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FALL-WINTER 2018



*The SIX WHITE HORSES  
RIDERS for LIFE!*

*A LASTING LEGACY:  
from TRAGEDY to BLESSING*



## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

**M**aintaining a spirit of thankfulness, especially in the midst of challenge, isn't an easy task. Like many of the traits Paul encouraged for Christ-followers, gratitude is a radical concept; it demands humility, selflessness, and sacrifice. Jesus was the perfect example of this kind of sacrifice. But, none of us are perfect. We are human and we often face circumstances that make us question and struggle with thankfulness.

Despite these faith-stretching circumstances, and perhaps even because of them, those trusting in Jesus are told to give thanks to God for all things:

- For other people. (1 Corinthians 1:4)
- For salvation. (2 Corinthians 9:15)
- For God's continued presence. (Ephesians 5:20)
- For contentment in every situation. (Philippians 4:12)
- For the ability to share with others in difficult circumstances. (Colossians 1:12)

This fall HSU experienced the challenge of re-stewarding resources: budgets were cut, some programs phased out, extension campuses will be closed, and the number of our faculty and staff reduced.

This has been anxiety-inducing for many, and we know as a result of these actions, HSU will look different moving forward.

However, while maintaining a spirit of thankfulness has not been easy, gratitude itself has been abundant.

We are grateful to God, and others, who have made possible HSU's survival for more than 127 years though humble expressions of love and generosity.

We are grateful for each member of the HSU family and their selfless offerings of God-given callings, gifts, and abilities which serve to enhance HSU and demonstrate God's love to the world.

And we are grateful for our past, present, and future – regardless of our challenges – as a special gift afforded by the sacrifices of others to fulfill the noble cause of bringing young men and women to Christ, teaching them about Christ, and training them for Christ.

Christian higher education has never been without adversity, and Hardin-Simmons has not been immune to periods of hardship. But in my reading of our history, each hurdle we have ever encountered has produced opportunity for the flourishing of new stories of faithfulness in walking together as we do the work of God.

May we move forward in thankfulness as we imagine the future together.



Eric I. Bruntmyer  
President



President Bruntmyer and Tristen Tellman '16  
present the Simmons Seal during Homecoming.



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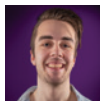
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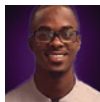
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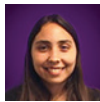
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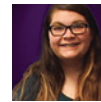
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# THANKFUL *for the* BLESSINGS *of our* DONORS

*by* Grace Mitchell '19

**A**s anyone who wears contact lenses or glasses knows, 20/20 is perfect vision. For Hardin-Simmons University, however, 2020 carries a different, deeper meaning. Although it is only 2018, HSU has completed its largest fundraising campaign ever: Transformation 2020.

Thanks to more than 40,000 gifts from over 10,000 donors, Hardin-Simmons has received more than \$55 million for campus building projects, renovations, endowments, and student scholarships. Rooted in a belief in HSU's potential, the 2020 vision began in 2011 under former President Lanny Hall to achieve HSU's strategic goals to build excellence, grow influence, create community and enhance resources.

## HOUSTON-LANTRIP CENTER FOR LITERACY AND LEARNING

Transformation 2020 gifts also helped fund the Houston-Lantrip Center, which is expected to be completed by September 2019. HLC will serve as a place for dyslexia therapy and will hold HSU's new autism center. The center will contain soundproof rooms and separate waiting areas to accommodate individualized programming for children with dyslexia and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"The gifts provided by donors to support the development of the center will have a profound impact on the Abilene community," said Dr. Perry Kay Brown, dean of the College of Human Sciences and Educational Studies. "We will serve children struggling with dyslexia and autism. We will also train HSU students in the College of Human Sciences and Educational Studies to work with students with dyslexia and autism."

Thank you Mae Houston-Lantrip, Dodge Jones Foundation, J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, Dian Graves Owen Foundation and Shelton Family Foundation!



# VISION *for* the FUTURE

*Transformation 2020 continues to fund changes on campus that are currently in progress.*

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

While half of Transformation 2020 funds went to campus improvements, the other half went to student scholarships, making the dream of Christian higher education a reality for many students.

One donor who has made HSU scholarships possible is William C. Griffith. Mr. Griffith established the G.W. Parks Memorial Scholarship in 2014 in honor of his grandfather, Rev. G.W. Parks, a well-loved West Texas pastor who cherished college education and moral values.

Rev. Parks' educational and ethical values were passed on to his daughter and his grandson. Inspired by his grandfather, Mr. Griffith received a bachelor's degree from Emory University, attended the University of Copenhagen on a Fulbright grant and received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

Although Mr. Griffith did not attend Hardin-Simmons, his family connections with the school prompted his gift. Now, others will have the opportunity to receive the Christ-centered education his grandfather valued.

Thank you Griffiths!



Rev. G.W. Parks attended Simmons College in 1908.

## REMODELING ROOMS IN ABILENE HALL

Other improvements for the College of Human Sciences and Educational Studies include the remodeling of two rooms in Abilene Hall. One will become an updated classroom with new technology. The other will become a counseling center. The rooms were remodeled in honor of Dr. Robert C. Barnes.

Thank you Furr Foundation!

## LIBRARY UPGRADE

The first floor of the Library was renovated to provide students with easier access to the Technology Services Help Desk. Now students can find them in the southeast corner of the Library and receive help whenever they need it.

## BAUGH LOUNGE

Donations from the Eula Mae and John Baugh Foundation specifically to Logsdon Seminary will create a new student lounge, update several classrooms, and provide new furnishings for several areas in the Logsdon building.

Thank you Baugh Foundation!

## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The newest PA program in the state has been a gamechanger for HSU. This program had more than two-thousand applications for thirty spots in 2018-2019. The program continues to grow each year. (For more information on the PA program see page 22.)

Thank you Holland Family!

## TOMMY HALE SHORT GAME GOLF FACILITY

HSU broke ground on the Tommy Hale Short Golf Game Facility in February and plans to hold dedication services in Spring '19. The facility will hold 8,500- and 10,000-square-foot putting greens, three sand bunkers, a chipping area and a building for equipment.

The facility is named for Tommy Hale, an HSU National Championship golfer who enjoyed teaching and helping other golfers improve their game. The first of its kind in Division III in Texas, the facility is open to all HSU students, faculty and staff.

Thank you Joe & Susan Black!

## RENOVATIONS IN LANGE HALL

Sophomore women will enjoy new comforts in Lange Hall. Renovations include heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements, as well as new flooring. Students also will be able to personalize their rooms with moveable furniture.

## **LOU MORTON ELLIS SOFTBALL FIELD SEATING**

Transformation 2020 funds were also given to construct shaded spectator seating for the Lou Morton Ellis Softball Field.

## **STREICH TENNIS CENTER**

The facility features eight new lighted concrete courts with fencing and windscreens. One of the top facilities in the American Southwest Conference, the center includes seating for 400 spectators and a scoreboard displaying real-time scores for each court.

## **WOODWARD-DELLIS RECITAL HALL RENOVATIONS**

The HSU Choir and Chorale enjoy the new seats and renovated hall.

“The renovations in Woodward-Dellis make this one of the most desirable performance venues in Abilene,” said Dr. Robert Tucker, dean of the College of Fine Arts, adding a special thanks to the donors who made it possible. “The new seats are comfortable, classy and durable. The lighter colored walls and floor covering on the stage provide a modern look without sacrificing the rich heritage of music making.”

Plus, the technology additions to the recital hall, which was originally built in 1974, make it a state-of-the-art facility and have increased both the quantity and quality of concerts and recitals, said Tucker.

# *a* **LOOK BACK**

*These programs and projects were wholly or partially completed with Transformation 2020 funds. Together they have begun to change the look of the campus.*

## **HUNTER BASEBALL FIELD**

Hunter Field received new seating and a new outfield wall. Gene D. Adams donated the funds for a new scoreboard in honor of Dr. Jesse Fletcher, former HSU president. Dr. Fletcher was influential in building Hunter Field in the early 1980's.

Thank you Gene Adams!

## **SHELTON FOOTBALL STADIUM**

Shelton Stadium also received renovations. The stadium now enjoys new turf, a new video board added in 2017, a new lift, and new lights.

“We are very excited about the new lights at Shelton Stadium,” said Head Football Coach Jesse Burleson. “They are a very generous addition to our current facility. The atmosphere for our home games should be second-to-none in the nation.

“The turf and the constant progress and improvements have helped the football program in all areas – recruiting, culture, environment, morale, safety, etc. We are extremely grateful for all of the help and support.”

Thank you Jud Powell, Rosa Lee Prichard, and Jack & Becky Rentz!

## **PHYSICAL THERAPY BUILDING**

The 22,000-square-foot AbLabs building on Pine Street has been updated into a state of the art Physical Therapy facility. The space allows for students of the PT program to better prepare for their future careers. This building will provide space for this program to grow significantly.

## **HSU SOCCER COMPLEX LIGHTS**

After 14 years of daytime games, new lights at the HSU Soccer Complex make it possible for more fans to attend games and for student-athletes to miss fewer classes.

“Lighting the soccer field has had a tremendous positive effect on the men's and women's soccer programs,” said Head Women's Soccer Coach Marcus Wood. “Night games allow for bigger crowds with cooler temperatures. We are very appreciative to all the generous alumni, family and friends who made it happen.”



## COWGIRL STATUE

In front of the new Fletcher Fitness Center stands “the Cowgirl of the West,” a sculpture by art professor Steve L. Neves. The image for the sculpture was provided by Rodney Alfred Williams, HSU class of 1955, and his sons David and Michael Williams in memory of their wife and mother Zelda Ann Kelley Williams, class of 1953. The statue commemorates the HSU Cowgirls, a pep-squad turned drill team and service organization that was active on campus from 1925 until 1974.

## LEADERSHIP STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS

Another Transformation 2020 donation went to the Leadership Studies Program to provide class scholarships which give Leadership Studies students a multitude of experiences. From studying in Vienna to riding bikes across Texas, the gift allows more students to participate in experiential learning.

“These funds help provide exciting opportunities for our program, and they allow students to participate in travel,” said Dr. Coleman Patterson, director of the Leadership Studies Program.

The gift allows Dr. Patterson to help more students and increase the number of experiences offered each year, he said.

“I wish that everyone who was in the position to give, would take that step,” Patterson said. “The experiences that go above and beyond have a cost, but they are the most enriching things. They are what students will remember for the rest of their lives.”

## FOOTBALL LOCKERS

The Cowboys' locker room in the Sandefer Fieldhouse was renovated to provide a new space for the football team to use before and after games.

## JUDGE SAM CARROLL MEMORIAL LOCKER ROOM

Inside of the Dr. Jesse C. and Dorothy J. Fletcher Fitness Center.

## INCREASE TO THE ENDOWMENT

During the Transformation 2020 campaign, Hardin-Simmons' endowment was increased to approximately \$197.7 million. The university's endowment has almost doubled since the campaign began. While state universities rely on government funds for their operating costs, private schools like HSU require endowments from donors to maintain university functions. Thanks to this increase in endowment, Hardin-Simmons will continue to provide students with a positive college experience.

“The financial strength and stability of Hardin-Simmons is significantly enhanced by the increase in our endowment, said Mike Hammack, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. “Endowments for scholarships, professorships, chairs and programs offer unique opportunities for our students and faculty. We are very blessed to see this increase in our endowment fund.”

One student who has benefitted from this endowment is Mitchell Wolf. A sophomore Political Science major, Wolf participated in the Bike Ride Across Texas' Hurricane Harvey Relief Ride and the most recent ride across the Katy Trail. He also traveled to Vienna this summer and is a member of Model United Nations. All these experiences were made possible thanks to Hilton Hemphill's Transformation 2020 gift.

“I'm a really practical learner,” said Wolf. “By having the opportunity to go out and do these practical lessons

rather than sit in a classroom, I felt like I was experiencing learning rather than just listening to it. With the scholarships I received, I was able to do the things that other people just hear about.”

Wolf plans to go into a military or law enforcement career. At the Model UN convention in Florida, Wolf had the opportunity to participate in a Florida Crisis Simulation which gave him skills for his future career. The experience was so powerful that Wolf decided to start a new club on campus which held the first-ever Texas Crisis Simulation.

“The scholarships I received gave me the mental flexibility to do these things,” Wolf said. “Affording these opportunities is one less thing for me to worry about. I put in the effort by being active and participating in this program. It is hard work, but it is so rewarding.”



Mitchell Wolf '21 in Vienna with HSU's Model U.N.

**"I have loved watching my HSU home transform throughout my past three years of college and am so excited for what's to come..."**

— Kelsey Doege '19



# Transforming LIVES

by Kelsey Doege '19

I have loved watching my HSU home transform throughout my past three years of college and am so excited for what's to come in my senior year. From new scholarships to a new fitness center, opportunities for students have only continued to grow.

For me, these opportunities began two years before I applied to college when I attended the HSU tennis camps in the summers between my junior and senior years of high school. The first week I attended, all activities were conducted on the old tennis courts. As soon as I heard about the plans to build a new facility, I followed the news eagerly.

By the next year, we were playing on the brand-new courts. I was so excited to see the bright blue paint, the covered stands, and the scoreboard that enabled my coaches to know how I was doing in a match from across the facility. Coming into this new atmosphere made me feel appreciated as a tennis player and respected as an athlete.

Now, as an HSU student, the courts have become an even more important place, full of memories from long practices

and exciting matches. I love that Transformation 2020 has intentionally created optimal places and opportunities for these important moments.

However, the construction isn't the only significant development of this campaign. I have also had the opportunity to benefit from several new scholarships offered to students. With a sister in graduate school and a brother also attending HSU, these scholarships continue to take financial pressure off my family and me. I am freer to focus on my class work and enjoy extra-curricular activities like playing tennis, participating in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, or even studying abroad.

All in all, I am very excited to see the final projects from the Transformation 2020 campaign come together. From new facilities to scholarship opportunities, I have been affected in many different areas during this process. One day, I'll come back as an alumna and remember the progress I got to see campus-wide throughout my time here. I am so grateful for the donors that made these steps possible.





# BREAKING GROUND

*by Macee Hall '20*



## DR. JESSE C. AND DOROTHY FLETCHER FITNESS CENTER

The 35,000 square foot Dr. Jesse C. and Dorothy J. Fletcher Fitness Center officially opened in September of 2018. The center includes basketball and volleyball courts, an indoor soccer field, free weights, exercise machines, an elevated track, and it also hosts group exercise classes such as Zumba and yoga. The facility will allow University Recreation (UREC) to offer more activities and games on campus. Named after Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher and his wife Dorothy J. Fletcher, the center represents the growth and development Dr. Fletcher organized on campus. Dr. Fletcher served as the president of Hardin-Simmons from 1977 to 1991, as chancellor from 1991 to 2001, and was president emeritus from 2001 until his passing this year. During his presidency, Dr. Fletcher worked to reorganize university academics in education, theology, and nursing, oversaw the construction of seven new facilities and many renovations, and assisted in bringing NCAA's Division III athletic programs to campus, which included the addition of the football team in 1989.

