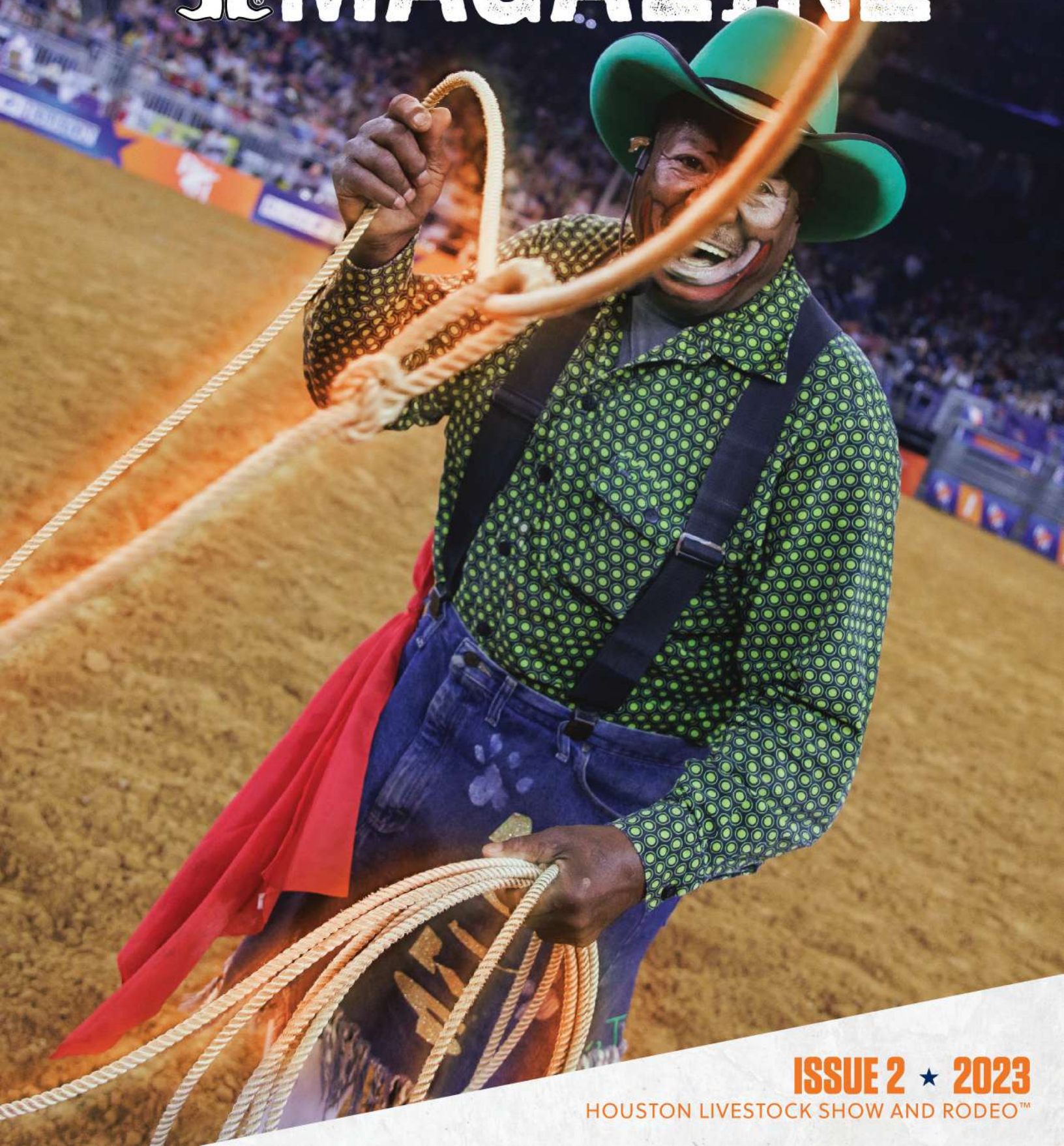




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## From the Outgoing CHAIRMAN of the BOARD

The 2023 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ was a tremendous success as we welcomed over 2.4 million guests to a world-class livestock show, RODEOHOUSTON® competition and entertainment with some of the best weather in Rodeo history. As I wrap up my third and final year as Chairman of the Board, I couldn't be happier to complete my term on such a high note. I feel tremendous gratitude to each of our 35,000 volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to make this happen.

