



CLASS NOTES

FALL 2025

Compiled by the Office of Alumni Relations, Class Notes encompasses the accomplishments, milestones, and fond memories of Southwestern's alumni.

January 1–June 30, 2025

1970

Carol Ann Dowling Britt, Helotes, TX, retired from teaching college English but now enjoys working part-time at her son's gymnastics gym in Boerne. She loves her job!

1976

Laurence Musgrove, St. Charles, IL, was recently elected to the Texas Institute of Letters. Professor of English at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, Musgrove has several poetry collections, including "Local Bird," "The Bluebonnet Sutras," and "A Stranger's Heart." He was also a Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar Fellow to Taiwan in 2023.

1981

Vicki Pierce Stroeher, Huntington, WV, was recently promoted to Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Media at Marshall University, effective July 1, 2024. She was also named the 29th Distinguished John Deaver Drinko Fellow, Marshall University, its highest faculty award.

1983

Jim Zalles Croxford, Winchester, Hampshire, United Kingdom, was recently appointed Head of Business Intelligence at the University of Oxford. He is leading a team that is transforming the information architecture of one of the world's oldest

and most prestigious universities. Jim still lives in Winchester with his husband Matthew and dog, Buddy, but takes advantage of the numerous university colleges, libraries, museums, and gardens whenever he's in Oxford.

1985

Carmen Shultz Kelley, Houston, TX, after passing her Qualifying Exam in the PhD program in Physical Therapy at Texas Woman's University in Houston, is now a PhD candidate working on her dissertation.

1990

Richard Williams, Las Cruces, NM, was recently named Chief of the Criminal Division at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Las Cruces. He joined the office in 2001 and has held several leadership roles, leading numerous criminal investigations and prosecutions involving immigration, narcotics, violent crimes, and white-collar offenses. As a former commercial litigator, he has also argued many appeals before the Tenth Circuit and received the EOUSA Director's Award in 2010 for his appellate work. Williams earned his J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law and his B.A. cum laude from Southwestern University.

1995

Rachel Kunath, Austin, TX, accepted a position as the Managing Attorney of the Boulder office of Colorado Legal Services,

a non-profit agency that provides free, high-quality civil legal services to eligible low-income Coloradans and seniors. She practiced law for 23 years in central Texas with Lone Star Legal Aid. Rachel, her spouse Michael, and their two Belgian Malinois are excited for life in Colorado.



1996

Sara McCutchen, Portland, OR, has been appointed Principal of Serendipity Center, a nonprofit therapeutic

school in Portland, OR, serving students with complex learning and behavioral needs. With over 25 years in education, she brings deep expertise in special education, trauma-informed practices, and culturally responsive leadership. A former teacher, coach, and system-level leader, McCutchen now leads a multidisciplinary team committed to providing individualized support through an integrated model that includes academic instruction, mental health services, and behavioral intervention. She is excited to advance Serendipity's mission and vision as the school continues to grow as a statewide model for therapeutic education.

1999

Wenona Cave Martinez, Flynn, TX, was recently promoted to Business Administrator for Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF 1) and Reimbursement Support

Administrator for Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT). TX-TF 1 functions as both a federal team, serving FEMA's urban search & rescue system, and a state team, overseeing TDEM's swiftwater rescue program. PWRT's response team provides expert support to local jurisdictions dealing with catastrophic damage or failure of critical infrastructure. Both TX-TF 1 and PWRT are based in College Station, Texas.

2003

(BIRTH) **Susannah Prucka**, Midland, TX, welcomed her son and future pirate, Cameron, in April 2025.



Brandy Fyffe, Rowlett, TX, relocated to Willemstad, Curaçao in June of 2023, where she opened her business, Curazen Counseling, to provide online therapy for digital nomads and others worldwide who do not have access to mental healthcare.

2009

Lindsay Loocke Ellis, Houston, TX, was appointed as General Counsel in February 2025, Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary of Kinetik Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KNTK)

2012

Sarah Chatfield Foster, San Antonio, TX, has launched Foster Insights, a boutique consulting firm specializing in leadership & organizational development. The firm partners with HR and business leaders to drive meaningful change by applying behavioral science to leadership development, culture

transformation, and workplace wellbeing. An Organizational Psychologist with over a decade of experience in consulting and HR technology, Sarah founded Foster Insights to blend scientific rigor with a deeply human-centered approach. The firm works with a select number of clients to deliver personalized, evidence-based solutions that make work better.

2014

(BIRTH) **Emma Davis Eicher**, Rohrsersville, MD, announces the birth of Adeline Willow Eicher, born on October 15, 2024. They are so smitten with their new addition to the family and look forward to showing her mom's old stomping grounds!

