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I took a sculpting class as an elective while in college and it quickly became my favorite. One of our last assignments was to design and create a human head. I spent so many hours analyzing the design and anatomy of ears and eyes and yet all the time I spent didn't help.

I did a horrible job.

How do you put life in the eyes of an inanimate object? How do you make it come alive?

It took a lot of time to put it together, and still had its imperfections...However, with all the imperfections, it is one of my favorite pieces that I have ever created.

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Through this adventure of creating...God was teaching me a lesson.

"Creative" is just one description of God. God is a creative God, and creating is something He enjoys.

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We are His creation.

He knows you inside and out...and He loves you. He knows your dreams and disasters...and He loves you. He shares your tears and your laughter...and He loves you.

Moreover, because he created you, you are valuable to Him.

You are amazing.

God has blessed you and equipped you with some characteristics and traits that He instilled only in you and no one else.

You are His handiwork...His sculpture...His masterpiece.

To top it off, He made you out of something as common as dust, but not only dust...in fact he took a deep breath and then gave you spiritual CPR...by breathing the breath of life into you.

That very breath of life is in each and every one of you, and it's in me too.

If that weren't enough... If His mind in designing us, and His hands in fashioning us, and His breath in giving us life were not enough; in Psalms, it says God has precious thoughts about us. These thoughts are so many that they cannot be numbered. In fact, they outnumber the grains of sand!

You have incredible value to God. He proved it in John 3:16 by loving you and trading His son for you.

So you do have value, you're made in the image of God, you're fearfully and wonderfully made. You're not only dust, but you have the life of God breathed into you.



Eric I. Bruntmyer
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On the cover: Jaree Bell '19 and Joyce Kupe. To read more of their story, go to page 4.

CORRECTIONS:

The following mistakes were made in the Fall/Winter 2017 publication. We apologize for these errors:

Richard David Dean '67 was mistakenly identified as "the first African-American graduate" of HSU, on page 11. While he was one of the first, he was not the first. The university does not have demographic information on older students. We know that Henry Peacock and Harry Ervin both graduated from HSU in 1965. There might have been other students earlier than the mid-1960's, the university cannot verify this information with confidence.

We misidentified a baby in our "Welcome to the Family" section. Photo # 2 should say, Greyson Kim Revell, son of **Sam Revell '12BA and Callie (Rankin) Revell '12BA, 6/16/2017**. Grandparents include **Rob Rankin '99M**, Julie Rankin and Ron Revell. Great-Grandparents are retired HSU professor Taylor Rankin and his wife, Elizabeth. Dallas; Callie.Revell@gmail.com

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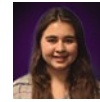
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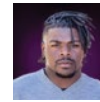
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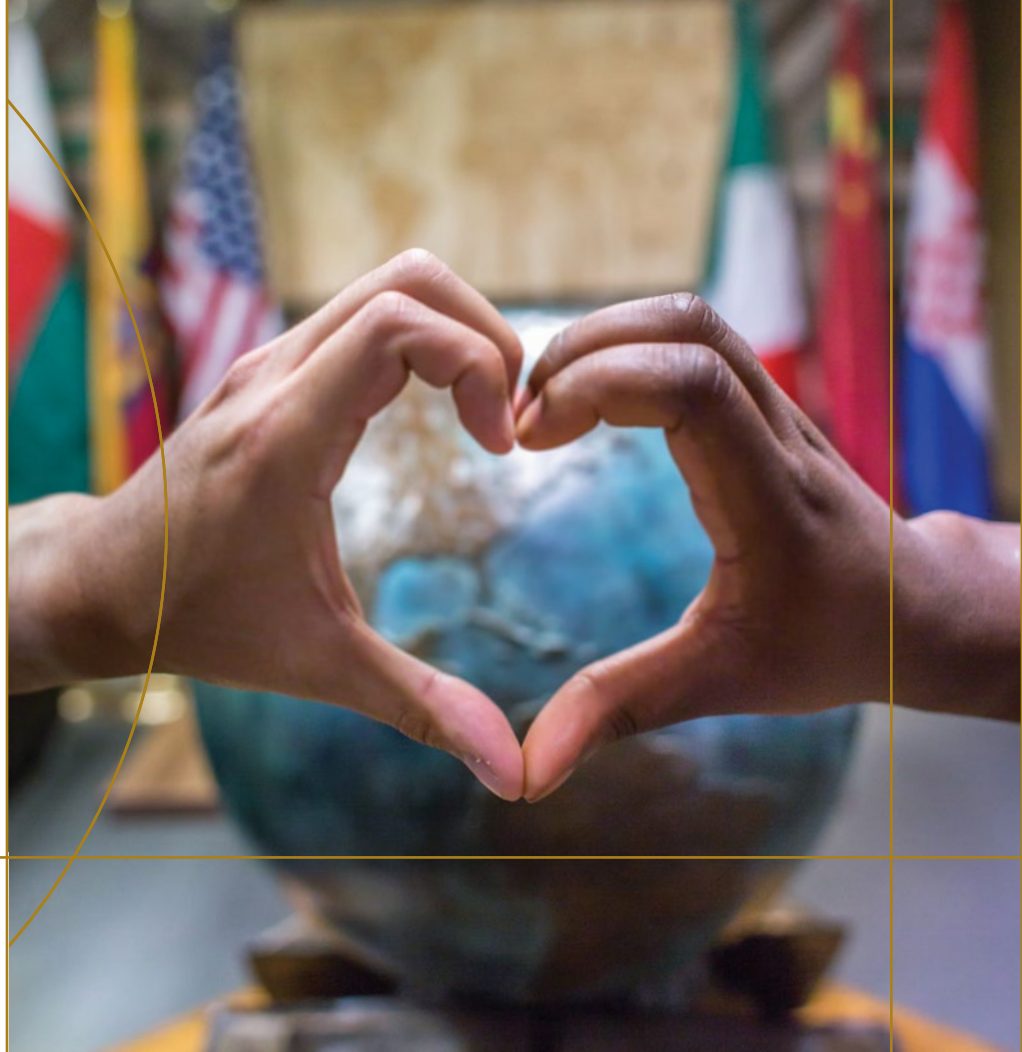
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MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

by Dr. Kristina Campos-Davis



Hardin-Simmons University has a history of receiving many different people to its campus. This welcoming nature is based on a simple belief, we are all made in the image of God. We are all God's children, and therefore all are welcome in this place. This idea has been a part of HSU since its inception in 1891. In the college's foundational documents, James B. Simmons made the point that anyone should be welcome, regardless of class, background or religion. Simmons' vision is obvious in many different contexts, whether it's in welcoming international students onto the campus or in welcoming members of the community, Hardin-Simmons is working to be the college of Christ's love.

Over the years, HSU's Logsdon Seminary has been home to many immigrant and refugee students. The seminary has welcomed these students for two reasons:

First, the hope is that these students will learn about the gospel and spread that message throughout the world.

Dr. James B. Simmons made it clear when he helped to found HSU that it was to be a force for missions throughout the world. "The great commission, Matthew 28, requires Christians to tread every line of latitude and every line of longitude over this vast earth, and to preach the gospel at the crossing of all these lines if only one human being is



"RAISE UP FOREIGN MISSIONARIES AS WELL AS HOME MISSIONARIES." — REV. JAMES B. SIMMONS

found to dwell there." As he wrote in a letter to First Baptist Abilene's Rev. R.T. Hanks in 1890, "that's what this college is for, to raise up foreign missionaries as well as home missionaries."

Many of the international students who study in Logsdon plan to return to their home countries to spread the gospel, if they can. Others, such as the refugee students, plan to minister from their unique perspective here in the United States.

Second, the Bible tells God's people to welcome the "foreigner."

Dr. Robert Ellis, dean of Logsdon Seminary, said he has noticed in several of his classes, such as Old Testament, the refugees enrich the classroom for all students.

"They are bringing their experiences, so we can think about the exile in the Old Testament, through the eyes of refugees, who have themselves been exiled," he said.



International chapel on January 23, 2018, featured many of the international students on the worship team and throughout the service.

WELCOMING FROM FAR AWAY

Evariste Musonera is one such student. He and his family fled Rwanda in 1994 when the genocide started. After spending a short time in the Congo, then 14 years in Kenya, he received refugee status for his family from the United States in 2008. He was drawn to Abilene by the warm climate and a friend who was already living here. Members of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church welcomed Musonera and his family into the church and have provided much of the assistance needed to get them on their feet.

Musonera has been a student at HSU since 2011. During that time, he has earned his bachelor's degree in ministry and social work, and his master's of divinity degree. He plans to begin a doctorate in ministry in the fall of

2019. When he is not pursuing his education, Musonera is a preacher at Global Restoration Church in Abilene, which focuses its ministry on refugees. Since 2015, the International Rescue Committee has brought almost 3,000 refugees to Abilene and the Big Country. Helping them learn English, find jobs and become self-sufficient is one of the ways that Musonera ministers to his fellow refugees.

In addition, Musonera, who also is a husband and father to 10 children, has worked to bring some of his friends to Abilene to study at HSU. In 2013, Musonera began working with Daniel Martin, director of student services in Logsdon Seminary, to get his friend and fellow preacher Kisemei Kupe to HSU. It took five years of visa rejections and other red tape to get Kupe and his family approved to come to the United States from Kenya.

