

*entrepreneurial spirit*  
*personal integrity*  
*community leadership*

## Texas Business Hall of Fame

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Induction Dinner**  
Tuesday, October 30, 2012  
Hilton Americas Hotel • Houston, Texas

2012  
*Thirty Years*  
1982



**DONALD ADAM**  
*College Station*



**FRANK A. BENNACK, JR.**  
*San Antonio*



**DOUGLAS L. FOSHEE**  
*Houston*



**JOHN L. NAU, III**  
*Houston*



**TODD WAGNER**  
*Dallas*



# Welcome

**Eric Bing**

Chairman, Texas Business Hall of Fame

**Dan Rather**

Master of Ceremonies

**Recognition of Texas Business Hall of Fame Members**

**Recognition of 2012 Inductees**

**Invocation**

**Dinner**

**Recognition of 2012 Scholarship Recipients**

**Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

# Closing Remarks

**Eric Bing**

**Mark Johnson**

Chairman, 2013, Texas Business Hall of Fame

*2012 Inductees to the  
Texas Business  
Hall of Fame*

**Donald Adam**  
College Station

**Frank A. Bennack, Jr.**  
San Antonio

**Douglas L. Foshee**  
Houston

**John L. Nau, III**  
Houston

**Todd Wagner**  
Dallas

# Donald Adam



Donald A. Adam, of Bryan/College Station, is Chairman of The Board and CEO of The Adam Corporation/Group, a privately owned company headquartered in College Station, Texas, since 1969. The Adam Corporation is currently comprised of companies which include the banking industry, residential and commercial real estate development, Country Club ownership and management, insurance inspection, aircraft charter service, thoroughbred horse breeding and racing.

Upon graduating from Texas A&M University, Mr. Adam entered the military as a Lieutenant and left the military after serving three years as a Captain. Following his military service and return to Texas, he founded his first business designing and implementing pension retirement plans for a large group of corporate entities. It was through this business in 1964, while implementing a pension plan for a company that was engaged in cable television, that he became aware of the ultimate opportunities of this infant technology and its potential for substantial growth. After much study and research, Mr. Adam founded his first cable television company in 1969 providing service to the Bryan/College Station community. The business grew to be one of the largest privately owned operators in the United States serving in excess of 150,000 households in eleven states. He began divesting the cable television properties in 1987, enabling him to participate in the rebuilding of the financial industry in Texas. He founded First American Bank in October of 1988 by acquiring eleven failed financial institutions and ultimately acquiring three more failed institutions. The fourteen institutions were consolidated into a single entity with assets in excess of \$3.8 billion and were restructured to become one of the highest performing banks in Texas. First American Bank was sold in March 2005 to CitiGroup, at the time the largest financial institution in the world, which expanded CitiGroup into the Texas market with 107 banking centers. In 2006 Mr. Adam founded American Momentum Bank, in Tampa, Florida with \$100 million in initial capitalization, setting a record for a de novo Florida Bank. The bank now has locations throughout Florida and in Bryan/College Station, Texas with assets exceeding \$1 Billion.

Mr. Adam has many philanthropic interests in both Texas and Florida. He has provided time and financial support to American Heart Association, Health for All, Boys and Girls Club, The Opera and Performing Arts Society, Brazos Valley Food Bank and to Texas A&M University for many years. Mr. Adam, who early in life was cured of Melanoma Cancer, was privileged to have funded The Donald A. Adam Comprehensive Melanoma Research Center at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida. Mr. Adam was also a charter member of the George H. Bush Presidential Library Foundation in College Station and is the founder and director of the Donald A. Adam Family Foundation.

Mr. Adam, who was a member of The Corps of Cadets while attending Texas A&M University, was recently honored by being inducted into the Texas A&M Corps Hall of Honor. He has been named Master Entrepreneur and Outstanding Alumnus by the College of Business at Texas A&M University. In addition, Mr. Adam was recently named a Distinguished Alumnus at Texas A&M University.

Mr. Adam resides in Bryan with his wife Donna, and recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. They have two children, both graduates of Texas A&M University, and five grandchildren, the oldest also a graduate of Texas A&M University.



