



**SMU** | STAFF  
ASSOCIATION

Tenth Annual

**SMU Staff Association  
Assembly and  
Recognition Ceremony**

Thursday Morning  
The Seventeenth Day of March  
Two Thousand and Eleven  
at Half Past Ten  
McFarlin Auditorium  
Southern Methodist University

## **PROGRAM**

### **Prelude and Processional**

### **Pledge Of Allegiance**

**J. Denton Bricker**

*Staff Association, President Elect*

### **Invocation**

**Stephen Rankin**

*Chaplain and Minister to the University*

### **Introduction Of Keynote Speaker**

**Gretchen C. Voight**

*Staff Association, President*

### **State of SMU and Keynote Address**

**R. Gerald Turner**

*President of the University*

### **Recognition Of Staff**

*Presented by President Turner*

*and Gretchen C Voight*

### ***Twenty-Five Years Of Service***

**Mary Ann Casazza**

**Arlene Manthey**

**Chuck Donaldson**

**Carol Porter**

**Richard H. Fethke, Jr.**

**Mildred Pinkston**

**Ellen Frost**

**Kathy Rowe**

**M. J. Johnson**

**Sarah Rincon**

**Daniel Jones**

**Diana Vineyard**

**Jennifer (JJ) Jones**

**Barbara Waters**

### **Presentation of President's Awards**

*Presented by President Turner*

*and Gretchen C. Voight*

### **Presentation of Loretta O'Reilly Hawkins Award**

**Abigail Smith**

*Staff Association, Vice President for Development*

### **University Hymn — "Varsity"**

**Led By Jim Dees**

*Staff Association, Treasurer*

### **Closing Remarks**

**Gretchen C. Voight**

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***Staff With Twenty-Six Or More Years Of Service***

