

AGGIE IMPACT

Gala

Inaugural Event

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Bryan Moynihan
Chief Executive Officer, Bank of America



FULFILLING A NEED

THE STORY OF WHY THE GALA CAME TO BE

Welcome

Welcome to the Inaugural Aggie Impact Gala! Thank you for being here and joining us in making history! Together, we are reflecting on our past, applauding our present and preparing for the future! This Gala is the culmination of wanting to celebrate all that we are, all that we have been and ignite us for all that we still have to do and be!

Losing the Presidential Achievement Award as a scholarship specifically for students of color, never sat comfortably with me. I would often wonder what scholarships replaced those monies? Did those monies even ever get replaced? Over the years, I've kept in close contact with the Department of Multicultural Services through my friend and soror Dr. Tonya Driver. We often have long conversations about the state of the Black student at A&M.

I think the seed has always been there of wanting to do something to support students financially, I just needed to make the connection between celebrating our Black Former Students and raising scholarship funds for our Future Black Students.

Well as circumstances would have it, my bonus daughter, called last December needing a lump sum to register for her Spring classes. It was bad timing, but we were fortunate to make it happen and meet her need. But I couldn't shake the feeling of "what about those that can't make a phone call?" So in December 2018 with some of my Aggie BFFs, I pitched the idea to the BFSN. With Ken Robinson taking the lead on getting a date and a venue we were official.

We decided on the name IMPACT because it represented what we wanted to do for students: make an impact, what so many of our former students have done with their lives: made and impact and what our goal should always be: making an Impact!

We initially thought maybe we can get 100 people to support the Gala in this first year. Little did I know that God was bringing a team together that would raise the bar and set the standard!

At this point, I have to thank these Inaugural Honorees for accepting the recognition and agreeing to be a part of this celebration almost no questions asked!

I will NEVER forget our first Gala call. Shante Thompson had connected Kafi Slaughter to the team and both Kafi, Shante and Charles "Chuck" immediately put me in my place when I thought it would be a success if we net \$25,000 for scholarships. Ha! This team said: No, that wasn't good enough for the caliber of Former Students we wanted to engage with this event. Thank you: Tashara Robinson and Rachel Davis for believing in this event, before it became a reality! Thank you Amelia, your contribution to this effort was nothing less of God sent miraculous! When Shante' and Kafi took the step from being on the committee to joining me as Chairs, I knew their commitment, their profession and personal networks along with their expertise in philanthropy would help guarantee the success of the Gala.

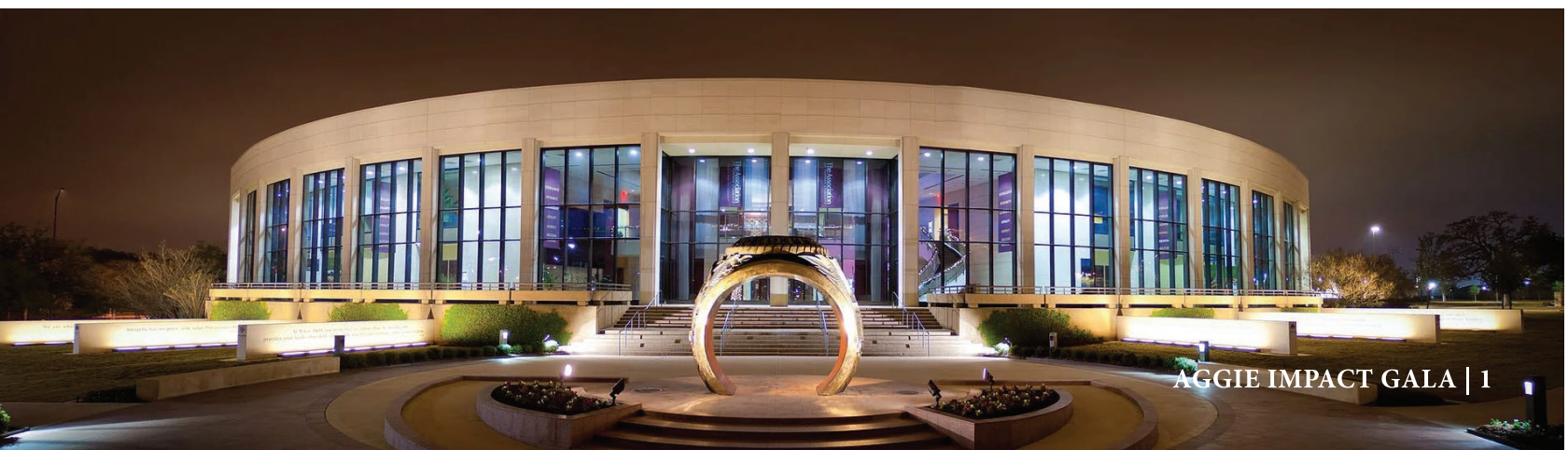
The last piece of the puzzle was having Chuck push us even further by starting the conversation to endow our scholarship. In October 2019, our scholarship was officially endowed via the Foundation making the Aggie Impact Gala scholarship the first endowed scholarship created by a group of African American Former Students specifically FOR African American students! Creating the endowment cemented this effort and our ability to Impact students, not just today, but for many tomorrows! Wow, look at God!

