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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

This summer, I had the privilege of traveling with our Men's and Women's Cross Country and Physical Therapy teams to Kenya. The trip was enlightening in many ways but seeing our students connect with and serve the Kenyans was rewarding.


In Kajiado County we visited a home for children who suffered from the effects of polio. AIC Child Care Center was established by missionaries to serve children who, because of their illness, faced major physical obstacles and were not being educated. Most of these children had been abandoned by their families who were unable to care for them. This home now cares for children who are struggling with other physical difficulties and gives them hope by introducing them to Jesus and providing education.

It was beautiful to see our faculty and students immediately engage the people of Kenya. Dr. Jill Jumper and Dr. Joe McCormick, two of our Physical Therapy faculty, were able to serve alongside the Kenyan practitioners offering assistance and providing training. Our Cross Country team played with the children at AIC Child Care Center, bringing joy, laughter and the love of Christ.

Hardin-Simmons faculty, staff and students are already making an impact in our community. This trip opened our eyes to opportunities to serve our neighbors on the other side of the world as well. I hope that as you read this Range Rider, you'll be overwhelmed by the need and overjoyed by the work of so many Hardin-Simmons Cowboys locally and globally.



Eric I. Bruntmyer
President



HSU President Eric Bruntmyer and Kisemei Kupe, HSU's Global Engagement Ambassador greet children at Africa Inland Church (AIC) Child Care Center in Kajiado County, Kenya.

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CORRECTIONS: The Spring-Summer 2019 *Range Rider* included a list of retiring faculty members. We mistakenly neglected to include Belinda Norvell on that list. Norvell was a full professor and served for 39 years as well as having two degrees from HSU.

The previous *Range Rider* also mistakenly credited Dr. Andrea Jensen for authoring "Introduction to Scientific Research: Strategy and Planning." The book was written by HSU's Assistant Professor of Biology, Dr. Wendi Wolfram.

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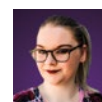
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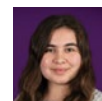
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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

by Grace Mitchell '19

The story of the Good Samaritan is one of Jesus' most familiar parables. In Luke 10, a lawyer asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells the story of a man who was robbed and left for dead. He was not helped by religious people but by a Samaritan, someone who would have normally been cast as the villain in a Jewish story.

Then Jesus asks an equally probing question to the lawyer: "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" Jesus, in his distinctive way, always teaches us something, even when we think we have everything figured out. In this story, the villain is the hero, the religious people are the villains, and our neighbors are not just the people who are like us—they are the people who need us.

Hardin-Simmons University is committed to loving and serving our neighbors, whether around the corner or around the world. From its founding in 1891, HSU was meant to be a globally minded university. In a letter to an Abilene pastor, James B. Simmons writes, "To tell you the truth, I have no use for Christlieb College (his preferred name for the institution that became HSU) if it isn't the College of Christ's Love all round the world. ... This whole round Globe for Christ is the least we ought to think or say. And for that we should work, and sacrifice, and pray 'till Jesus comes."

Many HSU graduates have dedicated their lives to the service of others, living like the Good Samaritan in Jesus' parable. From missionaries working with neglected communities to alumni doing business as a mission, HSU graduates bring the skills and faith they developed in college and share them with the rest of the world.



Brian works with farmers and their families to weigh coffee beans for Underground Coffee International.


BRIAN & LINDSEY BREWER *Business as a Mission in Southeast Asia*



Brian Brewer helped found Underground Coffee International (UGI) in 2011 and has worked with local farmers and pastors in Southeast Asia for more than

five years. Brewer graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in chemistry and biblical studies in 2004, his Master of Divinity (MDiv) from Logsdon Seminary in May 2008, and his Master of Science in environmental management in December 2008.

Brewer uses the agricultural skills he learned at HSU and the ministry skills he learned at Logsdon to work with Underground Coffee International. UGI produces high quality coffee by introducing seeds to local



“We see ourselves as setting the platform for them to go do their ministry.”

farmers in Southeast Asia. The organization then helps the farmers check the progress of the plants, buys the fully grown beans, processes them, and sells them to churches and buyers in the United States.

Because of their partnership with UGI, some farmers have doubled their income, which helps the entire community's economic development.

“We also employ three pastors that work with us,” said Brewer. “In this rural setting, people can't afford to support a full-time pastor. This creates jobs for (the pastors) so they can live and work in their community.”

The pastors also serve as agricultural extension agents. They visit the farmers to check on their crops, but also visit with families, praying for their needs. This community in Southeast Asia is designated an unreached people group, meaning there are few Christians in the area. Brewer partners with pastors to reach the people of their own communities with the gospel.

“We see ourselves as setting the platform for them to go do their ministry,” said Brewer. “We want to enable these guys to flourish.”

Brewer gave an example of a pastor who received a vision from God to reach a restricted and closed province nearby.

He wanted to strengthen their local leaders and help believers worship in his own, open province. “That's something that was birthed out of his own heart,” said Brewer. “They're the ones leading this.”

The UGI seedling program currently partners with 30 families per year and hopes to add 20 more this year. Eventually, UGI wants to expand to other countries.

Brewer said his time at HSU and Logsdon were formative in his ministry journey. “I wouldn't be where I am right now without my time at Hardin-Simmons,” he said. “One of the things I love about the MDiv is that it shapes the way you see the world and the

lens in which you see things. It influences the way I do everything. I directly apply things I learned at HSU and Logsdon in my ministry.”

Brewer and his wife Lindsey strive to help their neighbors in their financial, spiritual, and personal lives.

“We see people and recognize what their needs are and how they're hurting. Then we think, ‘How can we meet those needs?’ If you have financial needs, we want to walk alongside you. If you have spiritual needs or physical pain and suffering, we try to live life with you incarnationally and wrap around you.”



Jeff and Alicia develop relationships with people in their community, inviting them for snacks and conversations at their home.

ALICIA & JEFF LEE

Missionaries to Skopje, Macedonia

Alicia and Jeff Lee have been serving as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel in Skopje, Macedonia, since 2011. Alicia graduated from HSU with her undergraduate degree in psychology in 2006 and her Master of Arts in marriage and family psychology from Hardin-Simmons in 2010. Jeff also graduated from HSU and Logsdon with his bachelor's degree in communication in 2005, and both his Master of Divinity and Master of Science in environmental management in 2010.

The Lee family seeks to be the presence of Christ by engaging in holistic, relational, and healing ministries among the ethnic groups of Skopje. Instead of owning or running ministries in Macedonia, the Lees partner with existing ministries to connect them with resources and help them realize their dreams of helping their own community.

"Our ministry is coming alongside people, honoring the fact that God is already at work in the world and in the lives of others," said Alicia. "We don't come into a community with the answers. We are learners. They have a lot more answers than we do."

The Lees partner with a number of organizations in Skopje, using their

diverse educational experiences in unique ways. Jeff uses his background in environmental management to consult for farmers and local governments to address environmental issues within Macedonia. His agricultural work includes the development of a cow bank project that provides livestock to local farmers through a small business development program.

"During my time at HSU, I knew that I wanted to do ministry overseas and that I wanted to have a skill or trade that would be helpful," Jeff said. "That's when I started the Master of Science in environmental management so that I could use that in the ministry to work with anybody. ... My time at Logsdon and HSU was very helpful in giving me a foundation for the work I do."

That work includes working with governments, private companies, farmers and other agricultural workers, as well as doing health counseling.

Alicia's background in marriage and family psychology has allowed her to provide counseling services for families, individuals, and children in private and school settings.

"The encouragement and support that we received at HSU helped us to affirm our call," Alicia said. "At the time, we knew

where we wanted to go, but we wondered what that ministry would look like. It wasn't until going through our graduate programs that we realized what we were supposed to be doing. We realized it didn't matter where we went, only that we were faithful in doing what God called us to do."

The couple is involved in other ministries, including a safe house for refugees, the Food Bank of Macedonia, a group home for adults with developmental delays, and Emmanuel House, a faith based children's home.

The Lees are intentional about empowering individuals who are already called by God and active in service to their community. One example is Natalia Gura, the founder and director of Emmanuel House, a foster home for children.

"She was called by God to do that, and she would have done it all by herself," said Alicia. "Our privilege was to help her do that sooner and for her to have less of a burden on herself. Through mission partnerships, she was able to open it three years faster than she thought possible. We love partnering with people who have a vision for their community and the willingness to make it happen."

Jeff and Alicia strive to be good neighbors to their community by connecting people who have dreams with people who have resources.

When the Lees met Dusko Hristov, he was operating a food bank out of his apartment. The couple was able to partner with three churches from Texas who were able to cover six months' rent for a new space, allowing the European Food Banks Federation to approve the operation and continue providing funding. Today, the Food Bank of Macedonia has outgrown that space, and the Lees are fundraising for a grant to open a larger area.

Jeff has helped run a cow bank in Skopje for four years. He loans cows to local farmers to help them increase their herd and impact their community. Jeff connected with local business owner Gazmend Muharemi, who was then able to facilitate a partnership between one of the farmers who benefited from the cow bank and Poraka, the adult group home with which the Lees also partner. Poraka was able to benefit from the milk provided by the cow bank.

"It's been a wonderful experience," he said. "It is a cool thing to see all three of these groups coming together to create a partnership that they wouldn't have done without what God has been doing."

In addition to serving adults with developmental disabilities, Poraka helps their community recognize that people with disabilities are also their neighbors and a valuable part of society.

While Alicia and Jeff strive to be good neighbors to their community, they emphasized how the people they've met have been good neighbors to their family.

"We've been connected to families who have loved our family and loved us," said Alicia. "They've made us a part of their family, which is special to experience when we are far away from our own family. We've celebrated holidays with friends and shared our holidays with them. We've celebrated marriages and babies and walked alongside people in pain or who are going through a divorce. We've had an opportunity to walk through those things here with the people we love."

Jeff and Alicia want to thank their partners in the United States for their love and support. Whether people pray, give, or go, all support is encouraging to them.

Jeff Lee works with local farmers in Skopje, Macedonia, to improve their effectiveness and environmental impacts.



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Jeff and Alicia partner with the Food Bank of Macedonia to help people in their communities.





GLOBAL NEIGHBORS IN KENYA

by Grace Mitchell '19

What started as a meeting in the HSU cafeteria has grown into an international partnership with multiple departments of the university. When staff member Grey Hoff met student Kisemei Kupe three years ago, he quickly found out that Kupe had a calling to minister to his people in Kenya. Today, the two have partnered with the HSU athletics department, the cross country team, the President's Office, and the College of Health Sciences to empower and learn from people in Kajiado County, Kenya, Kupe's homeland.

To welcome the HSU guests to Kajiado County, the governor's office presented a ceremonial dance of the Maasai tribe to celebrate the unity of two nations and cultures. The dancers pulled in Sydney Tencate '20, an HSU cross country runner, teaching her the dance and adorning her with a Maasai headdress.



Irene Katete Nairowua, Director of Social Services; Jacob Tumate Sampeke, Chief Officer of Medical Services; and His Excellency Martin Moshisho Martine, Deputy Governor of Kajiado County meet with Kisemei Kupe at HSU.



BLESSINGS OVERFLOW

Kupe now serves the nations as HSU's Global Engagement Ambassador, where he works with international partners for the university. He also learns about ministry every day as a Logsdon Seminary student. Kupe knew that his community in Kajiado County had a need for medical and athletic equipment for its clinics and youth center. After HSU constructed the new Fletcher Fitness Center, he had the idea to donate the fitness equipment from the Mabee Complex, an idea that quickly won the approval of Hoff and HSU President Eric Bruntmyer.

When other members of the community heard what HSU was doing, donations began to pour in. Global Samaritan Resources donated medical supplies, including surgical equipment, wheelchairs, exam beds, and chairs. There have also been donations of school supplies, dental equipment, and an eye examination unit. The medical and fitness equipment will be delivered soon.

