



CLASS NOTES

JANUARY 1, 2026–JUNE 30, 2026

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

1968

Charles R. Millikan,

Houston, TX, was honored by the Perkins

School of Theology

at Southern Methodist

University with the announcement of the establishment of The Reverend Charles R. Millikan, D.Min., Endowed Chair of Spiritual Care. The endowed chair will support the education and training of chaplains and other spiritual care professionals, strengthening preparation for those serving in health care, congregational ministry, and other settings.



1973

Curtis Green, South Burlington, VT, has retired from his position as Professor of Radiology at the University of Vermont after a 44 year career in academic medicine, and he's enjoying hiking and sailing in the state. His daughter Clare is an orthopedic surgery resident at The University of Virginia in Charlottesville where she and her husband Mike, an Emergency physician, live.

1981

Jenny Tubbs Lannom, Temple, TX, after years of managing hospital departments in chaplaincy and chaplaincy education around the southwest United States, has returned home to her beloved state of

Texas. She is ordained by the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, is a Board Certified Chaplain, and an ACPE Certified Educator. Jenny is employed with Baylor Scott & White Health as the Director of Central Texas Spiritual Care and Education. Jenny's work area covers 13 hospitals from Waco, south through the Greater Austin region and down to College Station. She also serves on the Board of Directors for ACPE, Inc.: The Standard for Spiritual Care and Education. She and her husband Gerry have two sons, two lovely daughters-in-law and three grandsons, all of whom reside in Texas. Jenny attributes her successful career in ministry to the foundational liberal arts education she received at SU (she majored in Sociology/minored in Religion). She is grateful for the many friendships she made across campus and in her sorority, Phi Mu.

1983

Luci Aitken Davidson, Houston, TX, has retired from practicing law.

Jim Croxford, Winchester, UK, has recently started as the Head of Enterprise Systems at the University of Winchester in the UK. It's a great opportunity to extend his expertise beyond the Business Intelligence and Student Information Systems that he has specialised in most of his career. However, the best thing about the new role is he can

now walk to work, and as dogs are welcome on campus he can take his beloved Patterdale Terrier Buddy to work with him.

1987

John Janssen, Arlington, TX, serves as a managing partner with Leon, Alcala, Morse & Reynolds, PLLC, law firm at its Dallas-Fort Worth office. He provides advice and counsel to governmental entities, especially public educational entities, in a variety of practice areas, including employment, construction, procurement, and First Amendment issues. He also represents clients in litigated matters in state and federal courts. John is a regular conference speaker and has recently presented to the Dallas Bar Association Education Law Section and at the Education Law Association Annual Conference.

1992

Robert A. Linhart, Houston, TX, Fine Arts Director, has been selected as the 2026 Arts Educator of the Year by Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) Leading Ladies. Dr. Linhart was honored at a reception on March 25 and an Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 10, 2026, both at Tony's on Richmond Avenue.

This prestigious recognition honors an educator in the Greater Houston area who exemplifies extraordinary commitment to arts education. Since 2019, the

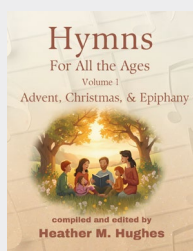
Arts Educator of the Year award has celebrated educators whose influence extends far beyond the classroom, shaping students and strengthening the broader arts community.

Dr. Linhart joins a distinguished group of past honorees recognized for their contributions to arts education across Houston. His selection reflects not only his excellence as an educator but also his deep investment in students and the transformative power of the arts. The honor celebrates the profound legacy he continues to build through his leadership, creativity, and unwavering dedication to students.

1994

Heather Hughes, Wilmore, KY, had her first volume of a hymnal designed for children and intergenerational worship published by GlossaHouse.

<https://glossahouse.com/products/hymns-for-all-the-ages-volume-1>



1995

Lee Silva Ferguson, Plano, TX, was recently named to the Board of Directors for the National Center for Science Education as the first practicing K-12 science educator to serve on that board. She also serves on the Board of Directors as a Director at Large for the National Association of Biology Teachers. She is also a member of the AP Biology Exam Development Committee.

1997

Kim Jones, Collierville, TN, will become a Berry College Viking as an Assistant Professor of Education in August 2026.

1999

Liza Ramirez, Austin, TX, has been promoted to Senior Vice President-Commercial & Small Business Banking at Frontier Bank, and New Board of Trustees Chair for the Jeremiah Program Austin.



2001

Clint Morris, Kerrville, TX, see **Susannah Prucka '03**

Jeffrey Hilliard, Brownsboro, TX, after 18 years as an educator, coach and advisor from China to Texas, his wife, Yao, and he have decided to branch out and pursue their dream of running a farm and food production business. Fresh Mojo Farms, LLC was launched in 2025 as a way to get all natural produce and farm food products to customers in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Yao and Jeffrey run the farm themselves, with intermittent help from their son, Tommy, and daughter, Paige, and turn much of the produce into delicious and healthy Asian farm-to-table dishes.

2002

Ebony Rose, Fort Worth, TX, has been elected to serve as one of the International Vice Presidents of Alpha Delta Pi's Grand Council for the 2026–2028 biennium. Elected during the Sorority's 175th Anniversary Grand Convention, she will help provide strategic leadership and governance for the Sorority.



