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2017: A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR ALUMNI FOUNDATION

By: John Grace, PC Sp. '83

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Bengal Lancer Alumni Newsletter. We have had a great year! The Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation was chartered back in 2016 as a 501 (c)(3) charitable foundation, to raise an endowment for Trinity students and active Bengal Lancers and to make contributions to Trinity to support its educational mission. To do that, we need your help.

First, we would welcome your financial support to help the Foundation in its mission. We are committed to raising an initial endowment of \$100,000. A donation of any amount is appreciated, but if we receive at least \$125.00 from each living Lancer alumni, we will reach this goal. We will use that money to fund scholarships and support Trinity's educational mission. The Foundation has already funded a \$2,500 gift to the Trinity Football program in honor of Spencer Street, a dedicated Lancer who passed away in 2016. The Foundation also funded a \$2,500 scholarship which will be awarded to a Lancer active next Fall. Wouldn't it be great if every Lancer could receive a scholarship? With your help, we can make that a reality.

Second, whether you can make a financial contribution at this time, or not, we are asking you to visit our website and update your contact information. We are also gathering information on your family tree. We will use this information to bring Lancer alumni closer together...to strengthen the bonds of our fellowship.

Third, we invite you to share a memory regarding your time at Trinity and your thoughts on the true meaning of being a Bengal Lancer. We want this Foundation to provide you with a meaningful connection between the Bengal Lancer Fraternity and your fellow Lancer Alumni. You can learn more about the Foundation and make a donation at www.BengalLancerAlumni.org. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural issue of the Foundation's newsletter. We will publish future installments two or three times each year. If you have a story to tell, a picture to share, or a "shout out" to a fellow Lancer alum, email it me at President@BengalLancerAlumni.org. We will make sure it finds its way into a future issue of the newsletter. (You can also use that address to let me know what you think of this endeavor. We would love to hear from you.)

Finally, please join me in reaffirming your commitment to the ideals of our club: to foster fellowship and brotherhood among ourselves and all Trinity students by upholding the name of our school, our club, and Almighty God; by being of service to our university; and by stimulating and creating school spirit while at the same time strengthening and tempering the bonds of our fellowship. These were important promises when we pledged Bengal Lancers. They are just as important now.

John Grace,

President, Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation

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and Tempering
the Bonds of our
Fellowship since
1936*

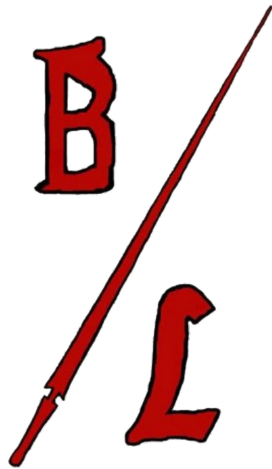
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*Save the Date:
Alumni Weekend is
October 19-21*



FOUNDATION VOTES TO CREATE NEW SCHOLARSHIP

The Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation at its December 2017 Board meeting, voted in favor of establishing a new needs-based scholarship benefitting a current active member of the Bengal Lancer Fraternity at Trinity University. This \$2,500 scholarship will be coordinated through Trinity University and the winner of the scholarship will be announced in the Spring of 2018.

Applications for this scholarship will be open to all active Bengal Lancer fraternity members.

John Grace, President of the BLAF said “we are very pleased to create this scholarship to benefit current Lancers attending Trinity University. The Lancer Alumni have benefitted from The University and the Fraternity so much, and it is fitting that we contribute to the strength of both organiza-

“Great work Lancer Alumni. We value the scholarship you provide for a Trinity University education!” - Danny Anderson, President Trinity University via Twitter

LANCER FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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LANCER FOUNDATION FINANCIAL UPDATE

By: Trey Moeller, PC Sp. '90

Since the inception of the Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation (BLAF) in 2016, there has been amazing progress over the last 2 years. On October 5, 2016 the BLAF received “exempt” status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). This 501(c)(3) status allows donors to deduct contributions they make to the BLAF from their personal or company tax filings. Once that tax exempt status was received, the BLAF started receiving donations immediately and just as quickly began to hit milestones that the Directors had agreed upon to contribute back to Trinity University.