FROM KENYA TO ABILENE AND BACK

From May 20-27, the deputy governor, His Excellency Martin Moshisho Martine; the director of social services; and the chief officer of medical services visited the HSU campus from Kajiado County, Kenya to explore possibilities for partnerships with the university. They inspected the medical equipment to be donated, discussed a recruiting partnership with HSU's Global Engagement Office, and met Abilene Mayor Anthony Williams to learn about the city's health services, education, water services, and garbage collection. They also planned details for a visit by HSU's cross country team to visit later in the summer.



Kisemei Kupe, HSU's Global Engagement Ambassador



Representatives from the Kajiado County Government, His Excellency Joseph Ole Lenku (second from right) and His Excellency Martin Moshisho Martine (far right) gave Maasai shuka wraps to John Neese, Athletic Director; Dr. Joe McCormick, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy; Dr. Jill Jumper, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, and Eric Bruntmyer, President.



From June 25-July 5, the cross country team traveled to the Ngong Hills Facility with representatives from the Physical Therapy program and President Eric Bruntmyer. During their trip, the team trained with internationally acclaimed Kenyan runners. The governor, His Excellency Joseph Ole Lenku, welcomed the group to the Kajiado County headquarters by presenting each man with a traditional shuka wrap, and each woman with a wrap and earrings. The governor's office taught the HSU guests a traditional cultural dance of the Kenyan Maasai tribe and invited them to join in. The Maasai use this jumping dance to celebrate a new community.

"It was an intentional showcase of their culture, and they invited us in. We got to see the heart of the Maasai people," said Hoff, associate vice president for global engagement. "We're from another part of the world, but in that moment, we felt like neighbors."

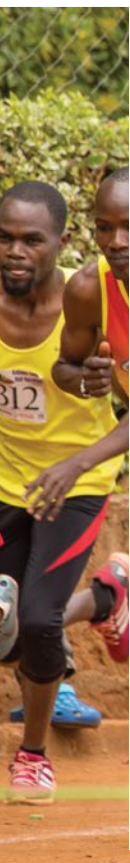
The County Governor's Office welcomed HSU guests with traditional Maasai dancing.

(top) The HSU Cross Country team trained in the Ngong Hills running facility and hiked beautiful trails overlooking the Kenyan landscape.
(bottom) The men's cross country team ran in the Kajiado County 2019 Athletics Championship.



The team experienced Kenyan hospitality during the Kajiado County 2019 Athletics Championship, a national competition. They were given jumpsuits with the HSU and County Government of Kajiado logos. They were even brought to a bush dinner—an outdoor buffet with a bonfire, where the team could observe African wildlife.

Derek Footer, assistant track and cross country coach, said he was touched by the hospitality shown throughout the trip. “Everywhere we went, they welcomed us with dances and performances. Eight to ten people would stand up and tell us that we were welcome here and that we could come back anytime. Hearing that from them never got old.”



While training at a higher altitude was a challenge for the team, the landscape was breathtaking. They also went on an African safari at Amboseli National Park, experienced the Maasai Market, and saw sights in Nairobi.

“The best part for me was getting to run in places we had only heard about on TV or in articles. Seeing those rolling hills and all that God created was a surreal experience,” said Zack Leggett, head track and cross country coach. “It was also really valuable for our students to have the opportunity to run with world champions, to see the way they train, and to talk to their coaches.”

Tyler Rohrman, a senior sports management major and member of the cross country team, said the trip has changed his training. “I try to run on a field or golf course instead of concrete now,” he said. “The Kenyan runners train three times per day, so I’ve upped my workout from one to two per day. I’m also eating from the grocery store more instead of going out to eat so much.”





The women's cross country team ran in the Kajiado County 2019 Athletics Championship. Pictured are Briana Cruz, Alex Fulton, Brittany Acosta, and Yadira Loera.

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—Zack Leggett

Sydney Tencate won 3rd place at the Kajiado County 2019 Athletics Championship.





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—Yadira Loera

HSU cross country runners served at AIC Childcare. Pictured are Nathan McEndree and Sydney Tencate.





HSU cross country runners played with children at AIC Childcare Center. Pictured are Leslie Gonzalez, Alex Fulton, and Briana Cruz.

In addition to training, the team participated in a community service project at AIC Child Care Center. AIC provides mobility devices and cares for children with physical disabilities. “They are empowering these children to be people in their communities,” said Sarah Neilsen ’17, HSU cross country trainer. “They had very little to work with, but they are still doing what we do here. It just looks a little bit different. They make use of what they have in a unique way.”

AIC also educates the community about disabilities, helping people to understand that disabilities are not a curse. The team helped clean the facility, cooked a meal, and played with the children.

Yadira Loera ’21, a junior nursing major and member of the cross country team, was touched by her time visiting AIC and a local hospital. “It gave me a different perspective and opened my eyes to a different world,” she said. “Seeing the joy on those kids’ faces was so heartwarming. I thought, ‘I wish I could stay here forever.’”

Rohrman and Loera both expressed gratitude to HSU for the opportunity to go on their first overseas trip. “Every division has perks, but not every division gives runners the opportunity for an international race,” said Rohrman.

After the cross country team returned home, Bruntmyer, Hoff, and Kupe traveled to Rwanda for recruiting events for prospective students and their families. More than 70 students were interested in coming to HSU, and several have begun the application process.



Members of the HSU cross country team enjoy a safari at sunset while visiting Kenya in the summer of 2019.

ONLY THE BEGINNING

Drs. Jill Jumper and Joe McCormick from the Physical Therapy program also attended the cross country trip to explore opportunities for a medical mission trip next year. While the two were only planning to observe the work being done, they quickly joined in and treated many of the children at AIC.

“They rolled up their sleeves and served dozens of kids,” Hoff said. “They gave up their lunch break to continue helping, and then when we had a day of rest, they decided to return to AIC to keep serving.”

The Physician Assistant program and Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing will take a trip to Kenya in February to assess medical needs and explore the possibility of a medical mission trip in the summer of 2021.

Kupe’s inspiration to connect HSU with his home county came from a Maasai elder who told him, “We have sent many of our people to America, and they forget about us. Don’t forget about us. Anything good you see, bring it back and connect it with us.” Kupe took the words to heart and remained dedicated to creating a partnership between HSU and Kajiado County.

“I want to see HSU and the members of Kajiado County work together in raising students and empowering people in my country,” said Kupe. “I have a lot to give back to HSU. HSU has given me more than I expected. I feel like I belong here, but I want to give back to my country.”





CONTINUED PARTNERSHIPS

Another way the HSU team is living out Kupe's vision is through a connection with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. PCEA was founded in 1891, the same year that Hardin-Simmons was founded. Like HSU, PCEA values Christian higher education. PCEA sponsors more than 1,000 schools, 250 private academies, and one university. The organization includes over 1,000 churches with 4 million members. They also support three mission hospitals.

In mid-October, guests from PCEA visited HSU to explore additional partnerships for the future. The guests included Rev. Peter Kaniyah Kariuki, PCEA general secretary; Rev. Robert Waihenya Ngugi, director of missions; and Rev. Lauren Scharstein Kariuki, deputy director of missions.

During the visit, the group met with HSU's Office of Global Engagement, Administrative Council, Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing, Physician Assistant program, Physical Therapy program, and Board of Trustees.

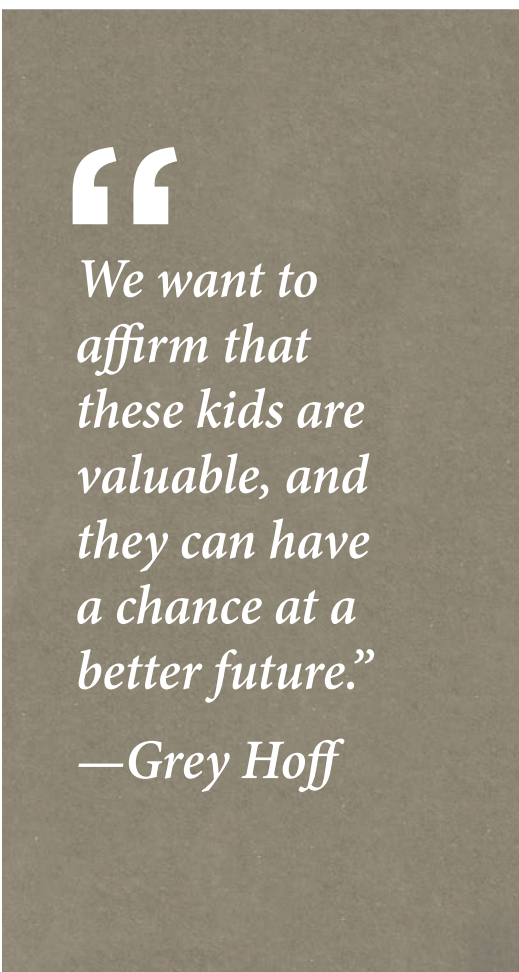
In addition to medical partnerships, the delegation discussed how HSU can could use its new Christlieb program to make Christian higher education available

for underprivileged students in Kenya. Because PCEA is located in a community where child marriages are common, it supports many children who are either orphans or were given up to avoid injustice.

"We want to partner with the local church and support ongoing ministries that are already happening there," said Hoff. "We want to affirm that these kids are valuable, and they can have a chance at a better future. Christian education is one of the keys to unlock that, and we want to partner with them to select the ones who are ready for that next step."

HSU's Christlieb program provides independent and self-supporting students the opportunity to attend HSU with their tuition paid for by one or more sponsors. While many students in Kenya can afford to come to HSU, many cannot. In addition to giving foster care children in the Abilene area the opportunity for a Christian education, HSU's goal is to give this gift to students all over the world.

"We can be neighbors even with a country that is over a thousand miles away," said Kupe. "If someone visits you, eats your food, and shares their resources with you, that's a good neighbor."



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—Grey Hoff



Associate Vice President for Marketing and Global Engagement Grey Hoff, second to the left, and Global Engagement Ambassador Kisemei Kupe, far right, pose with Rev. Peter Kariuki, Rev. Robert Waihenya Ngugi, and Rev. Lauren Wheeler Kariuki from the Presbyterian Church of East Africa.

Since 1909, HSU's first-year students have participated in the annual Beanie Capping ceremony, where their STAMPEDE leaders give them purple and gold caps that signify their freshman status. After the ceremony, students meet HSU upperclassmen and alumni who sign their new beanies at an ice cream social, pictured here.





Q&A

w/ Rachel King

Q: Your department recently launched the ACE. What is the ACE and what are you hoping to accomplish for students?

A: The Academic Center for Enrichment, known as the ACE, is an integrated, comprehensive center designed to bring together all academic support under one central area. In the past, all campus academic supports (formerly known as 'tutoring') were managed within specific academic areas: The Writing Center was managed by the English department and the Math Lab was managed by the Math department. Other tutoring opportunities were managed by the Academic Advising Center. Hours varied and locations were decentralized. About two years ago, we began imagining a way to bring everything together in a central location on campus to better serve the academic support needs of our students. On September 1, 2019, we officially opened the ACE!

The goal for the ACE is to train students to become agents of their own learning and to learn habits that lead to academic success through collaboration with experienced, trained students and with one another.

The ACE, located on the first floor of the Richardson Library, is now home to all academic support. This location allows us to offer extended hours across more days of the week, and it centralizes service which we believe is a better way to engage students, not only in academic support, but also in relationship with their peers. We see this as an important partnership in furthering a campus community of collaboration and support for all types of learners.

Q: Who is (or was) your role model?

A: My role models are the women in my family. They each modeled for me hard work, resilience, hospitality, resourcefulness, and commitment to their families. They modeled for me what it means to show up and care for people, even people who may be difficult to show up for. They sacrificed so much of themselves for their families, never once leaving any of us to wonder how much we were loved and cherished.