## ALLINE F. BROWN AND DOROTHY AILEEN CULPEPPER APARTMENTS

The Alline F. Brown and Dorothy Aileen Culpepper Apartments opened for the Fall 2018 semester and currently house one-hundred-seventy-four students. The apartments offer amenities such as full-sized beds, large closets, quartz countertops, and washer and dryer hookups in each unit. These new units are available to junior and senior undergraduate students and to single graduate level students who wish to stay within walking distance of campus. They are also priced competitively with other complexes in the Abilene area.

Alline F. Brown moved with her family to Abilene for her senior year of high school in 1929. Upon graduation, Brown attended HSU until 1931 and, in 1935, she became the first woman to work with the Gulf Oil Company in Midland, Texas. Brown passed on in February of 2016.

Dorothy Aileen Culpepper attended HSU from 1938 to 1940, when she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English Education with a minor in Spanish. After completing one year of graduate level studies at HSU in 1941, Culpepper became an English teacher and principal in Ira, Texas. In 1944, HSU president, Dr. Rupert Richardson, visited Culpepper and asked her to become a dorm director for the university, where she stayed for over forty years. She spent her first eleven years as a Dorm Mother in Mary-Francis Hall, and then transferred to Behrens Hall after its completion in 1955. Culpepper has received many awards from the university, including the Keeter Alumni Service Award in 1986, which is the highest alumni honor that HSU presents. Culpepper passed away in March of 2008.









Class of 2022 enjoys the time honored tradition of beanie capping during Stampede this fall.



# QA

w/ Alyssa Rasco

Q: You were recently named Director of Career Services. What are some of the first things you want to accomplish?

A: My immediate priority is to make the Career Services office more visible and available to students! I want this office to be a real and useful tool that is known to all students, faculty, staff, and alumni. One of my biggest goals is to develop connections to our alumni and employer pool so that we can provide more employment and networking opportunities to students.

Additionally, I want to create a Career Services resource for each major and program at HSU listing job options, internship opportunities, professional organizations, outcome data, notable alumni, etc. so that all the information is in one central location. HSU has some exceptional academic programs, and I want to partner with each of them to be an aid in the work they are already doing to equip our students for their careers and their service to others.

Q: You are both a theology student and a staff member, how do you balance those two roles?

A: At this point in my Master of Arts in Religion degree, I have completed my coursework and am writing my thesis. On most weekends, you can find me holed up in a coffee shop somewhere with my computer and a tableful of books and notes. I am also co-teaching a First-Year Seminar course called "Women in the Image of God" and serve in a leadership position in my church. I am so incredibly thankful for these opportunities to serve and do something I love outside of my staff role at HSU as well as broaden my skills in higher education.

Q: How do you relax?

A: I love to go for a run in my neighborhood, have dinner downtown with my husband, or hibernate with a blanket and a book. Although I'm an introvert and need time alone to recharge, I am also fortunate to have a large group of college friends from Hardin-Simmons who have stayed in Abilene to build their career and families. We get together frequently for movie nights or dinner, and November 2018 marks our ninth Friendsgiving together.


Q: Do you think your biblical training informs the way you approach career services? How?

A: When students leave HSU, I want them to have the tools to seek a meaningful, purposeful, and creative life where they feel that they are contributing to a wider purpose and living out their calling – no matter the industry in which they are working. The decisions they make in those future roles should be preceded by their understanding of their calling and how their work fits into God's work in the world.

Q: What book has changed your life?

A: I loved Bessel Van Der Kolk's "The Body Keeps the Score," which gave me a whole new understanding of human embodiment as I was doing research for my thesis. "Half the Sky" by Sheryl WuDunn and Nicholas Kristof opened my eyes to the plight of women around the world. And, of course, reading every Nancy Drew novel I could get my hands on as a kid taught me to not underestimate myself or be too legalistic with the rules.





The newly named Director of Career Services, Alyssa Rasco, is always ready to advise students on their future.

Q: What is your favorite part of working with students?

A: Students are so full of hope and life. I love the moments where I see a light bulb go off because they see a new possibility or a new way forward, or even when they gain some self-esteem from formatting their resume in a way that adequately markets their skills and experience.

Q: What can HSU alumni do to help graduating students find a job?

A: HSU alumni can always be in contact with our Alumni office and keep their information updated! That is such a big help as we continue to build our alumni network. I also love for alumni to participate in Career Services panels, mingle at networking events, and keep us updated on open positions or internships in their own places of employment.

Q: What is the best advice you've ever been given? What is the best advice you give to students?

A: Professionally, my colleague and past supervisor Grant Greenwood (HSU Admissions) told me, "It's better to speak up and be wrong than to not say anything at all." I have found this advice so helpful as I navigate professional life. For women especially, we cannot be afraid of failure to the point that we do not share our opinion or convictions. We should feel validated and mobilized to use our voice and speak up for ourselves and for others.





# faculty NEWS



## **Dr. Jeffrey Cottrell**

*Associate Professor of Low Brass and Theory  
and Associate Dean*

Dr. Cottrell completed several new works for brass this summer including a duet book, and an arrangement of the 2nd movement of Beethoven's 7th symphony, which have been published by Cimarron Music Press. He also completed an arrangement for trombone ensemble of "Who wants to live forever" from the movie "Highlander," which was published by Sheet Music Plus. [jcottrell@hsutx.edu](mailto:jcottrell@hsutx.edu)



## **Dr. John N. Davis**

*Associate Professor of Management,  
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Kelley College of Business*

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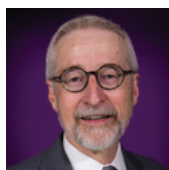


## **Dr. Lindsay Edwards**

*Associate Professor of Kinesiology,*

Dr. Edwards recently made two presentations at the Christian Society for Kinesiology, Leisure, and Sports Studies (CSKLS), June 6-9, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois. One presentation was "Beyond Brick and Mortar: Furthering the Vision of a Foundation Builder." This presentation served to introduce the audience to HSU and to James Simmons, regarding the ways in which his vision for HSU continues to grow through the development of online programs. The online program that she focused on was the Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation program. The second presentation was titled "Producing a Kingdom DNA Culture in South Africa" – this presentation was unique in that she got to use Skype (an online communication tool) to co-present with an HSU graduate alumni, Casper Steenkamp. [ledwards@hsutx.edu](mailto:ledwards@hsutx.edu)

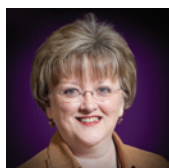




### **Dr. Bob Ellis**

*Dean of Logsdon School of Theology*

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### **Mrs. Teresa Ellis**

*Theological Librarian and Professor*

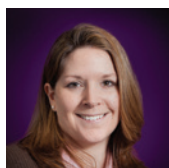
Mrs. Ellis helped lead a breakout session at the 2018 Texas Baptist Women in Ministry Conference held at Baylor's Truett Seminary in February of 2018. The breakout session was entitled, "Practicing Reconciliation in a Fractured World" and was led jointly by she and Dr. Bob Ellis, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew and Dean of the Logsdon School of Theology. [tellis@hsutx.edu](mailto:tellis@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Larry Fink**

*Professor of English*

Dr. Larry Fink, Professor of English, presented a paper during the first part of the summer, entitled, "The Reunion Theme in the Latin Letters of C.S. Lewis and Giovanni Calabria," at the C.S. Lewis Colloquium held every other year at Taylor University, in Upland, Indiana. This conference attracts many scholars from several countries. Lewis and Calabria (Italian priest, canonized in 1999) corresponded in Latin for several years because that was the only language they shared. The major theme of the letters is their shared longing for unity among Christians. Also, Dr. Fink's photograph, "Untitled," has been published in the 2018 issue of Ink & Letters: A Curated Journal of Art, Creativity, and Christian Faith. [larryf@hsutx.edu](mailto:larryf@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Tiffany Fink**

*Professor of History*

Dr. Fink chaired a session in late spring, entitled, "Elmer Kelton and His Work" at annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association in San Angelo, Texas. Dr. Fink also began serving on the Program Committee for the 2020 annual meeting of Texas State Historical Association. [tfink@hsutx.edu](mailto:tfink@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Fei Gao**

*Associate Professor of Finance,  
Johnson Endowed Chair of Business,  
Kelley College of Business*

Dr. Gao presented a paper "Is the increase in insider information confusing the markets?" which he coauthored with Dr. Jodie McGaughey, Joshua Shackman, and Heesam Kang. The paper was subsequently published in the International Research Journal of Applied Finance, Vol. IX Issue -2 Feb (2018). [fei.gao@hsutx.edu](mailto:fei.gao@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Scott Hamm**

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Dr. Hamm presented at Liberty University on the topic of faith formation in online classes. [scott.e.hamm@hsutx.edu](mailto:scott.e.hamm@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Andrea Jensen**

*Interim Dean of the Holland School of Science  
and Mathematics*

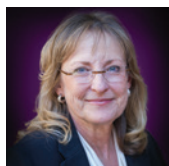
Dr. Jensen was named Interim Dean of the Holland School effective June 11, 2018. Dr. Jensen joined the faculty of HSU in January 2006 as an Assistant Professor of Biology. She became the Head of the Department of Biology in January of 2009 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2013. Dr. Jensen received her Bachelor of Science in Genetics and her Doctor of Philosophy in Entomology, specializing in insect population genetics, both from Texas A&M University. [ajensen@hsutx.edu](mailto:ajensen@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Kelvin Kelley**

*Associate Professor of Theology,  
Logsdon School of Theology*

Dr. Kelley received the 2018 Logsdon Distinguished Alumni Award at the spring awards ceremony. [kjkelley@hsutx.edu](mailto:kjkelley@hsutx.edu)



**Dr. Nancy Kucinski**  
*Professor of Management,  
Dean of Graduate Studies*

Dr. Kucinski taught at the University of Applied Sciences in Salzburg, Austria, in March 2018. The class was entitled “Strategy and Innovation Management in the Tourism Industry.”  
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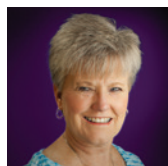
**Dr. Trube Miller**  
*Assistant Professor of Education*

Dr. Miller applied and was selected to attend Classroom Instruction and Hands-on Training with Children with Autism, the premier two-week international training at the Carbone Clinic in New York over Skinner’s analysis of verbal behavior. Dr. Miller co-presented with other faculty from the Irvin School of Education, Dr. Renee Collins and Dr. Emily Dean, at the Abilene Independent School District’s Lead Out Loud Conference in two sessions of Strategies for Diverse Populations: Teaching Special Student Populations in Your Classroom. trube.c.miller@hsutx.edu



**Dr. Steven Rosscoe**  
*Associate Professor of Geology*

Dr. Rosscoe had the following paper published: Gee, Bryan M., Rosscoe, Steven J., Scott, Diane, Ostlien, Judie, and Reisz, Robert R. “Faunal overview of the Mud Hill locality from the early Permian Vale Formation of Taylor County, Texas”. Journal of Paleontology.  
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**Dr. Marsha Rutland**  
*Professor of Physical Therapy*

Dr. Rutland presented the following research in July 2018: Rutland, MD, Allen L, Ball A, Morris A, Westbrook M. “The Possibility of Saint’s Triad and the Diagnostic Implications for a Physical Therapy Student”. American Association of Clinical Anatomists. Atlanta, Georgia. July, 2018. mrutland@hsutx.edu



**Dr. Bernard Scherr**  
*Professor of Theory and Composition*

Dr. Scherr presented a solo recital of his music, original compositions, and arrangements for string quartet at the Sun Gallery in Hayward, California, on June 9th. This recital was sponsored in part by the Portuguese government in collaboration with Joao de Brito, a Portuguese-American painter. The musicians were professional string players active in the Bay Area. One of the recital attendees was Consul General to Portugal, Maria Joao Lopes Cardoso. Dr. Scherr also filled a commission for a piece for Dr. David Amlung and Dr. Juan Mendoza, music educators at McMurry University.  
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**Dr. Priscilla Selvaraj**  
*Assistant Professor of Psychology and Counseling*

Dr. Selvaraj published an article entitled, “Predicting the Mental Health of College Students with Psychological Capital,” was published recently in the Journal of Mental Health. This article was based on Dr. Selvaraj’s doctoral dissertation.  
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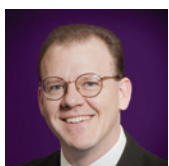




### **Dr. Meredith Stone**

*Assistant Professor of Scripture and Ministry*

Dr. Stone was given the Associated Church Press 2017 Award of Excellence for Online Department, for the article "A moment of reckoning, and not just for sexual harassers," published in the Baptist Standard. The same organization gave her an Honorable Mention for Editorial or Opinion, for "Voices: Pence, propriety and devaluing half the American population," which the Baptist Standard published. Dr. Stone has accepted a change in responsibility with a dual appointment as Assistant Professor of Scripture and Ministry to the Logsdon School of Theology University Faculty and to the Logsdon Seminary Faculty. [mstone@hsutx.edu](mailto:mstone@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Rich Traylor**

*Professor of History*

Dr. Traylor recently published a biographical essay on Sallie Rochester Ford in the 11th volume of "A Noble Company: Biographical Essays on Notable Particular-Regular Baptists in America," edited by Terry Wolever and published by Particular Baptist Press. The essay is the most extensive work to date on Ford, one of the most influential Baptist women in 19th century America. [rtraylor@hsutx.edu](mailto:rtraylor@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Thom Wier**

*Associate Professor of Economics,  
Kelley College of Business*

Dr. Wier was a speaker to InstructureCarn 2018, an educational technology conference hosted by the Canvas Learning Management System. [twier@hsutx.edu](mailto:twier@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Myles Werntz**

*Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology*

Dr. Werntz presented a paper on "Fugitive Theology: Revisiting Bonhoeffer's Contribution to Recent Immigration Debates" at the Fellowship of Protestant Ethics in Waco (June 2018). Over the summer he also published "On the Value of Charity, or Why Government Aid is Necessary," in the Baptist Standard, and in the periodical In All Things, he published the editorial "Is America Looking to Politics to Meet Its Spiritual Needs?" and "No Place to Hide: A Review of The Line Becomes a River." [myles.werntz@hsutx.edu](mailto:myles.werntz@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Wendi Wolfram**

*Assistant Professor of Biology*

Dr. Wolfram and two former HSU alumni, Hannah Jones (Undergraduate Class 2017) and Hannah Stouffer (Undergraduate Class 2015 and Graduate Class 2018), will be presenting a collaborative comparison of their three different research projects on canid behavior and biometeorology at the 2018 International Wolf Symposium, an event that is held every 4-6 years. The presentation is one of 75 posters selected and made the top 20 and is listed on the website promoting topics at the symposium. The symposium will be held October 11-14, 2018 in Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minnesota. [wwolfram@hsutx.edu](mailto:wwolfram@hsutx.edu)



### **Dr. Clell Wright**

*Professor of Worship Music and Director of HSU Concert Choir*

Dr. Wright has been invited by Mid-America Productions International to conduct their Florence Choral Festival in Florence Italy in June of 2019. This will include two performances of the Schubert Mass in G with a professional orchestra and professional soloists which is open to choirs across the United States. [cwright@hsutx.edu](mailto:cwright@hsutx.edu)



## BILL HARDEN RETURNS TO HSU AS DIRECTOR OF BANDS

The Hardin-Simmons College of Fine Arts is proud to welcome new HSU Director of Bands, Bill Harden. Harden graduated from HSU with a bachelor's in Music Education in 1986, and then graduated with his master's of Music in Bassoon from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music in 1988. Before returning to HSU, Harden taught over twenty years at Bowie Junior High School and Odessa High School in Odessa, Texas. During his years in Odessa, Harden led his students to receive many awards in UIL Marching Contest and Concert and Sight Reading Evaluations.

