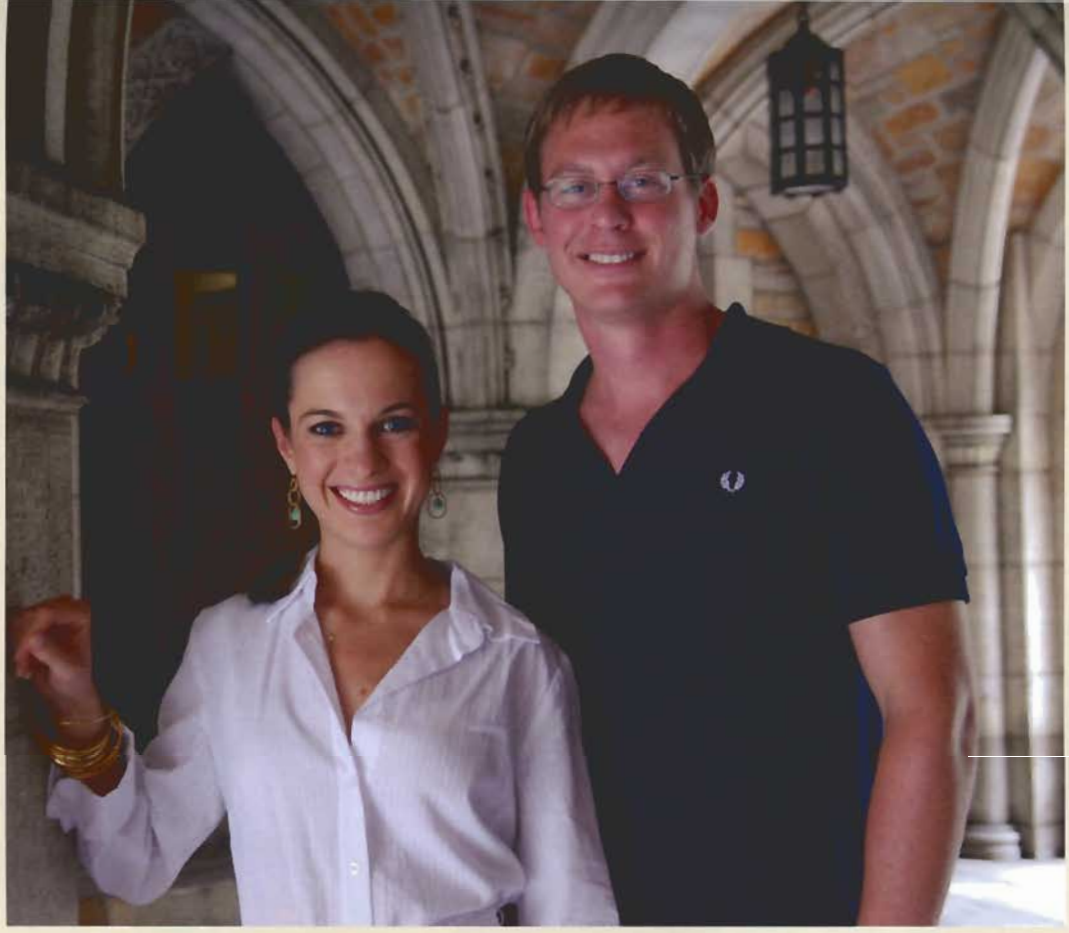

CLINT '03 AND **KATIE KIRKENDALL BURRUS** '02

A few years have passed since Clint and Katie Burrus graduated from Southwestern University, yet the institution remains a vibrant aspect of their world.

"Our connections to fellow students, faculty and staff continue to be an important part of our lives today, which is a testament to the unique environment that is Southwestern," Clint says.

The couple believes the professors at Southwestern are one of the University's most valuable assets and has designated a gift to the school that will benefit faculty. "What truly sets Southwestern professors apart is their accessibility and concern for their students," Katie notes. "We hope, through our support for faculty, that it will be possible for Southwestern to maintain its high standards for education and mentoring, while making increased research opportunities available to faculty members."

They also hope their financial support of Southwestern helps ensure future students have the same opportunities they had for academic enrichment and student life. "We both feel that we gained so much from our experience at Southwestern, both inside and outside of the classroom," they say.

At Southwestern, Clint majored in English and economics with a minor in architecture, and Katie majored in psychology and communications. "We feel that Southwestern provided us with an excellent education," Clint says. Katie went on to earn her J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 2005, and now works as a law clerk for the Honorable Peter C. Dorsey, U.S. District Judge, District of Connecticut. Clint is pursuing a master of architecture degree at the Yale School of Architecture. After graduating, he plans to enter medical school.

The couple weaves leisure into their lives through reading, running, skiing, hiking, playing tennis, supporting Texas sports teams and staying in touch with their alma mater. They value higher education and are committed to keeping Southwestern financially robust. "We both consider a continual commitment to philanthropy to be an important part of our lives," Katie says, "and support for our alma mater is certainly one of the causes that we feel strongly about."

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ANTHONY SAMUEL '98

A successful financial analyst, Anthony Samuel might seem an unlikely champion of the underdog, but his heart has a soft spot for struggling students.