I've worked on and with many committees in philanthropic efforts, but working with this team exemplifies the pinnacle in professionalism, talent, skill and generosity of spirit!

This Gala is an example of what happens when we follow God's lead, listen for His nudges and recognize we have the power and ability to do for ourselves, create, build, give and leave a legacy! Whatever your role has been in this Inaugural event, I love you and thank God for you!

Erica Davis Rouse '95

Gala Founder & Co-Chair



THE GALA CO-CHAIRS



In early, 1990 I stepped on campus for the first time as part of MEDALS, an outreach held to expose students of color to A&M. Being on campus that first time sparked my interest. That spark turned into a full fire when in 1991, I was recruited by Kevin Carreathers and received the Presidential Achievement Award! At A&M, I quickly became connected to pursuing the "other" education; dancing with the fighting Texas Aggie Dance Team in the early years as well as bringing recognition to Texas A&M as National Miss Black & Gold. I loved balancing pursuing my degree in Journalism, creating relationships that would become life long and representing Texas A&M as Miss Black Texas. My experiences on campus varied from hosting President Ray Bowen's television show, "Ray Bowen and Friends" to being blessed to join Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in the Spring of 1993. In 2000, my younger sister, Teresa graduated from A&M making us an official Aggie Family! In 2017, I became the first person of color and the 2nd woman ever elected to serve as a Trustee for San Jacinto College. My husband, Bobby and I have a beautifully blended family: Evan who is serving in the United States Air Force, Keri, completing her senior year at Winthrop College and Alexis who is living in Atlanta, leaving us home with BJ, Parker and Brody (the Rouse fur babies). I love Texas A&M and the people A&M brought into my life! I was blessed to graduate college without student loan debt due to the generosity of my parents and the PAA scholarship, it's incumbent on me to do all I can to create that opportunity for others! It's the spirit of Aggieland!

Erica Davis-Rouse '95



Managing Director for The Private Bank at Bank of America, I lead a team of investment strategists, lenders, trust officers, & attorneys as we advise ultra high net worth clients in managing, growing, & preserving their wealth. Married for 20 years to Houston Entrepreneur, Richard Slaughter (Slaughter Industrial Fabrication), we have a rising senior, Zoe, who frequents the global junior golf scene. In the Fall of 1990, I arrived at the shiny steel gates of the illustrious Texas A&M outdoor track. A wide-eyed eager girl from the South Side of Houston, I was ready to capture all that being an Aggie afforded me. As a student athlete, I was grateful for free tuition, room, and board. All was perfect except for one thing - THE most important of all...BOOKS! Head Track & Field Coach, Ted Nelson, had awarded me a coveted spot on the travel team. While ecstatic, my flame was quickly dimmed - my concern was how I would pay for books? My academic advisor Jora Odom, walked me from Athletic Headquarters at Cain Hall to the DMS where Kevin Carreathers, reviewed my transcript, and to my surprise, presented me with the Presidential Achievement Award! This award filled the "gap" needed to started as a true freshman. THANKFUL & BLESSED to be a former Student-Athlete, member of the Lettermen's Association, the 12th Man Foundation, Voices of Praise, and loyal friend to my Aggie cohorts. Waving the "maroon" banner not only established an educational & career foundation, but has helped my practice to grow on a global basis. Slaughter motto: Learn It, Live it, Give it - Ready to help the next generation of Aggies experience the "gift" - An IMPACT required to make it in today's world! Gig Em'!

Kafi Carter-Slaughter '94



In the fall of 1990 with a choice between tu and Texas A&M, I chose the Fighting Texas Aggies. A recipient of the President's Achievement Award, I was able to meet other students like myself who became lifelong friends.

After studying Human Biology at Texas A&M from 1990-1992, I finished my studies at Texas Woman's University. Now with 20 plus years in the Healthcare and Senior Living industries, I am a senior executive who is very passionate about helping young people establish careers while serving as the CEO of my own business, Doss Couture.

Volunteering has been a major part of my time here in Houston. From forming my own non-profit, Princess in Pearls, mentoring young women to serving as the Chair of the African American Leadership Circle for the American Heart Association.

My husband, Tony, was a member of the 1985-89, 3-time Southwest Conference Champion Aggie Football Team and an Honorable Mention All-Conference wide receiver. I have three sons Corey, a linebacker for the Buffalo Bills, Blake, who is excelling at Elkins High School in football and basketball and Braeden who aspires to be a Major League Baseball player.

