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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation, thank you for attending the 2019 Pioneer of the Year Dinner. This is our 78th annual dinner, and this evening’s honoree, Elizabeth Banks, is a most-deserving one.

The Pioneer of the Year award is bestowed upon an esteemed and respected member of the motion picture industry whose corporate leadership, service to the community and commitment to philanthropy is exceptional.

Tonight we honor a true Pioneer in our industry—a producer, a leader, a director, a writer and the second actor to receive this honor—Elizabeth Banks.

The Pioneers Assistance Fund is the only industry program that provides both short-term and Quality of Life grants (long-term) to veterans of the motion picture industry who are encountering an illness, injury, or life-changing event.

Please enjoy yourself tonight, as we pay tribute to a true pioneer. Thank you for donating generously to our industry charity—hopefully you will never need to call on the Pioneers Assistance Fund, but if you do, we will be here to help.

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Elizabeth Banks’ career as an actress, producer and director continues to flourish with another prolific year ahead. She is known for roles in comedy and drama in both film and television. With stand-out performances in projects including The Hunger Games franchise, Love & Mercy, and The LEGO Movie, Banks is a three-time Emmy nominee for recurring roles in 30 Rock and Modern Family.

Banks’ latest project, the highly anticipated Charlie’s Angels film at Sony, which she produced, directed, wrote and appears in as Bosley, releases this November 15th. Her newest television series Shrill, starring Aidy Bryant, premiered at the SXSW Festival to glowing reviews and is currently streaming on Hulu. Banks produced the television series through her company Brownstone Productions which she co-owns with her husband Max Handelman. The company is best known for producing the hit Pitch Perfect franchise.

Last year she lent her voice to Wildstyle opposite Chris Pratt in The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part after voicing the same character in the 2014 smash hit The Lego Movie. In 2017, she reprised her role as Gail in Pitch Perfect 3. In 2015, Banks returned to her popular role as Effie Trinket after voicing the same character in the 2014 smash hit The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2. She also appeared in a cameo role in Magic Mike XXL and in the Netflix reprisal of Wet Hot American Summer. In 2015 she also hosted NBC’s Saturday Night Live. In 2014, she received critical acclaim for her role as Melinda Wilson in Love & Mercy opposite Paul Dano and John Cusack who both portrayed Brian Wilson.

Her feature credits include W in which Banks garnered critical-acclaim for her role as First Lady Laura Bush and her breakthrough role in the Academy Award® winning film Seabiscuit, in which she starred as Marcela Howard. She has gone on to appear in many films some of which include Haim Seban’s Power Rangers, Steven Spielberg’s Catch Me If You Can, Magic Mike XXL, Our Idiot Brother, Zack and Mini Make a Porno, People Like Us, What to Expect When You’re Expecting, Man on a Ledge, The 40-Year-Old Virgin, Walk of Shame, The Baxter and Little Accidents. Banks also appeared as journalist Betty Brant in Columbia Pictures’ blockbuster franchise Spider-Man, John Singleton’s Shaft and the cult hit Wet, Hot, American Summer.

On the small screen, Banks earned three Emmy Award nominations for “Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series” for her performances as Avery Jessup on 30 Rock and her guest appearances as Sal on ABC’s Modern Family. She had a recurring role as Dr. Kim Porter on NBC’s Scrubs. Banks reprised her role as Lindsay in Netflix’s Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp and Wet Hot American Summer: 10 Years Later. Her stage credits include many roles in American Conservatory Theatre productions, as well as the Guthrie Theater’s production of Summer & Smoke directed by David Esbjornson. In 2006 Banks played Cherie, the female lead in William Inge’s Bus Stop, as part of the Williamstown Theater Festival.

On the production side, she made her directorial debut in 2015 with Pitch Perfect 2, the highest opening weekend for a musical comedy in history, the biggest opener for a first-time feature film director, and the second-largest opening for a female director. It garnered her the “Breakthrough Filmmaker of the Year” award at the 2015 CinemaCon Awards. Brownstone Productions’ slate includes multiple film, television and digital collaborations with Universal, Sony Pictures, Amazon, CW, ABC, Lionsgate, Netflix, HULU, and Paramount Digital. The current film slate includes Let’s Go Crazy at Paramount Players; White Girl Problems at Lionsgate; Uncanny Valley, Science Fair, The Grace Year and Red Queen at Universal, the latter two which she will direct. Brownstone’s upcoming television slate includes Hoops and Strong Justice at NBC; Love Me put pilot order and Nkechi Carroll’s The Untitled Project at ABC co-produced with Berlanti Productions; Girl Waits with a Gun at Amazon; an adult animated comedy series based on The Flintstones at Warner Bros. TV; and The Twelve put pilot order at FOX. She made her commercial debut, directing a 2017 Superbowl television ad for detergent brand Persil. In 2017, she produced The Most Hated Woman in America starring Melissa Leo at Netflix. In the digital space Brownstone produced Resident Advisors, a comedy series with Paramount Digital that premiered on HULU in 2015.

