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SMU Announces 2014 Hall of Fame Class

SMU and SMU Athletics, in conjunction with the SMU Lettermen's Association, has announced the newest class of the SMU Athletics Hall of Fame. The 2014 inductees – Harvey Armstrong, Keith Connor, Florence Ezech, Christine Looock, Ted McLaughlin, and the late Logan Stollenwerck - will be honored at a dinner and induction ceremony on Friday, May 2, at the Hilton Anatole.

Harvey Armstrong was a defensive lineman at SMU from 1978-1981, earning all-SWC recognition during his junior and senior seasons. Armstrong was a co-captain and a key player on a Mustang squad that won the SWC title in 1981. For his efforts, Armstrong was named to the American Football Coaches Association All-American team in 1981. Armstrong was drafted in the seventh round of the 1982 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles, and played eight seasons in the NFL, first with the Eagles and later with the Indianapolis Colts.

Keith Connor was a standout on SMU's men's track and field squads from 1981-83, leading SMU to win the 1983 NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships. Connor was a three-time All-American in the triple jump, and was also named an All-American in the long jump in 1981. He won four individual national championships and six conference titles in the triple jump. In 1982, Connor won two gold medals in the triple jump at the Commonwealth Games and the European Championships. He won a silver medal at the 1978 European Indoor Championships, and took the bronze in the 1984 Olympic Games, both in the triple jump.

Florence Ezech won four NCAA titles as a member of the SMU women's track and field program from 1998-2001, earning the distinction of being the first woman to win three-consecutive outdoor hammer throw NCAA Championships. Ezech also took the 2001 indoor title in the same event. The six-time All-American broke NCAA records for both the hammer and weight throw. Ezech also took first in the hammer throw at the European U23 Championships in 1999 and in the 2001 Mediterranean Games, during which she represented France. The Lomé, Togo native also represented her home nation

from 2005-11, taking second place in the hammer throw at the 2007 All-Africa Games and at the 2008 African Championships.

Dr. Christine Looock was a member of the Mustangs' swimming and diving program from 1975-78, and was the first woman to earn a varsity letter in the sport at SMU. Looock was a five-time US National Diving Champion; she won the 1-meter in 1974, the 3-meter in 1974 and 1977, and the 10-meter in 1977 and 1980. She also won a bronze medal in the 3-meter at the World Championships in 1975. The 1978 All-American was previously honored by the SMU Lettermen's Association with the Silver Anniversary Mustang Award in 2004, and was presented with SMU's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996 for her outstanding contributions to the medical community as a developmental pediatrician.

Ted McLaughlin was the men's track and field coach at SMU from 1980-88, leading the Mustangs to three NCAA Championships. His team took both the indoor and outdoor titles in 1983 and the outdoor championship in 1986. During his tenure at SMU, he coached 23 individual national champions and three Olympic medalists. McLaughlin was named to the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2006.

Logan Stollenwerck was a halfback and a quarterback at SMU from 1922-24, leading SMU to the 1923 SWC Championships and an unblemished 9-0 record while outscoring opponents 207-9 during the season. Stollenwerck was named to the All-Southwest Conference team for his performance as a halfback in 1922, and garnered All-Conference honors as a quarterback in 1923 and 1924. Overall, SMU went 20-4-5 during his career. He was also named an Honorable Mention All-American selection by Time Magazine.

The dinner and induction ceremony will take place on Friday, May 2, at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$200 and tables of 10 are available for \$1,500. To purchase, call (214) 768-4314, contact the SMU Lettermen's Association at (214) 768-4000, or visit www.smu.edu/halloffame.



Former Hall of Fame inductees at the 2013 Banquet.

President's Corner

It is a thrill for me to introduce myself as the new President of the Lettermen's Association for 2014-2015. Although I certainly have big shoes to fill, I look forward to making many new connections, and along with our board, leading our Association through another great year.