It's a bittersweet time for me. My ties to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo run deep. Serving as your chairman is a family legacy that I will

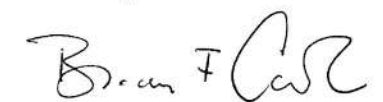
treasure all of my life. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization in this role, and I wouldn't have been able to do so without the support of my wife, Zane, each step of the way.

As I reflect on the past three years, I am in awe of all we accomplished together despite the many obstacles we faced. We held a livestock-only show in 2021. We returned for our 90th anniversary show in 2022, and this year, we welcomed Brad Paisley to the Star Trail of Fame and had 10 record-breaking auction lots. Each Show, we have leapt forward with improvements and innovations, returning to normalcy after recovering from the effects of the pandemic. I am grateful to have navigated these critical years with the skilled and steady leadership of Dr. Chris Boleman, president and CEO, by my side.

Saying thank you to 35,000 volunteers for your dedication and resources doesn't seem sufficient, but I mean it from the bottom of my heart. You are the lifeblood of the organization, and we couldn't carry on this treasured tradition without you. With our 2023 educational commitment of \$22.5 million, our total educational commitment to Texas youth and education since 1932 now exceeds \$575 million. Thank you for being part of such an incredible milestone!

As we look to the future, I'm happy to say it's a bright one. It's my honor to pass the reins to the capable hands of Pat Mann Phillips. With her vast knowledge and contagious energy, I have no doubt Pat will continue to lead the Rodeo to be the very best it can be. 🤠

Sincerely,



Brady Carruth



# HOW THE SHOW MAKES A WORLDWIDE IMPACT

BY CLARISSA WHITE



Every year for a week, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ has an important international mission, and this year, the Show hosted more international visitors than ever before. The International Committee, consisting of 675 volunteers, created a spectacular experience for nearly 3,000 international visitors from over 96 countries. "We had more guests check-in on day one than we did all of last year combined," International Committee Chair Randy Pauly said.

From the moment a guest enters the International Room, a dedicated space within NRG Center for all registered international guests, they are greeted with a big Texas and Rodeo welcome, "Howdy!" Committee members then showcase the City of Houston, explain the how and why behind Rodeo events and even help facilitate the purchase of livestock from championship bloodlines, if they are interested. Many of the Rodeo's international guests attend to grow their own ranches by purchasing semen, cattle and horses. The President of Botswana, Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, his wife and their delegation were among the international guests and purchased champion bloodline Brahman. This year, these guests surpassed \$3.4 million in cattle sales, helping boost the ranching and wildlife economy across the state. "These folks also come to purchase ranching equipment, look at our colleges and schools, take care of their medical needs and shop," Pauly said.

While the International Room sees many of the same faces year after year, the occasional new guests describe their first time at the Rodeo as a "mind-blowing experience." One international visitor even compared it to visiting Walt Disney World®.

Adolfo Jimenez, a visitor from Costa Rica, took his very first flight to attend the Rodeo. He was part of the group representing a Costa Rican Rodeo, Camara de Ganaderos de Liberia out of Guanacaste, Costa Rica. This leadership group wanted to experience firsthand what it takes to

produce one of the world's largest livestock shows and rodeos. Jimenez and his colleagues said they were amazed at how much the committee wanted to help them learn. "Within our room, we were able to set them up with Show staff as well as volunteers from all different areas of the show so we could explain the wins and the hurdles while giving them the chance to ask questions," Pauly said.

Most international guests speak enough English to manage while they're visiting, but the committee also has translators to assist. The committee also feeds approximately 250 international guests each day of the Rodeo; however, that number can reach 450-500 guests on the busiest days.

The effort of the volunteers is what is most noticed by the international guests. The Costa Rican guests loved witnessing all the volunteers working together. They said the greatest part of the experience was everyone wanting to pitch in and make it better, seeing how many scholarships were given, and how the event helped the community. While the Costa Rican visitors experienced numerous aspects of the Rodeo, they were most interested in the calf scramble, mutton bustin' and scholarship opportunities. They hope to implement what they've learned at their own rodeo to further develop a love of the sport and the mission among their own community's youth.