These initial donations, in the form of two separate checks in the amount of \$2,500 each, will assist with scholarships to a Lancer Active and support the Football program for honoring Spencer Street with an annual award named after him.

There are now 11 Life Members of the BLAF. In 2017 there were 33 separate donations made to the Foundation. Seven new Life Members were added to the roster and nineteen Contributing Members, two Associate Members (non Lancers), and one Active Member (a Bengal Lancer Active) all contributed to the BLAF. Help us keep the momentum going into 2018. Thank you, for your continued support and generosity!



Regional Chapters Envisioned to Drive Better Alumni Networking & Fellowship

REGIONAL LANCER FOUNDATION CHAPTER LEADERS NAMED

By: Brad Little, PC Sp. '90

Recently the BLAF voted in favor of creating regional Chapter Leader roles in order to better serve the Lancer Alumni community. Why create regional roles?

Strengthening & Tempering: We all know that Lancers have a special bond no matter the graduating year and it is important that we make it easier to strengthen and temper the bonds of that fellowship.

Focus: Each region or city will have different needs, or ideas for how best engage the Lancer Alumni. We want each chapter to have the ability to drive its own agenda, while at the same time staying true to the mission of the BLAF.

Leadership: The local Chapters provide a mechanism for a greater number of Lancer Alumni to be involved, drive engagement with a broader set of Alumni, and also serve as a means for identifying future Board members.

Outreach: Having a local presence in major cities and regions provides scale to the organization and a more meaningful connection to the Foundation.

We are pleased to announce the following new Regional Chapter Leaders:

Houston Chapter: Tarpon Wiseman '90, Gareth Kohlhausen '09, Ernest Alumanah '12

Dallas Chapter: Cody Adams '93, David McAdams '04, Denton Edwards '14

Austin Chapter: Gaines Bagby '77, Mark Szygenda '93

Colorado Chapter: Sam Kasperek '92, Josh Ley '92

Panhandle Chapter: Jeff Haag '89

KY/TN Chapter: Brian Easley '00

Mid-Atlantic Chapter: Matt Shatzkin '89 (PA)

These teams are just now getting organized. As events are planned we will make them known through the calendaring capability on the website, through email and also on Facebook. These guys would love to hear your ideas so reach out !

Key geographies that are not covered where we need a leader identified are San Antonio, California, Midwest (IL, MN, WI, OH) and Northwest (WA, WY, OR). If you are interested in volunteering to be a Lancer Foundation Chapter Leader please contact Brad Little at secretary@bengallanceralumni.org. We welcome your involvement no matter how large or small.

LIFE MEMBERS

Sandlin, Mike	Fall 1974
Frank Shiels	Fall 1977
Marvin, Doug	Fall 1982
Johnston, Duke	Spring 1986
Little, Brad	Spring 1990
Moeller, Trey	Spring 1990
Kasperek, Sam	Fall 1992
Ley, Josh	Fall 1992
Adams, Cody	Spring 1993
Clavenna, Andrew	Spring 1994
Easley, Brian	Spring 2000

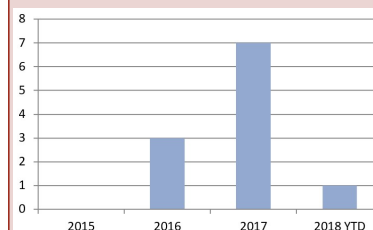
TOP 3 DONATING PLEDGE CLASSES

1. Spring 1990: \$3,720
2. Fall 1992: \$3,000
3. Fall 1977: \$1,700

TOP PLEDGE CLASS PARTICIPATION RATE

1. Fall 1983: 50%
2. Spring 1990: 42%
3. Fall 1974: 33%
Fall 1977: 33%
Fall 1982: 33%

GROWTH IN NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS





THANK YOU TO OUR 2017 DONORS!