The first signs of spring are appearing in Dallas, and it has never been a better time to be a Mustang. We have spent 2014 celebrating the amazing success of our Men's Basketball team, led by Head Coach Larry Brown. It has been a thrill watching them compete this year in our spectacular new coliseum, and they are well-positioned to make their first NCAA tournament appearance in over 20 years. In addition, we have witnessed many great and memorable performances by athletes in all sports, both on and off the field.

We recently announced the outstanding class of men and women who will be inducted into the SMU Athletics Hall of Fame this May, and I know you will agree that their accomplishments make us all proud to be Mustangs. It is my hope that some of the young athletes currently competing for SMU will also one day be extended an invitation to join the Hall of Fame. In the meantime, however, I hope that they will continue to engage with SMU and the Lettermen's Association

as they graduate and take on new challenges as young professionals. We are excited to see where their lives take them, and to welcome them into our Association.

Many of you received a copy of our membership brochure in your mailboxes and inboxes in the last few weeks. I encourage all Letterwinners to consider the benefits of activating your membership for 2014. Not only is it a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and spend time with your former teammates, but there are also some great perks – including free parking at SMU Football Home Games! For our young alums, this is also a chance to stay connected to your alma mater and build relationships with fellow Mustangs who share your experience of being a student-athlete. Please feel free to contact the Lettermen's office with any questions about membership.

Enjoy your spring, and we hope to welcome you to the Hilltop sometime very soon! Pony Up!

Mitchell Glick

Swim Teams Cruise to Strong Finish in Inaugural AAC Conference Championship

The SMU Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams produced an outstanding finale to their conference seasons, each placing second in the inaugural American Athletic Conference championship in Louisville, KY this February.

Junior diver Devin Burnett claimed his third individual title in the platform dive, winning both the 1-meter and the 3-meter over the course of the championship meet. Burnett was named the 2014 Most Outstanding Diver, and Coach Jim Stillson received 2014 Men's Diving Coach of the Year accolades for his team's strong performance.

Freshman Tara-Lynn Nicholas set a pool record in the 200-meter breaststroke to win a conference championship in the event for the Mustangs. Teammate Rachel Nicol was a close second, only 0.23 seconds behind Nicholas to capture the silver. Freshman Marne Erasmus took home the championship in the 100-meter butterfly.

Both the men's and women's teams performed with strong finishes in many of the individual and relay events. Nine women and eleven men earned All-Conference honors.

The Mustangs compete next in the NCAA Championships, set to take place in Minneapolis, MN (Women's, Diving) and Austin TX (Men's) at the end of March. Visit smumustangs.com for a list of qualifying student-athletes.



The Men's (left) and Women's (right) Swimming & Diving Teams celebrated their respective runner-up finishes at the first AAC Tournament this February.



*Congratulations,
Mustangs!*



Coach Jim Stillson (right; pictured with Tom Buning, SMU Senior Associate AD, Facilities & Operations), was honored as the 2014 Men's Diving Coach of the Year.

MUSTANG MUGS



(left) SAM Honoree Oscar Roan (Football, Men's Basketball, '74) celebrated with his family at the annual Silver Anniversary Mustang Award reception on Feb. 1st at Moody Coliseum.



(right) Dave Blewet (Football '89), Shawna Dalryple (Rowing '05), Renee Moore (Rowing '07), and Lee Hart at the 2013 SAM Reception on February



Former SMU Basketball Players gathered with friends and family on January 4th for a reunion before the first games in the new Moody Coliseum.

Have you and your fellow Mustangs been out on the town together lately?
Send us a photo so we can feature it in an upcoming newsletter issue!

Photos may be submitted to lettermen@smu.edu or
PO Box 750315, Dallas, TX 75275.

Hixson Named to Southwest Conference Hall of Fame Class of 2014

SMU football great Chuck Hixson ('70) will join Marci Bozarth (TCU), Chris Gilbert (Texas), Jacob Green (Texas A&M), David Klingler (Houston), Coach John McDonnell (Arkansas), Regina Cavanaugh Murphy (Rice), Coach Dutch Schroeder (Baylor), and Carolyn Thompson (Texas Tech) as members of the 2014 inductees into the newly reformed Southwestern Conference Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Chuck Hixson had a record-setting career at SMU from 1968 to '70. After leading the nation in passing as a sophomore, he was awarded the Sammy Baugh Trophy in 1968. During his college career, Hixson completed 642 passes in 1,115 attempts for 7,179 yards, with 40 touchdowns and 56 interceptions. All of these numbers, except touchdown passes, stood as SMU school rec-

ords until the 2012 season.

