



**SMU** | STAFF  
ASSOCIATION

*Twelfth Annual*

***SMU Staff Association  
Assembly and  
Recognition Ceremony***

Tuesday Morning  
The Twelfth Day of February  
Two Thousand and Thirteen  
At Half Past Ten  
McFarlin Auditorium  
Southern Methodist University

# PROGRAM

Prelude and Processional

Pledge of Allegiance

**Darrah Rippy**  
*Staff Association, President Elect*

Invocation

**Stephen Rankin**  
*Chaplain and Minister to the University*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**Abigail Smith**  
*Staff Association, President*

State of SMU and Keynote Address

**R. Gerald Turner**  
*President of the University*

Recognition of Staff

*Presented by* **President Turner**  
*and* **Abigail Smith**

## ***Twenty-Five Years of Service***

<b>Laura Amberson</b>	<i>Dedman School of Law</i>
<b>Delia “Dee” Darwin</b>	<i>Meadows School of the Arts</i>
<b>Bobbye Heine</b>	<i>Dedman School of Law</i>
<b>Martha O. Hensley</b>	<i>Health Center</i>
<b>Rebecca Hood</b>	<i>Simmons School of Education</i>
<b>Doris Hunter</b>	<i>Athletics</i>
<b>Carolyn Jeter</b>	<i>Office of the Provost</i>
<b>Linda Miller</b>	<i>DEA</i>
<b>Agustin Munoz</b>	<i>Facility Services</i>
<b>Gay Raney</b>	<i>Research Administration</i>
<b>Frankye R. Ross</b>	<i>Underwood Law Library</i>
<b>Kathleen Tibbetts</b>	<i>DEA</i>
<b>Marilyn J. Trent</b>	<i>Office of Information Technology</i>
<b>Jan Wellington</b>	<i>Office of Information Technology</i>
<b>Susan White</b>	<i>DEA</i>

Presentation of  
President’s Awards

*Presented by* **President Turner**  
*and* **Abigail Smith**

Presentation of  
Loretta O’Reilly Hawkins Award

**Cindy Gautreaux**  
*Staff Association, Vice President for Development*

Closing Remarks

**Abigail Smith**

University Hymn — “Varsity”

**Stephanie Hall**

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

<b><i>Fifty-Four Years</i></b>	Charles H. Harper, Enrollment Services
<b><i>Forty-Eight Years</i></b>	Nancy Cunningham, Dedman College
<b><i>Forty-Four Years</i></b>	Caroline Hughey, Financial Accounting
<b><i>Forty-One Years</i></b>	John A. Hall, Enrollment Services Jerry F. White, Cox School of Business
<b><i>Forty Years</i></b>	John Randall Phillips, Dedman College
<b><i>Thirty-Nine Years</i></b>	Clare I. Lattimore, Central University Libraries Juan Villafana, Facility Services
<b><i>Thirty-Eight Years</i></b>	Eva Cernosek, Central University Libraries Irma Herrera, Enrollment Services Robert Martinez, Facility Services Jerrel Peck, Facility Services Susan E. Evans, Enrollment Services
<b><i>Thirty-Five Years</i></b>	Johnetta Davis, DEA William J. Dworaczyk, Central University Libraries
<b><i>Thirty-Four Years</i></b>	Richard Abrahamson, Dance Operations Sunny Koduvath, Office of Information Technology John O'Connor, Controller's Office John F. Phinney, Central University Libraries Rojelio Torres, Facility Services Julie A. Wiksten, Auxiliary Services Patricia F. Woods, Enrollment Services
<b><i>Thirty-Three Years</i></b>	Ann D. Faison, Cox School of Business Norma Frentrup, RLSH Vicki Hill, University Curriculum Asuncion Salinas, Facility Services
<b><i>Thirty-Two Years</i></b>	Geailya Armour, Central University Libraries Claire Brooks, Enrollment Services Shelia Crain, Statistics Andy Frye, Enrollment Services Joe Papari, Enrollment Services Winston Tubb, Underwood Law Library
<b><i>Thirty-One Years</i></b>	Bill Detwiler, Business Affairs Charles Flowers, Facility Services Abigail Hernandez, Facility Services Janet Hopkins, Dedman College James Horne, Office of Information Technology Rosemary Sanchez, Dedman College Bob Sherwood, Facility Services Rita Villanueva, Facility Services

