not a victim, in spite of a childhood trauma, and can be laugh-out-loud funny. She reminds us of the human need for connection.

4. *Wonder* By R.J. Palacio

“Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness.” — Auggie

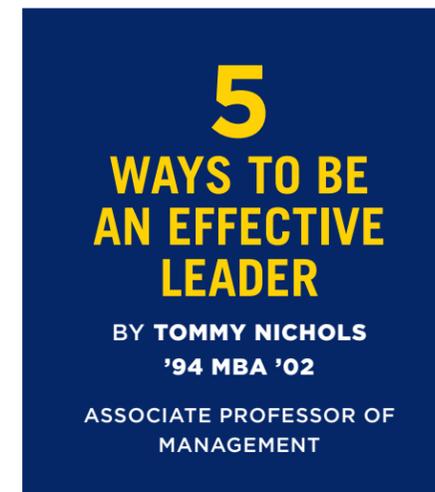
Auggie reminds us that kindness really matters; and it changes lives. He is a positive role model that shows us what true friendship is, and reminds us that we can all overcome challenges.

5. *The Glass Castle* By Jeannette Walls

“I wondered if the fire had been out to get me. I wondered if all fire was related, like Dad said all humans were related, if the fire that had burned me that day while I cooked hot dogs was somehow connected to the fire I had flushed down the toilet and the fire burning at the hotel. I didn’t have the answers to those questions, but what I did know was that I lived in a world that at any moment could erupt into fire. It was the sort of knowledge that kept you on your toes.” — Jeannette

Jeannette tells about her disturbing upbringing with love and respect for both of her parents. She is inspirational as she sets goals, achieves those goals, and

realizes her dream, even when all odds are against her. She teaches us that good things can come out of bad things and reminds us that we choose whether to focus on the good things in life, or the bad things. And she encourages all of us to tell our own story because that makes us who we are. 📖



We use the term “leader” in many ways, but often it refers to positions of authority. Authority is a tool we use to get things done, but otherwise has little to do with leadership. At the core, leadership is a dyadic relationship, one that relies on trust. In order to build trust, you must have credibility. If trust is the foundation of leadership, then credibility is the foundation of trust. Simply put, DWYSYWD — Do What You Say You Will Do. People must see that your actions align with your words.

1. Know you

We build trust by being credible. We are credible when our actions align with our words. Our words are value-laden. Our actions should align with our values — our true values. If you walk around saying “I’m all about family” and then make your people work overtime and weekends, you won’t have a lot of credibility. If you are seen to be credible, you can then lead. Your everyday actions in ordinary situations matter. This is how you build credibility.

2. Lead, even without followers

You don’t have to be in a position of power or authority to lead. Imagine that it’s your parents’ 50th anniversary and some close friends are throwing them a party. A guest yourself, you glide through greeting guests, filling glasses, cleaning up, making sure there’s enough food, etc. You are making sure everything is going smoothly so everyone else can have a good time. This is the job of the leader: remove obstacles so everyone else can succeed.

3. Share the work

I used to volunteer for everything. I thought I was showing initiative. In reality, I was putting too much on my own plate and starving others. By taking on too much, nothing could be done well. It’s hard to build credibility,



but it’s very easy to lose it. By doing it all yourself, you’re setting yourself up to fail on at least one thing; the one thing that everyone will remember. As well, you are denying others a chance to hone their own leadership skills.

4. Create other leaders

Imagine a work environment in which everybody was leading. I’m not talking about the over-used societal definition of leadership about being in charge, but the trust-building, relationship-oriented true definition of leadership. If everyone at the party is working to ensure that it goes smoothly, a better time will be had by all with better outcomes. Helping others develop their own leadership by allowing them to practice those behaviors creates an environment of leadership. As others become better leaders, it makes your job easier.

5. Trust first

For many, this is the hardest of it all. Trust begets trust. In order to build a trusting relationship, you must first trust them. Purposefully create situations in which someone else has a chance to be successful. Trust them to get the job

done without interfering. It will build their confidence and capability. Micro-managing kills spirits and creates more work for you. 📖

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ONE BIG FAMILY

Texas Wesleyan is a legacy of learning for some families.

Virginia Ann Hailey Kluck '59, better known as Genny, has many fond memories of Texas Wesleyan University.

"The girls dorm had rules. We had to be in pretty early, but the guys didn't have as many restrictions. They'd come throw a pebble at the window when they were making a late-night run and ask us if we wanted a hamburger," she recalled, still sporting a grin years later.

The boys would go to a local burger joint, get a few extra, and when they returned, the girls would lower a basket or whatever they could find and enjoy their late-night snack.

"I don't think I ever got caught for that," Genny said, smiling as she went back in her mind. "We were supposed to be in our rooms at 10 p.m., and I didn't always make that because we girls often gathered to talk."

What Genny did make, though, is a lot of memories. Her family history is filled with memories of Texas Wesleyan University. This legacy family tree has branches throughout the school that date back to the early 1900s.

Genny graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in English. She went on to become a teacher, as did many in the family. Carl and Homer Kluck, brothers, both became ministers. Genny's late husband was Homer, a 1949 graduate and Methodist minister for four decades. The list of teachers included their daughter, Marguerite "Margi" Kluck '79.

"The dorm I lived in was Elizabeth Armstrong Hall. My mother got to live



Three generations of Rams: Marguerite "Margi" Kluck '79, her mother Virginia "Genny" Hailey Kluck '59 and daughter Hannah Covington Anthony Ed.D. '17, who is now an adjunct professor on campus.

connection. I wanted to make it on my own merit. Of course, it did come up. But in our family, you pull your own weight and you make them proud."

And how serious is the Kluck lineage about education? Hannah, now 30, was in preschool at age 2. "I decided I was going to out-degree them at their own school," Hannah said jokingly.

Hannah has office space, in fact, in Dan Waggoner Hall, which is one of the dorms where Genny lived.

The family tree is large, but Genny said it was the small atmosphere of Texas Wesleyan that attracted her and other members of her family.

"The sense of community on that campus was unique, and it's still there," she said. "It is a great, small liberal arts school, in the classroom and out, and I learned to become a lifelong learner there."

Genny and Margi are both still good friends with several of their college classmates. They are also active contributors and both are on the President's Council.

"I still go to dinner with a huge group of Wesleyan friends," Margi said.