## *Frank A. Bennack, Jr.*

Frank A. Bennack, Jr. is the chief executive officer of Hearst Corporation, one of the nation's largest private companies engaged in a broad range of publishing, broadcasting, cable networking and diversified communications activities. He is in his second tenure as CEO and in his first, served as Hearst's CEO for more than 23 years. He is also presently executive vice chairman of the Hearst Board of Directors and chairman of the Corporation's Executive Committee.

Bennack is also a director of Hearst Corporation and a Trustee of The Hearst Family Trust established under the Will of William Randolph Hearst. In addition, he sits on a number of corporate committees and The Hearst Foundation boards where he has served for more than 25 years.

After his first tenure as president and CEO began in 1979, Bennack directed the Company through an unprecedented period of growth, increasing revenues sevenfold and growing earnings to 13 times what they had been, through investments, acquisitions and start-ups. Today, the Company comprises some 200 separate businesses with some 20,000 employees.

Under Bennack's leadership, the company launched with ABC's three leading cable networks, A&E, History, and Lifetime, plus its investments in the ESPN family of networks. On his watch, Hearst acquired 11 newspapers, including two of the nation's largest, the Houston Chronicle and the San Francisco Chronicle, two trade publishing companies, three major consumer magazines, a television production operation, various syndication and distribution businesses and multiple television stations. Bennack also led the company into expanded investments outside of the United States. During his tenure, Hearst has launched such magazines as Country Living, O, The Oprah Magazine, Marie Claire and SmartMoney.

Bennack was instrumental in the decision to create what today is Hearst Television Inc., one of the nation's largest non-network owned television station groups which operates 29 television stations. In 2009, he directed a merger between Hearst Broadcasting and Hearst-Argyle Television resulting in Hearst-Argyle becoming a wholly-owned private subsidiary of Hearst Corporation. Bennack was an original board member of Hearst-Argyle Television, and before being named chairman in 2008 was presiding director. Hearst folded its television holdings into Hearst-Argyle Television in 1997, forming a public company.

Prior to his first tenure as chief executive, Bennack served as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Corporation and, prior to that, as vice president and general manager of the Hearst Newspaper Group. He also served in a variety of management posts, including a seven-year tenure (1967-1974) as publisher and editor of the San Antonio Light.

Bennack is a director of Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation. He is chairman of The National Magazine Company Limited of Great Britain, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hearst Corporation. Bennack is also a governor and vice chairman of New York-Presbyterian Hospital and its Healthcare System, a managing director of the Metropolitan Opera of New York, chairman emeritus of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and chairman of The Paley Center for Media (formerly The Museum of Television & Radio). He was the 1992-93 chairman of the Newspaper Association of America (formerly the American Newspaper Publishers Association).

As a teenager, the San Antonio native was host of both television and radio programs. He eventually entered publishing in his hometown, and rose from classified advertising salesman to newspaper publisher by the age of 34.

Bennack has received honors for his charitable work from such organizations as the American Heart Association, United Cerebral Palsy and the Inner City Scholarship Fund of New York. His industry awards include the Gold Medal from the International Radio & Television Society in 1991, the Trustees' Award (Emmy) from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in 1993, the 1997 Center for Communication Award, the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Advertising Council in 1999, and the 1999 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Broadcasters. In 2007, he was elected into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

# Douglas L. Foshee



Douglas L. Foshee is former chairman, president, and chief executive officer of El Paso Corporation, which owned North America's largest natural gas pipeline system and one of North America's largest natural gas producers.

Prior to joining El Paso in 2003, Foshee served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for Halliburton. He joined Halliburton in 2001 as executive vice president and chief financial officer. Prior to that, Foshee was president, chief executive officer, and chairman of the board at Nuevo Energy Company. From 1993 to 1997, Foshee served Torch Energy Advisors Inc. in various capacities, including chief operating officer and chief executive officer. He held various positions in finance and new business ventures with ARCO International Oil and Gas Company and spent seven years in commercial banking, primarily as an energy lender.

Foshee earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the Jesse H. Jones School at Rice University in 1992 and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Southwest Texas State University in 1982. He is also a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

Foshee serves on the boards of Cameron International Corporation, Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation, Central Houston, Inc., Greater Houston Partnership, and Houston Endowment Inc. He also formerly chaired the board of directors of The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch. From January 2009 until February 2010, Foshee was appointed by the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to serve in a leadership role as an independent trustee of the AIG Credit Facility Trust. The Trust was established by the U.S. Treasury to hold a 77.9-percent equity interest in American International Group (AIG).

