



# TELEGRAPH AND TEXAS REGISTER

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**Welcome back** – to school and to TSHA! The Texas State Historical Association hopes you had a restful and rejuvenating summer. The Webb Society is gearing up for an eventful year and we look forward to your participation. Let us know about the good things happening with your chapter this year via Facebook.

### [Webb Society Fall Meeting](#) [October 27-28, 2017](#)

Join us in Austin on October 27-28, 2017 to explore Texas' capital city. For Webb Society, as with Sam Houston in the 1840s, Austin means archives. Austin residents can rest easy as we will be touring the archives rather than moving them. Houston area chapters we will be keeping our eyes on you. We will kick off the meeting with a tour of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. From there we will head down to the local Austin hotspot Scholz Garten for some great food, comradery, and our business meeting. On Saturday morning, attendees will reconvene at the LBJ Presidential Library for a tour of one of the most colorful Texans to influence the national and world stage in the modern era. From there we will head over to the newly renovated Dolph Briscoe Center for American History for a presentation by the Research and Collections division. A complete itinerary and registration form can be found on TSHA's web site. This will truly provide you with an opportunity to discover several of the archival treasures of Texas. Don't miss it! For more information visit: <https://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/webb-society/meetings>

### [Call for Historical Papers](#)

Each year the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society recognizes excellence in historical research and writing with the C.M. Caldwell Memorial Awards. Entries for the 2017 awards are due by January 20, 2018, and award recipients will be announced at the TSHA Annual Meeting March 8-10, 2018 in San Marcos. Cash prizes range from \$75-400, and selected papers may be published in the 2019 edition of *Touchstone*. Opportunities for undergraduates to publish are rare. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity! For more information visit: <https://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/webb-society/caldwell>

## [Special Award for Research and Writing on Texas in World War I](#)

As part of the commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the United States entry into World War I and to encourage research and scholarship in the area of Texas and United States Involvement in World War I, TSHA is sponsoring the Special Award for Research and Writing on Texas in World War I. A \$1,000 prize will be awarded at the 2018 TSHA Annual Meeting in San Marcos for the best article length submission to the Southwestern Historical Quarterly by December 15, 2017, that deals with the contributions of Texans to the World War I effort or the effects of the Great War on Texas. Submissions must meet all normal submission requirements outlined for the Southwestern Historical Quarterly. To submit articles or for more information about the Quarterly please visit, <https://www.tshaonline.org/shqonline/information-authors/how-submit-article-quarterly>.

## [Chapter Project Award](#)

Each year, Webb Society chapters are encouraged to adopt a project that promotes the preservation of state or local history. Chapter projects encourage teamwork, promote goodwill in communities and are just plain fun! At the Fall Meeting in October, chapters are invited to describe their project and report on its progress. Any project completed by two or more students qualifies. Remember! One chapter project will be selected to receive the Caldwell Memorial Award, which includes a \$600 prize. The winner will be announced at the Spring Meeting, March 2018.

## [Chapter Records Update](#)

In an attempt to keep our Webb Society records as accurate as possible, we would like to ask each sponsor or chapter president to submit an online [Chapter Update Form](#). This should take about 5 minutes to complete, and asks for basic contact information for your chapter.

## [Webb Society Member Forms](#)

To better serve the needs of our Webb Society members statewide, we are asking that each member fill out a [Membership Form](#). In return for submitting your form, you will receive the Webb Society newsletter, Telegraph & Texas Register, directly by email, and you will be listed in the official Webb Society records as a member. If at any time, you need documentation of your participation in Webb Society, we will be able to provide it based on our records. Please have any current or former member of Webb Society complete and submit a form.

## [Did You Know](#)

On October 5, 1835 David B Macomb wrote the editor of the Telegraph and Texas Register with a detailed account of the Battle of Gonzales which was published in the paper on October 17, 1835. Thus spreading the news of what would become the beginning of the Texas Revolution. Find out more about Macomb and his account from the Handbook of Texas. <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fma08>.

## [Chapter of the Year Awards](#)

Each year, two Webb Society chapters will be awarded a Chapter of the Year Award. This award honors chapters who show outstanding commitment and outreach within their communities and schools. The first award, Lower Division Chapter of the Year, will be presented to the outstanding chapter from a Junior College or Community College. The second award, Upper Division Chapter of the Year, will be presented to the outstanding chapter from a University or four year school. To be eligible for the awards, chapters must submit a chapter report by December 1st, to [charles.nugent@TSHAonline.org](mailto:charles.nugent@TSHAonline.org). These reports will also be published in *Touchstone*.

## [Annual Meeting March 2-4, 2017](#)

The Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society met on March 2-4, 2017 in Houston in conjunction with the TSHA Annual Meeting for its Spring Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony. The Business Meeting, chaired by Mary Lewis of Jacksonville College, was attended by chapter representatives from Jacksonville College, Lamar University, Lee College, McMurry University, Northeast Texas Community College, San Jacinto College-Central, San Jacinto College-South, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, and University of Houston-Downtown. Chapters discussed their past and upcoming activities for the year and enjoyed conversation with one another about their experiences.

At the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, the C. M. and Cora Caldwell Memorial Awards for outstanding research and writing were presented as well as the David C. DeBoe Memorial Award for outstanding sponsorship of a Webb Society Chapter. Portia Hopkins was the recipient of the 2017 DeBoe Award for her outstanding sponsorship of the chapter at Lee College. Chapters who submitted a chapter report were considered for Chapter of the Year awards. San Jacinto College-South was named 2016 College Chapter of the Year, and the Lamar University was named the 2016 University Chapter of the Year.

Of the numerous entries submitted in this year's Caldwell Writing Competition, the following received awards: in the Lower Division, undergraduates with less than 60 hours, First Place went to Alena Johnston, Second Place- William Fox, Third Place- Gerardo Nunez and Fourth Place- Rachel Jordan; in the Upper Division, undergraduates with 60 or more hours, First Place went to Adam Stevenson, Second Place- Lindsey Summerville, Third Place- Deane Rapp, Fourth Place-Tyler Hargrove. The Chapter Project Award went to Jacksonville College.

How was your Annual Meeting experience? Post your Annual Meeting Photos on the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society Facebook page.

### **Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society Graduation Honor Cords**

These honor cords signify your membership and participation in the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society, the college level program of the Texas State Historical Association. Any member of Webb Society is eligible to wear the Red/White/Blue honor cord. Those who won a Caldwell Award or have been a member of a chapter when it was awarded Chapter of the Year Award, is eligible to wear the Red/Black/Gold honor cord.

**Purchase your honor cords, only \$10.00 each.**

<https://tshasecurepay.com/webb-society-honor-cords/>





# 2017 Annual Meeting Pictures



## Important Dates

**Webb Society Fall Meeting, October 27-28, 2017 Austin, Texas**

**Caldwell Memorial Awards, Deadline January 20, 2018**

[Download the form](#)

**TSHA/Webb Society Annual Meeting, March 8-10, 2018 San Marcos, Texas**