"I have two roommates I see very often," Genny said. "The one who lives here, I see every week."

Hannah said she can point to no favorite experience at Wesleyan because "Wesleyan is the experience."

"Who else can say they teach in the same building their grandmother slept in?" she said. "It gives us unique family ties, and it always makes for great conversation." — Rick Mauch

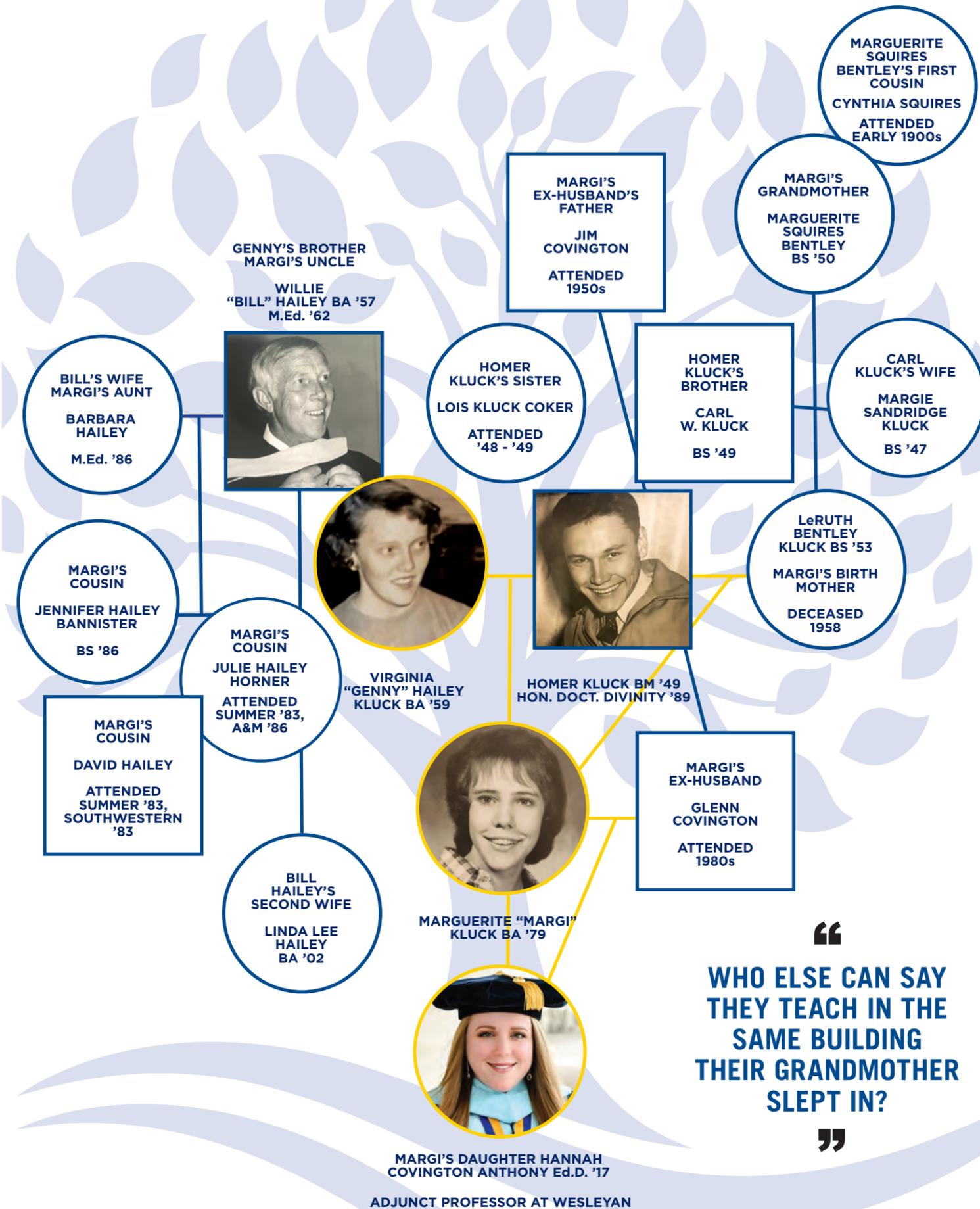
there when it was new," Margi said.

Close to 20 members of Margi's family have attended Texas Wesleyan. Among them was Margi's uncle, Dr. Willie "Bill" Hailey '57 M.Ed. '62, who held several positions at the school, including university provost and interim president during his lifelong career there.

"When I went in for my interview for my doctorate, it was in Dan Waggoner Hall, and my Uncle Bill's picture was on the wall," said Margi's daughter, Hannah Covington Anthony Ed.D. '17, who is currently an adjunct education professor at Texas Wesleyan.

"I didn't say anything of the family

Did you know the Alumni Association has a legacy scholarship for students who are related to a TXWES graduate? For more info, visit txwes.edu/alumnischolarship



WHO ELSE CAN SAY THEY TEACH IN THE SAME BUILDING THEIR GRANDMOTHER SLEPT IN?

MARGI'S DAUGHTER HANNAH COVINGTON ANTHONY Ed.D. '17
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT WESLEYAN

MACHINE LEARNING

WESLEYAN'S NEW MAKERSPACE WAS CREATED TO

EMPOWER A COMMUNITY'S IMAGINATION.



“
Now they can make
their ideas real.
”



There was no mandate for a makerspace. No one asked when the library was going to get a 3D printer, or a laser cutter. Or a sticker maker.

But Elizabeth Howard, library director, knew that fabrication labs, known as makerspaces or Fab Labs, were being installed in libraries around the country.

“A lot of elementary and high schools have makerspaces now,” Howard says. “So, students who will be here in five to 10 years, are going to be like, ‘Where is it?’ It’ll be normal. We wanted to be sure we were meeting that need.”

That was four years ago.

This spring the four librarians who made it happen opened the TXWES Makers Lab, complete with 10 pieces of equipment, ranging from two 3D printers to a podcasting setup to a fabric printer.

It wasn’t easy. They started by asking around: What would you like to have in a makerspace?

They went to conferences, talked to librarians and vendors, found out what has, and hasn’t worked at other university libraries.

They spent eight months just doing research for a grant request. It paid off. The \$68,000 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the Institute of Museum and Library Services provided all the equipment, plus supplies for the rest of this year. The university pitched in, painting a room and adding the infrastructure the equipment needed. All it took was some fabulous librarians with determination and imagination. And that’s precisely what they hope will spark in the lab: imagination.

