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Sam Barshop is Recipient of the '2009 Colonel W.T. Bondurant, Sr. Distinguished Humanitarian Award'

SAN ANTONIO, TX — The Alumni Council of San Antonio Academy of Texas presents Sam Barshop with the *2009 Colonel W.T. Bondurant, Sr. Distinguished Humanitarian Award* on Tuesday, January 27 with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the San Antonio Country Club (4100 North New Braunfels Ave).

Sam Barshop is the founder and former CEO of La Quinta Inns Inc. and is currently the Chairman of Barshop & Oles, a company that has played a prominent role in Central Texas high-profile real estate development in Central Texas during the last two decades.

Barshop has served on the University of Texas System Board of Regents, as well as the development boards of the University of Texas at Austin, UTSA, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where he also established the Sam and Ann Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies. He also was a member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education.

Barshop is the former Director of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Boys Clubs of America, St. Luke's Lutheran Hospital and National Bancshares Corporation of Texas. He served on the Board of Directors of Southwest Airlines, RepublicBank Corp. and the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation. He has received numerous accolades, including: recipient of the Americas Lodging Investment Summit Lifetime Achievement Award; and the San Antonio Technology Accelerator Initiative (SATAI) Technology Hero Award; and he is an inductee in both the San Antonio and the Texas Philanthropy Hall of Fame.

A graduate of the University of Texas in 1951, Sam majored in international business and played almost every intramural sport. After he graduated from the University of Texas, Sam spent three years in the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant.

While at Officer Candidate School, he met Ann Kronish, who was visiting San Antonio from her home in New York. Sam and Ann married in 1952 and have three children: Bruce, Jamie, and Steven, who passed away in 2002.

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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