Mr. Hixson served as Lettermen's Association President from 2011-2013 and remains actively involved in Lettermen's activities at SMU.

The 2014 class will be honored at a luncheon and ceremony on Monday, April 7th, at 11:30 AM in Houston at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Visit www.tshof.org/events to reserve event tickets at \$75 each or tables of 10 for \$500, or to access sponsorship information.

Congratulations, Chuck!



SMU Holds First-Ever Student-Athlete Career and Internship Fair

The first SMU student-athlete career fair and networking reception was held on Sunday afternoon in the Miller Event Center of the newly renovated Moody Coliseum. Over 25 employers and graduate school representatives were provided an opportunity to meet informally with the student-athletes and give them information promoting their organization, the career field, internships and full-time positions.

Director of Life Skills Allison Singleton organized the career fair with the assistance of the Hegi Family Career Center in order to accommodate student-athletes access to career resources with their rigorous schedules.

"For a lot of the student-athletes, this might be their first time being exposed to speaking with employers about opportunities after graduation. With that 'practice leading up to a game' philosophy in mind, we wanted to bring in a diverse group of employers so that student-athletes could practice networking with companies," Singleton said.

Employers also discussed what essential qualities student-athletes contribute to their companies. "We like hiring student-athletes because of their transferable skills: communication, work

ethic, resilience, persuasiveness and flexibility," Enterprise's Ty Codner said.

Katie Seal (former SMU Women's Basketball student-athlete) of Randstad Technologies added, "Most of our leadership positions are former student-athletes and we appreciate the drive and dedication a student-athlete possesses and can carry on in a professional setting. In order to be successful in our environment, it's important to work well within a team setting but to also be extremely self-motivated and driven."

Toward the end of the event, the student-athletes had an opportunity to network during the reception and enjoy some appetizers.

"The career fair was an amazing opportunity to meet with some of Dallas' top employers and really explore my post grad options," said Caroline Daly, a senior on the volleyball team.

"It's an awesome way to make a direct connection with employers. It also shows the push behind the promise that [Athletics Director] Rick Hart made about preparing students for life," sophomore football player Cameron Smith said.

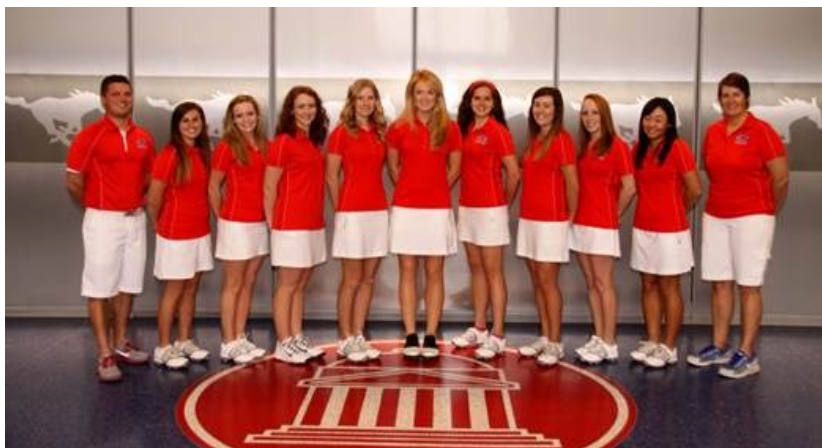


LIFE ON THE HILLTOP



Student-Athletes enjoyed a study "break-fast" during Finals Week at SMU this December, organized by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

You're Invited



To the 2014 Earl Stewart Invitational In Support of the SMU Women's Golf Team

Join us for this annual fund-raising event at the Dallas Athletic Club on March 31st. We had a great time at last year's event and this year's will be even better! For only \$185/ player, you will have a chance to play the beautiful Blue Course at DAC, receive a box lunch and join us for a Texas BBQ featuring the Steve Helms Band following play! The event also includes a silent auction and opportunities to interact with former and current players.