Paige Duggins-Clay, Austin, TX, was named Outstanding Young Alumna by the Texas Law Alumni Association to be recognized for her accomplishments in the legal profession, contributions to her community, and the practice of law in Texas and beyond. She is chief legal analyst at the IDRA, where she practices a blend of civil rights, litigation, and education law. A former teacher's aid with a background in education, she previously practiced at Husch Blackwell and clerked for Texas Supreme Court Justice Jeff Boyd. Duggins-Clay has held policy and legal fellowships with leading civil rights organizations and was recognized in 2019 as a Top 20 Up and Coming Lawyer by the Austin Black Business Journal.



Kat Freeman Elkins, Minneapolis, MN, was promoted to Sr. Manager, Marketing Events at AlertMedia, an Austin-based tech company. It provides a platform for emergency communications, threat intelligence, and travel safety monitoring to help businesses keep their employees safe. With

over two years as Manager of the Marketing Events Team, her team has generated \$2.9M in ARR for the company. She first began her events background at SU, executing a variety of UPC events, as well as organizing two Clusterfests. Without this foundation, she wouldn't have found her passion for events!



(MARRIAGE)

Kat Freeman Elkins, Minneapolis, MN, married **Avery Elkins** '17 in October 2024.

2016

(BIRTH) **Noah Kopit** and **Caroline Gaspard Kopit**, Round Rock, TX, are delighted to announce the birth of Bennett Harold Kopit, born December 24, 2024.

(BIRTH) **Christopher Lee**, Cibolo, TX, future Pirate, Cohen Marshall Lee, was born Feb. 21, 2025.

Emma McDaniel, Cambridge, MA, was recently hired as Technical Staff in the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Systems Group at MIT Lincoln Laboratory.

2017

(MARRIAGE) **Avery Elkins**, Minneapolis, MN, see also **Kat Freeman Elkins** '16.

2018

(MARRIAGE) **Renee Walker Green**, Houston, TX, is pleased to announce her marriage to Jackson Edward Green on April 5, 2025. The couple celebrated their wedding surrounded by family and friends and is grateful for the love and support during this special time.

2019

Steven Mesquiti, San Antonio, TX, Started a PhD in Psychology at Princeton University in Fall 2024.

Quinlan Kubacak, Georgetown, TX, has met the love of her life, Cody Claybourn! They are getting married on May 2, 2026.

2020

Johnson Elrod, Buda, TX, was recently promoted to Vice President of Product Management at JPMorgan Chase, where he helps build digital payment solutions for small and medium-sized businesses. He joined JPMorganChase straight from undergrad as an analyst, spending the majority of his time in the digital payments product space. He looks forward to continuing to drive innovation in fintech and payments.

Brielle Adolph, Lansdale, PA, is the Director of Training and Operations at Relentless Athletics - Female Only Sport Performance Facility.

2021

(MARRIAGE) **Regan Mashburn** and **Zachary Bencal**, Austin, TX, were married at Southwestern University in the Lois Perkins Chapel in April.



Nicole Rajtak, Austin, TX, graduated with a Master's in Public Health specializing in Environmental Health from Texas A&M University in May 2024. She has since begun working at the Lower Colorado River Authority as a Water Compliance Specialist.

2022

Sameer Rai, Round Rock, TX, will complete his Master's Degree at Texas State University by early August 2025.

Carson Dorsey, Houston, TX, took his Texas State Board of Accountancy CPA oath and was recognized as an Outstanding Candidate (top 10 in the state). He was also promoted to Senior Audit Associate at KPMG.



2024

(BIRTH) **Nurbaity Faris**, Georgetown, TX, had a baby boy named Ronan Faris, born on April 2, 2025, at St. David's North Austin.

Hunter Joseph Holden, Southlake, TX, is attending the University of Miami for his Master's degree in Sport Administration.

Makenna Palacio, Mason, TX, will be joining Boston University in pursuit of her Master's this fall.

Breana Trevino, San Antonio, TX, is currently pursuing her Master of Science in Biology at Texas A&M International University. After completing her collegiate athletic season, she was hired as a Research Graduate Assistant for the NASA-funded STEM Connector Project. This initiative aims to improve curriculum frameworks and facilitate research opportunities in science and engineering fields relevant to NASA. It will not only strengthen Hispanic-Serving Institutions in Laredo but also positively impact the South Texas community through education and training in STEM disciplines.

Alison Theile, Pearland, TX, was accepted to Rice University's Master of Accounting program.

R'Yani Vaughn, Pflugerville, TX, was recently hired as an Inside Product Specialist at Dell Technologies.

2025

Hailey Arrington, Leander, TX, is officially starting her teaching career in August at Noble Elementary School in Liberty Hill, TX, as a third-grade ELA teacher.