Rachel King has served in many roles at HSU, including director of financial aid and senior admissions consultant. King currently works as an adjunct instructor and the director for undergraduate advising and disability services.

Q: How do you relax?

A: I love to read, and watch shows on Netflix or Amazon. However, my favorite way to relax is to walk (slowly and ALONE!) through junk/antique/repurpose-type stores. I love seeing how old things have been made new again or thinking about ways I can give something new life in my home.

Q: What is your catchphrase or motto?

A: Currently, I'm trying to focus on what I'd call more of a mantra than a motto: Pay attention. I'm doing my best each day to pay attention to the ways God is at work in this world, to pay attention to the guiding of the Holy Spirit, to pay attention to the needs of others around me, to pay attention to the needs of my family and to my own needs.



Q: What book has changed your life?

A: It's hard to narrow this to one book, so I'll choose the book that most recently changed my life. Rachel Held Evans' book *Searching for Sunday* is a memoir (my favorite genre!) about her journey through faith exploration, written through the lens of the sacraments. The book is honest, smart, thoughtful and thought-provoking, raw, and redemptive. Since reading it, I've gone back to it over and over, learning from her experiences with the church, faith, and God. I think this is what a good book does: it teaches us new things about the world and other people, and it also helps us to see and examine ourselves more clearly.

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

A: My favorite part of working with students is watching them grow. I love being invited alongside them as they learn and discover new things about themselves and the opportunities ahead of them. It's a joy to have a front-seat view to transformation.

Q: What can HSU alumni do to help students through their academic careers?

A: So, I have three answers for this:

First, if you are able, please consider giving money to fund academic and/or need-based scholarships, academic support programs like the Academic Center for Enrichment (ACE), or mental health support through Counseling Services.

Second, partner with our Career Services office to provide internships for current students.

Third, share your story! Be honest with students about your own academic journey. Share with them the positive ways you dealt with stress as a student, and what study habits worked best for you. Encourage students to seek help when they need it and before it's too late to turn it around. Let current and prospective students know how your liberal arts education from HSU has helped shape who you are and what you are doing.

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

A: Just do the next right thing.

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CELEBRATING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

HSU is excited to celebrate the accomplishments of Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing (PHSSN) and the College of Human Sciences and Educational Studies (CHSES) for outstanding pass rates on their respective certification exams.

PHSSN Bachelor of Science in Nursing students achieved a 90.91% pass rate for the 2019 NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination). This pass rate exceeds the 2019 National NCLEX rate of 88.07%.

Students who took the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) Exams for teacher certification had a 100% pass rate on this exam and a 96% pass rate on content exams. HSU exceeded the state requirements for the 2019 Education Preparation Programs PPR rate of 85% and content exam rate of 75%.

Results like these are great examples of HSU's ability to prepare students to become successful in their careers and impact their classrooms and communities for Christ. President Eric Bruntmyer would like to recognize Dr. Donalyn Alexander, Dean of PHSSN, Dr. Perry Kay Brown, Dean of CHSES, and the faculty of these programs for their outstanding work.



Dr. Scott Brown

Associate Professor of Counseling & Human Development and Chair of the Department of Counseling & Human Development

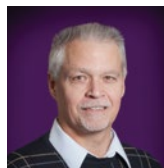
Dr. Brown attended the Texas Psychological Association annual convention and began aligning the Counseling & Human Development program syllabi with TEA standards for school counselor certification. He also organized and participated in the program's first study abroad course to Salzburg, Austria. Eight graduate students attended.



Mrs. Lauren Cantrell

Assistant Professor of Social Work

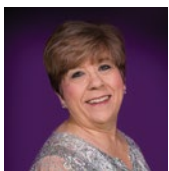
Cantrell was elected to the Texas Delegate Assembly of the National Association of Social Workers, NASW, in May.



Dr. Tim Chandler

Professor of Communication

Dr. Chandler led a class of communication students as they paired with six local organizations to work on advertising campaigns for a variety of events. The students then presented their work to the Texas Forts Trail board. This semester, Dr. Chandler also assumed the role of faculty advisor for The Brand. The newspaper is in the process of rebranding and is now published online.



Dr. Renee Collins

Associate Dean of the Irvin School of Education and Professor of Education

Dr. Collins published a devotional book entitled *Happy Thursday* based on the weekly devotional emails she has shared with her students over the years. She also directed a two-week summer literacy camp for 130 students from kindergarten to eighth grade. A grant from the Community Foundation of Abilene funded most of the camp.



Dr. John Davis

Professor of Management

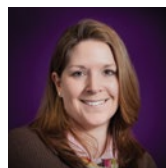
Dr. Davis published an op-ed piece in the Baptist Standard entitled "Double Check What Your Teacher Tells You."



Dr. Emily Dean

Director of the Houston-Lantrip Center for Literacy & Learning and Associate Professor of Education Studies

Dr. Dean, with the Houston-Lantrip Center, trained ten local teachers to serve as dyslexia specialists on their campuses. She also provided 25 hours of dyslexia and dysgraphia therapy to 15 Big Country elementary students in June and July.



Dr. Tiffany Fink

Professor of History

Dr. Fink presented a lecture entitled "Unladylike: Texas Women and the Slow Unfurling of the Right to Vote" in conjunction with the Grace Museum's exhibit, "Citizens at Last: The Woman Suffrage Movement in Texas" in June.



Dr. James Floyd

Associate Professor and Smith Music Librarian

Dr. Floyd coauthored and published a book entitled *Choral Music: A Research and Information Guide 3rd Edition* in June.



Dr. Rick Hammer

Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Hammer designed and taught two workshops, one for educators and one for childcare workers. A workshop in June allowed Abilene Independent School District middle and high school teachers to receive continuing education credit while participating in hands-on, immersive activities at Lake Kirby Nature Park in Abilene. A workshop in September provided local childcare workers with natural history skills and strategies to share these skills with the children in their programs.


Dr. Jennifer Hennigan

Associate Professor of Biology and Chemistry

Dr. Hennigan and Dr. Candace Wicks organized the fifth annual Health Sciences Summer Enrichment Program, HSSEP, summer camp funded by the Joint Admission Medical Program, JAMP. Dr. Hennigan also served as a 2019 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Exam Scorer in May, and as an abstract reviewer for the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, ABRCMS, in September.


Dr. Christopher Hollingsworth

Professor of Voice, Director of Opera and Director of HSU Chorale

Dr. Hollingsworth served as a Master Clinician for a Contemporary Commercial Music Workshop in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan in June.


Dr. Chaluza Kapaale

Assistant Professor of Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing and Undergraduate Program Chair

Dr. Kapaale earned his Ph.D. in Nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler. He successfully defended his dissertation entitled “Student Nurses’ Intention Regarding a Career in Perioperative Nursing: A Mixed Methods Study.”


Dr. Patrick Miller

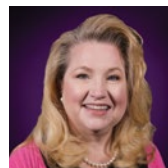
Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Miller renewed the contract for Year 2 of the NASA Grant that supports the International Astronomical Search Collaboration, IASC. In Year 1, HSU and IASC reached 2,200 schools in 80 countries, aiding approximately 20,000 students. Year 2 ends June 30, 2020, and IASC aims to reach 3,000 more schools by then.


Dr. Trube Miller

Associate Professor of Educational Studies

Dr. Miller submitted a grant proposal with Reach for a Difference to United Way in Abilene. Her proposal would create high school social skills groups at two local high schools for students with autism spectrum disorders and other learning differences to practice appropriate social skills while engaging in online gaming.


Dr. Valerie Miller

Assistant Professor of Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing and Graduate Program Chair

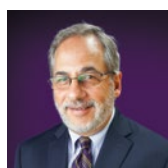
Dr. Miller earned her Ph.D. in Nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler. She successfully defended her dissertation entitled “The Effects of Nursing Education on Leadership Self-Efficacy, Motivation and Intent.”

Photo: Breyanna Manning '22 created a colorful mobile of paper birds for the 2019 art show hosted by HSU's chapter of the Kappa Pi International Honors Society.


Mr. Steve Neves

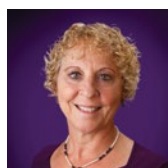
Professor of Art

Neves created and installed a bronze sculpture in the Abilene Story Book Garden called "Mr. Tiger." The piece accompanies many of Neves' other works in downtown Abilene.


Dr. Dennis O'Connell

Professor of Physical Therapy

Dr. O'Connell, along with Dr. Janelle O'Connell, received the Humanitarian Award from the American Physical Therapy Association. The pair established the HSU-PT Ministries program 20 years ago and continue to facilitate international mission work each year. On their 2019 trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand, the O'Connells presented research on children with disabilities at the International Child Development and Mental Health Conference. Drs. Janelle and Dennis O'Connell submitted the piece for publication in the International Child Development and Mental Health Journal.


Dr. Janelle O'Connell

Professor of Physical Therapy and Interim Dean of the College of Health Professions

Dr. O'Connell was named as the first Interim Dean of the new College of Health Professions. Dr. O'Connell, along with Dr. Dennis O'Connell, received the American Physical Therapy Association's Humanitarian Award for their mission work with the HSU PT department.


Mr. Jared Reynolds

Assistant Professor of Business and Associate Dean of Business

Reynold completed a field placement in fine arts over the summer, where he acted as a music teacher for a group of students. The course focused on the commercial music business.


Kathy Robinson

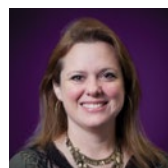
Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies

Robinson published an editorial book review emphasizing the importance of mental health education for Physician Assistants in the Journal of Physician Assistant Education.


Dr. Candace Wicks

Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Wicks and Dr. Jennifer Hennigan organized the fifth annual Health Sciences Summer Enrichment Program, HSSEP, summer camp at Hardin-Simmons University. The Joint Admission Medical Program, JAMP, funded HSSEP in 2019. Dr. Wicks is also preparing an MOU with Texas Tech University HSC in Abilene to provide undergraduate students with a volunteer research lab position.


Dr. Wendi Wolfram

Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Wolfram published Introduction to Scientific Research: Strategy and Planning, which provides a baseline for students interested in research in environmental and natural sciences to work from. The book both introduces new concepts for novice researchers and provides a valuable recap for more experienced researchers.

Photo: Dr. Meredith Stone speaks in Logsdon Chapel during the 2019 George Knight Lecture Series.

Happy Thursday

DR. COLLINS PUBLISHES DEVOTIONAL BOOK

At HSU, some professors pray at the beginning of class; others invite students to their homes for parties. Dr. Renee Collins, professor of educational studies and associate dean of the Irvin School of Education, encourages her students every week with an email devotional she calls “Happy Thursday.” After four years of sending these emails, Dr. Collins realized she had written enough to write a book. On Thursday, July 18, Dr. Collins held a book reveal for her new release, *Happy Thursday*.

In 2015, Dr. Collins taught an education capstone class for student teachers. The students

would often be deflated and in need of encouragement, so Dr. Collins led a time where students could share personal struggles and ask for prayer. One student told her, “I need you to talk to me on Thursdays” to push through to the weekend.

Dr. Collins then began sending emails late Wednesday night to encourage her students in the morning. They would generally have a quote, a Bible verse, and an anecdote related to the two.

“We all need motivation to press on,” she said. “The whole point of the email was to be uplifting—to encourage people with hope and remind them of the goodness of

God. I love encouraging and helping people see some glimmer of a silver lining.”

The email started with just a few students in Dr. Collins’ classes, but many other students, friends, and family members soon asked to be added to the list.

Dr. Collins’ book will reach many people whom she has never met, but her emails were doing that long before she thought to publish. One of Dr. Collins’ students shared the emails with a fellow teacher whom Dr. Collins did not teach. The teacher shared the email with the staff on her school’s campus, impacting an entire school with encouragement.

