

# Actress to speak at Destiny lunch

**V**iola Davis, the award-winning actress and star of *How to Get Away With Murder*, is speaking Friday at the



**VIOLA DAVIS**

16th annual Destiny Awards luncheon at St. Philip's School & Community Center. She will be interviewed by WFAA-TV (Channel 8)

reporter **Rebecca Lopez**.

The school will also give benefactors **Abigail and Todd Williams** its first Humanitarian Award for their efforts to link diverse communities. **Sherelle Evans-Jones** and **Paula Mitchell** are co-chairing the sold-out fundraiser with honorary chairs **Pat and Emmitt Smith**.

\$50,000: **Nancy Ann and Ray Hunt**.

\$25,000: **Cindy and Howard Rachofsky** and **Mona and David Munson**.

\$10,000: **Parrish Restaurants Ltd.** and **Williams Family Foundation**.

\$5,000: **Patti Elliott, Gradus, Liz and Tom Halsey, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Ashlee and Chris Kleinert, Plumtree Partners LLC, Nancy Shutt, Tina and Dan Stansbury Jr., Tenet Healthcare and Wells Fargo**.

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### Honors for Millers

The legendary **Robert Miller**, who penned this column from 1985 to mid-2015, and his wife, **Shirley**, will be honored Saturday evening at the second annual **Aging Mind Foundation Gala** presented by the **Joule**.

Chair **Barbara Daseke** and her committee will auction three deluxe experiences at the party: a three-day weekend at the **Kentucky Derby** sponsored by **Yum**, a five-course wine dinner prepared by the **Joule** at the home of **Laree and Ben Fischer** in **Museum Tower**, and a four-day hunting expedition donated by **Lane Mitchell** at a retreat on **Togo Island** in **Mississippi**.

Additional supporters include honorary chairs **LeeAnn and Alan White** and **Lana and Barry Andrews**, host committee chair **Maxine Trowbridge**, emcee **Jane McGarry** and tribute host **Ron Corning**. Acclaimed tenor **James Valenti** will perform.

The **Aging Mind Foundation** supports research, treatment,



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**Shirley and Robert Miller** will be honored Saturday evening at a gala. Robert Miller wrote this column from 1985 to mid-2015.

education and advocacy with respect to dementia.

To purchase \$750 tickets, contact **Katherine Mathes Bullock** at 214-563-9465 or email [katherine@mathesandco.com](mailto:katherine@mathesandco.com). To learn more, visit [agingmindfoundation.org](http://agingmindfoundation.org).

### HighGround

At age 86 and with a bankroll of nearly \$2 billion, the **Baptist Foundation of Texas** rechristened itself Wednesday as **HighGround Advisors**.

The new name will make it easier to market the firm's financial management services to a wider range of charities, explained president and CEO **Jeff Smith**.

"The Baptist name has some negative connotation in the marketplace as a whole... just with some of the stances the Baptists have taken," he said. "HighGround has biblical underpinnings as well as military concepts, so as we try to grow the

business outside the Baptist world, we have a name that will resonate on both sides."

The investment and trust services company also changed its tax-exempt designation from a group that primarily benefits the **Baptist Convention of Texas** to a 501(c)3 public charity, **Smith** noted.

**Smith** sees opportunity for growth in its for-profit subsidiary, which was formerly called **Concord Trust Co.** and has been renamed **HighGround Trust Co.** It handles 1,100 trusts and annuities for a variety of clients including **Baylor University**, the **University of North Texas Foundation** and **NATA Research & Education Foundation**.

"Most of those relationships have come by virtue of someone who has worked at a Baptist institution and left and came back to ask for our services," **Smith** explained.

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