With the launch of the BLAF web site and social media platforms we saw a significant increase in donations in 2017. Thank you to all those that contributed in 2017. Your contributions are making a difference:

Adams, Cody	Spring 93	Hill, James	(Honorary)
Bagby, W Gaines	Spring 77	Holt, Trevor	Spring 11
Bird, Ed	Spring 90	Johnston, Duke	Spring 86
Butler, Bates	Spring 63	Kasperek, Sam	Fall 92
Clavenna, Andrew	Spring 94	Kohlhausen, Gareth	Spring 09
Courtright, Chris	Spring 02	Ley, Josh	Fall 92
Curtis, Jay	Spring 83	Little, Brad	Spring 90
Deckard, Perry	Spring 82	Lock, Andrew	Fall 83
Easley, Brian	Spring 00	Marvin, Doug	Fall 82
Gardner, Wayne	Spring 86	Moeller, Trey	Spring 90
Grace, John	Spring 83	Patterson, Lee	Spring 04
Grimes, Dupri	Spring 17	Payson, David	Spring 68
Haag, Jeff	Spring 89	Quintero, Raul	Spring 85
		Shiels, Frank	Fall 77
		Smith, Josh	Spring 07
		Thorpe, Kimo	Spring 10
		Villarreal, Jesse	Spring 69
		Wiseman, Tarpon	Spring 90

“Strengthening and tempering the bonds of our fellowship...”

WHAT IS THE LEGION OF MERIT?

The Legion of Merit (LOM) is a military award of the United States Armed Forces that is given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. The decoration is issued to members of the seven uniformed services of the United States[5] as well as to military and political figures of foreign governments.

In contemporary use in the U.S. Armed Forces, the Legion of Merit is typically awarded to Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force general officers and colonels, and Navy and Coast Guard flag officers and Captains occupying senior command or very senior staff positions in their respective services.



COL. TARPON S. WISEMAN RECEIVES LEGION OF MERIT AWARD FROM US ARMY

In 2017 one of our own received one of the highest honors in the armed forces shortly before retiring from the Army after 24 years of service.

Tarpon Wiseman came to Trinity University in the Fall of 1989 on an ROTC scholarship. He was a member of the Trinity Football Team and served as a receiver and place kicker. He was also a member of the Trinity baseball team. Tarpon pledged the Bengal Lancers in the Spring of 1990 as part of the “Dirty Dozen” and was an active member of the Lancers for all four years. Tarpon graduated from Trinity in the Spring of 1993 and entered the Army as a newly minted 2nd Lieutenant.

During his time in the Army, the eventual COL Wiseman became a highly decorated Soldier, who served with distinction in multiple theaters including several combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was an Airborne Ranger, a member of the 101st Airborne Division and a Battalion Commander for 1-320th Field Artillery Regiment. He is the recipient of 3 Bronze Stars, 2 Army Commendations, among many other unit and individual awards. In addition he served as the Department Chair and Professor of Military Science & Leadership at the University of Louisville from 2010-2011.

Upon retirement the Army recognized Tarpon for his incredible service and sacrifice, awarding him the Legion of Merit. The citation reads as follows:

“For exceptionally meritorious service while serving in numerous, diverse, and demanding command and key leadership positions in combat and garrison from 1 July 2007 to 1 July 2017, culminating in twenty-four years of exemplary service to the nation. COL Wiseman continually devoted himself to the Army, Soldiers, and families with unparalleled professionalism and unwavering commitment. His selfless service forged a distinctive legacy that will long endure as an example of dedicated service. His innumerable contributions reflect great credit upon himself, the Fires Center of Excellence, and the United States Army.”



COL Tarpon Wiseman PC Sp. '90 is sworn in as a new Colonel by his Rallymaster COL Matt Shatzkin (PC Sp. 89) in 2015

Today, Tarpon lives in Houston, TX with his wife Charlsie and two sons Rex and Russ. He is the Director of Business Development for TMS South a leading maintenance and industrial supply company. Congratulations Tarpon, you make us all very proud to have you among the Lancer Alumni.



A picture of Spencer Street PC Sp. '86 during the 2017 TU Football Awards Ceremony

FIRST SPENCER STREET TIGER LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER NAMED

On January 27th, the first award was made for the Spencer Street Tiger Leadership award. The young man that won it was Mitchell Globe, a senior on the current TU Football team.

We all know what an impact that Spencer (PC Spring '86) made on the Lancers over the years. His passing was a major loss for his family and all of the brothers whose lives he touched over many years.