“We want to get different majors to begin collaborating,” says Caitlin Rookey, digital initiatives librarian and grant writer. “Get a math student and music student in here together, for instance, and

who knows what they might come up with.”

A few ideas have already emerged: a history professor is interested in 3D models of historic buildings, something architecture students might want. Others pondered replacement

parts for anesthesia equipment that engineers could help with. Makers can even record the entire process with the podcaster so others can learn from their work.

The unusual array of equipment is thanks to faculty and students who made suggestions. The direct-to-garment printer was requested by an assistant dean, who knows that groups often need only a few copies of a shirt or bag. Howard saw the podcaster at a conference, so it was included in the mix.

“The makerspace is really flexible,” Howard says. “The possibilities are limited only by imagination.”

It’s also a place to fail safely, adds Nancy Edge, digital archive and special collections specialist. A mistake may cost only 50 cents, and you can easily try again.

“There’s going to be failure, but there’s going to be collaboration,” Edge says. “You can talk with everyone here about what went wrong and figure out how to make it work. Learn from your mistakes.”

“That’s part of the process.”

The library of the past is not the library of now, Howard notes. “Libraries are now doing this kind of stuff,” she says. “We have to move into the future where there may be fewer printed books, but people are still going to come here to collaborate on something because it’s the library. Now they can make their ideas real.”

Rookey goes one step further, noting the lab is a space where students will be skilled on tools they need for future careers.

“What they do for a career may not exist today,” Rookey says. “They may invent it, here, in this lab.”



Elizabeth Howard, library director, and Nancy Edge, digital archive and special collections specialist, were instrumental in creating the Fab Lab. Here they pull a T-shirt from the direct-to-garment printer. Left, paperclips and other branded items created on a 3D printer.

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THE MAKERS LAB



Check out the latest technology on the first floor of the Eunice & James L. West Library. You'll need a bit of training before you can get started, so check txwes.edu/makerslab for times and availability.

The Makers Lab has four components. Together, they give the community access to a wealth of technology and training. And it's all free.

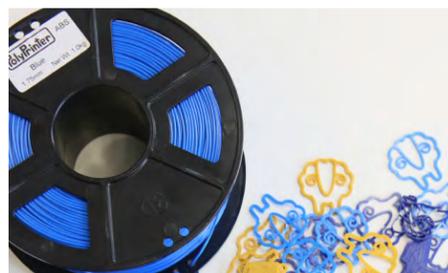
Design Spot

The TXWES Design Spot focuses on fabric and fiber arts design. A direct-to-garment printer allows you to print designs directly onto fabric. Equipment includes:

A **Brother GTX Series CMYK + White Direct-to-Garment Printer** can create high-resolution and detailed prints up to 16"x 21." It can print over zippers, seams and other nontraditional print locations and uses environmentally friendly water-based inks.

The 11"x15" **Hotronix Auto Open Clam Heat Press** has a digital interface timer and an auto-open lid.

Our new **TITAN Vinyl Cutter** includes a stand and can cut items up to 240 inches long. It cuts adhesive vinyl, window film, hard paperboard, sandblast stencil, mask material and much more.



The Fab Lab

Our new fabrication laboratory has equipment for digital modeling, prototyping and production. Users can print, scan and cut in three dimensions. The two 3D printers accept 12 different image files and use a variety of filaments. You can create the images at the onsite Expanded Media Lab. The laser cutter and engraver can create intricate designs on many materials, including paper and metal, from image files. Equipment includes:

PolyPrinter 508 3D Printer

MakerBot Replicator Z18, a 3D printer that offers the ability to print in finer detail and with flexible and dissolvable filaments.

Artec Eva Lite Laser Scanner, a professional-grade handheld 3D scanner. Make quick, textured and accurate 3D model of medium-sized objects. It scans quickly, capturing precise measurements in high resolution.

Glowforge Pro + Air Filter Laser Cutter

This desktop-sized laser cutter and engraver allows you to cut, engrave and shape designs on a variety of materials.

Multimedia Production and Editing Studio

Produce your own film and multimedia projects using an iPad with this portable studio. It can be used in the lab or on campus to film workshops, tutorials, research projects, current events and more. It includes an iPad, tripod, portable green screen and teleprompter. We offer:

Padcaster Ultimate Studio

Specialized software film and editing

Expanded Media Lab

The Expanded Media Lab is a general use lab featuring computers with design and film software and tutorials. Three software certification courses are available. Software includes:

Photoshop
InDesign
Illustrator Draw
Illustrator
Adobe Stock
Typekit
SketchUp Pro Education
Camtasia



The Fab Lab has two 3D printers: one is for taller projects, the other has a wider, longer printing area. The lab also has the software needed to create the files for the printer. Training and tutorials are available at the library so users can learn how to use the software.



Librarian Nancy Edge uses the handheld laser scanner to make a 3D image of the Ram statue. The image can be used to create miniature replicas of the scanned items. The laser can be checked out by patrons.

Makerspaces bring ideas to life

A makerspace is a collaborative workspace, usually in a library or school, where people can share tools, technology and knowledge. Some have a single piece of technology, others an array of machinery, ranging from 3D printers to soldering irons to sewing machines. Each one is different.

The first Fab Lab was opened at MIT in 2001, with the goal of giving underserved communities access to technology. Today, there are more than 1,400 makerspaces in school and public libraries worldwide.

Technology is for sharing

Like the rest of the library, the TXWES Makers Lab is open to the public, and outreach is a big part of future plans. They want people to come in, learn how to use the equipment and invent something new.

"We are a tech share library," Howard says, meaning that you can get a card from any public library and use it at Wesleyan. "Anyone can come here and check out materials, but not many people are coming. So we're going to the boys and girls clubs, getting them comfortable coming here early."

Comment at wesleyan@txwes.edu

The winningest high school basketball coach of all time.

Leta Mae Rains Andrews '62 has never shied away from a challenge.

She learned to dribble and pass on the dirt driveway of the family's rural, 1,500-acre farm in Granbury — which taught her quickness and control, since you never knew which way the ball would bounce.

Her first hoop was nailed to a wall in the chicken yard — which gave her exceptional rebounding skills because it was yucky if the ball landed in the, um, dirt.

