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# The Professional Insights Panel

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**Panel and Q&A: 3:00-5:00 PM**



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## STEPHEN HORN '79



### Sponsor

Managing Partner  
Ronin Partners LLC

### Top 5 Career Characteristics

1. Energy
2. Technology
3. Banking
4. Engineering
5. Investing

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## **Stephen Horn '79**

Steve Horn is the Managing Partner of Ronin Partners LLC, a private equity firm, which invests capital in energy, principally technology oriented oilfield service and equipment companies. Over the past twenty years, he has made highly successful investments in a series of companies. Prior to Ronin Partners, Steve was a senior energy banker at Lehman Brothers in New York and Houston.

Steve embodies respect, loyalty, and leadership as shown by his continual support of Texas A&M through a number of President's Endowed Scholarships and other academic and need based scholarships. He provided a major gift to the MSC renovation capital campaign and was honored by the naming of the Stephen Horn '79 Flag Room. Steve currently serves on advisory boards for the College of Engineering, the Petroleum Engineering Department, and Engineering Honors.

At Texas A&M, Steve graduated with a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering, summa cum laude, and was named one of the outstanding seniors in the College of Engineering. He was very involved in the MSC serving as Great Issues Committee chairman and a member of MSC Council. He then moved on to Harvard University where he graduated with an MBA from Harvard Business School.

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## LARHESA MOON '86



### Facilitator

Founder

Articulate Strategic Communication

#### Top 5 Career Characteristics

1. Communication
2. Consulting
3. Strategic Planning
4. Marketing and Publishing
5. Philanthropy

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**LaRhesa Moon '86**

LaRhesa Moon graduated with a B. A. in English with a minor in Marketing. She has held multiple senior-level executive roles and worked internationally and has held leadership roles in serving her community. LaRhesa is the owner of Articulate Strategic Communications, which specializes in strategic initiatives that enable corporate growth and progress.

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## KAKU BARKOH '07, MD



### Panelist

Orthopaedic Surgeon

#### Top 5 Career Characteristics

1. Healthcare and Medicine
2. Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery
3. Non-Fusion Surgical Techniques
4. Orthopaedics
5. Sports Medicine

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**Dr. Kaku Barkoh '07**

Kaku Barkoh graduated with a B. S. in biology. After graduating, he attended University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at the Campbell Clinic in Memphis, TN, and his spine training fellowship at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. He has provided care for athletes ranging from high school, to college, to professional teams. Kaku is a board certified, fellowship trained spine surgeon specializing in minimally invasive and non-fusion surgical techniques currently practicing in North Houston, Texas.

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## GEORGE N. HARRIS JR. '85



### Panelist

Board of Trustees Member  
Texas A&M Foundation;  
Cofounder  
Kozusko Harris Duncan Law Firm

### Top 5 Career Characteristics

1. Tax Law
2. Philanthropic Planning
3. Cultural Experience
4. Government
5. Client Service



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**George N. Harris Jr. '85**

George Harris Jr. graduated with a B. A. in English. After graduating, he attended California Western School of Law before serving as a Trial Attorney in the United States Department of Justice, Tax Division. George is a member of the Bar Association in Texas, New York, and Washington, D.C., where he also served as a Chair of the Tax Audits and Litigation Section. George is a Former Director of the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University and is currently a Trustee of the Texas A&M University Foundation. He advises families on tax, succession, and philanthropic planning at the firm he cofounded, Kozusko Harris Duncan, and works on curriculum development and education for families.

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## GINA LUNA '95



### Panelist

Board of Trustees, Chair-Elect  
Texas A&M Foundation  
Founding Partner,  
GP Capitol Partners LP

### Top 5 Career Characteristics

1. Investment
2. Finance
3. Leadership
4. Consulting
5. Strategy

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**Gina Luna '95**

Gina Luna graduated with a B. B. A. in finance and management. She held senior executive roles with JPMorgan Chase from 2009-2016, and serves as a board member of two public companies: Roku, Inc. and Tetra Technologies, Inc. Gina is also highly involved in her Houston community, serving in various leadership roles for organizations such as Houston Exponential; the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch; St. Luke's Health System; Greater Houston Partnership; and UpSkill Houston. Gina is a Founding Partner of GP Capital Partners, LP, a private credit/equity fund focused on lower middle-market companies and Chair-Elect, Board of Trustees, Texas A&M Foundation.

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## KAREN WALROND '88



### Panelist

Author, Coach, Speaker,  
and Attorney

#### Top 5 Career Characteristics

1. Positive Psychology
2. Leadership
3. Public Speaking
4. Legal
5. Writing

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## **Karen Walrond '88**

Karen Walrond graduated with a B. S. in civil engineering. After graduating, she earned a J. D. from the University of Houston Law Center and remains an active member of the State Bar of Texas. Karen is an author and a leadership and activism coach who uses her training in the science of well-being and research-based assessments and interventions to help others achieve greater satisfaction, purpose and fulfillment in life. Karen's talks on thriving through leadership development, the magic of creativity, the value of cultural and racial diversity and inclusion, and the power of social media have landed her appearances on local and national television and other news media, including PBS, Huffington Post, CNN.com and The Oprah Winfrey Show.