Ultimately, my roots in College Station have now brought me back to live in my passion through the Aggie Impact Gala. If we can get this much accomplished in four months, imagine what we can do and how many students we can help if we have a whole year! Let's do this! Gig'em!!

Shante Robertson-Thompson '94

THE GALA STEERING COMMITTEE



I arrived on the A&M campus Fall 1990 as an enthusiastic eighteen year old girl and I left this campus August 1994 as a poised, servant leader. While at TAMU, I was a member of the inaugural Texas Aggie Dance Team, Fade to Black, Voice of Praise (VOP), MSC Town Hall, ExCEL, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. I graduated with a degree in Accounting from the Mays College of Business and I currently work as a Senior Compliance Officer. I am fun-loving mother, author and speaker who currently serves my community through Jack & Jill of America, Inc. (Arlington, Texas Chapter) and Union Gospel Mission shelter for women and children. I am the author of two books, From Pitiful to Powerful and POWER Moms: 12 Stories of Moms Who Found Their Power to Win.

Tashara Robinson '94



I was raised in Austin and born an Aggie. I own a marketing/design agency, Ment Marketing & Creative Services, in Bryan, TX with a focus on mentorship. I also co-own a local organization, Women Entrepreneurs (WE BCS) that exists to help women grow their own businesses. I am City Director for Lemonade Day BCS, on the board for Aggie Women, as well as on several communications committees for local non-profits.

Amelia McCracken '10



Charles "Chuck" Henderson is currently the majority owner and Chairman of Champion Life Safety Solutions, LLC headquartered in Plano, Tx. He received his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics (1994) – TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY. He was also a three-year varsity letterman on the Texas A&M basketball team, and Co-Captain. He currently resides in Frisco, Tx with his wife Courtney, and daughter Charlie.

Charles "Chuck" Henderson '94



I am a native of Dallas, Texas and hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from TAMU, '93. I am the founder and Managing Partner of CIS-Computer Innovation Services, Inc. Currently, I serve on the Board of The Association of Former Students and am an outgoing Board Member of the Black Former Student Network. I am an initiate of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Kenneth Robinson, Sr. '93



I am a proud member of the Aggie c/o '95 with a BS in Biomedical Science. I then earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy from Texas Southern University. When not providing pharmacy services at United Health Group, or as Chief Consultant Pharmacist at Planned Parenthood-Gulf Coast, I enjoy running half-marathons, serving others with my sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and making memories with my family.

Rachel Adress-Davis '95

**AGGIE IMPACT
FACT:**
In 1963, three black students enrolled in a summer session, becoming the first to attend Texas A&M.

THE GALA HOST COMMITTEE



Angela Arterberry-Chapman '93



Dr. LeChauncy Solari '93



Steven Solari '93



Dr. Felicia Scott '87



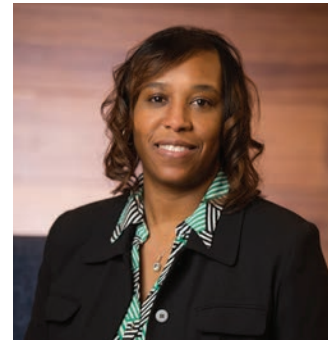
Stephanie Swain '95



LaTricia Williams '89



Mark Boudreaux '91
Felicia Boudreaux '94



Dr. Cicely White '95



Scot Parker '98



Dr. Victor Simms '92



Dr. Kellie Butler '94



Dr. David Butler '94



Hon. Nora Polk '94



Phil Polk '92

AGGIE IMPACT FACT:
In 1968, Curtis Mills became the first black student to receive an athletic scholarship and quickly ran his way into the track and field record books.

AGGIE IMPACT ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE AWARD

2020 Strategic Plan and Vision:

STATE OF THE BLACK STUDENT: “SHIFTING THE CULTURE, CLIMATE AND COMMITMENT THROUGH GLOBAL EDUCATION, MENTAL WELLNESS AND STRATEGIC RECRUITMENT?”

The Foundation Excellence Award is the first of its kind for Texas A&M University. Its unique characteristic is that it funds educational scholarships specifically for deserving African American students.

While BFSN is the operational and networking arm, the Aggie Impact Endowment is the funding arm providing scholarships for current and future students. The scholarships are presented through the Aggie Impact Foundation Excellence Award.

The Endowment’s creation was formed by four former students as they crafted a specific gift agreement that financially supports a gap in funding for deserving African American students.

The vision, the creation and the execution of the endowment will allow scholarship gifts to exist in perpetuity for several generations of African American students at Texas A & M. This historic and groundbreaking entity is one of several hundred campus endowments under the Lead by Example campaign which is managed and funded by the University’s overarching \$100 billion Texas A&M Foundation.

