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Dollie Nuckolls Clements (1959, 1973) was recently inducted into the Robert E. Lee High School Hall of Fame. Clements earned her bachelor's degree in business education, her master's in school administration and supervision and her master's level certification in business education.

'60s

Bill Cherry (1968) was recently inducted into the Robert E. Lee High School Hall of Fame. He currently serves as senior vice president of quality and regulatory affairs with the American Red

Cross, Bio-Medical Services.

Dr. Tharel Shirah (1969, 1971) is in his first year as principal of Admiral Moorer Middle School in Eufaula, AL. Shirah, who holds a master's degree in school administration, a bachelor's degree in physical education and social sciences and certification in counseling from TROY, previously served 14 years as an assistant principal in Dothan.

'70s

Dr. Nathan L. Hodges (1970) was recently appointed president of Bowling Green Technical College. Hodges, who was serving

as president of Haywood Community College in North Carolina, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and social science and a master's in foundations of education and administration from TROY.

Judy Lumpkin Rigdon (1971) is a resident of Montgomery and is currently teaching social studies at Millbrook Middle/Jr. High School. She is the incumbent in the Active Teacher Place #3 on the Retirement Systems of Alabama and PEEHIP Board of Control. She is a member of The National Council on Teacher Retirement and The Southern Council on



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Teacher Retirement.

Ken Faircloth (1973) was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps. He previously served as the executive officer of Marine Aircraft Group 29, Second Marine Aircraft Wing. Faircloth is currently stationed at Miramar Air Station.

Nancy Nelson Lee (1973, 1981, 1982) was recently inducted into the Robert E. Lee High School Hall of Fame. While a student at TROY, she was active in the University Dance Team, the University Council and the University Theater Council. She holds a bachelor's in education and master's degrees in administration and supervision and English.

John Lambert (1973), a retired band director from Escambia County High School in Atmore, AL, was recently named part-time band director at Flomaton High School. Lambert, who served 27 years in the 151st Army Band with the Alabama National Guard, retired from the military with the rank of staff sergeant and taught for 22 years at Escambia County High School before his retirement from the school system.

Rita Shaw Rone (1973,

1979) recently received a doctorate in organizational psychology from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. She holds a bachelor's in education and a master's in personnel counseling and human development from TROY and recently retired from the Department of Defense.

Col. James M. McNeal (1974) recently retired from the United States Marine Corps after 31 years of service and was awarded the distinguished service medal.

The Rev. Gary Cardwell (1977) has been named director of missions for the Etowah (AL) Baptist Association. Cardwell, who previously served as minister at Fairfield Highlands Baptist Church near Bessemer (AL), earned his bachelor's degree in psychology and social science at TROY and earned his master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological. His wife, the former Carol Ann Henderson of Montgomery, also is a TROY alum. The couple has two adult daughters.

Paul M. Hankins (1977) was recently named president of the Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the Council for

the Advancement of Private Colleges in Alabama. A retired Air Force brigadier general, Hankins holds a master's degree from TROY. He formerly served as municipal consultant to the city of Montgomery and the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce.

Rick Maxey (1978) was recently appointed as Director of Education Policy for the State University System of Florida.

Dr. Oliver Boone (1979, 1988) is the new principal of Millbrook (AL) Middle/Junior High School. He received his bachelor's degree in music education and was twice elected as captain of the "Sound of the South" during his time at TROY. Boone earned his master's in educational leadership.

Diane Holman (1979) recently was named director of technology and data for the Ozark City School System. The Savannah, GA, native holds a bachelor's degree from TROY, a master's from the University of West Florida and a doctorate from Florida State University. She previously served for 18 years in the Okaloosa County (FL) School System and four years as principal of Lisenby Elementary School.

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Harrison tapped as state banking superintendent

Troy University alumnus and trustee John Harrison was recently appointed as superintendent of the Alabama State Banking Department by Alabama Gov. Bob Riley.

Harrison previously served as director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and four terms as mayor of the city of Luverne. He served as president and chief executive officer of First Citizens Bank of Luverne from

1983-2003, and he currently serves as owner and president of Crenshaw Land and Timber Company.



Harrison

graduate of the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking.

Harrison earned his bachelor's degree from TROY in 1967 with a double major in business administration and marketing. In 1992, he was honored as Alumnus of the Year.

Harrison also is a 1988

'80s

Bryan Kindred (1982), president and chief executive officer of the DCH Health System, has been awarded the Alabama Hospital Association's highest honor, the Gold Medal of Excellence. The award was presented during the organization's recent annual meeting in Destin, FL.