It is fitting that the TU Football team honors his memory with such an award. The text of the award is as follows:

"Awarded in honor of Tiger great, Spencer Street, to the senior who displays effort, desire integrity, dedication, sportsmanship, inspiration, determination, competitiveness, leadership, courage, and a sincere concern for his fellow teammate. This honor is bestowed upon the chosen leader who exemplified these traits to the fullest every time he dons his gear, regardless of the situation, be it in practice or a game."



Pictured center: Award Winner TU Senior Mitchell Globe

For those that knew Spencer well, this summarizes the man quite well. He lived these values on and off the field, and all of the Lancers for many generations felt the effects of his larger than life personality.

Several Lancers were able to attend the award ceremony including pledge brother Paul Pharris ceremony, as well as Eddie Powell (PC Spring '85), Trey Moeller (PC Spring '90), Tarpon Wiseman (PC Spring '90) and David Trainer (PC Spring '91). Numerous active Bengal Lancers were also in attendance as well as Bill Leighton (Honorary Bengal Lancer).

LANCER FOUNDATION DONATES \$2,500 TO TRINITY FOOTBALL PROGRAM IN HONOR OF SPENCER STREET

The Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation is pleased to announce a vote in favor of donating \$2,500 to the Trinity University Football program. This donation was made in honor of Spencer B. Street (PC Sprint '86) who passed away in 2016. The Trinity Football program has announced the creation of a Spencer B. Street award for an outstanding senior and four-year member of the program. Spencer was a influential and loved member of the Bengal Lancers, and the Foundation is happy to contribute to a program that meant so much to him, and to many other Lancer past and present.



Spencer Street in his prime surrounded by Betas in the late '80's

Get in touch with the Lancer Foundation:



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IN MEMORY:

EDDIE VERNEAL "CHIP" BONNER

By: Frank Shiels, PC Fall '77

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Eddie Verneal "Chip" Bonner Jr. after a long battle with cancer. Chip pledged the Bengal Lancers in the Spring of 1975 and was a graduate of Trinity University in 1978.

Chip Bonner was my big brother, and his wife, Susan, was my big sister. He fought a courageous battle and Susan fought for him every step of the way. Just like in pledging, they both worked together and were there for each other. My heart aches for Susan and the Bonner family for the pain that they are experiencing, I too experienced 12 years ago.

When I close my eyes and think of my big brother, I see his effervescent smile. He would walk into a room, put out his arms and greet his friends with that raspy voice and chuckle. This photo of Chip, being kissed by Chi Betas Jeanne McGee Culver and Kirsten Meyer Hardee, speaks a thousand words. Chip loved his friends and family and they loved him back with as much passion. Chip, you will be missed!



Chip Bonner (PC Sp. '75) with Betas Jeanne McGee Culver and Kirsten Meyer Hardee at Alumni Weekend a couple years back

DIRECTOR BETHANY WOLF'S "FOREVER MY GIRL" A HIT—YES THAT'S JOSH WOLF'S WIFE!

We all know how important it is to marry the right person. Well in the case of Josh Wolf (PC Sp. '89) he has certainly done very well.

Wolf, a very successful comedian in his own right, is married to none other than Bethany Wolf, the Director of the hugely popular new movie *Forever My Girl*. The movie has exceeded expectations and has already brought in more than four times the original budget.

This is a family friendly movie, and for those of you looking for a good date night this may be one to take a look at.

As for Josh, he is doing very well and is on tour regularly around the country. He also has a regular

online podcast called *The Prinze and the Wolf* that features Freddie



Forever My Girl is in Theaters Now

Prinze Jr. and Josh's take on, well pretty much everything, and it is very funny. Josh also has a regular podcast called *Fairly Normal w/ Josh Wolf*. Both of these are available on the iTunes store. Check them out, Josh's laugh is still the same and still very infectious!

UPCOMING PLEDGE CLASS REUNIONS

Start making your plans now! If you would like to list your pledge class reunion details on the BLAF web site or need help publicizing it to your pledge brothers, please email secretary@bengallanceralumni.org. We can support your pledge class reunions through email, social media, etc. Just ask! Reunions in 2018:

Spring 2013—5 Years	Spring 88—30 Years	Fall/Sp 63—55 Years
Spring 2008—10 Years	Fall/Sp 83—35 Years	Fall/Sp 58—60 Years
Spring 2003—15 Years	Fall/Sp 78—40 Years	Fall/Sp 53—75 Years
Spring 1998—20 Years	Fall/Sp 73—45 Years	Fall/Sp 48—80 Years
Spring 1993—25 Years	Fall/Sp 68—50 Years	

WELCOME NEW LANCERS AND BETAS!