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

### ***Thirty Years***

Lisa Barnes, Public Affairs  
Kathleen Hugley-Cook, Office of the Provost  
Tito Munoz, Facility Services  
Tammy Sherwood, Lyle School of Engineering

### ***Twenty-Nine Years***

Lydia Lynette Dale, Student Affairs  
Jane Lenz Elder, Perkins School of Theology  
Paul W. Golden Jr., Earth Sciences  
Patricia LaSalle-Hopkins, Public Affairs  
Laura Lisa Montes, Dedman School of Law  
Mary Dolores Powell, Cox School of Business  
Sherry L. Reinwald, Enrollment Services  
Joseph Andrew Roberts, Biological Sciences  
Rhonda Leeann Rompola, Athletics  
James Eugene Stillson, Athletics  
Billie Katherine Stovall, Central University Libraries

### ***Twenty-Eight Years***

David M. Davis II, SW Graduate School of Banking  
Tara M. Emerson, Meadows School of the Arts  
Richard H. Fethke, Jr., Dedman College  
Linda K. Umoh, Perkins School of Theology  
Sandra Setnick Zucker, Central University Libraries

### ***Twenty-Seven Years***

Mary Ann Casazza, Business Services  
Faron S. Collins, Facility Services  
Chuck Donaldson, Meadows School of the Arts  
Ellen Frost, Perkins School of Theology  
Mary Jane Johnson, Office of the President  
Daniel Jones, Office of Information Technology  
Jennifer (JJ) Jones, Student Affairs  
Arlene Manthey, DEA  
Frank Perry, Facility Services  
Mildred Pinkston, Dedman College  
Carol Porter, Student Affairs  
Sarah Rincon, Controller's Office  
Kathy Rowe, Office of the Provost  
Kathey Starkey, Controller's Office  
Sheri Ann Starkey, Business Services  
Diana Vineyard, Dedman College  
Barbara Waters, Enrollment Services  
Dale A. Winkler, Earth Sciences

### ***Twenty-Six Years***

Carol Baker, Central University Libraries  
Steven Collins, Athletics  
Patricia Feldman, Educational Programs  
Janelle Hampton, Perkins School of Theology  
Sam DeShong Ratcliffe, Central University Libraries  
Billy Townsend, Facility Services  
Michael Washington, Business Services

## **25 Year Staff Honorees**

**Delia (Dee) Darwin** – hails from Dallas, TX and attended North Dallas High School where she served as captain of the school's drill team. She spent her summers in high school attending drill team school at SMU, and never imagined she would spend the majority of her working years on The Hilltop. Dee began her SMU career in Student Affairs as an Administrative Assistant, and later moved to her current position as Administrative Assistant II in the Division of Theatre at Meadows School of the Arts. Dee has made a huge impact during her time at Meadows. In 2000, she received the Lu Gene Singleton Staff Award presented by the students of the Division for her undying devotion, unparalleled patience and unending support to the students. Her fondest memories include all the students she has known throughout the years. A special memory is her birthday party last year where everyone in the Theatre Department attended. Dee's family includes her husband Bob, their children David, and fellow Mustangs Chris and Caroline. Dee is a graduate of Tyler Junior College, where she was a member of the Apache Belles Dance Team.

**Doris Hunter** – works in Athletics as an Administrative Secretary and counts as her fondest SMU memory when SMU beat Cincinnati. After leaving a position in banking, Doris began her career at SMU in the Registrar's Office in 1987 before moving on to her current position. Doris is married to Gary and they have one child, G.J. who played professional basketball overseas for 10 years after graduating from Tulane. She feels that her 25 years at SMU have been very rewarding in many ways. Her interaction with the students every day is fun and interesting, but seeing them become successful and productive individuals after graduation brings her the most joy. In her spare time Doris is a devoted volunteer for the Dallas Life Foundation and also enjoys bowling and fishing. She hails from Decatur, Illinois where she attended Eisenhower High School.