2003

Susannah Prucka, Midland, TX, was sworn in as a Director of The Texas Lyceum on January 16, 2026. The Texas Lyceum is regarded as the premier non-profit,

non-partisan, statewide leadership organization in Texas. The Lyceum fosters meaningful discourse on critical issues, ensuring that Texas remains a beacon of democracy and forward-thinking governance. The 96-member Board of Directors includes political powerhouses, corporate trailblazers, and civic leaders who have shaped Texas and the nation. Suzy joins current Lyceum Directors J. Clint Morris, Class of 2001, and Anita Fernandez, Class of 2006, on the Board of Directors.

2004

Meredith Simmons Ruffell, Pflugerville, TX, was hired as Southwestern University Controller.

2005

Tiffany Reed, Richmond, TX, earned her Educational Doctorate (Ed.D.), December 2025, from Liberty University.

2006

Anita Fernandez, San Antonio, TX, see **Susannah Prucka '03**.

Valerie Borhauer Temple, Corpus Christi, TX, was promoted to the Director of Early Intervention and Family Support at A&I Avenues in May 2026. A&I Avenues is the Case Management Agency and Early Intervention Broker for Boulder and Broomfield Counties in Colorado.

2009

Christopher Reyes, Farmington, MO, earned his Doctor of Ministry in Leadership for Public Theology from Austin Seminary on May 17.

2013

Emily Havlick Long, Bella Vista, AR, won a national industry award presented by Business Insurance. The Break Out Awards recognize the next generation

of insurance industry leaders, representing professionals in commercial insurance and risk management with no more than 15 years of industry experience. <http://www.businessinsurance.com/business-insurance-reveals-2026-break-out-award-winners/>

Austin Painchaud, Georgetown, TX, has a new role as Emerging Talent Acquisition Specialist at Arm.

Colin Malone, Houston, TX, visited Ukraine last September as a representative of the Texas Battalion of the 50 States for Ukraine initiative. He drove a truck filled with life-saving supplies for 36 hours from Estonia to Kyiv to deliver it to a waiting troop of soldiers. Speaking with the soldiers and learning about them from their perspectives was a transformative experience, as was seeing the devastation brought by Russian attacks on civilians.

2015

Jay Scheinman, Bella Vista, AR, has joined Tools for Humanity, a Sam Altman–co-founded company working to accelerate humanity in the age of AI. Jay serves as Senior Manager, U.S. State & Local Policy.

2016

(BIRTH) Kathryn Reagan Esau, Dallas, TX, and her husband Joseph welcomed their first daughter, Evelyn Danielle, on January 21. She is an 8lb 4oz bundle of joy and they feel so lucky to be her parents.

2017

Zach Cole, Wesley Chapel, FL, within the University of South Florida Football Program, he has been promoted to Chief of Staff.

2018

Caleb Brimmage, Fort Worth, TX, was promoted to Pastor of Missions and

Outreach at First United Methodist Church of Coppell.

2019

Conner Joyce, Houston, TX, has been promoted to Assistant Professor of Political Science at IE University in Madrid, Spain beginning Fall 2026.

2021

Matthew Oevermann, Mesa, AZ, received his Masters of Arts in Psychology from Arizona State University in the Spring of 2026. His thesis is being published in the university's thesis directory. <https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/203707>



2022

(MARRIAGE) Aidan Gildea, Cedar Park, TX, married **Jess Kuras Gildea '23** on June 6, 2026 in Dripping Springs, TX.

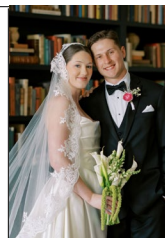
Ella Ruehr, Bellevue, WA, is excited to announce that she has completed her Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree from University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and will be starting her career as a Travel Physical Therapist.

Karlton Covington, Charlotte, NC, has begun a new role as a Corporate Finance Analyst at Truist Bank at its headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2023

Hailey Cagle, Leander, TX, was hired as the head theatre teacher at Georgetown High School.

Jess Kuras Gildea, Cedar Park, TX, see **Aidan Gildea '22**



(MARRIAGE) Audrey Schumacher Moon, Georgetown, TX, married **Zachary Moon '24** on May 29, 2026 in Waco, TX.

Alexys Matcuk, Grover Beach, CA, after a 10–month hiring process, was hired as a 911 Dispatcher for the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office. She will be working there full time while also obtaining her Masters in Forensic Psychology.

2024

Priscilla Cebrun, Tyler, TX, was hired to coach basketball, volleyball, and track at an east Texas high school while teaching at the middle school.

Zachary Moon, Dripping Springs, TX, see **Audrey Moon '23**

2025

Damien Morales, Rosenberg, TX, was recently hired as a Human Resources Operations Partner at BakerRipley.

Sabina Sanchez, McAllen, TX, has started a new position as an Associate Brand Manager on the Amazon Marketplace with the company, Cart.com.

Nikki Zonneveld, Georgetown, TX, has started a position as the Marketing and Tourism Coordinator for the City of Georgetown.

2026

Ashton Ellis, Louisville, KY, is starting a new position in Morgan Stanley's Financial Advisor Associate program and is on his way to becoming a Financial Advisor.

Marley Kiser, Georgetown, TX, was hired as the Associate Director of Alumni Relations at Southwestern University.

Mia Reyna, Round Rock, TX, has proudly accepted a full-time position at The Haven in Georgetown, TX, a Christ-centered nonprofit serving adults 18+ with intellectual disabilities. As a founding team member, Mia is helping launch the organization by developing a wellness-based curriculum for the Life Enrichment Program ahead of its July 2026 opening. The role also includes facilitating activities such as yoga, gardening, art, and sports that promote confidence, meaningful relationships, and personal growth.