Billy Weeks (1982) recently joined BankTrust as manager of the Carmichael Road branch in Montgomery, AL. Weeks previously was employed by Wells Fargo.

The Rev. Robert Kenji Flowers (1984) completed his Doctor of Ministry degree in May from Austin (Texas) Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Flowers, who earned his bachelor's degree from TROY, is an ordained United Methodist minister and currently serves at the Wesley Foundation/University Methodist Campus Ministry at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Starla Jones (1986) is a counselor at Fort Dale Academy in Greenville, AL. She holds a bachelor's in choral music education, K-12 and secondary mathematics education. In addition to her many duties as counselor and curriculum coordinator, Jones also serves as sponsor of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary and assists the judges at school beauty pageants, plays the piano at school events and coordinates the annual elementary math tournament. She is married to Marty Jones and the couple has a son Dylan.

Judy Brighton Enfinger (1987, 2002) has been named director of sponsored programs at Troy University. Enfinger has been with the office since its establishment in 1991, and she previously served as the office's assistant director.

Randy E. Skipper (1987) was recently inducted into the Robert E. Lee High School Hall of Fame. He earned a master's degree in administration from TROY. Skipper served as an administrator at the Montgomery high school from 1991-2004, and he currently serves as principal at Lowndes Academy.

Karen Smaw (1987), director of Small and Minority Business Development for the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, was named to this year's list of "Fifty Influential Minorities in Business," by the Minority Business & Professional Network, Inc. (MBPN). MBPN recognizes minority men and women based on their commitment to business growth, to professional excellence and to the community.

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Motivation X 6 = MBA

Six children, including a set of quadruplets, spur Tricia Nunez toward degree

By Inga Oberst

Raising six young children alone might lead some parents to postpone their education, but not Troy University student Tricia Nunez. While her husband is serving in Iraq, Nunez is earning an MBA at the Dothan Campus.

The 32-year-old Dothan woman says her children, 12-year-old Joshua, 2-year-old Savannah and five-year-old quadruplets Sara, Shea, Shania and Seth, provide the motivation. "The quads are the main reason I went back to school," Nunez said. "I know later in life things will be very expensive."

Boxes full of tiny shoes line the front hall of the family's West Dothan home, and Nunez is bracing for even bigger expenses. "When they (the quads) are in high school, there will be four proms and four cars," Nunez noted. "Senior year you have to have four of everything. Then, there is college."

Nunez, who is in her first semester of graduate school, is accustomed to juggling the demands of school and family. When she graduated from TROY in December with an undergraduate degree in business, her husband, Peter, a major in the Alabama National Guard, had already been deployed.

"It was hard for both of us, because he has been very supportive of me going back (to school) and everything," Nunez said. "He tells me all the time he doesn't know how I do it. I keep telling him we're o.k. Just worry about yourself over there."

Between mealtimes, mountains of laundry and chaotic trips



– Photo by Inga Oberst

Troy University graduate student Tricia Nunez is determined to earn an education for her children. Pictured (left front) are Shania, Shea, Sara, (second row) Savannah, Tricia, Seth and Joshua. (Inset) Two-year-old Savannah Nunez reacts to a picture of her father Peter held by her mother Tricia. Peter Nunez, a major in the Alabama National Guard, is currently deployed in Iraq.

to the grocery store, Nunez said there is not much time to study. “They (the children) are pretty much with me all the time. At night, I study until I get things done or I fall asleep,” Nunez said, grinning. “Then our day starts over again at six in the morning.”

Nunez said the flexibility Troy University offers helps make earning a degree easier. “What I did a lot (as an undergraduate) was the mini sessions, two classes the first half of the semester and two the second half,” Nunez recalled. “The online courses are also a big asset to me.”

Along the way, there have been times she considered giving up. One of those times was when she learned baby number six was on the way. “I completely withdrew, and Dr. (Mark) Gaddis convinced me I needed to come back to school,” Nunez recalled. “I’m glad I did. Without supportive teachers like I have at TROY, I wouldn’t have.”

Nunez’ determination has caught the attention of many on the Dothan Campus, including Reta Cordell, director

of graduate admissions and records. “Tricia is very focused on getting an education and making a good life for her family,” Cordell said. “She is proof that you can have it all. She provides a great example for other students, who are trying to find a balance in their own busy lives.”

Nunez takes her success in stride. “To me, earning my education is a big accomplishment because of what I do, but then again I’m no different than anyone else,” she smiled. “There are other people that have six kids and graduate.”

The odds are good Nunez’s children will follow their mother’s example. “I’m sure one of them will go to TROY,” she predicted. “I’d rather them go to TROY. I think they will get a good education.”

Inga Oberst is a University Relations coordinator on the Dothan Campus.