Originally from Massachusetts, Banks received her Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her Graduate Degree at the American Conservatory Theater. She is involved with many charities which include Center for Reproductive Rights, Planned Parenthood, LA’s Best, Temple Israel of Hollywood, The First Lady’s Reach Higher Initiative, Heifer International, Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, and Turnaround Arts. Banks currently resides in Los Angeles.
Busy was born Elizabeth Jean Philipps in Oak Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. She became interested in acting when she was in fourth grade and always enjoyed starring in school productions. During the summer, she attended theater camp.

While still in high school, Philipps worked the toy-fair circuit as a real-life Barbie (“Cool Teen Skipper”). Among the people who saw her at a toy convention was actress Sharon Stone, who was impressed with Philipps’ performance and told Philipps that she would be a star.

Her first major role was Kim Kelly in the 1999-2000 comedy-drama TV series *Freaks and Geeks*. Philipps appeared in all but one of the show’s 18 episodes. In 2001 she joined the popular television show *Dawson's Creek*. Her portrayal of Audrey Liddell earned Philipps a Teen Choice Awards nomination in the category of “TV-Choice Sidekick.” In 2006, she had a major recurring role as Hope Bobeck on *ER*, alongside her *Freaks and Geeks* co-star Linda Cardellini.

From 2009 to 2015, Philipps portrayed Laurie Keller in the television series *Cougar Town*. She has also appeared in supporting roles in numerous films, such as *The Smokers, Home Room, White Chicks, Made of Honor, He’s Just Not That Into You, The Gift*, and *I Feel Pretty*.

Philipps married screenwriter Marc Silverstein in 2007. They have two daughters, Birdie and Cricket.

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Whereas, Elizabeth Banks is the recipient of the 2019 Pioneer of the Year award given by the Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Foundation at The Beverly Hills Hilton, Beverly Hills, California, on September 25, 2019; and

Whereas, Banks is the first female director to receive this honor, which is given to a member of the motion picture community who exemplifies professional leadership, service and commitment to philanthropy; and

Whereas, Banks made her directorial debut with Universal Pictures’ *Pitch Perfect 2*, the top grossing musical comedy of all time, and is also currently directing, producing, co-writing and starring as Bosley in *Charlie’s Angels* for Sony Pictures; and

Whereas, Banks’ contributions to the film business as an actress, director and producer, along with her tremendous advocacy and support of women in our community and beyond, demonstrates leadership, vision and inspires audiences everywhere.

Now, therefore, we, the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, California do hereby commend Elizabeth Banks for her accomplishments and contributions to film and congratulate her on being named 2019 Pioneer of the Year.

Dated: September 25, 2019

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Beverly Hills: Welcomes Will Rogers

THE GLAMOUR BEGINS: The city of Beverly Hills, California was officially incorporated on January 28, 1914, but had no mayor. Attracted to an elegant lifestyle made possible by the Beverly Hills Hotel, Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford led the wave of movie stars to Beverly Hills when they bought an existing hunting lodge and had it redesigned into their mansion, Pickfair, in 1919. Gloria Swanson, Will Rogers, Charlie Chaplin, Carl Laemmle, Ronald Coleman, John Barrymore, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, Jack Warner, Rudolph Valentino and countless others soon followed and built stylish mansions.

The very existence of Beverly Hills was threatened by a proposal to annex the City to Los Angeles in 1923. Los Angeles, proponents argued, would provide an inexhaustible supply of clean water for growth. However, emboldened by their new local identity, residents Will Rogers, Mary Pickford and others mobilized local voters against the plan. Despite many dirty campaign tactics, annexation failed by a vote of 507 to 337 and the town of Beverly Hills triumphed. The following year, the city voted to approve $400,000 in bonds to purchase the water system from the Beverly Hills Utilities Company and drill additional wells.

This “war of independence” was perhaps the first union of show business and politics in our national life. In 1925, long before Ronald Reagan went from soundstage to governor’s mansion, Will Rogers, a wisecracking political humorist was proclaimed the honorary mayor. Rogers went on to play a part in the development of Beverly Hills by fostering construction of a new City Hall in 1932 and the establishment of a U.S. Post Office in 1934. He is credited with securing funding for the building from the federal government, after sending a typically folksy-yet-biting letter to Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew Mellon.
In addition to his property in Beverly Hills, Will bought land in Santa Monica and built a ranch where he could relax with his family and friends, pursuing his favorite pastimes of riding and roping. He owned about 359 acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean, in what is now known as the Pacific Palisades.

