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The president of a Texas Baptist facility for the aging is one of seven Baylor University graduates who will be honored as 2007 Outstanding Young Alumni during Baylor's annual homecoming celebration.

The Baylor Alumni Association will present the awards Nov. 2 during the first performance at Pigskin Review. The awards recognize professional achievement and distinguished service by Baylor alumni 40 years old or younger.

	
Pat Crump	Marie Brown

Pat Crump, a 1991 Baylor graduate, has served as president of Baptist Memorials Ministries in San Angelo since 2004. After earning a master's

degree in gerontology from Baylor in 1993, he worked one year with a nursing center in Albuquerque, N.M., before moving to the newly opened Baptist Memorials Center in San Angelo.

He served for 10 years as president of healthcare services, overseeing the operation of a long-term care facility, an Alzheimer's facility, a pharmacy and a home health agency.

Crump has served on several boards that provide services for the aging and currently serves on the executive committee of the Baylor Alumni Association.

He and his wife, Jeana Elliott Crump, have three children—Grayson, Greer and Caroline. They are members of First Baptist Church in San Angelo, where he teaches in the youth department and is a past deacon chairman.

Another Texan, Marie Brown of Denton, is a social worker with the Denton County Health Department. Brown, a 1992 graduate, has more than 15 years experience with children and families in counseling and direct case management and previously worked with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

While she was a case manager in the private sector of the foster care system, the Texas State Foster Parents Association nominated her for Case Manager of the Year. She is a past director of the Baylor Alumni Association and past president of the Dallas Baylor Alumni Chapter, and she received the W.R. White Meritorious Service Award in 1999 and Bear Hunter of the Year in 2006.

Kirk and Suzanne Anderson Person of Bangkok, Thailand, are the first husband-and-wife team to be recognized as Outstanding Young Alumni.

They work with SIL International, a nonprofit, faith-based organization specializing in serving the lesser-known language communities of the

world. She teaches at the Chitralada Palace School, and he directs external affairs for the Mainland Southeast Asia branch of SIL International.

As residents of Thailand since 1995, they have helped to develop an alphabet for the previously unwritten Bisu language and worked with several literacy and translation projects, including a Muang translation of the entire New Testament and key Old Testament passages.

Other recipients are:

- Saad Ehtisham of Wichita, Kan., senior vice president of clinical operations with Via Christi Wichita Health Network.
- Phil Lakin, executive director of the Tulsa Community Foundation in Tulsa, Okla., and former regional development director for Baylor. He is a deacon at Southern Hills Baptist Church.
- Michael McLendon of Franklin, Tenn., associate professor of public policy and higher education at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. He chairs the university's graduate program in higher education leadership and policy and directs the graduate program in public policy and education.

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