**Carolyn Jeter** – worked at Texas A&M and the University of South Alabama Medical Center prior to coming to SMU, but her heart belongs to The Hilltop. Carolyn's work as Executive Assistant to the Provost allows her the opportunity to remain active in the life of the university. Each year she looks forward to Opening Convocation,

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Commencement, and Celebration of Lights. Her fondest SMU memories include hearing Lorn Howard play the University Carillon, and watching the SMU Band parade on the Boulevard. Carolyn hails from Dallas, attended W.W. Samuell High School and earned her BBA from East Texas State University. Carolyn enjoys running, hiking, reading and gardening. She is married to Jon Jeter.

**Linda Miller** – is the Assistant to the Director of The Mustang Club and she is proud to be a part of the resurgence of SMU athletics. Originally from Fort Worth, Linda is a graduate of Arlington Heights High School. Linda also attended the University of North Texas, where she earned a BS in Psychology. Prior to arriving on The Hilltop, she served as Membership Director for the Dallas Museum of Art. She began her career at SMU in the Fondren Library. Linda is the proud mother of Robin and Kim.

**Gay Raney** – is the Assistant to the Director of Research Administration and Tech Management. She credits Jim Caswell being on vacation as why she landed her job here at SMU. Jim was out and his secretary was anxious to go on vacation herself. So Gay was hired on the spot as a temp to cover for the secretary. She was given a parking spot, keys to the office and the building with barely an interview. Looking back on that experience, she marvels at how much easier things were back then. She feels it is an honor to work at SMU for 25 years. Gay is proud to be a native Texan, and has lived in Tyler and San Antonio. She loves cats, dogs, horses and the outdoors.

**Frankye Ross** – is the Administrative Assistant/Secretary for the Underwood Law Library. He grew up in El Dorado, Arkansas where he attended Booker T. Washington High School. He also attended Bishop College in Dallas. Prior to coming to SMU he worked in retail management for Sanger-Harris Gourmet Division and was an administrative representative for AT&T/Southwestern Bell. He counts as a fond memory having worked under the former Director of the Underwood Law Library, Earl Charles Borgeson. His special interests include the study of the Bible, collecting Egyptian art, African & African-American history, dance & theater, and calligraphy.

**Kathleen Tibbetts** – is the recipient of numerous regional and national awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, the Press Club of Dallas, Women in Communication Inc., and the International Association of Business Communicators. She works in the Office of Public Affairs as a Senior Writer and Online Editor.

**Jan Wellington** – Jan’s friendly voice is familiar to anyone who calls the OIT Help Desk where she was a Help Desk consultant. She has been recognized as staff member of the year by the Faculty Club, and was voted staff member of the month by the Office of Information Technology. Jan hails from St. Petersburg, Florida (the Sunshine state) and attended Dixie Hollins High School and St. Pete Junior College. She is the proud mother of Fred, Christopher, and Jennifer. She is very interested in photography.

**Susan White** – is originally from Shreveport, LA where she attended C. E. Byrd High School. She earned a B.A. in Journalism from Baylor University. She is also a graduate of the Master of Liberal Arts program here at SMU. Susan is the Editor of SMU Magazine in the Public Affairs/Development and External Affairs office. She has received several Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Awards for her work on the magazine. She is also the recipient of several Dallas Press Club Katie Awards. Prior to SMU, Susan held a similar position for the Dallas/Fort Worth Business Journal. Susan has many fond memories of her time at SMU. One of her most favorite memories is SMU’s first bowl win in 25 years at the Hawaii Bowl vs. Nevada on an iced-over Christmas Eve 2009. In her spare time, Susan enjoys all of the arts, reading, travel, college sports and yoga. She has two children: Robyn and Ellen.

# **2012 Presidential Recognition**

## **Award Winners**

### **Krystal Jones** – *Gretchen C. Voight New Employee Excellence Award\**

The Gretchen C. Voight New Employee Excellence Award winner is known for her strong commitment to SMU students. Krystal Jones began her work at SMU in the fall of 2011 as a Residential Community Director for the Residence Life and Student Housing division of Student Affairs. As stated by a colleague, “All residential community directors have a responsibility to contribute toward the division’s core focus of creating an exemplary division of student affairs. However, Krystal has gone above and beyond her job responsibilities. Particularly, she has demonstrated independent action and resourcefulness in the area of student development in relationship to residential living and student support.” Krystal has served as a mentor to many students, has led and supported the “Food Chain” discussion group, and started a program called “You Are Not Alone” to support students who have lost a family member. Krystal has made a significant contribution to her department and to SMU in the short one and a half years she has worked here.