Among his many claims to fame, Rogers also was an accomplished polo player whose ardor for the game was unequaled. His love for the game was such that he built a polo field in his front yard! Will played with and against Hollywood titans such as Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Darryl Zanuck, and Walt Disney. After matches, the players were known to ride their horses down the road a bit to the Beverly Hills Hotel to toast their victories. The dimly lit room tucked away in the hotel was a premier dining spot of the day and one of Will’s favorite hangouts. He was there so often that when Will died tragically in a plane crash in 1935, the hotel named its bar in his honor and the “Polo Lounge” was born.
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We admire how effortless you make it all look. You’re a modern day Ginger Rogers!

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Will Rogers in Life Begins at Forty, Fox Film Corporation, 1935.
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—Will Rogers
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THE PIONEERS ASSISTANCE FUND (PAF) has traveled a rewarding path since its beginnings in 1939 as a group of industry personalities who gathered once a year to meet old friends socially. The stated goal of the organization remains the same today: “To provide financial and emotional support for members of the motion picture industry, and their immediate family, in times of unfortunate circumstance.”

For many cases, assistance is needed for medical care, but emergency grants for basic living purposes is becoming more prevalent as day-to-day living becomes more of a challenge for many people.

Two caring social workers and an Assistance Committee work to assure that each year hundreds of people in our industry always have a helping hand in times of need. All cases are managed with strict confidentiality.
The Pioneers Assistance Fund (PAF) program provides financial assistance and supportive counseling for film industry veterans nationwide in exhibition, distribution and trade services who are experiencing hardship due to illness, accident or underemployment.

The PAF staff of skilled social workers is knowledgeable about agencies and services nationwide and is here to provide information, regardless of eligibility.

We also provide a variety of brochures and publications to guide members through life issues.

**Social Service Consultations: When Life Is Challenging**

**HOW WE CAN HELP:**

- Supportive counseling
- Health insurance advice
- Elder care guidance
- Bereavement counseling
- Education
- Accessing free/low cost services in your area
- Vocational counselors
- Attorneys
- Conservators
- Financial advisors
- Dental
- Medical fee and co-pays
- Hearing aids
- Medications
- Psychotherapy
- Health insurance premiums
- Medical equipment
- Rent and utilities
- Food and household necessities
- Moving expenses
- Burial or cremation fees
- Vocational assistance

Whether you are in need of financial assistance or not, call for a free and confidential consultation. All consultations are conducted with holistic regard for each person’s unique emotional, medical, and financial status.

**Assistance Programs: When Income and Assets Are Limited**

**SHORT TERM FINANCIAL GRANTS**
Depending on eligibility, we can assist with financial grants that pay for unexpected medical costs and/or assistance with cost of living expenses. Visit wrpioneers.org for a full list of services, or call one of our social workers today to find out how we can help.

**SALAH HASSANEIN MEDICAL GRANTS**
Medical grants can pay for the following services (minimum of 5 years employment in the film industry):

- Dental
- Medical fee and co-pays
- Hearing aids
- Medications
- Psychotherapy
- Health insurance premiums
- Medical equipment

**BERNIE MYERSON EMERGENCY GRANTS**
Emergency grants can pay for the following (Minimum of 10 recent years of employment in the film industry):

- Rent and utilities
- Food and household necessities
- Moving expenses
- Burial or cremation fees
- Vocational assistance

**THE TOM SHERAK PIONEER GRANT**
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Top 3 Client Issues:
- Financial Hardship
- Cancer
- Accident or Natural Disaster

Average Total Spent for Services Provided to Industry Members per Year: $800,000

Total Clients Served:*
- 2016/17: 272
- 2017/18: 565
- 2018/19: 651

*Fiscal years

Time Spent with Clients:

Social workers spend more than 1,500 hours annually one-on-one with clients assisting with:
- Advocacy
- Counseling and Supportive Services
- Budgeting Discussions
- Home Visits and Doctors Appointments

Grants Given to Theater Employees Impacted by Natural Disasters:

Client Testimonials

“Just knowing there are good people and great organizations out there ready to help and assist those in need had a major impact by offering a sense of security and support. Thank you so much for all your help and thank you Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers for caring and being there for all of us!”

“My social worker was so patient and professional. I lost my home to Hurricane Harvey and had to start from square one. I’m a single mother of a two-year-old with learning disabilities and the assistance that I got helped me get into my new apartment. I cannot thank the organization enough for all the support and help I’ve received. I can honestly say it changed my life in such a positive manner.”
“That’s all there is to success is satisfaction.”
—Will Rogers
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR.