

# The Texas Jaycees Present the 2009 Five Outstanding Young Texans

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## **Shannon Buggs**

Shannon is a native Houstonian who is a business reporter and columnist for the Houston Chronicle. She is an inspiration and guiding light to young journalists, poets and other writers. Shannon sits on numerous boards and committees including Writers in the Schools, Diverse Works and Friends of Women's Studies. She is also the founder of Meta-Four Houston, a spoken-word poetry nonprofit organization for youth.



## **Jane Cummins**

Jane is the founder and Executive Director of Educational Programs Inspiring Communities, Inc. and began H.E.A.R.T. Program and H.E.A.R.T. Vending and Concessions, non-profit programs serving adults with developmental disabilities in the Houston community. She was appointed to serve as a Commissioner on the Houston Commission for Disabilities in 2009. Jane is a graduate of American Leadership Forum, Leadership Houston, and she hosts a weekly radio show on 90.1 FM.



## **Mary Goodrich Nix**

Mary is a Co-Managing Partner with Gordon & Rees, LLP in Dallas. She is the co-founder of the Dallas ISD E-Mentoring Program, which has helped more than 1,000 at-risk students. Mary has served as President of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (DALY), Chair of the DAYL Foundation, and director of the Dallas Bar Association (DBA). She has been both an associate and barrister member of the Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court and a board member of the Dallas Heart Ball.



## **Raj Narayanan**

Raj holds a BS in Aviation Safety Engineering from the University of Southern California, and a MS in Business/Quality from the University of Miami. He currently manages his own aerospace consulting practice in Dallas. Raj serves on the board of the Addison Rotary club, the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce, and is an active alumni of the Leadership Dallas program. Through his philanthropy work he has led efforts to work with orphanages in India.



## **Norman Nolasco**

Norman is the founder and CEO of Advarion, Inc. Throughout his career Norman has donated his time, services, and experience to multiple nonprofits, charities, and political campaigns from both parties. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Galleria Chamber of Commerce and the Fire Fighters Foundation of Houston. He also serves on the Advisory Committee for Yates High School of Communications.

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