Foshee is a member of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, National Petroleum Council, the Council of Overseers for the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management at Rice University, and KIPP's board of trustees. He is a recipient of the 2007 Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his commitment to helping children succeed and his leadership role in the business community. In 2008, Foshee was named Distinguished Alumni at Texas State University.



## *John L. Nau, III*

John L. Nau, III is President and Chief Executive Officer of Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P., the nation's largest distributor of Anheuser-Busch products. Silver Eagle employs over 1,200 employees that serve 16 counties in Texas through operations in Houston, San Antonio, Conroe, Cypress and Rosenberg. Silver Eagle also distributes Grupo Modelo beers, a broad selection of microbrews and craft beers, and several non-alcoholic beverages and waters.

Nau's commitment to service is apparent through a broad spectrum of participation in civic, community, and philanthropic organizations in Houston and throughout the country. His current involvement includes Vice Chairman of the National Parks Foundation Board of Directors, Civil War Trust Board of Directors and Chairman Emeritus, Baylor College of Medicine Board of Trustees, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Board of Trustees, Honorary Trustee of the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau, Honorary Trustee of Texas Heart Institute, Honorary State Trustee of San Antonio Parks Foundation.

Director and Executive Committee member of the Greater Houston Partnership and Advisory Council member to the Center for Big Bend Studies. He also serves as a Board Member for the Center for Houston's Future, Discovery Green Conservancy, Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Friends of Vicksburg National Military Park, Houston Police Foundation, The Admiral Nimitz Foundation, and The Texas State Historical Association. Additionally, he is Chairman of the Capital Campaign for The Center for Texas Cultural Heritage and Chairman of the Steering Committee for the proposed Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area. He is founder and President of The Nau Foundation.

His lifelong interest and study of American history provided him with the knowledge and background to serve as chairman of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 2001 – 2010, a position appointed by the President of the United States. He also served as chairman of the Texas Historical Commission, 1995 – 2009, a position appointed by the Governor of Texas.

He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and currently serves on the Board of Visitors, a position appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He also serves as Vice Chairman and on the Executive Committee for the UVA Capital Campaign.

Nau and his wife, Bobbie, reside in Houston, Texas. Their family includes two daughters, Elizabeth Nau Stepanian and husband Andy, Victoria Nau Johnson and husband Parker, and five grandchildren, Katharine, Reese and Driggs Stepanian, and Liston and Case Johnson.



# Todd Wagner



Todd Wagner's dynamic blend of entrepreneurial spirit, business expertise and philanthropic commitment have resulted in the creation of some of the country's most successful and compelling digital, intellectual and physical properties.

A native of Gary, Indiana, Wagner received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, and subsequently earned a law degree from the University of Virginia. After building a successful law practice in his adopted hometown of Dallas, he decided to follow his dreams and become a full-time entrepreneur in the emerging Internet sector.

In 1995, Wagner joined with fellow Indiana alumnus Mark Cuban to launch AudioNet, which broadcast live sporting events and radio stations over the Internet out of a garage. As CEO of AudioNet, Wagner grew the company to employ some 300 people and expanded its offering to include corporate events and business services. In 1998, the company's name was changed to Broadcast.com, and under the stewardship of Wagner and Cuban, went public. The Broadcast.com IPO set an opening-day record, with shares climbing 249 percent from an offering price of \$18 to a closing price of \$62.75. In 1999, Broadcast.com was sold to Yahoo! for \$5.7 billion. Wagner continued to lead the business as a division of Yahoo! until May 2000, when he declined an offer to become Yahoo!'s Chief Operating Officer to focus on other interests.

Wagner later fused his passion for entertainment with his business portfolio to build the Wagner/Cuban Companies. This innovative portfolio of companies spans content creation, distribution and exhibition: 2929 Entertainment, 2929 Productions, Magnolia Pictures, Landmark Theatres and AXS TV (formerly HDNet/HDNet Movies). As CEO of 2929 Entertainment, Wagner has been the driving visionary behind important films such as the Oscar®-nominated *Good Night, and Good Luck* and *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room*, as well as *Akeelah and the Bee*, *We Own the Night* and *The Road*. He is currently developing his next passion project, *The Chosin Few*, a film about the landmark Korean War battle. In addition, Wagner is honored to serve on the board of directors for both the American Film Institute and the Tribeca Film Institute.