She learned discipline when she was woken every morning at 4 to complete farm chores before school. She wasn't given a pass for being a girl, and tended chickens and livestock, plowed fields and drove farm equipment.

"We grew up working. My sister and I worked just like men, doing farm labor sun up to sun down," says the 81-year-old winningest high school basketball coach in the nation.

The basketball skills she and her sister, Shirley, acquired on rough ground eventually turned the two Rains girls into standouts on the high school basketball court. She still remembers the one time they were late for a game.

"One day Daddy said 'I need you to pull 100 pounds of cotton before you play,'" she says. "We pulled so much cotton that when my sister and I got to the gym, the game had already started."

As a teen, Leta was feisty, outspoken and driven to win. Her liveliness and independence caught the attention of a fellow junior, David Andrews '63. In 1954 he invited her to a concert at the Fort Worth Coliseum — their first date. Leta hadn't heard of the musician but agreed to accompany the tall, gregarious fellow who became her husband two years later.

The singer was Elvis Presley.

"I couldn't enjoy it because girls were

taking their shirts off and throwing them up on the stage," she recalls with a hearty laugh. "I was thinking Daddy would absolutely give me a whipping if he thought I was at something like this. Later, in Abilene, we saw Elvis again — after marriage — and it was better."

Leta and David married after high school then headed off to college, attending local campuses before earning degrees at TXWES in the early 1960s. Leta was student teaching second-



graders in Benbrook when she "figured out real quick that I couldn't teach little kids. I went and got a master's degree at Tarleton in secondary education."

Her first job was at Tolar High School in 1963, where she taught English and coached.

It was there she won the first of her 1,416 wins, setting a record unlikely to be beaten. Ms. Andrews, as she insisted her players call her (never coach), spent five decades on courts in Texas, and did it all in a skirt and heels, with a string

of pearls or a fancy scarf (or, reportedly, a fluffy boa) looped around her neck — often with her three girls in tow, if they were not on the court.

As a woman coaching in a man's world, she insisted her girls behave respectfully, once handing out licks to the entire team after a couple of them got into a yelling match after a game, recalls daughter Sharon Andrews Tiberia, herself a top college player and coach. "We're going to be ladies, that was her mantra," Tiberia told interviewers for the 2017 documentary, *It's All in the Game: The Leta Andrews Story*.

The lessons learned on the farm drove Leta's coaching style — work hard. Then work harder.

"I built a harness with a chain behind it and the girls would hook it to a steel-belted tire," Andrews says, after noting the girls weren't allowed in the weight room. "We'd have relays and they'd pull those tires up hills and down hills. Boy, were they strong. They'll tell you they outworked the boys' programs, and they probably did."

She hounded her players about fundamentals, insisting they throw 100 free throws every day. If they missed one during a game, they would run laps right after the game.

"I wanted them to taste the fruits of success," Leta says. "Prosperity is hard work and if you're going to prosper, you're going to have to get out there and work, and work hard."

"They tasted a lot of success."

Leta and David returned home in 1992 after Leta landed a job as the head coach at Granbury High. She did it in a typically "Ms. Andrews" way. One of the board members asked during the interview if she would be sure all the girls on the team would get to play. She stood up and apologized for taking their time.

Left: Leta's Calallen team won the Texas class AAAA state championship in 1990. Center: Leta in high school.

"I'm not the person for this job," she told the man, "If you're going to put out a money box and turn the scoreboard lights on, I'm going to play to win. I have an excellent job in Corpus Christi and I'm going to drive all night and be on the job in the morning. Thank you."

Then walked out.

David was shocked.

"I said David, I don't want them running my program," she recalls. "You gotta find five girls that can go, and they got to go. Subs are good, but you can't play everybody, and I wasn't about to stand up there and say they are all going to play."

The board called while they were on the way home. She got the job.

In 2007, the tireless coach was surprised by a heart attack, but two stents put her back on the court. She retired in 2014 after 52 years, the last 21 as the girl's athletic coordinator for Granbury ISD. Along the way she learned: reading books, attending conferences and making friends with some of the greats in the field, like NBA Hall of Famer Bill Walton, who narrated the documentary about her.

"When I first started, I was among a man's world, but there's a lot of women out there now, and a lot of good ones," she says. Some are her former players.

Today she lives alone in the spacious ranch home she and David built years ago, on land across the road from the family farmhouse, where she learned to dribble and pass. She lost her lifelong partner, David, a year ago. Sadness erupts at times, but her eyes still sparkle and her laughter comes easily. She runs a basketball camp and is popular on the motivational speaker circuit. She's still got chickens, about 30 now, and stays active in community organizations like Meals on Wheels. She seldom sits down.

Her cozy sunroom faces east, over family land dotted with fields. It's the same view she saw each morning as she fed chickens before school.

"I still see the sunrise almost every morning," she says. "It was beautiful this morning, the tops of those trees were a huge fireball."

The winningest high school coach ever turns and smiles.

"No day is over if it makes a memory. You can hold on to them forever and ever." 🍷



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1. Husband David, a high school administrator and chief supporter, often drove the bus to away games. 2. NBA Hall of Famer Bill Walton, who became a friend and mentor, narrates the documentary on Leta. 3. In 2010, Leta got press for being on target to break the record for wins held by Dunbar High School Coach Robert Hughes. 4. Leta with her Granbury team. 5. The Granbury High School players celebrated when they broke the record in 2010 with Leta's 1,334th victory. 6. Leta with her daughters, Linda, Sharon "Sissy" and Lisa, all of whom were standout players in college. 7. Leta coaching at Calallen High School the year they won the 1990 Texas class AAAA state championship.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

1,416 career victories, making her the winningest high school basketball coach in history

37 district titles

15 appearances at the state tournament

Class 4A State Championship 1990

Walt Disney's Outstanding American Teacher of the Year 1993

Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame

U.S. Olympic Festival Coach 1991

Morgan Wootten Award for Lifetime Achievement for Coaching High School Basketball 2007

National High School Coach of the Year 2007

Texas Sports Hall of Fame

Coach for Nike All American High School Athletes in New Orleans

Head Coach at McDonald's 2006 All-American Game

National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

Two-time finalist for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

TXWES Distinguished Alumna Award 2018

Retired in 2014 after 52 years coaching



SPORTS REPORT

BANNER YEAR FOR VOLLEYBALL

The Sooner Athletic Conference in November announced **Tierra Coverson** (opposite, center left) as the Defensive Player of the Year, while five more members from the team adorn the 2018 All-Conference list.

