

BANKING ON THE FUTURE

SAN ANTONIO BANKER
ESTABLISHES PROFESSORSHIP
IN FINANCE.

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Tom Roddy has been a fixture in the San Antonio banking industry for 45 years. A first-generation college student, he received a bachelor of business administration degree from Southwest Texas State University (Texas State). Upon graduation, he joined National Bank of Commerce's executive training program, which launched him on a career path he still follows.

Looking back, Roddy says he has enjoyed the customers he has worked with along the way.

"I remember the customers I helped get loans to start businesses," he says. "I can drive around town and say, 'I helped that business get

started,' and 'I loaned her money to go into that business.' I have been blessed to see my handprint here."

In tribute to his vast banking experience, Roddy received national recognition by being appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas-San Antonio Board of Directors in 1999 and 2002. In 2007, Governor Rick Perry appointed him to the Texas Public Finance Authority. Currently, he is president of Bensco, Inc. and chairman of the board of Lone Star Capital Bank, N.A. He also serves as director of both the NFL New Orleans Saints and the NBA New Orleans Pelicans teams.

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Despite the demands of his business activities, Roddy is also involved in a variety of charitable and civic efforts: the San Antonio Food Bank, United Way, Children's Shelter of San Antonio, Humana Metropolitan Hospital, South Texas Blood and Tissue Center, among many others. He has provided leadership by serving in numerous chair, executive committee or trustee roles.

And he continues to take an interest in his alma mater. In recognition of the role McCoy College played in his success, Roddy and his wife Jo created the Tom and Jo Roddy Excellence Professorship in Finance in 2013. He has served on the McCoy College Advisory Board and this fall, he joined the McCoy College of Business Foundation Board. He also shares his experience with the college's Studies in Entrepreneurship class.

"I open up to the young people about growing up with limited resources and having the opportunity to be the first one in my family to go to college," he says. "I want them to know they can have the peace of mind and the confidence to do whatever they want to do."

A 2010 recipient of a Texas State Alumni Achievement Award, Roddy was further honored in fall 2013 with a Texas State Distinguished Alumnus Award. His dedication to the community and beyond provides a strong role model for ethical business practices and his success continues to serve as an inspiration for McCoy College students.

