



CLASS NOTES

SPRING 2026

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

July 1–December 31, 2025

1967

Connie Hinshaw Brown, Houston, TX, during the year of 1965, received a scholarship to study for two semesters in Mexico City at the University of the Americas. Sixty years later, she has endowed a scholarship for Southwestern students to study abroad.

1973

Tom Swift, Austin, TX, since finishing at Southwestern University, joined the SU staff twice: right after graduation, for two years as an Admissions Counselor, and from 2003 to 2013, as Administrative Assistant for Health and Counseling Services. Since 1979, Tom has been a professional actor in the New York, Dallas, and Austin markets, as well as a few seasons of summer stock in New England, appearing in scores of productions, directing some, and writing one.

1976

Larry Franks, Early, TX, retired after 30 years at the Lower Colorado River Authority (2008) and 15 years at the Brown County Elections Administration (2023).

1980

Charlotte Reed Moellering, Carrollton, TX, has been named Orchestra Director of the Year by the Texas



Orchestra Directors Association. Charlotte just completed 45 years in music education, her expertise spanning all levels of students from pre-k through college. Following retirement from full-time school orchestra teaching, she coaches/mentors new teachers and supervises student teachers. A master teacher, she is a nationally-sought clinician for Eastman Strings and Music and Arts, providing instructional clinics for both students and teachers.

1984

(MARRIAGE) **Charles "Doug" Thompson**, and **Kimberly Davis Thompson '85**, Lubbock, TX, were proud to attend the wedding of their son, **Thomas Kyle Thompson '19**, and new daughter-in-law, **Sydney Rodgers '21**, on April 19, 2025, in Dripping Springs, TX. Many other alumni were in attendance. Doug and Kim also celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on December 28, 2025.

1985

Carmen Shultz Kelley, Houston, TX, passed her Qualifying Exams (written and oral) for her PhD journey, making her a PhD candidate working on her dissertation in Physical Therapy.

Kimberly Davis Thompson, Lubbock, TX, see **Charles Thompson '84**.



1987

David Rowe, Winter Garden, FL, now serves as President of Windermere Consulting, a higher education advisory firm helping

leaders of mission-driven institutions overcome sector-wide disruption with tailored approaches to leadership, board, and strategy development.

<https://windermereconsulting.com>

1991

Jason Steed, Colorado Springs, CO, has been appointed Vice President of National Sales and Market Development at Purchasing Power, a voluntary benefits provider. Jason brings over 30 years of experience to this role, and he will oversee new business growth through channel partners, direct sales, and alternative channels.

1992

Nisa Sharma '93 and **Jon Porter '93**, Marlboro, NY, relocated from Texas to New York state in 2024, settling in the Hudson Valley. After 12 years of teaching middle school in Central Texas, Nisa recently began her 14th year of teaching, this time at Poughkeepsie High School. She has also started looking at graduate schools, as New York State requires teachers to hold a master's degree.

1993

Jon Porter, Marlboro, NY, see **Nisa Sharma '92**.

1995

Lee Silva Ferguson, Plano, TX, was recently selected to serve on the College Board's AP Biology Exam Development Committee. She will serve as part of a group of high school and college professors who work to construct the AP Biology exam taken by nearly 300,000 students worldwide. She is currently teaching AP Biology and Honors Biology at The Episcopal School of Dallas.

Alan Haworth, Dallas, TX, started a new company called Stalking Butler. It is an app in the Apple Store that gives stock picks. It's an event-generated algorithm app that picks 2-4 stocks per week.

1996

Tiffany A. Thomas Sippial, Tuscaloosa, AL, was recently appointed as the inaugural Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She will retain her current role as Dean of the UA Honors College.
<https://honors.ua.edu>



2004

Kris Radusch, Los Angeles, CA, recently started a new role at Blizzard Entertainment as the Director of Workplace Services and Experience.

2006

Spencer Darr, Jarrell, TX, wrote a poem, "Sun, Moon, and Who," which is now published in a poetry anthology titled *Remembering Wallace Stevens*, by Moonstone Arts Center.
<https://moonstone-arts-center.square.site>

2011

Perri Pyle, Tucson, AZ, has recently been promoted and is now the Branch Manager of the Eckstrom-Columbus Library in the Pima County Public Library in Tucson, Arizona.

2012

Rory Jones, Temple, TX, see **Elise Riggs Jones '13**

2013

(BIRTH) Elise Riggs Jones and Rory Jones '12, Temple, TX, welcomed their daughter, Phoebe Jones, on January 1, 2023.



(MARRIAGE) Jessica Enyioha Bent and Troy Bent were married on October 12, 2024, in Austin, TX.

Jessica Enyioha Bent, Austin, TX, joined the Jackson School of Geosciences at The University of Texas at Austin as the new director of the GeoFORCE Texas outreach program in February 2025. She brings 13 years of experience as an educator and researcher to the role, and believes that every student deserves an accessible, high-quality pathway to achieve success.

Erika Schiller Sells, Austin, TX, started a new position as Lead Clinical Informativist at Dell Medical School with UT Health Austin.

2015

(BIRTH) Allie Beito Tarver, Dripping Springs, TX, gave birth to a baby girl, Norah, on December 15, 2024.



Isaac Jo, Chicago, IL, graduated with his MFA in Sound Design from Carnegie Mellon

University School of Drama in May 2025.

2019

Conner Joyce, Houston, TX, will be starting at IE University in Madrid, Spain, in the fall of 2026 as Assistant Professor of Political Science.

Thomas Kyle Thompson, Dripping Springs, TX, see **Charles Thompson '84**.

2021

Sydney Rodgers, Dripping Springs, TX, see **Charles Thompson '84**.

2023



(MARRIAGE) Belen Micklas Meier, Spring, TX, married Adam Meier on October 24, 2025, at Boxwood Manor in Tomball, TX.

Alexys Matcuk, Grover Beach, CA, was hired as a 911 Dispatcher with the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office after an almost 10-month hiring process and exams.

Belen Micklas Meier, The Woodlands, TX, was promoted to Senior People Consultant at EY.

2024

Maddie Williams, Saint Hedwig, TX, started a new job with HEB as an Associate Decision Science Analyst in the Insurance and Risk Financing department.

2025

Emma Duncan, Houston, TX, recently started a position teaching high school choir at North Shore Senior High School in Galena Park ISD.