



RANCH MANAGEMENT

**THE CATTLE CALL**  
**Newsletter for Alumni of the**  
**TCU Ranch Management Program**

Summer/Fall 2016

*From the President, Skyler Flake '06*

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As I sit here and write this, there is a definite feel of fall in the air here in West Texas. We received some awesome rains late in the summer and started our fall off with some great moisture as well. The country is in amazing shape. We gathered some easy pastures, and we gathered some pastures that sure could use a date with a brush sculpting mechanism. We've finished weaning here at the ranch; we weaned some big calves this year, and our breed ups were better than usual. We have also started getting our fall yearlings in, so there is plenty to do around this cow operation this time of year.

I was blessed this year to get to work with an awesome crew while we weaned. The crew consisted of full time guys from here at the ranch, some local day help, and my family. I was able to take my wife and little girl with me every day for a month while we weaned. That's a pretty big order for a six-year-old, but she insisted on going. We saddled her horse every morning, and she fell right in with the crew and whatever we were doing for the day. My hat is off to the fantastic crew that took them under their wing and helped to make it an awesome experience for everyone.

What an amazing opportunity we have in production agriculture to pass on our culture and knowledge to a younger generation. It is in our blood to be good stewards. We have a unique industry, and if we don't help grow and educate our replacements, our shrinking labor pool will only get smaller.

We need to think about what we can do to help the younger generation be attracted to the most rewarding industry there is. We get to see nature at work every day. We get to see the rewards of hard work, sweat, blood, and sometimes tears, pay off. I encourage you to reach out to that young person you may know who has been curious about our industry. Invite them with you for a day; let them see, first hand, what it looks like to be in production agriculture. Answer any questions they may have, teach them what actually happens behind the scenes instead of letting them see it from another source that, may not have all the facts right, or may have it misconstrued into a negative light. If we don't reach out and educate them in the correct way, someone else might in the wrong way.

We have been granted with an amazing lifestyle. It's our responsibility to raise and provide the next generation to keep this legacy going, and perhaps someday, growing.

As always, if I can ever do anything for you please don't hesitate to get ahold of me.



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*Let's get started!*

The new class year is off to a great start. The students have already turned in the Corral Plan; Plant ID has been completed; the first major exam is behind them; and they are now hard at work on Range Plan. Each class has its own dynamic, but we also see trends that repeat each year. This class displays a level of want, need, and will that we love to see in a Ranch Management class. It is rewarding to have the opportunity to work with intelligent, gifted, and talented students each year. It is early in the semester, but this class may set the bar for future classes. We have high expectations for this class of students, and they renew our belief that the future of agriculture will be in good hands.

We had a full class for 2016-2017 almost before the class of 2016 graduated in May, which is the earliest we have started a wait-list in my twenty-two years at Ranch Management. That tells me they were eager to get here and get started in the Program from the beginning. The class of twenty-eight come from Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia, Kansas, Louisiana, Alabama, and Georgia. Six of them are married and three have children. Twenty-one have already earned an undergraduate degree, one is working toward the Bachelor of Science in Ranch Management, and one working toward the Ranch Management Minor.

If you get a chance, come to Fort Worth on Saturday, October 29 for the Ranch Management Alumni and Recruitment Tailgate prior to the Texas Tech-TCU football game. You will have the opportunity to meet this year's class, and fellowship with fellow alumni. Wear your purple and be loud cheering on the FROGS!

*Welcome, Class of 2017!*





**5th Annual TCU RM  
Alumni and Recruitment  
Tailgate  
Saturday, October 29  
Time TBD**

We will be tailgating on the lawn at the Ranch Management building before the game between TCU and Texas Tech on **Saturday, October 29**.

Pack your cooler, get in touch with your classmates, and make this a reunion party!

If you know of potential students for the Program, this would be a great way for them to see the building, meet alumni/faculty, and get information about the Program.

The exact time of the game has not been set, but we **will** be there. **Food will start being served 2 hours before game time.**