Dr. Collins’ email list has grown to about 170 people, and others share it with their friends as well. After a few years of this, many of her recipients encouraged her to compile her emails and get them published. After much prayer, Dr. Collins decided to begin writing a book to build up even more people.

“I want to provoke a confirmation about who the Lord is for those who know him, but I also want to whet an appetite for people who have never known who Jesus is, that they would inquire to know more,” she said. “I hope the book reflects who Jesus is, and also welcomes people to who He is.”

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Dr. Renee Collins published her devotional book, *Happy Thursday*, earlier this year. Collins has taught literacy and professional development courses in the Irvin School of Education for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students since Fall 2000.

In addition to writing the content of the book, Dr. Collins also designed the front cover. The winding road represents the journey of life, which sometimes has detours. The person on the road is carrying a backpack full of fear, doubt, and worry, symbolic of the load people carry. The person's hands extend to the sun, which represents surrender to the Son of God.

Dr. Collins is also working on a children's book about a prairie dog who follows Dr. Collins and her husband on their military travels. The prairie dog will encounter other characters with flaws and help them overcome them. The book will teach kids lessons in character and virtue. Dr. Collins also wants to incorporate lessons about the ecosystems and habitats in each of the places the prairie dog travels.

Dr. Collins' book is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.





Each fall, HSU hosts Pops at the Pond, a musical theatre showcase that includes both solo and group performances by students from the Theatre Department. This year, the cast of “Working: a Musical” performed the opening number to promote the first show in the company’s 2019-20 season.





CARD COWBOY

HSU GRADUATE DOYLE BRUNSON IS A TRUE POKER LEGEND

by Sean Chaffin

Clouds floated by on that trip to California in 1953. Hardin-Simmons University junior basketball star Doyle Brunson looked out the window on the first flight of his life. A big game awaited the Cowboys — a first-round matchup with Santa Clara in the NCAA tournament. It was a goal fulfilled for Brunson, who dreamed of an NBA career.

Fresh off scoring 20 points in a one-game tiebreaker win over Arizona, the team had earned the Border Conference championship. Brunson excelled on the court. At 6 foot, 2 inches and nearly 200 pounds, he averaged 16 points a game and was a rebounding machine.

He earned conference MVP honors and, as that plane flew over the western United States, dreamed of a deep run in the tournament — which featured only 16 teams at the time. Instead, the Cowboys were sent packing and visions of national championship were dead.

Despite the loss, Brunson's career was anything but dead. The Minneapolis Lakers spoke with HSU coaches about their MVP's skills on the hardwood.

"Some NBA scouts came down to watch me and said they were going to draft me the next year in the first round," Brunson says.





A stellar senior season awaited and Brunson was picked among the country's top players. That summer he landed a job at a gypsum plant in Sweetwater when the unthinkable happened. A one-ton load of sheetrock cascaded down from a forklift — breaking his right leg. It was a gruesome injury and bones protruded from the skin.

His basketball career was over in seconds. No senior season at HSU. No NBA draft. No big shots or rebounds for the Lakers.

But fate works in mysterious ways. Brunson's time on the court was over, but big things were ahead for this Texan. Still a competitor, another game soon took basketball's place. Brunson would trade rebounds for raises and hook shots for hold 'em.

In the coming years, Doyle Brunson would become one of the biggest names in poker — winning millions of dollars in the process.

WEST TEXAS BOY

Born in 1933, Brunson grew up in Longworth, located in Fisher County in West Texas. It was a small town and like many, the Brunsons owned a cotton farm. It featured a four-room wooden home with an outhouse and no running water. The home didn't receive electricity until he was 6 years old. Brunson enjoyed his life in the tight-knit community.

In high school, Brunson excelled at sports — all-state in track and basketball. After graduation, Hardin-Simmons offered a chance to extend his life on the court and earn a degree. He headed off to Abilene for college in 1950.

"It was one of the best times of my life," he remembers. "Most of the students were from the same background as me — off of farms and from small towns — kind of like the kids that I grew up with."

Studying education with plans to become a teacher and then principal, Brunson also went on to earn a master's in education administration. But during those first few years — hitting shots on the court was more of a focus than hitting the books. Academically, Brunson described himself as a "very average student."

"I had my heart set on playing in the NBA," he says. "That's what I concentrated on. After I broke my leg, I made good grades my senior year. When I was a graduate student, I think I made all As."

The championship team, games, and camaraderie still mean a lot to Brunson.

"It was one of the greatest times of my life," he says. "We had a very good team. We were conference champions and went to the NCAA playoffs. We just had a great team. I've stayed in touch with a lot of our team and I think there's only one who's dead from our championship team in 1953, which I think is pretty remarkable."

HARDIN-SIMMONS TO HOLD 'EM AND SEVEN STUD

While a basketball career was sidelined, it was in the dorms at HSU where Brunson learned the game that would be his passion and future career. He began playing poker during his freshman year.

"Obviously those games were for very small stakes, but they

were big to me at the time," he says. "That's how I learned to play poker and found out I liked it."

After a few hours betting and bluffing, Brunson found he could win a few dollars — good money at the time for a college student. Unlike some others, he was a consistent winner. Poker had always been something he'd seen in the movies, but he began to grasp the intricacies and skill involved to win.

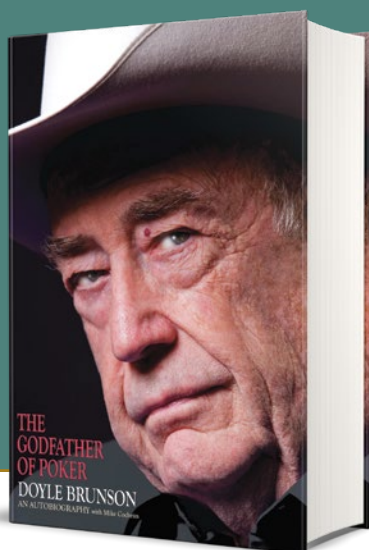
"As long as I was playing basketball I didn't play poker a lot," he says. "Then when I broke my leg I started playing much more. I played a lot more when I was a graduate student, traveling around to different universities where I had friends. I played poker to make my way through graduate school."

Those early games were for dimes and quarters, but Brunson would eventually be playing for some of the biggest

A TESTIMONY OF FAITH

"Yet from the depths of that barren and painful existence would come a NEW BEGINNING, it would come by the GRACE OF A GOD that I neither knew nor understood at that time"

In his 2009 autobiography, Brunson recounts the events that shaped him into the man he is today.



In addition to being "The Godfather of Poker," Doyle Brunson has had many spiritual experiences that have shaped his life. In 1975, Brunson lost his daughter, Doyle, due to a heart valve condition. He questioned how a good God could let such a tragedy occur and even contemplated suicide.

"Yet from the depths of that barren and painful existence would come a new beginning," Brunson writes in his book, *The Godfather of Poker*. "It would come by the grace of a God that I neither knew nor understood at that time, and through the support of my family and friends, including some of my poker-playing colleagues."

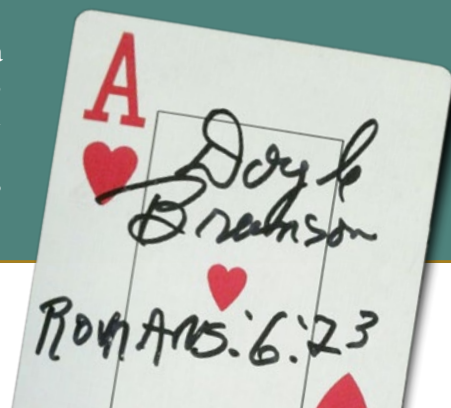
Brunson received counseling from his pastor and encouragement from his wife, Louise. Eventually, he began studying scripture, watching television preachers, and reading Bible study books.

Brunson's newfound love for scripture spread to his fellow poker players. For eighteen months, Brunson and his pastors hosted a Bible study for a group of players after their poker games. Brunson was joined by another former Hardin-Simmons football player,

Ernest Harold "Hayseed" Stephens. Hayseed was the number one draft pick for the New York Titans in 1962. As these Christian men taught Bible studies, some players were convicted to stop drinking alcohol and doing drugs.

Brunson has beaten cancer six times in his life. He attributes his healings to God and the prayers of his friends and wife. "I'm not a Bible scholar," he writes, "but Romans 8:28 explains everything better than I can. It says, in effect, that we know that everything that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into His plans."

Anytime someone asks for Brunson's autograph, he signs his name and adds a Bible verse such as, "Romans 6:23," which reads, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." He hopes that this small testimony to his faith can reach people he encounters from all walks of life.



stakes in the world. After graduating in 1954, he added his master's degree a year later. He took a job selling business machines, but found poker offered a chance for much more money. In just one three-hour session in a pool hall, Brunson earned more money than he would all month.

The sales calls were over and a new poker life began. Finding action at the tables wasn't easy back then, however. This was in the days before casinos were offering plush poker rooms. In general, the game and gamblers were considered seedy, and finding high enough stakes to make a living took some work.

Players traveled around the Southwest seeking out opportunities dimly lit backrooms and in smoky home games. Winning money at the table was one thing, but making it home with the cash was another. Carrying a gun to avoid robberies was a part of doing business. Brunson was a victim several times — with a knife once put to his neck and a gun in his face.

"That was a typical thing back in those days," Brunson says. "You had to be very careful getting out of those places because a lot of times people would be waiting on you. The thought that someone would put a knife to your throat just sent chills down your spine."

RAISING THE STAKES

Like his time back in the dorms, Brunson's winning ways at the tables continued through the years. He married and had children, but poker remained his means of earning a living. The stakes in the games grew and so did his bankroll.

By 1970 Brunson had been playing for years when Benny Binion, a Texan and owner of the Horseshoe Casino in Las

Vegas, dreamed up the idea of a poker game with the highest stakes. The World Series of Poker (WSOP) was born and Brunson was among the early participants.

The largest tournament, now known as the Main Event, cost \$10,000 to enter and also awarded a championship gold bracelet to the winner. The game featured No Limit Texas Hold'em and the winner was considered the world champion of poker.

Brunson won the Main Event twice — in 1976 and 1977. More events were added to the series in the intervening years, and Brunson would go on to win 10. He later moved his family to Las Vegas, where finding games at higher stakes was much easier — and carried a much lower risk of gunplay. He was inducted into the Poker Hall of Fame in 1988.

Along with his skills at the table, Brunson has authored several books including *Super-System*, which is considered one of the greatest poker strategy books. He and his son Todd, who is also a poker pro, also run the poker strategy site BrunsonPokerPro.com.

As poker boomed in the 2000s thanks to televised events showing players' hole cards for the first time and the growth of online poker, Brunson saw his status in the poker world grow. He was even the face of an online poker site, fittingly named Doyle's Room.

In 2004, the World Poker Tour's Legends of Poker was held at the Bicycle Casino outside Los Angeles, the largest event on the tour at that time. At age 71 and concerned his skills were diminishing, the HSU grad topped a field of 667 players for a \$1.2 million top prize. Brunson became the oldest

player to win a tournament on the tour — a record that still stands today.

"It was my most satisfying win in a long time, probably since my World Series Main Event victories several decades earlier," he wrote in his autobiography *The Godfather of Poker*. "It was even more important to me than the \$1.2 million first prize, though I didn't mind that at all, because I replenished my bankroll and shored up my formerly sagging confidence."

"If I hadn't done well in that tournament, I might have quit right then and there. But at this crossroads in my life, whatever doubts I had disappeared like the whirling dust devils that blew through my old west Texas prairie."

More poker followed and continues today at age 86. The World Series of Poker, now owned by Caesars Entertainment, continued to grow and this summer featured 89 bracelet events paying out millions of dollars. The action is covered by ESPN — coming a long way from those early days. Brunson has retired from tournament poker, but continues to play in some of the biggest cash games in the world regularly at the Bellagio, a luxury hotel and casino on the Las Vegas strip.

In an illustrious career that began in the dorms at Hardin-Simmons, Brunson has amassed \$6.2 million in tournament winnings and millions more in cash game play. While he hasn't been back to his alma mater in a while, Texas is always on his mind. He loved his time at HSU and has visited occasionally through the years for homecoming games. He began to be recognized more for poker than basketball.

"I'm a bit more infamous than famous," he laughs.

While he may have spent much of his life in underground poker games and in casinos, his Christian faith still remains a big part of his life. HSU was a fitting college choice for this cowboy. Those not familiar with poker may not recognize his importance to the game. Mike Sexton, former WPT commentator and now the chairman of the online site partypoker, offers insight into the impact of his longtime friend.

"Doyle Brunson is perhaps the biggest icon in poker history," Sexton says. "Perhaps most impressive is that he's played in, and is still beating, the highest stakes cash games in Las Vegas for 50 years. When you talk about the GOAT (greatest of all time) in poker, Doyle Brunson has got to be one of the names at the top of the list. The guy is a true legend."

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FALL SPORTS RECAP



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team continued to set records and won its second American Southwest Conference title in a row.

The Cowgirls won four of the six events it entered this season and qualified for the NCAA Regional. HSU also entered the regional rankings for the first time in program history late in the season. HSU was ranked 10th in the South/Southeast region.

Senior Sydney Tencate won the American Southwest Conference individual title. She destroyed the conference record with a time of 22:29 in the race and she won the race by 17 seconds.

Tencate will graduate ending her stellar track and cross country career for HSU.

However, the future is bright for the Cowgirls as four freshmen – Madison Hemenway, Shelby Schmidt, Riley Stirm and Lynda Farmer all were named to the all-ASC team after top 14 performances at the conference meet.

The Cowgirls placed 15th at the regional, which was the best finish in school history.



Cowgirl forward Hayden Abor '23 dribbles the ball past an opposing player from Texas College during HSU's first win of the season.

FOOTBALL

The Cowboys went into the 2019 season with high expectations and aspirations. HSU had gone to the NCAA playoffs four straight seasons and expected to be there again.

Coach Jesse Burleson's Cowboys opened the season with four straight wins and seemed to be heading the right direction. Unfortunately, HSU had its season turned upside down with a frustrating 38-27 loss to Texas Lutheran. It was a defeat that ended up stinging even more because it eventually left the Cowboys out of the playoffs.

HSU beat Belhaven 63-7 the next game and then went to Belton to play No. 1 Mary Hardin-Baylor.

HSU stood in and went toe-to-toe with the defending national champions and led the entire game until the scoreboard showed 00:00. Unfortunately, the Cru kicked a 42-yard field goal for the win as time expired to break the hearts of the Cowboys.

HSU closed the season with three straight convincing victories including a school-record 91 points against McMurry in the Wilford Moore Trophy Game and pitched a 45-0 shutout at East Texas Baptist before closing with a 49-6 win over Southwestern.

In the end, it wasn't enough in the eyes of the NCAA selection committee to get into the NCAA playoffs.

It was a record-breaking season for the Cowboys as the team established 10 new individual or team records.

Jaquan Hemphill became the school's all-time leader in touchdowns scored with 56 and rushing touchdowns with 46. He also finished second all-time on the career rushing list with 3,906 yards.



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Cowboy cross country team continues its rise toward the top of the American Southwest Conference.

The season started off with the home meet on Aug. 30 and freshman Eric Monroy announced his arrival on the scene by winning the first race of the year. He had a great season and was named the American Southwest Conference freshman of the year.

The Cowboys finished in the top three of every Division III race they competed in. HSU also was able to compete in the largest cross country race in the country at the Chile Pepper Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

HSU placed second at the ASC Championships that were held in Abilene and Tyler Rohrman finished second in the race and smashed the HSU 8K record with a time of 26:04. Rohrman, Monroy, Zach Mitchell and Sammy Magallen all earned all-ASC honors with top 14 finishes at the ASC meet.

The Cowboys ran in the NCAA Regional in Memphis, Tenn. to conclude the season and Rohrman lowered his school record to 25:58 and the team placed 18th overall. Rohrman placed 27th in the 267-runner field.



VOLLEYBALL

After a year's absence the HSU volleyball team made a return trip to the American Southwest Conference tournament after a strong late-season push.

HSU finished the year with a record of 12-13 but coach Sabrina Bingham's team has been restocked with a talented group of freshmen that helped pave the way to success for the Cowgirls. Triniti Anderson was named the ASC Freshman of the year for her performance and Hannah Huckabee, Hannah Langerman, Alicia Becerra and Chloe Calhoun-Rivera were all in the rotation for the Cowgirls.

The Cowgirls also had five seniors that graduated: Kyras Bailey, Sarah Bennett, Mary Johnson, Kaytlynn Lewis, and Ashley Pierce. Pierce set the HSU record for career assists with 2,957. Johnson was named the libero of the year in the ASC West.

HSU had some big wins throughout the season. They defeated Pomona-Pitzer and Aurora early in the season. Aurora has been nationally ranked this year. HSU also swept crosstown rival McMurry.

From left to right, Triniti Anderson '23, Sarah Bennett '20, Ashley Pierce '20, Mary Johnson '20, and Karlie Knappek '21 celebrate during a volleyball match.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Coach Marcus Wood and the Cowgirls soccer team knew going into the season they would be a young team; they had lost a lot of offensive firepower to graduation. Then the season began, and the Cowgirls were besieged by the injury bug. Six starters missed significant time or were lost for the season to injuries and even more of the young players had to step into significant roles. HSU started the season 0-2-1 with all three games being home games, albeit against good competition.

Fortunately, the Cowgirls had four very strong senior leaders that were able to help direct the younger players on what they needed to do to get the team back to championship level. Senior Taylor Bernal was named the offensive player of the year in the conference and senior Kendell Groom was named defensive player of the year. Morgan McAdams and Michaela Sabrsula were the other two seniors.

The Cowgirls won the American Southwest Conference Tournament. They were also awarded the right to host the NCAA Championships where they beat Southwestern University, 4-1, in the first round before falling to Trinity in the second round.



MEN'S SOCCER

It was a turnaround season for coach Dan Heger and the Cowboy soccer team. After winning just four games a year ago the Cowboys went 14-3-2.

HSU opened the season with a school-record 10 straight wins. Then the Cowboys' season took an unfortunate turn when senior captain Frane Vidosevic tore his anterior cruciate ligament in the game at LeTourneau. The Cowboys ended up losing that game. After that the Cowboys scored more than one goal in a game just two times the rest of the way.

With the Cowboys only losing Vidosevic and fellow senior Preston Hillis the Cowboys are built to have a strong team for the next several years. HSU has players from eight different countries on this year's team.

JAUQUAN HEMPHILL

Record
Breaker

3906
career rushing
yards

56
career
Touchdowns

36
single game
rushing
attempts

304
single game
rushing yards

336
career points



Much was expected of Jaquan Hemphill when he committed to Hardin-Simmons to play football. The speedster from Coleman was one of the top players in the Big Country. The fact that he chose the Cowboys surprised many, including HSU head coach Jesse Burleson, who thought he might get an athletic scholarship at another school.

“It was one of those deals where it was a great thing for both parties,” said Burleson. “He needed Hardin-Simmons, and HSU definitely needed Jaquan.”

Hemphill started his career on the HSU developmental squad because the varsity team was stacked with talented running backs. Playing in the Devo squad games gave Hemphill a burning desire to get on the field on Saturdays.

“I knew I had the ability to help our team,” Hemphill said. “I just had to create the opportunity...In the offseason, I hit the weight room. How could I get stronger?...What did I need to do to get on the field?”

Hemphill received his first start in the third game of his sophomore year. He rolled off 151 yards and a touchdown that game. He finished the year with 872 yards rushing, scored 11 touchdowns, and had 427 yards receiving with three more receiving touchdowns.

As a junior, Hemphill started off the season strong, going for over 100 yards four times in the first six games. Included in that was his NCAA record-setting game at East Texas Baptist. He rushed for 293 yards and seven touchdowns and had a 64-yard touchdown. His eight total touchdowns were a NCAA record for a game. His rushing and total yards marks both set new school records. He was featured nationally, including on ESPN.

“That was a special night, something I will never forget,” said Hemphill.

He had 1345 total yards rushing and receiving that year, scored 17 touchdowns, and was named the ASC offensive player of the year. He was on all the preseason All-American teams.

His senior year started amazingly, with 258 yards and two touchdowns in the opener at Trinity, 150 yards and three touchdowns at Louisiana College, and 225 yards and four touchdowns at Howard Payne. In the fourth game against East Texas Baptist he had 42 yards on three carries.

On that last carry on the second series of the game, he injured his shoulder, which eventually ended his season. He was leading the nation with 675 yards and nine touchdowns, and he was averaging over 11 yards every time he touched the ball.

Fortunately, Hemphill had played under the maximum allowable games, and he was granted a fifth year of eligibility by the NCAA. He had a strong season for the Cowboys, rushing for 1,321 yards and 12 more touchdowns. He had 11 catches for 190

yards and four more touchdowns.

In a playoff game against Texas Lutheran, Hemphill broke his own school record with 304 yards rushing, including an HSU record 97-yard touchdown run. In a game at Mary Hardin-Baylor, he had 148 hard-earned yards and toted the ball 36 times, which was another school record.

Hemphill finished his career with 3,906 rushing yards, which ranks second all-time at HSU.

“Playing at Hardin-Simmons made me a better person,” said Hemphill. “The lessons I learned from the game are great: how to get knocked down, overcome adversity, and still succeed. The lessons I learned from my coaches and teammates from all different walks of life on how to become a brotherhood, a family that has each other’s back no matter what, will help me for the rest of my life.”

Hemphill set 11 game, season, and career records at HSU and scored more touchdowns in the school’s illustrious football history than anyone who has ever played here. He will graduate with a degree in exercise science.

RECORDS BROKEN THIS FALL

FOOTBALL	CATEGORY	RECORD
Jamie Pogue	Season points by a kicker	84
Jaquan Hemphill	Longest rush	97
Brennen Wooten/Kevi Evans	Longest pass play	96
Jaquan Hemphill	Rushing yards in a game	304
Jaquan Hemphill	Career total touchdowns	56
Jaquan Hemphill	Career rushing touchdowns	46
Jaquan Hemphill	Rushing attempts in a game	36
Jaquan Hemphill	Points scored in a career	336
Defense	Fewest points per game	13.1
Defense	Fewest yards per game	232.3
CROSS COUNTRY		
Tyler Rohrman	8K	25:58
Sydney Tencate	6K	22:29
VOLLEYBALL		
Ashley Pierce	Career Assists	2960

PAINT WARS

A week before the beginning of the fall semester, first year students are welcomed to campus at Stampede, formerly called New Student Orientation. At Stampede, students make friends in their assigned color groups, learn HSU traditions, and participate in fun events.


At the end of the week, students enjoy one of the most memorable of these events — Paint Wars. Students begin with cheers and chants to pump up their teams. Then they compete in intense competitions between their color groups, all while being covered in water and paint.

A favorite element of Paint Wars is the giant slide created with a tarp, water, and soap on the intramural field hill. First-year students, Stampede wranglers, and even our president have enjoyed this memorable aspect of the event.

Students often take photos with their color teams during paint wars, celebrating the wild week they have had and the new friendships they have made.





A photograph of three students at a paint war event. In the foreground, a young man (Travis Johnson '23) is smiling, wearing a red bandana, a purple t-shirt covered in red paint splatters, and a red beaded necklace. He has red paint on his face and arms. Behind him, two young women (Faith Hicks '23 and Katie Henderson '23) are also smiling. They are wearing purple t-shirts and have red paint on their faces. They are all holding up the young man. The background is a chain-link fence and some blurred figures of other people.

Faith Hicks '23, Katie Henderson '23, and Kenna Hall '23 hold up Travis Johnson '23 at Paint Wars during STAMPEDE 2019.



SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT



A HUGE thank you to the amazing group of freshmen from Hardin-Simmons University that came out today and endured the heat to help make a family's dream of home ownership come true!! The difference these kids made in the community today is immeasurable. Call 325-670-0489 to find out how you can make a difference, too!



Habitat for Humanity Abilene

August 22, 2019



hi, ring dunk was fun, and i got a cute keychain to add to my 5 lbs key ring lol
p.s. we missed you cassidy!!



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September 17, 2019



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Hardin-Simmons Men's Basketball

September 18, 2019



Hoss is one year old today and we are here to celebrate!! He is our favorite cowboy and we want to show him some LOVE!! Happy Birthday and Go Cowboys! #We♥Hoss



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September 22, 2019



Took a few days to reflect over the past week and the turnout from our 2nd annual benefit Gurney Race. From the best costume to top fundraiser we would like to thank our sponsors, volunteers, and awesome board members for the work they put in to help make this event so successful. We couldn't have done it without you!

Race winner: Hardin-Simmons University PA

Top race fundraiser: Black Plumbing
Race costume winner: Hardin-Simmons University PA



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"What day is it?"
"It's the first day of Stampede," squeaked Piglet.
"My favorite day," said Pooh.
#winnieethepooh #redteam



Michala Huckabay
August 19, 2019



Our new team kicked off their first parade of the season with the Roaring Ranger Days Parade in Ranger, TX! Thank you for having us! @hsutx



thesixwhitehorses
September 21, 2019



Some people go through life looking for the path of least resistance. Others seek out challenge and things more difficult. This group stepped up and did something extraordinary. We had a tremendous experience at DFW MUN. All were superb— and Alex Hudson was named Distinguished Delegate in the Security Council and Noah Jones was named Outstanding Delegate in the General Assembly. Super proud of the whole team for taking the difficult and better path! #hsulife #hsutx #hardinsimmons #going2hsu



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September 21, 2019



Congrats to Coach Marcus Wood for recording his 350th career win tonight. Proud of all that you have accomplished at HSU. Thanks for the leadership you provide to our community.



John Neese
September 20, 2019

Looking to the Future

Your insight and wisdom are important to us. Proverbs 15:22 says “Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”

Recently, we surveyed many of our alumni and friends asking you to help us as we plan for the next five years. The results of this survey will guide us toward future goals. Our success depends in part on the wise counsel of our supporters.

Some of the projects/initiatives being considered include:

- Behrens Auditorium Renovations
- Scholarship Endowment
- Behrens Residence Hall Renovations
- Sid Richardson Science Center Addition and Renovation
- Equine Therapy Center
- Faculty Enrichment Endowment
- Softball Lights
- Six White Horses Truck and Trailer
- Christlieb Endowment and Direct Support

Almost all of our original surveys were conducted electronically through an e-mail link. If we do not have your e-mail address and you have not yet offered your insight, please share your opinions at connect.hsutx.edu/strategicsurvey.

A short description of each project is found on this site. For additional information, feel free to call our office at 325.670.1260.

If we don't have your current e-mail, phone number, or correct address, you may go to fund.hsutx.edu/alumniupdate to update your information. This will make sure you stay informed about everything happening on campus and our plans moving forward. We appreciate you, and we look forward to working with you to further enhance HSU's position as a leader in Christian higher education.

Mike Hammack

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

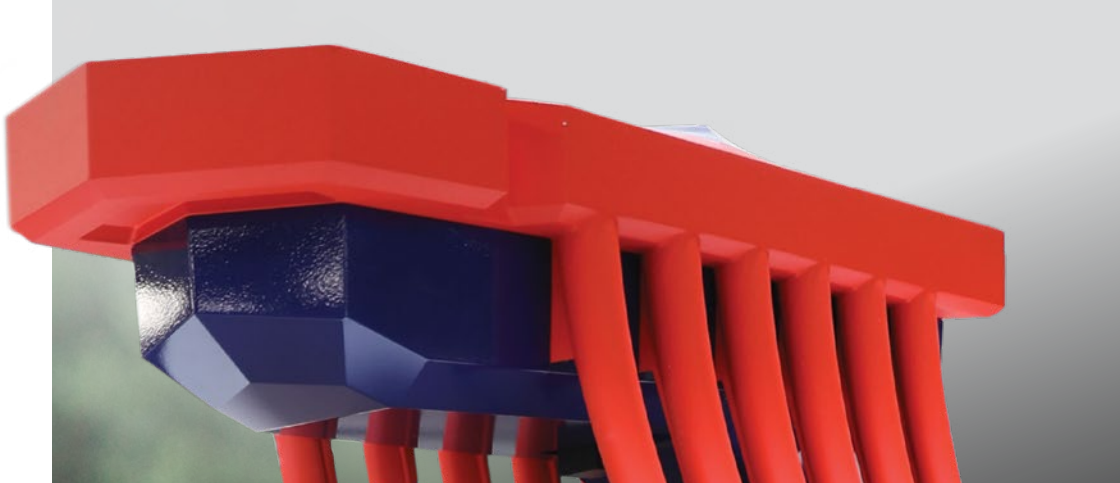


Smart Planning

Beginning in April 2020, we will offer Smart Planning Seminars for alumni and friends in select cities. As of now, plans are to begin in Abilene, the DFW area, San Antonio and Houston. Look for information via email. Cost for each seminar (including a meal) will be no more than \$15 per person. These sessions will provide helpful information for every stage of life – whether you graduated 5 or 50 years ago.

We also have valuable resources available to you at no charge. Simply type Hardin-Simmons University Planned Giving in your browser and look under More Resources tab. There you will find a free lesson book and a record book that you may find useful in your planning. While these resources are helpful, we always recommend that you consult an estate planning attorney.

SPREADING THE LOVE FOR HSU



The first things in sight at Innovation First headquarters are giant robotic bugs hanging from the ceiling and a large open-concept layout featuring colorful zones complete with toys, computers and people.

Keith Dodgen '05 is the Creative Director for his company which created the toy line called HEXBUG, the educational robotics program called VEX Robotics, and the server rack company called RackSolutions. The VEX Robotics Competition is the largest robotics competition in the world, and HEXBUG toys can be found everywhere toys are sold. They even have a toy license with the popular combat robots show, BattleBots. Keith's main job is to create TV commercials for the toys and inspiring videos for the robotics program, all right there on site in Greenville, about 40 miles east of Dallas.

Keith currently serves on the Board of Young Associates as the Vice President for the Dallas/Fort Worth area and genuinely loves HSU and faithfully supports the institution in a multitude of ways. At Hardin-Simmons, his creativity

was encouraged and developed by loving teachers, advisors, and friends. Below are some answers to questions that explain why he's so passionate about giving back to HSU.

Q: What is a favorite story or memory of HSU from your time there?

A: It's hard to choose just one, especially when you're a member of the Cowboy Band. But, during my freshman year, it snowed 12 inches overnight. Naturally classes were cancelled, so six of us from the band went out to Shelton Stadium in our cowboy hats, boots, and band jackets and took a great picture in the middle of the snow-covered field. I later incorporated that photo into a senior art piece entitled "Band of Brothers." The original photo is still on my desk today.

Q: How do you stay involved and connected to HSU?

A: For the past two years, I've had the privilege of serving on the Board of Young Associates, and currently serve as the VP of the DFW Area. It's a real joy to visit the campus, meet with other alumni and staff, and work together to serve HSU from our various parts of Texas and beyond. Additionally, it is heartwarming to meet up with old friends, and make new ones at the many great events HSU promotes, like the Texas Rangers games, local dinners, and more.

Q: Why did you choose to give back to HSU?

A: When I look at Hardin-Simmons, I see a place that will not only educate and instruct the next generation in their chosen fields, but will do so through the lens of the gospel. It's a place that is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ that will permeate a vast array of professions. This is the Great Commission lived out and demonstrated through a university, and I believe that's a mission worth supporting.

Q: What do you think other people should know about giving back to HSU?

A: I would encourage people that giving can look like a number of different things. Some examples include a monthly gift, volunteering your time, serving on a board, making HSU one of your beneficiaries, etc. Supporting our "university home" enables it to be home for future students and continue discipling the next generation.

Keith found a Band of Brothers, a family, when he attended Hardin-Simmons University. The lessons he learned there propel him forward and help him develop his skills to inspire creativity in a whole new group of people.



a look back

From the late 1930s to the mid-1940s, Hardin-Simmons had a Civil Pilot Training Program to train and certify pilots during WWII. The government-sponsored program offered training to those preparing to deploy during the war and took place on many college campuses.

While the flying lessons took place at Abilene Airfield, Professors Olsen and Burnan of HSU offered ground courses on campus in aviation, physics, meteorology, and navigation. Students from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene Christian College, now Abilene Christian University, McMurry University, and Texas Tech University participated in the program.

After WWII ended, the need for a pilot training program diminished, but the students' interest in aeronautics did not. Because of the high interest in pilot training, HSU started an aeronautics club. This picture shows members of HSU's aeronautics club in the late-1940s posing with one of the club's aircraft.

HSU's history is full of tradition. It is fun to look back on memories from the past of the Forty Acres, whether from 20, 30, 40, or more years ago. We, the Range Rider staff, would love the opportunity to share these memories with you!

In each edition of the Range Rider, we include an older photo, but we often lack some of the details, like names or information about the events shown. That's where you come in.

If you have any information on a photo you see in the Range Rider, or if you have a great historic photo that you would be willing to let us use in a future edition, please email us at rangerider@hsutx.edu.

If we decide to use your information or photo, we will send you a free HSU T-shirt.

We would love to hear your treasured HSU memories!







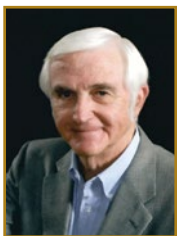
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John J. Keeter Jr. Alumni Service Award 2019

This award, given since 1970, is presented to alumni whose personal and professional accomplishments are exemplary of the ideals and aims of the University and thus bring honor to HSU.



HILTON HEMPHILL '63

In 1963, Hilton graduated magna cum laude from Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Arts in economics.

Upon graduation, Hilton entered Columbia University in New York City where he earned a Master of Business Administration. Following graduation, he married Carolyn Armstrong.

After two years serving in the U. S. Army as a Finance Officer, Hilton began his investment career by working on Wall Street as a securities analyst and later Director of Equity Research for the U.S. Trust Company of New York.

After twelve years, the Hemphills moved to Houston where Hilton became Senior Vice-President of Bank of the Southwest. They then moved to Dallas where he was President of MSecurities. In 1989, Hilton founded Hourglass Capital Management, a registered investment advisor, where he remained until he retired.

Hilton earned his Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 1973. He has served on the membership committees of the New York and Houston Societies of Security Analysts and later was President of the Dallas Association of Investment Analysts.

In Dallas, they were members of Park Cities Baptist Church where they served as Sunday School Department Directors and teachers, and Hilton was Chairman of the Deacons.

Hilton served as a Trustee of HSU, and as Chairman for three years. He has served on boards for the State Missions Commission and the Baptist Standard. He also served on the BGCT Administrative Committee.

Hilton and his sister, Rosa Lee Prichard Hemphill, are the son and daughter of Lee and Lunelle Hemphill, who made the major naming gift for the Lee Hemphill Music Building. They have both maintained the Hemphill legacy of service to HSU.