***FIFTY-EIGHT YEARS***

James E. Brooks, Dedman College

***FIFTY-TWO YEARS***

Charles H. Harper, Enrollment Services

***FORTY-SIX YEARS***

Nancy Cunningham, Dedman College

***FORTY-FOUR YEARS***

Alfonza Buchanan, FM&S

***FORTY-TWO YEARS***

William H. Brown, FM&S

Caroline Hughey, Financial Accounting

***FORTY-ONE YEARS***

Clarence Perkins, FM&S

***FORTY YEARS***

Thomas E. Barry, Executive Affairs

***THIRTY-NINE YEARS***

John A. Hall, Enrollment Services

Raymond D. Welnack, FM&S

Jerry F. White, Cox School of Business

***THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS***

John Randall Phillips, Dedman College

***THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS***

Clare I. Lattimore, CUL

***THIRTY-SIX YEARS***

Eva Cernosek, CUL

Irma Herrera, Enrollment Services

Robert Martinez, FM&S

Jerrel Peck, FM&S

Susan E. Evans, Enrollment Services

***THIRTY-FIVE YEARS***

Jose Munoz, FM&S

***THIRTY-FOUR YEARS***

Johnetta Davis, Development &

External Affairs Operations

William J. Dworaczyk, CUL

***THIRTY-THREE YEARS***

Richard Abrahamson, Dance Operations

Susan M. Austin, RLSH

Sunny Koduvath, Computer Services

John O'Connor, Controller's Office

John F. Phinney, CUL

Rojelio Torres, FM&S

Julie A. Wiksten, Auxiliary Services

Patricia F. Woods, Enrollment Services

***THIRTY-ONE YEARS***

Ann D. Faison, Cox School of Business

Vicki Hill, ALEC

Norma Frentrup, RLSH

***THIRTY YEARS***

Geailya Armour, CUL

Claire Brooks, Evening Studies

Shelia Crain, Statistics

Andy Frye, Information Technology

Joe Papari, Enrollment Services

Richard Terrell, CUL

Winston Tubb, Underwood Library

Tom Tunks, Provost Office

***TWENTY-NINE YEARS***

Bill Detwiler, Business Affairs

Charles Flowers, FM&S

Lynette Hilliard, Meadows School of the Arts

Janet Hopkins, Dedman College

James Horne, Central University Libraries

David Johns, FM&S

Rosemary Sanchez, Dedman College

Bob Sherwood, FMS

***TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS***

Lisa Barnes, Public Affairs

Kathleen Hughley-Cook, Provost's Office

Jane Morris, Underwood Law Library

Tito Munoz, FM&S

Tammy Sherwood, Lyle School of Engineering

***TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS***

Lydia Lynette Dale, SAMSA

Jane Lenz Elder, Perkins School of Theology

Paul W. Golden Jr., Dept. of Earth Sciences

Patricia LaSalle-Hopkins, Public Affairs

Laura Lisa Montes, Dedman School of Law

Martha Carleen Naugle, FM&S

Mary Dolores Powell, Cox School of Business

Sherry L. Reinwald, Enrollment Services

Joseph Andrew Roberts, Biological Sciences

Rhonda Leeann Rompolo,

Athletic Department

James Eugene Stillson, Athletic Department

Billie Katherine Stovall, CUL

***TWENTY-SIX YEARS***

Tara M. Emerson, Meadows School of the Arts

Jose Guadalupe Garcia, FM&S

Patricia Elaine Kriska, Cox School of Business

Linda K. Umoh, Perkins School of Theology

Sandra Setnick Zucker, CUL

## 25 Year Staff Honorees

**Mary Ann Casazza** – was raised in Weehawken, New Jersey as well as Dallas before attending SMU. She first began working at SMU as the manager of the Cashier's office and has grown and evolved with the office as she is now Assistant Director of the Park N' Pony office within Auxiliary Services. She received the Staff Association Standing Ovation Award in 1996, enjoys traveling and learning new recipes to cook.

**Chuck Donaldson** – is from Andrews, Texas. He received his Bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. Chuck began working in the Meadows Undergraduate Academic Services office as the Office Manager and is now a Degree Counselor. Chuck loves that working at SMU has given him "the opportunity to meet, work with, and get to know so many interesting, dedicated, and talented students, parents, faculty, and staff." He has been involved on campus as the Vice President for SMUSA and as a representative on the Staff Council. Chuck is a recipient of the Meadows Dean's Award as well as the Staff Appreciation Award from the Center for Communication Arts. He loves reading, watching movies, and spending quality time with his "canine children" Griff and Beau.

**Richard H. Fethke Jr.** – grew up in Lake Worth, Florida before graduating from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration with majors in management, marketing and accounting. He then went on to be an accountant at Hunt Petroleum Corporation before joining SMU in the Budget Office as a financial analyst. Over the years he has worked his way up to become the financial officer for Dedman College, considering every day working at SMU as a blessing. He has received numerous awards for his excellence at the University. Richard enjoys photography, running, traveling to the Caribbean Islands and is very active within his church.

**Ellen Frost** – is from Elkin, North Carolina and received a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and master's degrees from SMU and University of North Texas. She started at SMU as a part-time student assistant in Bridwell Library while working on her Masters of Sacred Music and has advanced over the years as she is now Head of Acquisitions for Bridwell. She and her husband David have two children, Andrew and Carolyn. Andrew received early acceptance into SMU and is a member of the Mustang Band. Ellen has worked with Girl Scouts over the years, receiving many awards from the organization for her outstanding leadership. She enjoys reading and also serves as the choir director at Bethany Lutheran Church.

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**M. J. Johnson** – attended Bryan Adams High school in Dallas, Texas. She received her Bachelors of Business Studies degree from Texas Tech University. Prior to joining the SMU community, M.J. worked for the late Federal Judge Jerry Buchmeyer of the Northern District of Texas, who was also a well-known humorist for the Texas Bar Journal. In 1985, M.J. began working at SMU in the President's Office as the Administrative Assistant to the President. She was soon promoted, in 1987, to the Executive Assistant to the President, the position she holds now. She has one daughter, Lauren Johnson.

**Daniel Jones** – is from Beckville, Texas and attended Panola Jr. College, the University of Houston, Kilgore College, and SMU. Prior to joining the University, Daniel worked for Boise Cascade in Itasca, Illinois. Joining SMU as a computer operator in OIT, he is now a Systems Administrator Specialist, where he has received the Employee of the Month Award twice. He has two children with his wife Sharon, Pamela Cordell and Patrick Jones. Daniel enjoys country living, riding horses, and his granddaughter.

