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**THE TEXAS BUSINESS HALL OF FAME AWARDS
SCHOLARSHIPS TO 36 TEXAS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

Exceptional students from across Texas will receive scholarships from the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation during a luncheon ceremony on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the San Antonio Convention Center. They will also be recognized that evening during the Foundation's Annual Induction Dinner to be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Antonio.

Celebrating its 34th anniversary, the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation honors members of the state's business community whose visions and careers have helped to place Texas at the forefront of the 21st century economy and seeks out the future entrepreneurs and leaders that will allow Texas to maintain this presence in the future. This year the Foundation will honor 36 students working towards their degrees at 26 Texas colleges and universities, awarding each a non-restricted \$15,000 scholarship.

"We have moments in life that make a real impact – that help define and shape who we are and give opportunities. One of those for me was when the Texas Business Hall of Fame granted me a scholarship at a time where I had a lot of drive but little income," said prior scholarship recipient Kimberly Haley-Coleman.

To date, the Texas Business Hall of Fame has awarded more than 650 scholarships to the "best of the best" Texas business students pursuing an education at Texas' leading institutions of higher learning.

The students who will be receiving \$15,000 scholarships toward their degrees are:

Blake S. Smith, *Acton School of Business*

Steve A. Burrington, *Baylor University*

Dana D. Drawsand, *Dallas Baptist University*
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Amelia Jo Kershner, *Dallas Baptist University*
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Lara E. Lewis, *Dallas Baptist University*
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Logan W. Boatright, *Houston Baptist University*
The Stewart Morris Scholarship

Keyana J. Carr, *Lamar University*
The Ben Rogers Scholarship

Jeffrey "JR" Gibbens, *Rice University*
The TBHF Chairman's Scholarship

Samantha Lewis, *Rice University*
The Douglas L. Foshee Scholarship

Hamid Bouaicha, *Sam Houston State University*
The SWBC Foundation Scholarship

Sallie Baxter, *Southern Methodist University*
The Robert H. Dedman Scholarship

Sherrie A. Johnson, *Southern Methodist University*
The Signor Family Scholarship

Ryan M. Wempe, *St. Mary's University*
The Carlos and Malu Alvarez Scholarship

Chase C. Anderson IV, *St. Mary's University*
The William E. "Bill" Greehey Scholarship

Sean M. Strater, *St. Mary's University*
The Harvey E. Najim Scholarship

Hannah L. Mahaffey, *St. Philip's College*
The Whataburger Scholarship

Christopher P. Bybee, *Texas A&M University*

Matthew S. Matuszak, *Texas Christian University*

Willie B. Sykes, *Texas Southern University*

Jamison L. Driskill, *Texas State University*

Michael J. Kmetz, *Texas Tech University*
The Silver & Black Give Back Scholarship

Eric E. Hernandez, *Texas Tech University – FMI*
The McLane Company Reading Program Scholarship

Nicklaus R. Petro, *Trinity University*
The Doug & Martha Hawthorne Family Fund Scholarship

Sadie E. Fossitt, *University of Dallas*
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

John M. Nderitu, *University of Dallas*
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Joshua R. Montemayor, *University of Dallas*
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Amanda Moya, *University of Houston*

Ramil J. Rodriguez, *University of the Incarnate Word*
The H-E-B Scholarship

Luis Salazar, *University of North Texas*

Timothy G. Carreon, *University of Texas*
The Mike A. Myers Scholarship

Daria A. Zhukova, *University of Texas – Arlington*
The Kelcy Warren Graduate Fellowship for Engineering

Kiran S. Devasprasad, *University of Texas - Dallas*
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Brian W. Harris, *University of Texas - Dallas*
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Kamiar Kordi, *University of Texas - Dallas*
The Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship

Shahil Sharma, *University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley*

Luke P. Scamardo III, *University of Texas – San Antonio*

In addition to the scholarship winners, the Texas Business Hall of Fame will honor prominent Texas business leaders at its 34th Annual Induction Dinner, which will also be held on October 27, 2016 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Since its inception, the Texas Business Hall of Fame has inducted over 180 Texas Business Legends. For a complete list of former inductees, please visit the Foundation's website.

The Class of 2016 Inductees are:

Warren E. Buffett | Chairman & CEO, Berkshire Hathaway

Charles T. Munger | Vice Chairman, Berkshire Hathaway

Charles E. Cheever, Jr. | Chairman Emeritus, Broadway Bank

Dian Graves Stai | Chairwoman, Mansefeldt Investment Corp.

Gordon V. Hartman | Founder, The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation

Gary C. Kelly | Chairman, President and CEO, Southwest Airlines

Dennert O. Ware | Executive Chairman of the Board, CeloNova BioSciences, Inc.

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About TBHF

The Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation is a non-profit organization of 80 directors who are business leaders from cities throughout the state. The Organization's mission is to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Texas business leaders, to perpetuate and inspire the values of entrepreneurial spirit, personal integrity and community leadership in all generations of Texans. This mission is achieved by inducting honorees at an annual dinner, publicizing their accomplishments throughout the state and providing financial support for higher education in Texas. For additional information, contact the TBHF office at 713-993-9433 or visit www.texasbusiness.org.

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