Hilton and his late wife Carolyn were blessed with four sons: Harlton and his wife Wendy, Hayden and his wife Mishal, Clayton and his wife Teresa, and Carter Hemphill. They have nine grandchildren.

Distinguished Alumni Awards 2019

This award, given since 1970, is presented to alumni whose personal and professional accomplishments are exemplary of the ideals and aims of the University and thus bring honor to HSU.



DR. CATHY (FISHER) ASHBY '82

Cathy Ashby served in AISD as a teacher, Assistant Principal, and Associate Superintendent for

Curriculum and Instruction. She led the partnership with HSU to establish Holland Medical High School, the first collaboration in Texas between a public school district and a private university. Her care for children goes beyond the schools. Today, as President/ CEO of the United Way of Abilene she's impacting the entire community.



JULIE (JOINER) HAMMER '94

Julie Hammer served as the Minister of Childhood Education at FBC Stephenville and Columbus Avenue

BC in Waco. She wrote VBS and Sunday School curriculum for Baptist Way Press and has led at the Childhood Ministry Summit. She has also been a supervisor in the Baylor Ministry Guidance Program. Julie is Children's Minister at FBC Lewisville.



BRIGADIER GENERAL RONALD "RON" HARVELL '83

Ronald Harvell is the Deputy Chief of

Chaplains for the U.S. Air Force at the Pentagon where he provides guidance on religious and moral welfare to 2 million personnel. Over his 33 years of service, he's had 19 assignments where he's served as the command chaplain for Air Force Central Command in Qatar, Air Force Global Strike Command in Louisiana, and Air Force Mobility Command in Illinois.

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BYA SUMMER RETREAT

1. The Summer Board Retreat focused on the theme of identifying your "why" for board service and giving back to HSU. In addition, the board set and planned their goals, events and initiatives for FY 2020.

RANGERS GAME

2. Fran Patterson '83 and her sister Scottie, enjoy the 3rd Annual HSU Day with the Texas Rangers.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

3. Lana (Hall) McCutchen '01 serves homemade ice cream to incoming freshmen during the Stampede Ice Cream Social.

BASKETBALL GOLF FUNDRAISER

4. Alumni and students played in the 2nd Annual Basketball Golf Fundraiser at Shady Oaks in Clyde.

ASTROS GAME

5. Current Alumni Association Board President, Jeannine Camacho '05 and BYA President, Shanna Smith Hetterley gathered for a photo during the Inaugural HSU Day with the Houston Astros.

LADIES LUNCH

6. A lunch gathering with HSU graduates from the classes of 1963 and 1964 at the George W. Bush Presidential Library.

JOE BLACK GOLF CLASSIC

7. Members from the 1969 Golf team got together during the 30th Dr. Joe Black Golf Classic

SAN ANGELO DINNER

8. Alumni and friends got together in San Angelo in September to share stories and hear what's happening at HSU.

PALO DURO CANYON

9. Alumni from around the state traveled to see Texas Outdoor Musical in Palo Duro Canyon.



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MEDIEVAL SOJOURN CRUISE

2020 ADVENTURES WITH HSU

New Orleans with the Cowboy Band
February 21–24

Best of the Holy Land - March *Sold Out*

River Life Along the Dutch Waterways Cruise
April 28–May 6

**Oberammergau Passion Play &
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The 2018-19 Six White Horses team rides in a parade through downtown Abilene.





Family NEWS

1950's

Mrs. Dorothy (Portwood) Caldwell '56BS, is blessed to still be living a fairly healthy life at the age of 85. Her husband Tom passed away in 2007, so she has not married again, or had a baby. She has 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren and is involved in the sanctuary choir and WMU at FBC, Amarillo, as well as the Gideon Auxiliary. She would love to hear from anyone especially those that were in the class of 1956; Dncaldwell34@yahoo.com.

1960's

Mrs. Barbara (Fields) Currie '60BS, has moved from Childress to be near her son and family in Southlake; Barbarafcurrie@gmail.com.

Mrs. Josephine (Linville) Ivey '67BS, was honored by Sarasota County Schools as the 2019 Senior Volunteer of the Year. Since retiring in 2013 she has volunteered at Riverview High School in various capacities accumulating countless hours in service to the school where she taught 35 years; JIvey91534@aol.com.

Mrs. Kaye (Robbins) Schwertner '69BS, and her husband **Charles ('68MA)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family at the JW Marriott Resort in San Antonio on June 20; schwertnerck@aol.com.

1970's

Dr. Tommy Culwell '73BA, is now a Chaplain at Hendrick Medical Center; tculwell@hendrickhealth.org.

Mrs. Patricia (Power) Parrish '75BM, retired after teaching in Texas, South Carolina, and Indiana over the course of 44 years so she could travel with her dog Prissie 2. She looks forward to many adventures; patparrish18@gmail.com.

Mrs. Susan (Parker) Montalvo '77BA, retired July 31 as Director, Account Sales and Services, Domestic US, American Heart Association; smontalvo715@gmail.com.

1980's

Mr. Burl Fulenwider '81BM, has a plumbing business in Austin and south Texas named Burl's Plumbing with a slogan of: "Who U Gonna Call? The Marine!" His son is married to Erin and he has a new granddaughter named Clover Marie! He also has a grandson named Cannon; blfulenwider@yahoo.com.

Mr. Jasper McClellan, '82Med, age 82, has had a call sustained by the Texas Presbytery to serve as Pastor of New Hope Presbyterian (ECO) Church in San Saba, Texas. jasnjean@suddenlink.net.

Cmdr. M. Alan Rogers '87BBS, '04 MDiv, recently reported to the 3rd Marine Regiment as the Senior Supervisory Chaplain of III Marine Expeditionary Forces in Hawaii. He lives in Kailua, HI, and can be reached at chapsgrogers@gmail.com.

Rev. Dan Wooldridge '88MA, has been pastor of Crestview Baptist Georgetown since 1995. The church awarded him with a King Ranch Pickup on his 20th anniversary. Crestview ministers to several thousand persons per week and has missions involvement in Texas, Maryland, the Pacific Northwest, India, Moldova, Romania, Great Britain, Myanmar, and Japan. The church also participated in evangelistic efforts in Mexico, Australia, the Dominican Republic, and Russia; Shannabethw@gmail.com.

1990's

Dr. Troy Hinrichs '91BA, co-authored a book with a colleague that was published in October 2019. He is currently a professor in criminal justice and law at

California Baptist University; thinrich@calbaptist.edu.

1 Mr. Shad Phillips '92BBS, retired from the Abilene Police Department in 2013. He is currently serving as an EMS helicopter pilot at Air Evac Lifeteam based at Hendrick Health System in Abilene; shadphillips66@gmail.com.

Mr. David Crowe '94BS, was promoted to Principal of Legacy of Educational Excellence (LEE) High School in North East ISD on June 27. He also just completed his 25th year in public education with 14 of those in school administration; dcrowe_55@yahoo.com.

2 Mrs. Julie (Joiner) Hammer '94BBS, met and married the man in God's plan, Clint Hammer, in 2006. They have two sons, Caleb, age 10, and Micah, age 8. She and her family live in Highland Village where her husband is the Director of Customer Service/Field Team Services for Strom Aviation. She is the Children's Minister at First Baptist Church Lewisville where she has served for five years; jhammer@fbclewisville.org.

Mr. Josh Bowerman '97BA, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to Germany. He and his wife Jennifer (Shimp-Bowerman) relocated from Williamsburg, VA to Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, UK in September where Jennifer heads up the advancement services team at the University of Cambridge.

Mr. John Hanna '98BBS, is currently an Independent Insurance Broker with Offenhauser & Co. in San Antonio; Runtheball73@gmail.com.

Mrs. Alison (Hodgin) Sims '99BBS, was promoted to Executive Director of Elementary Education in the Abilene Independent School District after serving four years as principal at Allie Ward Elementary in Abilene; alibrooke92@gmail.com.

2000's

Mr. Tim Ruse '06BBS, was promoted to Vice President at Anesthesia Business Enterprises Organization (ABEO Management Corporation); timothyfuse@gmail.com.

Mr. Tyler Daniel '08BBS, recently moved back to Abilene with his wife Brooke and two kids Alli and Grayson, where he will be the Worship Minister at The Well; Tyler@thewellabilene.com.

2010's

Mrs. Samantha (Thompson) Baker '10BBA, married Wade Baker on a gorgeous spring day (March 23) at Sparrow Creek Ranch in Graham. They continue to live in Abilene where she is a Regional Marketing Specialist for First Financial Bank and Wade works part time for his family's ranch business in Coleman and for Carroll Landscaping Designs; samethomp@hotmail.com.

3 Mrs. Kaylee Channell '12BBS, has been a kindergarten teacher at Wylie ISD for seven years and was nominated by her peers and awarded the 2018-2019 teacher of the year award for the Wylie Early Childhood Center; kchannell@wylie.esc14.net.

Ms. Amber Wessies '13BBS, moved to Jackson, TN and started a career as an academic librarian at Union University; amercwessies@gmail.com.

Mrs. Lindsey (Rawlins) Preston '15BBS, is now the Head Athletic Trainer for the Jarvis Christian College Bulldogs in Hawkins; lindseyjpreston@gmail.com.

4 Mr. Mathew Newton '15BBS, '16MED, married **Rebekah Elizabeth McAnally '12x** June 1 in Elgin, Oklahoma. The couple now lives in Waxahachie where he is the Offensive Coordinator at Southwestern Assemblies of God University. Rebekah teaches 6th grade for Midlothian ISD. Rebekah is also the daughter of Marleeta (Hawkins) McAnally '83BED; mat.newton74@gmail.com.

Mr. Garrett Laing '17BA, moved to Glasgow, Scotland and received his master's degree in Conflict Archaeology and Heritage from the University of Glasgow; garretto@hotmail.com.

Mr. Jason Pearl '18BS, began working for global engineering firm Tetra Tech on September 9. His new position title is Facility Condition Assessor. He works from

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home in Abilene, but has a head office in Colorado Springs, CO; Jason.w.pearl@gmail.com.

5 Mrs. Amy (Palivec) Parham '19BBS, married **Ryan Parham** '16BBS on June 15; Amypalivec@gmail.com.

Mrs. Karsten (Pippins) Offield '19BBS, married her best friend **Zach Offield** '19BBS, whom she met at HSU; Karstenooffield@gmail.com.

Mrs. Morgan (Culpepper) Pattillo '19BBS, married **McCade Pattillo** '19BBA on June 1; Mopattillo@gmail.com.



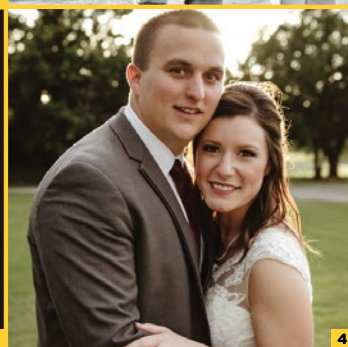
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Welcome to the **FAMILY**

Hudson Hicks, son of **Davis** '10 and **Hailey (Higgins) Hicks** '13, 3/18/19

1 Abby Alexander, daughter of **Jessica (Cameron) Alexander** '10 and **Collin Alexander**, 5/16/19.

2 Eleanor Tabors, daughter of **Dr. Christy Tabors** '19, 6/19/19.

3 Joseph Tubbs, son of **Kyle** '10 and **Kaily Tubbs** '12, 6/23/19.

4 Joy Hester, daughter of **Chris** '11 and **Rachel (McDonald) Hester** '12, 7/5/19.

5 Navy Ronalder, daughter of **Nick** '14 and **Jordan (James) Ronalder** '14, 7/22/19.

6 Lee Henderson, son of **Matthew** '15 and **Heather (Elliott) Henderson** '14, 8/6/19.



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Mr. David Hull '40BS,
7/26/19.

Mrs. Inez Faye (Baker) Robertson '41x, 9/1/19.