Wagner's other business interests include a stake in the World Champion Dallas Mavericks and the Weinstein Company. Additionally, he founded and serves as co-chairman of Content Partners LLC, a company that invests in the back-end profit participations of Hollywood talent. Wagner also continues to invest in and nurture a variety of technology and media start-ups.

In addition to his business endeavors, Wagner has made a very substantial commitment of his time, energy and resources to giving back through the Todd Wagner Foundation. Since its inception, the Foundation has pioneered Wagner's vision of venture philanthropy and invested tens of millions of dollars in cutting-edge programs that empower underserved communities and improve the lives of at-risk children.

The Foundation's signature program is MIRACLES®, a structured after-school program focusing on technology, education and life skills for children grades 6-12. In 2007, the Foundation made a substantial grant that united the MIRACLES® curriculum with The Boys & Girls Clubs of America's (BGCA) technology program "Club Tech."

One of the Foundation's first initiatives was the Minority Technology Fund, which provided resources, mentoring and training to help entrepreneurs in Dallas' inner city compete in today's technology-driven world. The Fund made important early investments in several companies who continue to thrive more than a decade later.

Wagner is also an ardent supporter of the After-School All-Stars (ASAS), which offers year-round technology, academic, sports and cultural programs for inner-city children to help them achieve success in school and in life. In addition to serving on the ASAS national board of directors for 10 years, he brought the organization to Dallas in 2001 and built it into a widely respected program that has reached approximately 8,600 children through partnerships with Dallas ISD and dozens of community- and faith-based organizations.

In 2003, the Todd Wagner Foundation partnered with the nationally renowned Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) to bring KIPP's first college preparatory public school to Dallas. KIPP TRUTH currently has more than 350 students enrolled in grades five through eight, and KIPP recently announced ambitious expansion plans for the Dallas/Ft. Worth area with hopes of having 10 KIPP schools serving 5,000 students in the region by 2025.

Other recent Foundation investments include a multi-year commitment to The First Tee's "Campaign for 10 Million Young People," of which Wagner himself became a Trustee.

Wagner has received numerous honors in recognition of his philanthropic efforts including the After-School All-Stars Inspire Award (2010); Launch Ability's Milton P. Levy Volunteerism Award (2008); Dallas CASAs "Champion of Kids" (2005); Kappa Sigma's National Man of the Year (2003); and Social Entrepreneur of the Year (2002) by Dallas' Center for Nonprofit Management.

# Texas Business Hall of Fame

## 2012 Scholarship Recipients

**Jeffrey M. Bischoff**

Baylor University

**Savannah Campbell**

Southern Methodist University

**Johnny C. Casarez**

Texas Tech University

**Raleigh Chen**

St. Mary's University

**Mandy Davidhizar**

Sam Houston State University

**Phillip E. Davis**

University of North Texas

**Emma Kathryn Fauss**

Rice University

**Mayra Guerra**

University of Texas - Pan American

**James P. Kelly, Jr.**

Texas A&M University

**Lewis E. McKenzie, II**

University of Dallas

**Cory Older**

Acton School of Business

**Nerissa Perkins**

Texas Southern University

**Dawnlee J. Roberson**

University of Texas - San Antonio

**Genevieve Simmons**

University of Houston

**Brian Spencer**

Texas State University

**Anneke Talsma**

Texas Christian University

**Ryan Watson**

Houston Baptist University

**Erin Whalen**

University of Texas at Austin

**Jonathan Willson**

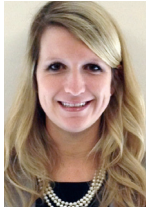
University of Texas - Dallas



### **Jeffrey M. Bischoff**

Baylor University

Jeffrey M. Bischoff attended Baylor University during his undergrad and received a Bachelor's degree in Economics with a minor in Applied Mathematics. He is currently completing his MBA, specializing in Entrepreneurship, at Baylor University. Jeff has recently started his own successful business, Bear Nutrition, in Waco, Texas, near Baylor's campus. Jeff's honors at Baylor have included Beta Gamma Sigma, Delta Epsilon Iota, Vice President of Net Impact, and a volunteer for the Prison Entrepreneurship Program.



### **Savannah Campbell**

Southern Methodist University

Savannah Campbell is originally from Fort Worth, TX and received her BBA from The McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin. After her undergraduate studies, Savannah worked in Houston for Caterpillar in the Global Petroleum Group before becoming an account manager for United Technologies Corporation in the Otis Elevator Company division. Over the summer she interned with The Private Bank at J.P. Morgan in New York City and Dallas. Savannah is currently in her second year of the full-time MBA program at The Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University where she is President of the Student Advisory Board and involved in the student-run investment fund. After graduation, Savannah will be pursuing a career in investment management.



### **Johnny C. Casarez**

Texas Tech University

Johnny C. Casarez (J.C.) was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas. Throughout high school and his undergraduate degree, J.C. successfully maintained both full-time work and school schedules. At the age of 20, J.C. completed his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University. This December, he will graduate from Texas Tech University with an M.B.A. specializing in Entrepreneurship. J.C. is constantly coming up with new ideas for a venture of his own. He has strong interests in mobile and web-based application ventures. As an aspiring pioneer in turning Texas into a greater technology hub, J.C. has high goals to develop his first company before the age of 25.



### **Raleigh Chen**

St. Mary's University

Originally from Dallas, Texas, Raleigh moved to San Antonio to work full-time at USAA after receiving his undergraduate degree from the Business Honors Program at the University of Texas. Since arriving in San Antonio, he has been extremely active with his church, served on the board of the San Antonio Swing Dance Society, started his own company, and has been pursuing an MBA at St. Mary's University. Raleigh is married to fellow swing dancer Kim, and has a beautiful 2 year old daughter, Cecilia.



### **Mandy Davidhizar**

Sam Houston State University

Born and raised in the Houston area, Mandy Davidhizar is the seventh child of ten. She is currently double majoring in Banking and Finance with a minor in Accounting. She excels in her studies and has a passion for service within the Hispanic community. In addition to working as Food Service Manager at Forest Glen Inc., she is involved in many organizations and holds the position Vice President of TRUTH, a college ministry, and Ambassador for the College of Business Administration.



### **Phillip E. Davis**

University of North Texas

Phillip Davis is a doctoral student at the University of North Texas concentrating in strategy and entrepreneurship. He received his MBA and BS in industrial engineering from Clemson University. Phillip's research interests include: firm start-up, capabilities, and strategic entrepreneurship. He and a coauthor won the 2012 United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship conference Best Doctoral Student paper award. Prior to his doctoral studies, Phillip held managerial and executive positions in manufacturing and banking.



### **Emma Kathryn Fauss**

Rice University

Emma Fauss is completing her MBA at the Jones School of Business at Rice University. She holds a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia and a BS in Chemical Engineering from The Cooper Union. As a Rice Alliance and DFJ Mercury Venture Fellow, Emma advises entrepreneurs within the Texas Medical Center and Rice University. Emma is the CEO and co-founder of Medical Informatics, a software company developing next-generation clinical decision support technologies.



### **Mayra Guerra**

University of Texas - Pan American

Mayra Guerra currently serves as Director of Training Operations for the Abriendo Puertas (Opening Doors) Initiative, a Texas-based "family focused" college-success non-profit entity. In her current position, Ms. Guerra provides programmatic oversight and expertise to approximately 30 school districts throughout the state. Ms. Guerra attained a Bachelor of Social Work from The University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA); graduating Magna Cum Laude. She is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration at UTPA.



### **James P. Kelly, Jr.**

Texas A&M University

James "Jim" Kelly is from Houston, Texas. Jim enlisted in the Army in 2001, and deployed to Iraq in 2003 as a Sniper with the 4th Infantry Division. Jim holds a BBA in Finance from Sam Houston State, and is currently an MBA candidate at Texas A&M, serving as the president of the MBA Association. Jim has been married for ten years and has three children, Parker (6), Kaitlyn (2) and Max (10 months).



### **Lewis E. McKenzie, II**

University of Dallas

Lewis E. McKenzie II is from Akron, OH and currently resides in Dallas, TX with his wife, Tiffani McKenzie. He is the CIO of PSA Constructors, Inc. and currently pursuing a Master of Information Technology degree at the University of Dallas. Lewis' goal is to own his own construction IT Firm. His motto is to treat people how you would like to be treated and always do the right thing, no matter what the cost.