On Friday February 2nd it was bid day at Trinity and a day for celebration as four new Bengal Lancers received bids and eleven Beta's received bids to join.

The next few weeks are sure to be full of some intense "fun" and bond tempering, and of course the worst is yet to come...



JOHN I. MACE—ALUMNI ADVISOR FOR THE CURRENT LANCER ACTIVES

Did you know that the Lancers now have an Alumni Advisor? For the past 10 years or so this has been an official role recognized by the University to help fraternities and sororities manage their way through various challenges that occur with running a student organization. Its also meant to allow the Alumni of these organizations to have a more clear voice.

John I. Mace (Fall '68) is the current Alumni Advisor and has been very active in supporting the current Actives. His activities include attending some Lancer meetings, rush events, various charity events like the Chili Cook Off, and yes, attending meetings with the Administration.

John's steady hand is greatly appreciated by the Alumni. As the official Lancer Alumni Advisor, John can't be a member of the Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation. However he does provide regular updates to the Board to keep them up to date.

Thanks for all you are doing John to help the Lancers !



John I. Mace (Fall '68) with some current Lancer Actives

LANCER SIGHTINGS (SOME OLD SOME NEW)



B/Ls during spring of 1971 on and around Knox Gilmore's truck in front of Eddie's Ice House. Thanks to John I. Mace for the pic!



Mini Lancer reunion of John Grace (Sp. '83) and Ace Allen (Sp. '81) in January 2018



Proof that PC Sp. '89 still has what it takes: Jeff Pitcher, Chris Coley, Matt Shatzkin and Jeff Haag completed the Spartan Race in Arizona in February '18.



Outside the Lancer House near Trinity around 1991 or so

Have some great old or new Lancer Alumni pictures? Got a great story about what the Lancer Alumni are up to? Send them in!



Tarpon Wiseman (Sp. '90) , Bill Leighton (Honorary Lancer) , Trey Moeller (Sp. '90), Joni Street (wife of Spencer Street PC Sp. '86) , and Paul Pharris (PC Sp. 86) share some laughs at Bombay's after the TU Football Awards in January 2018 where the first Spencer Street Tiger Leadership Award was given.

BENGAL LANCER ALUMNI FOUNDATION

The Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization incorporated by alumni of the Bengal Lancer fraternity at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas for the purpose of providing scholarships to active members of the Bengal Lancer fraternity enrolled at Trinity University and to support the endeavors of Trinity University. In keeping with the purpose and ideals of the Bengal Lancer fraternity, the Foundation shall foster fellowship and brotherhood among ourselves and all Trinity students, by upholding the name of our school, our club, and Almighty God, by being of service to our university, and by stimulating and creating school spirit while at the same time strengthening and tempering the bonds of our fellowship.

HELP SUPPORT THE LANCER FOUNDATION

Did you know that other fraternities at Trinity University have very substantial endowments that allow them to make long-term commitments to scholarships and also have a larger voice with the administration at Trinity? Its true, several have been around for 20+ years and we have a lot of catching up to do. The Lancer Foundation was created to help level the playing field and also focus on the following goals.

Goals of the Lancer Foundation:

- Improve networking and fellowship among the Lancers that have graduated from Trinity University
- Create better awareness of Lancers and their families in need
- Endow scholarships for Active Lancers
- Manage donations to Trinity University on behalf of Lancer Alumni in order to make a more meaningful (and noticed) impact.
- Funding for better communication, alumni gatherings, and outreach

We need your help. Please consider making a donation to help the Foundation grow. You can make your credit card donation today at www.bengallanceralumni.org and by clicking on the "Donate" tab. Or you can send a check made payable to the Bengal Lancer Alumni Foundation c/o BLAF Treasurer, 1006 Ben Hur Drive Houston, TX 77055 .

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