Thank you to the Texas A&M Foundation’s advisors, Al Pulliam (Sr. Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations), Marcy Ullmann (Sr. Director of Scholarship Programs) and Patrick Williams (Asst VP for Development) for your professional guidance and support to ensure that the endowment was made a reality.

We are grateful to Texas A&M University, the President, Provost, 12th Man Foundation and the Association of Former Students for making it an impactful part of the legacy of the university.

See you next year!

Aggie Impact Endowment Founders:

Erica Davis-Rouse '95

Charles “Chuck” Henderson '94

Kafi Carter-Slaughter '94

Shante Robertson-Thompson '94



MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

TASHARA PARKER '10

MORNING ANCHOR & TRAFFIC REPORTER
FOR WFAA IN THE DALLAS/FORT WORTH AREA

Tashara Parker currently works as morning anchor and traffic reporter for WFAA in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. She previously held positions as evening anchor at CBS19 News in Tyler, Texas and evening anchor/producer at KAGS-TV.

Tashara holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Texas A&M University and is a proud member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 2010. Whoop! She also holds a Master of Arts degree in journalism from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois.

While pursuing her master's degree, Tashara was also able to report firsthand on the Chicago district closings of 54 elementary schools – the largest single wave of school closings in U.S. history. She also co-authored and produced an in depth look at the 'Decline of Inner City High School Athletic Championships' in Chicago.

Prior to her time in Chicago, Tashara interned behind the scenes at ABC affiliate, KTRK in Houston and CBS affiliate, KBTX in Bryan. Aside from work, Tashara is involved with many organizations, including the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the Junior League and Chicago Cares.

When Tashara isn't working, you can probably catch her preparing for her next big race!



GALA PROGRAM

Networking

Entertainment

Amayah Gabriel, Cellist

Welcome

Emcee Tashara Parker '10

Introduction of Gala Chairs

Rachel Andress-Davis '95

Opening Remarks

Gala Co-Chair Erica Davis-Rouse '95

Invocation

Brian Williams '94

Dinner

Acknowledgment of Corporate Sponsors

Kafi Carter-Slaughter '94

Introduction of Class of 2019 Impact Honorees

Tashara J. Robinson '94

Honoree Presentations

Introduction of the Endowment

Al Pulliam '87 & Charles "Chuck" Henderson '94

Honoree Presentations

Words from the BFSN

Kenneth Robinson Sr. '93

Closing Remarks

Shanté Robertson-Thompson '94 and Kafi Carter-Slaughter '94

Honorees

COL. PAULETTA BLEUITT '81, RET.

RETIRED UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COLONEL



Colonel (retired) Pauletta D. Blueitt '81 is a native of Nacogdoches, Texas. She was awarded a 4-year Air Force ROTC scholarship and became a “fish” in the Fightin’ Texas Aggies Corps of Cadets in the Fall of 1977. Pauletta graduated from Texas A&M University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management and received a commission as a Distinguished Graduate in the rank of 2nd Lieutenant into the U.S. Air Force. She received her Master of Health Administration degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO in 1989. She was the first African-American female to attain the rank of O-6 in her career field, the Medical Service Corps. In 2015, she and her husband, Odis, established an endowed scholarship for the School of Public Health to be awarded to students pursuing the new Bachelor of Science in Public Health, with a preference for members of the Corps. She is a member of the School of Public Health Development Council and is the Chairman of the External Advisory Committee to the Dean of the School of Public Health. In the fall of 2018, Col (ret) Blueitt was appointed by the Dean of the College of Medicine at the Health Science Center as a member of the Texas A&M Military Health Advisory Committee to the newly established, prestigious Military Medicine Department. Pauletta is also very involved in her local community. Col (ret) Blueitt and her husband, Odis, met at Aggieland during her senior year and have been married for 36 1/2 years. They have three daughters and three grandchildren.

COL. ODIS BLEUITT '82, RET.

RETIRED UNITED STATES ARMY COLONEL



Odis R. Blueitt, a Career Federal Civilian, is Chief, Program Operations, as Chief of Program Operations, he serves as the principal staff advisor and is responsible for the operational oversight/management of highly specialized and complex delivery of health care to over 49,000 beneficiaries. Mr. Blueitt served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army (Active and Reserve) for over 30 years. During his 30 years of service, he deployed twice and has excelled in a number of command and staff positions and received numerous awards including the Legion of Merit. He received a Congressional appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. After attending the Academy for two years, he transferred to Texas A&M University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. Since graduating Texas A&M University, Mr. Blueitt continued to serve his alma mater as one of the key contributors to the TAMU President’s Advisory Committee on Black Issues, is a Class Agent (4th Term) and member of the Association of Former Students Leadership Council, a guest lecturer for the TAMU School of Public Health,, and has been a financial supporter of the organization for 10 years. Mr. Blueitt and his wife jointly sponsor an annual “Aggie Send-Off” event at their San Antonio residence for minority students admitted into TAMU. Finally, they established an endowed scholarship with the TAMU School of Public Health.

