

ACU-nominated Scholarships to Baylor and Pepperdine

The application for this year’s ACU-nominated scholarship to Baylor and Pepperdine law schools are now being accepted. Applications are due Feb. 15. Please go to [this link](#) to find out more information and apply if you are eligible.

Judge Jack Pope Fellows

Applications will be accepted Feb. 1 to Feb. 19. This public service minor at ACU is named for the Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice. Applications are available in The Department.



Judge Jack Pope

Jack Pope ('34) served longer as a judge in Texas than any other person. Pope was a speech major who starred on the ACU debate team, played intercollegiate tennis and was elected student body president. He earned a law degree from The University of Texas at Austin and served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. Pope served as judge of the 94th District Court (1946-50), a justice in the 4th Court of Civil Appeals (1950-64), associate justice on the Texas Supreme Court (1964-83) and as its chief justice (1983-85). The Jack Pope Fellows Program was established at ACU in 1989 to honor the life and career of this legendary public servant in Texas judicial history. Scholarships created by an endowment give students the opportunity to learn about public service in the classroom, attend special lectures, gain practical experience and volunteer in community-shaping projects. Acceptance into the program requires students to complete an interdisciplinary Minor in Public Service administered by the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice. Pope was named ACU's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 1964 and served from 1954-83 on his alma mater's Board of Trustees.

The pictures in this Newsletter about Judge Jack Pope were taken in the ACU Teague Special Events Center.



Alumni News

Jason Knight ('06) is DevOps Engineer at CACI International in Austin.

Savannah Benac ('15) has joined Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton in Houston.

Student News

Erin Hodgson is working this semester in the Abilene office of Congressman Jodey Arrington.

JoLynn Villareal graduated from Sam Houston State University in 2019 (Victims Services Management) and is a Victim Advocate with the Noah Project in Abilene.

Department Alum Currently in Graduate School

- Chanel Brown, University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Caleb Cobb, Angelo State University
- Jonathan Ladd, Abilene Christian University
- Jillian Lauver, Sam Houston State University
- Fernando Medina, University of North Texas
- Jenna Salzman, University of Chicago
- Mackenzie Sanderson, University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Shelby Weddle, Abilene Christian University

Department Alum Currently in Law School

- Jonathan Ash, Baylor University
- Aidan Christian, University of Denver
- Sarah Conley, University of Oklahoma
- Davis Dilling, Regent University
- Desiree Jones, University of Texas
- Angelique Lee, Southern Methodist University
- Dillon Minick, Texas Tech University
- Caleb Orr, Georgetown University
- Spencer Reyes, Texas Tech University