### **Alexa Taylor** – *Continuing Excellence Award*

Alexa Taylor is the 2012 winner of the Continuing Excellence Award. Alexa serves as Director at the Learning Enhancement Center specializing in assisting students with learning disabilities. Alexa’s commitment to excellence is best seen in her work helping students and families transition to SMU. She guides students while they are here through individual counseling sessions. In addition, she advises a student group (Students for New Learning), and is involved in leadership in the Dallas Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. As one of her many supporters stated, “Alexa pushes solutions to the level of excellence, never settling for less than what will best serve a student, situation or the institution.” Her lasting impact on students and their families has been recently affirmed by donations to the LEC based on her work.



### **Eddie Sinnott** – *Outstanding Leadership Award*

The 2012 winner of the Outstanding Leadership Award, Eddie Sinnott is the Men's Head Swim Coach and 24 year loyal member of SMU. Under his leadership, the SMU swimming team has won 13 consecutive conference titles and seventeen top 25 finishes at the NCAA championships. He has led his student-athletes to victory and has helped to shape their lives. His students proudly share that Eddie has been a teacher by example as well as by teaching them to grow. One colleague stated "He has also been a great role model for me away from the workplace, and has helped me grow as a person. I can say without question that I am a better father, husband, son, coach and Mustang because of him." As well as being a leader in SMU Athletics, Eddie is a graduate of SMU and a true ambassador for this university.

### **Timothy Norris** – *Innovation Award*

Timothy Norris, Director of Advisor Education, Media and Technology, is the 2012 winner of the Innovation Award. His creative, big picture approach, coupled with his extensive knowledge of technology, has made an enormous difference in how SMU students are served and how his area supports their advisors. Tim created and implemented student enrollment workshops and video tutorials at AARO enabling students to more efficiently enroll for their own classes. He created the Peruna Passport replacing the new student guide, and he restructured the advising system during AARO to allow advisors more personal time with students and allowed students to take ownership of their course design. Tim has improved efficiency for the Advising Center by piloting and launching an Automated Advising Worksheet and creating an automated appointment request system. A colleague states "It is not uncommon to find "people-persons" working in higher education. Nor is it uncommon to find "techies" at a university. Tim encapsulates the best of both worlds. He has great people skills as well as technical skills. He is a pleasure to work with – and someone who has truly made a difference at SMU."

*\*In honor of past president and past New Employee Excellence Award winner, Gretchen C. Voight, President Turner has renamed the annual award to the Gretchen C. Voight New Employee Excellence Award.*

## ***Loretta Hawkins Staff Award***

The Loretta Hawkins Staff Award was established to recognize and reward outstanding performance among University employees. Loretta O'Reilly 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.

### ***2012 Honoree***

#### ***Judy Henneberger***

Judy is the Associate Chaplain to the University and has served the SMU community for 23 years. Judy's position requires her to be on call 24/7 visiting hospitals, arranging memorial services and standing in for the university chaplain. Judy is often the first person a student who has been admitted to the hospital sees and, "her caring manner brings warmth and assurance". As the resident Catholic, she is responsible for the wonderful building known as the Neuhoff Catholic Student Center. She cultivated donors and put together workable development requests to the Dallas Catholic community to make the center a reality. Judy somehow finds time to volunteer on the Civil Rights Pilgrimage initiative, Faith at Work series, Chaplain in Residency program, and The Well. She is an avid runner, leads a large group of women in guitar playing and is often found cheering for the Mustangs basketball program where she is a season ticket-holder. Judy lives life to the fullest with her husband of 51 years, her 4 children and 8 grand-children. She is always thinking of ways to create "golden memories". Judy exemplifies a strong service orientation, devotion to SMU and her community and exemplifies all that was Ms. Hawkins .

## ***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!”

## ***SPECIAL THANKS***

Chris Regis

President’s Award Recognition Committee

Loretta Hawkins Staff Award Recognition Committee

The volunteer SMU Staff Association Assembly and  
Recognition Planning Committee

Rhonda Miller and the  
SMU McFarlin Auditorium Stage Crew



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