The women's golf team raises 100% of the funds to host 17 NCAA teams at the DAC/ SMU Invitational that will take place April 4-6, 2014. Our goal is \$25,000 and we are starting at \$0! Whatever you can contribute will be greatly appreciated. No team to play with? No worries—we will pair you with a fun team of people! To donate a silent auction item, sponsor a hole, sign up to play or bring a team, or for any other questions, contact Head Coach Jeanne Sutherland at 214-768-2884 or jsutherland@smu.edu. Click [here](#) for registration information. We'll see you on March 31st!



*Celebrate the achievements
of SMU student-athletes this
quarter!*

Football

Kenneth Acker—Second Team All AAC Cornerback
Jeremy Johnson—Second Team All AAC Wide Receiver

Men's Basketball:

Ben Moore—AAC Rookie of the Week, Jan. 27

Men's Golf

Bryson Dechambeau—currently ranked 14th in the World Amateur Golf Rankings

Men's Soccer:

Jaime Ibarra—Futbol Mundial's Best of the Best
Deshawon Nembhard—AAC All-Conference Rookie Team

Men's Swimming/Diving:

Matas Andriekus—AAC All-Conference Team
Devin Burnett—AAC All-Conference Team
Ziga Cernovik—AAC All-Conference Team
Nicolai Hansen—AAC All-Conference Team
Hayden Hodges—AAC All-Conference Team
Eastman Holloway—AAC All-Conference Team
Bryce Klein—AAC All-Conference Team
Ryan Koops—AAC All-Conference Team
Ramon Melo—AAC All-Conference Team
Tyler Rauth—AAC All-Conference Team
Matt Roney—AAC All-Conference Team

Men's Tennis

Nate Lammons/Alex Sanders—doubles championship at Jack Kramer Club Invite

Track & Field

Rayann Chin—AAC Indoor Track & Field Athlete of the week (Feb. 18)
Stephanie Kalu—AAC Indoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week (Jan. 28, Feb. 4)

Volleyball

Avery Acker—AAC Setter of the Year; AVCA All-America and All-Region Honorable Mention; First Team All-AAC; CoSIDA Academic All-District
Cailin Bula—Second Team All-AAC
Abbey Bybel—Second Team All-AAC
Janelle Giordano—First Team All-AAC
Caroline Young—First Team All-AAC; Four-time Conference Player of the Week

Women's Basketball

Keena Mays—Four-time American Athletic Conference Player of the Week

Kiara Perry—American Athletic Conference Freshman of the Week (Dec. 30)

Women's Soccer

Taylor Barg—AAC All-Freshman Team
Rikki Clarke—Second Team All-American Athletic Conference
Shelby Redman—Second Team All-American Athletic Conference; Academic All-District Team
NSCAA Academic Team Award (cumulative team GPA of 3.0 or higher)

Swimming/Diving (Women's)

Isabella Arcila—AAC All-Conference Team
Monika Babok—AAC All-Conference Team
Ursa Bezan—AAC All-Conference Team
Marne Erasmus—AAC All-Conference Team
Nathalie Lindborg—AAC All-Conference Team
Kirsty McLauchlan—AAC All-Conference Team
Tara-Lynn Nichols—AAC All-Conference Team
Rachel Nicol—AAC All-Conference Team
Nina Rangelova—AAC All-Conference Team

SMU Football Announces 2014 Recruiting Class

The Mustang Club and SMU Football hosted the 2014 annual NCAA Signing Day Events this year on February 5th in both Dallas and Houston to introduce Mustang fans to the 2014 recruiting class.

The Dallas event was held in the new Miller Event Center at Moody Coliseum. Head Coach June Jones gave a presentation on the incoming class, which includes 21 new Mustangs along with three January enrollees. Running back Daniel Gresham and linebacker Inoke Ngalo are two of the stand-out recruits in a class that also features SMU Legacy Tony Richards (OL) and All-American shot putter Bozidar Antunovic (DL), a transfer student originally from Serbia.

Gary Cogill served as this year's emcee for the Dallas event, and SMU Men's Basketball Coach Larry Brown stopped by to congratulate Coach Jones on a strong class this year. Remarks from Coach Jones were webcast live for attendees in Houston at the Hilton Post Oak and streamed on the SMU website for fans across the country. Coaches Jason Phillips and Derrick Odum represented the SMU football program on-site in Houston.

Mustang fans can look forward to an exciting season in 2014 with home games against Texas A&M, TCU, Houston, Memphis, USF, and Cincinnati and away games against Baylor, UNT, Tulsa, East Carolina, UCONN, and UCF.

Season football ticket renewals will arrive in mailboxes soon! To purchase new season football tickets, please contact the SMU Ticket Office (214-768-4263) or your Mustang Club representative. All Mustang Club donations should be made by April 1st to apply priority points to the upcoming season.

For questions about season ticket renewals or Mustang Club donations, please contact the Mustang Club at (214) 768-2582 or mustangs@smu.edu.

It's that time again! Be sure to activate your 2014 Lettermen's Membership to continue receiving great benefits from the Lettermen's Association. Why activate?

- **FREE parking** at home football games (awarded on a per game basis to the first 100 replies to the parking invitation email).
- **Discounts** at area hotels, SMU Bookstore and more.
- **Annual Reunion BBQ** and Football Game.
- **Priority Points** - Five (5) points per year of paid dues plus an additional 25 each fifth consecutive year.
- **Exclusive** access to Lettermen's apparel.
- **Spring Mixer.**
- **Stay up to date** with SMU Athletics news, events and special ticket offers.
- **Reconnect** with old friends and make new ones.
- **Contact** the Lettermen's office for "anything SMU". We are here for you!
- Cast your vote for - Silver Anniversary Mustang Award Recipient and the Honorary Letter Award Recipient.

Call 214-768-4000 or visit us online at smu.edu/lettermens to activate your membership today!

Hilltop Happenings: Save the Date!

Mar. 12-15: American Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Tournament, Memphis, TN

Ticket packages start at \$250. Tickets are still available! [Click here to purchase!](#)

Apr. 9-11: Founders' Day Weekend

Apr. 27: Student-Athlete Awards Banquet

May 2: SMU Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX

Contact 214-768-4314 or 214-768-4000 to purchase tickets!

May 17: Commencement



Congratulations to our six student-athletes who graduated in December 2013 (pictured here with Athletic Director Rick Hart)!

THE MUSTANGS ARE HEADED TO MEMPHIS!

Join the Mustang Club at the AAC Tournament!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 TOURNAMENT KICK OFF EVENT

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
The Peabody Hotel
Louis XVI Room
149 Union Ave. Memphis, TN 38103

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 GAME DAY HAPPY HOUR

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Jerry Lee Lewis' Cafe & Honky Tonk
310 Beale St., Memphis, TN 38103

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 SEMIFINALS PRE-GAME PARTY

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Rum Boogie Cafe
182 Beale St. Memphis, TN 38103

**All events include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.
Please let us know which events you plan to attend by March 6th
RSVP to mustangs@smu.edu or (214) 768-2582**

Mustangs Kick Off Spring Practice On March 4th Open Practice Set For April 5th

The SMU Mustangs will kick off spring practice on Tuesday, March 4, as the football team begins its preparations for the 2014 season. Head Coach June Jones and his staff will conduct 15 practice sessions as they prep for another winning season.

While the majority of practices are closed to the public, high school coaches are invited to attend. Coaches are asked to call SMU's Director of High School Relations, Tam Hollingshead, at 214-768-1631 to arrange for field access. All weekday practices will be held at 7 a.m.

The session's final practice on Saturday, April 5, will be open to the public, and will run 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fans will be able to meet the players after practice.

A full schedule is available [here](#).

Contact us at (214) 768-4000 or lettermen@smu.edu with your suggestions, comments, and questions!