Honoree

HONORABLE AARON FORD '94

NEVADA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL



Before being elected Nevada's Attorney General, Aaron Ford served as the Majority Leader of the Nevada State Senate. He has been the Minority Leader, Assistant Majority Whip, and previously held a leadership role on several legislative committees. He was recognized as best Senate Freshman by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Rookie of the Year by the Reno Gazette Journal, and Senator of the Year by both Help Animals Nevada and the Nevada Conservation League for his work during the 2013 Nevada Legislative session.

AG Ford earned his B.A. from Texas A&M University in Interdisciplinary Studies and his M.A. in International Education from George Washington University. He also earned an M.A. in Educational Administration, his law degree and Ph.D. in Educational Administration from The Ohio State University.

Before practicing law, AG Ford served as a public school math teacher, shaping hundreds of lives. After teaching, he began his career in law. He clerked for the Honorable Denise Page Hood of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and the Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He spent many years in private practice as a Partner at Snell & Wilmer, LLP and later as Partner at Eglet Adams in Las Vegas.

Throughout AG Ford's career, he has always made time to give back to his community. Among his many community accolades, he has served on the Clark County Justice of the Peace Selection Committee and recognized as a Mountain States' "Super Lawyer" and "Rising Star in Law". AG Ford is a former Board Member of the I Have a Dream Foundation, Olive Crest of Nevada, and Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada. In addition, he coached soccer, basketball, and t-ball.

AG Ford married his college sweetheart, Berna Rhodes-Ford, who is also an attorney. Together, they raised four children, Avery, Devin, Aaron II, and Alexander.

Honoree

PAULA HARRIS '86

DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL STEWARDSHIP EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AT SCHLUMBERGER



Paula Harris is a 32-year executive with Schlumberger and she currently holds the title of Director, Global Stewardship Educational Programming. In her role she directs the community and educational outreach efforts of our 100,000 employees in over 85 countries. Paula's mission is to design and implement strategic programming to ensure Schlumberger is a respected partner in the communities in which we work across the globe.

The Energized for STEM Charter Partner Board, the Theater Under the Starts (TUTS) board, Space Center Houston Board, Petroleum Club of Houston Board, and the Menil Development Board. She has been profiled in the "Black Engineer" "Graduating Engineer", "Money Magazine", and "Rolling Out". Mrs. Harris has received numerous recognitions, including being named Black Engineer's "50 who make a Difference", "Key Women in Energy", "Greater Houston Women's Chamber - Woman of Distinction", "Texas Women on the Move" and the "Women of Color in Technology" award. Paula's other memberships include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, The Executive Leadership Council, National Society of Black Engineers, The Links Incorporated, and American Leadership Forum.

Paula was elected to the Houston Independent School District Board of Education in 2007. She was an integral part of developing theories of action and developing and enforcing policy. She was instrumental in the 2008 superintendent search and served on the finance committee to help develop and manage the district's \$1.6-billion-dollar budget. Her emphasis was raising the academic achievement of the 215,000 children in the district and providing policy to increase the output of the 25,000 employees. During her 8 years (2 terms) on the HISD Board Paula served as board president, and vice president and the district was recognized twice by the White House under her leadership. She is currently board President of the Energized for Excellence in STEM Charter School Board.

Mrs. Harris' first book was titled "For Sister: The Guide for Professional Black Women". Paula's publishing company, MadisonHouse Publishing, next published her children's book entitled "When I Grow UP, I Want to Be an Engineer". This book has been translated into 4 languages and over 100,000 copies of this popular book have been distributed globally to school systems and STEM organizations.

Paula is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. She also has a master's in educational technology design. Paula and her husband Dwayne own DPM Investments and are also the proud parents of one daughter, Madison Serelia Harris.

Honoree

ROLAND MARTIN '91

MEDIA PERSONALITY & AUTHOR



Martin is the host and managing editor of #RolandMartinUnfiltered, the first daily online show in history focused on news and analysis of politics, entertainment, sports, and culture from an explicitly African American perspective. Since 2008, Martin has been a senior analyst for the Tom Joyner Morning Show, where his daily segment is heard on more than 100 stations and 8 million people daily. He is the author of three books: *Listening to the Spirit Within: 50 Perspectives on Faith*; *Speak, Brother! A Black Man's View of America*; and *The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House* as originally reported by Roland S. Martin. He has been named four times by *Ebony Magazine* as one of the 150 Most Influential African Americans in the United States. In his career, Martin has been showered with more than 30 awards for journalistic excellence, including being named the Journalist of the Year in 2013 by the National Association of Black Journalists for his extensive focus on voter suppression and other issues of concern to African Americans during the 2012 election. Martin was also awarded the 2008 President's Award by the National Association of Black Journalists for his work in multiple media platforms. In 2008, he was also inducted into the Texas A&M University Journalism Hall of Honor. He is a four-time NAACP Image Award winner, including named Best Host for the last two years. Martin spent six years as a contributor for CNN, appearing on numerous shows and earning accolades near and far for his no-holds honesty, conviction and perspective on various issues. In 2009, CNN was awarded the Peabody Award for its outstanding 2008 election coverage, of which Martin was a member of the Best Political Team on Television.

