

- Chip & Joanna Gaines, stars of the HGTV series “Fixer Upper”
- Wild and crazy comedian Steve Martin
- Peri Gilpin, who played Roz on the sitcom “Frazier”
- Actresses Jennifer Love Hewitt, star of the hit series *Criminal Minds*, *The Client List*, and *Ghost Whisperer*, and who played in movies such as *House Arrest* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*
- Shannon Elizabeth who starred in *American Pie*, *Scary Movie* and *13 Ghosts*
- Hollywood costume designer Travis Banton was born in Waco. He designed costumes for 118 movies from the 1940s through the 1960s, including *Cleopatra*, *The Mark of Zorro*, and *Lover Come Back*.
- Musicians Jules Bledsoe who made “Ol’ Man River” famous with his rendition in *Show Boat*;
- Pat Green, a country singer who has had many grammy nominations along with a *Billboard* top five single
- Pop and TV stars Jessica and Ashlee Simpson.
- New York *Times* syndicated columnist T. Berry Brazelton
- Philanthropist and author Madison Cooper who wrote *Sironia, Texas*, which at 1,731 pages was the longest novel published in book form.
- World War II hero Doris “Dorie” Miller. Miller was portrayed by Cuba Gooding, Jr. in the Movie Pearl Harbor.
- Waco is the birthplace of more Texas governors than any other city. Waco-born governors include Richard Coke, Pat Neff, Sul Ross and Ann Richards.
- National Football League stars Robert Griffin III (Heisman Trophy Winner, Washington Redskins) LaDainian Tomlinson (San Diego Chargers/New York Jets) and Derrick Johnson (Kansas City Chiefs)
- Dave Campbell, founder and publisher of *Texas Football* magazine, a must have magazine for football fans. He has been honored by the State History

Museum as a Texas Legend, named a Distinguished Alumnus by Baylor University. Campbell is a Bellmead native.

- Robert Fulghum, author of nine books, including *Everything I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* and *What on Earth Have I Done?*
- Heloise (Ponce Kia Marchelle Heloise Cruse Evans) of *Hints from Heloise*.
- Waco artist Kermit Oliver is the only U.S. artist to design for Hermès in Paris
- John Baugh, founder of Sysco, one of the largest corporations in the U.S. hails from Bellmead
- John Wayne Shelton, noted geologist, also from Bellmead
- James Brown, film and television star; appeared as Lieutenant Ripley "Rip" Masters in 166 episodes of ABC's *The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin* (1954–1959) and later as detective Harry McSween on CBS's *Dallas*
- Thomas Harris, author of *The Silence of the Lambs*, was a student at Baylor University, and covered the police beat for the *Waco Tribune-Herald*.
- Terrence Malick, director of *The Thin Red Line*, was born in Waco. He also directed *The Tree of Life*, which was set in the town of Waco in the 1950s.
- Hank Thompson, was born in Waco and is a country music singer who was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.
- Hallie Earle (1880–1963) First licensed female physician in Waco, 1902 M.S. from Baylor, only female graduate of 1907 Baylor University Medical School in Dallas.
- Cliff Bartosh, former left-handed relief pitcher in Major League Baseball who played for the Cleveland Indians and Chicago Cubs is from the City of West.
- Scott Podsednik, Major League Baseball outfielder who played in the 2005 World Series championship Chicago White Sox team hails from West.
- Country music newcomer Holly Tucker, who made the top 6 in season 4 of *The Voice*
- Texas Guinan was a Hollywood actress from 1917 to 1933. She was active in vaudeville and theater, and was in many movies (often as the gun-toting hero

in silent westerns, more than a match for any man). She also had a successful career as a hostess in night clubs and speakeasies in New York City.

- Kevin Reynolds, director (Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves, The Count of Monte Cristo, Waterworld), was born and raised in Waco.
- Ted Nugent, guitarist, along with his wife Shemane and son Rocco Nugent, live in Waco.
- Leon Jaworski, who prosecuted Nazi war criminals during the Nuremberg trials and then was the special prosecutor who brought down the Nixon administration during the Watergate scandal, was born and raised in Waco.
- Robert W. McCollum (1925–2010), virologist who made important discoveries regarding polio and hepatitis.
- Billy Joe Shaver, country songwriter ("Honky Tonk Heroes") and singer ("Old Chunk of Coal"), lives in Waco.

NOTABLE BAYLOR BEARS

- Screenwriter and director John Lee Hancock (with works including The Blind Side, nominated for the 2009 Academy Award for Best Picture)
- Screenwriter Derek Haas (with works including 3:10 to Yuma and Wanted, both nominated for multiple Academy Awards)
- Emmy-winning actress Angela Kinsey (the character of Angela Martin in NBC's The Office)
- Emmy-nominated actress Allison Tolman
- Stand-up comedian Jeff Dunham
- Actor John Bostic, known for 22 Jump Street
- Willie Nelson – country music star and winner of six Grammys, was born in nearby Abbott, TX and attended Baylor but did not receive a degree
- *The Silence of the Lambs* author Thomas Harris
- *People Magazine* co-founder Hal C. Wingo

- *The Weather Channel* CFO Jerry Elliott
- American Airlines CEO Thomas W. Horton
- Oracle Corporation CEO Mark Hurd
- Federal Bureau of Investigation director William S. Sessions
- Phoenix Mercury WNBA player Brittney Griner
- Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Ted Lyons
- Trey Wingo, Co-host of ESPN's SportsCenter
- Baylor counts more Texas governors among its alumni than any other university - Lawrence Sullivan Ross – served from 1887–1891, Pat Morris Neff – served from 1921–1925 (later served as President of Baylor from 1932 to 1947), Price Daniel – served from 1957–1963, Mark White – served from 1983–1987, Ann Richards – served from 1991–1995
- Walter Abercrombie - NFL running back for the Pittsburg Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles
- Mike Singletary – Linebacker for the Chicago Bears (1981–92); head coach of the San Francisco 49ers (2008–10); assistant head coach for the Minnesota Vikings, inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1998
- Benjamin Becker – German professional player (defeated Andre Agassi in Agassi's final match in the 2006 U.S. Open)
- Michael Johnson – Winner of five Olympic gold medals and nine-time world champion
- Jeremy Wariner – Winner of gold medals at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece for the individual 400 meter and the 4x400 meter
- Darold Williamson – Winner of a gold medal at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece in the 4x400 meter
- Reggie Witherspoon – Winner of a gold medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing for the 4x400 meter along with teammate Jeremy Wariner.