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A LOOK BACK AT SFA'S HISTORY

PRESIDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS

Dr. Alton Birdwell
1917-42

Dr. Paul L. Boynton
1942-58

Dr. Joe N. Gerber
interim

Dr. Ralph W. Steen
1958-76

Dr. William R. Johnson
1976-90

Dr. Donald Bowen
1990-91

Dr. William J. Brophy
Interim

Dr. Dan Angel
1992-99

Dr. Roland K. Smith
Interim

Dr. Tito Guerrero
2001-06

Dr. Baker Pattillo
2006-18

Dr. Steve Westbrook
Interim

Dr. Scott Gordon
2019-22

Dr. Steve Westbrook
Interim

Early Years

1917-1921

Planting seeds

SFA is chartered by the Texas legislature, Nacogdoches is selected as its location and the appropriation bill for funding is signed.

1923

First classes held, mascot selected

During campus construction, the first group of SFA students attend class nearby. The Lumberjack mascot is selected by popular vote at a special student assembly of faculty and students.



1924

Vista Drive opens

Since the completion of the Austin Building in 1924, Vista Drive has provided a unique view of the campus.

1935

First homecoming

Homecoming is now an annual fall event featuring a bonfire, two parades and, of course, football.

1940s



1944

Experimental Forest established

The Stephen F. Austin Experimental Forest is established by an act of Congress and measures more than 2,500 acres. It is still in use for recreation, forestry and wildlife management research.

1947

First Lumberjack Day

Lumberjack Day started by a proclamation of the Student Body President. Students on campus are expected to wear blue jeans, overalls, plaid shirts and boots.

1949

SFA's first renaming

Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College renames itself to Stephen F. Austin State College. It is the first of two name changes – the second took place in 1969 when SFA became a university.

1950s-60s



1950

Building boom

Shelton Gym and Mays Hall are constructed to keep up with the post-war boom from returning veterans.

1958

Fine arts gets a home

Ground is broken on the Griffith Fine Arts building.



1960

College Center opens

The center included the college cafeteria, book store, post office and recreational facilities. Throughout the years, it has been called the University Center and the Baker Pattillo Student Center.

1969

SFA becomes a university

A big day in our history as SFA moves up from a college to a full-fledged university.

1970s

1972

Homer Bryce Stadium constructed

The spirited home field of the SFA Lumberjacks football team is constructed on the northeast side of campus.



1974

Don't look, Ethel!

Dr. Ralph W. Steen allows students to streak on campus for one night, March 6, 1974, without repercussions.



1979

Axe 'em, Jacks hand sign created

Thanks to the school spirit of a small group of creative SFA cheerleaders, the university now has its own signature hand sign.

1980s-90s



1983

"Surfin' Steve" fountain installed

Due to a dramatic stance and flowing water, this iconic statue of Stephen F. Austin is affectionately nicknamed "Surfin' Steve."

1984

Observatory addition

SFA physics and astronomy faculty members design and construct what was then and is still the largest student telescope on a Texas university campus, measuring 41 inches.

1985

Putting down roots

The Mast Arboretum begins as a project of SFA's first landscape plant materials class.

Since then, it has gained a reputation for its diverse collection of plants and its dedication to conservation, education and research.

1985

Hall 20

Opening in fall of 1985, Hall 20 is the first co-ed dorm on campus.

1989

Athletics nationally ranked

Lumberjack football team is ranked number one in the nation for the first time.

1992

Coliseum renamed

The coliseum is renamed to William R. Johnson Coliseum in recognition of former president's efforts to advance athletics.

1993

Student volunteerism gets a boost

As part of the university's 70th anniversary, SFA's First Sweat Equity Day is established, leading to a tradition of SFA involvement in community assistance projects.

1995

Ol' Cotton makes some noise

The university and its military science department purchase Ol' Cotton, the cannon fired at SFA football games, to help promote school spirit.

1997

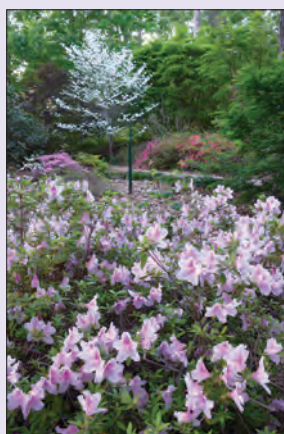
Registration moves online

Every office on campus now has its own website, and in-person paper-based course registration moves out of the Norton HPE Complex and onto the internet.