When the approval finally came, Musonera explained the significance of the event to Martin, "Do you understand what has just happened? In Nairobi, there may be one thousand people a day trying to get a visa. Of those one thousand people, maybe one hundred people even get approved for an interview. Of those one hundred, maybe ten people are approved for a visa. Today a miracle has happened, and God wants Kisemei here at Logsdon."

Although Kupe has been at HSU only since June of 2017, he already has made an indelible mark on the campus; he is a favorite chapel speaker, and as a student worker in the global engagement office, he is one of the first people international students meet when they come to visit.

At the age of 14, Kupe was converted and baptized by a Tanzanian preacher. He was so passionate about Christ that he began preaching among his tribe — the Maasai people — in the wilds

Evariste Musonera is the kind of person who always has a smile on his face. He was especially happy when he walked across the stage to accept his master's of divinity degree during graduation in May 2018.



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of southern Kenya from the moment he was baptized. However, his love for Christ was not accepted by his family. His mother and uncle demanded he leave the church. When he refused, he was kicked out of his home and disowned by his family.

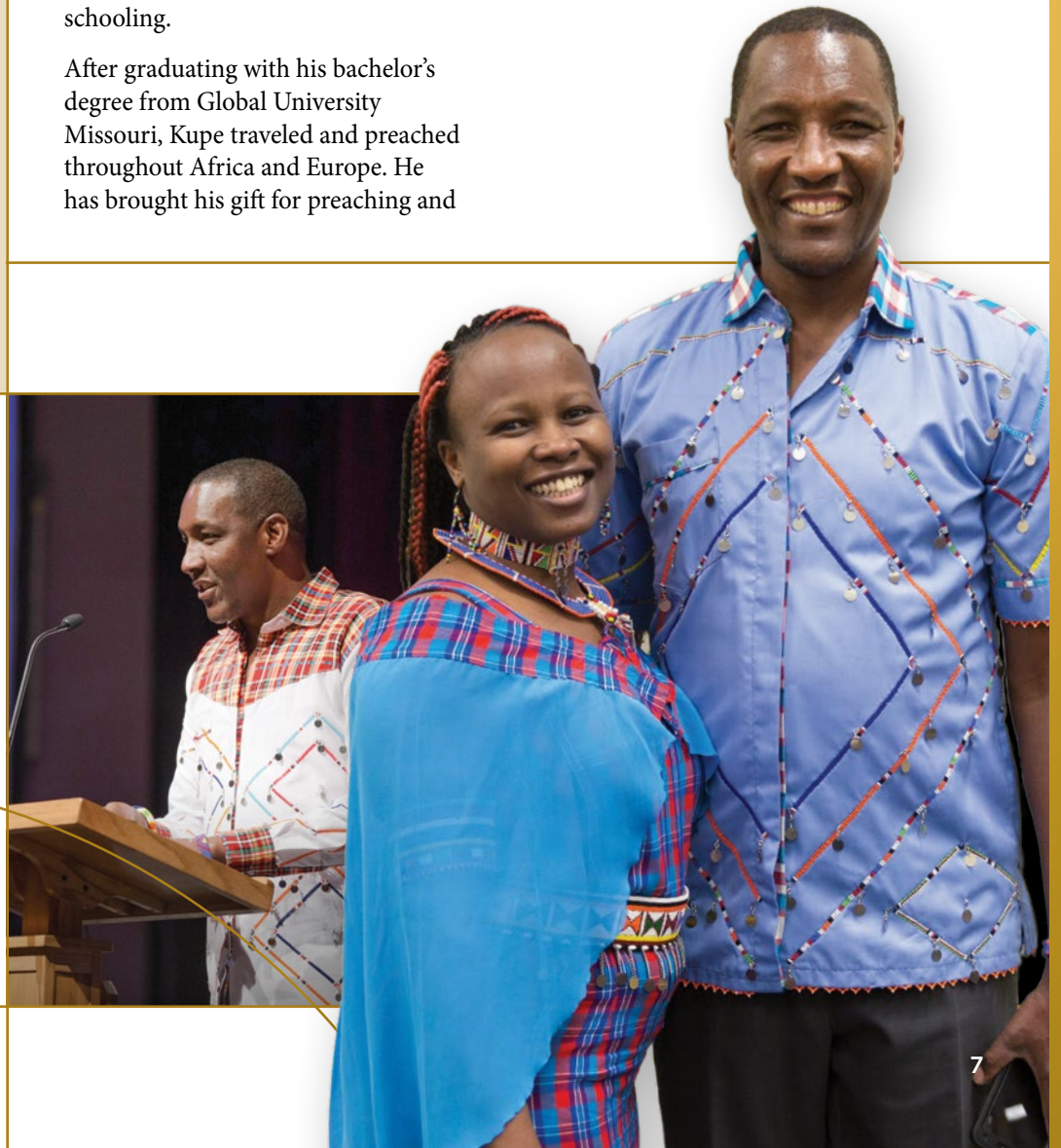
As a young teenager, Kupe spent some time living in a cave while he figured out what to do next. A Swedish missionary heard him preaching and helped him get into a secondary school. International aid organizations, like WorldVision, helped by paying for a semester here or there, but each year was a struggle. Kupe's education was finally secured when a wealthy man in Kenya heard about his preaching when Kupe was 17 and paid for the rest of his schooling.

After graduating with his bachelor's degree from Global University Missouri, Kupe traveled and preached throughout Africa and Europe. He has brought his gift for preaching and

ministry to HSU. Every day Kupe works to ensure HSU's international students are comfortable in their new country.

Kupe also brought a family when he moved to Abilene, and the transition was completely unexpected for his wife, Joyce. "It has never been one of my dreams that I will move to America," Joyce says, "But, I will never regret moving to Abilene, it has become God's door into our blessings. HSU has made Abilene become my community, my family and my beautiful home away from home."

Kisemei Kupe and his wife, Joyce. Kisemei is a popular preacher, students love when he speaks in chapel. As he did during the International Chapel on January 23, 2018.



WELCOMING CLOSE TO HOME

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HSU's hospitality extends to more than just its international and refugee students; it also extends to people in the Abilene community who are often overlooked.

Prof. Melissa Milliorn, chair and professor in the Department of Social Work, and her students extend this welcome each spring to young women from Child Protective Services who are getting ready for their high school prom. It's a fun event with plenty of glitter and glamour — all for free. The girls come to HSU, and the college students help them pick out a dress, get their hair done and prepare for the big event.

"We want it on our campus because we want them to see that college is a possibility. We want them to see that college is not just about the classroom, but also about the experience. And we want them to know they are valued. And, hopefully, throughout that day, they feel their worth; that sense of who they are, and that they are worthy," said Milliorn.


Each year there will be one profound moment that reminds Milliorn why this event is so important. This year she told the story of one young woman who came in and had a hard time finding a dress that fit her. The HSU students did their best to encourage her and kept showing her more dresses that might work. Finally, she found "the" dress. Everyone could tell how excited she was because she came out of the changing room beaming and just twirled in front of the mirror. That's when Milliorn was again reminded why the prom party was another way to show Jesus to these girls.

"In that moment she saw herself as God sees her. She saw her worth. She saw her beauty. That is the moment we are striving for with all of these young ladies who come, that they feel loved unconditionally, that they feel accepted right where they are, for who they are. For one day, they don't have to worry about all the stressors they have in their life, because they have so many," said Milliorn.

The event allows the high school students to get away from the labels they are used to hearing — such as foster child and ward of the state — and allows them to hear another, much more important label, child of God.

Professor Mellisa Milliorn has been sponsoring a prom party for foster kids from the Abilene area for more than ten years.



A photograph of Jaree Bell '19, a young woman with long brown hair, smiling and holding a small object in her hands. She is wearing a green t-shirt and a brown bag. The background shows a busy street in Italy with a statue on the left and shops on the right.

Jaree Bell '19 spent her summer abroad in Italy with HSU.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT by Jaree Bell '19

My story began in Kenya. My home and heart reside in Tanzania. I currently live in the United States. Here is how my story unfolded. Two years after my parents were appointed as missionaries in Shinyanga, Tanzania I was born in Nairobi, Kenya in 1996. Growing up on a 150-acre farm in western Tanzania, East Africa shaped my worldview in ways no other background could. I grew up in a multicultural atmosphere filled to the brim with friendships from countries all across the world. I had the opportunity to attend an international boarding school, Rift Valley Academy, in Kijabe, Kenya where I met and built relationships with people from over 50 different countries. I can say without a doubt, though, that the most important relationship I made was with my Savior and God when I was eight years old. Little did I know the enormity of that decision and how it would affect me and every single relationship I've made since.

I believe the kingdom of God looks like my boarding school looked: people from different nationalities, ethnicities,

languages, and even religions living together; not necessarily under a roof of equality, but rather of equity. We are not all similar or equal, we are different, yet what we share is our humanity and our likeness, made in the image of God. However, we are made different for a reason, for the edification of one another and the glorification of the God who made us.

Therefore, my family consists of more than just my American blood relatives. Those whom I call family are Tanzanian, Kenyan, South African, Dutch, Korean, Canadian, Malaysian, Italian, Scottish, British, and countless more. My first roommate in boarding school was a Canadian girl who grew up in Lesotho. Other roommates were Korean but grew up in Uganda, American but grew up in Rwanda, British but grew up in Tanzania, and Dutch but grew up in Malawi. These girls became my closest friends and sisters, I lived with them for nine months out of the year and it was our differences that brought us together, those differences did not tear us apart.