Dave Bonwit (1988) has joined Belzon, Inc. as director of weapons systems and the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command EXPRESS (Expedited Professional and Engineering Support Services) program manager. He completed 24 years of service in the Marine Corps in 1999. He holds a master's degree from TROY.

Dan Blalock, Jr. (1989, 1990) has his own law practice in Abbeville, AL. In addition to his practice, he serves as a part-time social science instructor at George C. Wallace Community College's Eufaula campus. Blalock holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from TROY.

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Michael McWaters (1990) was recently named chief executive office of Wiregrass Electric Cooperative. He previously served as vice president of member services at Cullman Electric.


Calvin McWilliams (1990) has been nominated by the International Library of Poetry for inclusion in *The International Who's Who In Poetry*, a book that features poets from several nations around the world. Two pages have been dedicated to McWilliams for his poetry. He was selected based on his unique talent and previous poetic accomplishments.

Bryan Hammond (1992) was recently named chair of the production and logistics department at Defense Acquisition University South Region. He served in both the enlisted and officer corps of the U.S. Navy before retiring and holds a master's degree in management.

Bryan Scruggs (1992) is now the president of Bryan Scruggs Construction located in North Florida. Scruggs specializes in custom homes, renovations and commercial work.

Kim Waller (1993) has served as band director at W.S. Neal High School in East Brewton, AL for the past 10 years.

Larry Calloway (1994) was recently named principal of Abbeville



Protecting the Homefront

Alumna's book offers blueprint
for countering negative influences

By April Hawthorne

Rebecca Hagelin doesn't want her MTV. The popular music television network that once featured various celebrities proclaiming, "I want my MTV," is part of what the 1983 Troy University graduate calls a "culture of corruption" that is attacking American families.

Hagelin, a resident of Washington, D.C., offers suggestions on how to shore up defenses on the home front to fend off these would-be invaders in her book *Home Invasion: Protecting Your Family in a Culture that's Gone Stark Raving Mad*.

Hagelin is vice-president of communications and marketing of The Heritage Foundation, a public policy research organization that seeks conservative solutions to problems involving issues such as health care, education and retirement.

"I want parents to realize that they may not be able to change American culture, but they can take a stand and take over their own homes tonight. You can do it. You just have to decide that you want to," Hagelin said.

(AL) Middle School. He holds a master's degree in music education and an administrative certificate for K-12.

Navy Reserve Commander **Thomas Adkins (1997)** was recently promoted to his current rank while serving at U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, VA. This promotion was based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Michael Bird (1997, 2001) is the new band director at Southside Middle School. The Montgomery native graduated from Robert E. Lee High School before earning both a bachelor's and master's degrees from TROY. Bird previously served as band director at Robert E. Lee High

School, Zion Chapel School and Frisco City School.

Anthony Shay Watson (1997), who graduated from TROY with a degree in Music Education, is now a Nashville, TN, songwriter. His musical collaboration with CCM artist Phil Baquie has produced two top 10 hits on the European Radio Charts. In addition to Watson's recent songwriting success, his band, Ten Mile Drive, has been receiving critical acclaim from the music industry.

Tyler Dees (1999), a former Trojan football standout on special teams, is a veterinarian, practicing at the Troy Animal Clinic.

Billy Donner (1999) was recently

As a result of the book's success, Hagelin has been featured on national programs such as the Fox News Channel's *The O'Reilly Factor* and *Fox and Friends*, CNN's *NewsNight* with Aaron Brown and ABC Family's *Living the Life*. She also spends her time traveling the country to do public speaking on the issues of family and culture.

Hagelin also writes a weekly column, *Heart Beat*, that appears on WorldNetDaily.com and Townhall.com, is a radio commentator for Salem Communications and a guest co-host of *Point of View* and for ABC radio's WMAL.

Although Hagelin is obviously devoted to her career and her cause, work comes second to her family. She has three teenage children, two boys and a girl who support her in her efforts and travel with her on occasion.

Soon, Hagelin will begin the search for a college for her children to attend. She hopes that they will find a school that serves them as well as Troy University has served her.

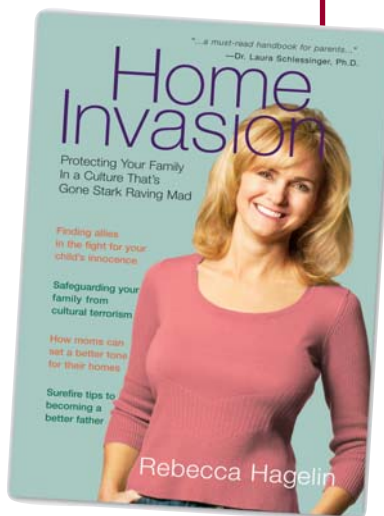
"The small, personal campus I found in TROY gave me the one-on-one attention from faculty that helped me realize Washington, D.C. is where I wanted to pursue my career goals," said the broadcast journalism and social sciences graduate.