From October 2005 to October 2008, he served as a radio talk show for WVON-AM in Chicago, first as mid-day host and later as morning drive host. He is the former executive editor/general manager of the *Chicago Defender*, the nation's most historic Black newspaper. A digital media pioneer, Martin launched the first Black news source audio and video podcast in 2005 and 2006 at the *Defender*. He is the former founding news editor for *Savoy Magazine* under the team of New York-based Vanguard Media, and the former founding editor of *BlackAmericaWeb.com*. Mr. Martin is a life member of the National Association of Black Journalists, and a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.. He is a 1987 graduate of Jack Yates High School-Magnet School of Communications, and a 1991 graduate of Texas A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's of science degree in journalism. He is married to the Rev. Jacquie Hood Martin, author of "Fulfilled! The Art and Joy of Balanced Living," and "Wedded Bliss: A 52-Week Devotional to Balanced Living" and the children's book series, "Hannah's Heart." They reside in Washington, D.C. area.

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Honorees

THOMAS MILES '90 & JACQUELINE MILES '91 FOUNDERS OF THE MILES OF GIVING FOUNDATION



Thomas “Nephew Tommy” Miles has built a career that encompasses radio, television, film and theater. Thomas’ role as co-host of the nationally syndicated Steve Harvey Morning Show puts him in front of a live radio audience of more than 8 million listeners daily. Thomas started his career and began establishing his loyal following as a stand-up comedian and has earned a reputation for wowing crowds. For three years, he served as the exclusive opening act on the Luther Vandross tour. Served as the exclusive Mainstage host for the Essence Festival in New Orleans for 7 years 2009 – 2016, In October 2010 Thomas recorded his one hour special at the famed Motor City Casino in Detroit. He continues to keep the crowds laughing as he tours nationally to sold out crowds across the country. He’s a talented thespian who studied theatre at Texas A&M University, has worked in over a dozen stage plays and, studied with the Royal Shakespeare Company of London. A number of films are on his resume, including 2011’s “N-Secure” and “The Heart Specialist” with Zoe Saldana; David Talbert’s “Baggage Claim;” “Think Like A Man” in 2012, in October of 2016 he makes a cameo appearance in Tyler Perry’s “Madea’s Halloween.” Most recently, Thomas served as the host for the OWN’s hit dating show “Ready to Love,” which is currently airing in it’s 2nd Season! Thomas and Jackie are Aggie Black love, meeting on the campus of Texas A&M in the Fall of 1986. Jacqueline Miles graduated from Texas A&M in the Spring of 1991 with a BS in Industrial Engineering, she excelled in technical sales in the Dallas area until the unfortunate passing of her mother in 2001 took her back to Houston. She worked in Pharmaceutical sales for Abbott for the next 9 years until she decided to stay home with the Miles children still at home: Sydnei and Jhordyn, Thomas III is currently at junior at Texas Southern University. You often see Jackie involved in activities for the benefit of others including The Greater Channel Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. As well as taking the lead on the non-profit established by Thomas and Jackie, “Miles of Giving”. The Miles share a passion and commitment to providing much needed support for wounded Veterans in the Houston, Texas area, nationally and even globally. Each year Thomas and Jackie plan and host a major fundraiser during the Holidays to provide direct support to the needs of the veteran community.

Honoree

VON MILLER '11

LINEBACKER FOR THE DENVER BRONCOS



Von Miller is an outside linebacker for the Denver Broncos of the National Football League (NFL). Miller played college football at Texas A&M, where he earned consensus All-American honors and was awarded the Butkus Award as the most outstanding college linebacker in the nation. He was drafted by the Broncos second overall in the 2011 NFL Draft.

