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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 16-17, 2015](#)

Join us in Galveston on October 16-17, 2015 to explore the rich heritage of one of Texas’ great small towns. We’ll kick off the meeting with hands-on activities and heavy hors d’oeuvres at the Bryan Museum. At the conclusion of our meal we will hold the business meeting, and enjoy a presentation by Margaret Tuma and Linda Turner from the Texas City Museum. On Saturday morning attendees will make a short drive to the Texas Seaport Museum, where we will tour the museum followed by a tour of the Galveston Railroad Museum. A complete itinerary and registration form can be found on the TSHA’s web site. This will truly provide you with an opportunity to discover several little known treasures of Texas. Don’t miss it!

[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 2016 awards are due by January 22, 2016, and award recipients will be announced at the TSHA Annual Meeting March 3-5, 2016 in Irving. Cash prizes range from \$75-400, and selected papers will be published in the 2016 edition of *Touchstone*. Opportunities for undergraduates to publish are rare. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

[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 November, 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 2016.

[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 Record 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.

[Smallwood Scholarship](#)

We are excited to announce a new scholarship opportunity for all Webb Society members and other Texas history graduate and undergraduate students. The Smallwood Scholarship, is a \$500.00 award, sponsored by Abigail Press, to honor the career of Texas historian, Dr. James Smallwood, and to encourage research and writing of Texas history topics. Applications will be submitted online, by January 31st of each year, and will be awarded in conjunction with the Caldwell Memorial Awards Ceremony at the TSHA Annual Meeting. To qualify, students must be enrolled or recently completed a Texas history course, preference will be given to students who have written on a Texas history topic in the past 12 months, and have provided a digital copy of their work.

[TSHA Events APP](#)

TSHA is proud to announce the new TSHA Events app. With this free mobile app, users will be able to view schedules, find maps and directions, contact information, and share pictures from all our events. Webb Society members will be able to use the app during the fall and spring meetings. Download the app now on iTunes or Google Play.

[Chapter of the Year Awards](#)

Two Webb Society chapters, each year will be awarded a Chapter of the Year Award. This award will honor 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 4 year school. To be eligible for the awards, chapters must submit a chapter report by December 1st, to charles.nugent@TSHAonline.org. These reports will also be published in *Touchstone*.

Annual Meeting March 5-7, 2015

The Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society met on March 5-7, 2015 in Corpus Christi in conjunction with the TSHA Annual Meeting for its Spring Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony. The Business Meeting, chaired by Charles Gear from Prairie View A&M University– Corpus Christi, was attended by chapter representatives from Blinn College, College of the Mainland, Jacksonville College, Lamar University, Lee College, McMurry University, Northeast Texas Community College, San Jacinto College – Central, San Jacinto College – North, San Jacinto College – South, Texas A&M University – Prairie View, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, and the University of Houston – Downtown, University of Houston-Main. 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 in addition to the David C. DeBoe Memorial Award for outstanding sponsorship of a Webb Society Chapter. Marcus Turner of San Jacinto College-Central was the recipient of the 2015 DeBoe Award for his outstanding sponsorship of the chapter at his institution. Chapters who submitted a chapter report were considered for Chapter of the Year awards. Jacksonville College was named College (1-2 year schools) Chapter of the Year, and the Texas A&M University-Dan Antonio was named the University (4 year schools) 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 Dirk Johnston, Second Place- Morgan Capps, Third Place- Jeffery Hallinan and Fourth Place- Isaac Burris; in the Upper Division, undergraduates with 60 or more hours, First Place went to Sam Gaylon, Second Place- Jessica K. Ceeko, Third Place- Miguel Ramirez, and Fourth Place- Christian Flanders; and in the Graduate Division, First Place went to Charles Grand and Second Place to Nakia Parker. The Chapter Project Award went to Lamar University. All 2015 Junior and Senior Division Caldwell Award entries will be considered for publication in the Society's journal *Touchstone*.

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/Black/Silver 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.



2015 Annual Meeting Pictures



Important Dates



Caldwell Memorial Awards
Deadline January 23, 2016
[Download the form](#)

Smallwood Memorial Scholarship
Deadline January 31, 2016
[Submit your application online](#)

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