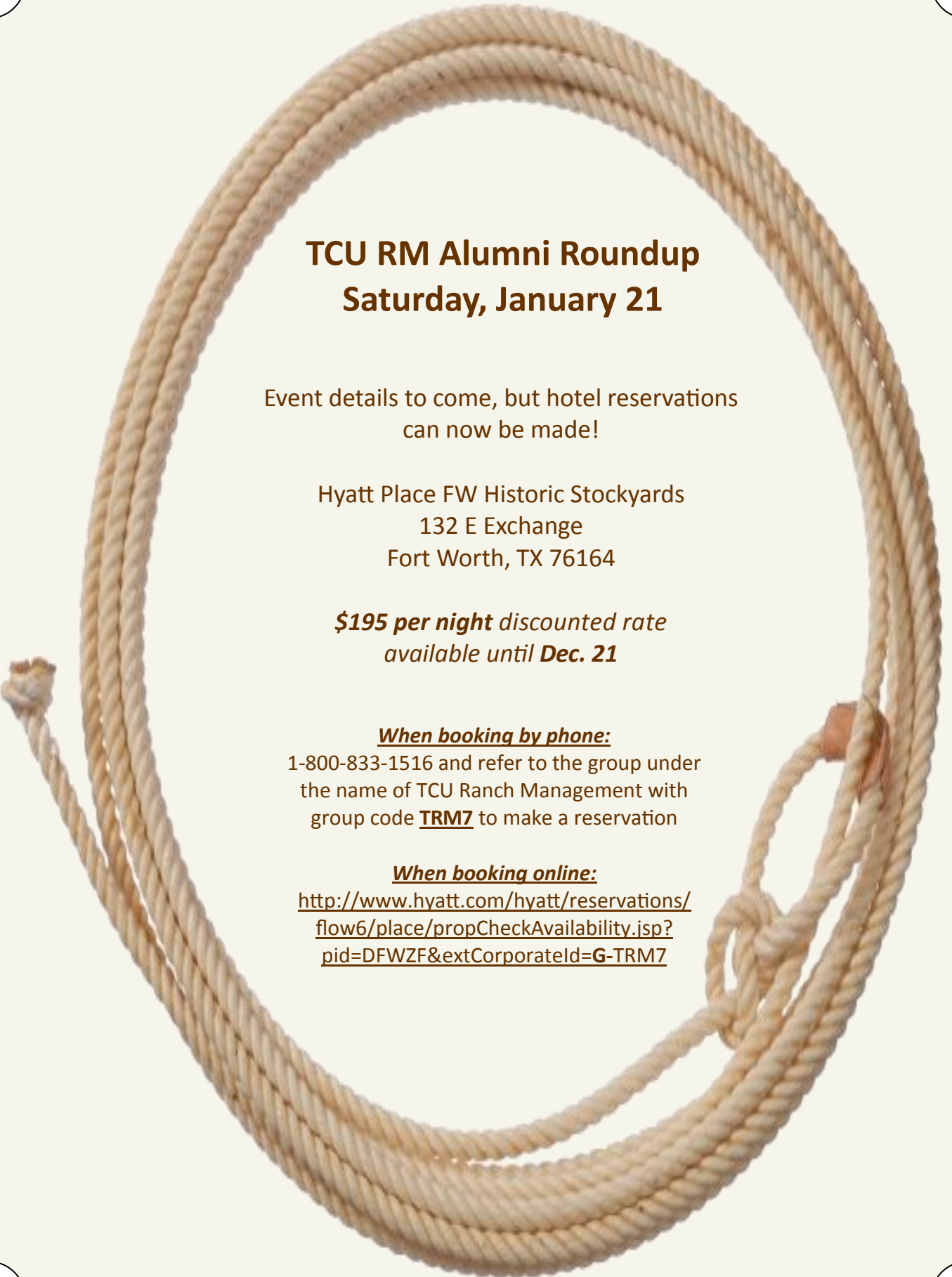
Thank you to Patrick Murray and Dax Pass with **Briggs Freeman | Sotheby's International Realty - Ranch and Land Division** for sponsoring this event.



For tickets go to [gofrogs.com](http://gofrogs.com) or call the TCU Athletics Ticket Office at (877) 828 - 3764.

**Institute of  
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## TCU RM Alumni Roundup Saturday, January 21

Event details to come, but hotel reservations  
can now be made!

Hyatt Place FW Historic Stockyards  
132 E Exchange  
Fort Worth, TX 76164

***\$195 per night*** discounted rate  
available until ***Dec. 21***

***When booking by phone:***

1-800-833-1516 and refer to the group under  
the name of TCU Ranch Management with  
group code **TRM7** to make a reservation

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# 2016 Alumni and Family Summer Gathering



RM alumni and families gathered in Fredericksburg for the annual summer roping on June 10 and 11. Friday there was an afternoon skeet shoot at Hill Country Shooting Sport and an evening social at Lost Draw Cellars. Another skeet shoot was held Saturday morning followed by the team roping events and ranch rodeo at J Cross J Arena. Alumni and guests also had the opportunity to play golf at the Lady Bird Golf Course or go on a tour of the wineries and Garson Brothers Distillery. After a busy day of events, everyone gathered at the Gillespie County Fair Ground for a silent auction, awards, dinner, and dancing.

Thank you, Chad Druen-Miller, Steven Mafrige, and committee members for another memorable event!