The country I grew up in should have made me feel like a minority. And it

did, but I felt no negativity associated with being a minority. I always viewed it as edifying and an opportunity to learn rather than judge or view myself as better than anyone else. Because I am not. I look forward to the day all of humanity views one another through the eyes that our Savior does. And from now till that day, to not settle on a like-minded perspective, but search out diversified worldviews and friendships with people who look different than we do.

I have asked myself time and time again: am I Kenyan, or Tanzanian, or American? Am I all the above, or none? I choose all the above, because to me it means I have chosen to overcome boundaries built by humans, and barriers separating peoples created by society. This is what I like to think the Kingdom of God is going to be like. And this is what I urge the students and faculty of Hardin-Simmons University to aspire to be, a place that looks like the beautiful, ethnically diverse, kingdom of God.



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Luke Gaie '18 sings "The Hardin-Simmons University Anthem" during the April Ring Ceremony, where he received his official HSU Ring.

Q&A w/ Dr. Robert Ellis

Q You are Dean of Logsdon Seminary and Logsdon School of Theology as well as the Phillips Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew. What are some new things you are working on?

A As a new Dean, I'm finding there are a plethora of fresh challenges and opportunities. A good bit of my effort is focused inward toward the goal of helping students learn and grow in Christ and in ministry skills. I try to be a facilitator who helps set free the remarkable Logsdon faculty to do what they do best: teach and mentor students. As I look beyond the campus, I'm joining the effort of our President and others to develop more robust connections with ministers and churches in Abilene and beyond and to create new contexts for students to engage in experiential learning.

Q Can you tell us a story from the classroom that has inspired or moved you?

A My favorite times are when the class and I are in dialogue about some issue, and we are all very engaged, so that one idea sparks another. Then a fresh idea comes, something new I've never thought of before, or I'm able to talk about a difficult thing more clearly than I ever have before. It's a magical moment of mutual learning and teaching.

Q What are you reading?

A Jonathan Haidt's "The Righteous Mind," Arthur Herman's "How the Scots Invented the Modern World," Richard Rohr's "The Divine Dance," and Marilynne Robinson's "Gilead."

Q How do you relax?

A Spending the evening in my favorite chair (or flat on the couch after really busy days) watching British mysteries or the Rangers with Teresa (his wife of 29 years).

Q Who is (or was) your role model? What did you learn from them?

A My parents are the most important role models for me. For example, my dad has shown me the importance of thinking critically for one's self, service to others, hard work, humility, sarcastic humor, and devotion to family. My mom has modeled for me the confidence to tackle tough jobs, optimism about life, avoidance of self-pity, the joy of public speaking, and pastoral care for others. They both model integrity and love for Christ and the church.

Q What do you like to do when you are not in the classroom?

A My favorite thing to do is to chill with Teresa at home in the evenings. On weekends I enjoy getting my hands dirty in the yard – it's therapy for me. Whenever possible, we love to travel, especially on long road trips or abroad to new places or old favorites.

Q How do your students inspire you?

A Three things: when they stick to learning something hard with grit, and finally master it; when they are vulnerable enough to let me see how they are growing in terms of "being," "knowing," and "doing"; and when they excel at doing the ministry for which they are preparing – like teaching, preaching, or caring pastorally.

Q What is your favorite scripture?

A It's tough for a Bible professor to pick the "one" favorite, so I'll answer it this way. In these days of the season after Easter, I find myself most often repeating this passage in my head: "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering, being conformed to his death, so that somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead" (Phil 3:10-11).

Q What is your favorite meal?

A Fillet from Perini's Steakhouse in Buffalo Gap with Jalapeno bites, zucchini Perini, cowboy potatoes, and bread pudding for dessert.

Q What is your favorite thing about HSU?

A This place is almost part of my DNA. I moved to Abilene at age 2 when my father began teaching at HSU, so I sort of grew up on campus. It's where my mom's grandfather did an M.A. in Philosophy years ago, where my siblings and I did our bachelor's degrees, and where my mom completed an M.Ed. I started my teaching career here in 1984-1986 and have been back on the faculty since 1996. It's a place that expects academic excellence in a context of compassion and deep faith, without arrogance or self-aggrandizement. I get to work with amazing faculty and staff colleagues. It's not like any other place I've ever been. It's home.



Dr. Bob Ellis '77 has been the Dean of the Logsdon School of Theology since February 2018. Ellis frequently ministers in churches as a preacher and Bible conference leader and has engaged in mission projects in Brazil, Romania, England, China, Nigeria, and South Africa.

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by Grace Mitchell '19

Dr. Christopher McNair Begins Position as University Provost

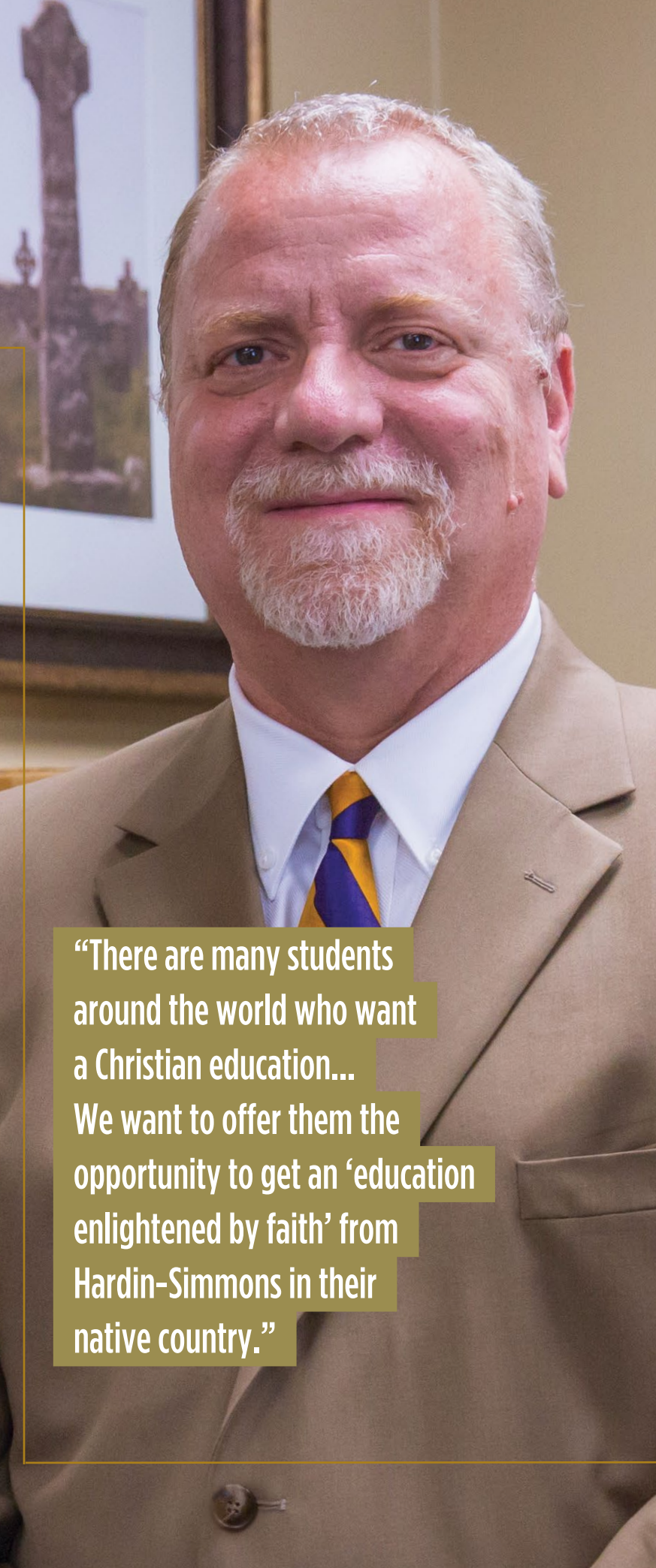
When Dr. Christopher McNair '84 attended Hardin-Simmons for his undergraduate degree, he knew he had found something special. Years later, he felt God calling him to return to HSU as a professor. In April, McNair was called to lead the university he loves as its new provost and chief academic officer.

As provost, McNair directs and collaborates with deans from each of HSU's nine schools and colleges and helps lead academic innovation into HSU's 128th year.


"Dr. McNair is a unique and gifted leader, educator, and scientist," said HSU President Eric Bruntmyer, "While we had a large pool of quality external candidates, Chris is an outstanding example of the academic depth present in our existing faculty."

After graduating from HSU in 1984 with a bachelor of science in biology, McNair earned his master of science in neurophysiology at the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1986, and his doctorate in neurophysiology from the University of Kentucky in 1993.

An HSU faculty member since 1992, McNair was named department chair of the department of biology in 1995 and received tenure in 1996. In 1999, he was named the first dean of the Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics. Concurrent with his leadership as dean, McNair has served as HSU's

A portrait of Dr. Christopher McNair, a middle-aged man with a white goatee, wearing a tan suit, white shirt, and a blue and yellow striped tie. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a painting on the wall.

"There are many students around the world who want a Christian education... We want to offer them the opportunity to get an 'education enlightened by faith' from Hardin-Simmons in their native country."



Dr. McNair's passion in the classroom makes him a favorite teacher among students. Even though he has taken over as provost, Dr. McNair will continue to teach one course a semester.

interim provost since the retirement of Dr. Tommy Brisco as provost in December 2017.

McNair and his wife Sandy have been married nearly 30 years, and are looking forward to their twin sons, Jordan and Zachary, starting their freshman year at HSU in the fall. Their family is active at Abilene's First Central Presbyterian Church where Chris has served as a deacon, usher and reader. He is also heavily involved in community service, currently providing leadership as the vice-president of the Abilene Zoological Society.

"I am honored and privileged to take on this new challenge as provost at Hardin-Simmons," said McNair. "As an alumnus, my heart is with HSU and the Christian mission to provide an 'education enlightened by faith.'"

McNair will oversee an exciting time at Hardin-Simmons as the university works to add numerous graduate and undergraduate programs as well as options for high-demand online and interdisciplinary programs. His vision for the university is one of conscious growth while maintaining HSU's unique family dynamic.

"There is an all-hands-on-deck mentality among the administration to keep Hardin-Simmons as a growing family," he said. "We want it to grow, but we want it to be very intentional. We never want to lose focus on the reason

we're here, which is to serve college students."

McNair is working to expand HSU's online education opportunities by helping develop the university's first fully-online undergraduate program and by expanding online and hybrid graduate programs.

"I'm here to help facilitate the vision of the faculty to bring us innovative programs, to integrate technology into the classroom, and to provide opportunities for students to prepare for meaningful careers," said McNair. "One of my responsibilities is to help our academic areas provide cutting-edge programs to train our students to be successful out in the real world."

McNair sees online education as an extension of HSU's Christian witness.

"There are many students around the world who want a Christian education, but they can't move to Abilene, Texas," he said. "We want to offer them the opportunity to get an 'education enlightened by faith' from Hardin-Simmons in their native country."

Because of the increasing need for healthcare providers, McNair hopes to continue to grow Hardin-Simmons' health science programs. He sees the success of HSU's new Physician Assistant program and the continued success of the Physical Therapy program as testimonies to HSU's commitment to

provide quality healthcare training for students.

Along with his new duties as provost, Dr. McNair plans to continue teaching one class per semester.

"I think it's very important in this position that I maintain the pulse of the student body and know what students are going through on campus," he said. "Teaching allows me to stay connected to both the students and the faculty."

As provost, McNair works closely with President Bruntmyer to set goals for the university's academic programs.

"I look forward to working with Dr. McNair on many of the opportunities that face HSU as we move into a new period of academic innovation, expansion, and growth," said Bruntmyer.

McNair says President Bruntmyer's energy level is infectious.

"President Bruntmyer motivates all the Vice Presidents to give everything they have for the university," he said.

McNair's love for Hardin-Simmons motivates his dedication to his new position.

"Every year has increased my love for the university," he said. "I feel like this has become a growing family, and I love being a part of seeing Hardin-Simmons going forward in the 21st century."

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Dr. Travis Frampton

Vice President for University Mission and Strategic Vision

Dr. Frampton has accepted a promotion to the newly-created position of Vice President for University Mission and Strategic Vision effective August 1, 2018. Among the many duties Frampton will have, he will work alongside the president as they focus on enrollment and advancement during the next year.

Dr. Frampton will also utilize his experience to support the foundation of HSU's plan for strategic expansion and innovation through deliberate efforts to integrate Simmons' idea of Christlieb into every area of growth on our campus.

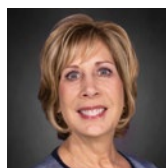


Mr. Michael Monhollon

*Professor of Business Law
Dean of the Kelley College of Business
Associate Provost*

Mr. Monhollon was recently appointed as HSU's Associate Provost. This appointment is effective immediately, and Mr. Monhollon will continue his duties concurrently with those as Dean of the Kelley College of Business.

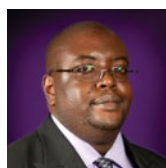
In January 2018, Mr. Monhollon taught a five-day course in Business Ethics in the master's program in Hospitality and Tourism at the University of Applied Sciences in Salzburg, Austria.



Dr. Donalyn Alexander

*Associate Professor of Nursing
Associate Dean of the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing*

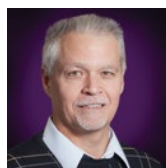
Dr. Alexander returned to the faculty of the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing on April 30, 2018 as an Associate Professor of Nursing and the Associate Dean after completing 17 years at Hendrick Medical Center as the Director of Education and Professional Development.



Mr. Chaluza Kapaale

*Assistant Professor of Nursing,
Chair of the BSN Program,
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing*

Mr. Kapaale published an article in the March edition of the American Association of Perioperative Nurses Journal.



Dr. Tim Chandler

*Professor of Communications,
Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts*

Dr. Chandler had his class, Survey of Advertising, collaborate with Jim Hammond, Superintendent of Fort Belknap on the Texas Forts Trail, to produce a new exhibit for the museum at the fort.


Dr. Joseph Bailey

*Professor of Communications,
Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts*

Dr. Bailey published a chapter in the book "100 Greatest Video Game Franchises" discussing how free speech issues are addressed in electronic gaming.


Dr. Sherry Rosenblad

*Assistant Professor of Psychology
and Counseling,
Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts*

Dr. Rosenblad served as the faculty sponsor for nine undergraduate students with the Parks and Rocks program on their trip to Guadalupe Mountain National Park, near El Paso, Texas; to White Sands National Preserve, near Alamogordo, NM; and to Carlsbad Caverns National Park, near Carlsbad, New Mexico.


Dr. John Eric Swenson

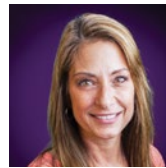
*Associate Professor of Psychology and
Counseling,
Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts*

Dr. Swenson, along with two HSU students, presented at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies International Conference, in Norfolk, Virginia, in April. The presentation was titled, "Psychology of Racism: A Ten-Day Undergraduate Travel Course Across the Deep South."


Dr. Priscilla Selvaraj

*Assistant Professor of Psychology and
Counseling
Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts*

Dr. Selvaraj presented at the national conference for the Association for Specialist in Group-Work along with three HSU graduate students in Savannah, Georgia, in February 2018.


Mrs. Melissa Milliorn

*Professor of Social Work and Head of the
Department of Social Work,
Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts*

Mrs. Milliorn served again on the organizing committee for the Texas Field Educators Consortium's Student Day at the Legislature, which hosted a day-long, social advocacy and public policy event at the state capitol in March. An estimated 800-850 students from across the state of Texas attended this event.


Dr. Patrick Miller

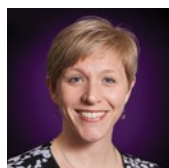
*Professor of Mathematics,
Holland School of Sciences & Mathematics*

In May, Dr. Patrick Miller, Professor of Mathematics, began implementing his three-year \$750,000 NASA grant to identify asteroids through his International Asteroid Search Campaign.



Dr. Jennifer Hennigan
Assistant Professor of Biology
Holland School of Sciences & Mathematics

Dr. Jennifer Hennigan, Assistant Professor of Biology, was given a joint appointment in Chemistry, as she begins to take over research activities associated with the Welch Foundation grant awarded to the Chemistry and Physics Department of Hardin-Simmons University.



Dr. Lynnette Chambers
Professor of Voice,
College of Fine Arts

Dr. Chambers performed with the Abilene Philharmonic on April 21, 2018 and with the Civic Orchestra April 29, 2018.



Dr. Jeffrey Cottrell
Associate Professor of Low Brass and Theory,
Associate Dean of the College of Fine Arts

Dr. Cottrell composed a soon-to-be published piece for the Jazz Band called "The Last Stand of King Olaf," which was premiered at the Kiwanis Club Annual Pancake Day and Auction, a fundraiser for charity.



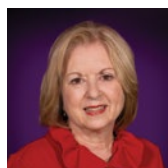
Dr. Christopher Hollingsworth
Associate Professor of Voice,
Director of Opera,
College of Fine Arts

Dr. Hollingsworth directed "Shrek: the Musical" to five sell-out crowds. He also directed "The Marriage of Figaro" for three performances in April. He is preparing for the role of Archibald Craven in "The Secret Garden" to be performed in August 2018 in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.



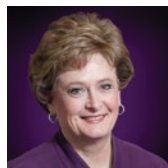
Mr. Steven Neves
Professor of Art
College of Fine Arts

Mr. Neves has produced 15 bronze sculptures for the new Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden at the Abilene Convention Center as well as the bronze cowgirl for the HSU campus.



Dr. Perry Kay Haley Brown
Dean of the College of Human Sciences and
Educational Studies

Dr. Brown is developing the HSU Google Scholar Program. HSU will be the first private institution to implement the program, which teaches students how to use technology in their classrooms.



Dr. Mary Christopher
Professor of Educational Studies,
Program Director for the Gifted Education
and the Doctor of Leadership Programs,
College of Human Sciences and Educational
Studies

Dr. Christopher was selected for Leadership Women Texas, a professional development and networking group for women leaders from a diverse field and expertise.



Dr. Scott Hamm
Assistant Professor of Education,
Director of Online Learning,
College of Human Sciences and Educational
Studies

Dr. Hamm presented at Liberty University on the topic of faith formation in online classes.



Dr. John N. Davis

*Associate Professor of Management,
Coordinator for Programs in Management,
Nonprofit Management, and Public
Administration,
Kelley College of Business*

Dr. Davis led the Doctoral Consortium at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Academy of Management, March 8, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Davis was named to the Taylor County Historical Commission in the spring of 2018.



Dr. Fei Gao

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

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



Dr. Thom Wier

*Associate Professor of Economics,
Kelley College of Business*

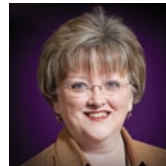
Dr. Wier was a speaker to InstructureCarn 2018, an educational technology conference hosted by the Canvas Learning Management System.



Dr. Nancy Kucinski

*Professor of Management,
Dean of Graduate Studies*

Dr. Kucinski taught at the University of Applied Sciences in Salzburg, Austria, in March 2018. The class was entitled "Strategy and Innovation Management in the Tourism Industry."



Mrs. Teresa Ellis

Theological Librarian and Professor

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



Dr. Kelvin Kelley

*Associate Professor of Theology,
Logsdon School of Theology*

Dr. Kelley received the 2018 Logsdon Distinguished Alumni Award at the spring awards ceremony.



Dr. Meredith Stone

*Instructor in Christian Ministry,
Director of Ministry Guidance,
Logsdon School of Theology*

Dr. Stone was given the Associated Church Press 2017 Award of Excellence for Online Department, for the article "A moment of reckoning, and not just for sexual harassers," published in the Baptist Standard. The same organization gave her an Honorable Mention for Editorial or Opinion, for "Voices: Pence, propriety and devaluing half the American population," which the Baptist Standard published.



As a part of the Leave Your Mark event, students, faculty and staff are given a chance to write their favorite Bible verses or other blessings into the foundation of new construction on campus. Ashleigh Jacquez '20 writes a blessing on the studs of the new apartment building in preparation for students who will move in.

MAY GOD'S AMAZING GRACE
ALWAYS BE WITH YOU! HBU '20



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HARDIN-SIMMONS
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Every family has stories, and the HSU family is no different. Some of those stories are told and retold over and over.

Whether you met your spouse, made lifelong friends, played on a sports team, or performed in a musical group or theatrical production, you have a Hardin-Simmons story.


**We want to know your story.
Will you share it with us?
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Collectively, the stories of the past 127 years have shaped Hardin-Simmons into the great university that it is today. We are inspired by our past, and excited about our future.

We invite you to be a part of that future by investing in our students today.

Eric I. Bruntmyer
President, HSU

Share your story at: connect.hsutx.edu/MyStory

A black and white portrait of Tyehimba Jess, a Black man with a beard and glasses, wearing a flat cap. He is looking slightly to the side with a gentle smile.

THE POETRY OF TYEHIMBA JESS

*Sharing stories of the past
for a brighter future.*

by Grace Mitchell '19

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LITERATURE HAS THE
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PEOPLE AROUND US.
THAT'S WHEN POETRY IS
DOING HUMANITARIAN
WORK.

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In an increasingly divided world, Tyehimba Jess works to increase understanding and unity by sharing forgotten stories of history through poetry. Jess visited Hardin-Simmons as the keynote speaker of The Lawrence Clayton Poets & Writers Speaker Series this April. He held a question and answer session, a poetry reading, and a book signing for his Pulitzer Prize winning collection, "Olio."

The subjects of Jess's poetry are the lives of mostly unrecorded African-American performers who lived between the Civil War and World War I.

"My primary interests were why they chose their creative paths and how they dealt with issues regarding their dignity and their creative productions against the stage of the minstrel show," Jess said in an interview.

While minstrel shows depicted African-Americans as one-dimensional caricatures, Jess portrays his subjects as complex humans.

"I felt like there was an opportunity to show unexpected moments of individual and collective resistance in the context of this time period," he said. "In doing so, I was able to add dimensionality to our understanding of these people."

Jess hopes that his poetry will give a voice to people whose voices have been ignored throughout history.

"Telling their stories seemed like an opportunity to be in conversation with them," he said. "As I share the stories of the past with people in the present, I try to see the ancestral line of creativity and of perseverance that we still manifest today."

At the poetry reading, Jess shared poems which told the stories of African-American performers, such as Bert Williams and George Walker, who performed in minstrel shows. White men often put on blackface to mock African-Americans, but Williams and Walker used the minstrel show to create empowerment from degradation.

Jess tore a page out of his book to show the audience how the poem, "Bert Williams/George Walker Paradox," could be folded and twisted to be read in new ways.

"I want people to deconstruct my book to reconstruct the history of these people," he said.

Jess shared other stories of John William "Blind" Boone who lost his eyes to encephalitis at the age of six months. Because of his prodigious memory and

perfect pitch, he could play any piece he heard. Jess also told the story of Henry "Box" Brown who mailed himself to the North in a two-by-four crate. He spent his life reenacting his escape and performing as a mesmerist.

"These are fascinating and incredible stories," Jess said. "When you say 'history' to people, they start to fall asleep, but when you say the word 'story,' they start to pay attention."

Such was the case when Jess shared the story of Millie and Christine McKoy, conjoined twins born into slavery. The sisters were shipped from town to town as a freak show attraction. Jess wrote their story as a syncopated sonnet entitled "Millie-Christine: On Display." Millie's words are found on the left column, Christine's on the right. The poem can be read from left to right, right to left, top to bottom, or bottom to top. Jess created this unique form to show how the sisters lived and performed in unison. In the poem, the sisters say, "Our wondrous oneness exists."

Jess says that it is often hard to have faith in reconciliation, but unity and understanding come by seeing the humanity in every person.

"I think that any time a large group of people can come together in accord in a positive way, that would be wonderful oneness," he said. "One of the ways that we do that is by seeking the complexity in the people around us and finding

ways to talk to each other instead of refusing to listen to each other or ignoring each other. For positive change to happen, there has to be an accord of people who are in imperfect ally-ships."

Jess says that poetry can help people begin a journey towards understanding and empathy.

"It's important to see people as full human beings and not just for their ideology or their ethnicity or their gender," he said. "I think one thing that literature has the opportunity to do is allow us to see the complexity of the people around us. That's when poetry is doing humanitarian work."

Jess says that he hopes his poetry engages people with the forgotten stories of the past to create a better future.

"I think about it in terms of filling out the gaps of history to help us understand ourselves better," he said. "Perhaps that tiny microcosm of understanding will add some weight to the idea that we're all human beings. Perhaps that is some work toward a fuller understanding of each other."

The April 2018 performance of Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" by the HSU Opera. Students (from left to right) are: Nathan Lowe '20, Aaron Dominguez '20 (in the background), Krystina Arguello '21 and Chasen Watson '19.

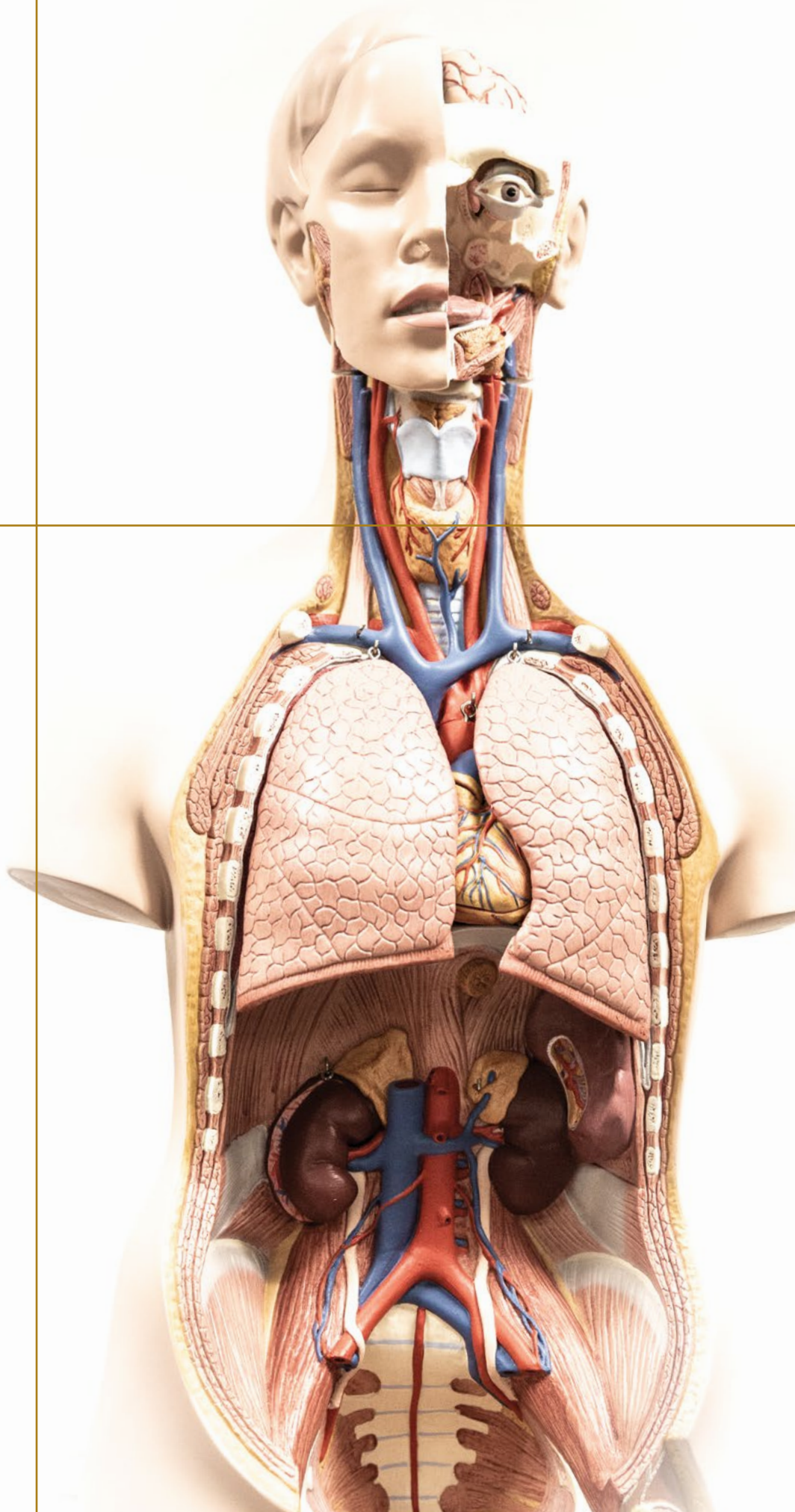




FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE

PT STUDENTS
LEARN ABOUT THE
HUMAN BODY IN A
POWERFUL WAY

by Cheryl Purcell '06/'10M



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The first time I saw a cadaver with nail polish still on her fingernails, I was taken aback . . . she became more real to me as an individual. I began to think about her being someone's daughter, sister, wife, and mother.

— Adyson



Nowhere is the wonder of the human body more evident than in an anatomy lab. While every anatomy lab has similarities, there is something different about the HSU Physical Therapy (PT) anatomy lab – and the people who teach and study in it.

Before PT students enter the anatomy lab for the first time, they participate in a solemn dedication ceremony. Reading Psalm 139 is part of that ceremony, as are prayers. Faculty and students express gratitude for the individuals who willed their bodies to help further medical research, and they pray for the families of those individuals.

The respect and appreciation for these bodies isn't limited to an annual rite. Prayers and poems posted in the lab serve as daily reminders of the sacred duty to treat these bodies with reverence, and to remember that each body belonged to a unique individual with a soul.

One of the poems posted is “Freckles,” written by Dr. Jennifer Best after her time in the anatomy lab during medical school. Dr. Best's cadaver was Edward, a 93-year-old man who died just days before his body arrived at the lab.

Students are eager to talk about their experiences in the anatomy lab. For those who were somewhat fearful at first, their fear has been replaced by awe and a desire to learn more about the human body. There is a limit

Freckles

Poem by Jennifer Best, M.D.

I noticed the freckles on your shoulders this afternoon,
as a black plastic bag was pulled from your arm.
And I stood in awe of things bigger than myself as I gripped the table for support,
occasionally remembering to breathe.

In anticipation of this day, we made some decisions.
You, to teach and I, to be taught.
Here we are together now, in a marriage of circumstance. Your body, the classroom.
I, your strange new pupil, fumbling with parts of you that few,
if any, of your closest friends ever saw.

Finally face to face, what do you see when you look at me now?
Am I what you thought I would be?
Eager? Anxious? Do I look as tired as I suddenly feel?
Can you see the lump that rises in my throat
as I struggle to fix my eyes anywhere but on your face
where what you once were looms largest?
Can you see the tears that fill my eyes as I grieve the loss of someone I have never
met and struggle for composure in a room full of people I hardly know?

You did not choose me, yet you trusted me.
And I will never know you, although somewhere,
a family mourns the passing of one they love.

I need time, that is all.
Time to think about what this means for both of us.
Brother, Sister, Son, Daughter, Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Neighbor, Cadaver.

I noticed the freckles on your shoulder this afternoon.
Tonight I noticed the freckles on my own. We are the same you and I,
only you have been There, and I haven't.



to what one can learn about the body from the printed page or a computer screen, but the anatomy lab is a teaching tool like no other.

Dr. Janelle O'Connell, program director of HSU's PT program, says the anatomy lab is often where students begin to understand the true miracle and beauty of the creation of God. "It's a humbling experience to see the complexities of the human body, and to know that we have a personal relationship with our creator."

Students pursuing degrees in preparation for careers in the health sciences (other than PT), including physicians, dentists, neuroscientists, physician assistants, and athletic trainers, benefit from the anatomy lab. For many, experiencing the anatomy lab confirms their career aspirations.

During the last academic year, more than 470 high school and college students had learning opportunities in the HSU anatomy lab. Music students even asked to see the larynx and pharynx area of the throat, so they could learn on a more intimate level how the throat works.

According to Dr. O'Connell, the PT department receives requests from so many high schools that they must limit each school to one visit to the lab every two years. Outside of the school year, high school students participating in HSU's Health Sciences Summer Enrichment Program get to experience the anatomy lab.

PREPARING FOR LIVES OF SERVICE

Learning anatomy is only a part of the skills and knowledge needed to be a physical therapy professional. While the outstanding faculty and hands-on approach of the HSU PT program makes it highly respected throughout Texas and the U.S., the program also emphasizes preparing students for lives of service. As Dr. O'Connell explained, "We want our students to use their God-given talents to serve the Lord by becoming Christ-centered physical therapists."

That is most evident in the HSU PT Ministries program. For more than 20 years, faculty and students have engaged in missions, ranging from local clinics to serving on the Texas/Mexico border, to working in some of the most impoverished areas in the western hemisphere.

In the summer of 2017, twenty-four PT students, three faculty members, and two PT Alumni traveled to Peru where they partnered with two local churches to minister physically and spiritually to some of the world's neediest people. Working with Joni and Friends' Wheels for the World, students and faculty assisted more than 200 individuals by providing mobility aids such as custom-fitted wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches.

One of the patients was a 12-year-old boy who had never walked nor had a wheelchair. Two of our PT students

spent seven hours building a totally customized wheelchair that perfectly fit his body and allowed him to sit upright for the first time in his life.

In July of 2018, thirty-five students, faculty and alumni will return to Peru to continue serving the Lord and the people in need without mobility.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We ask for your prayers and your support. Whether you can give \$100 or \$100,000 — or something in-between — you can make a difference. Your gift of \$100 will enable us to purchase a used wheelchair to custom fit a person with a disability.

You may consider making a lasting impact and leaving a legacy by establishing (or adding to) an endowed scholarship for PT students. Only the earnings will be used, so the scholarship will benefit students in perpetuity.

Naming opportunities are available ranging from \$25,000 to \$2 million for the new PT facility, with the option to fund your commitment over a 3-year period. Gifts of appreciated securities are often an ideal method for higher funding levels because you avoid capital gains tax, and receive a tax deduction for the current market value when you itemize.

To learn more, contact Mike Hammack or one of our development officers at (325) 670-1260.



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The lab is 100% necessary for us to learn about the human body. Working with cadavers helps us realize the dysfunctions caused by certain diseases. We can see the effects of cancer or a stroke on the human body.”

—Aaron

Your NAME can make a difference! Multiple naming opportunities are available:

In October 2017, HSU received approval from the Abilene City Council to purchase a 22,000 square foot building known as AbLabs from the Development Corporation of Abilene. Located at 1325 Pine Street, the building is just nine blocks from the southeast corner of the main Hardin-Simmons camps. At a cost of \$1.5 million, the university purchased the building (including equipment and furniture) for about 10% of the original cost in 2009. While such a new building is in pristine condition, interior work was necessary to adapt the space to the needs of the PT Department. By publication date, the HSU PT Department is expected to be in their new home.

The increased space will allow the PT school to grow enrollment from 28 to 40 students per class. With an average starting salary of \$68,000, these students are perfectly poised, upon graduation from HSU's 28-month program, not only to fill a critical human need but also to stay in the Abilene area to aid the growth of Abilene's medical industry while also expanding Abilene's tax base.

Construction has been ongoing since February of 2018. HSU is excited to host a grand opening in September.



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Anatomy Lab	\$250,000	\$6,945
Musculoskeletal Lab	\$200,000	\$5,556
Complete Lab	\$150,000	\$4,167
Classroom (2)	\$150,000 ea.	\$4,167
Tissue Lab	\$100,000	\$2,778
Testing Center	\$75,000	\$2,084
Director's Suite	\$50,000	\$1,389
Conference Room	\$50,000	\$1,389
Women's Locker Room	\$50,000	\$1,389
Men's Locker Room	\$50,000	\$1,389
Student Lounge	\$25,000	\$695
Faculty Lounge	\$25,000	\$695
Clinical Room (2)	\$25,000 ea.	\$695
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KENDRA HASSELL

RETURNS TO HSU

Hardin-Simmons University Director of Athletics John Neese '87 named Kendra Hassell '03 as the 17th head coach of the women's basketball program.

Hassell comes to the Cowgirls from the University of Texas at Tyler, where she was the head coach for the past three seasons. She posted a 67-18 record in her three seasons and led the Patriots to the Elite Eight in 2016, when they went 30-2 and won the American Southwest Conference title. She was the ASC and South Region Coach of the Year in 2016.

"I am excited and blessed to be back at Hardin-Simmons," said Hassell. "This university is special to me and helped form me into the person that I am today. I look forward to the opportunity and will work tirelessly to get our program back to being one of the top teams in the nation. Cowgirl basketball has a strong tradition and we are going to build on that."

Hassell has been a successful assistant coach since graduating from Hardin-Simmons in 2003. She has had coaching stops at Texas Woman's University, Charleston Southern University, Carroll University in Wisconsin and Abilene Christian University.

The former Kendra Anderson is the most decorated player in the history of the Cowgirl program. She was a three-time American Southwest Conference player of the year, was given the Wade Trophy as the top player in Division III as a senior, was a two-time first-team all-American and a two-time academic All-American and was named the Texas Woman of the Year by the NCAA in 2003.

She has been inducted into the American Southwest Conference, Big Country and Hardin-Simmons Athletic Hall of Fames. She was named to the D3hoops.com all-decade team. She was also a two-time ASC female athlete of the year.

As a player, she was a part of four teams that won American Southwest Conference titles and advanced to at least the Sweet 16 of four straight NCAA Tournaments. She helped lead the Cowgirls to a No. 1 national ranking for a good part of her senior season. The Cowgirls went 104-11 in her four years at HSU.

Hassell has a bachelor's degree in all-level physical education from HSU and she earned a master's degree in exercise science from Oklahoma State University.

Hassell is a native of Colorado City and she has a daughter, Kaylee.



Hassell enjoying the holidays with her daughter, Kaylee, and her parents, Woody and Susan Anderson.





VIC RODRIGUEZ

RECEIVES SEVERAL POSTSEASON HONORS

"If you want to know what a Cowboy is, he is the definition of it. His story is one that we will tell for years and years to come."

— Jesse Burleson, Head Coach

Offensive lineman Vic Rodriguez '18 came away with a major haul of awards following the 2017 football season, including winning the Rimington Award as the top center in Division III.

Rodriguez was named the American Southwest Conference offensive lineman of the year and was named a first-team all-American by the American Football Coaches Association, D3football.com and the Associated Press.

The Mesquite native was also an all-ASC first-team selection and was named to the academic all-ASC team and to the Hampshire Honor Society from the National Football Foundation.

He was a team captain and helped lead the Cowboys to a 9-2 record and to the NCAA playoffs for the third straight season.

"His story is pretty remarkable," says Coach Burleson, "he came in as a freshman and he just kept working hard, working his way up from a back-up on the Devo squad to an All-American."



SOCCKER LIGHTS COMING TO HSU

With the help of some very generous donors, the Hardin-Simmons soccer programs will now have lights on the HSU Soccer Complex.

The lights will not only allow the teams to play in cooler temperatures early in the season, it will also allow for less missed class time, and more parents will be able to make it out for evening games.

“We won’t have to miss class for home games which is a big benefit to our players,” said women’s coach Marcus Wood. “It will also be easier for parents to get to the games in the evening, rather than having to take off a full day of work.”

The night games should also attract more fans to the games, which will help the entire game day experience for the student-athletes.

HSU HOSTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

As part of Division III week, Hardin-Simmons’ Student-Athlete Advisory Committee hosted its annual practice track meet for the Special Olympics of West Texas on a windy day at the HSU Track and Field Complex.

It was the largest meet in the nine-year history of the event with 184 Special Olympians competing in running events, the shot put, softball throw, the modified javelin and standing and broad jumps.

“We enjoy coming out to Hardin-Simmons every year,” said Special Olympics Area Director Luann Chastain. “It has been a great partnership between our West Texas Special Olympians and the HSU kids. Both receive a great deal of satisfaction on this day.”

Times are relative to the ability of the athletes whether it is a 13.30 in the 100-meter dash or a 28-second in the 10-meter walk both are great times for those individuals.

The Special Olympians are fine-tuning their skills for the local, area and state games that will be held throughout the spring. For the HSU student-athletes it is a humbling experience

to see the time and effort the athletes put into their craft.

“We work hard at our sports and put in a lot of time and they are the same way,” said HSU basketball player Joe Hoeup. “To see the smiles on their faces when they have a good time or distance or whatever is priceless. Some of them just finishing the race is a win for them and that puts it into perspective. I had so much fun just interacting with all of them today. It’s a humbling experience.”

The event was run by the SAAC committee and HSU student-athletes did all the organizing, scoring, measuring and maybe most important of all encouraging the Special Olympians to be as good as they can be.

Every year the HSU athletes look forward to their time with the Special Olympics athletes. Christian Jordan '20 gives a high five to one of the kids from Special Olympics.



COWGIRLS MAKE A RUN TO THE FINAL FOUR

It was another exciting fall for HSU Athletics as the Cowgirl soccer team won its 15th straight American Southwest Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Final Four. The Cowgirls lost a heartbreaking 1-0 game to eventual NCAA champion Williams College on a goal in the final five minutes of the game.

The Cowgirls had an amazing journey to the Final Four that started at HSU with a 3-1 win over Methodist in the first round and an amazing comeback win over Trinity in the second round. The Cowgirls trailed 2-1 until Kenne Kessler '19 tied the game with a goal with eight minutes remaining. HSU won the game when Evan Pipkin '18 scored the go-ahead goal with just :48 remaining in the game.

The success also brought a slew of awards for the Cowgirls. Kessler was named the national forward of the year after leading the Cowgirls to the Final Four. She set the school record and is sixth all-time in Division III history for goals in a single season with 37. She also added 10 assists. She was named the American Southwest Conference player of the year. She was also named an Academic All-American by CoSIDA and the United Soccer Coaches and was first-team All-American by the coaches. She was the CoSIDA Academic Athlete of the Year and the distinguished scholar-athlete for ASC women's soccer.

Kirsten Parrish '18 led the Cowgirl defense that has allowed just seven goals this season. She has scored 14 goals and has nine assists on the year as a major

weapon on corner kicks and set pieces. She was the ASC defensive player of the year for the second-straight year. She was also named an Academic All-American by CoSIDA and the United Soccer Coaches and was first-team All-American by the coaches.

Josey Meyer '19 was named an academic all-American by CoSIDA, and goalkeeper Caitlin Christiansen '19 was named a scholar all-American by the United Soccer Coaches. Christiansen, Kessler, Parrish, Meyer and Kendall Groom '20 were named to the all-region team.

Kami Jones '18, who missed most of the season with a knee injury but came back for the postseason run, was named the Elite 90 award winner that goes to the person with top GPA at the NCAA Championships for that sport.



FOOTBALL

The Cowboys went 9-2 in football and advanced to the NCAA playoffs for the third straight season. Running back Jaquan Hemphill '19 was named the ASC offensive player of the year, Reese Childress '18 was named the special teams player of the year, and Vic Rodriguez '18 was named the offensive lineman of the year.

One of the most memorable events of the season came when Hemphill rushed for 293 yards and eight touchdowns in an 80-42 win over East Texas Baptist. He set or tied 11 school, conference or NCAA records on the night. The 293 yards broke the longest-standing school record. Doc Mobley had the old record from a game in a 1942 when he rushed for 278 yards.



MEN'S SOCCER

The Cowboys soccer team advanced to the American Southwest Conference tournament for the 14th straight season. Frane Vidosevic '20 was named second-team all-conference, and senior Danny Benjamin '18 was the HSU nominee for the American Southwest Conference scholar-athlete medal. He also was named a CoSIDA academic all-district selection.



VOLLEYBALL

HSU's volleyball team advanced to the American Southwest Conference tournament for the 13th consecutive year. After a tough start to the season the Cowgirls turned it around and won five straight matches late in the year, including a win over UT-Tyler in the ASC Tournament. The Cowgirls had just one senior and return most of their team for what should be an exciting 2018 season.



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

It was a solid year for the cross country program as well. Sydney Tencate '19 won four races in the fall and finished second in the ASC meet. She and Lauren Robson '21 advanced to the NCAA Regionals.



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

On the men's side the team featured eight freshmen and a sophomore, but still managed a fourth-place finish as a team at the ASC meet. A.J. Tillman '21 and Ben Splain '21 each advanced to the NCAA regional.



Olivia Hartman '19 advances the ball down the field during a 7-0 win over UT-Tyler in the ASC Tournament semifinals.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Like the men's team, the women's basketball team was also in a rebuilding year with 10 freshmen on the 18-player roster. The Cowgirls went 6-20 on the year, but a win over McMurry on the final day of the regular season was enough to get them into the American Southwest Conference Tournament.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team graduated seven seniors and returned just three players for the 2017-18 season. Faced with a new roster, a new coach and an early season-injury to the only true big man on the team – Saloman Smith '21, the Cowboys faced an even more daunting task. They competed well and finished the season with a record of 9-16. They won at least one game from every team in the ASC West, except for league champion Sul Ross State and showed the future is extremely bright.



TENNIS

Both tennis teams have young squads, but both qualified for the American Southwest Conference Championship. The women's team had four new starters this season and the men had three. Both teams won a match at the ASC Tournament and advanced to the semifinal before losing to eventual conference champions UT-Tyler.