### **Cory Older**

Acton School of Business

Cory has always had the entrepreneurial spirit in his blood. He currently manages several real estate investments, a not-for-profit, and has recently started a company in the home services industry. He is also an employee at Keller Williams Realty International where he works directly with the company's senior executive team on strategic planning. He is a mentor with Explore Austin, and he and his wife, Danielle, welcomed their first child this summer.



### **Nerissa Perkins**

Texas Southern University

Nerissa Perkins was born and raised in Houston, Texas and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Howard University. She has launched her own makeup design company and is currently in her final year pursuing an MBA at Texas Southern University. Nerissa has experience in marketing, planning, and business development. She is very involved in the community and is a member of several community service organizations.



### **Dawnlee J. Roberson**

University of Texas - San Antonio

Dr. Dawnlee Roberson is a native Texan, but was raised in the Midwest. She is a graduate of the University of Texas systems (BS Biology, UT-San Antonio, MS Electrical Engineering, UT-San Antonio and PhD, Biomedical Engineering, UT-Austin), and is currently pursuing an MBA at UTSA. She is in the Air Force Reserves, and continues to serve as a Medical Service Corps officer. She currently lives outside San Antonio, where her business is based.



### **Genevieve Simmons**

University of Houston

Genevieve Simmons is a Texas native and a proud student of the University of Houston's Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship. A 15-year veteran of voice and drama, Genevieve has competed nationally earning her various awards and scholarships for acting. Genevieve is currently studying business and film producing so she can pursue her passion: creating inspiring films that share the great Texan spirit with the world.



### **Brian Spencer**

Texas State University

Brian is originally from Burbank, California and received his Bachelor's degree from California State University, Los Angeles with an emphasis in Business Law. He relocated to Austin 6 years ago with his wife, Jennifer and has 3 children (Brayden 5, Summer 1, and Skylar 2 months). Brian has held management positions for over 14 years with two of the largest supply chain and logistics companies in the world and is currently the West Region Sales Manager for DHL's Global Mail Business Unit. While managing finance, sales, and consulting project teams, he worked with hundreds of businesses helping them improve business processes, reduce costs, and improve overall productivity. Brian is finishing his MBA coursework at Texas State's McCoy College of Business.



### **Anneke Talsma**

Texas Christian University

Anneke Talsma was born in the Netherlands but grew up in Texas. She graduated from Trinity University of San Antonio, majoring in International Business, Spanish, and Economics. Then she worked on and managed dairy farms throughout the US while obtaining a Dairy Certification through the University of Illinois. She is currently interning at Frito-Lay while completing her MBA at TCU. After graduation, Anneke plans to continue her career in the consumer product goods industry.



### **Ryan Watson**

Houston Baptist University

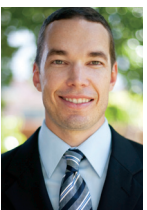
Ryan Watson is currently a Vice President in the commercial banking industry and is pursuing his MBA at Houston Baptist University. He received a BBA in Finance at Texas Tech University in 2005 and has worked in the area of finance and banking since. Ryan resides in Sugar Land, Texas with his wife Hillary where they are members of Sugar Land Baptist Church. In-between work and school, Ryan enjoys playing golf.



### **Erin Whalen**

University of Texas at Austin

Erin Whalen is an MBA student at the University of Texas, Austin. After obtaining her BBA at McCombs in 2001, she started two businesses: a custom running apparel company called Running Banana and an all-natural cleaning product company called Grease Monkey Wipes, which was featured on ABC's Shark Tank in 2010. She plans to use her experience and education to consult other companies and entrepreneurs, as well as start more companies of her own.



### **Jonathan Willson**

University of Texas - Dallas

Jonathan Willson is the CEO and co-founder of ZenFund. His financial service career has spanned a decade, resulting in more than \$750 million in loan fundings. With a dream to improve capital procurement and allocation for business owners and bankers, ZenFund was born. Jonathan is originally from South Africa, is married with two children, and currently lives in McKinney.

# Past Honorees

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## 2011

Barry G. Andrews  
Colleen Barrett  
Lee Roy Mitchell  
Ross Perot, Jr.  
Welcome Wilson, Sr.