*Our annual gathering couldn't be possible without the sponsorship of many individuals and companies. Thank you to those who made a contribution:*

**Trail Boss** - Donnell Ranch/Jamie Donnell, Chris Scharbauer Ranch LLC, Y Bar Ranch/Steven Mafrige

**Wrangler** - Big Bend Trailer, Hargrove Ranch Insurance, John L. Lessor, III, Lyssy & Eckel Feed, Inc., Producers Trading Co.

**Cowboy** - Craig Buford, Larry Horwood, Nutrition Plus/Harry & Trey Hudgins



30 years later and still showing their support for the Ranch Management Program!

Left to right: Paul Hicks, Craig Buford, TE Warren, John Meador, Chris Scharbauer, RW (Dick) Winters, John Lessor, and Primo Walker.



Steven Mafrige won the saddle donated by our friends at Merck Animal Health.



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## Event Results



### Ranch Rodeo Overall

1st - Jack Caraway, Skyler Flake, Bob Payne, Sean Reagan  
2nd - Jeff Davis, Chad Druen-Miller, Matt McLelland, Jarrod Price  
3rd - Luke Abraham, Lee Cortez, Matt McLelland, Chance Walker  
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### Calf Roping

1st - Jeff Davis  
2nd - Jarrod Price  
3rd - Craig Buford

### Team Roping - Header

1st - Levin Porter  
2nd - Jeff Davis  
3rd - Matt McLelland

### Team Roping - Heeler

1st - Robert Buchholz  
2nd - Robert Buchholz  
3rd - Robert Buchholz

### Doctoring

1st - Jeff Davis, Chad Druen-Miller, Matt McLelland, Jarrod Price  
2nd - Luke Abraham, Robert Buchholz, Lee Cortez, Chance Walker  
3rd - Skyler Flake, Matt McLelland, Jarrod Price, Chance Walker

### Trailer Loading

1st - Jack Caraway, Skyler Flake, Bob Payne, Sean Reagan  
2nd - Jack Caraway, Skyler Flake, Bob Payne, Sean Reagan  
3rd - Jack Caraway, Skyler Flake, Bob Payne, Sean Reagan

### Stray Gathering

1st - Jeff Davis, Chad Druen-Miller, Matt McLelland, Jarrod Price  
2nd - Jack Caraway, Chad Druen-Miller, Levin Porter, Sean Reagan  
3rd - Jack Caraway, Skyler Flake, Bob Payne, Sean Reagan

### Skeet Shoot

High Overall - Rue Ferguson  
Second High Overall - Paul Turney  
Female High Overall - Stacy Turner

### Golf

1st - Max Jones  
2nd - Blake Johnson



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*Thank you to these individuals and businesses for their donations!*



American Hat, Animal Health International/Josh Laughlin, Baron's Photography, BBC Creative, Bordertown Co., Class of 1981, Wayne Cockrell, Megan & Chad Druen-Miller, Avonlea Elkins, Flake Warbridles/Skyler Flake, Jason Harlow, Jessica & Max Jones, Lantana Made, Lazy J Ranch Wear, Amy & Chad Lee, Lyssy & Eckel Feeds/Charles Eckel, Maverick Western Wear, Merck Animal Health/Christi Keeler & Kevin Przilas, Keri & Jeff Miley, M.L. Leddy's, Bob Moorehouse, Steve Motal, National Livestock, Olathe Boot, Oliver Saddle Shop, Omni Hotel, Carleen & Troy Ottmers, Brazos Peacock, Reata Restaurant/Mike Micallef, Rios Interiors, Peter Robbins, Martha Santos, Kelsey & Rocky Sullivan, Teskey's, Tres Rios Silver, Paul Turney, Cathy Walker

## *Congratulations, Class of 2016*



First Row (L to R): Jason Faubion, Kevin Johnson, Jeff Geider, Dr. Nowell Donovan, Kerry Cornelius, Dr. Bonnie Melhart, Janelle Davila, Michele Barrow, Chris Farley, Justin Reikowsky

Second Row (L to R): Travis Smith, Will Latham, Mason Orradre, Caleb Davis, Bill Hammerness, Luke Abraham, Kaelyn Perez, Caroline Spencer, Ashley House, Lauren Whitlock, Payton Vigil, Rangler Stuckey, Price Pyburn, Justyn Hart, Mickey Steed

Third Row (L to R): Tom Isaacs, Chadley Box, Robert Buchholz, Chance Walker, Patrick Strauss, Reed Abernathy, Matthew Balderrama, Bo Beauchamp, Trey Hudgins, Ben Anson, Lee Cortez

## Who Did What?

- mail: TCU Box 297420,  
Fort Worth, TX 76129 OR
- call: (817) 257 - 7145 OR

Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### NEW ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### JOB CHANGE

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### WEDDING

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date Married \_\_\_\_\_

Where \_\_\_\_\_

### BIRTH

Baby's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date Born \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_



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