The committee is also doing its part in helping further develop the youths' appreciation for the Rodeo. "This year, we implemented a Kid's Corner for the first time ever," said Johnny Flores, an International Committee member. "Those kids are the future of the room in 20 or so years!"

The connections formed and lessons learned within the four walls of the International Room will have a long-lasting impact and help keep livestock shows and rodeos thriving around the world for generations to come. 🌎



The International Committee hosted guests from 96+ countries at the 2023 Show! Here are the Top Ten Countries by attendance:

1. MEXICO
2. HONDURAS
3. COSTA RICA
4. GUATEMALA
5. NICARAGUA
6. COLOMBIA
7. VENEZUELA
8. BOTSWANA
9. GERMANY
10. ECUADOR





# Rodeo Wrap: ATTENDANCE

Total attendance for all activities  
on the grounds reached

## 2,479,004



# Community Day

A HIT WITH FAMILIES

BY ERIKA SANCHEZ



Paid rodeo/concert attendance reached

## 1,355,367

In three days, the World's Championship  
Bar-B-Que Contest entertained

## 214,903

Highest paid rodeo/concert performances from 2023:

- |          |                        |          |                                     |
|----------|------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> | Luke Bryan<br>74,779   | <b>2</b> | Turnpike Troubadours<br>74,657      |
| <b>3</b> | Brad Paisley<br>74,577 | <b>4</b> | Bun B's Southern Takeover<br>74,573 |

For the first time in Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ history, the Show hosted Community Day, presented by TC Energy, and more than 24,000 guests enjoyed the kickoff on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The special day featured free admission until noon for all guests, buy-one-get-one-free rides and games, and reduced pricing on food and beverage.

The Show strives to create a family-friendly atmosphere and hosting a Community Day was a perfect fit. Local Houstonian, Kendra Dixon, was excited to lead her daycare children on a fun-filled day and expressed appreciation to the Rodeo for making the Show more affordable and accessible.

Mesmerized by the colorful attractions and luminous lights, guests on Community Day also enjoyed the many carnival perks. "This is a huge savings! It looks like a lot of fun," said Latoya Carhee, a Show guest who brought her family on Community Day. "I really want to get on a ride myself."

"Volunteers from TC Energy assisted with the influx of visitors," said Lisa Gagnon, chief marketing officer of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "Guests were delighted

with the robust presence of TC Energy volunteers participating in Rodeo Acts of Kindness." TC Energy volunteers helped guests with family photos and surprised visitors with swag bags filled with Howdy Bucks, Rodeo merchandise, and even premium tickets to RODEOHOUSTON® that night.

The Community Day experience carried from the Carnival, presented by First Community, into NRG Center where families were met by a variety of agricultural and livestock exhibits. Sarah Cole and her family from Pearland, Texas, were excited to see the many attractions. "I really appreciate the free admission because it's a good learning experience for my children, and it allows them to see different animals [and learn about agriculture]," she said.

According to Gagnon, it's easy to say Community Day was a success. "At the end of the day, we saw a 31 percent increase in attendance compared to the same day in 2022," she said. "The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and TC Energy committed to sponsoring Community Day for two years minimum, so yes, we plan to see Community Day again in 2024!" 🎉









# Rodeo Wrap: SUPER SERIES CHAMPIONS



**TIE-DOWN ROPING**  
**RILEY WEBB**  
Denton, Texas | Winnings: \$55,625



**TEAM ROPING**  
**RHEN RICHARD & JEREMY BUHLER**  
Roosevelt, Utah | Maricopa, Arizona  
Winnings: \$111,500



**BAREBACK RIDING**  
**LEIGHTON BERRY**  
Weatherford, Texas | Winnings: \$57,375



**SADDLE BRONC RIDING**  
**SAGE NEWMAN**  
Melstone, Montana | Winnings: \$56,750



**STEER WRESTLING**  
**DALTON MASSEY**  
Stanfield, Oregon | Winnings: \$54,250



**BREAKAWAY ROPING**  
**HALI WILLIAMS**  
Comanche, Texas | Winnings: \$53,750



**BARREL RACING**  
**JORDON BRIGGS**  
Tolar, Texas | Winnings: \$58,000



**BULL RIDING**  
**KY HAMILTON**  
Mackay, Queensland, Australia | Winnings: \$62,000



Thank you!