## 2010

Carlos Alvarez  
Robert D. Duncan  
W.A. "Monty" Moncrief  
W.A. "Tex" Moncrief, Jr.  
Harvey E. Najim

## 2009

James T. Hackett  
Philip Romano  
The Susser Family  
Martha Fuller Turner

## 2008

Dick Evans  
Mike A. Myers  
Glen E. Roney  
Kern Wildenthal, MD, PhD

## 2007

Tom Benson  
Dr. James R. Leininger  
Paul J. Sarvadi  
Clayton W. Williams, Jr.

## 2006

Joe B. Foster  
Dennis E. Nixon  
Lee R. Raymond  
Corbin J. Robertson, Jr.  
Jeff Sandefer

## 2005

Walter E. Johnson  
Jerry Jones  
T. Boone Pickens  
Vin Prothro  
Tim Word

## 2004

Tilman J. Fertitta  
Matt F. Gorges  
Peter Holt  
Rosemary E. Kowalski  
Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr.

## 2003

Baylor College of Medicine  
Allen J. Becker  
Dan L. Duncan  
Reese M. Rowling  
Robert R. Rowling

## 2002

Robert J. Allison, Jr.  
Louis A. Beecherl, Jr.  
William E. "Bill" Greehey  
Lee William "Bill" McNutt, Jr.  
Robert D. Rogers

## 2001

Stanford J. Alexander  
Rod Canion  
Don D. Jordan  
Charles L. "Chuck" Watson

## 2000

Henry C. Beck, Jr.  
Al Casey  
A.R. "Tony" Sanchez, Jr.  
Roger Staubach  
H.B. Zachry, Jr.  
H.B. Zachry, Sr.

## 1999

President George H.W. Bush  
Tom Friedkin  
The Caroline Rose Hunt  
Family  
L. Lowry Mays  
Louis M. Pearce, Jr.  
Eckhard Pfeiffer

## 1998

Mary Crowley  
Michael Dell  
Harold Hook  
S. Roger Horchow  
Red McCombs

## 1997

J.S. Abercrombie  
Lamar Hunt  
Robert C. McNair, Sr.  
Fayez Sarofim  
Edward E. Whitacre, Jr.

## 1996

Ebby Halliday Acers  
Anne Windfohr Marion  
Harry K. Smith  
William T. Solomon  
Lionel Sosa

## 1995

Joe L. Albritton  
Governor Dolph Briscoe  
Joe M. Dealey  
Robert W. Decherd  
William Stamps Farish  
W. Carloss Morris  
Stewart Morris  
James M. Moroney, Jr.

## 1994

Comer J. Cottrell  
Charles G. Cullum  
Robert B. Cullum  
John P. Harbin  
George P. Mitchell  
John V. Roach

## 1993

Aron S. Gordon  
The Kruse Family  
Robert M. Luby  
Robert R. Onstead  
Ambassador Robert S.  
Strauss  
Ben Taub

## 1992

The Baird Family  
Roy M. Huffington  
Ray L. Hunt  
Drayton McLane, Jr.  
W. Ray Wallace

## 1991

John F. Baugh  
Gordon A. Cain  
Governor  
William P. Clements, Jr.  
Thomas C. Frost  
Howard R. Hughes, Jr.  
Ben J. Rogers

## 1990

Jack S. Blanton  
Norman Brinker  
Edwin L. Cox  
Cecil H. Green  
Frank W. McBee, Jr.

## 1989

Albert B. Alkek  
Perry R. Bass  
Hugh Roy Cullen  
Ben F. Love  
McHenry Tichenor

## 1988

John S. Justin, Jr.  
Herbert D. Kelleher  
George Kozmetsky  
Frank W. Mayborn  
Henry S. Miller, Jr.

## 1987

Lloyd M. Bentsen, Sr.  
Robert H. Dedman  
Gerald D. Hines  
General Robert F.  
McDermott  
Robert A. Mosbacher, Sr.

## 1986

Mary Kay Ash  
Amon Carter, Sr.  
Ray Ellison  
H.L. Hunt  
Ross Perot

## 1985

Trammell Crow  
Judge James Elkins, Sr.  
Walter M. Mischer, Sr.  
Eddy C. Scurlock  
Gus S. Wortham

## 1984

Monroe Anderson  
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