1997

First permanent endowment created

The campaign "Share the Legacy" gives the university its first permanent endowment. Approximately 3,500 alumni and private donors give more than \$37 million to aid the university in serving the educational needs of East Texas.



1997

In bloom

Work on the eight-acre Ruby Mize Azalea Garden begins.

2000s-2020s

2001

Focus on diversity

Under Dr. Tito Guerrero, the university's seventh president, enrollment pressures lessen as diversity increases and more African-American, Hispanic and international students enter the institution than ever before.

2007

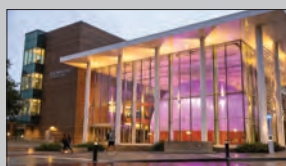
Baker Pattillo becomes president

The board of regents names the first alumnus to serve as president – Dr. Baker Pattillo, a veteran SFA administrator for more than 40 years.

2010

Garner Apartments demolished

What was once the tallest building in town is razed to make way for Lumberjack Landing.



2018

STEM Building

\$46.4 million Ed and Gwen Cole STEM Building officially opens, and students begin learning in its state-of-the-art classrooms, labs and collaborative work spaces.



2019

SFA beats Duke at home

Duke, ranked #1 in the nation, had not lost at home to a non-conference opponent in 150 games.



2021

Basketball facility expansion

Loddie Naymola Basketball Performance Center is completed.



2022

A New Chapter

Board of Trustees votes to join the University of Texas system.



TIPTON FORD, INC.

Alumni-owned

Long-thriving Nacogdoches business and familiar North Street icon Tipton Ford was established just blocks from the SFA campus in 1959. In 1994, Neal Slaten added the job of salesperson alongside his SFA student workload. He bought the dealership in 2007, and, as president of the company, continues to demonstrate his commitment to the success of his team, the university and the Nacogdoches community. A Lumberjack fan and major sponsor of SFA Athletics for more than 15 years, Neal is pictured with the all-new, all-electric Ford F-150 Lightning – a shining example of what inspiration and innovation can accomplish. Tipton Ford is driven to create new opportunities for all by supporting educational endeavors that give the keys to young students in search of scholarships and SFA graduates who want to make Nacogdoches their home.

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PICTURED: Neal Slaten, President ('01)



BADDERS LAW FIRM

Alumni-owned

The Badders family has been helping the injured people of Nacogdoches since 1964, and SFA is a big part of their story. Jeff Badders is a proud Lumberjack, Class of 1978. He went to Baylor Law School and returned to Nacogdoches in 1981. Heath, Jeff's oldest of eight children, graduated from SFA in 2012 with a Bachelor's degree in forestry. Heath met Mariko ("Mari") while they were both attending South Texas College of Law Houston. They married and both joined the firm in 2016. Mari, who grew up in Japan and attended Wake Forest before law school, was a Captain in the Army Reserves and taught Military History at SFA. Badders Law Firm has been voted the Best Attorneys and Best Law Firm in Nacogdoches for the last six years and continues to look for ways to positively impact our community.

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PICTURED: Heath Badders ('12)



R&K DISTRIBUTORS

2023 marks 60 years of R&K Distributors' contributions to the communities they serve. Founded in 1963 by Rose & Kenneth Kirkpatrick, R&K has grown over three generations and sells around five million cases annually, with over 500 brands, in 23 counties. R&K distributes some of the most popular brands, such as Budweiser, Bud Light, Michelob Ultra and many other craft, seltzer and import brands, along with canned cocktails, liquors, wines, waters, energy drinks, sport drinks, RTD coffees and juices. R&K is a proud sponsor of SFA Athletics and the Driving Jacks program and a proud supporter of the Alumni Association. R&K has employed many SFA students and graduates over the years in their Nacogdoches and Longview locations.

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PICTURED FROM LEFT: Standing, Jason Hattermann, Facility/Fleet Manager ('08); Aaron Perdue, On Premise Manager; Mike Yates, Off Premise Area Manager; sitting, Donnie Barlow, Sales Manager; Jimmy Day, Branch Manager; Rusty McKnight, Quality Assurance Manager; Susan Satterwhite, Office Manager; Michael Lockett, Warehouse Operations Manager



CHARLES POOL REAL ESTATE, INC.