# 2023 AUCTION DONORS



## GRAND CHAMPION BARROW\*

EXHIBITOR: Sage Bearden  
PRICE: \$375,000  
DONORS: Gregg Reyes — Reytec Construction, Sabra Smith, Kathy & Matt Norris, and Lisa Blackwood



## RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BARROW\*

EXHIBITOR: Zachery "Ky" Blount  
PRICE: \$320,000  
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EXHIBITOR: Kamryn Till  
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EXHIBITOR: John Austin North  
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## RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB

EXHIBITOR: Cole Bynum  
PRICE: \$160,000  
DONORS: Amy & Mark Melton, Mary & Ken Hucherson, Mary Lee & Alan Stigall, and Tammy, Peyton & Mitchell Barrier



Junior auction sales totaled \$22,617,879 (unaudited preliminary totals) as 10 Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion auction lots set Rodeo records.

# 2023 AUCTION DONORS



## GRAND CHAMPION ART\*

**EXHIBITOR:** Mia Huckman  
**PRICE:** \$275,000  
**DONORS:** J Alan Kent Development — Julie & Alan Kent, Shelly & Jerome Mulanax, Kristina & Paul Somerville, and Jennifer, Joe & Bob Van Matre



## RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION ART

**EXHIBITOR:** Eliza Hoffman  
**PRICE:** \$185,000  
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## GRAND CHAMPION STEER

**EXHIBITOR:** Stiles Patin  
**PRICE:** \$550,000  
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## RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

**EXHIBITOR:** Tristan Himes  
**PRICE:** \$540,000  
**DONORS:** Champagne Cowgirls



## GRAND CHAMPION TURKEY\*

**EXHIBITOR:** Tyler John  
**PRICE:** \$200,000  
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## RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION TURKEY\*

**EXHIBITOR:** Trent Ellebracht  
**PRICE:** \$195,000  
**DONORS:** Billy Parker, Mach Industrial Group — Kathleen & Tom Mach in memory of Harry Mach, Meredith & Patrick Chastang, and Ron Logan



## GRAND CHAMPION WINE\*

**EXHIBITOR:** Le Chemin du Roi Brut, Champagne AOC, NV  
**PRICE:** \$325,000  
**DONORS:** J Alan Kent Development — Julie & Alan Kent, Randa & Ray Gilliam, Andrea & Bruce Bryant, and John M. Cotterell



## RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION WINE

**EXHIBITOR:** Bernhardt Winery Antiquity, Chardonnay Reserve, Danube Plain, 2020  
**PRICE:** \$165,000  
**DONORS:** Sire Spirits, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson



# A TEXAS-SIZED

BY GIGI WARK  
PHOTO CREDIT LISA NORWOOD

*thank you!*

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ 2023 Armed Forces Appreciation Day, presented by Crown Royal, was a heartwarming success. This annual tribute honors, remembers, and thanks active and retired service members and their families for protecting the freedoms and peace of our country.

This year's event hosted approximately 3,700 service members from five military branches, as well as the Merchant Marines. War veterans from all conflicts since World War II were represented.

"I am grateful to work with my fellow committee volunteers and the 35,000 volunteers of the Show to put on a special day where we honor our heroes," said Spike Garcia, U.S. Air Force retired Senior Master Sgt. and Armed Forces Appreciation Committee chair. "I served in the military for over 26 years, and I am glad to continue to serve those who protect our community and country. As we say on the committee, 'it's one team, one mission!'"

Bill Rawl, a U.S. Air Force Korean War Veteran, was all smiles describing his police-escorted ride to the Show. "I feel honored and proud. I served in what was known as the 'forgotten war,' but to have so many people say thank you today — we are no longer forgotten," said Rawl as tears filled his eyes.

Charles Mills and George Offenhymmer, ages 102 and 99, attended, representing the World War II Merchant Marines. "I am honored to be here sharing my experiences and the history of the U.S. Merchant Marines," Mills said. "Not many people know the sacrifices we made."

