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features

Lee Roy Jordan
Crimson Tide Football Hall of Famer and Former Dallas Cowboys Linebacker

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BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE • BAKER-GAINES CENTRAL CAMPUS
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Not pictured are Lawrence Carroll and Oliver H. Delchamps, Jr., Chairman Emeritus
The Chairman’s Message

Dear Alumni, Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the second annual banquet of the Bishop State Community College Foundation. The Foundation is committed to sustaining the success and growth of Bishop State’s programs, students and faculty.

With a continual goal of ensuring critical financial support for Bishop State, we are reaching out to the community for financial investments to assist the college in its efforts to provide scholarships for current and future students who wish to attend college and receive a quality education. It is also a goal of the Board to encourage Bishop State’s alumni to give back to the college to help other deserving students achieve their goals in life.

Bishop State is a remarkable asset to this community, and the quality of the many programs and career opportunities available at Bishop is second to none. As a Board, we are all ambassadors and advocates for the College and we believe strongly, individually and collectively, in the mission and vision of this great institution.

The Board, comprised of seven highly motivated and successful business men and women from the community, graciously provides their expertise, time and influence to assist Bishop State in partnering with other area businesses in order to promote Bishop State’s workforce development program. Additionally, the Foundation is playing an integral role in the College’s long-term financial strategy to construct a math and science building in the near future.

Proceeds from this evening’s event will be utilized specifically to provide scholarships and support the Bishop State’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Initiative. Recipients of these funds will be trained and equipped with the skills needed to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year college or university. With your generous support, Bishop State has the potential to become the “recognized leader” in STEM education in the two-year college system.

I want to thank Football Hall of Famer and Crimson Tide and Dallas Cowboys Great, Lee Roy Jordan, for agreeing to serve as our keynote speaker at this very auspicious occasion, and I want to thank our corporate sponsors and other members of the community for their generous financial support. I also want to give a special thanks to our presider, Mrs. Kym Thurman of WPMI NBC 15, and to the committee that worked so tirelessly and diligently to organize our second annual fundraiser. Because of your support, this spectacular event has been made possible.

On behalf of the Foundation, the President, faculty, staff and students of Bishop State Community College, again thanks for your support and attendance this evening and may God bless each and everyone of you!

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Lee Roy Jordan, everybody’s All-American at The University of Alabama, was named the Nation’s Outstanding Linebacker in 1962. Following that season, he made 31 tackles against Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. The Excel, Alabama, native was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in January 1980, the National College Hall of Fame in December 1983, the Orange Bowl Hall of Fame in 1984 and the Senior Bowl Hall of Fame in January 1988.

In 1987, Jordan received the NCAA Silver Anniversary Linebacker Award given to the outstanding collegiate linebacker of the Class of 1962. This award led to him being a recipient of the coveted NCAA Silver Anniversary Award, which is awarded to only six former student-athletes each year who have distinguished themselves since completing their college athletics careers 25 years ago. His college coach, the legendary Paul “Bear” Bryant, once said of Jordan, "He was one of the finest football players the world has ever seen. If runners stayed between the sidelines, he tackled them. He never had a bad day; he was 100 percent every day in practice and in the games."

The sixth overall pick in the 1963 draft by the Dallas Cowboys, Jordan played 14 years in the NFL – all with the Dallas Cowboys. He had 36 interceptions in 186 career NFL games. Jordan competed in three Super Bowl games. He was named All-Pro two times and to the Pro Bowl team five times. He was inducted into the Dallas Cowboys’ Ring of Honor in 1989.

A successful businessman, Jordan is currently the president and owner of Lee Roy Jordan Redwood Lumber Company of Dallas, Texas, a wholesale lumber distribution company servicing a seven-state area including Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. The company celebrated 33 years in business in December 2012.

Jordan is a past President and Chairman of the Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. He hosted the first Leukemia Telethon known as Four Hours for Life from 1980-1986. Jordan continued to further Leukemia research by co-hosting the telecasts and retired after 16 years. Jordan is also a member of the Dallas Chapter of the NFL Alumni and was president in 1982. In 1984, he was the first to host the Annual Homecoming Luncheon honoring the Dallas Cowboys, which has evolved to become an annual kick-off for the Cowboys’ season while raising charitable funds to help children in need.

Jordan and his wife, Biddie, split their residence between Dallas and Fairhope, Alabama. The couple has three sons and eight grandchildren.
GALA PROGRAMME

Mrs. Kym Thurman, Mistress of Ceremony
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Prelude ................................................ Bishop State Community College Band
Mr. Michael Poellnitz, Director

Invocation/Grace ................................. Rev. Michael Pierce, Executive Director
MLK Avenue Redevelopment Corporation

The National Anthem .............................. Dr. Terry Hazzard, Dean of Students
Bishop State Community College
Accompanied by Bishop State Band

Greetings and Presentations ..................... The Honorable Sam Jones, Mayor
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The Honorable Merceria Ludgood, President
Mobile County Commission, District 1

Dr. Mark Heinrich, Chancellor
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Dr. Latitia McCane, Dean of Instructional Services
Bishop State Community College

President James Lowe, Jr.
Bishop State Community College

Special Presentation ............................... BP North America, Inc.
Mr. Philip Stiell, Manager
Community and External Relations

Dinner Served ......................................................... Music

Introduction of Speaker ............................ Mr. Joe Bullard, CEO
Bullard Automotive Group

Keynote Address ..................................... Mr. Lee Roy Jordan
Crimson Tide Football Hall of Famer and
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Closing Remarks ................................. Mr. Charles White, Board Chairman
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The EPECS Program at Bishop State Community College is a Scientific Leadership Program created to enhance student’s learning and influence their success in areas related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines. The program is designed to expose and develop EPECS students in becoming leaders in HOMELAND SECURITY-STEM research.

EPECS provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. Successful students accomplish the following goals:

- Develop the necessary skills to earn an Associate in Science Degree.

- Gain a sense of career possibilities and opportunities in Homeland Security-STEM based on seminars, research projects, field trips and on-the-job training.

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Visit the EPECS website page at http://bishop.edu/academics/epecs-scholars.html.
At Bishop State, our goal is to produce future business leaders for Alabama. From technical programs, such as welding and electronics engineering technology, to process and maintenance technology, we're providing a ready-to-work workforce for the highly technical jobs in Mobile County and throughout Alabama. Our general education courses help provide job candidates with a broad understanding of business practices, which helps Alabama industries compete in today's global economy. Together, the future is more promising than ever.

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