Hagelin came to Troy University after winning Florida's Junior Miss scholarship pageant in 1979, calling the decision she made to attend the University a "cornerstone" in her life. While at TROY, she was involved in seven honor societies, was Miss Troy State University 1980 and a sister of Kappa Delta sorority.

"I gained so much from my college experience, all because of TROY," Hagelin said.

Will there be a second book? "Very likely. We are in discussions," said Hagelin. "I've barely scratched the surface on family values and the American culture."

Hawthorne, a junior from Kinston, AL, is majoring in print journalism and public relations and is a work-study student in the Office of University Relations.



appointed assistant district manager of the Social Security office for the Tuscaloosa District. The office serves Tuscaloosa, Hale, Bibb, Greene, Lamar, Fayette and Pickens counties. Donner previously served as labor management specialist in the Atlanta Regional Office of Social Security.

Amanda N. Paul (1999, 2000) has been promoted to manager of the accounting and assurance department at Gibson & Carden. The Troy native holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's in business administration.

Alisa Pugh (1999, 2002) was recently named director of training for career development and human resources at Wilson, Price, Barranco,

Blankenship & Billingsley, P.C. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in human resources management.

Billy Whigham (1999) was recently promoted to assistant vice president and private client relationship manager at AmSouth Bank. He holds a bachelor's degree in business.

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Richard Fallin (2000, 2001) of Cullman recently received his master of divinity degree with specialization in psychology and counseling from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He currently serves as youth minister at First Baptist Church in Settlement, LA, and received his

bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from TROY.

Robby Glasscock (2000) has been appointed as the band director at Tallassee High School. The Holtville (AL) native received his bachelor's of music education degree and was named the John M. Long School of Music's Outstanding Graduate for the 2000-2001 academic year. He previously served as band director at Southside Middle School and taught in the Albany, GA, school district. Glasscock also holds a Master of Music Education Degree from Alabama State University.

Lee Alan Hicks (2000) has been named as the new principal of Prattville (AL) High School, the second largest high school in the state of Alabama. He holds a master's degree from TROY and formerly served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for Trojan athletics. Hicks previously served as Prattville's assistant principal.

David M. Nelson (2000, 2001) was recently promoted to manager of the accounting firm of Gibson & Carden. Nelson, a native of Troy, earned a bachelor's in accounting and a master's in business administration. He manages the firm's tax department.

Clint Green (2001) recently earned his doctor of veterinary medicine from Auburn University. Green earned a bachelor's degree in biology from TROY.

Lauren Elizabeth Peters (2002) recently received her master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Peters, a Leadership Scholarship recipient, graduated summa cum laude from TROY with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Suzanna Stinson (2002) was recently hired by the Alabama Trucking Association to coordinate its Highway Watch program in the state of Alabama. She previously worked with the Alabama chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Montgomery.

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TROY alumnus Honore heads Katrina relief efforts

Louisiana native and Troy University alumnus Lt. General Russel Honore is commander of active military forces assigned to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in New Orleans, LA.



Honore

Honore, who was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry and awarded a bachelor of science degree in vocational agriculture from Southern University and A&M College in 1971, also holds a master's degree in human resources from TROY.

Joseph Demerath (2003) was recently promoted to 1st Lieutenant. He is stationed at Military Intelligence in Arizona.

Kim Walker (2003) of Dothan was recently promoted to assistant vice president of accounting at the Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union. Walker, who served as the credit union's general ledger accountant for the past two years, holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting.

Kerri Anderson (2004) was recently featured in the Elba Clipper's monthly faculty spotlight. Anderson teaches 7th, 10th and 12th grade math at New Brockton High School. She and her husband Jay have a three-year-old son Will.

Brittney Armstrong (2004) recently joined the faculty at Bainbridge College in Bainbridge, GA. She will be an instructor in the Associate of Science Degree Registered Nursing program.

Amanda Louise Mason (2004) is the newest addition to General Electric. She was recently hired to work in the Advanced Materials department in the north Florida region.

Candice McDaniel (2004) has opened her own business called Pick Up The Pace in Headland, AL. It is a health spa for women featuring hydraulic resistance training, nutritional counseling, tanning and massage therapy.