Considered among the best defenders in the league, he is a seven-time Pro Bowl selection, receiving first-team All-Pro honors as a rookie. At the conclusion of the 2015 NFL season, Miller was named Super Bowl MVP after the Broncos defeated the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl 50. Following his Super Bowl victory, he appeared on season 22 of *Dancing with the Stars*. Miller attended Texas A&M University, where he played for the Texas A&M Aggies football team from 2007 to 2010. As a freshman at defensive end in 2007, he was named Freshman All-Big 12 by *The Sporting News* after posting 22 tackles, including 10 solo stops. He became the first Aggie to be named a first team All-American since Jason Webster in 1999. In 2012, Miller created Von's Vision to provide Denver-area youth with eye examinations and eyewear. Von's Vision hosts Von's Vision Days throughout the year to provide children with free eye exams and glasses. Von Miller's organization hosts two events for Denver-area children: Von's Vision Day and Von Miller's Back to School Vision Day. Von's Vision Day is a two-day program. The foundation partners with national and regional eyewear retailers to provide a citywide vision day for low-income Denver children. On the first day of the program, children receive free screenings, and if needed, free eye exams and an invitation to pick up their corrective eyewear at a later date. After the prescription glasses have been cut, Von hosts a Reveal Party where children are fitted for their glasses. Children have the opportunity to interact with Von Miller and feel comfortable in their new glasses.

Started in 2015, Von Miller hosts an annual vision day to serve children before they head back to school called Von Miller's Back to School Vision Day. Every year 5,000 low-income 1st grade students enter the Denver Public School System without ever seeing an eye doctor. More than 1,900 of them need glasses. The program is designed to screen a child and, if needed, provide them with eyewear in a matter of minutes. Von Miller's Back to School Vision Day is designed to screen, write prescriptions, cut lenses and fit the glasses in under an hour. Von Miller will open a vision center on the campus of Texas A&M University in 2020.

Honorees

HONORABLE RAQUEL “ROCKY” JONES ‘93

PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE 203RD JUDICIAL COURT IN DALLAS COUNTY



Mrs. Raquel "Rocky" Jones grew up in Arlington and attended high school at Sam Houston where she was elected as the first African American female student body president and graduated with honors. Mrs. Jones went on to receive a four-year academic scholarship and graduated from Texas A&M University with a double major in Political Science and Journalism. During her tenure at A&M, Rocky Jones participated on the track team as well as became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. After finishing her undergraduate studies in 1993, she went on to be one of the youngest students enrolled in her law school class at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio at age 22 where she also received a 3-year scholarship from the U.S. Department of Education as an endowment fellow for the Council on Legal Education Opportunities. While at St. Mary's, Rocky studied abroad in Innsbruck, Austria at the Institute on World Legal Problems where Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg was one of her professors for the course.

After graduating from Law School, Rocky returned to the metroplex and worked for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office as an assistant criminal District Attorney. After trying the civil world, it became abundantly clear that Rocky's true passion was prosecution and criminal law. After coming full circle, Rocky evaluated her career goals and determined that working to help make our community safer is where she wanted to use her legal knowledge and talents. In 2009 she returned to the Dallas County District Attorney's Office as a Felony Chief Prosecutor where she handled a majority of the 1st Degree offenses such as Death Penalty, Capital Murder, and Manslaughter cases. In the fall of 2017 she took a leap of faith to follow her dream of becoming a Judge and resigned from her position as a prosecutor that she has held for nearly 17 years. In 2018, her dream came true and she was elected Judge of the 203rd Judicial District Court in Dallas County. She is married to Marcus Kelly a retired Air Force vet and the mother of a 4-year-old son Ryan (which is her real job).

HONORABLE INGRID WARREN '93

PRESIDING JUDGE OF DALLAS COUNTY PROBATE COURT NO. 2



Presiding Judge of Dallas County Probate Court No. 2 since 2015. Ingrid graduated from Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet (Diploma), Texas A&M University (B.S.), and The University of Texas School of Law (J.D.)

Ingrid has served in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas, Law Clerk to the Hon. Steven A. Felsenthal; Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C., Bankruptcy Associate; Salomon Smith Barney, Financial Consultant; Mahomes Bolden & Warren, Shareholder; Warren, P.C..

Ingrid is a member of the State Bar of Texas; Dallas Bar Association; Texas Center for the Judiciary; National College of Probate Judges and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Ingrid also serves on The Texas A&M University Association of Former Students Board of Directors.

Daughter to the best dad in the world, Henry R. Warren and mother of a loving dog, Loki.

Honoree

RICHMOND WEBB JR. '93

FORMER OFFENSIVE TACKLE FOR THE MIAMI DOLPHINS



Richmond Webb is a graduate of Texas A&M University and was the 9th overall first-round draft pick for the Miami Dolphins in 1990. Richmond attended Dallas Independent School District's Roosevelt High School, where his teammates included future NFL players Aaron Wallace and Kevin Williams.