The Pool family knows all about legacies. Founded in 1976, Charles Pool Real Estate opened its doors, focused on integrity and a high standard of professionalism. Charles and his family have been serving and giving back to the community they love ever since. Through professional, community and church organizations, the Pools put friends and neighbors first, and that includes growing Nacogdoches County and Stephen F. Austin State University. Ed has proudly served on both the SFASU Foundation and the SFASU Real Estate Foundation for over a decade, while his daughter Abby is now involved in the SFA Charter School PTO, paving the way for her daughters to learn and grow into the next generation of leaders.

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PICTURED FROM LEFT: Charles Pool, CPRE Broker; Jill Still, SFASU Vice President for University Advancement; Ed Pool, CPRE President/Associate Broker; Trey Turner, SFASU Executive Director of Development; Abby Taylor, CPRE REALTOR® (BS '11)



COMMERCIAL BANK OF TEXAS, N.A.

Founded in 1901, right here in Nacogdoches, Commercial Bank of Texas is a true hometown bank that invests in the communities we serve. For the past century we have proudly supported Stephen F. Austin State University as it has elevated education, innovation and cooperation across the region. We value knowledge and experience, and every year we invest tens of thousands of dollars in tuition reimbursement and employee training. We have helped more than 100 employees with their higher education expenses, and that investment continues to pay off. We're proud to employ Lumberjacks at CBTx banking centers all across the state. That's Banking Texas Style.

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PICTURED FROM LEFT: Todd Brown, CBTx Board Member and SFA Professor of Finance; Miles McCall, CBTx EVP and Former Vice President for SFA Alumni Affairs (BS '82, MA '87); Tracy Thomas, CBTx SFA Banking Center Manager (BBA '10, MBA '19); Rusty Rust, CBTx President and CEO; Charlotte Ashcraft, CBTx VP and Past President of SFA Alumni Association Board of Directors (BA '80); Autumn Finchum, CBTx VP and Board Member for SFA Alumni Association (BBA, MPA '08)

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BUCHANAN WEALTH MANAGEMENT *Alumni-owned*

Wendy Wyatt Buchanan and the team at Buchanan Wealth Management of Trinity Capital Management congratulate Stephen F. Austin State University on 100 years of invaluable contributions to the prosperity of our community. Wendy is a Nacogdoches native and a proud Lumberjack, and she understands the importance of promoting educational opportunities and professional development. Wendy proudly serves on the Stephen F. Austin State University Foundation Board of Trustees and the Rusche College of Business Advisory Council. She supports endowed scholarships at Nacogdoches High School and SFA, and she has also served on the NHS Alumni Association Board and as past Chairman of the Finance Committee for the SFA Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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PICTURED FROM LEFT: Cole Badders, Financial Advisor ('18); Ann Moore, Managing Principal; Brenda Cook, Senior Client Associate; Wendy Buchanan ('85), Managing Director, Investments; Ginger Hesseltine, Client Associate; Claudette Chandler, Senior Registered Client Associate; Daniel Reid, Financial Advisor; and Kim Choate, Client Associate.

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XETX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Alumni-owned

Since his days studying communication at Stephen F. Austin State University, XETX President Scott Waller has focused on making clear connections at swift speeds, providing business solutions that range from multifunction copiers and printers to remote office networking and Voice Over IP telephones, and administering IT support to secure networks and streamline workflow. XETX is the XEROX authorized agent for SFA. Scott is an active volunteer with the Chamber and SFA. He has served as a member of and chaired the Chamber board and chaired the SFA Chamber Connection and the Paint the Town Purple campaign. XETX has sponsored Lumberjack athletics and the College of Fine Arts. Marketing and Administrative Coordinator Jennifer Adams is an SFA alumna ([BBA Marketing, '18](#)). Scott and IT Manager Jason Liker are both proud to have children who are SFA graduates, and Jason has a child currently enrolled in the university.

424 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961 | 936-569-1992 | [XETX.com](#)

PICTURED FROM LEFT: Scott Waller, President ([BS Communication, '80](#)), Jason Liker, IT Manager

FAIRCHILD, PRICE, HALEY & SMITH, L.L.P.