Tierra Coverson and **Sasha Robinson** each received first-team designations. **Brianna Sitton** and **Dana Lohrke** took second-team honors, while **Chastiny Brown** and **Brenda Pargas** were given honorable mentions.

Coverson, a senior middle blocker, grabs her second All-SAC nod and has been the most proficient and dominant blocker in the conference for two consecutive seasons. For her career, she has 256 total blocks (59 solo, 197 assists). Her 1.1 blocks per set ranks first in the conference, as well as her 121 total blocks.

Sitton leads the conference with 464 digs and has strung together eight consecutive double digit dig games. Lohrke worked through a nagging injury to post 198 kills this season. This is her second All-Conference award.

The Lady Rams secured a return to the NAIA Women's Volleyball Championships with a win over SAGU in the SAC Tournament semifinal match. It is the 11th time in school history the team has made the tournament.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Our student-athletes continue to make us proud on and off the field. Eight of them were named Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes last fall. They include **Sarah Benitez** (volleyball), **Kian Hosseinpour** (men's soccer), **Geary Jones** (football), **Erik Richards** (football), **Sasha Robinson** (volleyball), **Catherine "Cat" Smith** (women's soccer), **Vincent Stephenson** (football) and **Reilly Stone** (women's

soccer). The program recognizes athletes who are at least juniors in academic standing with a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Way to go, Rams!

FIRST WIN IN 77 YEARS

Football gets its footing as athletes make All-SAC

It was a victory decades in the making. After 77 years (and a 45-minute lightning delay), Rams football got it done on the field, defeating Texas College for its first victory since 1941. Just a few weeks later, the Rams put a second win on the board, defeating Lyon College on Homecoming weekend.

At the end of the historic year, a remarkable 17 Rams were named to the inaugural All-SAC football list. Running back **Desmond Nisby** and cornerback **Michael Miller** made the first team; running back **Jermarcus Jones**, defensive end **Byron Tate** and punt returner **Diamond Williams** made the second team.

Off the field, 12 Rams were named to the Academic All-SAC team while three, **Braxton Brown**, **Geary Jones** and **Anthony Lalone**, were named SAC Scholar-Athletes.

SOCCER CHAMPS

Women's soccer earns Gibbs '03 "Coach of the Year"

The Lady Rams proved to be the top of the class of the Sooner Athletic Conference in 2018 by winning the regular season conference championship. Sophomore **Tameir Grosvenor** became the first Lady Ram to win SAC Player of the Year since **Alejandra Barrera** won the Red River Conference honor in 2008. Grosvenor also became the seventh women's soccer player to be named an NAIA All-American, earning a spot on the honorable mention team.

Head Coach Josh Gibbs was named SAC Coach of the Year, his third such

honor at the conference level, and first since joining the SAC. The 2003 TXWES alumnus is the winningest women's soccer coach in school history.



Men's soccer welcomes "Milo" back as assistant coach

The Rams finished the 2018 season with an appearance in the SAC Tournament quarterfinals. After the campaign, **Head Coach Cole Sweetser** announced the hiring of former Ram goalkeeper **Dejan "Milo" Milosevic** as assistant coach.

Milosevic made 162 career saves in two seasons and was a Red River All-Conference selection in 2012. He has coached several times over the last decade, including as a student assistant coach at TXWES. He also started the soccer club Texas Eagles FC, now known as Fort Worth FC.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

New inductees to be named soon

For more than 40 years, the Texas Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame has recognized men and women who made a profound impact on our student-athletes on and off the field. For the last several months, the Department of Athletics asked the TXWES community for nominations for a new class of inductees. That announcement is expected sometime later this year. Watch for more details on the Athletic Hall of Fame and contact **Athletic Director Ricky Dotson** at rdotson@txwes.edu with questions.





ALUMNI

HOMECOMING '18

IT'S ABOUT RAM TIME
JOIN US. GET INVOLVED. STAY IN TOUCH.

5K

Great traditions Fall homecoming kicked off with the Alumni Medal Dinner and included the Wesleyan 5K, the Brick Dedication Ceremony, tours of the new Martin Center, a football game and a party. At the Medal Dinner, the following were honored: Janie '77 MA '83 and Evan Faris '76 – Alumni of the Year; Leta Andrews '62 – Distinguished Alumna; Martin Garcia '09 JD '12 – Young Alumnus Achievement Award; Kenneth Barr – Honorary Alumnus; Hunter Enis – Honorary Alumnus; Greg Phillips '70 – Wesleyan Service Award; Michelle Payne '96 M.Ed. '97 JD '99 – Wesleyan Flame Award; Sarah Croft '77 – O.D. Bounds Award.



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Want to support your alma mater, but don't have much time? Sign up to be a Social Ram and share university news and events on social media with just the click of a button. The more you share the better your chances are to win cool TXWES prizes. txwes.edu/socialrams

ALUMNI DIRECTORY PROJECT

TXWES has partnered with PCI to produce a new alumni directory. This project will allow the university to receive important updates to our database so we know more about our alumni and how we can better serve you. The final directory will be made available to all alumni for purchase. We have a contractual agreement with PCI and your information will only be used for this publication and for Texas Wesleyan's record keeping. We hope you will participate in this important project and support your alma mater.

Oh, the horror!

Alumna gets noticed for her scary filmmaking.



Q&A

The first love for **Katreeva Phillips '11** has always been the arts. She's been acting in plays since she was a young girl, taught theater at Birdville ISD and even started a children's theater, where she wrote and produced shows.

All the while, she never let her love for film get away. After making several short films, including the most recent, *Henry*, she now has a feature-length horror project in the works — a genre she finds “charming.”

Her talent has definitely been noticed. Phillips was named a **Fort Worth Creative to Watch** by Visit Fort Worth in 2018, and isn't done yet.

Why did you decide to come to Texas Wesleyan? Myriad reasons. One was because one of my favorite teachers from high school [Dr. Bierschenk] was a professor of music here. And the small class sizes provided more potential for a professor and student relationship.

What was your most memorable experience at Wesleyan? I wasn't the most social for sure, but I remember wonderful events within the music department. The trip we all took to San Francisco is still one of my favorite trips I've ever taken.

How did being a student at TXWES shape your career path? It shaped me into a good musician, with an ear matched with theory and understanding.