Harden discovered HSU through All-State band, where he played first chair. HSU woodwind professor Andy J. Patterson served as the All-State bassoon room monitor and saw that Harden would be an asset to the Cowboy Band. While in Odessa, Harden held the title of Assistant Principal Bassoon in the Midland-Odessa Symphony for almost thirty years, and he played Principal Bassoon in 1996 and 1997. He holds membership in the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association, the Texas Music Adjudicators Association and Phi Beta Mu, International Band Fraternity, and helped found the Young Educators Symposium of West Texas. In 2013, Harden received the Marcia McEntyre Zoffutto Hero Award, which is given to music educators who have served the Permian Basin and have put effort and time into assisting the West Texas Program.

While attending HSU, Harden had many opportunities for travel with the Cowboy Band, including a 1984 tour of Europe. "I was fortunate in the four years I was here. In 1984 we took a tour to England, France, Switzerland, and Germany," Harden says. During the Baptist World Alliance European Tour, students got to stay in youth hostels and in the homes of locals. Harden recalls visiting with a German family, where a sixteen-year-old girl acted as a translator between her parents and the students. Harden also

remembers attending Carnaval de Nice, in Nice, France, where the band marched seven parades in five days, and attending two Neiman Marcus fundraiser concerts in Irvine, California, where the group acted as a warm-up band for the Olympic fundraising concert. Travel is Harden's favorite memory of the Cowboy Band, and he aims to bring travel back into the program.

"One of the things I have been tasked with through the interview process is that they were looking for someone to take the band to new places, again," says Harden. "They (the Cowboy Band) haven't traveled in sixteen years." Harden is well-traveled and hopes to bring his experience to students within the HSU band program. He has already scheduled for the Band to tour for eight performances in Branson, Missouri, in April of 2019 and is in the process of planning an international tour.

Harden is also excited to bring the Cowboy Band back into band concerts. Once home to both the Cowboy Band and the Concert Band, HSU band concerts have recently only featured the Concert Band. Harden aims to bring both programs back together to unify the program. Audiences of the band program can expect to see more upcoming events, such as pop-up concerts at local churches.

"I am very excited to be coming back to where I learned to be a music educator. My experiences at HSU, especially with the Cowboy Band, have helped to make me the person I am today," says Harden. He plans to expand the program and add more instrumental music classes and hopes to integrate more secondary music programs for graduate-level students. Harden says that "no matter what your degree plan, you are learning the tools that will make you successful," when studying music. Harden looks forward to enhancing and expanding the instrumental music programs at HSU, but he looks forward to working with the students of the band program above all.







Bill Harden, the new Cowboy Band Director used to run out onto the field as a member of the Band. Now he leads them onto the field as the director.




From the fall musical "Anything Goes," (from left to right) Peyton Scroggins '22, Dylan Scott '21, Hanna Hayes '20, Emily Hatch '20, and Michael Bentea Kelly '19. Also featuring Lucky Wilkerson, a rescue chihuahua belonging to adjunct professor of Theatre, Teri Wilkerson.












Abilene Mayor Anthony Williams recognizes HSU Physician Assistant students and faculty with PA Week proclamation on October 9, 2018 in front of the Abilene City Council.

HSU's PA Program:



# TRANSFORMING LIVES

by Lori Evans '76



*"Although I had always wanted to be a health-care provider, I had believed that it was a dream whose time had passed."-Ben Trent*





**B**en Trent had all but abandoned his dream of becoming a health-care provider.

Then, in 2016, he heard about the new physician assistant program at Hardin-Simmons University. It was an easy commute from his home in Eastland.

"I was settled. I had 13-year-old children, a fantastic marriage and a home," says Trent. Not to mention, a successful health-care consulting business serving rural west Texas hospitals that he started with his best friend, Mark Chaney, during the economic downturn in 2008.

"Although I had always wanted to be a health-care provider, I had believed that it was a dream whose time had passed," he says.

Trent would not have uprooted his family for a program that was elsewhere. But with his twins, Joseph and Rebekah, getting ready to enter high school, and a program opening in Abilene, Trent and his family saw his opportunity to enter the HSU PA program as "God's timing."

He was in the first cohort of 30 students when the program opened its doors in August of 2017.

The idea for HSU's PA program was birthed in 2013 after a health science exploratory committee began looking at what was needed in the area of health care in West Texas and how HSU might help meet that need.

"We determined that a PA program would provide a great opportunity for students as well as a great chance to increase health-care providers in this part of the state," says Dr. Chris McNair, HSU provost and chief academic officer.

A Transformation 2020 gift from the Scotty and Jacque Holland family jump-started the program, providing funding for a consultant, program director, medical director, renovation to a building to house the program and startup equipment, says McNair.

Dr. Jennifer Eames was hired as the program's founding director. Before coming to HSU, Eames served as a faculty member, the admissions director, and vice chair of the physician assistant program at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

"This is the dream job. ... The only thing better than being a PA is being a PA educator," says Eames, who jumped at the chance to build a PA program from the ground up, writing the curriculum and choosing the team who would help her. It was a big plus that the program was in Abilene, since her parents had recently retired to West Texas.

"It was clear from the beginning that God has His hand on this program," she says, ticking off a few of the ways she has seen Him at work — the faculty, who are "superstars" in their fields; the students, who come from all over the nation; the preceptors, who have stepped forward to volunteer.

The faculty includes two medical doctors, who are among the many unique features of HSU's PA program. In other programs,




We found out our clinical sites today! First up: My hometown of Childress, TX!



**Ben Trent**  
June 7, 2018







Dr. Jennifer Eames help to teach students about the reflex test during class in the current PA building. The program will be moving to a new building in the Summer of 2019.

*“It was clear from the beginning that God has His hand on this program”—Dr. Jennifer Eames*

teaching primarily is done by physician assistants, not physicians.

Dr. Kathryn Norton is the medical director and anatomy professor for the program. In addition to her work with the PA program, Norton is a full-time practicing surgeon in Abilene. While she performs many different kinds of surgeries, her passion is the treatment and care of breast cancer patients.

On November 1, Dr. Joe McClintock joined the PA program faculty as a full-time assistant professor. In late September, McClintock, who is in his 30th year of practicing medicine, was in the process of closing his urology practice in Abilene to make the transition to teaching.

When it comes to the students, Eames and others believe they are as talented as the faculty.

The program recruits for diverse backgrounds and experiences and while the application process is extremely competitive — 2,000 applications received for 30 spots for the class entering in August of 2019 — “once

you’re here, you’re family,” says Eames. “We collaborate. We foster the idea that everybody becomes the best together.”

The students come from all over the country, as far away as Alaska and Florida. Some of the students were born in other countries — for example, India and Nigeria — but grew up in the United States.

While serving as a guest lecturer in the PA program, McClintock said he immediately noticed the students are “different.”

“There’s a level of exuberance, excitement, enthusiasm that’s contagious. ... When you’re around them you think ‘That’s something I would like to be a part of.’

“You can tell the students understand the importance of what they’re doing. When you’re around them, you see how much they want to help other people. ... When you watch them work, you see how much compassion they have toward the patients. They have a sense that this isn’t just a patient, this isn’t just a disease, this is somebody that I need to care for.

... It’s refreshing to be around,” says McClintock, who, as an undergraduate student, trained as a secondary school educator.

Then, there’s the matter of preceptors.

McNair remembers being told that Abilene was too small to have an adequate number of preceptor sites for students to do the clinical rotations that make up half of their time in the PA program.

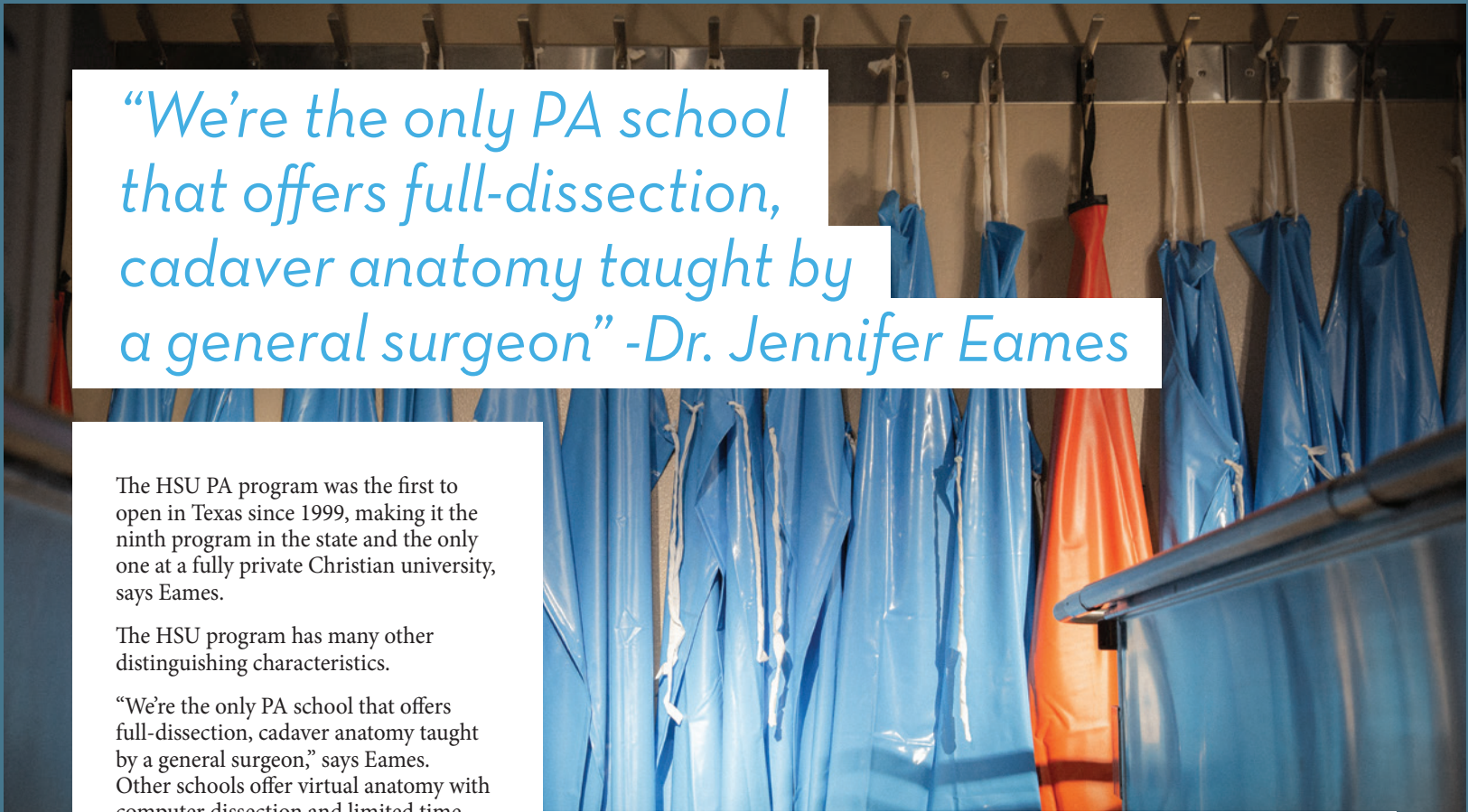
Nationwide, there’s a shortage of preceptors for PA students, says Eames, but in Abilene, unlike at her previous job, Eames has not had to cajole anyone to become a preceptor. They call her and volunteer.

Student Ben Trent sees evidence of God’s hand in the matter of program accreditation, an arduous process for any university but especially no minor accomplishment considering HSU’s relatively small size. Enrollment in the fall of 2018 was 2,344.

“The fact that the program was accredited ... on its first attempt is a testament to the hard work by all of those involved and the blessings of God in directing them in the program’s planning and implementation,” he says.

Or, as Eames says, “We serve a big God who can give small schools large victories.”





*“We’re the only PA school that offers full-dissection, cadaver anatomy taught by a general surgeon” -Dr. Jennifer Eames*

The HSU PA program was the first to open in Texas since 1999, making it the ninth program in the state and the only one at a fully private Christian university, says Eames.

The HSU program has many other distinguishing characteristics.

“We’re the only PA school that offers full-dissection, cadaver anatomy taught by a general surgeon,” says Eames. Other schools offer virtual anatomy with computer dissection and limited time with real cadavers.

That’s an important distinction.

“The biggest thing about the cadavers ... is to see the differences. You say this nerve is going to be here or this muscle is there and it isn’t. It’s just different. Each person is different. And translating that into taking care of a patient is a big deal because every person is different,” says Norton.

Another unique feature of the HSU PA program is its emphasis on service. Students are required to complete 50 hours of community service while in the program. They can do that on a medical mission trip or a variety of other ways. The important thing is to establish a legacy of giving back early in students’ lives, says Eames.

The theme of transformation doesn’t end with the Transformation 2020 gift that launched HSU’s PA program. Students’ lives are being transformed by the opportunities they are being given as they study to become physician assistants.

Trent is just one example. Last year, his classmates elected him as the representative from HSU to the Texas

Academy of Physician Assistants, which advocates for the PAs of Texas. In his TAPA role, he serves on the Legislative Affairs Committee, that works with state representatives to pass legislation that assists PAs in the goal of providing quality health care to Texas citizens.

Trent also has been able to pursue his passion for education with the goal of one day becoming a PA instructor. He recently was selected by the Physician Assistant Education Association as a Fellow for the 2018-19 cycle — one of only 16 students nationally to receive the honor.

“The faculty and community are supporting me in pursuing this fellowship. They’re helping me to reach other dreams that I have,” says Trent, who mentions one thing he would like to see included in a story about HSU’s PA program “is how blessed I am and how blessed the community is to have the program that it has.”

Eames and others point out the potential for HSU’s PA program to be transformative as part of the solution to the shortage of health-care providers in West Texas and the nation.

“The hope is with this training students can go into any underserved community better prepared to step into the role because they’ve been exposed to it,” Eames says.

Norton notes that the future of health care will be in the hands of more PAs and nurse practitioners, working under the oversight of a physician, and she praises Eames for the program she has put together at HSU.

“If this is the way medicine is going, this is the way they need to be trained. She’s doing it right,” says Norton.

While it’s impossible to predict the transformative power of one HSU student who becomes a PA or a health-care system changed by a new model of care, Eames imagines the possibilities: “What lives are they going to save? ... What diseases will they cure? ... What will those people who they treat go on to do?”





Students from the Physician Assistant program compete in the first annual Great Gurney Race to benefit Global Samaritan Resources in downtown Abilene on October 11, 2018. They won first prize for their Mario Kart costumes and theme.