Mills and Offenhymmer are both Congressional Gold Medal recipients. This honor is Congress' highest expression of national appreciation for achievements and contributions by individuals or institutions. The pair were greeted by rodeo attendees, who, one after another, thanked them for their service with a handshake. "We couldn't ask for a better day," Offenhymmer said. "To get to be cowboys for a day is a childhood dream come true."

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Montano, currently serving at Fort Cavazos (formerly Fort Hood), expressed

his excitement and gratitude. "This is a celebration of us," he said. "The opportunity to share this with my family — to truly have a day off to just be a dad and a husband — is priceless. To be treated like celebrities, with handshakes and thank yous from so many — what an extraordinary way to be thanked for our service."

In addition to recognizing servicemen and women throughout the day, more than 600 military recruits committed themselves to the service of our country and were sworn in. "[It was] breathtaking," retired U.S. Army Col. Dora Edwards said. "My most heartfelt and astonishing moment was hearing hundreds of new recruits take the oath of enlistment. Thank you, Houston rodeo." Edwards is mother of two "military brats," her daughter, Jaelynd, Miss League City Teen, who was volunteering, shared "It was my honor to participate in this day to celebrate the lives of those who protect our country and the children who sacrificed their childhood."

"Texas is a proud supporter of the military, and the Houston Rodeo spurs that to a whole new level," U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Joe Edwards said. Active Duty U.S. Army Lt. Col. Sean Donovan summed the day off best, "The expression of gratitude here for all of us today is beyond words. All I can say is 'God Bless Texas!'" 🇺🇸





# BRADY CARRUTH

## *Reflects on His Historic Chairmanship*

BY LYN STEWART

**W**hen Chairman of the Board Brady Carruth first attended the Houston Fat Stock Show as a young boy, he did not realize how his own evolution with the Show would eventually mirror his father's. A native Houstonian, he loved going to the Sam Houston Coliseum to see entertainers at the Houston Fat Stock Show. At 13, his parents gave Carruth a life membership. Those annual visits had special meaning because of his parents' involvement with the Show.

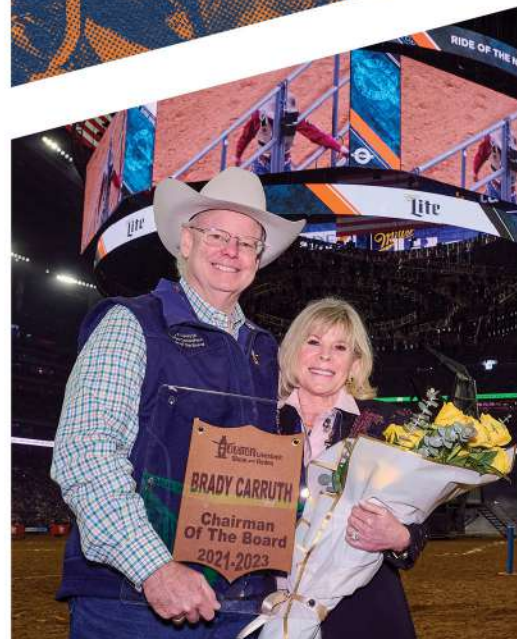
Carruth's father, Allen, also known as "Buddy," not only showed cattle, but he also was an avid volunteer. Buddy Carruth was Rodeo president prior to serving as chairman of the board from 1982 to 1984. Brady Carruth's mother, Ethel Carruth, was a past chair and supporter of the School Art Committee.

Like father, like son – both were chairmen during monumental anniversaries. "It's very meaningful to me to follow in my father's footsteps as chairman of the board in any year, but to have it on a big anniversary year – he was the 50th and I was the 90th – makes it extra special to me," Carruth said.

Little did he know that his chairmanship would be one of the most challenging because of the pandemic. The 2020 Show was cancelled but virtual auctions were still held. Then in 2021, the Show was held as a Livestock Show only with junior shows in March and auctions in May. Carruth credits the Show staff with providing numerous scenarios of what they might be able to do. "We had to make some decisions about how much risk we were willing to take. It was new to everybody. Everybody wanted to get it done," he said. "Our volunteers and our donors came through like they always do. They really came through when we needed them most."

