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SPRING-SUMMER 2023

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A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS



One of the most exciting experiences Elise and I have had was in the birth of our children. And with each birth comes excitement and hope. Excitement about a new life and hope for the future of a precious baby.

Each new school year is just like the birth of a baby and each new school year we have a fresh batch of students, full of energy and excitement! We also have new programs and new projects all wrapped in cooler fall weather!

In this Range Rider, I hope you get a sense of the excitement that we have for the fall of 2023!

This is just a small glimpse into the “new life” on campus, but don’t be satisfied with just a glimpse! We want you to come and enjoy the hope we have for Hardin-Simmons!

So, whether it is a concert, game, or homecoming, we welcome you back home!

President Bruntmyer commissioned a leather belt (pictured above) from Tony Garrett '82 to showcase the sentiment WE ARE COWBOYS, which he is excited to wear. In addition to working with leather to commemorate his connection to Hardin-Simmons University, Tony is the Associate Pastor at Southern Oaks Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas. He has traveled with the Traveling Range Riders, given to various campaigns across campus, and remains involved with the Cowboy Band and its foundation.

We are Hardin-Simmons University!
WE ARE COWBOYS!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters "EBT" in a cursive, flowing script.

Eric I. Bruntmyer
President



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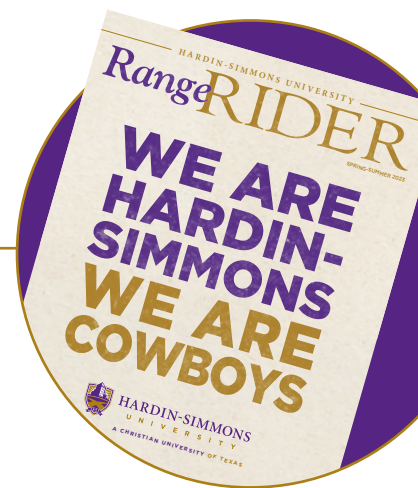
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ON THE COVER — WE ARE COWBOYS

Learn about our new branding campaign on the following pages. Help spread awareness of this new campaign by taking a picture while holding your *Range Rider* and tagging us on social media!

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WE ARE COWBOYS



Every few years, University Marketing launches a new branding campaign to recruit incoming students at Hardin-Simmons University. This campaign is used in everything from postcards to commercials, from t-shirts to stickers, and more.

Graphics, textures, and text are developed and used across various platforms, digitally, physically, and verbally.

With the aid of Up & Up, a higher-education marketing agency, HSU hosted several focus groups, surveys, and discussions to gather information to create a comprehensive brand representing the university.

HSU is ready to launch its newest campaign:
WE ARE COWBOYS.

The message behind this campaign is to be bold. Let's define what it means to be a part of HSU and tell the world who we are.

We are Christian Educators! We are Committed Leaders! We are Cowboys! We are Hardin-Simmons University!



BRAND PILLARS:

Our brand messaging is supported by three pillars. These three concepts are unique attributes to the university and explain who we are as cowboys.

COWBOY SPIRIT

The Cowboy Spirit encapsulates the characteristics and roots of this university. Cowboys are known for their grit, respect, faith, hard work, and authenticity, all of which have been instilled within Hardin-Simmons University since 1891. Our goal is to continue to carry along these traditions and bring a new generation of Cowboy Spirit into today's world.

ENLIGHTENED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

An Enlightened Christian Education falls right in line with our mission statement. Faith is at the center of everything we do at HSU. We are continually transforming our academic offerings while ensuring they remain rooted in Christian faith and values. We are proud to welcome students from diverse backgrounds and experiences and encourage them to pursue excellence in education while growing in the knowledge and practice of God's Word.

UNCOMPROMISED COMMITMENT

Everyone who comes to HSU, whether they are students, faculty, or staff, chooses to be here. They sought it out because of its Christian values, its Cowboy Spirit, and its commitment to excellence. It's that commitment that links us all together, driving us to be better people, better students, better teachers, and better servants of God.

SPREAD THE WORD

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends, now it is your turn to join us in recruiting our next class at HSU! Spread the word by sharing a picture, while holding your *Range Rider*, on social media. If you are aware of a prospective recruit, please email admissions@hsutx.edu or call (325) 670-1206 to receive HSU promotional items to share on behalf of the university.



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A FAMILIAR FACE STEPS INTO A NEW ROLE

A name and face we are all familiar with has moved into the Admissions Department at Hardin-Simmons University. Travis Seekins '96/'03 is now the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing, a role that oversees recruitment, admissions, and marketing.

Travis came to HSU in 1992 as a freshman and never left. "My life story is an HSU story," he shared. "Ever since I was 18, my life has been here. I met my wife and got engaged on campus; my kids were born across the street." Over the last 26 years, Travis has worked in financial aid, the business office, technology services, and strategic operations. He has a holistic view and understanding of the university and a strategic mindset that will, and already does, assist him in his plans for admissions.



Recruiting students is an art form. It requires strategy, dedicated people, and an exorbitant amount of time and energy. Over the years, HSU has recruited using traditional methods. Admissions counselors, who are the boots on the ground of recruiting, were assigned geographical territories and were responsible for attending college fairs in these regions to spread awareness of HSU. Because they were responsible for large swaths of area (Texas is a big state), admissions counselors were responsible for knowing everything a prospective student would need to know. This setup caused admissions counselors to be generalists, knowing the big strokes but not necessarily the details, and due to the time constraints of travel, developing personal connections was difficult.

As the new VP, Travis has implemented changes for the upcoming recruitment season.

REBRANDING ADMISSIONS

Rather than being generalists, admissions counselors will be specialists. Each recruiter is now assigned to specific programs (Health Professions, Liberal Arts, Business, Education/General Studies/Undecided, and Sciences/Mathematics) and will be an expert representing their assigned field.

Additionally, each admissions counselor will now be a part of a team to have a better and deeper understanding of their assigned programs. Before, each admissions counselor was an army of one; they will now work in partnership with faculty, deans, program directors, and student ambassadors representing each program. For example, an admissions counselor

recruiting education majors will work with education faculty and current HSU students majoring in education to best represent offerings and outcomes of the degree plan. This allows more contact points with the university, more focused and usable information, and creates relationships across the campus to engage prospective students and their families more.

Instead of traveling hours a day to designated regions in the state, admissions counselors will be targeted with their time. Rather than focusing on generic events where HSU is one of many in an overcrowded gymnasium, HSU will create events to garner the attention of targeted demographics.

True to Travis's background with technology, the Admissions Department now partners with various systems and software to enhance the recruitment experience and create more impactful relationships with prospective students. His goal is to create concise communications between recruits, faculty, staff, and students.

MOTIVATORS FOR CHANGE

At the core of these changes are three pillars.

1. **Be where others aren't.** College admissions can be a rat race, where repetition is key and the big names dominate spaces. Moving forward, HSU will create events and host special events to stand out among the noise.
2. **Be intentionally personal.** The Hardin-Simmons experience is already a personal experience. Faculty, staff, and alumni

already prioritize getting to know students once they're enrolled. Travis wants to take this a step further and apply this attention to prospective students. Through good 'ole fashion conversations and technology, the admissions team can make this impact with direct sales tactics.

3. **Be hyper-responsive.** Since admissions counselors won't be traveling as much, their time can be reallocated to conversing with prospective students and anticipating needs. With the aid of technology, admissions counselors can see real time engagement on the university's website and, in turn, immediately reach out to those individuals browsing the website and make contact.

Coinciding with Travis's move to admissions and restructuring of the department is the rebranding process (WE ARE COWBOYS) led by University Marketing. Combined, these changes have energized the teams involved with recruiting.

If you are aware of a prospective recruit we should be in touch with, please email admissions@hsutx.edu or call (325) 670-1206.

HSU Instagram

AMBASSADORS

Influencing current and prospective students to become connected with HSU



Ambassadors



Academics



Events



Abilene



Alumni



Apply2HSU!!



Athletics

One of the ways Hardin-Simmons communicates with prospective and current students is through its influencer program, called HSU Instagram Ambassadors. These ambassadors are current students who share their on-campus experiences on Instagram. By sharing and producing personalized content

focused on the student experience at HSU, these ambassadors encourage incoming students to ask questions about life at HSU and how to get involved.

The HSU Instagram Ambassador program was launched in 2021 by University Marketing, and, since then, the program has grown from one to seven active profiles, with 14 ambassadors in total who

have come and graduated. With diverse backgrounds, degrees, and interests, there is an ambassador for everyone to follow and connect with.

From students to influencers, these seven HSU Instagram Ambassadors are leading a new avenue of marketing for the university.

Meet the team!



Emily Uhl
@HSUTX_Emily

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Dylan Wiltcher
@HSUTX_Dylan

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HSU Ambassador | Senior
San Antonio --> Abilene, TX
Major: Communications
Minor: Biology & Honors
HSU Spurs | Sabers | Honors
| Career Services Student
Worker | STAMPEDE Steering
Committee



HSU Ambassador | Junior
Katy --> Abilene, TX
Major: Exercise Science
Minor: Pre-Physical Therapy
Football | PT Club



Lacey Bilyeu
@HSUTX_Lacey

...



HSU Ambassador | Junior
Pampa --> Abilene, TX
Major: Music Education
Choir | Chapel Band | ARD in
Lange Hall | SING! | School
of Music Council | Spiritual
Formation Student Worker



Josh Rivera
@HSUTX_Josh

...



HSU Ambassador | Senior
Lubbock --> Abilene, TX
Major: History
Minor: Philosophy & Honors
Honors | Supervisor and
Personal Trainer at UREC |
History Student Worker



DeMarcus Coleman
@HSUTX_DeMarcus

...



HSU Ambassador | Grad Student
Beaumont --> Abilene, TX
Master's Degree: MBA
Focus: Sport Business
Football | Off Campus Job |
SAAC



Andrea Ashburn
@HSUTX_Andrea

...



HSU Ambassador | Senior
McAllen --> Abilene, TX
Major: Exercise Science
Minor: Pre-Physical Therapy
& Honors
HScrU | STAMPEDE Steering
Committee | Sabers | Sangre
| Tour Guide | RA in the HSU
Apartments | Honors Council |
PT Club | Student Life | Honors



Alex Govea
@HSUTX_Alex

...



HSU Ambassador | Junior
Argyle --> Abilene, TX
Major: Worship Leadership
Kappa Phi Omega | Worship
Intern | Choir | BSM | Hunters
Gatherers Travelers





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The campus footprint is changing! Multiple construction projects are in progress and in various stages. The Hunter/Powell Family Facility (#1) opened in April. The Moody Center Dining Hall (#2) and Abilene Hall (#3) will open this fall semester, and the new female residence hall (#4) is slated for a 2024 move-in. Come to campus to check it out!



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ABILENE HALL TO HOST NEW NURSING PROGRAM

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord” -Colossians 3:23-24*

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that during the decade spanning 2021-2031, employment of registered nurses (RN) will grow nationally with 203,200 openings each year. Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 6% from 2021 to 2031 in the country.

This growth is even more concentrated in Texas. The Texas Workforce Commission predicts during the decade spanning 2020-2030, in-state demand for RNs will grow by more than 32,600 positions, an increase of 17.5%. Texas is the second highest employer of RNs in the country, with two metropolitan areas (DFW and Houston) listed in the top ten employment levels of RNs.

Locally in Abilene, Hendrick Health is currently hiring 1,000 nurses, and 2,120 more over the next five years.

Beginning in 2025, Hardin-Simmons University will offer an independent nursing program to help meet this need.

HSU'S HOME FOR NURSING

There is a strong history and foundation of health sciences at Hardin-Simmons University. The university has over 90 years shaping the medical workforce. HSU has been graduating nurses through its consortium, today known as The Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing, for over 40 years. Dating even further back to 1931, HSU has partnered with Hendrick Health to facilitate nursing education.

In 2022, the HSU Board of Trustees decided to begin the process of having our

own nursing school on campus. Pending SACSCOC and Texas Board of Nursing approval, we anticipate welcoming students beginning in the spring of 2025. Until then, HSU will continue the long partnership of educating and training nurses through the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing consortium.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIVENESS

Nursing is a diverse and dynamic field, which can lead to various career paths. Everyone who is called to nursing has a need to serve and, at HSU, servant leadership is at the core of the nursing program. The Hardin-Simmons University School of Nursing will be dedicated to servant leadership, a leadership philosophy that places serving others as the number one priority. Servant leadership focuses on nurturing, fostering, and empowering others, to generate a community of creativity, collaboration, satisfaction, and successful performance.

“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”
- Mark 9:35 (NIV)

A focus on servant leadership will shape the program, impacting everything.

Faculty and students will have opportunities to serve outside of the classroom by participating in mission work, both domestically and abroad. The School of Nursing, like other programs at HSU, will regularly incorporate service into its curriculum with yearly mission trips, fundraising projects, and volunteering. These opportunities provide curriculum and spiritual enrichment, creating unique and powerful moments for all involved.





Students who graduate from HSU will not just be competent nurses, they will also be caring.

The School of Nursing intends to offer a Telehealth certification, which will make HSU graduates more marketable and allow for non-traditional students to continue their education.

Another unique aspect of HSU Nursing will be its freshman foundation course. Most universities do not introduce nursing curriculum until a student's junior year, after admittance into the nursing program. At HSU, students will have the opportunity to enroll in a nursing foundation course as early as their freshman year, allowing students a hands-on experience earlier, leading to an informed decision sooner regarding a declared major and future career development.

Conversations are taking place across the medical community to ensure the curriculum written and offered at HSU meets the needs of the industry. HSU's program will reflect the demands of the real world. As a result of these conversations, on campus partnerships with HSU's chemistry, exercise science, and microbiology departments are already in the works to ensure graduates are cross trained in research, equipment, and cross-discipline understanding.

ON CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

A brand new, state-of-the-art facility will house the nursing program at Hardin-Simmons University. Skills labs and simulators will be in the classrooms to allow active learning.

Students in the nursing program will be integrated into campus and not siloed in their work. A successful caregiver is one who takes care of him/herself and experiences the beauty of the world; at HSU, students will have a holistic experience.

Additionally, students who are enrolled in the nursing program will have access to mentorship opportunities, community engagement, missions work, and active learning environments. Study abroad experiences will also be available for students.

PARTNERSHIPS

Hardin-Simmons University collaborates with other organizations, across industries, to enhance the student experience in and out of the classroom. These partnerships often lead to internship and mentorship opportunities and future job placement. The nursing program will continue this tradition of collaboration in multiple ways.

AIISD → HSU → HENDRICK HEALTH

HSU hosts Abilene ISD's Holland Medical High School on its campus. High schoolers who attend Holland Medical High School focus on medical training and can earn certifications in pharmacy, Diversified Healthcare Skills (DHS), CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant), and more. After graduating from high school, the natural progression is for these students to matriculate into HSU's nursing program. Having attended classes on the HSU campus, these students are already familiar with HSU culture and will possess the pre-requisites, like holding a CNA, to enroll in the program. Additionally, HSU offers a \$2,000/year scholarship to Holland graduates who achieve certification.

HSU has had a relationship with Hendrick Health since the hospital's inception in 1924. Located across the street from each other, sharing board members, and educational opportunities, the two entities have teamed up throughout the years to support each other and the Big Country. Hendrick Health is a faith-based institution, like HSU, and is dedicated to serving the people of West Texas by employing the best and brightest. HSU's reputation of graduating Christ-centric professionals makes them valuable and in

high demand at Hendrick. Graduates of HSU who are hired by Hendrick Health will have the opportunity to have their student loans paid by their employer.

This Abilene partnership of Abilene ISD funneling students to HSU, HSU channeling graduates to Hendrick Health, and then Hendrick Health employing alumni is a way to retain top talent in the Big Country and invest in our community.

CISCO COLLEGE

To enroll in the nursing program at HSU, applicants must possess a CNA certification. In order to fill this need, HSU is partnering with Cisco Jr. College to offer CNA certification classes.

JONI & FRIENDS

Like other programs on campus, a service and missions mindset will be a part of conversation and curriculum. Students will take the knowledge gained in the classroom and use it to meet real world and spiritual needs.

Joni & Friends is an organization "committed to bringing the Gospel and practical resources to people impacted by disability around the globe." In addition to their global relief projects, Joni & Friends hosts retreats throughout the U.S. Nursing students and faculty will partner with Joni & Friends in various capacities throughout their time at HSU.

COMMUNITY & RURAL IMPACT

The new nursing program will meet the needs of West Texas and the nation. Student recruitment will focus on our local area, in hopes that graduates will remain in the region, investing in and growing the local workforce.

One focus of the program will be on rural healthcare, with clinical rotations in rural hospitals to understand the crisis nearby communities are facing. Telehealth training and certification will also be offered to aid rural hospitals in the state.

GET INVOLVED!

Blueprints and planning are in effect for construction of the Nursing program's new space, which will be located on the third floor of Abilene Hall. Curriculum and community partnerships are underway, as well. If you would like to provide support financially, prayerfully, or otherwise, please contact Dr. Welling at sandra.welling@hsutx.edu.



“God is at the center of the program. Our leaders are Christ-centric and servants to the community.”

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Sandra Sexton Welling, Ph.D., RN, PAHM, CCM, CNE, joined the Hardin-Simmons University family earlier this year as the Founding Director of Nursing and Associate Dean for the College of Health Professions. Dr. Welling brings a love for Jesus, a wealth of knowledge, and a collaborative spirit.

Sandra has always been drawn to helping others by equipping them with the tools to improve their livelihoods. Her mother was a nurse, so from a young age, Sandra experienced the impact nursing has on the individual and community. Her mother led by example, and Sandra continues to extend a helping hand wherever she can, saying, “We need to give back. What kind of society would we be if we just take and not give back?”

At the core of everyone called to nursing is a desire to serve. Sandra’s focus on service is evident in the curriculum she and Assistant Professor of Nursing Laura Wade, MSN, RN, CNE, are developing for the new school of nursing.

Dr. Welling shared she is “most excited about creating a program founded on biblical teaching and social justice.” She genuinely wishes to empower those around her with the education, skills, and faith to change the world. Dr. Welling’s heart is large, her spirit and determination even more so.

She has experience in program creation and has facilitated the development of two MSN programs, a practical nurse program, extensive BSN expansions, hybrid BSN programs, and designed five simulation labs. She received the RN diploma from Methodist College of Nursing in Omaha, Nebraska, the BSN from the University Detroit Mercy, MSN from Regis University, Rueckert-Hartman School for Health Professions, and the Ph.D. from New Mexico State University.

When asked why she chose to come to Hardin-Simmons, she said, “This place is different. You can feel Christ permeate the campus; it feels good.” Reinforcing how Christ will be at the core of the nursing curriculum, she added, “I needed to be able to pray with students,” and, at HSU, that is possible.



Top Row, Left to Right: Mark Huffington '02/'04, David Stephenson '90/'09, Stacey McGrew '05, Andrew Eurek '17/'19, Jared Armstrong '18/'19, Boone Dugan '12/'14, Reilly McGee '21, Brian Bessent '96 **Bottom Row, Left to Right:** Chazman (Cooley) Dobbins '13, Elizabeth (Bygel) Johnson '20, Sherri Bowden '02, Jim Lowery '84, Dolores (Rios) Owens '91, Keely Eshelman '22, Melissa (Lohnes) Neese '93/'98, Robert Wiley '87, Brittany (Brazell) Adair '10

the ALUMNI CONNECTION

Across the street from Hardin-Simmons University is Hendrick Health, a non-profit healthcare institution that serves Abilene and the surrounding region. Since the hospital opened its doors in 1924, it has been linked to Hardin-Simmons. Both organizations prioritize servant leadership, community engagement, and empowering their people to share in prayer and good works.

Throughout the decades, Hendrick has grown alongside the community, offering a wide range of healthcare and community services. As a faith-based institution, many HSU alumni have found their way to Hendrick, which only continues to strengthen the relationship and history between the two institutions. Out of the hospital's 4,900 employees, approximately 180 are HSU grads.

HSU alumni who work at Hendrick, "are marked by their commitment to our mission: Delivering high quality healthcare emphasizing excellence and compassion consistent with the healing ministry of Jesus Christ," explained Rob Wiley '87, M.D., FAAP. As Hendrick's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Wiley continued, "Knowing the person who comes beside you is committed 'to doing everything as for the Lord' is paramount in our ability to serve our community."

Reilly McGee '21 is a Senior Accountant with Hendrick. While receiving an excellent education majoring in accounting, he is grateful for how HSU incorporated faith into his degree. At HSU, Reilly was shown how faith can be incorporated into daily life, and working at Hendrick allows him to live that life. Since working at Hendrick, Reilly has been able to get involved with the many

events and fundraisers the hospital puts together, and added, "These fundraisers help raise money for anything from Children's Miracle Network to breast cancer, and every little bit helps!"

Dr. Josh Leddy '07/'10 earned his doctorate from HSU's Department of Physical Therapy and works with Hendrick as a Senior Physical Therapist in Acute Rehab. "Praying with patients is one of my favorite aspects of Hendrick," shared Josh. He went on to say that HSU alumni are represented through their "knowledge base, work ethic, morale, and motivational teamwork."

Brian Bessent '96 is the Chief Administrative Officer for Hendrick South. As one who oversees administrative operations, he shared, "HSU students perform very well in our clinical settings and are well prepared

to enter the workforce.” Lauren (Wilson) Grant ’11, Nurse Manager of Oncology and OP Infusion Services, added, “The standards HSU sets for their students prepared me for the level of performance and the expectations of a growing medical industry.” She added of her class cohort, “The need for excellence and high expectations during school helped us mature, grow, and realize our potential before we hit the work force.”

As an Admissions Coordinator, Dr. Boone Dugan ’12/’14, PT, DPT, CSCS, FMSC, acts as the coordinator for all physical therapy students who work with Hendrick. “I am proud to say that there is a difference in the quality of students that HSU sends me,” said Boone. “I consistently see students that are more prepared, knowledgeable, and hardworking than any other school I work with. Because of this connection, we often hire former HSU students, and always have a great experience!”

“Hendrick Health offers a wide variety of internships and opportunities to volunteer within the healthcare organization and a wide variety of job opportunities for HSU students,” shared Elizabeth (Bygel) Johnson ’20, Hendrick Clinic Marketing Coordinator.

Jared Armstrong ’18/’19, Reimbursement Analyst for Hendrick, elaborated, “In one of the business classes I took at HSU, the professor would invite guest speakers.

Around a year later, that same guest speaker helped me get in touch with a director at Hendrick, and I eventually got a job. Because of the networking and connections I made with individuals at HSU, I now love what I am doing at Hendrick.”

“HSU was the starting point for my journey to medical school and residency training. I felt well prepared, not only academically but also for leadership and service. I had great professors like Dr. McNair ’84, Dr. Whitehorn, and even the choral director, Dr. Hawthorne,” said anesthesiologist Brad Butler ’97, MD, FASA.

From attending athletic events to serving on different HSU boards, many Hendrick employees continue to remain involved with their alma mater.

“My family still attends basketball and football games, and we take our boys back to show them where dad played football and where mom lived in the library during nursing school,” shared Lauren Grant. Sherri Bowden ’02, Abilene Market Director, Pulmonary & Neurodiagnostic Services, added, “I participate in golf outings that support the golf teams, like the Joe Black Classic, and attend basketball games!” Boone said, “I previously served on the HSU Alumni Board of Directors and still work out at the Fletcher Fitness Center!” Brad Butler added, “It has been a privilege to give back as an alumnus through various boards, including bringing

in current HSU President Bruntmyer and expanding numerous new programs.”

The long-time partnership between Hardin-Simmons and Hendrick Health continues with curriculum enrichment, hands-on training, and career development. Timothy Schmidt ’06/’11, Director, Property/Real Estate & Director, Hendrick Medical Center South Facility Management reiterated this, saying, “Hendrick and HSU are the two largest BGCT affiliated institutions in Abilene. There have been numerous partnerships over the nearly 100 years of shared history. Today, Hendrick needs to hire as many excellent graduates as HSU and other institutions can produce.” He concluded, reminding us, “The challenges facing healthcare and higher education are real, and these organizations are better when they work together for the betterment of the people they serve.”

Scan this QR code to meet a few of these HSU alumni working for Hendrick.





SERVE LIKE SIMMONS

Students, faculty, and staff joined together on April 13, 2023, to serve the community in various locations. The day was called Serve Like Simmons to remember the impact Dr. James B. Simmons had on the Abilene community and beyond and to emulate his work. Volunteers served at the Food Bank of West Texas, Big Brothers Big Sisters Abilene, the Salvation Army, and Boots on the Ground, all to serve the community of Abilene.

Alumni, we want you to join us for the next Serve Like Simmons! Be on the lookout for future communications.







PHYSICAL THERAPY *is more than just* PHYSICAL

*HSU DPT brings healing
and Christ through their
evaluations and treatments.*

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at Hardin-Simmons University is renowned for its student preparedness and its one-of-a-kind focus on servant leadership. The DPT program regularly incorporates service into its curriculum with yearly mission trips, fundraising projects, and volunteering with nonprofits, both domestic and abroad. These opportunities provide curriculum and spiritual enrichment, creating unique and powerful moments for all involved.

The drive for servant leadership comes from the DPT faculty. They themselves have set the foundation for mission work and provide an example for their students. “The Lord gave you skills to utilize,” explained Professor of Physical Therapy, Dennis O’Connell, PT, Ph.D., DPT, FACSM, also known as “DO’C.” The DPT faculty share their time and talents with those who need it most and create an environment where that behavior becomes second nature to their students.

The first DPT cohort joined the campus in January 1996, and, since that first semester, service has been a core component of the program. HSU DPT has been actively engaged in serving the poor and the underserved since the program began partnering with community agencies in 2000. DPT faculty and students have volunteered in several countries including Brazil, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, Mexico, Thailand, and Peru while also serving those in need

across the state of Texas. Their focus is to bring Christ to all they meet by assisting with wheelchair fittings, building construction, vacation Bible schools, or physical therapy evaluations and treatments.

Recent partnerships include Joni and Friends, Africa Inland Church, Presbyterian Church of East Africa, Habitat for Humanity, Boots on the Ground, and Medical Mission of Abilene, plus the clinic they offer each Friday on the HSU campus.

DO'C and Dean of the College of Health Professions, Janelle O'Connell (Dr. J), PT, DPT, LAT, ATC, Ph.D., FTPTA, were founding faculty of HSU's DPT program and continue to lead today. They both possess servant hearts and a drive to heal others through medical intervention and sharing the gospel. They have taken their students across the globe and across the street, pouring into neighborhoods near and far. In 2019, the O'Connells were awarded the Humanitarian Award by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) for their years of service. According to APTA, "the award honors individuals who exemplify the compassionate nature of the physical therapy profession by actively expressing a commitment to humanity and exhibiting admirable degrees of selflessness in addressing key health concerns."


Currently, every student who graduates from HSU's DPT program participates in service trips and is shown the impact of mission work. Director of Clinical Education, Beth Schaeffer, PT, DPT, C-DN, and Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, Joe McCormick, PT, DPT, Sc.D, COMT, OCS, are graduates from the HSU Physical Therapy program, respectively in 2000 and 2012, who learned under the O'Connells. After graduating from HSU, Dr. Schaeffer and Dr. McCormick continued to prioritize service opportunities and are both happy to be back at HSU, working with a program that emphasizes servant leadership.

HSU DPT's reputation of service reached the ears of the nonprofit Joni and Friends in 2015. Joni and Friends is committed to reaching and serving people with disabilities with practical help and the saving love of Jesus. They offer wheelchair customization, family respite, physical therapy training, and other services, all while preaching the gospel and empowering individuals and communities to be inclusive of individuals with disabilities. Joni and Friends has partnered with HSU DPT since, sending faculty and students throughout the state and abroad.

(left) Dr. Beth Schaeffer '00 poses with participants in Lima, Peru.

(top right) Dr. Joe McCormick '12 modifies a wheelchair for a patient. (bottom right) Dr. Janelle O'Connell and Dr. Dennis O'Connell smile for the camera.





At the end of the week, 130 wheelchairs were modified.

EMPOWERING OTHERS TO EXPERIENCE THE GOSPEL

In May 2023, DPT faculty were invited to travel on behalf of Joni and Friends to Lima, Peru. While this was HSU DPT's third time traveling to Peru with Joni and Friends, this trip was unique.

As a way to empower local communities and churches, Joni and Friends gathered physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and pastors from Ecuador, Colombia, Argentina, Peru, Brazil, and Venezuela to learn from HSU faculty, and in turn take that education to their home countries and continue to spread the knowledge. Joni and Friends has implemented this new initiative to impact communities in need that may not be receptive to outside help or safe for Americans to travel. By gathering key members from six different countries, DPT faculty were able to educate and evangelize, and watch their prayers leave with participants back to their home countries.

Prior to this trip, DO'C, Dr. J, Dr. Schaeffer, and Dr. McCormick, with the aid of other faculty, created a manual on how to modify wheelchairs to best suit patients. It provides step-by-step instructions on how to evaluate patients;

how to fit a person to a wheelchair; how to mechanically alter a wheelchair; and how to do this all safely. Correct positioning in a wheelchair is imperative for overall health: an aligned pelvis positively impacts one's spine, breathing, legs, and overall disposition, while mobility improves quality of life. While in Peru, Drs. McCormick, O'Connell, O'Connell, and Schaeffer taught with this manual.

Joni and Friends translated the manual, provided the space, transported the wheelchairs, and gathered participants who could take the knowledge back to their home churches, villages, and countries, improving the livelihood of community members. DPT faculty spent the first day going through the manual with participants. Afterwards, patients were brought in for practical, hands-on training. Patients ranged in age from 2-years to 90, all with various physical needs.

Throughout their time, the HSU faculty are always in prayer with and for their patients.

"Wheelchair distribution is just the mechanism to reach populations to share the gospel," explained DO'C. He went on to compare it to the proverb of teaching a person to fish. If someone is given mobility, they suddenly have access to community, to relationships, and to

church. At the heart of this event was to train community leaders to grant mobility to those who are disabled, housebound, and ostracized in their communities back home. Community leaders will then train more people, and like a ripple effect, remove the stigma around those with disabilities and create spaces to welcome those with disabilities and their families into the church and community.

James B. Simmons' foundation for Hardin-Simmons was "to bring students to Christ, to teach them of Christ, and to train them for Christ." HSU DPT emulates Simmons as they bring mobility to patients, teach patients the benefits of mobility, and train therapists how to bring mobility to others. By doing this, DPT provides the opportunity for engagement and access to community.

At the end of their week in Lima, 130 wheelchairs were customized, and 128 individuals (patients and their families) accepted Christ.

Scan the QR code to see and hear more about DPT's impact with Joni and Friends:
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WISHES

HSU's Chemistry Department Awarded \$75,000

It is documented that students who participate in research have a higher probability of graduation, job placement, and finding enjoyment in their field. The Hardin-Simmons University Chemistry Department has been awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Welch Foundation. The Welch Foundation, based in Houston, Texas, "is one of the nation's largest private funding sources for basic chemical research. Since its founding in 1954, the organization has contributed to the advancement of chemistry through research grants, departmental programs, endowed chairs, and other special projects at educational institutions in Texas."

Since 1997, HSU's Chemistry Department has been awarded department grants from the Welch Foundation. Department grants are funds that support undergraduate research, providing scholarships, equipment, and travel support. Over the years, HSU undergraduates have participated in original research that has sparked continued development, participation in academic conferences, and acceptance into elite graduate programs.

Due to HSU's successful involvement with the Welch Foundation, Dr. Jemima Ingle, Associate Professor of Chemistry, was invited by the foundation to apply for an additional grant, called an equipment grant. Equipment grants fund the purchase of large-scale equipment or instrumentation. Dr. Ingle applied on behalf of the chemistry department and was awarded a \$75,000 grant. These funds, along with an additional \$25,000 from the university, will purchase a gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer (GC-MS).

Dr. Matt Jackson, P.E., Dean of the Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics, shared, "This is a significant accomplishment on behalf of Dr. Ingle and her colleagues in chemistry. This purchase will expand an already robust portfolio of lab and research equipment." He added, "Academic training in science is fundamentally linked to hands on experience in the lab, and HSU is blessed to be able to provide a rich learning environment for students."



What is a GC-MS?

A gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer (GC-MS) is used to separate, identify, and quantify components of a mixture. The gas chromatograph (GC) portion of the machine pushes the mixture through a very long, small diameter tube where it interacts with a stationary phase, causing its components to separate, allowing a researcher to quantify and sometimes identify the components of whatever was tested. The GC can be used with both liquids and gases. The mass spectrometer (MS) portion of the machine detects the mass of a compound by breaking it down. From the fragments that are formed and their masses, the compound can be identified.

For example, a student could take samples of lake water and use the GC-MS to identify the various pesticides, herbicides, and pollutants in the water. The amount of each of those items in the water could also be determined. For another example, a student could take a sample of shale and determine the gas deposits within the rock. Both of these examples can lead to further study and environmental outcomes.

Goals for ACS Certification

A 5-10 year goal of the Chemistry Department is to earn American Chemical Society (ACS) Certification in all of its chemistry and biochemistry degrees. ACS certification is difficult to achieve for smaller universities due to the lab equipment and faculty requirements set by ACS. Over the years, HSU has been procuring instruments for student learning and research, creating labs to prepare students for work environments.

Over the past five years, the department has purchased a Fourier-transform infrared spectrometer (FTIR) and nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer (NMR), as well as a high-performance liquid chromatograph (HPLC). These instruments, along with the GC-MS, bring HSU one step closer to ACS certification.

Get Involved!

The Chemistry Department is incredibly active on and off campus. Students attend and present their research at regional and national academic conferences. Additionally, every fall semester, during National Chemistry Week, the department hosts its magic show, where students showcase various chemical reactions to an audience of peers, staff, and children.

The work of skilled chemists is all around us — from the synthetic fabrics we wear to the fuel we pump into our vehicles to the food we consume. To get involved with the chemistry department, reach out to Dr. Kenny Stephens, Department Head, at kstephens@hsutx.edu.



a look back

We are not clowning around when we say how excited we are about the upgrades and construction currently underway in the Newman-Richardson Science Center.

Pictured are Dianne Bowden '68 and Paul Christman '69 conducting an experiment in clown costumes. In the 1960s, the drama department created a production called *The World of Science in Sid Richardson Science Center* (now called the Newman-Richardson Science Center).

To see progress of the construction inside the Newman-Richardson Science Center, scan the QR code below.





EXPERIENCE **HSU** THEATRE

Pops at the Pond

Anderson Lawn/Van Ellis
Sept. 22 | 5:30 P.M.

Honk!

Van Ellis Theatre
Oct. 5-7 | 7:30 P.M.
Oct. 7-8 | 2:00 P.M.

Women and Wallace

Down Center Stage
Lab Theatre
(in Van Ellis Theatre Basement)
Nov. 2-4 | 7:30 P.M.
Nov. 5 | 2:00 P.M.

Crimes of the Heart

Van Ellis Theatre
Nov. 16-18 | 7:30 P.M.
Nov. 19 | 2:00 P.M.

Director's Cut

Van Ellis Theatre
Feb. 3 | 7:30 P.M.
Feb. 4 | 2:00 P.M.

The Ballad of Maria Marten

Van Ellis Theatre
Feb. 15-17 | 7:30 P.M.
Feb. 18 | 2:00 P.M.

24-Hour Shakespeare

Van Ellis Theatre
Feb. 24 | 7:00 P.M.

Smoke on the Mountain

Van Ellis Theatre
Apr. 11-13 | 7:30 P.M.
Apr. 14 | 2:00 P.M.

DirectFest 2024

Van Ellis Theatre
May 3-4 | 7:30 P.M.

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SEASON



Shelton Stadium received new turf during the spring and is ready for the fall season!






Women's basketball coach Kendra Whitehead '03 earned her 100th win as the coach of the Cowgirls.

100

ONE HUNDRED WINS AT HSU



A photograph of a basketball game in progress. A player in a white jersey with the number 2 is in the air, shooting a basketball. Other players in white and black jerseys are visible on the court. In the background, there is a scoreboard and a large banner for HSU. The caption "Hallie Edmondson taking a free throw." is located in the top right corner.

Hallie Edmondson
taking a free throw.

SPRING RECAPS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Cowgirls had another stellar season under head coach Kendra Whitehead '03 as the Cowgirls went 24-4 and three of the four losses came to Trinity. HSU swept through the American Southwest Conference season for the first time since 2003. HSU was ranked as high as No. 8 in the nation at one point in the season.

HSU had a strong senior class of six players and four of them are expected to come back for a fifth season. The Cowgirls won the first NCAA Tournament game for the school since a run to the Final Four in 2006.

Natasha Blizzard and Parris Parmer were both named honorable mention All-Americans by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Blizzard averaged 11.3 points, 9.3 rebounds, and shot 66.1 percent from the field. Parmer did it all for the Cowgirls and averaged 10.4 points, 5.7 rebounds, 3.6 assists, and was named to the all-defensive team.


MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Cowboys came close to an American Southwest Conference title this year, before falling in the ASC Championship game to East Texas Baptist. HSU finished the year with a record of 19-9.

It was also a banner season for Steven Quinn, who moved to second all-time on the HSU scoring charts and was named a Josten's Trophy finalist as one of the top 10 players in the country. He was also named all-region and became the first four-time first-team all-ASC performer in ASC basketball history.

The Cowboys will return four starters from this year's team and will be expected to be one of the top teams in the league once again. HSU loses Quinn and seniors Aidan Walsh and Austin Arnold.

Junior Will Bartoszek was named second-team all-ASC and junior center Austin Brewer was an honorable mention all-ASC selection.



Cole Antonelli running toward home base.



BASEBALL

The Cowboy baseball team had another solid season and advanced all the way to the American Southwest Conference Championship game, before falling to eventual College World Series participant East Texas Baptist.

HSU had an up and down season but won six of its nine ASC series and finished fourth in the ASC standings.

Senior Colby Seltzer had a stellar season for the Cowboys, in his only season in the program. He tied the school record with 16 home runs and set the school record with 127 total bases. He was named an All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association and was named a first-team all-ASC selection.

The Cowboys will return nine starters next year and most of its pitching staff.




SOFTBALL

It was a tale of two seasons for the HSU softball team in 2023. They showed their tremendous potential early in the season by winning their first eight games and 19 of their first 22 games. In that were wins over three ranked teams including, fourth-ranked Texas Lutheran.

The Cowgirls reached as high as No. 18 in the national rankings. However, with injuries to two of its top pitchers, HSU stumbled down the stretch losing 12 of the final 16 games. HSU finished the year with a 26-15 overall record and went to the American Southwest Conference tournament.

Pitcher Kaylen Washington was named NFCA all-region for the second time in her career. Brittanie Henry, Audrey Solomon, Sarah Diessner, Kaylen Washington, and Haven Williams were the seniors on the team and several have the opportunity to play a fifth year if they want.



Jacy Smith measuring the ball for a backhand swing.

MEN'S TENNIS

For the third straight year, the men's tennis team played Concordia in the ASC Championship. The Cowboys had two different chances to clinch the title but lost a 5-4 match to finish in second place.

James Moore, Desmond O'Shea, Nathaniel Schoendorf, and Davyn Williford had been mainstays in the Cowboy lineup for the last four years and they all completed their eligibility with the Cowboys. All four were named all-ASC.

Brice Bradshaw was named the newcomer of the year in the ASC after transferring in and playing No. 1 for the Cowboys. Williford was named the ASC sportsmanship athlete of the year.


HSU finished the year at 12-7 and were nationally ranked during the season.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Cowgirl tennis team had another excellent season, winning the American Southwest Conference title and hosting the ASC Championship. The Cowgirls lost to UTD in the championship match.

HSU finished with a record of 11-7 on the year. Jacy Smith was named the ASC Most Valuable Player for the season. She was one of six Cowgirls named to the all-ASC team.

It was the end of the road for six Hardin-Simmons seniors – Briane Dumas, Emily Kite, Taja Lawrence, Lauren Schaeffer, Priscilla Schimming, and Smith. The group played in three straight ASC Championship matches.



Jacob Wright takes a big swing with his driver.

MEN'S GOLF

The Cowboys placed sixth in the American Southwest Conference Championship in Alexandria, Louisiana. Junior Anthony Browning led the way for the Cowboys, finishing sixth and earning all-tournament team honors for his performance.

Four-year players Bobby Jonson and Jonathan Hester finished their career this season as the Cowboys had a team that featured five freshmen, four sophomores, a junior, and the two seniors. Each showed the ability to go low and the future is bright for the Cowboys.


One highlight of the season was Jacob Wright hitting a hole-in-one at the Hal Sutton Invitational during the season.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Hardin-Simmons' young women's golf team showed great improvement throughout the season and the team featured all freshmen and sophomores.

Freshman Allison McGinnis showed a season-low 73 in the final round of the ASC Championship. She and sophomore Alexi Buff were named honorable mention all-ASC.

All six Cowgirls will be back next season along with a handful of talented recruits. The Cowgirls are expected to continue their improvement next season.

A full-page photograph of a female athlete, Danielle Peña, running on a purple track. She is wearing a black tank top with 'HSU' in yellow and purple, and a bib with the number '2'. She is in mid-stride, looking forward. In the background, another runner is visible, and the track is lined with blue and white flags.

Danielle Peña with a big lead toward the finish line.

A purple silhouette of a female athlete in a running pose.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

The HSU women's track and field team had another successful season despite having several of its top athletes out with injuries down the stretch of the season. The Cowgirls finished in second place with 191 points at the American Southwest Conference Championship.

Kylah Holland was named the track athlete of the year after winning four events at the ASC Championship. She won the 1,500, 5K, 10K, and 3K Steeplechase. She also placed second in the 800 meters and won the top-scoring athlete of the meet. Lynda Farmer was named the ASC Sportsmanship Athlete of the Year.

Janae Greene won the ASC title in the high jump. She'Ray Wilson defended her ASC title in the triple jump and Kiki Gonzalez also repeated with a win in the shot put. The 4x400 team of Honor Knott, Danielle Peña, Danielle Sauls, and Nikki Tolbert won the ASC crown as well.

A purple silhouette of a male athlete in a running pose.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Much like the women's team, the men's team dealt with a rash of injuries, including to Parnell Shands, an NCAA qualifier in 2022. The Cowboys finished the season fifth in the ASC Championship, which Hardin-Simmons hosted.

Nathaniel Finch defended his shot put title for the Cowboys. He was named first-team all-ASC. Layton Ranson earned a second-place finish in the long jump and Garret Rothans also finished second in the high jump.

ATHLETIC NEWS

WELCOME

Former Cowboy soccer player Brad Bankhead '00 has taken over the reins of the Hardin-Simmons men's soccer program. He had been a very successful coach at Mary Hardin-Baylor before coming back home.

Kendall Crisp has taken over the HSU volleyball program. Prior to this, Crisp had served as an assistant coach in the program.

NEW PRESS BOX AT HSU SOCCER FIELD

The Grape Street Complex continues to receive upgrades! After new bleachers and covered bench seating, the field will get a press box for the first time in the history of the field.

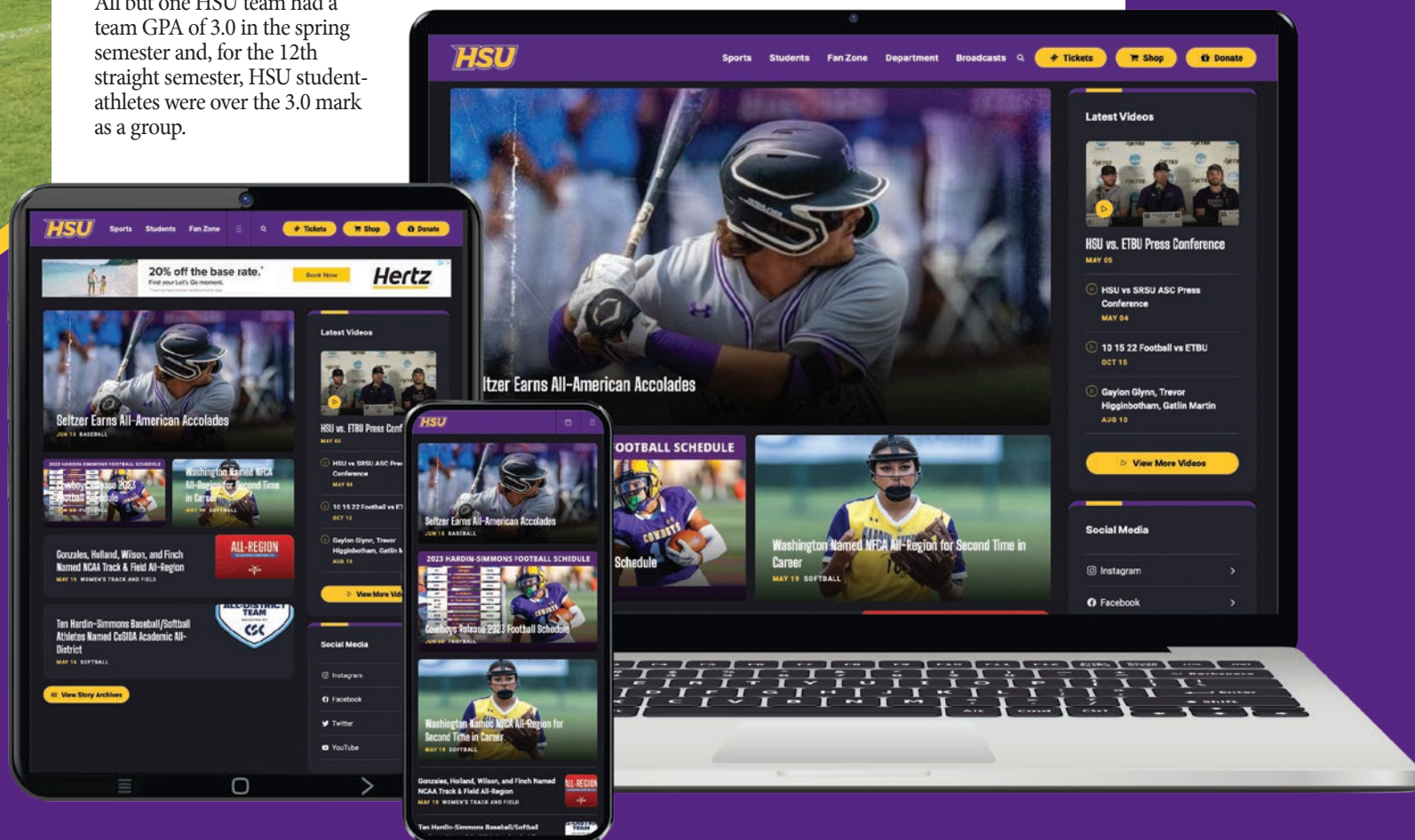
3.0 AGAIN

All but one HSU team had a team GPA of 3.0 in the spring semester and, for the 12th straight semester, HSU student-athletes were over the 3.0 mark as a group.

New press box at the Grape Street Complex.

NEW LOOK ON THE ATHLETIC WEBSITE AND APP

HSU Athletics launched its new website and app in June. The department has partnered with SIDEARM Sports, which is the No. 1 sports website hosting company in the nation.





A DAY

IN THE LIFE

**WITH STUDENT
ATHLETE:
DYLAN WILTCHER**

A TYPICAL TUESDAY

5:30 A.M. Wake up. Text the family thread, "Good morning!"

6:00 A.M. Workout in the Jake Sandefer Fieldhouse with the team. My favorite exercise is the bench press, so I spend extra time doing that.

7:00 A.M. Run home to eat breakfast (protein shake and breakfast taco) and grab my backpack for the day.

8:00 A.M. Class... Advanced Anatomy

9:30 A.M. Chapel (time to take a nap, jk!)

10:30 A.M. Class... Chemistry 2 (Note to self, clean my safety goggles for lab later this week.)

12:00 P.M. Eat lunch at the Caf with friends. (It's chicken fried steak day, my favorite!) I can't wait for the Caf remodel to be done by the fall!

1:00 P.M. Go to the library to knock out some homework. The third floor is the best spot for studying...and not studying.

2:45 P.M. Watch film with the rest of the team before practice starts.

3:00-5:30 P.M. Football Practice outside at Shelton Stadium.

6:30 P.M.

Go to Buffalo Wild Wings with some teammates. Order my go-to meal of a dozen lemon pepper wings with side of fries.



8:00 P.M. Get home to finish homework and chill.

10:00 P.M. Time to get ready for bed and unwind by watching a few episodes of *Suits*. Can't stay up too late because of workouts in the morning.

SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT

Stay connected!
Follow HSU on
social media:



I appreciate these guys for all of their hard work! A family that eats together, stays together!!

[t](#) **Thomans Niles**
April 12, 2023



Officially an HSU cheerleader. I am so so excited to have the opportunity to be a part of an AMAZING team! I couldn't have done it without my family, friends, and coaches throughout the years! I am beyond blessed and cannot wait to see what God has for my future!! Go Cowboys!

[i](#) **baleigh_grace22**
February 25, 2023

Our "Frisbical Therapists"
#ultimatefristbee #intramurals

[i](#) **HSU DPT 2024**
April 2, 2023



Hardin-Simmons University covered the town with purple and gold yesterday. Students, staff, and faculty spread out across town to volunteer and we were so thankful for the time they spent at our facility. They scrubbed our kitchen, washed our food truck, sorted thrift store donations, cleaned the parking lot and landscaping, all in just over ONE HOUR. Special shout out to the Hardin-Simmons men's soccer team who all joined in, THEN did their regular workout and practice for the day.

[f](#) **The Salvation Army of Texas**
April 14, 2023






I could not be more proud of this team! We have worked so extremely hard this year, put our all on the floor, and it definitely showed! I love y'all so much and I'm so blessed to be able to do what I love with y'all by my side.

 **landribayless**
March 29, 2023




Go Cowboys

 **taylor_bessent23**
June 10, 2023



Greeting the kids at Ortiz Elementary on their way to class this morning!

 **hsucowgirlsoftball**
April 21, 2023




Irish Inspiration Cruise, Day 4- Today, our ship anchored in colorful Cobh, a seaport town on the south coast of County Cork, Ireland. Traveling Range Riders visited Blarney castle, explored in Cork or the village of Kinsale, and enjoyed views of rolling green hills and farmland along the route.

 **HSU Traveling Range Riders**
July 9, 2023




Next month I will graduate with my bachelor's degree in kinesiology along with minors in health and psychology. First, I want to thank TAMU for all of the relationships, opportunities, and memories I have made the past four years. I will always have a special place in my heart for this campus, but don't worry, I will be back soon to visit ;)

I will continue my education at Hardin-Simmons University in the fall to pursue a doctorate of physical therapy. GO COWBOYS!

 **georgiaannreed**
April 22, 2023




@HSCowboys being involved in @abileneisd Austin Elementary High Five Friday. #ServantLeadership #HOOYAH

 **Burleson**
March 26, 2023




To the people that keep me insane...I mean sane...

 **Gabe Gallegos**
May 1, 2023



Congrats to #HD71s Mycal Carrillo on his induction to the @HSUTX Athletic Hall of Fame!

 **Stan Lambert**
May 5, 2023

speak LIFE

hsutx.edu/speaklife

Beginning in fall 2022, Hardin-Simmons shifted out of the silent phase of the \$35 million speakLIFE Campaign and into the promotion phase, with a challenge goal of \$45 million. Thanks to the generous support of the HSU community, as of the end of the 2023 fiscal year, we have raised over \$27 million. This is definitely something to be celebrated!

On behalf of our students, faculty, and staff, we wish to thank everyone who has already donated in support of HSU's speakLIFE campaign! We are enormously grateful for the generous and faithful support that has brought us this far.

As we continue with our speakLIFE campaign, of course, we are still in need of additional donors and support to reach our goal. We would appreciate it if you would please share this giving opportunity with your personal network, who may also be looking to make a positive and lasting difference.

Thank you for continuing to speakLIFE into the HSU campus and students.

Cowboys speakLIFE!

Ash Wright '05

Vice President for
Advancement
and Engagement





PROVIDING *for* BEHRENS CHAPEL

HSU has an overall goal of raising \$8 million for Behrens Chapel. Our goal for a phase one remodel is \$1.3 million. You can join us speaking LIFE into not only HSU students, but the entire HSU community!

Behrens Chapel is central to HSU's mission of an education enlightened by Christian faith and the speakLIFE campaign is instrumental in advancing that mission. Through its many designs, expansions, and uses, Behrens Chapel

continues to serve as a visible reminder of the core Christian culture and conviction that permeate HSU. It is the place we gather each week to worship and nurture the faith journeys of students, faculty, and staff.

Restoring Behrens Chapel provides us the opportunity to redesign the facility to make it modern and flexible. Creating a space that reflects the heritage of the original chapel, allows the foundations of Hardin-Simmons University to thrive— foundations of honesty, humility, and

truth found in the word of God, modeled in the life of Christ, and growing in the hearts of the Church.

While the structure may change, the legacy of HSU's Chapel remains the same.

YOU CAN SPEAKLIFE!

At present, HSU has raised \$1.2 million toward our goal of \$8 million for Behrens Chapel.

The prayer and financial support of friends and family like you are vital.

Learn more and follow our progress at www.hsutx.edu/speaklife!

To hear how Behrens Chapel impacted alumnus Steve Bezner '97/'99, scan the QR code below:



THANK YOU!

Hardin-Simmons University is grateful for a \$600,000 challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabree Foundation. Thanks to your help, we raised the necessary \$2.4 million to receive the \$600,000 match. This \$3 million will go toward the restoration and renovation of Newman-Richardson Science Center.





BOARD of DEVELOPMENT

To promote HSU | To recruit students for HSU | To seek and obtain gifts for HSU

The Board of Development (BOD) is made up of alumni, exes, and friends who desire to support Hardin-Simmons University. Board members are charged with supporting the university through promoting the school, recruiting students, and providing financial support for the various schools, athletic programs, and capital projects within the university.

The BOD is now divided into five councils which allows each member to focus their time and attention on their assigned area. Each of these councils

are in alignment with Institutional Advancement, working together toward the goals of:

1. Increasing raised funds for specific areas on campus.
2. Identifying new prospective donors.
3. Energizing board members to work more closely with faculty, staff, and HSU Advancement.
4. Developing a working road map to ensure future success for the BOD.

Additionally, BOD members are tasked to provide guidance and insight regarding fundraising, networking, and planning to ensure maximum impact is achieved for each college and school; make a meaningful effort to engage with university faculty and staff; and attend board and council meetings regularly. BOD members receive training on fundraising and networking, along with regular updates from Advancement staff.

Current BOD members are listed below within their respective councils. If you recognize a name, be sure to reach out and get involved!

	ATHLETICS	HEALTH PROFESSIONS	MATH & SCIENCE	LIBERAL ARTS	BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
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THANK YOU *for* SUPPORTING HSU!

We could not have celebrated these events without your help. From scholarships to travel, from new construction to remodels, from athletic equipment to training, Fund HSU provides opportunities for you to support any type of venture you are drawn to.

To get involved and to see what projects we're working toward, visit:
hsutx.edu/alumni/fundhsu

1. HUNTER FAMILY/ POWELL FAMILY INDOOR FACILITY DEDICATION

Constructed in under a year, the Hunter Family/ Powell Family Indoor Facility at Hardin-Simmons University acts as an indoor training center for HSU baseball and softball. A dedication ceremony for the building was held on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

2. LOGSDON REDEDICATION

Logsdon chapel received new flooring, pews, and updated AV equipment. A rededication of the space took place on Friday, February 16, 2023.

3. BIBLE APPEAL

Since 2013, all incoming students receive a purple Bible as a gift from HSU, welcoming them into a rich legacy of Christian education. Because of our donors, over 5,000 students have started their journey at HSU with God's Word in their hands.

4. NEWMAN- RICHARDSON SCIENCE CENTER

As part of the speakLIFE campaign, funds are being raised to restore and renovate Newman-Richardson. HVAC has been replaced and updated throughout the building and during the summer months, labs were completely gutted and upgraded. Watch our progress at hsutx.edu/speaklife.

5. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL IN PUERTO RICO

Cowgirl basketball traveled to Puerto Rico to play (and defeat) Bates College and SUNY Geneseo.





2023 Hall of Leaders

Established in 2001, the Hardin-Simmons University Hall of Leaders provides for permanent recognition of graduates, former students, and former employees who have distinguished records of achievement and proven themselves as men and women of good character. Seven individuals were inducted into the Hall of Leaders this spring: Dr. Virginia Armstrong, Henry Guy Caldwell, Dr. Eddie Hadlock, Inez and Doyle Kelley, Major Albert Maroscher, and Dr. A.C. Miller.



DR. VIRGINIA ARMSTRONG

*University Professor,
Christian Advocate*

Dr. Virginia Armstrong has had a distinguished career. Teaching political science at Hardin-Simmons University from 1968-2002, she has brought constitutional law alive for her students.

Upon retirement, Armstrong became the president and co-founder (with her husband, Gerry) of the Blackstone Institute. She also serves as National Director of Eagle Forum's Law and Worldview program and holds the unique post of Affiliate Professor of Constitutional Apologetics. Her graduate school teaching focuses on audiences outside the university campus. She also actively contributes to several constitutional/judicial reform efforts.

Dr. Armstrong designed and directed the new "Christianity Confronting the Culture Initiative (CCC)." In 2022, the CCC introduced a Blackstonian Moot Court program modeled after the statewide collegiate program, which Dr. Armstrong led in founding while at HSU and chaired in the early 1990s.

Virginia is now an active member of Lytle South Baptist Church. Anchored to her faith and her academic endeavors, Dr. Armstrong has and continues to lead a fulfilling life.



HENRY GUY CALDWELL '27

Rancher, Civic Leader

Henry Guy Caldwell was a 1927 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University with a major in economics and a minor in history. Throughout his life, he was known for his devotion

to his alma mater, his ranching interests, and the communities in which he lived.

Like his father before him, Guy Caldwell was heavily involved in HSU activities. At the time of his death, he was a member of the HSU Board of Development and Academic Foundation. He previously served on the Board of Trustees. In 1958, he received the John J. Keeter, Jr. Alumni Service Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an HSU graduate. In 1981, Guy and his wife, Jeanette '28, were the first couple to jointly receive HSU's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Among his many community activities and involvements, Caldwell served as part of Citizens National Bank, Abilene Livestock Show Association, YMCA, and Abilene Chamber of Commerce. For years, he engaged in livestock and agricultural projects sponsored by the Chamber. As chairman of a Chamber subcommittee, he played a leading role in acquiring the land and buildings for the West Texas Fairgrounds.



DR. EDDIE C. HADLOCK '67

*College President,
Community Leader*

The life and career of Dr. Hadlock includes serving his nation as an officer in the United States Navy, public school teaching, counseling, extensive involvement and leadership in his church and community, and distinguished service in college administration.

He began his university education at Hardin-Simmons University where he earned his bachelor of science degree with a major in business education and a minor in physical education. Following his graduation from Hardin-Simmons in 1967, Eddie proudly served his nation in the United States Navy. He completed Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and the Naval Supply Corps School, in Athens, Georgia.

Following his military service, Eddie began a career in public education in which he would serve for 45 years. He moved to higher education in 1974 and spent the remainder of his career at that level. His positions included work as a vocational counselor, director of vocational counseling and testing, registrar, director of admissions, dean of student services, dean of arts and sciences, vice president of instruction, interim president, and president.



INEZ '49X & DOYLE '51 KELLEY

*Christian Business Leaders,
Philanthropists*

In 1963, Doyle and Inez launched a "factoring" business, KBK Financial, Inc., financing small businesses serving the oil industry. Both Doyle

and Inez were blessed with excellent business acumen and an entrepreneurial spirit. In 1972, they moved their business headquarters to Houston.

Over the last 40 years, there has not been a major HSU fundraising campaign in which they were not involved. Their financial contributions include endowing the Kelley College of Business and the gallery displaying the HSU Hall of Leaders in the Skiles Building. Because of the generosity of the Kelleys, students in the Kelley College of Business have received significant scholarship support. The Kelleys have also been members and generous supporters of HSU's Cowboy Band Foundation and the School of Music Foundation.

Both Doyle and Inez have served on HSU's Board of Trustees and Board of Development. Each has held Board Officer positions and served on the Executive Committee. Doyle served for a time as acting chairman of the Board and was the longtime chair of the finance committee. Inez served as chair of the honorary doctorate committee.



MAJOR ALBERT G. MAROSCHER '67 M.A.

Educator, Military Officer

Major Albert G. Maroscher spent only three years on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University, but left an indelible imprint.

Maroscher was a Romanian native who later became a naturalized American citizen. As a young boy, his family fled their home during World War II. One day, Maroscher was rummaging through trash when an American soldier approached him. Maroscher stood his ground and was met with a kind smile and a piece of chocolate from the soldier. This brief encounter and act of kindness laid the foundation for Maroscher's eagerness to become an American citizen. The Maroscher family later made their way to the United States, where they became citizens.

In 1963, Maroscher was assigned to HSU's ROTC program to serve as an assistant professor of military science. While at HSU, Maroscher earned a master's degree in history.

Sadly, he was killed in an aircraft shot down by hostile fire on April 15, 1968 while serving in Vietnam.

His wife, Betty, was presented with several posthumous awards in her husband's honor. Among those awards were the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Purple Heart. The flagpole on HSU's campus is named in his honor.



DR. A.C. MILLER '17

Pastor, Denominational Leader

Acker C. Miller was a pastor and denominational leader who helped shape the work of Baptists in response to social needs and race relations at both the state and national levels.

In January 1941, Dr. Miller went to work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. From 1941 to 1944 he directed Baptist work among soldiers in Texas, and from 1944 to 1950 he headed the convention's Department of Interracial Cooperation. By 1950 this agency had become the Christian Life Commission, an arm of the general convention dedicated to a social application of the scriptures. Dr. Miller was the commission's first director.

In January 1953, Dr. Miller left Texas for Nashville, Tennessee, where he led the Southern Baptist Convention's Social Service Commission, the name of which was also changed to Christian Life Commission. In May 1954 the United States Supreme Court rendered the historic Brown decision on school desegregation. Dr. Miller promptly urged Southern Baptists to comply with the court's ruling and, along with Jesse Weatherspoon, a prominent ethicist at Southern Seminary, helped draft the SBC's response of June 1954.

Dr. Miller resigned from the SBC's Christian Life Commission in 1960. Thereafter, he served as a pastor in Arizona and faculty member for Fruitland Bible Institute in North Carolina.



Stories from the Donor Wall of Honor

The Donor Wall of Honor was unveiled on February 16, 2023, to pay tribute to the individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to Hardin-Simmons over the years. There are stories attached to each name etched in stone and, for some, generations of investment in HSU.

Let's look at three different names represented on the Donor Wall of Honor.

Lee Caldwell with President Eric Bruntmyer at the Hall of Leaders Award Ceremony. Lee's father, Henry Guy Caldwell, received the award posthumously and Lee accepted in his place.



LEE CALDWELL

Mr. Lee Caldwell's family has been tied to Hardin-Simmons since 1919 when his grandfather, Judge Clifton Mott Caldwell served as an HSU Board of Trustees member. Since then, the Caldwells have been instrumental in the university's growth. Lee's father, Henry Guy Caldwell, was heavily involved in HSU and at the time of his death was a member of HSU's Board of Development and Academic Foundation. Lee's mother, grandmother, and aunt were also supporters of the university through financial donations and service on various boards. For their ceaseless support, they were awarded honorary degrees and various alumni awards. Adding one more generation to the mix, Lee's grandson, Henry Guy Caldwell II, attended HSU for two years before transferring to TCU for Ranch Management.

Lee continues the family tradition of supporting Hardin-Simmons. While not a graduate of HSU himself, he founded the Judge and Mrs. C.M. Caldwell Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to students in need.

Three generations of the Caldwell name can be found on campus. Caldwell Hall, now the oldest visible building on campus (Marston Gym is older, but it has been enclosed by Fletcher Fitness Center), was named for Judge C.M. Caldwell after his generous gift paid for the construction. The Guy Caldwell Western Heritage Memorial Room, located in the Beazley White Horse Center, is a tribute to HSU's western and ranching history. And, most recently, Lee's name was affixed to campus on the Donor Wall of Honor.

LOU DRAPER '83

Mrs. Lou Draper, in her own words, “bleeds purple and gold.” Lou is represented on the donor wall by her parents, Milford '57 and Dr. Rosa Lee Hemphill '58/'06 Prichard.

Lou's family roots are deep in Hardin-Simmons. She shares ties with the Nix, Hemphill, and Prichard families, with connections to the Logsdon family. Each of these families has been instrumental in the growth and success of HSU. Multiple endowments, facilities, buildings, scholarships, and more were created by the generosity of these families.

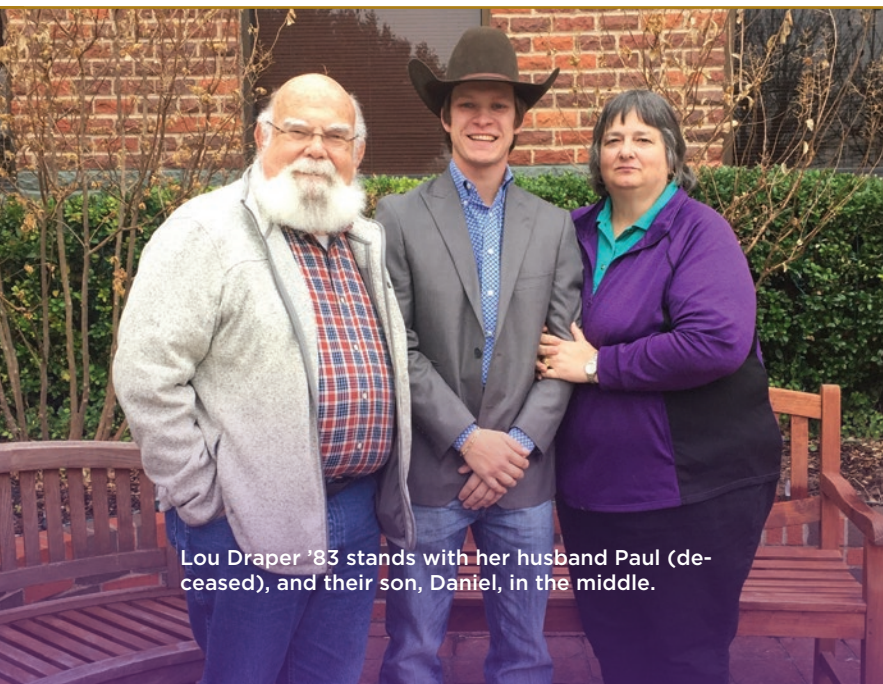
Lou was born across the street at Hendrick and because her grandfather, Dr. Lee Hemphill '29, worked for HSU, she jokes, “I came to Hardin-Simmons before I went home from the hospital that day.” When a student at HSU, Lou played basketball, studied secondary math and physical education, and was involved in Epsilon Pi Alpha. She received what she calls a “great education” from HSU, made lasting friends, and reminisced about the shenanigans that took place on campus. From Cowboy Band “panty raids” to the many pranks during chapel, HSU is a special place to Lou. Her fondest memory? Meeting her to-be-husband, Paul at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church.

Lou started giving to Hardin-Simmons because “it was the family thing to do.” With a family legacy of giving to the university, it was an example to follow. Lou also serves on the Board of Development as a member of the athletic council. She recognizes how impactful every donation can be, sharing, “I give because every bit adds up.” She went on to say, “If we all work together, supporting one another, the smallest donation will go far.”

Behrens Chapel is a focus of the speakLIFE campaign and Lou asks alumni to give toward the building's remodel. “All of us who have been on this campus have memories of chapel, SING!, a concert, and whatever other events were here. We need to get busy and fix it up!” She added, “It needs new paint, more seats, and more accessible restrooms.”

Lou was married to Paul for 30 blissful years before his passing in 2021. Their son, Daniel, works for Abilene Powder Coating and has been involved with various campus construction projects.

Lou hopes you join her in supporting HSU!



Lou Draper '83 stands with her husband Paul (deceased), and their son, Daniel, in the middle.



Mike McMaude '90 is the President of Hospice Services at BrightSpring Health Services.

MIKE MCMAUDE '90

Earning a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1990, Mr. Mike McMaude participated in Student Congress and Tau Alpha Phi when a student at HSU. His student leadership positions were an indicator of the successful entrepreneurial spirit he has leveraged throughout his career.

Mike is the President of Hospice Services at BrightSpring Health Services, a leading provider of complementary home- and community-based health services for complex populations in need of specialized and/or chronic care. Prior to his current role, Mike was CEO of Abode Healthcare, a leading national provider of hospice and home health services, from 2012, when he founded the company, to 2021, when Abode joined the BrightSpring family. Previously, Mike served as the CEO of Voyager HospiceCare from 2007 until 2010. Prior to Voyager, Mike founded AccuMed, a skilled-nursing homecare business.

Earlier in his career, Mike was the President of the Home Health division of Amedisys and held various positions with Columbia HCA, where his responsibilities included overseeing home health and hospice operations in the Central and Western U.S.

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

“If there's anything in my career that I am most proud of, it's always doing the right thing for our employees, patients, and their families,” Mike said. “Each company that I've founded and run are based on the golden rule: treating our patients, caregivers, and families the way we want to be treated and doing the right thing no matter how tough it can be.”

Over the years, Mike has continued his involvement with the campus as a former member of the Board of Development and recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2008 and Distinguished Alumni Award in 2018. Mike has given financially to HSU over the years in various ways, from individual gifts to estate planning. To show appreciation for his generosity, his name is on the Donor Wall of Honor.



Phyllis Ewing '60, Frances Renfroe '60, Ann Scargall '61 with their scholarship recipients.

Scholarship Luncheon

Every year, Hardin-Simmons University hosts its Scholarship Luncheon. This is a special opportunity to connect current students receiving endowed scholarships to the donors who fund those scholarships. It is a way for students to meet their financial guardian angels and thank them for impacting their lives. It's also a way for donors to share their stories with current students and explain the significance of their various scholarships. This lunch provides space for life-long relationships to form and to be reminded how powerful it is to invest in each other.

Attending Hardin-Simmons University was a family affair for sisters Sherry (Ballew) Barsch '63 and Cindy (Ballew) Loutherback '67. Not only did they attend HSU, their parents, future spouses, and aunt also attended. Hailing originally from Sweetwater, Texas, they shared, laughing, that their time at HSU overlapped with their mother. "Mom would still be on time to class driving

from Sweetwater, while Cindy would be late walking from Behrens."

Cindy and Sherry are blessed with beautiful spirits. They are pioneering women who have impacted countless others with their careers as teachers, involvement in their churches, and overall presence. They have funded scholarship opportunities for multiple institutions through hard work and dedication.

In 2011, the sisters lovingly created an endowed scholarship to honor their late brother, Andrew (1943-1961). Andrew passed away before college, unable to attend HSU like the rest of his family. With the thought, "Andy needed his time at HSU, too," the sisters created the Andrew Holt Ballew Memorial Scholarship.

The Andrew Holt Ballew Memorial Scholarship celebrates Andy's life and legacy. Considerate, brave,



Cindy (Ballew) Loutherback '67 and Sherry (Ballew) Barsch '63

determined, achiever, and unforgettable Christian are adjectives used in describing Andy. He contracted polio at age eight, and regardless of Andy's many physical hardships, his upbeat attitude was inspirational, impacting everyone he met. In the spring of his junior year of high school, Andy was diagnosed with a rare cancer. Despite the amputation of his leg, the cancer spread and claimed his life during his senior year. Andy learned to walk a total of seven times in his young life and was never heard to say the words "I can't."

In 2011, the first recipient of the Andrew Holt Ballew Memorial Scholarship was Leila Rubio, M.D. '14. Leila met Cindy and Sherry during a scholarship luncheon and is an example of the power scholarships have on lives. "I grew up in a humble family. My parents immigrated to the USA, so my siblings and I are first-generation Americans. My parents provided us as much as they could, but we didn't have much money," Leila shared. "When I was a high school senior planning to go to college, I did not have sufficient funds to pursue my dreams. However, God seemed to know what He was doing with me because He opened all the doors to get me where I am now. I was blessed by the generosity of several scholarship donors who saw my potential. After almost ten years since I attended Hardin-Simmons University, I am still in contact with several donors who helped me. I call them my scholarship families because that's what I've become to them."

After graduating from HSU, Leila kept in touch with Cindy and Sherry. While Leila attended medical school, the Ballew family again blessed her with scholarship money. Leila added, "We kept in touch via text messages and holiday cards, and occasionally Sherry and I even met up in person for lunch. The Ballew family has held a special place in my heart, and I will forever be grateful to them."

Leila advises current students: "If you are blessed with scholarship money, don't take it for granted. These families are selecting you. They are investing in your career so you can do bigger and better things for the communities around you."

To help current and future students experience Hardin-Simmons, contribute to the annual scholarship fund at: connectnow.hsutx.edu/register/ASF.Fall



(Top to bottom) Morgan Njeri '23 providing the invocation.

Becky Kueck '79 with her scholarship recipients.

Dr. George and Carolyn Newman greeting their scholarship recipients.

Meet HSU's TRUSTEES



DR. JIMMY HUNTER

For the past 22 years, Dr. Jimmy Hunter has served as pastor of the Toliver Chapel Baptist Church in Waco. He previously pastored the historic New Hope Baptist Church of Port Arthur for 10 years.

The Austin, TX, native is completing his first three-year term as a Hardin-Simmons Trustee where he sits on the Student Services and Spiritual Life committees and serves as Vice-Chair of the Honorifics committee. Serving on HSU's Board of Trustees has been a blessing, he says, not only in the significant work but also in the acquaintances made and relationships built.

Jimmy is strongly pro-education. He earned the B.A. degree from Huston-Tillotson College (now University) in Austin, having majored in vocal music performance and all-level music education. The journey to that degree included a hiatus after two years during which he was employed first at the Texas State Library and Historical Commission and then at the Texas Education Agency.

In 1986 he answered the call to the Gospel ministry. Realizing this was also the call to preparation, he entered the Austin Presbyterian Seminary. After completing his first year and appreciating that, as a Baptist, he would be serving in an African-American context, he transferred to the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA, where he was awarded the Master of Divinity degree.

Jimmy returned his family to Austin, joining the music faculty at his alma mater and, soon after, stepping into his first pastorate. Simultaneously he continued pursuing the Doctor of Ministry degree at the S.D.P. School of Theology.

His family reflects Jimmy's strong stance on education, one he prays his four grandchildren and generations beyond will continue. "My wife of 45 years now holds a Ph.D. degree, our son the D.Min. degree, and both our daughter and daughter-in-law recently earned Ed.D. degrees."

Jimmy felt honored when President Bruntmyer asked if he would agree to be considered by the Board's nominating committee to fill an open Trustee Board position. Guided by Lamentations 3:22-23 in all areas of his life, Jimmy has fully embraced this role. "I feel the work of a Trustee is a great and noble one," he says, noting all HSU's Trustees are deeply dedicated to the well-being of the school. "Even in times of challenge requiring difficult decisions, the future and well-being of this university have always been at the forefront of each Board discussion."

Outside of time for family and his HSU responsibilities, Jimmy engages in the lives of his congregation and is involved in other areas of community concern.

Jimmy says, "I wish all the best for the Hardin-Simmons University, the administration, faculty, staff, and students who strive daily to make this institution what it is and what it is destined to be. To God be the glory."

DR. DANIEL STAHL '84

Those Who Stay Will Be Champions.

This is Dr. Dan Stahl's life motto, learned on the Hardin-Simmons football field. Coach Jimmie Keeling always ended football practices with his 'sayings,' although at 18, Dan recalls, he wondered why the coach frequently repeated himself.

Then, part-way through his freshman year, homesick and overwhelmed, Dan was close to leaving HSU. Lying awake one night, he began to repeatedly hear in his head Coach Keeling's voice saying, "Those Who Stay Will Be Champions." Dan says, "So, I stayed."

"Coach Keeling was certainly talking about becoming a conference champion by being part of a great team, but, more importantly, he was drilling into my head that perseverance in every aspect of my life will make me a champion in life," Dan says, "whether that's my relationship with God, my family, or my job."

Although his parents instilled in Dan the value of having faith in Jesus and trust in God, it wasn't until college days that, having his faith tested, he found out personally what it meant to fully trust in Him.

Upon entering HSU, Dan intended to be a high school football coach. During that freshmen year, while on a medical/evangelical mission trip to Uganda, he realized God's plan was different-

Dan was to serve Him through medicine.

Later, Daniel 6:22-23 came to his attention via his father Dr. Bubba Stahl '84 while Dan was battling a significant health situation. "My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me."

"I was trying to solve the issue on my own, failing miserably," Dan says. "This verse changed my entire outlook. I realized if I placed my faith in God to handle these problems, He would take care of me regardless of the medical outcome. As my dad also pointed out, even though God sent his angels to shut the lions' mouths, Daniel spent all night in a dark cave full of hungry lions."

Dan recognizes the importance of classroom education in tandem with real life experiences and on the job training, saying this combination, infused with faith in Jesus Christ, formed who he is today.

An Academic All-American and Academic All-Conference student athlete, Dan carried a 4.0 GPA and received his B.S. degree with highest honors in 2001 from Hardin-Simmons.

Since completing medical school and six years of residency in 2012, Dan has been an Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon at Baylor Scott and White Hospital, Temple, and an educator to many Orthopedic residents.

As a current Hardin-Simmons Trustee, Dan strives to provide Godly leadership and accountability to the HSU family. "An HSU education not only provides students with skills necessary for future job or employment," he says, "but also with the solid foundation of Christ that will weather any storm life may bring."

Dan, wife Chaná (Phillips) Stahl, BBS 2002, and their three young children are active members of Vista Community Church, Temple.



Commencement

Congratulations to our newest alumni! The HSU Alumni Association provides discounts and benefits for all HSU Alumni. Campus privileges, like VIP parking passes, access to the fitness center and pool, and assistance from Career Services are just the start of what's offered. To learn more, reach out to the Alumni Engagement Office at alumni@hsutx.edu.



William Dorsett '23 poses with Isabelle Shaffer.



Jailyn Woods-McCarthy '23 accepts her diploma from President Bruntmyer.





Raegan Gonzales '23 smiles with her family after the graduation ceremonies.



Edgbo Kudayah '23 points to her name on the mock alumni wall. Her name, along with the other 2023 graduates, will be permanently added to the Alumni Wall on campus by December.



Golden 50th REUNION

CLASS OF 1973

HSU welcomed the Class of 1973 back to campus on Monday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 4 for their Golden Reunion. They enjoyed reminiscing and sharing memories of their time here as students. They also created new memories by visiting Debbie Jones and the Six White Horses, enjoying a private concert from the Cowboy Band, and receiving their official Golden Lariat Society Pin and Commemorative Medallion.



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1. Front Row: Karlene (Eastman) Boucher, Carole (McLaughlin) Sisterson, Elaine (Fikes) Miller. **Middle Row:** Tommy Culwell, James "Jimmy" Parker, Ben Haas, Nancy (Hickok) Young. **Back Row:** Larry Wolz, Clayton "Earl" Cumbie, Danny Butler, Billy Roy "Bill" Morgan, Meliton "Tony" Arriola.

2. The Class of 1973 was officially inducted into the Golden Lariat Society.

3. Class members found their name on the Alumni Wall and made a souvenir rubbing to take home.

4. Ben Haas, Meliton "Tony" Arriola, and Tommy Culwell visit during the Memory Banquet.

5. Elaine (Fikes) Miller, Ben Haas, and Larry Wolz connect during Golden Reunion Check-in.

6. Some class members toured Caldwell Hall and visited with music faculty and students.



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SAVE THE DATE



CLASS OF
1974
GOLDEN REUNION
HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

You are invited to attend the Class of 1974
Golden Reunion at Hardin-Simmons University!
Monday & Tuesday | April 1-2, 2024

Registration information will be mailed out in February.
For more information visit www.hsutx.edu/gold

John J. Keeter Jr. Alumni Service Award Recipient

The Alumni Service Award is the highest alumni honor HSU can bestow. Since 1943, this award has been presented to alumni who have contributed the most in their field of endeavor toward the betterment of HSU.



MR. FILEMON ORTIZ '66

Mr. Filemon Ortiz, J.D., has practiced law for 47 years, all in Texas. In addition to his private practice, he has served as attorney for the City of Del Rio, attorney for Val Verde County, and, for 25 years, as Del Rio's Municipal Judge. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree as a double-major in Spanish and history from HSU in 1966. He served on the HSU Board of Trustees from 2014-2022.

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

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. CORBETT BOONE '00

Dr. Corbett Boone is a Primary Care Sports Medicine Specialist Certified in Sports Medicine and Family Medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine. He has been employed with Southwest Sports Medicine & Orthopedics since August of 2009. Corbett earned a

Bachelor of Science degree in biology from HSU in 2000. He is currently a member of the HSU Alumni Association Board of Directors.



MRS. CANDY (THWEATT) NOBLE '83

Mrs. Candy Noble earned a Bachelor of Behavioral Science in education from HSU in 1983. Elected to represent Texas House District 89 in 2018, Representative Candy Noble is in her third term in the Texas House and serves on two important House

Committees: Ways & Means and Human Services. She is the President of the Texas Conservative Coalition and serves on the board of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute. Candy currently serves as a member of the HSU Board of Trustees.



DR. BRENT WALLACE '98

Dr. G. Brent Wallace assumed the duties of the 11th President and 1st Chancellor of the North Central Texas College District in August 2014, after serving as the Vice President of Instruction and Chief Academic Officer. His previous roles in higher education include

Dean of Instruction for Cisco College, Chair of the Business Management Division for Cisco College and Professor of Management. He has taught courses in business management and communications and graduate courses in conflict management in education. Dr. Wallace earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing from HSU in 1998.

For more information visit www.hsutx.edu/alumni/alumni-awards

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OCTOBER 12-15 2023

Thursday Night

Alumni Awards Banquet

Recipients are listed to the left.

Friday Night

Hall of Fame

Homecoming Festival

Food trucks, carnival games, Homecoming pep rally, fireworks, and more

Friday & Saturday Night

All-School SING!

Saturday

The Gathering Place

Meet up with friends and visit with academic departments.

Student Organization Gatherings

HSU Kids Zone

HSU Tailgate & Football Game

HSU Cowboys vs. Texas Lutheran

Golden Lariat Society Dinner

Open to everyone who has celebrated their Golden 50th Reunion.

Reunion Reception

Join classmates and fellow alumni from your decade at the Reunion Reception. The following reunion classes will be highlighted but all from the decade are welcome to attend.

45-Year - 1978 | 30-Year - 1993 | 20-Year - 2003
40-Year - 1983 | 10-Year - 2013

Sunday

HSU Family Worship Service

Registration opens in September
Scan QR code to get updates



Family NEWS

1950s

Kenneth Lowry '57 B.A., has written four books. *Not Many Wise are Called, Not Many Mighty are Called, Not Many Noble are Called, and Bullet Point Bible Notes*. If interested, his books can be found on Amazon.

1960s

1 Roy Peterson '65 B.A., has written a book about his time at HSU titled *My Memories of Hardin-Simmons University: 1961-1965*. Roy wrote the book to chronicle his time at HSU in hopes that it would bring about similar memories for other alumni. At the San Angelo Family Gathering in June 2023, Roy presented a copy of the book to President Bruntmyer. You can find Roy's book on Amazon.

1970s

2 Cathy (Rawlinson) Lawrence '79 B.A. shares that their non-profit, Christopher's Hope Foundation (started by their family in memory of their son, Christopher, whom they lost to suicide in 2019 at age 14), recently received a grant from the Dabo Swinney Foundation at Clemson University. All donations and grants to Christopher's Hope go towards funding advisor training and curriculum for Hope Squad, a national school suicide awareness and prevention program. To date, Christopher's Hope Foundation has sponsored the start up of 18 Hope Squads in the upstate South Carolina area. Their goal is to have a Hope Squad in every school in that area. For more information visit <https://christophershope.org/>

1980s

Barry Russell '82 B.E. and **Tommy McPherson '78 B.S.** were inducted into the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in January.

3 Keri (Pesch) Farrell '85 BBS, shared a family photo that was taken at HSU's May 2023 graduation ceremony. This represents a rich family legacy of HSU alumni: **Stewart Farrell '84 B.A.**, **Keri (Pesch) Farrell '85 BBS**, **Nan (Laughlin) Pesch '87 BBS**, **Sheri (Pesch) Bonsal '88 B.E.**, **Douglas**

"Doug" Bonsal '89 B.S., **Rachel (Farrell) Boscamp '14x**, **Kennedy Bonsal '23 BBS**. Not pictured **Nathan Farrell '10 BBA** and **Butch Pesch '65 B.A.** (deceased in 2019).

Kevin Kucifer '85x, after 17 years in Phoenix, AZ, has transferred with Medtronic to the United Kingdom based out of the London area. He will be working as a Principal Technical Consultant/Education Specialist assisting Cardiology Consultants with the implant of pacemakers and defibrillators and educating new staff to do the same.

1990s

Paul "Aaron" Householder '92 BBS began a new ministry in March 2022 as Associational Mission Strategist for the Heartland Church Network, Omaha, Nebraska. He served Southview Baptist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska as Senior Pastor for 16 years. In addition to his new position, Aaron received his Doctor of Ministry from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, December 2022.

2000s

Andrew Schmeltzer '02 BBS graduated on May 5, 2023, from Tennessee State University earning a Doctor of Education degree (K-12 School Leadership). He wrote his dissertation on *"The Effects of Punitive Discipline and Restorative Justice on Black Male Student-Athletes."*

Alan Conway '03 B.A./'06 M.A. and **Ashleigh (Auer) Conway '09 BBS** recently adopted their third child Michael. This adoption comes two years after they adopted their daughters Elizabeth and Rosalie. As a family they will continue to do foster care, the calling they have received, and expand their family however the Lord sees fit.

4 Dr. Shanna Smith '08 B.A., upon the conferral of her doctoral degree, was promoted to the role of Associate Director of Research at the Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN), a nonprofit organization dedicated to understanding and amplifying the needs of military-connected families and inspiring data-informed change.



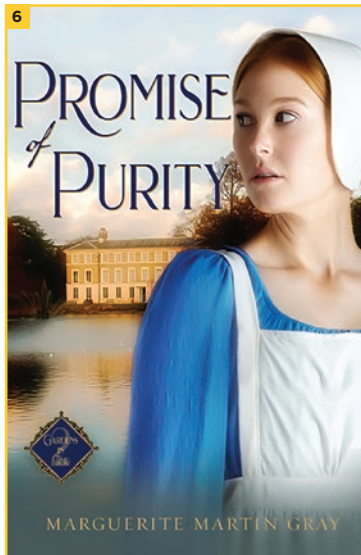
2010s

5 Melissa (Culpepper) Brister '12 BBS and **Virgil Brister** were married on March 25, 2023 at Logsdon Chapel.

Sarah Church '13 BBS/'15 M.E. was sworn in as an Abilene Police Department officer after graduating from the APD's 60th Academy. The swearing in ceremony was held on Thursday March, 2, 2023 at the Paramount Theater in Abilene. Sarah's parents are **Blair Church '86 BBA** and **Brenda (Gazaille) Church '86 BBA**.

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6 Marguerite (Martin) Gray '15 M.A. released her 7th novel, *Promise of Purity*, on February 14, 2023. You can read more about Marguerite and her books at <https://margueritemartingray.com/>

Braxton Gately '16 BBA is starting a new job as an Assistant Professor of Economics in the School of Accounting, Finance, Economics, and Decision Sciences at Western Illinois University.

Sara (Ward) Thompson '16 BBS, married Taryn Thompson on November 12, 2022. Their daughter, Sierra Thompson, turned two on June 7.

2020s

7 Chaplain Maj Mark Traeger '20 D.Min. and Chaplain Lt Col Timothy Rosenthal '97 M.M., serve together as Deputy Wing Chaplain and Wing Chaplain at Shaw Air Force Base, SC. Ch Rosenthal served as a pastor in Abilene before joining the US Air Force and Ch Traeger previously served at Dyess AFB.

Dawson Bell '22 BBS will marry Trenaty Schwartz (current student) in Logsdon Chapel in September 2023.

Welcome to the FAMILY

Jack Henry Ochoa, son of **Amanda Robinson '11 B.A.** and Jeff Ochoa, was born on March 14, 2023.

1 Liam Michael Pryor and Amelia Rose Pryor, son and daughter twins of **Shannon Pryor '13 BBS**, were born on March 21, 2022.

Beau Dale Asbury, son of **Mykala (Williams) Asbury '16 BBS** and Bryan Asbury, was born on February 23, 2023.

2 Vivian Caroline Dyer, daughter of **Alex (Sanchez) Dyer '17 BBS** and Thomas Dyer, was born on

January 24, 2023. Grandparents are **Javier Sanchez '89 BBS** and **Daisy (Dominguez) Sanchez '86 B.E.**

Hudson Tyler Fox, son of **Jacie (Burnett) Fox '18 BBS** and Dillon Fox, was born on February 3, 2023.

Henry Honor Istre, son of **Elizabeth (Menken) Istre '22 BBS** and Sterling Istre, was born on September 24, 2022.



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Future Alumni: Please indicate whether the addition to your family is a boy or girl and provide the full birthdate.

Marriages: Remember to indicate the date & place of your wedding.

Friends We'll Miss: Memorial announcements must be submitted by a family member or be accompanied by a link to or photocopy of a published obituary. Please include class year for all HSU exes in the family.

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Family WE'LL MISS



**DOROTHY
LEE (LEWIS)
IVEY '48 B.A.**

February 25, 2023

Dorothy Lee Lewis was born in Fort Worth on January 25, 1922. She led a long and amazing life of 101 years and one month, taking her final breath in Dallas on February 25, 2023.

Dorothy Lewis met Nathan Ivey in an English class at Hardin-Simmons. Their friendship grew into a romance when she worked on *The Bronco* staff with Nathan as the managing editor. Dorothy later earned a master's degree from Western Colorado University. During her 35-year teaching career, she taught in 10 public high schools across four states as the family moved for Nathan's new positions, as he served as president of four colleges in Colorado, Michigan, and Illinois.

Survivors include her husband of 73 years, **Dr. Nathan Ivey '48 B.S.**; daughter Judith Ivey, film, stage, and television actress, and husband Tim Braine; son Dr. James "Jim" Ivey, former HSU theatre professor and his wife Emily (Jennings); daughter Sara Ivey, retired journalist, and husband Xin-Min Zhang of Dallas; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.



**VIRGINIA
(RANDEL)
BURROUGHS
'50 B.A./'96
HD**

February 5, 2023

Virginia Randel was born and raised in Wichita Falls. She and Glen Burroughs met and married while they were students at Hardin-Simmons. They were married for 59 years at the time of his death in 2009.

A devoted servant leader, she faithfully and lovingly served God, her family, her church, and Hardin-Simmons University. Virginia taught Conversational English (English as a second language) for almost 50 years in several Baptist churches. She taught Sunday school classes of all ages and led numerous Bible study groups throughout her life, including upon moving to a senior living facility at age 91.

Virginia served as a Trustee for HSU for nine years, received an Honorary Doctorate (along with her husband Glen) in 1996, and was inducted into the HSU Hall of Leaders in 2010.

Survivors include: daughter Kay Rhodes and husband Jim; sons Mark Burroughs and wife Nancy, and son John Burroughs and wife Connie. Two of her nine grandchildren are HSU alumnae, **Elizabeth Burroughs '19 B.S.** and **Angela Whyburn '06 BBA.**



**JOHN LAIR
SIEREN '54
BBA**

April 25, 2023

John Sieren was born and raised in Clovis, New Mexico. While at HSU he met a fellow student, **Elizabeth Fagan '54**, when she challenged him to a game of Ping-Pong in the student center. He won the game, but she won the guy. Two years later, they were married, enjoying a happy union that lasted 69 years.

John earned a law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1962. He began his law career working with two Fort Worth attorneys, and in 1965, he opened his own law practice. In 1987, he was appointed a Tarrant County Family Law Associate Judge with the 233rd District Court. He served in that capacity eight years, retiring in 1995.

John loved God, his family, his church, Mission Arlington, and Hardin-Simmons. He was a charter member of the HSU Young Associates and later served on the Board of Trustees. He and Liz selflessly devoted themselves to Mission Arlington for decades. John was ordained into the Gospel Ministry in 2012.

In 1965, John became the first male President of the Duff Elementary PTA (Arlington, Texas) where decades later he would become a volunteer reader to first graders.

John is survived by his beloved wife Elizabeth, daughters Luanne Ray and Paula Martindale (and husband Steve), four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Mr. Raymond "R.L." Lawrence '38 B.S., date unknown.

Mrs. Jo (Encke) King '43 B.A., 5/1/2023

Mrs. Helen (Watts) Campbell '45 B.A., 3/13/2023

Mrs. Frances (White) Tomlinson '45 B.A., 2/23/2023

Mrs. Jessie (Watanabe) Saibara '46 B.A., 1/20/2023.

Mrs. Knoxine (Campbell) Clack '47 B.A., 2/13/2023

Mrs. Jewell "Kay" (Weatherford) Cole '49 BBA, 3/31/2023

Mrs. Norma "Ann" (Whitsitt) Haines '50 B.S., 5/2/2023

Mr. William "Bill" Haynes '50 B.S., 12/14/2022

Mrs. Shirley (Stephens) Martin '50 B.A., 4/20/2023

Mrs. Zane (Heath) Fox '51 B.A., 4/1/2023

Mr. James "Harlan" Morgan '51 B.A., 1/9/2023

Mr. James Tolles '51 BBA, 6/2/2023. Survived by wife **Peggy (Casper) Tolles '51 B.S.**

Mrs. Edith (Wilson) Watson '52 B.S., 3/31/2023. Survived by son **Thomas "Tom" Watson '82 B.A.** and daughter **Melody (Watson) Hull '84 B.E.**

Ms. Anna "Lois" (Denton) Bruton '53 B.S., 2/4/2023. Survived by sister **Lou (Denton) Vail '64 B.S.**

Mr. John Davis '53 B.S., 5/24/2023

Mr. Doyle Brunson '54 B.S., 5/14/2023

Read more about Doyle Brunson, beginning on page 30 of the Fall-Winter 2019 Range Rider:



Mrs. Donna (Stagner) Parrott '54 B.S., 1/17/2023

Rev. Raymond Smith '54 B.A., 4/12/2023

Mrs. Patsy (Gardenhire) Taylor '54 B.S./'81 M.E., 4/2/2023.

Dr. Peter "Jim" Flamming '55 B.A., 3/27/2023. Survived by niece **Tino Belle (Lacy) Rice '86 B.E.** and great-nephew **David Rice '19 B.A.**

Mrs. Betty (Jernigan) Wilson '55 B.S., 1/18/2023. Survived by son **Charles "Charlie" Wilson '84 B.A./'87 MBA.**

Mr. Ray Bingham '56 B.S., 3/20/2023

Mrs. Elissa "Joy" (Flynt) Cramer '56 B.S., 3/12/2023

Mr. Hal Guess '56 BBA, 1/2/2023. Survived by granddaughter **Cayleigh (Little) Freeling '16 BBS.**

Rev. John Jackson '57 B.A., 12/4/2022

Mrs. Verva Ann (Flamming) Lacy '57 B.S., 5/27/2023. Survived by daughter **Tino Belle (Lacy) Rice '86 B.E.** and grandson **David Rice '19 B.A.**

Mr. Del Stacy '57 BBA, 2/3/2023

Mr. Glen Ferguson '58 B.A., 2/21/2023

Rev. Jose "Joe" Mendolla '59 B.A., 4/27/2023

Mrs. Viola "Vi" (Seay) Boyer '60 B.S., 5/13/2023

Dr. Joe Garms '60 B.A., 12/12/2022

Mr. Kenneth "Wayne" James '60 B.A., 4/14/2023

Mr. Thomas Olson '60 B.A., 1/5/2023

Mr. Clyde "C.T." Stovall '60 BBA, 3/8/2023

Dr. John Baker '61 B.A., 5/16/2023.

Mr. John Downs '61 BBA, 5/6/2023

Mr. Sammy Scifres '61 B.M., 1/20/2023

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DR. MILTON IRVIN REDEKER '61 B.S.

January 27, 2023

Milton Redeker graduated from Hardin-Simmons with a Bachelor of Science in religion with minors in sociology and music in 1961. He began work that same year on his Master of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. In 1976, he received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary.

Dr. Milton Redeker spent 60 years in the ministry until he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases in 2019. His life-long ministry revolved around discipleship. He authored two books, *Making Disciples* and *Living and Leaving a Legacy - We Will Remember* both of which are in the libraries of the institutions and churches where he served.

Milton learned hard work, fair play, love of family, and the respect of parents and leaders early in life from his own parents, Irvin and Alta Redeker. Four concepts became the hallmarks of his life: 1) treat others the way you want to be treated; 2) be friendly to all kinds of people; 3) love God with all your heart and love your family and country; and 4) make family number one after fulfilling your commitment to the Lord.

Survivors include his beloved wife Rebekah Redeker, brothers Glenn and James Redeker, sisters-in-law Kay and Linda Redeker, and niece **Kathy Redeker-Golden '81 B.S./'93 M.E.**



SHARA (JOHNSON) KARGBO '03 BBS

Former Staff

March 13, 2023

Shara was born in 1981 in Pasadena, Texas. She graduated from McKinney High School and went on to graduate from Hardin-Simmons University with a bachelor's degree in communication with a minor in leadership. Shara very capably served as an admissions counselor for HSU from March 2008 to July 2011.

Shara loved the Lord with all her heart and was a faithful woman of God. She worked tirelessly serving and caring for orphaned and vulnerable children in Sierra Leone. On May 29, 2021, she married Abraham Kargbo.

Shara passed away March 13, 2023 after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Survivors include her husband Abraham Kargbo and stepson Junior of Wellington, Freetown, Sierra Leone; parents Carl and Debbie Johnson of McKinney, sister Shana Polser and husband Chris of Leonard; grandmother Alma Johnson of Deer Park; nephews John, Henry, James and Thomas Polser of Leonard, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends both in the U.S. and in Sierra Leone.



RICHARD M. "RICK" STYLES '15 HD, VICE PRESIDENT EMERITUS

March 1, 2023

Rick Styles was born on a farm outside of Lubbock in 1934. He earned his bachelor's degree in Spanish from Texas Tech University, served in the U.S. Army and then farmed for two years. He then entered the University of New Mexico, earning a master's degree in Latin American Studies.

Rick began his profession in higher education as an instructor of Spanish at Virginia Intermont College (VIC). He then accepted the position of director of public relations and development at VIC. He soon joined the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, continuing his work in public relations and development while serving under the leadership of Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, who would later serve as President of Hardin-Simmons University from 1977 until 1991.

Rick joined Dr. Fletcher at HSU in 1978, serving as vice president for university relations and development until his retirement in 1998. He was highly effective in directing fundraising initiatives for the university. Following retirement, he continued as a consultant to three other Baptist institutions of higher learning.

Rick enjoyed traveling with his family, golfing, and playing tennis. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, **Dr. Deann Styles '82 M.E./'15 HD**; son **Mike '83x** and wife Melinda Styles; son Scott and wife Angela Styles; daughter **Sheri '88 B.E.** and husband **Jeff Adams '88 BBA**; and six grandchildren.



BERYL (MILLER) FEATHERSTON '50X

January 4, 2023

JAMES B. "J.B." FEATHERSTON '50 B.A.

September 9, 2021

Beryl Miller and James B. "J.B." Featherston met at Hardin-Simmons and began dating in January 1950 when she was a freshman, and he was a senior. They became engaged that April and married in January 1951. More than six decades later, J.B. said that being married to Beryl was a little bit of Heaven on earth. Now they have reunited in Heaven.

J.B.'s family has a long history with the university. His parents, **Lillie B. Reeves 1914 B.A.** and **Solon R. Featherston 1918 B.A.**, met on campus. J.B.'s father served on the Board of Trustees for many years, and he was instrumental in connecting what was then Simmons College with John G. Hardin, whose generosity saved the school from bankruptcy during the Great Depression.

J.B. served as choir director for multiple Baptist churches in Texas. When their children became school age, Beryl completed her bachelor's degree and became an elementary school teacher. In 1963, they worked with five other couples to start a church in Wichita Falls they named Grace Church, which continues to thrive.

Survivors include: her son, James Barrett "Barry" Featherston Jr. and his wife Katie; daughter Laurie Ellen Wilcher and her husband David; son Carter Miller Featherston and his wife Cindy; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two siblings; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service honoring both J.B. and Beryl was held May 20, 2023.



MOZELLE (ENGLISH) BURR GREEN '51X

April 21, 2023

Mozelle English's mother graduated from (then) Simmons College in 1919, and it was her dream that Mozelle would one day attend her alma mater. Her mother's dream eventually became Mozelle's dream. After graduating from North Phoenix High School in 1949 Mozelle attended a state school in Arizona for a year while she worked to make money to attend HSU. Her mother scraped together as much money as she could to help. Mozelle and her best friend Betty made the long trip from Phoenix to Abilene to start their sophomore year. Decades later, Mozelle later recalled, "Little did I know that would be the happiest year of my life up until that point."

Sadly, the summer after her sophomore year, Mozelle's father suffered a heart attack and money was tighter than ever. She was unable to return to HSU, but memories of that "year of enchantment" remained with Mozelle for the remainder of her life. Although she only attended HSU one year, she faithfully supported HSU every year for decades and included the university in her estate plans.

- Mrs. Wanda (Reece) Wellborn '61 B.S.**, 12/1/2022
- Mrs. Barbara (Gentry) Barton '62 B.A.**, 1/18/2023
- Mrs. Mary (Moore) Bauernfeind '63 B.S./'72 M.E.**, 4/10/2023. Survived by sister **Rita "Jeanette" (Moore) Honey '65 B.S./'71 M.E.**
- Mrs. Carolyn "Kay" (Murray) Jeffries '63 B.S.**, 4/15/2023. Survived by niece **Allison (Murray) Blair '03 BBS.**
- Mrs. Linda (Hair) Lewis '63 B.S.**, 2/17/2023
- Mr. Larry Gladden '64 M.E.**, 5/2/2023
- Lt. Col. Fernando "Fred" Martinez '64 B.S.**, 2/2/2023. Survived by niece, **Denise "Sylvia" (Gonzalez) Villareal '74 B.S.**
- Mr. Tommy Chambliss '65 B.A.**, 1/31/2023
- Ms. Stella Moon '65 B.A.**, 5/23/2023
- Mrs. Donna (Reynolds) Smith '65 B.S.**, 3/16/2023
- Mr. Joe Foster '66 B.S.**, 3/16/2023
- Mr. Donald "Don" Jonas '66 B.A.**, 3/2/2023. Survived by brother **Frederick "Fred" Jonas '58 B.S.**
- Mr. Vernon Fisher '67 B.A.**, 4/23/2023
- Mr. Roy "Ridge" Sewell '67 BBA**, 1/23/2023. Survived by wife **Janet (Faver) Sewell '66 B.S.**
- Mr. Ron "Ronnie" Nations '70 B.A.**, 3/27/2023
- Mr. Clifford Walker '71 B.S.**, 2/6/2023
- Mr. James "Mack" Peacock '72 BBA**, 9/6/2022
- Mr. Roger "Steve" Livengood '73 B.A.**, 4/23/2023. Survived by wife **Siri (Boedeker) Livengood '74 B.S.** and son **Justin Livengood '98 B.A.**
- Mrs. Jo Elaine "Jodi" (Hatton) Berry '74 B.S.**, 12/28/2022
- Mr. Harold Whitten '75 BBA**, 4/27/2023. Survived by wife, **Linda (Cox) Whitten '73 B.M.**
- Mr. Dale Gilliam '76 B.S.**, 5/3/2023
- Mrs. Cheryl (Boman) Roland '76 B.A.**, 8/17/2022. Survived by husband **Thomas Roland '75 B.A.**

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Mr. Billy McCorkle '77 B.S.,
2/20/2023

Mrs. Grace (Overton) Evans
'79 B.S., 4/3/2023

Mr. Kenneth "Ken" Ingram
'79 B.S., 5/25/2023. Survived
by wife, Carla (Horton)
Ingram '79 B.S.

Mrs. Ruth Gann '81 M.E.,
4/29/2023

Mrs. Cynthia "Cindy"
(Mints) Feagins '82 B.E.,
3/6/2023

Mr. James "Jim" Graham '82
BBS, 3/10/2023

Mr. Keith Whitmore '82
B.M., 6/8/2023

Mrs. Resa (Kidd) Reedy '84
BBA, 5/21/2023. Survived
by brother Ronnie Kidd '81
BBA and nephew Riley Kidd
'12 BBA.

Dr. Timothy "Tim"
Stettheimer '88 BBS,
2/9/2023. Survived by wife
Carol (Evins) Stettheimer
'89 B.A.

Mrs. Jamie (Winters)
Dunnam '90 B.E., 4/1/2023.
Survived by husband Glen
Dunnam '90 B.E.

Mrs. Jana Sauerwein '90 B.A.,
3/2/2023

Mr. Wesley Hudgins '04 BBS,
2/19/2023

Mrs. Alice (Rittenhouse/
Scully) Tackett '05 B.S.,
12/8/2022

Mr. Ernest "Andy" Escobedo
'14 M.E., 3/29/2023

Mr. Marcus Ellison '18 BBS,
6/9/2023

Dr. Charles "Charlie"
Stenholm '97 HD, 5/17/2023

Dr. George Dawson, friend,
3/28/2023.

Rev. Paul Powell, friend,
4/10/2023. Survived by sons,
Jud Powell '76 B.S./'78 M.E.
and John Powell '71 B.A.

Mr. Dale Graham, friend,
11/30/2021. Survived
by wife, Dora (Correa)
Graham '63 B.S.



DR. JULIAN BRIDGES, PROFESSOR EMERITUS

March 20, 2023

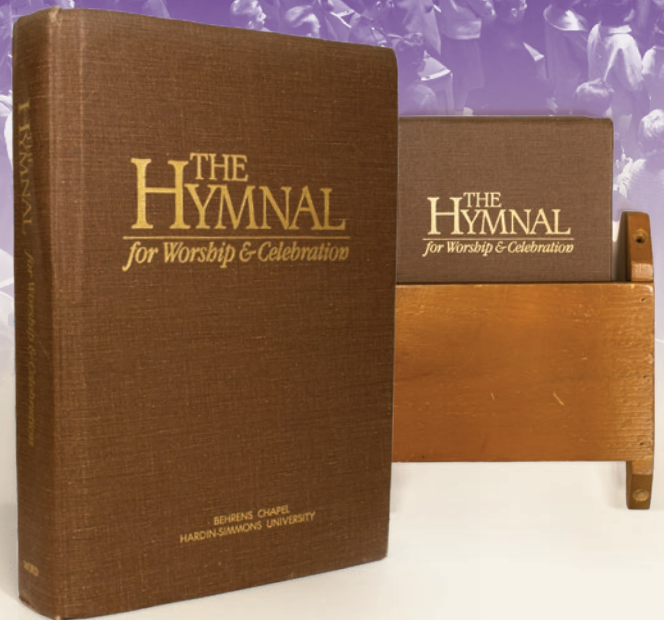
Julian Bridges was born and raised in Miami, Florida. As a student at the University of Florida (UF), he was active in the Baptist Student Union (now Baptist Student Ministry). One summer, he signed up to serve as a student missionary to Mexico, a decision that resulted in him dedicating his life and career to Christian service and ministry.

After graduating from UF, Julian attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth where he met a "Georgia Peach" named Charlotte Martin. Marrying in 1954, they had a strong bond of partnership and love in ministry that continued for the next 68 years.

The Bridges served as missionaries in Mexico City from 1961 until 1973, ministering to hundreds of poor children, students, and families. While on furlough in 1968, Julian had returned to UF where he completed his Ph.D. in sociology. He joined the faculty of Hardin-Simmons University in 1973, quickly becoming a beloved professor and later, Dean. Upon retirement in 2004, Dr. Julian Bridges was awarded Professor Emeritus status, a high honor that was well deserved.

Dr. Bridges' accomplishments and his volunteerism could fill pages. He was a selfless servant who impacted the lives of thousands of people.

Survivors include his beloved wife Charlotte, their three daughters: Dr. Rebecca Bridges '78 B.S.; Deborah '80 B.S., and husband Henry Gil; Marelyn Shedd and husband Glen; and three granddaughters.



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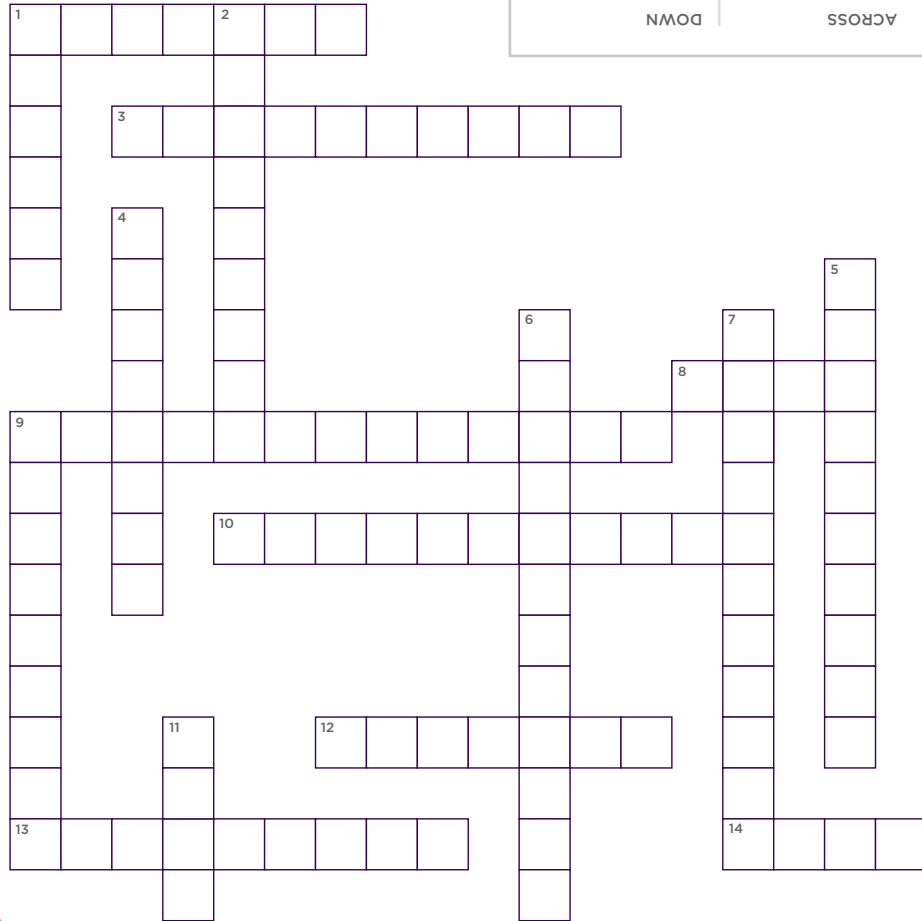
ACROSS

1. Last name of new VP of Enrollment Management and Marketing
3. Women's team that traveled to Puerto Rico
8. DPT traveled to this South American country in May
9. The "C" in GC-MS
10. Location of new nursing program
12. Month of Homecoming
13. Name of capital campaign
14. What was replaced at Shelton Stadium

DOWN

1. First name of new Director of Spiritual Formation
2. Social media platform for student ambassadors
4. Name of hospital across the street from HSU
5. Where the names of HSU graduates are displayed
6. Name of new branding campaign
7. This board is charged with supporting the university
9. "Those Who Stay Will Be _____"
11. Air Force Base where two HSU alumni are chaplains

1. Shell	1. Seekins
2. Instagram	3. Basketball
4. Hendrick	8. Peru
5. AlumniWall	9. Chromatograph
6. WeAreCowboys	10. AbileneHall
7. Development	12. October
9. Champions	13. SpeakLife
11. Shaw	14. Turf



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View the theatre calendar on page 25.

When you're on campus for home football games, be sure to check in at the alumni table to meet up with other alumni and receive special gifts from the Alumni Association!



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Convocation ●

Tuesday, Aug. 29 | morning

Abilene Hall Dedication

Tuesday, Aug. 29 | morning

Parramore Field Dedication and 500th Win Celebration

Friday, Sept. 1 | evening

Moody Dining Hall Dedication

Thursday, Sept. 7 | morning

Joe Black Dinner & Golf Classic (RSVP required)

Thursday, Sept. 7 | evening

Friday, Sept. 8 | all day

Cornerstone Lecture Series

Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 19-21
| morning

Homecoming ● Weekend

Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 12-15
| all day

● Yell Practice

Friday, Oct. 27 | evening

● Fall Band Concert

Monday, Nov. 6 | evening

Turkey Day 5K

Monday, Nov. 27 | afternoon

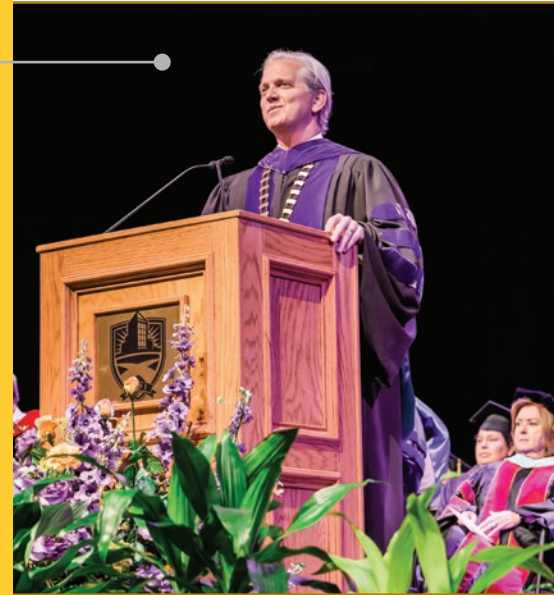
All-School Christmas Party

Thursday, Nov. 30 | evening

Winter ● Commencement

Friday, Dec. 15 | morning &
afternoon

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HSU Welcomes SHELLI PRESLEY

Shelli Presley has joined Hardin-Simmons as the Director of Spiritual Formation, a role that holds immense importance in fostering the Christian faith and well-being of the HSU community.

Shelli brings with her a deep-rooted commitment to guiding individuals on their journeys. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and a master's in marriage and family therapy from Abilene Christian University and has dedicated her career to inspiring and equipping others to deepen their faith. Throughout her professional journey, Shelli has served as a pastor, counselor, leadership coach, and has co-authored curriculum in spiritual growth and Kingdom culture formation within the parenting and business context.

Beyond her academic achievements and professional background, Shelli possesses a genuine warmth and approachability that instantly puts others at ease. Her ability to connect with people from all walks of life, regardless of their spiritual background, has made her a beloved figure within our community. Her leadership style encourages collaboration and a shared sense of purpose.

As the Director of Spiritual Formation, Shelli will play a pivotal role in creating a nurturing spiritual environment for our faculty, staff, and students. She will oversee the development and implementation of programs, events, and initiatives that foster a sense of community, and

provide guidance and support those seeking to deepen their relationship with God.

Shelli is drawn to working with college students because “this is a developmentally powerful age.” She explained, “This is a season where change can happen quickly. This is when students identify who they are in the eyes of the Lord; when they grow, know, and understand their faith.” Speaking to the power of these years, Shelli added, “I was transformed and changed by the people who poured into me when I was in college. They really shaped me and made me want to give back in the same way.”

Even though Shelli officially joined HSU in 2023, she has been involved with the campus in various ways since 2004. Over the years, Shelli has helped connect international students with HSU through her family's education consulting business, ELI 360, and has been a part of a prayer team that prays for HSU. While working in college ministry at Beltway Park Church, Shelli crossed paths with many students from HSU. Getting to know these students, Shelli said, “I fell in love with the heart of HSU.”

Shelli is married to Erik, and they have five sons: Mito '21, Jeremiah, Zeik, Isacc, and Nate.

To join Shelli in prayer, collaboration, or to simply chat, reach out to her at shelli.presley@hsutx.edu or (325) 670-1087

“I know of no greater place to raise up Kingdom warriors than in the home and on college campuses where students are in a season of life where they are developmentally ripe for change and transformation. Among faculty, staff, students, and alumni, I pray we can raise up leaders prepared and equipped in every sphere of society to advance the gospel and manifest the Kingdom of God.” —Shelli Presley

Rooted *in* Love



SHELLI PRESLEY

*Director of
Spiritual Formation*

Ephesians 3:16-21 NLT

“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”

HSU is blessed with a long and continuing legacy of people with vision for advancing the Kingdom of God. Many faithfully continue to sacrificially love God and humanity. Many are giving so Christ can be made known. From past to present, founders, board members, administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of HSU comprise a faithful army empowered by the Holy Spirit to make His love known on this campus, in Abilene, in cities all over the U.S., and throughout the world.

It is with deep fervency I pray that we continue to pursue Christ! I pray we experience His love personally. I pray out of the overflow of His love, we will continue to have energy, strength, and courage to humbly serve God and people in a way that points others to Christ and brings glory to Him. May we seize every opportunity, big or small, to honor Christ and love people well. In this way, Christ will be commended from one generation to another, and His Kingdom will continue to advance mightily.

Be encouraged, dear brothers and sisters! May your joy be full today as you live as a tangible expression of His love right where you are.

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