# A LASTING LEGACY

by Grace Mitchell '19



CARL OWEN, 1958-1980

## A MOTHER'S LOVE HELPS OTHERS REALIZE THEIR DREAMS

Behind almost every Hardin-Simmons University student, there is a scholarship or grant that provided them the opportunity to attend college. And behind almost every scholarship, there is a person with a story and a love for the university.

The Carl Wesley Owen Fund for Criminal Justice was established in 2015 by Norma D. Owen in memory of her only son. Half of its funds are designated as program enhancements and half as an endowment for scholarships.

Carl Wesley Owen was born February 27, 1958, in Roswell, New Mexico, to Charles B. and Norma Owen. He grew up enjoying a country life under the pecan trees of Roswell. He is remembered as wearing big aviator sunglasses, talking about his prized pickup truck and responding to most conversations with "Cool!"

In high school, Carl was a member of the Air Force ROTC. He graduated in 1977 and started classes at Hardin-Simmons University the fall of that year, majoring in law enforcement.

After one year at HSU, Carl returned to Roswell to attend Eastern New Mexico University's Roswell campus and Callins Flight School. His dream was to incorporate his love of flying with his law enforcement endeavors. Carl's untimely death ended his dreams on May 30, 1980.

Norma Owen was known as a sweet woman who always had a smile on her face. As any parent would be, she was deeply affected by the loss of her son. Years later, after Norma's husband passed away, she began to meet with one of Carl's friends, Tommy Terrell. Terrell had recently experienced family loss of his own. The two encouraged each other.

Mrs. Owen told Terrell she wanted to leave her estate to HSU for students in the Criminal Justice program. Although her son was not able to realize his dream of going into law enforcement, she hoped her gift could provide scholarships, so others could achieve their ambitions.

She believed that because God had blessed her, she could be a blessing to others. The Carl Wesley Owen Fund

has awarded scholarships to numerous students and allowed 23 students and three faculty members to travel to Norway during HSU's first Justice Abroad travel course.

During this 10-day course, students compared the prison, police, and court systems found in Texas, the United States and Norway. The students also attended research meetings with the students and faculty of the University of Bergen and were immersed in Norwegian culture as they rode a train across Norway and hiked by waterfalls, fjords and glaciers.

"The Owen scholarship made it possible for me to be able to travel to a country that I would have never gotten to experience. I was overjoyed with the opportunity to get to experience another country's culture and atmosphere along with the opportunity to study their justice system," said Brittany Hector, who will graduate with her law enforcement degree in 2019.

Thanks to the Owen scholarship, Oliwer Elfstedt '20, an international student from Sweden, was able to attend HSU and travel to Norway.





Norge, du er spektakulær. ❤️  
I had the most amazing ten days in Norway studying the criminal justice system and experiencing Norwegian culture! Always thankful for more opportunities to travel 🌍 #hsutravels



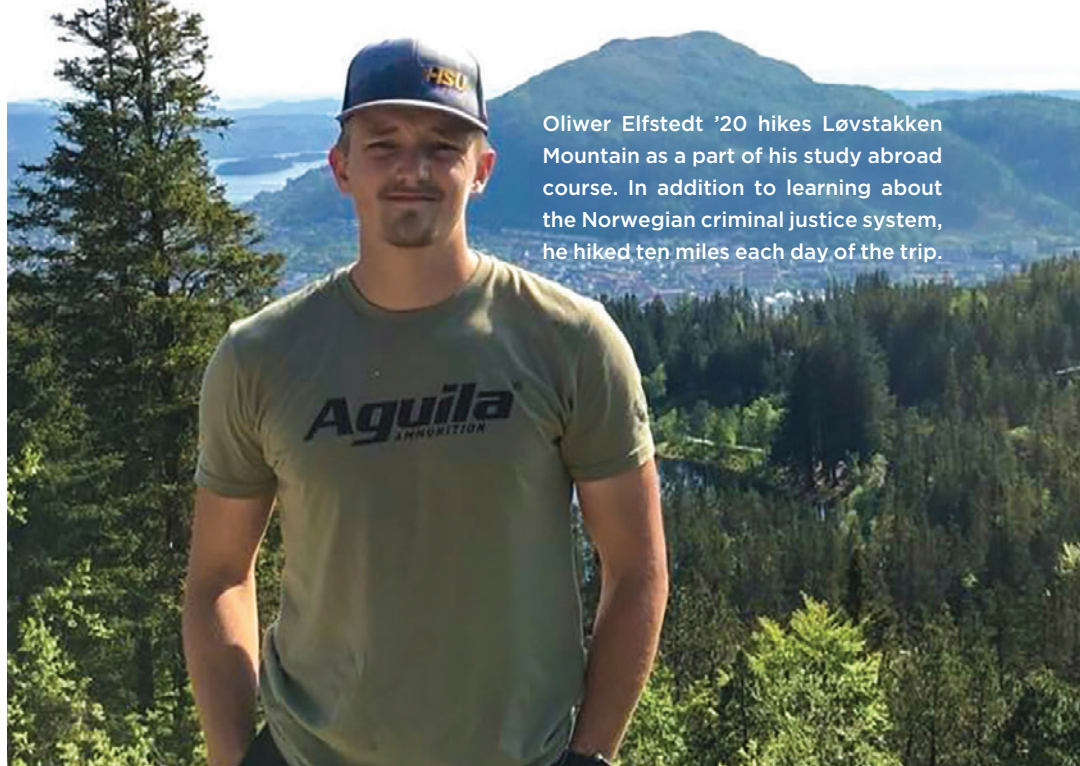
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“The scholarship was just enough to pay my tuition that semester and let me continue to study for another year,” he said. “After that moment I started focusing on my studies even more so I could continue to receive that scholarship. If it wasn’t for that scholarship, I would not be able to stay here at Hardin-Simmons and continue to pursue my education.”

Because of this scholarship, Elfstedt has had many unique experiences to prepare him for his criminal justice career. He was able to participate in the police academy and shoot with the Range Master at Abilene Police Department.

“Being able to see and engage what we have read in so many books and articles was a dream that came true. We had the chance to study our passion on a first-hand experience. I know I cannot express my full gratitude, but this program has been a blessing in my life, and I am forever thankful I found Hardin-Simmons.”

Another student who has benefitted from the endowment is Ty Crain ‘19. Although Ty’s parents did not have the opportunity to attend college, they taught him that college was the gateway to success.



Oliwer Elfstedt ‘20 hikes Løvestakken Mountain as a part of his study abroad course. In addition to learning about the Norwegian criminal justice system, he hiked ten miles each day of the trip.

“With two kids in college, my parents have given all that they can to ensure that my brother and I were gifted with a great education,” he said. “But with ever-rising tuition prices, sometimes making ends meet can be challenging.

“What I will take away from my experience at Hardin-Simmons University is not just education, but that paying it forward really does impact another person’s life. The Owen scholarship gives students hope to make their dreams come true; it definitely has made mine a reality.”

These are just three students whose lives have been changed by Norma Owen and her scholarship, but even more students have been affected by the other half of the endowment designated to program enhancements.

The Owen fund also allows criminal justice students to deepen their understanding of their chosen career path through a variety of events, said Kameron Alderman ‘19. For example, students get to hear from HSU graduates who work in criminal justice as well as get an inside view of the criminal justice system.

Emely Galvez ‘19 appreciates Norma Owen’s gift because it’s helped create excellent programs and attract top-

notch faculty and staff, giving her an exceptional educational experience. Dr. Karin Brown, head of the Criminal Justice Department, also expressed her gratitude to Norma Owen.

“It is because of the generosity of the late Norma Owen ... that we can now offer scholarships and enhance student programming,” she said. “This gracious gift created the opportunity for the Criminal Justice Department to offer our first Justice Abroad travel course this past summer. We were blessed to be able to travel to Norway and study the Norwegian justice system. It is difficult to articulate the level of appreciation for the spirit of such a gift.”

Mrs. Owen passed away just three months after she established the trust fund, but her legacy lives on through every HSU student who receives a scholarship in her son’s name and through every law enforcement officer who lives out his or her dreams.





New mascot, Hoss, leads the Cowboys onto the field during the Homecoming win against Sul Ross on October 13th.

## MEET THE NEW MASCOT

This January, the Hardin-Simmons Alumni Association Board of Directors voted to support and help fundraise for a new Hardin-Simmons mascot costume. The Alumni Association released a statement which discussed their goals for creating a new mascot and asked not only for donations to help fund the project, but also for name suggestions.

HSU athletic events were once home to a cowboy mascot who entertained crowds alongside the cheer squad, the Spurs, and the Cowgirls. The suit eventually disintegrated in storage, which led to the need for an updated mascot costume. The Association's goal to revamp the cowboy mascot's costume was met, and Hoss the Cowboy was formally revealed on September 22, at the first home football game of the season against Howard Payne University.

After compiling the suggested names, the HSU Alumni Association narrowed the selection down to three options and the public voted for their favorite. The name chosen was Hoss, after Eric "Hoss" Cartwright from the hit 1960s television show "Bonanza." Cartwright was played by former HSU student and football player, Dan Blocker. At 6'4" and 300 lbs., Blocker portrayed Hoss as a gentle giant: a cowboy with a tough exterior and a servant's heart. A cartoon Hoss also appears as the mascot for the HSU Kids' Club, formerly the Posse Kids Club.

A photograph of a football player in a purple jersey and orange helmet, running on the field. The player is wearing a black jersey with "COWBOYS" and a large "A" logo. The name "Hoss" is written in a large, white, cursive font over the image.

Hoss





## FALL SPORTS RECAP

### FOOTBALL

The Cowboy football team put together a fourth straight 9-1 season this fall. HSU opened with five straight night games. In the first game, the Cowboys held off a late Trinity rally for a 42-33 win in San Antonio. They then hit the road to Pineville, La., and even though the Cowboys won 57-21, it was a costly game as starting quarterback Marc Reed went down for the season with a knee injury.

HSU returned home for a pair of convincing wins, beating Howard Payne 65-17 and then East Texas Baptist 59-17. Unfortunately, in the ETBU game, the Cowboys lost another key player when Jaquan Hemphill was lost for the season to a shoulder injury. The Cowboys then traveled to Belton for their only loss to UMHB. The Cowboys regained their winning streak in a delightful Homecoming game, beating Sul Ross 48-27. In the final four games of the year, the Cowboys won handily, beating Texas Lutheran 58-14, Southwestern 49-35, Belhaven 61-13 and McMurry 83-6.

### VOLLEYBALL

Hardin-Simmons returned to a winning season with a 15-12 record. The Cowgirls started the season by winning the first five games and went 7-1 into conference play.

They began the conference season 1-3, and could not recover to make the conference tournament for the first time since 2005.

The Cowgirls will return 16 of its 22 players next season. It was the final season for seniors Meagan Bauer, Leecia DePaula, Rebekah Hayes, Allison Kuster, Peyton Mandrell and Morgan Prince.



Cowgirls soccer claiming  
their 16th ASC title on  
November 4, 2018







## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Despite many rainy races, the Cowgirls competed hard and many ran personal bests during the season. They won the ASC meet for the second time in school history.

Sydney Tencate finished fourth overall to earn first-team all-conference honors. Yadira Loera placed eighth and Veronica Ritz placed 13th to earn second-team all-conference.



## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Cowboys finished second in the ASC meet, just four points behind first place. It was the highest finish in school history for the Cowboys.

Tyler Rohrman was named first-team all-ASC after placing sixth and Ben Splain, River Smith and Sammy Magallen all were named to the all-ASC second-team with top 15 finishes.

Both teams were to run in the NCAA South/Southeast Regional that occurred after print.



## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Cowgirls claimed their 16th straight ASC title, and at press time, they were slated to host the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

The Cowgirls had a 16-1-1 season. That record gave them the No. 1 seed and the right to host the ASC Tournament. HSU beat McMurry (3-0), LeTourneau (3-0) and Mary Hardin-Baylor (1-0) taking the tournament title.

Senior Kenne Kessler was named ASC offensive player of the year for the second straight season. She also set the school record for goals and points scored for a career.

It was the final season for eight seniors: Taylor Bernal, Casey Carrillo, Caitlin Christiansen, Kessler, Lexie Kramber, Sarah Krisa, Josey Meyer and Evan Pipkin.



## MEN'S SOCCER

The young Cowboys clinched a spot in the ASC tournament for the 16th straight year. They opened the season 0-8-1. It was a frustrating start because the last six games were all one-goal losses or ties.

HSU responded with a 4-0-1 stretch and then finished the season with three straight one-goal losses, including a 2-1 loss in the ASC Tournament to UT-Dallas. The final record for the Cowboys was 4-11-2.

HSU will return a big nucleus of the team and will miss its six seniors – Fonso Chavez, Jack Griffiths, Abate Hennessy, Preston Hillis, David Rice and Fabio Scaief.



## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER'S JOURNEY LEADS TO MANY ACCOLADES

Junior cross country runner Sydney Tencate is the best distance runner in school history, but she came to HSU through complete chance.

During Christmas break of her freshman year, Tencate was visiting her boyfriend who was a soccer player at HSU. She was then attending another university and not running track. On that day, she was out running on the track for fun.

Former head coach Rodney Smith saw her running and asked her if she had any interest running for the track program. Smith took Tencate to the Welcome Center to talk to the admissions staff. By the end of the day, she had decided Hardin-Simmons was the place for her.

"I never thought I was good enough at running to run in college," said Tencate. "I was just going to West Texas A&M. They started a week later than we did. It was the last day to sign-up for classes at HSU, and I decided to come to HSU."

She ran the steeplechase, 1,500, 800 and 400 and helped lead the HSU track team to its first American Southwest Conference title that spring.

Tencate ran cross country for the first time the next year and ran well, winning the Bill Libby Invitational hosted by McMurry University. She placed fourth at the American Southwest Conference Championship and qualified for the regional.

It set her up for the track season, and she had another banner season

and won the American Southwest Conference titles in the 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 meters.

"That was the highlight of my career so far," said Tencate. "To win those three titles in the same meet was exciting."

The track season led her to some intense training in the offseason for cross country and last season she exploded on the scene.

She won four meets and set the school record in the 5K with an 18:35 at the HSU Invitational. She placed second against mainly a scholarship field at the Angelo State meet, and she finished second at the conference meet to qualify for regionals for the second time.

"I'm looking for that conference title this season," said Tencate. "I have learned so many techniques from Coach Leggett, and we continue to build each week, and hopefully this is the year for me to claim the title. It's one of my goals."

She won her first meet of this season and had two good races at the Texas Tech Open and the Chile Pepper

Festival at the University of Arkansas against many top-flight Division I athletes.

"It's been good to run those races because it gives me the opportunity to test my abilities against better competition. To not be running out front has made me work on more aspects of my race."

She still has one more track season and one more cross country season, since she didn't run as a freshman.

"Hardin-Simmons has been so good for me," said Tencate. "It was the best decision I have ever made. Everyone is





Sydney Tencate (#20) beating out the pack in the Bill Libby Invitational meet hosted by McMurry University. Named after well-known professor and radio personality, this meet occurs on an annual basis.



so nice to me, and all of my professors and the staff really care about what I do. They will congratulate me after a race on Monday, and that is not something you would ever get at a bigger school.”

