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## 2011 SON DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ::

The School of Nursing selected Tamara Bavousett, D.N.P., M.S.N., C-N.P., B.S.N., ('10, '04, '01); Jeff Watson, M.S.N., R.N., ('10); and Hillery Quintanilla, B.S.N., R.N., ('98), as its 2011 Distinguished Alumni. The trio was honored in November at a dinner event, sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations. Bavousett received the Distinguished Award for Community Advocacy; Watson was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Leadership in Health Care; and Quintanilla was given the Distinguished Alumni Award for Excellence in Clinical Care. These awards are the highest honors the school bestows upon its alumni.



Texas Air National Guard pilots Col. Tommy "Astro" Duke, Larry "Warbird" Warmoth, M.D., ('92), Maj. Scott "SFTR" Elrod, Maj. Greg "Blotto" Pohoski, and Col. Phil "Shooter" Vanueau.



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There is something familiar about how Larry Warmoth, M.D., (SOM '92) gives an account of the F-16 flyover before the Red Raiders hosted the Aggies in 2009: *The Goin' Band from Raiderland hit the final notes of the Star Spangled Banner right as a flock of F-16s thundered over Jones AT&T Stadium...* It's a rush, unlike no other, said Warmoth, who was pilot of the lead plane.

Remember in *Top Gun*, when Maverick kicked on the afterburners in front of the flight deck's control tower?

Warmoth enjoyed recounting the experience as he and other members of the Texas Air National Guard prepared for a repeat performance when the Aggies were in town Oct. 8.

Like Tom Cruise's character, Warmoth has hours worth of stories as a result of his time in the cockpit. Ones such as how pilots get their call signs, which is usually by doing something, well, um, memorable, he said. Since Warmoth joined the Texas Air National Guard in 1998, his comrades have called him "Warbird."

Growing up, Warmoth was mesmerized by his own father in uniform. So to follow in his footsteps seemed only natural when a Navy recruiter posed the question as Warmoth was completing his undergraduate degree in biology. He trained as a pilot, but the conversations he heard about flight surgeons intrigued him. Warmoth was completing graduate training in viral pathology at Colorado State University when he decided to go the medical route. He was familiar with TTUHSC because Lubbock then had

## SOP alumni support needed to meet scholarship goal

Students in the School of Pharmacy are embarking on another exciting year and more tuition bills. When our school first started, there were only a handful of scholarships available and certainly not enough to go around.

Fortunately, community and professional organizations, private foundations, companies, and individuals have stepped in to help provide additional scholarships, which has helped ease the mind of many students. However, more scholarship dollars are needed in order to offset increases in tuition and fees and to ultimately help every student who needs financial assistance.

Earlier this year, the SOP Alumni Association established the Alumni Pioneers Scholarship Fund. Through generous support, we have raised more than two-thirds of the \$10,000 needed to endow the scholarship, but we need your help to reach our goal.

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Helen Cox, Ed.D., B.S.N., died July 24, 2011. She was a former faculty member in the School of Nursing, retiring in 2000 as executive associate dean and professor. Cox provided significant work toward achieving implementation of the Master of Science in Nursing degree at the School of Nursing, and she was an avid Lady Raiders fan. Memorials in her honor can be made to the Carroll Family Scholarship Fund at the School of Nursing.

Sheila J. Goodnight, M.D., (SOM '84) died Oct. 26, 2011. She was professor of medicine and chief of the Section of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston.

Walter Hyde Jr., M.D., (SOM Resident '86) died Sept. 18, 2011. He was a physician in Lubbock and Seminole, Texas, for 25 years.

Nancy Landry died Aug. 2, 2011. She was an administrator in the School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Permian Basin from 1985 to 2002.

Giles McCrary Sr. died Oct. 30, 2011. He was a longtime supporter of TTUHSC and served on the board of the Texas Tech Medical School Foundation. He also was a member of the Chancellor's Council and the School of Nursing Advisory Committee.

Lloyd K. Mark, M.D., died Oct. 31, 2011. For 30 years, he was the regional chair for the Department of Radiology at the School of Medicine at El Paso and later served as clinical director in the Department of Radiology at Thomason Hospital, now University Medical Center. In retirement, he continued to advise and provide counsel to residents and students until about a year ago.

Jackolyn Benson Morgan, Ed.D., M.S.N., (SON '95) died July 10, 2011. She had served as director of nursing programs at Cisco College for several years and, in 2009, was named its dean of health sciences.

Henry T. Uhrig, M.D., died Nov. 17, 2011. He joined the School of Medicine at Amarillo in 1978, and was one of three founders of the Department of Radiology. He also was instrumental in the development of the Department of Mammography and served as medical director of mammography.

Jorge A. Fernandez, B.S.N., ('10) died Nov. 13, 2011. Fernandez, a decorated U.S. Air Force staff sergeant who served two tours in Iraq, was a nurse in the surgical intensive care unit of University Hospital in San Antonio.

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an Air Force base. His first visit to the Hub City was when he and his wife, Debbie, came for his medical school interview. They left a few days later having found a home and her a job, but he still hadn't been accepted to medical school.

"Deb joked that I better get in because this was just where we were supposed to call home," Warmoth said.

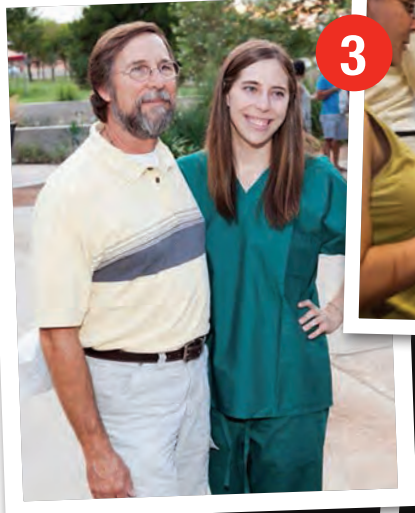
Since 1996, Warmoth has practiced in Lubbock, initially as part of Covenant Health System's medical group. He later returned to TTUHSC for a nephrology fellowship; since 2004, he has practiced at the Kidney Disease Specialists of West Texas. For the past three years, Warmoth also has served as medical director of the Kidney Center of Lubbock and chief of medicine at Covenant Medical Center.

Now a colonel in the Texas Air National Guard, Warmoth is a highly decorated serviceman as well. He has twice earned the Air Force Commendation Medal, as well as ones for meritorious service, achievement and humanitarianism. He continues to serve in the military health care field as chief of Aerospace Medicine for the 147th Fighter Wing, and he is a member of several community medical boards.

He will tell you, however, that he is most proud of his family. The Warmoths have three children: Travis, a biology (premed) major at TTU, and Tanner, who is in high school; and their daughter, Taylor, who is following in her father's footsteps. This fall, she was accepted into the School of Medicine Class of 2016.

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1 The School of Allied Health Sciences hosted its annual luncheon in September to recognize and thank donors for their support in scholarship, research, educational programming and faculty development. The school now serves more than 900 students at four campuses enrolled in 18 degree programs. 2 “Welcome back” echoed across each campus during the first week of classes and to celebrate the offices of Alumni Relations and Student Services along with the Student Government Association provided lunch and giveaways. 3 New medical students receive their first set of scrubs compliments of the Office of Alumni Relations. 4 Donning of the white coat signifies the beginning of an academic career for pharmacy and medical students. Ceremonies were held in Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso and Lubbock. 5 Nothing beats a tailgate party to kickoff game day spirit. Alumni and future alumni joined the Office of Alumni Relations for burgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings before the Texas A&M game.