He and his wife, Jade, contribute to Southwestern University's Annual Fund for scholarships to help exceptional students who would otherwise be unable to attend Southwestern University. "Those types of deserving students with great academic and leadership achievements in high school are really the hungriest students," he says. That often translates to high-performing individuals who later add value to society, he adds.

Anthony knows about hardship. Both of his parents died near the end of his freshman year, leaving him in a sea of grief and financial turmoil. Thus, it comes natural to Anthony and his wife to include educational institutions in their annual charitable budget. "We believe that education is the single most effective way to improve one's socioeconomic status," he says.

They also view gifts to universities as an act of reciprocity for the education they themselves received. "I was fortunate to receive a scholarship to attend Southwestern, which served as a springboard for furthering my education in graduate school," Anthony says. "That education base enabled me to begin a prosperous professional career."

After receiving his bachelor's degree in economics from Southwestern in 1998, Anthony earned his master's in business administration from Rice University. Today, he is a financial analyst for Exxon Mobil Corporation.

He credits Southwestern professors with helping him build a solid career foundation. "Dr. (John) Delaney's funny antics kept a dry subject like accounting entertaining, if not exciting," Anthony says. And Dr. Dirk Early gave him a thorough and detailed understanding of economics, Anthony says. "Both subjects are foundational concepts for my career now in corporate finance."

Of course, there was more to college than academics, he says. Anthony views his spiritual and personal growth at Southwestern, aided by people like Dr. Sybil Hampton, as a lifelong benefit of attending the University. He credits Dr. Hampton with giving him the strength to persevere in the wake of his parents' deaths. "Without question," Anthony says, what he most recalls from his years at SU, are "the lasting friendships."

JACK AND **CAMMY GAREY**

Camille (Cammy) Garey never attended Southwestern University yet fondly calls the University her "village."

"I practically grew up in the backyard of Southwestern, and I have seen the huge impact Southwestern has had on Georgetown, my life, who I am and what I believe," she notes.

In 1998, she and her husband, Jack Garey, willed $15 million to Southwestern University for student scholarships. "Our hope is that it allows talented students who could not otherwise afford a quality education the opportunity to flourish in a rigorous, personalized academic milieu," Cammy says.

Though each claims The University of Texas as their alma mater, the Gareys saw Southwestern as a better fit for their gift. "We just felt it would have more of an impact on an elite, small school like Southwestern," Jack notes.

The couple lives six miles west of Georgetown on a 525-acre ranch that they recently bequeathed to the City of Georgetown for use as a park. They raise registered Brangus cattle on the land, which they bought in 1967.

Jack earned business and law degrees from The University of Texas in the mid-1950s and practiced law in Austin for more than 20 years. Today he runs Garey Construction Company, Ltd., which does highway work throughout Texas.

Cammy earned her bachelor of science degree in physical therapy from The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and completed postgraduate work at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Hayward, Calif. After practicing physical therapy for more than 20 years, she owned and operated a private orthopedics and sports medicine clinic.

The Gareys continue to lead very active civic lives. Cammy is chair of the Georgetown Area Community Foundation, and Jack is a board member of the Lone Star Circle of Care (a network of community clinics) and volunteer member of the finance committee of the Georgetown Area Community Foundation.

Jack and Cammy, both Southwestern trustees, urge people to support the University both financially and through service, as they have.

"We have both served on the Board of Trustees," Cammy says, "so we can strongly say with confidence that Southwestern will be a diligent, highly sophisticated, knowledgeable, professional steward of your gift."

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STEVE AND **JOAN GRAHAM LUFBURROW '81**

Life's struggles often remind people of the significance of a single day, the brevity of life and the fleeting opportunity to make a difference.

Such was the case for Steve and Joan Lufburrow, who encountered an unexpected challenge in recent years when Joan faced breast cancer treatment. The couple counts her survival among their blessings.

"Both of us are more aware than ever just how precious life is each day," says Steve, who graduated with Joan from Southwestern University in 1981.

Along with life, the Lufburrows view the ability to give as a blessing and have chosen to include Southwestern in their will.

"We have been very impressed with the calls and visits from April Hampton Perez, senior director of gift and estate planning at Southwestern, over the years and probably wouldn't have had this gift in our plan if it weren't for her efforts. We feel that the benefits with this type of gift mean that Southwestern will be strong in the future when we are all gone," Steve says. "The experience and education that we received from SU was so important in our lives, and we know that others will benefit from Southwestern in future generations."

Joan and Steve met in their junior year of high school and decided to attend the same university. Southwestern inspired them as students as it still does today.

"We are so proud to let people know where we attended college," Steve says. "We enjoy being involved in the University."

After graduating, Joan taught school for seven years before retiring to raise their children. She later went back to work and is now the events management coordinator at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston.

Steve is the president and chief executive officer of Goodwill Industries of Houston, a charitable organization where he has come to appreciate the love and trust behind each contribution.

The couple encourages other alumni to join them in reaping the intangible rewards of contributing to their alma mater.

"We were taught years ago by my father that giving to the organizations you love is a privilege," Steve explains. "We are proud to be associated with Southwestern University and, frankly, we don't really care about receiving the credit. It's just the right thing to do, and we encourage all to take a look at Southwestern as a great investment in the future."

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