The law firm of Fairchild, Price, Haley & Smith, L.L.P. has proudly supported Stephen F. Austin State University for many years. We help high school students who want to become Lumberjacks by funding NOBLE scholarships, and we help Lumberjacks who want to become lawyers by volunteering to judge the Pre-Law Academy's annual moot court, mock trial and debate competitions. We employ multiple SFA students year-round, and we mentor those student employees who desire to attend law school after graduating. When you see the purple SFA flag flying in front of the historic Blount House across from campus on game day, it means we're cheering from our box suite at Homer Bryce Stadium or from the stands at William R. Johnson Coliseum. Any time there's an opportunity to celebrate SFA, you will hear no objection from us.

1801 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75965 | 936-569-2327 | FairchildLawFirm.com

PICTURED: Fairchild, Price, Haley & Smith, L.L.P. partners Clayton H. Haley ('87), Jeff Rambin, Russell R. Smith, John L. Price, C. Victor Haley and W. Wade Flasowski



SFA'S MICKY ELLIOTT COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

As we commemorate 100 years of Stephen F. Austin State University, the Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts marks the year with a few highlights of its own. For decades, we have invited the Nacogdoches community to discover art, music, theatre and dance at student performances, as well as national and international touring shows. We have proudly connected East Texas to the arts through concerts, plays and exhibitions, and we're continuing this tradition as we open our much-anticipated, expanded and renovated state-of-the-art Griffith Fine Arts Building in fall 2023. Together, we've watched the construction progress these past two years. We're looking forward to seeing the end results, and we think you'll be pleased. It's time to celebrate the next chapter of SFA and the Micky Elliott College of Fine Arts. And you're invited to the party!

P.O. Box 13022, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, TX 75962 | 936-468-2801 | sfasu.edu/finearts

PICTURED: Bill Elliott, center, Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce 2022 lifetime achievement award recipient and longtime patron of the arts at SFA, with some of the many students who benefit from his generous support, including from left, Daun Whaley, Jaydan Coppedge, Kyan Wong and Aarionne Hobbs.



NACOGDOCHES COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Education is important to the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber's Education Committee works to support education as a tool for economic development. Through the N.O.B.L.E. (Nacogdoches County's Opportunity for Better Learning Experience) Scholars program, we collaborate with local schools to encourage and recognize students who take advanced classes and complete community service projects, and we partner with local businesses to fund scholarships for N.O.B.L.E. Scholars who plan to attend Stephen F. Austin University. The Education Committee also works with SFA to present the Sophomore N.O.B.L.E. Fall Showcase, which provides information on pathways to enable students to achieve their career goals. The Chamber is proud to be one of the many organizations SFA partners with to support leadership, academic growth, and workforce readiness in Nacogdoches and the surrounding area.

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PICTURED FROM LEFT: Shari Williams, Member Services Coordinator, Sharon Hurst, Information Services Coordinator, Kelly Augustine, Executive Vice President (BA '96), C. Wayne Mitchell, President and CEO, Barbara Holl, Operations Vice President (BSF '84, MBA '18)



SFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1928, the SFA Alumni Association engages SFA students, alumni and friends to foster fellowship, continued loyalty and support for the university. In short, we grow Lumberjack Pride! The Office of Alumni Relations manages the SFA Alumni Association, a member-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization funded by membership dues, individual donations and income from fundraising activities and affinity partner programs. The SFA Alumni Association hosts The Big Dip Ring Ceremony and numerous networking events all over the state, co-publishes with the university the Sawdust magazine each fall and spring, and sponsors the annual Homecoming weekend at the university. With over 115,000 living alumni, the SFA Alumni Association and Office of Alumni Relations stand ready to support SFA for the next 100 years. Visit sfaalumni.com and join today.

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PICTURED FROM LEFT: Alicia Roland Chatman, Coordinator of Gifts & Records ('16); Amber Lindsay, Assistant to the Executive Director; Travis Turner, Coordinator of Communications & Sponsorships ('05 & '11); Craig Turnage, Executive Director ('00 & '05); Derek Snyder, Director of Alumni Relations ('01); Amie Ford, Coordinator of Alumni Events & Engagement ('09 & '11); Samantha Mora, Director of Alumni Events & Engagement ('08)

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