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Edith McAllister is Recipient of the ‘2010 Colonel W.T. Bondurant, Sr. Distinguished Humanitarian Award’

SAN ANTONIO, TX – The Alumni Council of San Antonio Academy of Texas presents Ms. Edith McAllister with the *2010 Colonel W.T. Bondurant, Sr. Distinguished Humanitarian Award* on Thursday, February 18 with a special luncheon to coincide with her 92nd birthday. The celebration starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Witte Museum, Prassel Auditorium (3801 Broadway). For reservation information, please contact: eanderson@sa-academy.org

A life long civic leader, Ms. McAllister is a founding trustee of the Southwest School of Art and Craft and the Club Giraud. She served on the Development Board for UTSA from 1975-1977, and then again as Vice Chairman from 1990-2009. She has also chaired the United Way Campaign and the United Way of San Antonio, the Symphony League, the San Antonio Area Foundation, Cancer Therapy & Research Center, the Witte Museum, the San Antonio Museum of Art, Boy Scouts Capital Campaign, and the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics Advisory Council, among others. She currently serves on 20 local and state Boards.

Edith’s legacy as a local philanthropist has earned her many honors throughout the years, including *Philanthropist of the Year* in 1977, and the *National Jewish Hospital Humanitarian Dinner Honoree* in 1980. In 1981 she was named the *Junior League of San Antonio’s Volunteer Extraordinaire*.

Edith is delighted to receive her latest accolade noting “I have great respect and affection for the San Antonio Academy. The emphasis of The Academy on what are sometimes considered the ‘old-fashioned’ virtues of honesty, thoughtfulness, consideration, helpfulness, and courage is critical to the character of the young scholars we are rearing. The discipline and focus of Academy students prepare them for a competitive globalized economy, and the moral and ethical grounding they receive prepares them to be civilized and thoughtful leaders of that world.”

Ms. McAllister was born in Madisonville, Texas, and her early childhood was spent in Iowa. The family returned to Texas and San Antonio when she was ten. Edith attended Jefferson High School (where she met Walter McAllister), Westmoreland College (which later became Trinity), and the University of Texas where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She later married Walter and together they raised four children, Walter “Bo” III, Taddy, Reagin, and Eloise.

The Colonel W.T. Bondurant, Sr. Distinguished Humanitarian Award is presented each year by the San Antonio Academy Alumni Council to honor a member of The Academy’s family who exemplifies the school’s most cherished values: honesty; respect; pride in achievement and service to others. Each year the San Antonio Academy Alumni Council honors an individual whose accomplishments exemplify the traits that everyone admired in Colonel W. T. Bondurant, Sr., who served as The Academy’s Head of School from 1927 to 1943.

San Antonio Academy of Texas offers prekindergarten through eighth grade boys an exceptional academic program that features small classes, a family-like atmosphere, the development of a positive self-image and a foundation for life-based upon love of God and country, integrity and respect for each other. San Antonio Academy admits students of any race, color and national and ethnic origin.

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