KBH CENTER FALL 2018 NEWS AND UPDATES

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The University of Texas at Austin’s Kay Bailey Hutchison Energy Center held its third annual Symposium on Thursday, September 27th at the AT&T Center in Austin, Texas. More than 200 participants from academia, industry and government enjoyed a cutting edge discussion of the energy mix of the future. Featured speakers were Marshall Adkins, Linda Capuano, George Friedman, Russell Gold, Cheryl Mele, Alison Silverstein, Jim Teague, and Scott Tinker. After the event founder and Chairman of SCF Partners, L.E. Simmons, and KBH Energy Center Executive Council member Bill Montgomery, met with a group of 35 MBA students to discuss keys to a successful career in the industry.

That night at the Symposium dinner the Center presented L.E. Simmons with the Center’s Award for Outstanding Excellence. L.E. was introduced by Executive Council member, Suzanne Nimocks. L.E. was congratulated by several of his friends and business partners, including Executive Council member David Baldwin, Mitt Romney, Scott Wulfe, and Executive Council member Bill Montgomery, before receiving the award from Joe Dilg, Co-Chair of the Executive Council. General Sir Simon Mayall, Senior Advisor at Greenhill, discussed the international geopolitics driving the energy industry. The dinner concluded with a video message from Ambassador Hutchison, who congratulated L.E. and offered a heartfelt thanks to Sam L. Susser, President of Susser Holdings II L.P. Sam was a leader and Co-Chair of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Energy Center Executive Council for four years. Effective January 2019, Rob L. Jones, President of Cinnabar Investments, LLC, will join Joe Dilg as the Co-Chair of the Executive Council.

“L.E. has been a critical source of capital, wisdom, and judgement for many in the Oilfield Services segment. His impact [in the energy industry] has been tremendous.” - Suzanne Nimocks

Because of his long service to the KBH Energy Center, Sam L. Susser has been chosen for our Member Spotlight. Sam will be stepping down from his role as Co-Chair in January 2019, but will remain active on the Executive Council. Over the past several years, Sam has helped shape the vision and continuously contributed to the KBH Energy Center. We asked Sam about his time as Co-Chair and his thoughts about the Center’s future.

Why do you think the Center should be at the University of Texas and what does it mean for the University?

The University of Texas has more research and education focused on the energy industry than any other university in the world. In fact, there are over 400 professors dedicated to the energy field at the University, including many of the nation’s preeminent energy experts. The KBH Center is doing a great job of pulling together leaders from academia, business, law and public policy to examine the many issues and challenges that affect the energy industry today. Although much progress has been made in the developed world, there are still billions of people who live in poverty and in very difficult conditions. Until they have access to reliable, affordable energy, there is no chance that their quality of life will improve. I believe the KBH Center plays a meaningful role in promoting the dialogue and understanding that can help current and future leaders develop policy and create solutions to help meet the ever-expanding demand for energy across the globe.

Why did you decide to serve on the Executive Council for the KBH Energy Center?

I decided to serve on the Executive Council because I received a call from Ambassador Hutchison asking me to take on the role and to help recruit proven, knowledgeable business leaders to the Center’s Board. Prior to becoming Ambassador to NATO, Kay was an incredibly effective and hardworking Senator who was accessible and did everything she could to improve the quality of life and economic development in Corpus Christi and across South Texas. Because of her decades of sacrifice and civic service to our nation and state, there was no way I could turn her down, although like everyone, my boat was pretty full when she called.
Throughout your tenure, what have been some of your highlights as the KBH Executive Council Co-Chair?

Over my tenure, I have been “wowed” by the learning that has occurred at our Annual Symposium. The caliber of the speakers and the education could not be assembled without the sponsorship of one of the world’s leading universities.

Although I don’t consider myself a true energy executive (my career focus has been more in retail, restaurants and distribution), I have been very grateful for the opportunity to get to know so many leaders within the energy field through my association with KBH. Working with the Executive Council, I have seen how incredibly competent my colleagues are and it has influenced me to hopefully be a more effective leader in other areas of my life.

What would you like to see this Center accomplish in the next five years?

It is my hope that the Center will build on this early momentum gathering the very finest minds around energy and helping cement the University of Texas as the global leader of all things energy. I also look forward to the launch of UT’s new one-year Master’s in Energy program. I believe it will build a national reputation and become the “hot ticket” for the most significant energy companies, law firms, investment banks and private equity firms looking to recruit the most talented young professionals into their organizations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our Fall 2018 events. We look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming event in Spring 2019!

November 12, 2018 - Distinguished Lecture Series with James L. Loftis, University of Texas School of Law
February 4 - 8, 2019 - UT Energy Week, Austin, TX
February 7, 2019 - KBH Energy Center Executive Council Meeting
February 8, 2019 - Inaugural McCombs Energy Initiative/KBH Energy Center Conference: Permian 2025 Conference, AT&T Hotel and Conference Center, Co-Sponsored by the KBH Center
Women in Energy Panel, UT Austin*
Sponsored by Phillips 66
Houston Networking Reception*
Dallas Networking Reception*

*Exact date and location to be announced

Please continue to check the website weekly for updates on events, initiatives, and messages from the Council.

FALL EVENT RECAP

If you missed the KBH Center’s Fall 2018 events, please visit the links below to view presentations from Symposium, the Corpus Christi Port Briefing, and the Dallas Networking Reception.

SYMPOSIUM
Capuano Presentation
Russell Gold Panel
Teague Presentation
Tinker Presentation
Marshall Adkins Presentation

CORPUS CHRISTI PORT BRIEFING
Port Corpus Christi Presentation

DALLAS NETWORKING RECEPTION
ExxonMobil 2018 Outlook for Energy