Tencate is pursuing a degree in criminal justice because just like on the track and cross country course she wants to be out front.

“We need more female criminal justice people,” said Tencate. “I don’t know exactly what I want to do with my degree, but I want to help people and be a voice for women.”





## HSU HONORS JEFF GOODIN IN MILITARY TRIBUTE PROGRAM

The Women's Golf Coaches Association and the Golf Coaches Association of America have teamed up with schools across the nation for the Folds of Honor Military Tribute Program.

For the first time, Hardin-Simmons is participating in the program that provides the opportunity for any collegiate golf program to honor a fallen or severely wounded American soldier by having a team member carry a golf bag displaying the name, rank and branch of service of the soldier being honored during the school year.

At the end of each season, the golf program will raise funds for the bag with the proceeds benefiting the Folds of Honor. The FOH works to ensure that no family is left behind in the fight to preserve American freedom. Through scholarships and other assistance, they give back to the spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in service to our country.

Hardin-Simmons has decided to honor former HSU golf player and coach Jeff Goodin. One player will carry a bag each tournament honoring Goodin. It has his heroic story on a card, and his name is inscribed on the bag.

"It is a big honor for our players to honor coach Goodin," said HSU head coach Bart Craig. "He not only coached and played and has given a lot of time and resources to the HSU golf program, but he was also a highly-decorated military professional who defended our country. We couldn't think of anyone who would be better or more deserving of this honor in our first season with this program."



Jeff Goodin during one of his tours of Vietnam.

## COACH GOODIN'S STORY

A native of Las Cruces, N.M., Goodin's golf ability led him to Hardin-Simmons as a scholarship player. During his time at HSU, he was a member of the Army ROTC, a foreshadowing of how his post collegiate career would intercede. After graduating from HSU, Goodin entered the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer with the rank of second lieutenant and he proceeded to have a distinguished 22-year career. As a helicopter pilot, he served two one-year combat tours in Vietnam. He was severely injured in one of four helicopter crashes. His injuries included a neck injury, a broken cheek bone, a severely lacerated lower lip and loss of four front teeth. He received the Soldier's Medal for returning to the burning aircraft to rescue his team members. In his career, Goodin was awarded the Silver Star, the Soldier's Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross two times, three Bronze Stars, the Air Medal for Valor twice, the Army Commendation Medal two times, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, the Vietnam Cross for Gallantry with Gold Star by the Vietnamese government and 47 other medals for

distinguished service. For his injuries, he was recommended for the Purple Heart three times but refused them each time. He retired from the military in 1980 as a Lieutenant Colonel. In 1975-76, he came back to HSU as a member of the ROTC staff and also coached the golf team that season. Over the next 10 years as golf coach, his women's teams competed in nine national championships and finished in the top 10 all nine times. They won the NAIA National Championship in 1994.





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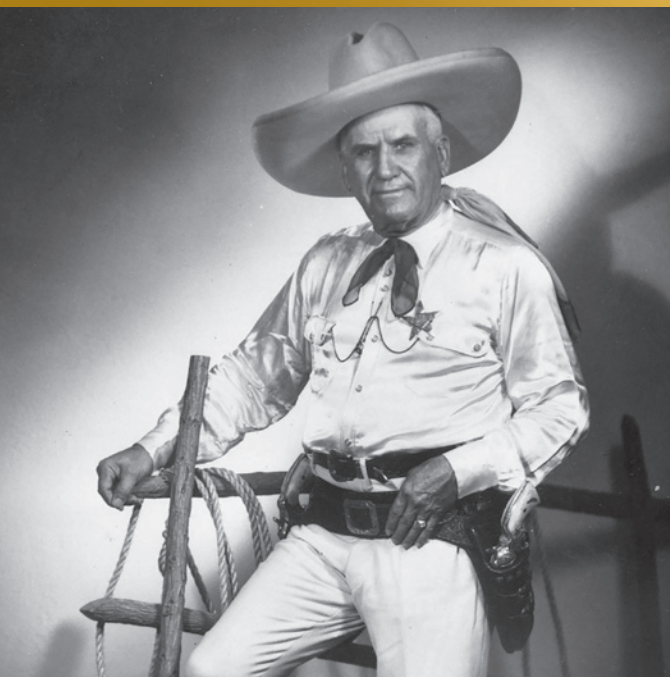
# THE SIX WHITE HORSES

RIDERS FOR LIFE

*by* Lucila Decia '22 &  
Dr. Kristina Campos-Davis

**H**ardin-Simmons University has always proudly embraced its western heritage. One of the most recognized HSU groups is The Six White Horses, who have ridden in thousands of parades, fairs, rodeos, and more. More than 10,000 people get to see The Six White Horses every year, including families all over the country who have never heard of Hardin-Simmons. But for HSU they are more than just horses; they are part of our cowboy spirit, and this program is exciting because they share HSU's legacy at parades and rodeos across the country.





Will "Sheriff" Watson was a Cowboy Band member who decided to ride his favorite horse Silver at the front of the Band, and that's how the Six White Horses were created. He went on to run the program until the late 1950's.



## ALMOST 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

Around the late 1920s, The Six White Horses tradition began. Will "Sheriff" Watson, known as a loyal HSU supporter, decided to ride his white horse "Silver" at the head of the Cowboy Band during a parade. While riding his horse, he was wearing a costume similar to those riders wear now. At that moment the legacy was born.

Watson continued to lead the Six White Horses until the late 1950s. For his dedication to the Six White Horses and HSU, Watson received an "Ambassador of Good Will of Texas" commendation from Gov. Price Daniel in 1957.

In 1962, the Six White Horses became an official school program with Dr. W.O. "Doc" Beazley as the director. Born in Virginia, Beazley moved to Texas in 1948, where he was well-known for his inspirational attitude towards the riders and the program. An accomplished writer, Beazley published eleven children's books about horses. But, his true love was Hardin-Simmons and the Six White Horses program. In 1995, a new horse barn was built and named in his honor with funds given by the former riders and other friends of the program. Beazley worked with the Six White Horses until he retired in 1998. The current director, Debbie Jones, took over the position from Beazley in 1998.

The Six White Horses have performed in forty states, three Cotton Bowl parades, the Hollywood Christmas parade, and special events and ceremonies around Texas. They even had the opportunity to travel overseas to perform in Nice, France. The group has also met famous personalities such as actor John Wayne and President Lyndon Johnson. They also performed in the Inauguration ceremonies for Presidents Jimmy Carter, Richard Nixon, and George H.W. Bush.

Dr. William O. Beazley's lifelong love for horses was well-known on campus. He wrote children's books about horses, his most famous book, "Horses I Have Known" was published in 1986.



## THE LINEBERY FAMILY

Tom and Evelyn Linebery played an essential role in The Six White Horses program at HSU. Tom and Evelyn were students at Simmons College in 1924. The couple loved rodeos and were longtime supporters of the Six White Horses program. After their death in 2001, the Scarborough-Linebery Foundation committed to offer financial support for HSU's Six White Horses program in perpetuity.

Tom was an avid rider and kept one particular horse, Shine, by his side at all times. To honor the donations and support of the Linebery's, there will always be a horse named Shine among the Six White Horses. That horse will always be in charge of carrying one of the Texas flags. Also the clock tower at the center of campus is named the Linebery Clock Tower.

The Six White Horses entertain the crowd during the 2018 Homecoming game on October 18th.



Tom Linebery's love for this particular horse, Shine, has led to a legacy of horses named Shine in the Six White Horses.

## THE 2018 TRYOUTS

Each year potential riders can show off their skills in the Six White Horses tryouts. This year was no different. On September 18 the newest group of Six White Horses riders were chosen. The tryouts are also an essential part of the tradition; as the women are judged on grooming, handling, saddling, riding with a flag, and an interview with the judge's panel. To be eligible, they must be enrolled in at least twelve hours at HSU.

Returning riders must compete in tryouts to ensure that the team chooses the most talented and qualified members. Every year, the riders wear special attire which consists of a long-sleeve button-down shirt, jeans, boots, and an optional western hat.

For the 2018 tryouts they welcomed three new girls and five veterans, including freshman Martha Alcantar.

"So far I absolutely love the program. All the girls are super nice & inclusive with everything, plus Debbie is the sweetest person you will meet. It is lots of fun getting to experience and be part of such a big part of the schools' history," said Alcantar, one of the new riders.



## THE IMPACT OF THE SIX WHITE HORSES

Kristen Johnson has known about The Six White Horses program her entire life. She was born and raised in Abilene and has ridden horses since she was able to sit. At the age of eleven, she was diagnosed with cancer. After a difficult battle, she was named an Honorary Member of the program. As a college student at HSU, Kristen was able to try out and join the team. She has gone on to ride in numerous parades and shows with the Six White Horses. "We are the oldest tradition of HSU at this point, and we are the oldest rodeo team still riding. It makes the school stand out even more," she said.

The spirit and heritage of HSU are constantly represented through these ladies. When they perform they prove they are the most dedicated, talented people who proudly wear their Western attire and carry the United States and Texas flags.

But the Six White Horses do so much more than just march in parades to represent the spirit of Hardin-Simmons University. When they can welcome a sick 11-year-old girl into their ranks, and love on her for years as she recovers, grows, becomes a rider herself and now as an alumna who continues to ride with them because she loves these girls and what they stand for; truly they are the spirit of HSU.

Kristen Johnson, when she was battling childhood cancer, and as the 2013 West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen. Even when she was young she loved horses. Being a Six White Horses rider fulfilled a lifetime goal.



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

HSU is looking to expand one of our iconic traditions. Expanding the Six White Horses program to include a second team will spread the story of Hardin-Simmons to more people. Your support in securing a new truck and trailer will make this dream a reality!

Naming opportunities available.

To show your support and be a part of HSU's growth go to:  
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## SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT



I can't believe I'm done playing select softball!!! All the hard work paid off! Now it's time for the next level!! Love all the people that helped get me here!



**Camille Scott**  
July 26, 2018



Day 1 of camp! Barely half over and still bumpin. #hsuspurs #hsulife #pomdance #inSPURation



**hsutxspurs**  
August 16, 2018



Thankful for these students that have turned into real life friends. Not so thankful for how old they make me feel. #hsulife



**kelseyhigbee**  
August 25, 2018



Best crew at HSU! We are now officially part of the #hsufamily ! #hsulife #hsu4life #hsuforever #hsustampede2018 #beanietime



**nathanbrown4youngliving**  
August 26, 2018



Sophomore ring dunk!



**Emily Stone**



After a wild homecoming night, Gilbert heads to his coffee shop for a shot of espresso.



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August 25, 2018

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**Bailey Noel Johnson**  
August 15, 2018



I was privileged to be able to conduct the World-Famous Cowboy Band on the national anthem today at the football game.



**Jim Cude**  
October 20, 2018



Happy birthday @loganredding11, glad we got to be car buddies in NC. You're pretty cool. Hope your day is grand!



**gabby zullo**  
February 27, 2018



It's amazing the places God will send you when you let him. When I picked up the guitar 19 years ago I had no idea what God would do with it. Since that time I've led in big and small places and learned a lot about what real leadership is and isn't. It's amazing to me how God takes the gifts he's given each of us and puts them all together for something incredible. I couldn't be more proud of the students, staff & faculty I work with here at HSU and I thank God for another season of teaching and training leaders.  
#HSU #worship



**Tiffany Stotts**  
August 28, 2018



So happy to be a part of the International Student Fellowship!



**Johnathan Lara DelaGarza**  
September 8, 2018



today I spent some time at my future home with my soon-to-be family, and I now have no doubts that @HSUTX is the place God has planned for me to go.

#going2hsu #goingtohsu



**Ash**  
May 14, 2018



If you haven't seen it already the White Horses made the cover of the NY magazine. #hsulife



**thesixwhitehorses**  
September 20, 2018





# THE FINAL FRONTIER

by Dr. Kristina Campos-Davis

## FROM HSU TO ACROSS THE GALAXY, DR. PATRICK MILLER IS WORKING TO AVOID A CRISIS OF COSMIC PROPORTIONS

**A**n asteroid is falling toward the Earth. Scientists are rushing to destroy it in time. A hero emerges with the latest, craziest idea to destroy the asteroid, and maybe save the world.


This storyline is typically the stuff of fantasy books, or a movie starring the latest Hollywood star, but here in Abilene, it's a story starring HSU's own Dr. Patrick Miller. And thanks to a new \$750,000 grant from NASA, Dr. Miller's work is about to go worldwide.

To be fair, his program has been worldwide for a long time, but now it is gaining the recognition it deserves.

In 2006, Dr. Miller and an undergraduate HSU student created IASC, the International Asteroid Search

Collaboration. The idea was simple--make photos from research telescopes in Arizona and Hawaii available to teachers, researchers, and students across the world and let them look for near-Earth objects (NEOs), while they learn about astronomy, physics, and math. Since then, IASC has become a worldwide educational program, with more than 1,000 schools in 80 countries participating. Since its inception, more than 50 NEOs have been identified by these junior astronomers and their professors and teachers, and then confirmed and named by the Minor Planet Center at Harvard University. The larger asteroids are typically named for the students or the school that discover them, which is a great perk for a researcher, and something fun to share with family and friends.





Dr. Miller plans to use the \$750,000 NASA grant to add a graduate student to his staff, hire an employee and give himself the ability to travel to conferences and conduct searches around the globe. The hope is this money will also allow more schools to join in the search and learn about science and math while being an active part of actual research. The goal is to recruit 2,000 schools by 2019-2020 and then expand to 5,000 in the coming few years. The NASA grant will also give IASC a chance to revamp the existing website, which will help to expand the number of participating schools.

While the existing website is functional, it could use some modernizing. Despite its need for change, it is quite active and the center of the IASC schedule. The “upcoming events” page on the IASC

website ([iasc.hsutx.edu](http://iasc.hsutx.edu)) reads like a travel show, “All-India Search,” “All-Uruguay Search,” “All-Poland Search,” “Haus der Astronomie Search.” Almost every continent is represented in the list of upcoming asteroid searches, and Dr. Miller is hoping to use these international searches to spur on the study of science and technology around the world. While many international schools are involved in the program, the number of American schools is much lower. Dr. Miller is also hoping that he can recruit more American schools to be a part of the program.

The program is completely free to schools and thanks to IASC programmers is connected to Astrometrica, a computer program that helps to teach students the difference between benign debris in space and anything on a trajectory towards Earth. Anything in the latter category is reported to and identified by the Planetary Defense Coordination office of NASA. They are the organization that makes decisions about when to communicate with the White House if there was a real concern about an asteroid.

There are a couple of factors that make an asteroid a concern for researchers. The first is the trajectory of the NEO; if it is on a collision course with the Earth, it is something that NASA and others would be monitoring. The reality is that the Earth is hit by tiny asteroids on a daily basis. However, all of those tiny objects do little to no damage. Now and then the Earth is hit by an object that does more damage; these are the ones that the IASC program is created to discover. The Earth gets hit by large asteroids every 50-100 years that do some real damage to the Earth. “On a less frequent basis they can come in and actually destroy life over most of the Earth. Last time this happened was about 60 million years ago and took out the dinosaurs and destroyed as much as 80% of life on Earth,” says Dr. Miller. It is those big asteroids that IASC is created to identify, and hopefully, give us the time to take some action to stop.