**Jennifer Jones, aka JJ** – grew up in Orange, Texas and has received both an undergraduate and master's degree from SMU. She joined the staff of SMU as the Shuttles Desk receptionist, advancing rapidly within RLSH and Student Affairs, as she is now Executive Director of Student Development and Programs. Jennifer has received numerous awards including the "M" Award, Alpha Phi Alpha Woman of the year and many others. Jennifer's fond memories of the University include hanging out in the dining room of McElvaney with students and she enjoys cooking. Her husband is Tommy Lee Jones and her children are Jamelo Armad Jones, James Deolous Jones Jr., Tommy Lee Jones Jr., Jazmine Marthel Queen-Nicole Jones.

**Arlene Manthey** – grew up near Frederick, Oklahoma on a working farm. She earned her Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma State University and her Masters of Science in Education and College Student Personnel Administration from Indiana University. Arlene came to SMU in 1985 as a Program Coordinator in the Department of Student Affairs and currently works as the Associate Director of Development for Student Affairs. She is always fired up about SMU! Arlene has received the "M" award and served as an Olympic Torchbearer for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Arlene and her husband Chuck have two sons; Ben and Chris.

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**Carol Porter** – grew up in Pennsylvania before working at Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas. She joined SMU in the New Student Orientation and Student Support Department and still serves there as an Administrative Assistant. She has received the “M” Award, the highest award a staff member can receive. Her children are Denise Green and Michael Porter and she enjoys reading and crocheting.

**Mildred Pinkston** – was born in San Francisco, California. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Human Relations and Business from Abilene Christian University and her Masters of Theological Studies from SMU. Prior to working at SMU, Mildred volunteered at her local church. She began at SMU as the Administrative Assistant to the Maguire Chair of Ethics in 1985 and in 1988 moved to become the Administrative Assistant to the Chair of the History department. Mildred has been recognized as an SMU Faculty Senate Outstanding Staff member. She enjoys music, reading, sewing and gardening in her spare time. Mildred has two children; Laura and David.

**Sarah Rincon** – grew up in Corpus Christi, San Angelo and Dallas. Sarah attended Dallas County Community College campuses El Centro and Richland. Sarah began working at SMU in 1972 in the Human Resources department. She briefly left the university and returned to work in the Computer Science and Engineering Department in 1985. She has been a Senior Purchasing Agent in the Purchasing Department since 1987. Sarah has enjoyed watching SMU develop over the years and is proud that her husband Johnny and children Marisela, Manuel and Raphael are all SMU Alumni. Her oldest son Nathan is involved in the music industry. Sarah enjoys interior designing, the performing arts, classic movies and cooking. She and her husband owned Café Rincon in the 1980’s.

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**Kathy Rowe** – has lived in numerous locations, including the Canary Islands, but considers Fort Worth her hometown. Kathy received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from North Texas State University and her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Dallas. Kathy left the University of Texas at Arlington as a student activities Program Coordinator to become the Associate Director of Student Activities at SMU. Kathy was promoted to the Director of Student Activities but left SMU in 1997. She returned three years later to join the Division of Enrollment Services, quickly working her way up to Director of Operations and Effectiveness Planning. Kathy is a recipient of the prestigious “M” award and believes that SMU is a special place to work.

**Diana Vineyard** – was raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. She received her Bachelors of Science, Masters of Liberal Arts, Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study and her Masters of Science in Geological Sciences from SMU. She is currently the Director of Administration in the Institute for the Study of Earth and Man and enjoys working with the faculty and students. Because of her continued studies at SMU she has been afforded the opportunity to teach introductory Earth Sciences lab sessions, is an adjunct faculty member at Richland College, and has been awarded research grants to study fossilized remains in Canada and California. Diana considers her love of Paleontology her work and her hobby.

**Barbara Waters** – a native of Dallas, attended college at the University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast as well as SMU. Barbara is currently a Counselor in the Financial Aid office and has worked there for the past 25 years; she quips, “Why leave if you like it?” Over the years, Barbara has learned that good colleagues make all the difference and she is proud to be a part of the SMU community! In her spare time, she enjoys reading and walking. Barbara is married to Cap and has two children; Lin and Christopher.