On top of performing in dozens of plays throughout your career and teaching theater, you're now shifting into filmmaking. Ever get the urge to pick either theater or film as a full-time focus? I wouldn't call it an urge

to pick, but more as learning from myself through experience in both fields to see where I'm most happy. I practice and create in both fields currently and I'm very happy.

How did starting a children's theater come about? I had wanted to start a children's theater for years. I started Billy's Globe House with the help of another theater in town, and then ran it successfully for three years. I wrote and produced many plays, including two original musicals.

You said in an interview that you love horror films and even find them to be “charming.” What led to such a love for them? I love the worlds that horror films create. Even when executed badly, the genre has no end to creativity.

Have a favorite? *The Babadook*.

What's next for you? I have a web series coming this year, and I hope to have a full-length film finished by 2020. 🍷

— Neph Rivera



GAME DAY



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CLASS NOTES

1960s

U.S. Rep. **Kay Granger '65 HON '92** was recommended as the Republican Party's next top member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

1970s

Gary T. Balch '74 was recently honored by Everman ISD. In February, more than 200 family, friends, students and teammates gathered at Everman High School to celebrate and dedicate the new Gary T. Balch Ballpark. Gary's sons also attended TXWES – **Garrett Balch '03** and **Marcus Balch '99**.

At the dedication (from left to right): former Rams baseball players: **Larry Bruner '78**, **Ken Dunson '76**, **Rick Ryser '75**, Gary, **Max Wayman '74**, **Gary Maberry '72**, **Rusty Jacobs '77**.



Evan Faris '76 was a guest pastry chef for two TCU football games this past season. He has also been invited to return as a guest chef to the Desserts After Dark event of the Fort Worth Food + Wine Festival. Evan has been a guest chef ever since its inception and this will be his fifth year to participate.



Janie Faris '77 MA '83 was named an inaugural member of the Circle of Excellence Council for Texas Best Properties in recognition of her outstanding work ethic, professionalism and excellence to every client.



1980s

Tim Martinez '83 was named Volunteer of the Year for Art Launch of Houston.

Brad Oldham '89 appeared on the TV show *Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders: Making the Team*. He not only designs the cheerleaders' belt buckles, he created a metal swimsuit for the DCC calendar shoot.

Thanks to **Dr. Kimberly Persley '89**, gastroenterologist for Texas Digestive Disease Consultants, for delivering the fall commencement address to Texas Wesleyan's graduating class on Dec. 15.



Four classmates represented TXWES at Stonehenge in England – **Steve Courington '87**, **Mark Harris '86**, **Melissa Dunlap Hunt '88** and **Barbara Sedan '88**.



1990s

Janet Hahn '91 was named a 2018 Legacy of Women Honoree at the SafeHaven Legacy of Women awards banquet in October.

Beverly Powell '92 MBA '99

defeated Konni Burton in the race for Texas Senate, District 10.



Meredith Lucio '93 joined the producing team of the national tour of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*, which opened in January 2019.

Bobby Mills '95 was elected to the Biddeford City Council in Maine for five terms serving 10 years and was recently elected to serve as the next York County treasurer. Currently, he works at the Biddeford School Department in the Special Education Department and with a company called Creative Work Systems, which works with individuals of intellectual, emotional and physical challenges.

Kelly Holze Reeves '96 and her twin boys participated in the Wesleyan 5K and all of them placed. Hunter, 14, received third place overall male, Tyler, 14, placed first in



his age group, and Kelly placed third in her age group. Congrats to the Reeves family!

Chris Masingill '97 was recently named CEO of St. Tammany Parish Development District. He previously served as federal co-chairman of the Delta Regional Authority. Masingill will head STPDD as it assumes the role of the parish's lead economic development organization.

2000s

Chelsy Merrill '02 was named Fort Worth Country Day School's director of fine arts.



Jen Teague '02 opened her Etsy store after many years of making jewelry as a hobby.

Santiago Saenz '06 and wife **Arlene '03** welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Alena, in October.



Michael Meier '07 and Angela welcomed a boy, Jaxson Eberhart, on Sept. 1. Mike is a wholesale insurance broker and Angela is a certified neurological music therapist. The family now resides in San Diego, California.



Tiffany Hanzik '09 joined Texas Secure Title Company as the Collin and Dallas counties manager and in-house attorney.

Benjamin Phillips '09 directed *Searching for Eden: The Diaries of Adam & Eve* at ONSTAGE in Bedford in March 2019.

2010s

The Hispanic Women's Network is a statewide organization that has become a premier women's organization in Texas, with the Fort Worth chapter being the largest. **Sandra Garcia '02 MiM '09** was elected chair and received the Hispanic Women's Network Estrellas de Tejas award; **Jeanette Martinez '12** is treasurer; and **Branigan Contreras '15** is vice chair of membership for the 2019-2020 term.



Tricia Howard '10 returned to the halls of her alma mater, Mineral Wells High School, to speak with students about different types of occupations available in the technology field, as well as the influence of social media on job searches. She credits her experiences in high school and at Texas Wesleyan for helping set the stage for her career in New York.

Julie Murphy's '10 novel, *Dumplin'* became a No. 1 *New York Times* bestseller. The movie, *Dumplin'*, starring Jennifer Aniston, was based on Julie's novel and is now streaming on Netflix. (See story on p. 9.)



Joy Millard Hatcher '11 and **Chris Hatcher '10** welcomed their new baby Orland "Ollie" Wiley Hatcher into the world on May 29.

Amy Craddock McCaislin '11 and husband Mitchell welcomed their new daughter, Cora, in October.



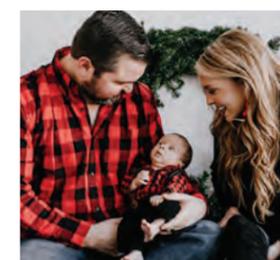
Katreeva Phillips '11 premiered her short film, *Henry*, Nov. 4. The film follows the home life of a middle-aged man named Henry who is suffering from extreme agoraphobia. (See story on p. 27.)

Taylor Pokluda '11 married Taylor McGraw on Nov. 10.



Ashly Spencer '11 was recognized by the blog *Teach to Teach* as its first Teacher of the Month.

Heath Scott '11 and wife Ashley welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Abigail, into the world in August.



Justin Padron '12 and wife **Erin Bethany '12** welcomed their little boy, Walker, into the world on Nov. 5.