Regardless, the benefits of a program like IASC at HSU cannot be understated. As a worldwide and well-renowned program, it provides some important tools that could literally save the world.





# *James B. Simmons Dinner*

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by Grace Mitchell '19

**H**ardin-Simmons University has a history of breaking down barriers: from our founder, James B. Simmons advocating for the abolition of slavery to 1933 graduate Dr. Virginia Connally becoming the first female doctor in Abilene. On September 6, Hardin-Simmons honored both of these individuals at the inaugural James B. Simmons Dinner.

The Simmons Dinner honors individuals who use their God-given talents and abilities to break down barriers in their respective fields and demonstrate acts of determination or courage similar to James B. Simmons.

Dr. Travis Frampton, Vice President for University Mission and Strategic Vision, said the Simmons Dinner is a way for the university to remember and honor Simmons' remarkable contributions.

"James Simmons was certainly someone who was invested in helping all people, no matter their background," he said. "The dinner is also an occasion for us to celebrate a contemporary whose life's work, like Simmons', was imbued with the same spirit of self-sacrifice and the promotion of goodwill toward others. I can think of no one who is more deserving of this recognition than Dr. Virginia Connally."

## *An Evening of Celebration*

The inaugural James B. Simmons Dinner was an extraordinary event full of speeches and presentations in honor of both Simmons and Connally. City Councilman Kyle McAlister read a proclamation from the mayor declaring September 6 Dr. Virginia Connally Day in Abilene.



Dr. Connally was awarded a medallion that has images of James Simmons, Mary Simmons, and their son Robert. This original piece of art was conceptualized by Dr. Travis Frampton and created by award-winning sculptor Steve Neves and graphic designer Todd Clower. The evening also included a special song by Carolyn Newman in honor of Dr. Connally's amazing 105-year long life.

More than 500 attendees were invited to learn more about Dr. Simmons and Dr. Connally's lives through two videos, available to watch on the Hardin-Simmons YouTube page.

As a part of the Simmons Dinner, HSU printed a newly expanded edition of the 2011 Virginia Connally biography, "Virginia Connally, MD: Trailblazer and Woman of Faith" by local writer Loretta Fulton. Copies of the special edition, both hardback and paperback, are available for purchase from the Alumni office.

Proceeds from the dinner went to the Dr. Virginia Connally Endowed Scholarship. The Simmons Award will join several other awards, such as the Keeter Service Award, Distinguished Alumni Award, Outstanding Young Alumni Award and Honorary degrees the university awards to deserving people.

## *A Legacy of Courage*

James B. Simmons broke down barriers as an abolitionist pastor during the era of slavery. After preaching a message against slavery entitled "The Cause and Cure of the Rebellion," he was threatened, and his church was burned to the ground. Unhindered, Simmons went on to help establish ten colleges, seven of which were schools for freed slaves.

While slavery was abolished by the time of HSU's founding, Jim Crow laws would remain for more than seventy years. Despite this, Simmons crafted foundational documents guiding Hardin-Simmons to accept students of every race, nationality, and religious background.

## *A Lifetime of Service*

As Dr. Simmons broke down racial barriers, Dr. Connally broke down gender barriers as the first woman physician in Abilene and one of the first female deacons at First Baptist Church of Abilene. Dr. Connally earned her medical degree from LSU in 1937, despite the often discouraging words from her professors and peers. She served Abilene as an Ear, Nose,

and Throat specialist in Abilene for over fifty years.

Dr. Connally also crossed physical barriers on medical mission trips to Venezuela. Missions continue to be an important part of Dr. Connally's life. In 2002, she provided the lead gift for the Connally Missions Center on the HSU campus.

Learn more about the legacy of James B. Simmons and Virginia Connally at [youtube.com/hardinsimmons](https://youtube.com/hardinsimmons)



(previous page) President Eric Bruntmyer embraces Dr. Virginia Connally after placing the Simmons Medal on her during the Simmons Dinner. (above) Carolyn Newman sings a personalized version of "Thanks for the Memories" to Dr. Virginia Connally during the Simmons Dinner.



(left) Dr. Virginia Connally and her longtime caregiver Gracie Gil. (above) Dr. Virginia Connally wearing the Simmons Medal.



## John J. Keeter Jr. Alumni Service Award 2018



**DR. ROSA LEE PRICHARD '58**

Rosa Lee Prichard graduated magna cum laude from HSU in 1958. After graduation, Dr. Prichard served as the

financial secretary first for South Side Baptist Church in Abilene and later for FBC Odessa.

Dr. Prichard currently serves on HSU's Board of Development. She has also served on the Board of Trustees, Board of Young Associates and Alumni Board.

Dr. Prichard contributed to the new video board, turf, and lights at Shelton Stadium. She also donated to the new Fletcher Fitness Center. Dr. Prichard has contributed to the updates of the Woodward Dellis Recital Hall, Cowboy Band Hall, and Caldwell Music Building.

She also gave to the Lee Hemphill Music Building, named for her father. Dr. Prichard joined with her family in contributing to Nix Hall, named for her grandfather and uncle.

Dr. Prichard donates to the annual scholarship fund, and she and her late husband established an endowed scholarship in the School of Education.

## Distinguished Alumni Awards 2018



**JUDY HIX ABERCROMBIE '71**

Judy Abercrombie graduated with her BA in History and Political Science from HSU in 1971. She holds teacher

certificates for EC-12 special education, 1st-8th grade generalist, and mid-management administration. She holds a Master of Education and Master of Liberal Arts from Dallas Baptist University and is currently pursuing her doctorate in K-12 Educational Leadership.

Before she became Assistant Professor of Education at DBU, Mrs. Abercrombie was the Interim Coordinator for the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction program. She has been a teacher and principal at DBU's Laboratory School. She has also served as a curriculum writer for the Southern Baptist Convention's Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Abercrombie is a member of the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education and the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association. She is also a member of the Association of Texas Professional Educators, the Higher Education Collaborative on Language Arts and Reading, and the Association of Supervisors of Curriculum Development.



**JAMES E. (JIM) BIRDWELL '65**

Jim Birdwell attended HSU on a tennis scholarship and graduated with his BA in 1965. During his

time on the Forty Acres, he was active in Circle K and the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

After graduation, he returned to active duty as an officer, earning his wings as a Naval Aviator. During his service, he completed 211 combat missions in Vietnam and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He left active duty in 1970 as a Marine Captain.

In 1970, Mr. Birdwell returned to HSU to pursue his MBA. He completed the degree while serving in numerous jobs with Aileen including Multi-Plant Manager. In 1976, Mr. Birdwell became plant manager and later manufacturing manager with Garan, Inc. He later served as Plant Manager of Santone Industries, a Levi Strauss & Company facility, and moved to International Sourcing. He served as the vice president of global sourcing for the VF Corporation until retiring.



**MIKE MCMAUDE '90**

Mike McMaude has founded and grown three national companies serving hundreds of thousands

of patients. Each company has grown at a tremendous rate while maintaining the highest patient and employee satisfaction in the business.

Before Mr. McMaude became a successful entrepreneur and businessman, he attended Hardin-Simmons, graduating with his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1990.

In 2000, Mr. McMaude founded AccuMed, a Home Health and Hospice subsidiary of Amedisys Inc. Under his leadership, AccuMed grew to 45 locations in seven states. Later in his career, Mr. McMaude became the founder and CEO of Voyager HospiceCare which grew to 100 locations in ten states. Mr. McMaude founded Abode Healthcare and currently serves as its CEO and president, serving 44 locations in ten states.

Each of Mr. McMaude's fast-growing companies have been recognized as a leader in each category of the home health and hospice industry. Mr. McMaude works to provide customers with the highest quality of care at the lowest cost.





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# a look back

HSU has a rich history of culture and tradition. We (the staff of the Range Rider) think that sharing memories plays a vital role in maintaining HSU's sense of community. In each edition of the Range Rider, we will publish an older photograph and tell you what we know about it. Though we have some great information, we are missing some details.

We believe that the best place to search for information is from the people who experienced life the way that the photos capture it. We are looking for names of the people included in the photos and for more information about the clubs or events mentioned.

This photo shows a group of Cowgirls getting ready for a show. These ladies are clearly focused on making sure they represent the university well. Unfortunately, that's all that we know about this photo. But, its one of our favorites. Their smiles show how happy they are, its clearly from the 1950s, it is quintessentially mid-century. And it is quintessentially Hardin-Simmons. We are reaching out to you because we want to know more about these Cowgirls.

If you have any information or photos that you think would be valuable additions to our archives, please email us at [rangerider@hsutx.edu](mailto:rangerider@hsutx.edu).

If we decide to use your information or picture in a future copy of the Range Rider, we will send you a free HSU T-shirt.

Please help us to continue the legacy of the HSU community by sharing your memories. We would love for our alumni to share their experiences with our current and future HSU Cowboys.





In Philemon 1:4-5 Paul writes, "I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers." At HSU we are thankful for all of you who volunteer, support our students financially and pray for us.

Transformation 2020 officially ends December 31, 2018. This campaign will be remembered as the largest campaign in the history of the university.

The Transformation 2020 campaign has given this campus so much. During the campaign, our new Physician Assistant Program developed from concept to reality. Criminal Justice is expanding opportunities with an additional \$2 million in endowment and Leadership Studies enhanced their capabilities with another \$1 million. Campaign gifts are helping with the new Physical Therapy building and have greatly enhanced our athletic facilities. The new Houston-Lantrip Center for Literacy and Learning is going up now and will eventually touch thousands of lives.

Finally, approximately 46% of the campaign gifts came in for scholarships or other endowments to benefit students.

For all of you who have played any role in supporting the campus, thank you. Your gift is making a world of difference for our students and we are grateful.

There are still opportunities available, and some of those are found in this issue of the Range Rider. If you are interested in being a part of any of these initiatives, or have an interest in donating in another area, please contact me at 325.670.1260 or [mhammack@hsutx.edu](mailto:mhammack@hsutx.edu). We appreciate you!

*Mike Hammack*

Mike Hammack '85 BA/'89 MBA  
Vice President for Advancement



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# Why We Give

Jerry '67 and Lyn (Middleton) '63x Phillips

By Jerry A. Phillips

I often wonder where we would be if it weren't for Hardin-Simmons University.

Lyn and I met on campus, though she met my mother first – at her sister's wedding. When my mother learned Lyn was a student at HSU, she told her I also attended HSU. The next week, Lyn was punching meal tickets in the cafeteria when I came through the line. She recognized my name from talking with my mother and introduced herself...then she repeated my Mother's message, "CALL HOME!!!"

Lyn and I learned we grew up a short distance from each other, so she asked me one day if I would give her a ride the next time I went home. After that, we started dating and we were married

in August 1963. Since Lyn's grades were much better than mine, I quit school to work to put her through school.

We relocated for my job, then Lyn went back to school, finishing her degree at a large state school. The quality of education she received at HSU was much better than that at the state university. Lyn was an education major, and Hardin-Simmons prepared her for the classroom much more her first two years than the state university did her last two years. After she graduated, I returned to HSU to finish my BBA degree in 1967.

In 1982, we returned to Abilene when I accepted the position of Vice-President-CFO of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Due to job

requirements, we still didn't become involved with HSU, other than making occasional gifts. In 1990, I was asked to join the board of the Academic Foundation. By then, we were giving to the university annually. Now I'm serving as a Trustee for the second time, and we continue to increase our giving as we see the need. Even though we have since moved to Lubbock, we attend as many events on campus as we can, and we enjoy every minute of it.

It took me too long to realize that if it weren't for the education I received at Hardin-Simmons, I wouldn't have had the opportunities I've had through the years. HSU gave me the basis on which to build a solid career and a good life, but the best part was meeting Lyn.

Jerry A. Phillips '67 and Lyn Phillips '63X at their Golden Reunion with Cowboy Band members Kyle Edwards '18 and Emily Park '19.







# HARDIN-SIMMONS HOMECOMING









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# HSU alumni events

## BYA HILL COUNTRY

1. From left to right (top row) Caleb and Julie Steed, Jonathon Slaughter, Shanna Smith, Zach Hawkins. (Bottom row) Candace Bunkley, Lyndsey Blagrove, Megan Winn, Rachelle Davis gathered together in Austin for the BYA Young Alumni event this summer.

## GRADUATE CELEBRATION

2. Justin Woodard '18 receives his first alumni t-shirt during Graduation Celebration.

3. Megan Gallion '18 and Brianna Brewer '18 join classmates during Graduation Celebration at the Alumni Wall.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

4. Stephanie Camacho '16 and Jacob "Bubba" Weckwerth '12 serve homemade ice cream and sign beanies during the annual Alumni Ice Cream Social.

5. Daniece Edwards '23 gets her beanie signed by Tammy (Brock) Mantooth '89/'93.

## BYA ABILENE GROUP

6. Abilene's first BYA Young Alumni gathering took place this summer at Blue Sky.

# UPCOMING ALUMNI & FRIENDS GATHERINGS

2019 HSU Alumni & Friends Gatherings  
Washington D.C. - January 31  
DFW Area (Grand Prairie) - February 9  
TMEA (San Antonio) - February 15  
Houston - March 7-8  
Austin - April 11  
San Antonio - May 16

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HSU @ the Texas Astros  
HSU @ the San Antonio Spurs  
HSU night at "Texas in Palo Duro Canyon"

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# Family NEWS

## 1950's

**Rev. Charles Massegee '58BS**, celebrated 65 years as a vocational evangelist. He was president for three terms as president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists and the Texas Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists. He and his wife, Beverly, are the only couple to receive the Roy Fish Life Time Achievement Award. They are still active conducting revivals, crusades, and Revelation Bible Conferences throughout the country. He has written several books and made several DVD's; cmesinc@earthlink.net.

## 1960's

**Mr. David Scruggs '62BA**, and wife, Sonja (Carroll) '62BS, are retired and living at Wind Crest, a retirement facility near Denver, CO. He's involved with teaching and producing local TV programs through Wind Crest; David.w.scruggs@gmail.com.

**Dr. David Murrah '64BA**, recently produced his seventh book on Texas history as co-editor of the study, "Hidden History of the Llano Estacado," a collection of 56 essays on West Texas history. He and his wife, Ann, live in Rockport; davidmurrah@sbcglobal.net.

## 1970's

**Dr. Larry C. Baker '70BA**, retired from North Suburban Medical Center in Thornton, CO. Baker served an interfaith chaplain there for over 10 years after pastoring Baptist churches in Texas and California for 40 years. He and his wife, **Mary (Callicoat) Baker '71BS**, reside in Commerce City, CO; Larrycbaker@gmail.com.

**Mr. Richard Stacy '71BS**, recently became an Adjunct Professor at the University of Colorado-Boulder with the Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies. He is

teaching two graduate courses in a new online Master's program in Organizational Leadership; rkconsult@aol.com.

**Mrs. Sue (Banks) Owen '72BBA**, and her husband, **Marvin '72x** are now retired and moved to be near family; sue.owen@me.com.