On the heels of that historic time, the 90th anniversary was celebrated in 2022. "The anniversary Show was like a dream. It all went well. We had great crowds; it was financially successful. We really learned how much the Rodeo means to our people and volunteers, as well as the city and county. It's a big event and a much-revered event here in town. People were so happy to have it come back," Carruth said. "A lot of companies and events don't last 90 years, so to be able to celebrate the 90th coming off of what we experienced in 2021 was really a big deal."

Having his wife Zane by his side was instrumental to his success. "You could not



do it without the buy-in from your spouse. It just wouldn't work. You spend a lot of time out here going to a lot of different things," Carruth said. One of his favorite memories was watching Zane hand out the guitars at the Rodeo. She first did it to fill-in for her husband. "She had the best time doing that and it brightened her Rodeo experience. She was happy to take over and once she was down there, it was over with. I'm out," Carruth joked.

Brady Carruth has a long history with the Show. He joined the Lamb Auction Committee in 1982 before becoming chair in 1996. In 1990, he was elected to the board of directors. Two years later, Carruth was named a vice president, serving as officer in charge of the Ladies' Go Texan (now Ag Education), Ladies' Season Box (now Trailblazer), School Art, Special Children's and Western Art committees. He became a member of the Rodeo's Executive Committee in 2013 and was named chairman of the board in 2020.

As his tenure of top volunteer comes to an end, Carruth said he and Zane will take some time to decide what's next for them now that they will have more free time. He is on other non-profit boards and plans to stay involved. "To me, (being chairman of the board for the Show) is one of the top volunteer things you could ever do in the city or state. I love our city and want to see it prosper. I do a lot with parks and green space, so I'll continue working on those kinds of projects," he said.

But you will still see him around the Show. His next role is the chairman of the nominating committee. "I've heard that it's even more stressful than the chairman of the board, so I can't wait to see how that plays out. But that's only two or three meetings a year so I'll be able to handle that," he laughed.

As for his advice for future leaders, Carruth said, "Keep this Show moving in the direction it's moving. Stay true to our mission and be focused." 🤠





# SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT: *winning more than money* **TYSCOTT HAMM**

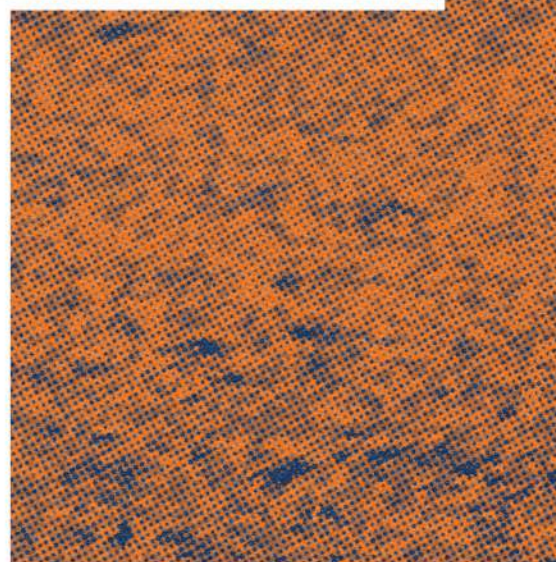
BY CLARISSA WHITE

**S**ome believe being awarded money is the most important part of winning a scholarship, especially because college tuition has increased 102 percent in the last 20 years for the typical four-year public school, according to the College Board. However, for some recipients of a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ scholarship, the money is just part of it. The hard work invested in raising an animal for the Show pays off in personal and character development, and the designation as a Show scholarship winner elevates a young person's life as they become a member of an elite group of individuals added to the Show's proud history.

TyScott Hamm said winning a Show scholarship was "monumental in paying for his education." Yet, when asked about his experiences over the years at the Show, the scholarships were not his initial memory. One of Hamm's best memories is when he and another elementary-aged exhibitor, Jody Clem, were getting their barrows ready for the Show floor. One of them had a brush, the other a spray bottle, and they swapped the bottle and brush back and forth, helping each other prepare while solidifying a lifelong friendship at the same time. Those two young boys were praised from the stage that day for exhibiting actions that exemplify what the Show is all about: learning, helping others and building friendships. The bond Hamm and Clem created as kids keeps them connected decades later.