Melody Doddy '12 and husband Rolando welcomed beautiful baby girl Kalyani Rose on Nov. 22.



Jordana Abrenica '13 served as the sound engineer for the Broadway musical, *Summer: The Donna Summer Musical*.

Darren White MBA '16 spotted fellow Wesleyan grad **Niky Morrison '15** while jogging in Jacksonville, Florida. Both are working on exciting careers – Darren in consulting and Niky



in student engagement at Florida Gateway College. Darren wrote: "I guess it's true what they say about Rams — 'Smaller. Smarter.' really does go farther!"

Hayley Eaker '16 was named Teacher of the Month at Bridgeport Elementary School.

Abbey Reece '16 graduated with her MPA from the University of North Texas in May. She is currently the assistant to the city manager for the city of Justin.

Tyler Guse '17 has a new job as costume technician for Disney Cruise Line and was aboard the Disney Fantasy through Feb. 9.

Victoria Gallegos '18 and **Luis Calderon '18** explained why "Smaller. Smarter." was the right path for them when they were featured in the *Dallas Morning News*.



Tristeza Ordex-Ramirez '18, president of El Voto Es Latino, was a finalist for the Community Champion Award presented by the Presbyterian Night Shelter.



Former Ram **John Pirtle** welcomed baby girl Charlotte Jeannie Rose.

REMEMBRANCES

Betty Bragan HON '04
Jan. 3, 2019
Fort Worth



Betty and late husband Bobby Bragan HON '04 were great supporters of Texas Wesleyan. They established an endowed scholarship for religion majors and were significant donors to the Polytechnic United Methodist Church renovation fund. They also donated a multitude of baseball memorabilia to the university, as Bobby was a former player and coach in Major League Baseball and former Fort Worth Cats manager. Betty Bragan, aka "B.B.," left a legacy of love, self-assurance, service and faith in God. She loved to give back to the community and local nonprofits, including Texas Wesleyan University.

Rudolph "Rudy" Pulido '63
Dec. 2, 2018
Benbrook



Rudy was one of the founding partners of Pulido's restaurants. He served as the executive vice president of Pulido's restaurants before retiring. He served on the Texas Wesleyan Board of Trustees, Fort Worth Osteopathic Foundation Board, Fort Worth Airpower Council, Fort Worth Visitors and Convention Bureau, as well as the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and other chambers. He had a special dedication to organizations that benefit the less fortunate and for children's causes such as Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House, and was a founding contributor to the West Side Lions Youth Activities. He was preceded in death by Rudy M. Pulido Jr. '94. He is survived, among others, by son Peter A. Pulido '98.

Wendell Conditt '52
Dec. 31, 2018
Hurst



Wendell was an avid golfer and one of the founding members of Diamond Oaks Country Club. He was involved in the Fort Worth Junior Golf Club for 52 years, which was his passion. He enjoyed working with young, aspiring golfers. He was also a supporter of Texas Wesleyan University and First Tee of Fort Worth. Wendell was a consistent supporter of the TXWES golf program and always participated in the annual O.D. Bounds Golf Tournament. He was pivotal in the establishment of the Lee Trevino-Wendell Conditt Endowed Golf Fund at Texas Wesleyan University. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Harriett, and several children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including son, Wendell "Ras" Conditt '80.

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Georgia Isbell Rainwater '44
March 11, 2018
Fort Worth

Marian Souder '54
Sept. 16, 2018
Bluffton, Ohio

Wanda Johnson Campbell '66
July 15, 2018
Clemson, South Carolina

Lorena Becker Jordan '72
Dec. 2, 2018
Fort Worth

Beverly Curry Black '45
Nov. 1, 2018
Dallas

James Waggoner '54
Sept. 1, 2018
Athens

Michael Moore '68
Nov. 19, 2018
Fort Worth

Thomas "Tommy" Jordan '72
Dec. 2, 2018
Fort Worth

Darlene Hobbs Campbell '48
July 29, 2018
Cleburne

G. "G.D." Cockerham '57 MA '63
Aug. 31, 2018
Arlington

James "Dick" Wilson '69
July 13, 2018
Plano

Bobby Adkins '73
Oct. 29, 2018
Albany

Charles "Charlie" McManus '53 M.Ed. '57
Sept. 3, 2018
Fort Worth

Marjorie Dillow '59
July 8, 2018
Ozark, Missouri

Elaine Conner Garvin '70
Nov. 27, 2018
Fort Worth

Harry Scott '73
July 7, 2018
Fort Worth

Wanda Edwards '54 MA '63
Oct. 1, 2018
Temple

Garnett Grant '62
Dec. 31, 2018
Gatesville

Benjamin Copeland '72
Aug. 27, 2018
Blanco

Howard Yeary '73
Nov. 11, 2018
Whitney

Peter Mais '64
Dec. 25, 2018
Richland Hills

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Oct. 12, 2018
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Nov. 26, 2018
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Richard Eastham '89
Sept. 24, 2018
Troup

Andrew Myers '90
Sept. 24, 2018
Bedford

Derrick Applon '17
Aug. 28, 2018
Fort Worth

FRIENDS & FORMER FACULTY

Dionne Bagsby
Jan. 10, 2019
Fort Worth

C.B. Bruner
Jan. 14, 2019
Fort Worth
Spouse: Martha Bruner '52

Mary Jean Russell
Dec. 27, 2018
Fort Worth
Spouse: John Russell HON '87

DeLoris Whitney
Sept. 2, 2018
Scottsdale, Arizona

William Riley Willey, III
Dec. 23, 2018
Frisco
Retired professor

Do you recall an important “AHA!” learning moment from your Wesleyan days? Share it with us. Email wesleyan@txwes.edu.

FAVORITE PROFESSOR

We asked, you answered.