**Mr. Kenneth "Ken" Kell '76BA**, is currently the head of the choral department at Linden High School and District Middle School in Linden, CA, and has been directing choirs for over 42 years. Ken and his wife, Susan, have three children and three grandchildren; kkellmusic@juno.com.

**Mr. James "Jim" Price '77BM**, is now the Maintenance Coordinator for Gracewood, a home for single mothers and their children; japrice@swbell.net.

**Mr. William "Bill" Snell '79BME**, now serves as President of Missionary Ventures International. MVI celebrates 35 years of ministry, specializing in inspiring and equipping Christian nationals around the world to effectively reach their own people for Christ; snelljr@gmail.com.

## 1980's

**Mr. Nevada "Lee" Walker '82BE**, retired from public education after 35 years of teaching; walkerbnl@ida.net.

**Dr. Ann Lynn (Whitmore) McIlroy '85BE/'86ME**, now works as the Superintendent of Roswell Independent School District; Mcspike63@hotmail.com.

**Mr. Dennis Harp '88MED** started as Executive Director of Dawson Community College Foundation in June 2018; dennisharp56@gmail.com.

**Dr. Jill (Leach) Clay '88BS**, is now practicing at Uncommon Healthcare in Waco; bjclay89@hotmail.com.



Editor's Note: All cities are in Texas unless otherwise noted. Email addresses are included when possible. Information reflects submissions received April 30, 2018 - October 10, 2018  
 Acronyms: AHOF Athletics Hall of Fame/DAA Distinguished Alumni Award/HOL Hall of Leaders/HD Honorary Doctorate Degree/KASA Keeter Alumni Service Award/LDA Logsdon Distinguished Alumni Award/OYA Outstanding Young Alumni Award



**Dr. Stephen Watson '88BE** received his Doctor of Education in K-12 Administration from Texas A&M University College Station in August 2018. He is currently working for North East ISD in San Antonio as the Director of the Krueger School of Applied Technology. Stephen and his wife, **Anne (Huber) '86BE**, live in San Antonio, Texas; [Stephenannewatson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Stephenannewatson@sbcglobal.net)

## 1990's

**Mr. Timothy "Tim" Baker '92BA**, married Jenn Montgomery in October 2017; [tb@computerministry.com](mailto:tb@computerministry.com).

**1 Dr. Brad Butler '97BS**, was promoted to the rank of Colonel (Air Force Reserve) and selected as Commander, 433rd Medical Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio. Over the past year he was also selected as a Fellow of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and joined the Hendrick Anesthesia Network; [bgbutlermd@gmail.com](mailto:bgbutlermd@gmail.com).

**Dr. Mollie Victoria "Vicki" Dunnam '97BA**, received a Doctorate in Psychology with an emphasis on Integrated Technology and Learning from Grand Canyon University; [vicki.dunnam@suddenlink.net](mailto:vicki.dunnam@suddenlink.net).

**Mr. Cooper Strange '99BA**, was ordained as the Reverend Deacon Ignatius in the Orthodox Church of America last June. He is serving in Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church in Ashland, Oregon; [naophoros@gmail.com](mailto:naophoros@gmail.com).

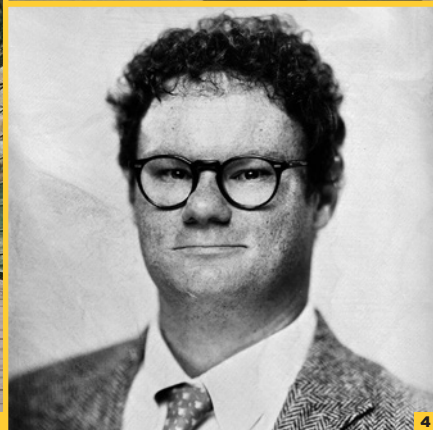
## 2000's

**Dr. Gregory "Greg" Smith '01MDiv**, was chosen as an Adese Fellow. The Adese Fellowship is an ecumenical offering of the United Church of Christ designed to provide spiritual entrepreneurs a blend of theological reflection and business development coaching to

aid in the creation of sustainable ventures to counter systemic poverty; [greg@sowhatfaith.com](mailto:greg@sowhatfaith.com).

**2 Mrs. Kari (Langford) Peden '02BM**, was promoted to Advising Specialist at McLennan Community College (Waco) in Aug 2018; [kari\\_langford@hotmail.com](mailto:kari_langford@hotmail.com).

**Mr. Bill Beavers '02BBA**, was elected to the Prosper Independent School District Board of Trustees in May 2018; [bbeavers@cirroenergy.com](mailto:bbeavers@cirroenergy.com).





**Mrs. Lissa Parnell '02BA**, married Renato Borges in the beautiful Chapel Dulcinea, overlooking the Texas Hill Country in August 2018; Usabrazil2003@yahoo.com.

**3 Mrs. Lindsey (Rogers) Gentz '04BBS**, married Sam Gentz in October 2017. They both work at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, SC. She is a part of a QA contract team for the Department of Defense; Lindsey.rogers9@gmail.com.

**Mr. Leonard "Len" Williams '04BBS**, married Jennifer Jurrius in Rosemary Beach, FL in April 2018; lenmwilliams@gmail.com.

**4 Mr. Jason Dean '05BBS**, joined the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri as their Vice President for Special Collections. The library holds over 2 million items, and in his role there he leads the growth of the general and special collections. Their special collections holdings include over 10,000 printed books which comprise the most significant printed scientific works in existence; jason.dean@me.com.

**5 Mr. Rafael Hernandez '07MED.**, completed a Master of Science in Construction Administration from Columbia University and a Master of Science in Real Estate Development from New York University while working full-time as a FHA Analyst and Processor for Bellwether Enterprise Real Estate Capital, LLC in New York City; rh2752@columbia.edu.

**Mrs. Brandi (Kirkham) Smith '08MED**, married Richard Smith; brandidk21@yahoo.com.

**6 Mrs. Caley (Dollar) Powers '09BA**, married Andrew Powers in July 2018; caleyanelle20@gmail.com.

## 2010's

**Mrs. Katelyn (Hukill) Jones '12BBS**, married Garrett Jones in June 2018 in Troup, TX; kate.paige.hukill@gmail.com.

**Mr. Michael "Austin" Cantwell '12BBA**, is serving as the Area Director for North Dallas Young Life. He and his wife live in Dallas; austincantwell.yl@gmail.com.

**Mrs. Andrea Rhoads '13BBS**, married SSgt Terrell D. Craig from the USAF in March 2018. She was also promoted to Staff Sargent in the US Air Force in May 2018 and is currently deployed; adev.rhoads@gmail.com.

**Ms. Lyndsey Blagrove '15BBS**, recently moved back to Texas from Washington D.C. She is now working as a political consultant at Axiom Strategies in Austin; leblagrove@gmail.com.

**7 Mrs. Lindsey (Rawlins) Preston '15BBS**, married Ryan Preston in July 2015 at Ashelynn Manor in Magnolia, TX; lindseyjrawlins@aol.com.

**Mr. Jacob Wright '16BA**, had his first international performance in Vancouver, Canada with two of his small chamber groups, the Texas Woman's University Graduate Flute Quartet and the Minerva Trio. The groups performed showcase concerts for the 2018 National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors Conference in October; jacobwright93@yahoo.com.

**Mrs. Kacie (Berutti) Eurek '17BBA and Mr. Andrew Eurek '17BBA**, married in August 2018; Kacie.berutti@hsutx.edu.

**Ms. Sarah Mills '17BSN**, received the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses, an international program that recognizes nurses for their dedication and hard work; sjmills2012@gmail.com.

**Mrs. Bryana Johnson '18BA and Mr. Alex Beaird '18BA** were married on May 19th in the Logsdon Chapel on the Hardin-Simmons Campus. In their studies at HSU, the couple developed a particular interest in the lives and works of 19th century British poets Robert and Elizabeth Browning and Alex proposed to Bryana at the Armstrong Browning Library in Waco; bryanajoyjohnson@gmail.com.

**Mr. Warren Graham '18BBS**, joined Opportune LLP as a Consultant in the firm's Process and Technology practice; grahamwarren94@yahoo.com.

# Welcome to the FAMILY

**1** Brogyn Rae Blair, daughter of **Courtney (Foster) Blair '13/17** and **Jonathan Blair '10**, 9/12/2017.

Adeline Marjorie Newcome, daughter of **Emily (Bradshaw) Newcome '11** and **Andre Newcome '09/11**, 2/18/18.

**2** Kaden Anderson Tyler, son of **Karina Anderson '17** and **Darren Tyler '05**, 5/6/18.

Jaxon Carter McGraw, son of **Elizabeth and Matthew McGraw '03**, 6/5/18.

**3** Andrew Francis Phillips, son of **Melissa (Noble) Phillips '07** and Francis Phillips, 6/22/18.

**4** Scarlett Josephine Baker Maddox, daughter of **Shawn Baker '96/01** and David Maddox, 7/5/18.

Benjamin Julian, son of **Jennifer (Vodack) Julian '07** and **Daniel Julian '05**, 7/31/18.

Merryn Elise Rossow, daughter of **Corissa (Smith) Rossow '02/03** and Todd Rossow, 9/10/18.

Benson Scott Cooke, son of **Brandon Cooke '10** and Haley Cooke, 9/24/18.

**5** Max Moore, son of **Abby (Olson) Moore '06** and **Vince Moore '06**, 5/19/18





# Family WE'LL MISS

**Mrs. Claradine (LeSueur) Amyx** '36BA, 4/17/2018.

**Mr. Bartley Brannan** '63x, 4/21/2018.

**Mrs. Alene (Birdwell) Dorman** '54M, 4/22/2018.

**ITC. Eulan "Tom" Fail** '51BA, 4/17/2018.

**Mr. J.W. Kornegay** '52BS, 4/1/2018. Survived by wife **Mary Ann (Jones) Kornegay** '51x.

**Mr. Robert "R.G." Porterfield** '61BA/'69M, 4/27/2018.

**Dr. Homer Taylor** '58BS/'63M/'11HD, 4/27/2018.

**Mrs. Julia (McMichael) Brittain** '62x, 4/28/2018. Survived by husband **William "Bradley" Brittain** '62x.

**Mr. Ferrell Hays** '59BBA, 4/29/2018.

**Rev. Charles Ivey** '57BS, 5/3/2018. Survived by wife **Ada "Mickey" (Carter) Ivey** '57x.

**Mr. Jimmy McCoy Jr.** '12BBA/'14M, 4/26/2018.

**Mr. Barton Rogers** '51x, 4/28/2018.

**Dr. Jerold McBride** '53BS, 5/11/2018. Survived by son **Todd McBride** '86x, daughter **Charlotte (McBride) Young** '83x and son-in-law **Clinton "Clint" Young** '81BA.

**Mr. Elmer Biddy** '50BA, 5/9/18.

**Mr. Earl Brown** '59BS, 5/9/2018.

**Mrs. Pattie (Andrews) Haines** '56BS, 5/3/2018.

**Mrs. Yvonne (Willis) Sloan** '58BS, 05/04/2018. Survived by daughter **LuAmy Sloan** '98BBS.

**Mr. Frankey Bevers** '58x, 2/4/2018. Survived by wife **Shirley (Hewlett) Bevers** '58x.

**Mrs. Dorothy "Janelle" Bond** '45BA, 3/13/2018.

**Mrs. La Wana (Banta) Moore** '51BBA, 5/15/2018.

**Mrs. Louise (Blakemore) Pfeifer** '59BA, 5/13/2018.

**Mr. Doyle Cain** '49BBA, 5/17/2018.

**Dr. John King** '58BA, 5/18/2018. Survived by wife **Mary "Maxine" (Brake) King** '58BA.

**Mr. Leslie "Les" Stagner** '50x, 5/20/2018.

**Mrs. Alice (Everett) Wright** '51x, 5/30/2018.

**Mrs. Carolyn (Johnson) Kniffen** '57x, 5/20/2018. Survived by husband **Fred Kniffen** '58BBA.

**Mrs. Lucia "Charlene" (Parker) Arrant** '44BS, 6/1/2018. Survived by son **Arthur Arrant** '78BA and daughter **Patricia (Arrant) Pickens** '70.

**Mr. Fred Chapman** '56BS, 6/4/2018.

**Mrs. Marie Haynie** '52BS, 5/20/2018.

**Mrs. Lavada (Simmons) Wagley Hitch** '55ASN, 5/27/2018.

**Ms. Vicki (Bradley) Wheeler** '87x, 5/27/2018.

**Mr. Allen Adams** '50BS, 3/8/2018.

**Dr. Jesse Fletcher** '04HD, Emeritus President of HSU, Former Staff Member of the Year and Hall of Leaders, 6/13/2018. Survived by son **Jordan "Scott" Fletcher** '82M and daughter **Melissa (Fletcher) Dupree** '89BA.

**Mr. Howard "Gene" Kurklin** '65x, 6/5/2018.

**Mrs. Nancy (Roberts) Buice** '52BBS, 6/1/2018.

**1 Rev. Harry Grantz** '49BA, 6/23/2018. Survived by son **Bill Grantz** '75BM, daughter **Charlotte "Susie" Grantz** '72BM, and granddaughter **Allison Rhodes** '95x.

**2AB Mr. Harold Wicker** '52BS/'58M, 7/2/2018. Survived by wife **Patsy "Pat" (Baxter) Wicker** '52BS/BOD Member, and grandchildren who attended HSU, **Tracy Holmes Henington** '08, **Ryan Holmes** '01, **Todd Henington** '11, and **Nicole Bondick Henington** '12. (2A) Harold competed in the national college rodeo finals with HSU Rodeo in 1951.

**Mr. Marvin Taylor** '58BBA, 6/26/2018.

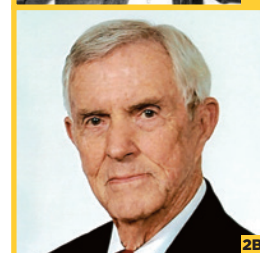
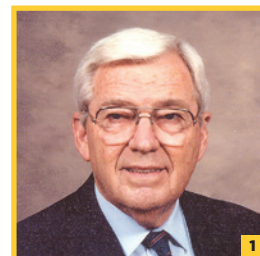
**Mrs. Penny (Mancille) Willer** '82BE/'96M, 6/28/2018.

**Dr. Cecil Childers** '55BA, 7/4/2018.

**Mrs. Helen Campbell** '51BA, 7/8/2018.

**Mrs. Ella (Bostick) Cox** '51BA, 7/11/2018. Survived by husband **Othella "Jay" Cox** '51BS.

**Mr. John Hughes** '64BS, 7/6/2018.



## Riley Doyle Cross July 23, 2018

"Coach" Riley Doyle Cross was born in Sylvester, Texas on December 2, 1932. Riley and his family moved to the community of Longworth, between Sylvester and Sweetwater, when Riley was a young child. While in Longworth, Cross met two boys by the names of Doyle Brunson and DC Andrews, whom he would remain close to for the next eighty years. He attended school in Longworth until the start of tenth grade, when

he and his two friends transferred to Sweetwater High School. While in high school, Cross was a four-sport letterman in football, basketball, track and baseball. In 1950, he was offered a football scholarship to Hardin-Simmons University. Both Brunson and Andrews followed him to HSU.