Mr. Tom Chavez '43x,
8/11/19.

Mrs. Ella Heloise (Trotter) Baker '44x, 6/3/19.

Mrs. Martha (Austin) Gafford '44x, 7/17/19.

Mrs. Dorothy (Stevenson) Parker '44BS, 7/26/19.

Mrs. Janie (Jones) Willard '46x, 4/26/19.

Mrs. Grace (Watanabe) Kimura '46BA, 3/19.

Dr. Arthur B. Smith '46BS, 8/15/19. Survived by son James Smith '89BBS.

Mrs. Marilyn (Hays) Hitt '47BA, 7/26/19. Survived by daughter Nancy (Hitt) Haddox '76BS.

Mr. Raymond L. Brown, Jr. '47x, 9/7/19. Survived by son Kenneth Brown '75BM.

Mrs. Betty (Jamison) Thomas '48x, 2/8/19.

Dr. Hollis Bivens '48BA, DAA '82, 7/22/19.

Mr. Jack Frazer '48BA, 2/4/19.

Miss Mary Lou Packer '48x, 7/21/19.

Mrs. Dona (Weldon) Farris '48x, 8/11/19. Survived by daughters Valerie (Farris) Redmon '73x and Karla (Farris) Dorsett '81BBA.

Mrs. Bettye Flo (Attebery) Erwin '49x, 4/5/19. Survived by husband Bob Erwin '49BS.

Mr. William Thomas, Jr. '49BA, 5/25/19.

Mrs. Christine (Jackson) Barnes '49BBA, 6/7/19.

Mrs. Faye (Reese) Southerland '49BA, 6/14/19.

Mrs. Mildred Elaine (Jones) Lewis '49x, 6/22/19. Survived by daughter Miss Cheryl Lewis '79x.

Mrs. Velma (Jones) Sager '49BA, 7/24/19.

Mr. Edsel Burford '49x, 8/5/19.

Mr. Kenneth Aston '49BS, 8/26/19.

Miss Sarah Lou Henley '49BA, 9/14/19. Survived by sister Annie May (Henley) Burt '54BS.

Rev. Rowland Gregory '50BS, 4/25/19.

Mrs. Nancy (Osborn) Bish '50x, 5/29/19.

Mr. Wilson Douglas Fletcher '50BA, 7/10/19.

Mrs. Joyce (Cauthen) Berryman '50x, 4/24/19.

Mr. Glenn Westenhovser '50BBA, 8/27/19.

Rev. Paul Stephens '50BS, 9/14/19. Survived by wife Joy (Dodson) Stephens '50x.

Mr. Vernon Chandler '51BS, 4/13/19. Survived by wife Naomi (Rainey) Chandler '51BA.

Mr. William R. Bond, Jr. '51BS, 6/9/19.

Mrs. Donna (Broughton) Hart '51x, 6/18/19.

Mrs. Belva (Wiggins) Whitfield '51BS, 6/26/19.

Mrs. Maxine (Ballard) Barnett '51BA, 7/10/19.

Mr. Clayton Meadows '51BS, 8/26/19.

Mr. Charles Corley '51BS, 9/4/19. Survived by wife Gayla (Vardeman) Corley '58x.

Mrs. Norma (Newman) Allgood '52BA, 6/3/19.

Mrs. Charlotte (Nichols) Jackson '52x, 8/3/19.

Mrs. Elaine (Carlisle) Nall '52BA, 8/2/19. Survived by husband Truman Nall '51x.

Mrs. Mina (Matthews) Lindsay '52BS, 9/15/19.

Dr. Jimmie Naugher '52BA, 9/23/19. Survived by wife Jacqueline (Miller) Naugher '53BM.

Mr. Bobby Lawson '53x, 4/17/19.

Mrs. Mary (Lassiter) Schmidt '53BS, 4/30/19. Survived by sister Ruthette (Lassiter) Swift '51BS and brother Don Lassiter '54BBA.

Mrs. Mary (Hubbard) Tyler '53x, 5/20/19.

Mrs. Marianne (Clark) Rankin '53BBA, 8/18/19.

Mrs. Anna LaJoy (Talley) Landers '53BS, 9/11/19.

Mrs. Dorothy (Neville) Graves '54BS, 4/15/19.

Mrs. Nancy (Hardy) Vann

'54BA, 5/17/19. Survived by husband Jimmy Vann '53MS.

Mr. James L. Welch '54x, 4/19/19.

Mrs. Mildred "Millie" (Downing) Braddy '54x, 8/23/19.

Mrs. Shirley (Blackwell) Blackburn '55x, 4/25/19.

Mr. Ernest Kanemura '55BA, 2/14/19.

Mr. David Dean '55BA, 6/12/19. Survived by wife Peggy (Narmour) Dean '55BA.

Mr. Billy Denton '55x, 8/29/19.

Mr. Bill Bradshaw '56BBA, 4/12/19. Survived by wife Christine (Moore) Bradshaw '71ME.

Mr. Phil Allen '56BA, 9/10/19.

Mr. David "Jumbo" Jackson '57BBA, 5/3/19.

Mrs. Joyce (Putman) Lackey '57BBA, 6/2/19.

Mr. Emerson Banack '57x, 7/31/19.

Dr. J.T. Ball '58BBA, 04/15/2019.

Mrs. Velma "Jean" (Gardner) Stevens '58BBA, 4/26/19. Survived by husband Weldon Stevens '55BS, daughters Debralea (Stevens) Sessions '82 BBS and Leslie (Stevens) Young '87x, son Eric Stevens '85x, and granddaughter Micaela Stevens '17BBA.

Mr. Bobby Siltman '58BM, '63MM, 9/8/19. Survived by wife Geneva "Sue" (Edington) Siltman '63BM and daughter Cindy (Siltman) Brown '87BED.

Mrs. Carol (Hennington) Carlisle '59x, 6/7/19.

Rev. Jack Calk '60BA, 7/19/19. Survived by Linda Jovonne (Taylor) Calk '59BS.

Mrs. Margaret (Yandell) Tidwell '61BS, 4/18/19.

Mr. Billy Dunlap '61x, 7/16/19.

Mrs. Durrell (Jenkins) Wilson '60BS, 3/14/19.

Mr. Dallas I. Christian '62BS, 4/28/19.

Mr. Clinton Jones '62BA, 5/31/19.

Mrs. Carol Rose (Miller) Francis '62x, 7/13/19.

Mr. Charlie Horton '63BS, 6/6/19.

Mrs. Della (Lewis) Rice '63BBA, 8/14/19.

Mrs. Suzy (Dooley) Thomas '64x, 5/23/19. Survived by mother Jo (Saladin) Dooley '65BS.

Mrs. Almarine (Rackley) Cotton '65BS, 4/11/19.

Dr. Larry L. Cunningham '65BA, 4/25/19.

Mrs. Juanita (Jones) Barley '65ME, 5/21/19.

Rev. Forrest Clifton "Butch" Pesch '65BA, 8/22/19. Survived by wife Nan (Laughlin) Pesch '87BBS, daughters Keri (Pesch) Farrell '85BBS and Sheri (Pesch) Bonsal '88BED, grandson Nathan Farrell '10BBA, granddaughter Rachel (Farrell) Boscamp '15x.

Mrs. Charlsie (Huston) Smith '66x, 4/14/19.

Mrs. Marjorie (Griffin) Chambers '66ME, 5/30/19.

Mrs. Mary (Myers) Douillard '66BS, 6/7/19.

Mr. Donald Dyer '66x, 7/10/19.

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Mrs. Mable (Foster) Calahan '67BS, 6/5/19.

Mrs. Carolyn (Short) Rinard '67BS, 7/12/19.

Mrs. Linda "Lin" (Lemons) Lovelace '68BS, 5/31/19.

Mrs. Texas Belle (John) Jurena '68BA, 1/14/19. Survived by sister Jo Ann (John) Dennis '58x.

Dr. Carl Trusler '68BA, DAA '05, 6/27/19. Survived by wife Jayne Middleton, former faculty.

Col. Robert "Bob" Matus '69MA, 5/3/19.

Mrs. Carolyn (Holloway) Buerk '69BBA, 7/19/19.

Miss Johnnie Parker '69x, 7/27/19.

Mr. Patrick Bennett '69MA, 8/4/19.

Mr. Joe Mike Jeffreys '69x, 6/2/19. Survived by wife Judy (Altum) Jeffreys '72BS.

Mrs. Donna (Neal) Bowman '71BS, 6/6/19.

Mr. Burnie Schumpert '71BA, 8/26/19.

Mr. Michael Ashby '71BS, 9/26/19. Survived by mother Elsie (Goins) Ashby '72BS, sister Brenda (Ashby) Downes '71x, brothers David Ashby '71x and Philip Ashby '80BBS.

Mrs. Tanya (Sheppard) Bartolick '72BS, 6/4/19.

Mr. Thomas "Tom" White '73x, 5/21/19. Survived by wife Peggy (Dennis) White '74BS and son Thomas Benjamin White '00BA.

LTC Leland Potter, Jr., US Army (Retired) '74MA, 6/24/19.

Mr. Buddy McIntyre '74BBA, 9/14/19. Survived by wife Nancy (Hooker) McIntyre '75x.

Mr. Charles Tim Stuerzenberger '76BBA, 07/01/2019. Survived by brother Paul Stuerzenberger '73BBA.

Ms. Elizabeth "Betsy" Brown '77BS, DAA 2005, 6/6/19. Survived by sister Sarah (Brown) Stafford '75BS.

Mr. Larry Moore '78BM, 6/29/19.

Mr. Samuel Peak '80x, 7/25/19. Survived by sister Lucy Kay (Peak) Robinson '72BS.

Mr. Richard "Dick" Danford '83x, Former Staff, 5/4/19. Survived by wife Susan (Dean) Danford '85BE.

Ms. Terri Kim Milligan '83x, 1/6/19.

Ms. Shirley Dunn '83MM, 7/20/19.

Mr. Tony Farquharson '84BS, 4/22/19.

Mrs. Melinda (Womble) Madden '89BE, 8/27/19. Survived by daughter Melody (Madden) Johnson '92MED and sons Paul Madden, III '89BA and Jason Madden '96BBS.

Mrs. Elizabeth "Liesa" (Wheeler) Miles '92ME, 2/12/19.

Ms. Perla Sanchez '06BA, 4/2/19.

Mr. Landry Blackstock '07x, 9/21/19.

Dr. George VanDevender, Former Faculty, 4/24/19.

Mrs. Amanda Lea (Notgrass) Alexander, Former Staff, 2/3/19.

Mr. Everett Woods, Former Faculty, 9/4/19.

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THE SECRET TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

TRAVIS CRAVER
HSU CHAPLAIN

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

—John 15:5

A Sunday School teacher wanted her first grade class to know about the different types of sin that could be committed, so she asked her students, “Does anyone know what the sins of commission are?”

A little girl said, “That is when you do something your mom tells you not to do.”

“Very good. That’s exactly right. Does anyone know what the sins of omission are?”

A little boy frantically waved his hand. He said, “Those are the sins you are supposed to commit, but you haven’t gotten around to them yet.”

That is how a lot of Christians act today. They think it is only a matter of time until they commit certain sins or fall prey to certain sins. But according to the Hosea 6:6, sin can and should be resisted. We don’t have to be victims to it. We can not only resist sin as a Christian, but we can grow stronger spiritually every day. However, we can’t do it in our own strength.

Jesus said the secret to spiritual growth is in abiding: “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you” (John 15:7). He said, “He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit” (verse 5).

Jesus was talking about a vine that would produce grapes. We need to sink our roots deep into a relationship with Christ. Abiding speaks of a continuing commitment. It’s producing fruit. It’s walking with God on an ongoing basis. Abiding takes time . . . and lots of it.

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