## **President's Awards**

### **2010 Honorees**

#### ***Angela Martinez Irvin – President's Award for Continuing Excellence***

The 2011 winner of the Continuing Excellence Award is regularly described as a “person of integrity, honesty and possesses a work ethic second to none.” Angie Martinez Irvin works as the Assistant to the SMU Police Chief and represents SMU on a number of campus special committees. She is known for the hours of volunteer work she gives to SMU and to the Dallas community by assisting at all SMU Athletic Forums and Doak Walker Awards events, assisting the criminal investigation unit of the Garland Police Department, annually supporting the Mustang Corral, and serving on the President’s Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities. She is described as the “go to” person for all intelligence and administrative support in the response and recovery phases of emergency management on campus. Angie is a caring individual who seems to have a “sixth sense of the long-term effects of stress on law enforcement personnel.” This insight has given her a natural role as a motivator within the Police Department. Her colleagues have said of her, “She truly loves SMU and supports the University’s mission by promoting an environment that emphasizes individual dignity and worth.”

#### ***James Walters – President's Award for Outstanding Leadership***

Not only was Jim Walters nominated as a winner of this award by his colleagues at SMU, he was also named by officers from the Dallas Police Department. All of those who have worked with Jim appreciate that “he leads by example and pushes us all to be the very best that we can be.” As the Assistant Chief of the SMU Police, Jim is responsible for the supervision of all SMU Police Department personnel as well as serving SMU on important task teams such as the Crisis Response Team, Dignitary Protection, SWAT Team, Threat Assessment, Internal Affairs, and support to the George W. Bush Presidential Center. He is known for his professionalism, his expertise, and his mentorship of the entire SMU Police Department team. Outside of SMU, he is recognized nationally and internationally as an expert in child protection, exploitation and human trafficking, and volunteers hundreds of hours to assist child protection programs in Native American and border communities, and is called upon by government officials in Washington D.C. and Mexico City for his expertise. This award reflects the great impact he has on the SMU Police Department and the University community as well.

## ***Loretta O'Reilly Hawkins Award***

The Loretta O'Reilly Hawkins Award was established to recognize and reward outstanding performance among University employees. Loretta Hawkins worked for SMU for thirty-seven years, as secretary and administrative assistant to three SMU presidents. Her influence on SMU was so well known that the Dallas Morning News published an editorial titled “Loretta’s Leaving” when she announced her retirement in 1961. Dallas E. Hawkins II established this award to give the University “an opportunity to recognize and reward someone each year who has done an outstanding job” as a way to honor his mother’s life and commitment to SMU.

### **2010 Honoree**

***Dee Powell*** – “Genuine jewel,” “un-sung heroine of the Cox School,” “cheerfully loyal,” “efficiency personified,” “perpetually sunny” and “godmother of the Cox School” are just a few of the phrases Dee Powell’s colleagues use to describe her. Dee has served as the executive assistant in the Cox School Dean’s Office since 1983, and has served five deans. Each year Dee interacts with countless students, parents, faculty members, top business executives, political leaders, potential donors and foreign dignitaries, and greets each of the dean’s visitors with kind words, genuine interest and a warm smile. At SMU and in the DFW business community, she knows just about everyone – “from Edwin L. Cox himself down to the parents of students.” In addition to her daily routine, Dee coordinates the Cox School’s graduation ceremonies and receptions, performs “minor miracles” when called upon to plan celebrations for hundreds of guests with only a three day warning, and arranges dinners for the Cox Executive Board. Outside of her duties to the Cox School of Business, Dee has served on the Faculty Club’s Board of Directors for over a decade, is in her second term on the Staff Advisory Council, and is a member of the University Benefits Council and Executive Women International. Many say the Faculty Club could not function without Dee’s energy and volunteerism. Because of her committed service, Dee was the recipient of the Faculty Club’s Distinguished Service Award in 2006. Dee is highly regarded by faculty, staff and students for her strong service orientation, outstanding professionalism, willingness to participate, high standards, great sense of humor and most of all, her devotion to SMU. Loretta Hawkins possessed these characteristics, and as a recipient of this high honor, Dee Powell will carry on Ms. Hawkins’ legacy and work.

**UNIVERSITY HYMN**

**“Oh we see the Varsity, Varsity, Varsity  
As she towers o'er the hill over there.**

**And our hearts are filled with joy,**

**SMU, SMU**

**Alma Mater, we'll be true forever!”**

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***SPECIAL THANKS***

**John Gibson**

**President's Award Recognition Committee**

**Loretta Hawkins Award Recognition Committee**

**The volunteer SMU Staff Association Assembly and**

**Recognition Planning Committee**

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