Richmond enjoyed an outstanding 13-year career in the National Football League, 11 years with the Miami Dolphins and 2 years with the Cincinnati Bengals. Richmond was selected to seven consecutive Pro Bowl appearances, the longest consecutive Pro Bowl Selection streak in Dolphin team history. As one of the most dominant left tackles in NFL history, Richmond Webb protected Hall of Fame Quarterback Dan Marino's blind side for more than a decade. On December 25, 2006, Richmond was 16th player inducted into the Dolphins Honor Roll. Richmond was inducted into the Texas A&M Hall of Fame (2007) and the Texas Black Hall of Fame (2008). In September 2019, he was inducted into the Texas Gridiron Legends. Setting Dolphin's records for consecutive starts (118) and consecutive Pro Bowls, Richmond will soon find his place among the greatest of all time in the NFL Hall of Fame.

More importantly, he is a man of deep faith, devotion to his family, and commitment to the values that brought him success on and off the field.



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The committee can't possibly do this on our own, therefore, we need YOU to nominate any Texas A&M University Former Student whom you believe has contributed to the betterment of mankind through their service.

For each Aggie nominated, please be prepared to submit a professional headshot, a resume, and a biographical essay that details the contributions this Aggie has made in his field of expertise. The Aggie IMPACT Gala Committee will review each candidate's credentials on its own merit and make a selection for each category. The official nomination forms and the complete rules can be found out at

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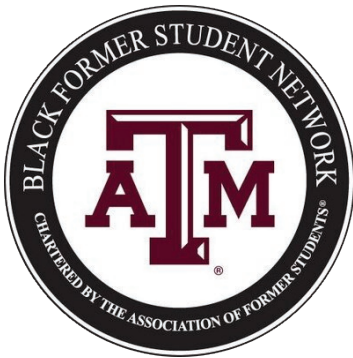
Nominations for the Aggie IMPACT Award Class of 2020 will be open on Sunday, November 24, 2019 and will close on August 31, 2020.

The Aggie IMPACT Committee is looking forward to celebrating more phenomenal Aggies for years to come! See you next year, GIG'EM!

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ABOUT THE BLACK FORMER STUDENT NETWORK



HISTORY

In the spring of 1999, the President's Advisory Committee on Black Issues met to discuss Texas A&M and its African-American constituency. The meeting was an annual dialogue that took place with President William Mobley of Texas A&M University. As a result of these informal conversations the need for a more formal organization arose, as a result in the summer of 1999, the BFSN was formed. One of our first objectives was to officially affiliate ourselves with Texas A&M University. We explored The Association of Former Students, but at the time it only recognized Classes and Regions. Paul Stafford, one of our founders was serving on the Board of The Association at the time. Through his tireless efforts, Porter Garner (President of The Association), and several others, The Association amended its By-Laws to recognize "Constituent or Affinity Networks". The Texas A&M Black Former Network became the first chartered Constituent Network of The Association of Former Students in 2001.

LIST OF 2020 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paula McCann-Harris, Chair of the BFSN Board
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Angela Arterberry-Chapman is the CEO and President of Bright Legacy Enterprises, LLC and Affiliated Companies where she leads the companies in real estate acquisitions, financing, and human resource management. Previously she spent over 15 years working in Professional Employment Organizations where she managed the Texas operations as a Human Resource Consultant partnering with business owners, developing annual healthcare/life and payroll designs.

Ms. Chapman is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Administration. While at TAMU, Angela was involved with the Aggie Alliance, Aggie Hostess, and the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference. She is a Texas A&M University Endowed Century Club Member who has funded 2 lifetime endowments that provide Academic scholarships and Aggie Ring scholarships each year to students in need. In addition, she is proud to be a member of the Black Former Student network and a sponsor of the Inaugural Impact Gala.

Angela has spent a lifetime of leading, volunteering and serving her community while making an impact in the areas of Arts, Education, and those organizations she is passionate about. Currently, Angela serves on the Board of Directors of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre, the oldest and largest professional dance company in the DFW Metroplex. She is a past Co-Chair of "The Big Event", the largest annual fundraiser for the organization. Along with Dallas Black Dance Theatre, her other philanthropic associations include North Texas Food Bank, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, The Salvation Army, the Covenant House, and Kid's Shouldn't Have Cancer Association.

She wanted to contribute to making a further impact to ensure the first inaugural Aggie Impact Gala was successful. For many years now her family has donated through The Association of Former Students. It was very important this year to make a larger impact to deserving African American students. Along with her love for Texas A&M University, she sees her contribution as a commitment to her life of service and the betterment of her African American community and students at the University. Her main goal is to help students who yearn to complete their education but may need added funds to make their dreams possible.

Angela resides in Frisco, TX and has 2 beautiful children, Lauren Chapman '22 and Leonard Chapman II. Her Aggie Family includes her late husband, Leonard Chapman II '92, daughter, Lauren Chapman '22, fiancé, Aaron Wallace Sr. '90/'02, niece, Amber Mannie '21, and her late sister -in-law, Carol Chapman '86.



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