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Table	Table Host	Current Role	Career Field/Topics
<b>1</b>	<b>Adam Rodriguez '04</b>	Manager, Hyrdology Dept. R.G. Miller Engineers	Student Engineers' Council, Symphonic Band, ASCE, SHPE
<b>2</b>	<b>Kari Jacks '10</b>	CEO of Jacks Family	Accounting, Parenting
<b>3</b>	<b>George Harris Jr. '85</b>	Cofounder, Kozusko Harris Duncan Law Firm	Tax Law
<b>4</b>	<b>Anna Cole '16</b>	Administrative Coordinator, TAMU Department of Chemistry	Higher Education, Undergraduate Research Scholar, The Wildlife Society
<b>5</b>	<b>Luke Altendorf</b>	Director	Memorial Student Center
<b>6</b>	<b>Jesse Martinez '92</b>	Founder, Latinx Startup Alliance	Entrepreneurship
<b>7</b>	<b>Karen Walrond '88</b>	Author, Coach, Speaker and Attorney	Motivational Speaking
<b>8</b>	<b>Laurell King</b>	Student Development Specialist III, Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life	Greek Life
<b>9</b>	<b>Chloe Dixon '17</b>	Patent Attorney	Patent Law, Stark NE Trip, Intramurals
<b>10</b>	<b>Dr. Tim Scott '89</b>	Professor of Biology, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies	Zoology, Science Education, and Undergraduate Student Success

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<b>11</b>	<b>Dustin Kemp '07</b>	Program Coordinator, LAUNCH	Capstones
<b>12</b>	<b>Colby Jackson '14</b>	Marketplace Operations at Wheel	Healthcare
<b>13</b>	<b>LaRhesa Moon '86</b>	Owner, Articulate Strategic Communication	Communication
<b>14</b>	<b>Mary Chacko '18</b>	Talent Acquisition Partner, USAA	Human Resources
<b>15</b>	<b>David Moyer II '07</b>	Reservoir Engineer, Shell	Engineering, Fish Camp, Aggie Band, Corps of Cadets, Nichols Rising Leaders
<b>16</b>	<b>Zowey Lidyard '18</b>	Natural Resources Specialist, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Environment
<b>17</b>	<b>Dr. Kathy Ryan</b>	Director - Honors in Biology, Undergraduate Research Coordinator	Biology, Undergraduate Research
<b>18</b>	<b>Dr. Angela Mulcahy</b>	BSN Honors Program Coordinator	Nursing
<b>19</b>	<b>Jen Dulin '05</b>	Assistant Professor of Biology	Biological Sciences Research
<b>20</b>	<b>Dr. Mary Ann O'Farrell</b>	Associate Professor of English, President - TAMU Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa	English, Phi Beta Kappa

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<b>21</b>	<b>Kris Morley</b>	Director - Business Honors Program	Business Honors
<b>22</b>	<b>Dr. Paulo Lima –Filho</b>	Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Executive Director - Math Learning Center	Math Learning Center
<b>23</b>	<b>Gina Luna '95</b>	Founding Partner, GP Captiol Partners LP	Investment
<b>24</b>	<b>Adam Williams '04, '07</b>	Principal R&D Systems Engineer, Sandia National Laboratories	Engineering, RHA
<b>25</b>	<b>Abby Parker '17, '19</b>	Graphic Designer/Artist	Small Business
<b>26</b>	<b>Kaku Barkoh '07</b>	Orthopaedic Surgeon	Medicine
<b>27</b>	<b>C. Todd Kent '05</b>	Director of Undergraduate Programs, TAMU Political Science	Political Science
<b>28</b>			
<b>29</b>	<b>Deborah Obi '20</b>	Teacher	Education
<b>30</b>	<b>Sarah Pattison</b>	Director, Education Abroad	Education Abroad



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<b>31</b>	<b>Dr. Hilaire Kallendorf '95</b>	Professor of Hispanic and Religious Studies	Humanities, Jordan Institute, Campus Crusade
<b>32</b>	<b>Emily Finbow</b>	Assistant Director, LAUNCH	Innovation[X], Campus Involvement
<b>33</b>	<b>Dr. Gisele Cardoso de Lemos '21</b>	Program Coordinator, LAUNCH	National Fellowships and Awards
<b>34</b>	<b>Dr. Kellie Butler '94</b>	VP of Student Services, Folsom Lake College	Higher Education, ExCel, SBSLC, MEDALS
<b>35</b>	<b>Dr. David Butler</b>	Principal and Partner, The Chartis Group	Medicine, Student Gvmt, Kappa Alpha Psi
<b>36</b>	<b>Dr. Matt Bizzell '14</b>	Program Coordinator, LAUNCH	Undergraduate Research
<b>37</b>	<b>Dr. Meredith Clancy '09</b>	Veterinary Clinical Operations Manager, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance	Veterinary Medicine, Honors Student Council
<b>38</b>	<b>Dr. Christian Brannstrom</b>	Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, College of Arts and Sciences	Arts & Sciences, Geosciences
<b>39</b>	<b>James Palacios '17</b>	Coordinator	Public Policy Internship Program
<b>40</b>	<b>Annabelle Aymond '14</b>	Program Coordinator, LAUNCH	Undergraduate Research

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MSC Bethancourt Ballroom

STAGE

Panel and Q&A: 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Discussion with Table Hosts: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