Cross then met Bettye Gay Smith, a fellow HSU student, in 1950. Riley and Gay were married on January 29, 1954, and remained married for almost sixty-five years. They both graduated from HSU that same year. Cross graduated with a double major in math and physical education. He wanted to go into coaching, but

instead, he got a job in the oil and gas industry with Humble Oil, which merged with Exxon in 1973.

In 1956, the couple's first daughter, Kayla Diann, was born. A few years after Kayla's birth, the family moved to Concord, California. In 1962, the couple had another daughter named Kami Lynn. The family of four lived in Seymour, Oklahoma, Odessa, and Austin, Texas, before returning to Abilene in 1970. Cross was offered a teaching and coaching job at Madison Middle School, where he stayed for twenty-seven years until he retired in 1997.

In 2000, Cross was inducted into the HSU

Athletic Hall of Fame for his achievements with the HSU football team. Cross had played for the Cowboys during all his four years at HSU, from 1950 to 1954, as a defensive end and a wingback. He was known for his exceptional blocking ability; while playing as a defensive end, no opponent scored on his side. Up until his passing, Cross remained a loyal HSU Athletics supporter and could often be found cheering on the Cowboys and Cowgirls. Cross passed away on July 23, 2018.



**Mrs. Shirley (Griffin) McHaney '56M**, 7/9/2018.

**Mr. Paul David "PD" Murrey '64BA**, 7/7/2018.

**Rev. Don Pattillo '60x**, 7/4/2018. Survived by daughter **Cynthia (Pattillo) Stephenson '73x**, sons **Robert Pattillo '78x** and **Pat Pattillo '77B**, grandchildren **Stacia (Pattillo) Hines '94x** and **Jessica (Pattillo) Colvin '00BS**.

**Mr. Riley Cross '54BS**, 7/23/2018. Survived by wife **Betty "Gay" Cross**

**'54BS/'72M**, daughter **Kayla Cross '79BS**, niece **Cindy (Bosch) Hatcher '96BA/'98M**.

**Mr. J. Dean Christy '50BA/'55M**, 7/18/2018. Survived by wife **Sarah (Kean) Christy '56x**.

**Mr. Gregory Wilson '82BBS**, 7/19/2018.

**Mr. Willis "Pete" Garner '49BA**, 7/25/2018. Survived by wife **Joretta (Ivey) Garner '49x**.

**Mrs. Juana (Goodwin) Petty '47BA**, 7/28/2018.

**Mrs. Tye (Featherston) Renfro '49BA**, 7/22/2018. Survived by son **James Renfro '80BBS** and grandson **Tyler Renfro '17BBS**.

**Mrs. Marjorie (Gilbert) Sanders '43BS**, 7/25/2018.

**Mr. Kenneth Good '62BS**, 8/1/2018. Survived by wife **Shirley (Thompson) Good '58x**.

**Mrs. Wanda (Bingham) Green '66BS**, 8/10/2018. Survived by husband **Billy "Hank" Green '53BS**.

**3 Mrs. Billie (Buntyn) Cadenhead '72BA**, 8/12/2018. Survived by son **James "J.F." Cadenhead '73BA**, daughters **Diann (Cadenhead) Procter '71BA**, **Helen Cadenhead '89BN** and granddaughter **Christy (Cadenhead) Biebighauser '99BA/'05M**.

**BG. Robert Herring '46BA**, 8/25/2018.

**Rev. James Andrews '56BS**, 8/24/2018.

**Mr. Ray Antilley Jr. '48BS**, 8/19/2018.



**Mrs. LaVada (Baucom) Beard '50BA**, 8/22/2018.

**Mrs. Clara "Frances" (Largent) Eiland '39BA**, 8/23/2018.



## William Ray Ellis September 14, 2018

William Ray Ellis was born Nov. 18, 1925, in Terra Haute, Indiana, and died on September 14, 2018, in Abilene, Texas. Ray spent early

years in New York and Pennsylvania, before graduating from high school in Dallas, Texas.

After graduation he began service in the U.S. Army during WWII, stationed in Calcutta, India. Ray received the call to ministry and earned a bachelor's degree from Howard Payne University and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During college years he fell in love with and married Nancy Nealita Greer on Dec. 29, 1948, in Bangs, Texas. They celebrated their 69th anniversary last December.

Ray was the pastor of several churches, including the First Baptist Churches of Iredell and

Groveton, Texas. He joined the faculty of Hardin-Simmons in 1957, retiring in 1993 as the Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of Greek. At HSU he was a beloved professor by generations of students and received the Faculty Member of the Year Award in 1987.

He and his wife established the Ray and Nancy Ellis New Testament Greek Scholarship for promising Greek scholars at Logsdon. He received the President's Award from the Association of Texas Graduate Schools in 1990. Through the years he served as interim pastor in countless Baptist churches in Abilene and across Texas.

"He was a gentle, kind, and loving soul," said Ray's

son, Dr. Bob Ellis, Dean of Logsdon Seminary and the Logsdon School of Theology. "He was a giver instead of a taker. He loved scripture and taught it his whole adult life, loving both the very simple message of the gospel and the most complex, ineffable mysteries of faith."

Bob says hardly a week goes by where he is not stopped by someone who knew his dad as a teacher or preacher.

"At HSU, he was a beloved colleague as well as a teacher. He knew the name of and spoke with everyone, from janitors to presidents, giving each equal attention and dignity."

Ray is survived by his children Bill Ellis, married to Diana; Nancy Ellis

Kucinski, married to Dale; and Bob Ellis, married to Teresa. Dr. Bill Ellis is the former President and current Chancellor of Howard Payne University, and Dr. Nancy Kucinski is the Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of Management at HSU. Ray and Nancy's grandchildren are Emily Ellis Ellison, married to Kevin; Brett Ellis, married to Shannon; Neal Kucinski, Katherine Ellis, and Laura Ellis. Their great-grandchildren are Raylee Ellison and Mia Ellis.

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**Mrs. Ada (Burk) Young** '47x, 8/21/2018.

**Mrs. Josephine "Josi" (Mills) Conley** '53x, 8/3/2018.

**Mr. Harold Carden** '52BA, 8/11/2018.

**Mrs. Edna (Edwards) Carroll** '49BA, 8/17/2018. Survived by sister **Julia (Edwards) Kendall** '50BA.

**Dr. Billy Carpenter** '55BA, 9/6/2018. Survived by wife **Norma (Turner) Carpenter** '54MA.

**Mrs. Chere McNair** '51BA, 8/30/2018. Survived by daughters **Nancy (McNair) Jones** '75BM and **Melinda (McNair) Rausch** '79x, nephew **Chris McNair** '84BS (HSU provost) and grandchildren **Sarah (Jones) Thornton** '02BBA and **Brad Jones** '06BBA.

**Rev. Dwaine Greene**, Former BOT Member, 9/12/2018.

**Dr. W. Ray Ellis** '62x/ Former Faculty, 9/14/2018. Survived by wife **Nancy (Greer) Ellis** '78M, daughter **Nancy (Ellis) Kucinski** '83BS/ faculty, sons **William "Bill" Ellis** '75BA and **Robert "Bob" Ellis** '77BS/ faculty, granddaughter **Emily (Ellis) Ellison** '09BBA and Grandson **William "Brett" Ellis** '09x.

**Mr. Paul Smith** '50BA, 8/6/2018.

**Ms. Debra Rose** '78BS, 8/9/2018.

**Mr. J.D. Carlisle** '61BA, 8/24/2018.

**Mr. Billy "Bill" Morgan** '56BS, 8/25/2018. Survived by wife **Sally (Clifford) Morgan** '53BS.

**Mr. James Dean** '50BA, 8/31/2018.

**Mr. Alfred Uribe** '49BA, 7/27/2018.

**Mr. Robert Fisher** '56BA, 6/30/2018.

**Mrs. Edna "Juanita" Reeder**, BOD Member, Former Employee, 9/23/2018. Survived by son **Mark Reeder** '79BS, daughter **Deborah (Reeder) Harruff** '76x, niece **Carolyn (Anderson) McAninch** '65BBA, granddaughter **Landra (Reeder) Johnson** '05BBS, grandson **Kristofer "Ryan" Harruff** '03BBS.

**Mr. Henry Peacock** '65BS, 9/25/2018.

**Mr. James Easterwood** '58BA, 9/2/2018.

**Mrs. Nicole "Nicki" (Pechacek) Garner** '01BBS, 8/29/2018. Survived by husband **Michel "Mike" Garner** '99BBS.

**Mr. William "Bill" Ballenger** '59BBA, 10/6/2018. Survived by daughter **Carrie (Ballenger) Conley** '83BE, and son **Jeffrey "Jeff" Ballenger** '87BBS.

**Mrs. Billie (Glass) Adrian** '47x, 10/12/2018. Survived by husband **David Adrian** '53BBA.

**Mr. Thomas "Elton" Stary** '75BA, 10/13/2018. Survived by sister-in-law **Barbara (Hardman) Ashby** '75x and nephew **Wade Ashby** '10M/ Faculty.

**Mrs. Katherine "Katie" (Hardman) Stary** '71x, 10/13/2018. Survived by sister **Barbara (Hardman) Ashby** '75x and nephew **Wade Ashby** '10M/ Faculty.

**Dr. Anna (Fugua) Bradberry** '53BS, 9/6/2018.

**Mr. Rick Etheredge** '66BS, 9/9/2018.

**Mrs. Mary (Padgett) Jameson** '64BS, 9/15/2018.

**Mr. Jimmy Leverich** '54x, 9/14/2018.

**Ms. Rebecca Martinez** '72BS, 9/3/2018.

**Mr. John "Paul" West** '57BS, 9/23/2018.

**Mr. Bobby Antilley** '47x, 10/3/2018.

**Mrs. Edith (Allison) Foster** '48BA, 9/28/2018.

**Mr. William Kaigler** '55x, 10/1/2018.

**Mrs. Marianne (Williamson) Kwiecinski** '96M, 9/30/2018.

**Mrs. Sandra (Baker) Starr** '60BS, 10/6/2018.

**Mr. Dennis "Dawg" Meadows** '15BBS/ '17M, 10/14/2018.

**Mr. Bobby Hart** '52BS/ '58M, 10/7/2018. Survived by wife **Donna (Broughton) Hart** '51x.

**Mrs. Anna (McBride) Johnson** '48x, 10/5/2018.

**Mr. Maurice McLeod** '67BS, 10/6/2018. Survived by son **Kenneth McLeod** '81BBA, daughter-in-law **Tonya (Lane) McLeod** '80x.

**Dr. Judith "Judy" (Drewes) Ore** '74BS, 10/10/2018.

**Mr. Blake Rogers** '16x, 10/8/2018.



## Jacquie Nell Hunter Holland

October 17, 2018

Jacquie was born on November 9, 1931, in Dallas, Texas, the only child of **Jacque Chisholm** and **George David Hunter**. Jacquie's parents lived with relatives in Dallas during the Great Depression, until

her father found work in the East Texas oilfields. For the next fifteen years, **Jacque** and her mother traveled with her father through Illinois, Texas, and Nebraska moving to different oil boomtowns. During the summer months, **Jacque** visited her grandparents in Zephyr, Texas. Because her father was constantly moving and living on oilfields, **Jacque** had a very close relationship with her grandfather.

In 1946 her parents decided to settle down in one place so that **Jacque** could attend high school. They chose **Abilene**, then an emerging oil center in north-central Texas, for her high school experience. During those years, **Jacque** met the love of her life, and her future husband, **David Scott (Scotty) Holland**. After they graduated in 1949, **Scotty** attended Hardin-

**Simmons University** to play football for Coach **Warren Woodson**, and **Jacque** attended North Texas State to study music. In 1951, **Scotty** left HSU to enlist in the US Air Force to serve his country after North Korean hostilities began. **Scotty** and **Jacque** married in 1952.

**Jacque** gave birth to their first son, **David Scott Jr.**, in 1953 in **Biloxi, Mississippi**; and their second son, **Terrence Hunter**, in 1956 in **Austin, Texas** while **Scotty** finished his college education at the University of Texas.

In 1957, **Jacque** and **Scotty** moved to **Midland** for **Scotty** to begin his career as an exploration geologist with **Marathon Oil Company** and the **Pennzoil Company**. During that time, **Jacque** sang in the **Midland Symphony and Chorale**, volunteered with the **Midland Memorial**

**Hospital Pink Ladies**, served as a den mother with **Cub Scouts** and supervised **Halloween carnivals** at several school PTAs. In 1968, the **Hollands** moved to **Lafayette, Louisiana** for a few years. They finally settled, for good, in **Houston** in 1971.

In **Houston**, **Jacque** was again an avid participant and follower of the performing arts. She instilled the value of art and literature in the lives of her children and grandchildren. She was a devout Christian, attending several local Churches of Christ during her 50 years in **Houston**.

During this time, **Jacque** and **Scotty** were profoundly generous to their alma maters, including **Hardin-Simmons University**. They gave especially to build the natural sciences programs at HSU, and their

donations were also used to open the new Physicians Assistant's program.

**Jacque** is preceded in death by her parents and loving husband. She is survived by her sons, **David Holland** and wife **Dashika**, **San Antonio, Texas**; **Terry Holland** and wife **Nita**, **Midland, Texas**; grandchildren; **Sara Blatnick** and husband **Matt Blatnick**, **Flower Mound, Texas**; **Katie Holland**, **Ft. Worth, Texas**; and **Travis Holland** and wife **KC** and great-grandchildren; **Lyla Grace**, **Cayson Scott**, and **Cole Joseph Holland** of **San Antonio, Texas**.





One of the current Six White Horses, Shine, examines the Alumni Wall looking for his name.



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# PERFECT STORM

## ONE LAST OBSTACLE BEFORE REACHING ROME

BY **DR. TRAVIS  
CRAVER**  
HSU CHAPLAIN



*But now I urge you to keep up  
your courage because not one  
of you will be lost; only the ship  
will be destroyed"*  
—Acts 27:22

**T**his chapter gives an eyewitness account of an ocean storm, the once-in-a-decade kind of storm that survivors never forget. Dense clouds blot out the sun and stars for many days and nights; the entire shipload of 276 passengers and crew goes without food for two weeks, and no one knows whether the passengers will survive to see another day. No one, that is, except the apostle Paul.

### PRISONER IN CHARGE

Luke vividly depicts the onboard frenzy: sailors lashing ropes around their groaning ship, the crew heaving precious food supplies and even the ship's tackle overboard, Roman soldiers with drawn swords halting the sailors' save-our-own-necks escape attempts and preparing to slash their prisoners' throats. In the midst of all this hysteria stands the apostle Paul, calmly foretelling what will happen next. God has promised him he will visit Rome, a vision has confirmed it and Paul never doubts it, even when the boat breaks in pieces around him.

Once more Paul reveals himself as a man of unassailable courage. The Roman centurion surely recognizes it: He grants Paul extraordinary privileges and protection. By the end of the storm, everyone on the ship is following the advice of the unflappable prisoner from Tarsus.

### LIFE QUESTION:

How do you normally react in a crisis?

In Peace,  
Travis Craver '05/'11M

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