Shayne Laudicina (2005) has been awarded the American Sports Medicine Institute Scholarship Award in Athletic Training Education.

weddings & engagements

Jimmy Roy (1992) to Melody Gamble Hendrix (2001) on April 30, 2005
 Joyce Vaughn (1993) to John Nums, Jr., on May 14, 2005
 Jeffery L. Biggs (1997) to Kiley Doggette on April 30, 2005
 Matt Coghlan (1999) to Amanda Black (2002) on June 25, 2005
 Allison Lucas (1999) to Jeff Cobb on March 26, 2005
 Jeff Porter (1999) to Mindy Thompson (2001) on June 17, 2005
 Tracey Janet Gross (2000) to Clifford John Keim on December 4, 2004
 Alex Richards (2000) to Tracy Lewis on June 18, 2005
 Elizabeth Trotter (2000) to Ricky Dean on June 4, 2005
 Christine Carroll (2001) to Nicholas Fain on June 18, 2005
 Heather Hines (2001) to Daryl Ray on March 13, 2004
 Debbie Odom (2001) to 1st Lt. Brock Houghton on September 3, 2005
 Ayesha Purdey Bartley (2002) to Capt. Joseph DesParte on September 10, 2005
 Amanda Godwin (2003) to Derek Price on June 4, 2005
 Matthew Johnson (2003) to Heather May (2004) on May 7, 2005
 Kristen Mayberry (2003) to Dustin Stinson on June 11, 2005
 Deanna Carmichael (2004) to Jason Dubose on May 14, 2005
 Eric Evans (2004) to Jennifer Conway (2005) on June 11, 2005
 Ashley May (2004) to James McGough on May 14, 2005
 Nathan Warner (2004) to Emily Averett (2003) on March 26, 2005
 Tyler Webb (2004) to Jessica Simpson on June 4, 2005
 Jessica Youngblood (2004) to Michael Ward on June 11, 2005

in remembrance

Troy University Alumni

1943- Mr. Ralph Mooney
 1948- Ms. Agnes Pouncey
 1949- Ms. Sara Talbot Chapman
 1949- Ms. Sarah B. Grant
 1950- Mr. John H. Chalker
 1954- Mrs. Louise Lee Cherry
 1955- Mrs. Verna W. Enfinger
 1956- Ms. Estie L. Meredith
 1958- Mr. Charles R. Bess
 1960- Mr. Elbert A. Schory
 1965- Mr. Doyle L. Cassady
 1966- Mr. William C. Spears
 1968- Mr. Jack Corbitt
 1969- Mr. Grady H. Jones
 1969- Mr. Roland Pettie
 1971- Mrs. Harriette Gaye Peacock
 1972- Mr. Durwood L. Corbitt
 1972- Mr. Carlos L. Owen
 1974- Mr. Clifton D. Jordan, Sr.
 1974- Mr. James Earl Miller
 1975- Mr. Harold L. Belcher
 1975- Mr. Daniel J. Bradley
 1975- Mr. Lowell E. James
 1976- Mr. Robert E. Hollis
 1976- Mr. Huey Michael Travis
 1978- Mr. Charles F. Brooks
 1978- Mr. James W. Partee
 1978- Col. Edwin L. Williams, Jr.
 1979- Mr. Mack R. Wood
 1980- Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie Brooks
 1980- Mr. William E. Stolz
 1981- Mr. John R. Mock, III
 1982- Mr. Michael Anthony Hix
 1983- Mr. Donald R. Boscher
 1983- Mr. Garman K. Flowers
 1983- Mr. Arthur D. Kelly
 1984- Mr. Dallas Rex Seay
 1985- Mr. Howard J. Harrison
 1985- Mrs. Betty L. Miller
 1985- Mr. Blake E. Winters
 1986- Mr. Joe B. Cone III
 1986- Ms. Susan Lee Gibson
 1986- Mr. Therdo B. Melvin
 1986- 2nd Lt. Ruth A. Thomas
 1988- Mr. Jeffrey Dean Baker
 1988- Mr. Gerald A. Douglas
 1989- Mrs. Dorothy A. Holland
 1989- Mr. John W. Rogers
 1989- Mr. Benjamin Troutman
 1991- Mrs. Nancy L. Becker
 1991- Ms. Carol V. Rawlins
 1992- Mr. Robert R. Deeken
 1992- Mr. George C. Hollwedel, Jr.
 1992- Ms. Ethelrae McCune
 1999- Ms. Carolyn H. Kimball
 2001- Mrs. Varnette Green
 2003- M. Serg. Charlie M. Robertson
 2004- Mr. John L. Tatom
 Mr. H. P. Huffham, Jr.
 Ms. Annie L. Land
 Ms. Emily S. McElroy
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