Today, Hamm practices civil and commercial litigation in Lubbock, Texas. That would not have been possible without the scholarships and money he raised from auctioning his livestock over the years. He is the son of a cotton farmer and a schoolteacher from the small Texas town of Wellman. His Show scholarships allowed him to attend Texas A&M University and become an attorney. "Without the resources and exposure [to the Show], I would not have been able to achieve what I have today," he said. Hamm added that his college tuition would have been unaffordable for his parents and he would have continued to work on the cotton farm instead. "The entire livestock show program and experience creates an opportunity to compete, but more importantly exposes those from rural communities like mine to the opportunities that exist outside of their hometowns," he said.

Hamm said winning Grand Champion Poland China Barrow in 1992 and Reserve Champion Yorkshire Barrow in 1994 elevated his plans to new heights. According to Hamm, the folks at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are the "absolute pinnacle of what you aspire to be." 🐾



**What was your favorite part of being a vice president?**

My favorite part of being vice president was getting to learn about the other committees that I had not been involved with before and meeting the wonderful people associated with them. I did not know any of the fellas in my officer class before we were appointed. They treated me like a queen and were right there supporting me every step of the way. It was an awesome experience, and I was honored to serve the Rodeo in that capacity.

**What did you learn about the Rodeo that you did not know before?**

I had no idea Tours committee handled so many buses and children around the grounds each day. They unloaded 185 school buses and processed 7,768 children on March 8 alone. I also did not know the Horticulture Committee is not only comprised of talented floral designers and beekeepers but they also happily host the soil exhibit in the AgVenture section and hand out thousands of sunflower seed packets to happy children and adults during the Rodeo. Kudos to staff for helping the new officers learn how to get around fast. I now know the quickest way to get around the center and the stadium thanks to Amber Burda and her pointers for the officers.

**What is your proudest accomplishment from your term as vice president?**

I am proud of my chairmen and their committee members for all they accomplished during my tenure. Selecting and guiding the chairman of a committee is the most import job of the vice presidents, in my opinion. We are their biggest cheerleaders, there to mentor and not meddle in their business.

## Outgoing VICE PRESIDENTS

*Alicia Jimerson*

**Why was it important to you to volunteer for the Rodeo and serve a fourth year as officer?**

I absolutely love the Rodeo and would have served a fifth year if they would let me. It is truly an honor to serve, and I took my responsibility very seriously. It was genuinely a pleasure to serve with all my fellow officers and with Dr. Boleman, Brady Carruth and the various chiefs and staff over the past four years. I am really going to miss being with that group!

**What advice would you give volunteers who would like to rise in the ranks?**

Have fun and enjoy working with your committee. Rodeo has a plan for everyone. It's up to you to determine which path to take.

**How has the Rodeo changed in the few years you were a vice president?**

In the few years I have been chairman and vice president, I have seen more women become involved as volunteers and move up the ranks with the Rodeo. When I first volunteered in 1989, women were not involved with any of the auction committees. Since then, we have seen several talented women serve as auction chairman, vice presidents and move up the ranks. Since 1932, I am also only the 11th female to be named vice president. I saw the first females be named to the Executive Board, Pat Mann Phillips and Dr. Kelli Larkin, and now Pat Mann Phillips will be chairman of the board. Those positions are well deserved as they are both fabulous leaders for the Rodeo.

**Tell us something we do not know about you.**

I started my Rodeo career when I started my construction career. This year makes my 34th year for both. I wouldn't change it for the world.

**How does your family support the mission of the Rodeo?**

All four of my children have been involved with Junior Rodeo Committee. They were the first students to participate in the Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Competition in addition to participating in FFA and showing goats at Houston.

**What is next for you?**

I will still be involved with as many committees that will have me, including the Western Art and International committees. I will continue to have fun and enjoy the Rodeo with my friends who have become family. You may see me in the Wine Garden or at the Ranch with a smile on my face because the Rodeo is my happy place.

*Mike C. Curley*



*Wendy Vandeverter*



*Jeff Hayes*



*Sharleen Walkowiak*



*Alan Kent*



Thank you to these dedicated lifetime vice presidents for answering the call and serving the Show as officers in charge for an extra year. We appreciate all you do!



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