My favorite professor at Wesleyan was **Dr. Jerry Bierschenk**. He was my choir director, voice teacher, conducting teacher, and music education teacher. He was the first one to make a funny joke while keeping order and getting everything accomplished that needed to be done. Under his leadership the group performed at bigger venues, and because of his hard work, Wesleyan began to get more fame. He helped grow my voice into something unique. In his class, I met my future wife. He was one of the first people to see it. I am not saying he put us next to each other on purpose, but it would not surprise me. — **Joey Forney '11**

I entered what was then Texas Wesleyan College in the fall of 1976 as a business major, but I loved choir, so I joined Wesleyan Singers. That's where I got to know **Stephen Simons**, the group's conductor. His enthusiasm, knowledge and charisma drew me in and I began taking private voice lessons from him. I got cast in the opera workshop production that year, which he music directed. I spun my wheels for three semesters as a business major before I bit the bullet and changed my major to music, partially because of his influence, and I never regretted it. I studied conducting

under him and thrived under his conducting of not only the Wesleyan Singers, but also Oratorio Chorus and Jazz Singers. In 2005 I made my way back into Dr. Simons' orbit by joining Arlington Heights UMC, where he's the choir director. I consider him a dear friend, and I've been singing Handel's *Messiah* under Steve for over 40 years. — **Stan Graner '81**

English professor **Neil Duncan** profiled for me what to expect from Wesleyan: helpful, kind and fair. He added humor to his classroom as he believed studying literature can be fun. Although adamant about assignments on-time completion, a grammarian and intolerant of tardiness, classes were fun and I parted knowledgeable. His classes led me to classic literature and a pursuit of being a writer. In class, writing exercises were assigned to stir idle imaginations. One final exam he asked us to describe a dot. I was under his tutelage for three semesters and moved on to my major, business administration. Writing was what I enjoyed and in my student career I was a reporter and editor for *The Rambler*. Communication, research and imagination were vital tools for me in my business career. I valued what I learned from him —

do your work, show up on time and keep a sense of humor. — **Henry Fegan '78**

No one has ever loved Texas Wesleyan University, then Texas Wesleyan College as much as economics professor **Kusum Amar Nath (K.A.N.) Luther**. Of all the accolades awarded to him over the years, the most incredible, upon his death was this: His memorial service was simply titled “Teacher.”

I remember roundtable discussions about important subjects/current events of the day that involved teachers and students and even parents. We were arguing the Mexico border wall in 1978! He volunteered to coach the men's soccer team in its first year. He started a garden with his incredible partner Annette Luther and “volunteered” me to look after it one spring. And most importantly, he developed a liberal arts curriculum that everyone could be proud of.

I am 61 years old now, and the proudest moment of my life was when Dr. Luther robed me for my graduation, symbolizing everything that displays the teacher-student relationship at Wesleyan.

— **Bradley Gardner '79**



Stan Graner '81 changed his major from business to music partly due to the influence of Wesleyan professor Stephen Simons — a decision he has never regretted. Graner has been singing Handel's *Messiah* under Simons' direction for the past 40 years.



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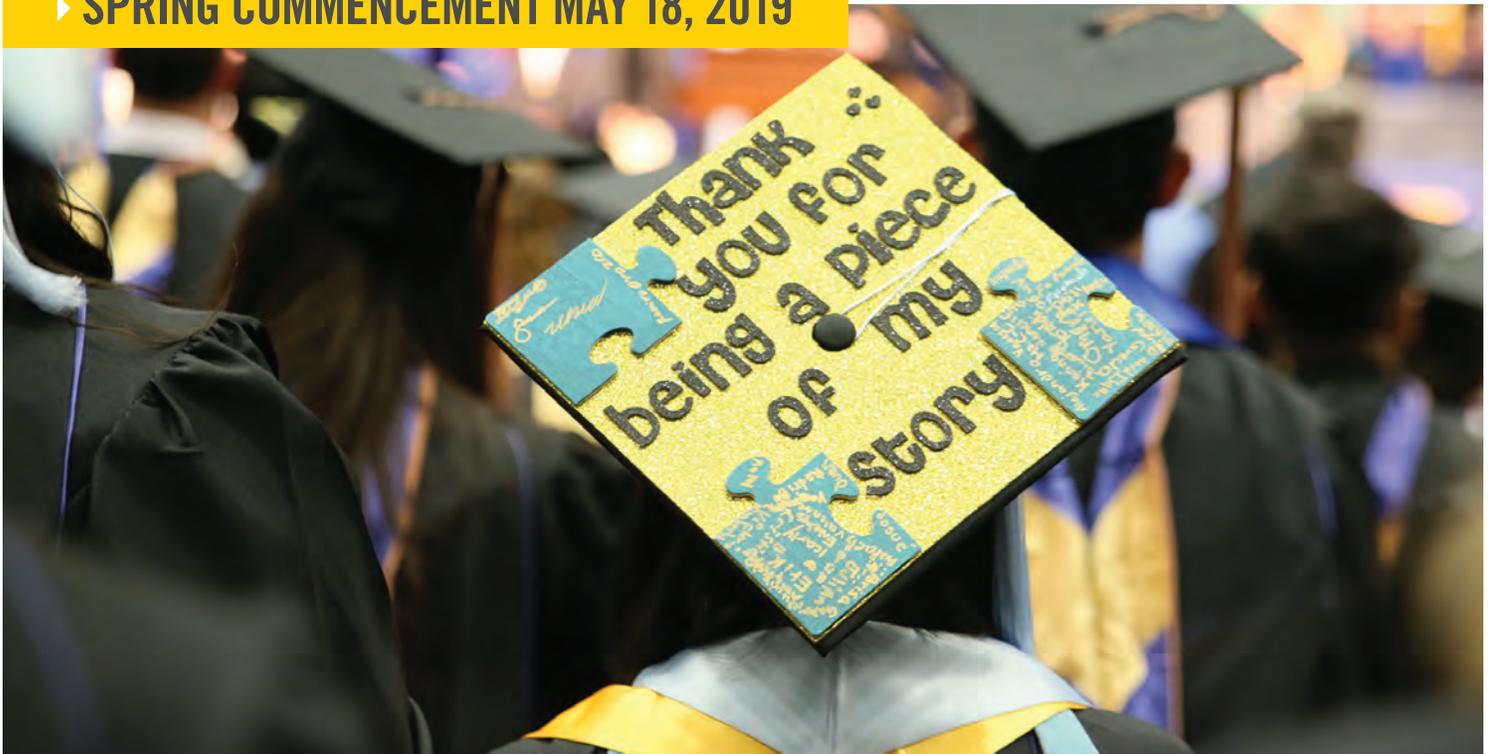




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Day of celebration and gratitude Personalized mortar boards are a graduation tradition, and this one speaks to the influence TXWES has on graduates' lives. In December, 287 graduates were awarded. This spring, 282 are slated to graduate: seven doctorates, 47 master's and 228 bachelor's degrees.