GOLF

The HSU golf teams both had solid showings throughout the season. The women placed third, and the men fourth at the conference meet. Luke Smith '19 and Baylee Oehlert '20 were both voted second-team all-conference. It was a rebuilding year, each team had only one senior, Aaron Errico '18 for the men and Kelsie Guinn '18 for the women.



SOFTBALL

The Cowgirls had a late coaching change, and with eight seniors graduating in 2017, it was a season of change. HSU returned only five players with experience. The team continued to improve throughout the season and, with a solid recruiting class on the horizon, the future is bright for coach Chanin Naudin and the Cowgirls.



BASEBALL

The baseball team made the American Southwest Conference tournament for the 13th time in the last 14 seasons. HSU beat top-seed Sul Ross State in the first round of the tournament before bowing out. HSU had six seniors on the team and started a lineup that featured six sophomores and three seniors most of the year. HSU will return 27 lettermen next season.



TRACK & FIELD

The track and field teams had some strong individual performances throughout the year. The men's team finished fourth and the women's team second at the ASC meet. HSU set seven new school records on the year and Hasanai Chanriang '20 qualified for the NCAA Championship for the second straight year. The following students set new school records this year:

Hasanai "Go" Chanriang '19
 Jessica Eastham '20
 Kearra Greer '21
 Rhea Harris '18
 Clayton Holmes '21
 Lorenzo Jones '21
 Katlynn Nichols '19
 Samantha Pennese '19
 Jonathan Reed '21
 Lauren Robson '21
 Brandon Sparks-Moffett '20
 Sydney Tencate '19
 Destani Warner '21

Zack Fitch '21 competing in the 400-meter race during a track meet at McMurry University in March 2018.



Each spring, HSU invites school-aged children from across the area to our campus to learn about life in West Texas in the 1880s. This year we welcomed more than 3,500 students to campus. The students love meeting the historic HSU Six White Horses.



SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT



I think I just discovered my new favorite HSU tradition.



madisonmurgia



You were too good to me HSU. Thank you for that. #ringszn #somanyringsbyspring



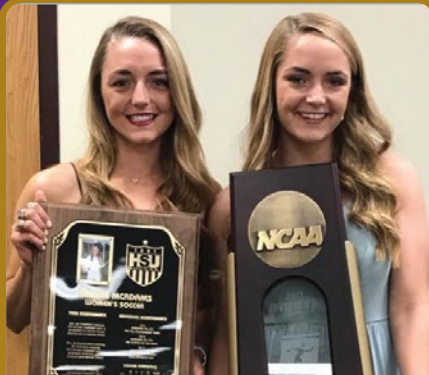
Victoria Waters
April 15, 2018



I love being on this campus every day. I have a tendency to rush from one task to the next, but I often find myself pausing to take in the beauty that surrounds me here. Small reminders that Jesus is near.



Tiffany Stotts
May 22, 2018



A wonderful night honoring HSU Cowgirl Soccer!



Amy Irvin Overton
April 15, 2018



Psalm 37:23-24 "The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand." It's always a pleasure in San Angelo.



thesixwhitehorses



It was an honor and privilege to send off the #Classof2018 from Hardin-Simmons University at their graduation ceremonies today. Thank you Jon Ashby for the great photo!



Stan Lambert
May 12, 2018

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HSU Champions Weekend



Kristi Reinertsen
April 15, 2018



With graduation quickly approaching, I knew I needed to collect some thoughts of how gracious the Lord was in this 4 year time.

Here are my top 5 things I learned in college:

1. Community, discipleship, and the church are SO important.
2. God's Word is exciting, vibrant, and abundantly life-giving.
3. I can only find my identity and salvation at the cross.
4. The Lord places EVERYONE in our lives with exact purpose.
5. Chick-fil-A is my bloodstream, basketball is my favorite sport, and small towns grow on you.

Until next time Abilene... going home to my 210!!!



Morgan Gallion
May 13, 2018



It's almost that time that I will be turning my blue and gold into Purple and Yellow.



Ash
May 14, 2018



Cowboys set the tone for the Warhawk classic with a first place finish and new 4x100m relay school record with a 42.00! #HSUTF #GoCowboys



rachel_bryan13



Thanks for throwing a killer birthday party, Gilbert #gilbertthegoose



sarahlizpat



A little celebration after scoring. Close game yesterday and it was close until the end.



hsulacrosse



And that's a wrap!! Shrek the Musical was such a great experience! I hope everyone enjoyed.



aarondominguez

2018 Hall of Leaders

Honoring those whose service and distinguished accomplishments exemplify the values and character of Hardin-Simmons University.



BRUCE EVANS

Corporate Executive,
Volunteer

Bruce Evans has always believed in giving back to his community through his tireless work ethic and his commitment to volunteering. Evans comes from a long line

of HSU graduates, including his parents who both graduated from HSU in 1942. Evans and his wife Kim met at HSU. He graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance; she graduated a year later.

Bruce and Kim were active members of Abilene's First Baptist Church, where their pastor, Dr. James Flamming — also a Hardin-Simmons alumnus — officiated at their wedding.

In 1979, Evans began working for West Texas Utilities as a district auditor. For 21 years, he held a wide array of positions in the Central and South West system, whose utility holdings included not only WTU, but also Central Power and Light Company, Public Service Company of

Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company.

He attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in 1993 and completed his Master of Business Administration in Finance at Dallas Baptist University in 2009.

In 2000, following the merger of Central and South West with Columbus, Ohio-based American Electric Power, Evans held leadership positions with major energy consulting firms, as well as Cirro Energy and Nexant Inc. He also founded North Star Strategic Management Consulting and served as its chief executive officer.

In 2012, he rejoined AEP as vice president of distribution operations for AEP Texas. In 2015, he was named president

and chief operating officer of AEP Texas. In 2016, he became senior vice president and chief customer officer of American Electric Power, relocating to the Columbus, Ohio, area.

The Evans family has been actively involved in church and civic organizations in the various towns and cities in which they have lived. He has been known to do his fair share of volunteer fundraising. He has served and continues to serve on many critical corporate, government and non-profit boards, and was appointed to the Texas Strategic Economic Development Planning Committee by Governor Bush.

Bruce and Kim have a daughter, a son, two grandsons and one granddaughter.



ELTA JOYCE MURPHEY MCAFEE

Philanthropist,
Community Leader

Elta Joyce Murphey McAfee's lifelong commitment to education and the fine arts cannot be understated. She has worked tirelessly to make sure that fine arts thrived in her hometown of San Angelo, Texas.

After graduating from HSU with a degree in elementary education, McAfee has spent her time teaching and volunteering in Concho Valley organizations.

She is best known for her generosity and as a supporter of education, especially in the performing arts. Among her numerous civic and charitable endeavors is her endowment of the nationally recognized San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts En Plein Air Texas, a juried art competition where

artists throughout the United States and the rest of the world participate. She also is a founding member of the museum and has served as president of the San Angelo Civic Theater.

In 1983, she chaired the fundraising effort to introduce ballet to San Angelo. She played a key role in birthing what is known today as Ballet San Angelo. She also has been active with the San Angelo Symphony Board and the San Angelo Symphony Guild.

In 2017, she was recognized by the Texas Senate for her donation toward the restoration of the San Angelo City Auditorium, which was renamed the Elta Joyce Murphey Performance Hall.

She was honored by the

Girl Scouts of Texas as one of five "Women of Distinction" of 2015. She was named honorary chairman of the Texas Association of Symphony Orchestras and was grand marshal of the San Angelo Christmas Parade in 2017. San Angelo's business leaders honored McAfee naming her the 2017 San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

She has contributed to a widely attended concert entitled "Christians United for Israel" which featured Holocaust survivors.

She has two adult children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. The family enjoys traveling and spending time on their ranches.



IVAN I. SMITH

**Business Owner,
Community Leader**

Ivan Smith has lived his life by a simple code — faith, family, service and leadership. It's a code that has guided him since his time at HSU and has given him purpose as a community leader.

After graduating from HSU with a business degree in 1968,

Smith began working for his father at Ivan Smith Furniture. He bought the business from his dad in 1976 and began expanding his locations with an average of about one store a year. Today, the company has 43 Ivan Smith Furniture locations and four Ashley Homestore locations in East Texas, southern Arkansas, and north and central Louisiana. Now under the leadership of his sons, Ivan Smith Furniture has received the J. Pat Beaird Industry of the Year Award and the Torch Award from the Better Business Bureau.

Smith has served on and chaired several boards, including Volunteers of America, Goodwill Industries, Highland Center, Commercial National Bank (now Regions), Retail Merchants Association and Hardin-Simmons University Board of Trustees. In 1984, he served in Zimbabwe,

Africa, rebuilding missionary housing in the bush country. He also has sponsored medical missions to Kenya, Africa.

Smith's community service includes helping to sponsor a children and youth program for the less fortunate in Minden, La. In the early years of Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal, he was one of the primary supporters. Additionally, he was a major sponsor of the Thanksgiving Blessing at the Highland Center, which feeds 500 families for the week. In the last few years, he became one of the major sponsors of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Northwest Louisiana.

Smith has received numerous awards for his community service and leadership. In 2000, he was recognized as one of the top 10 leaders of the new century in the Shreveport

community. He received the Byrd High School Hall of Fame Award in 2013 and the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year Award in 2015. He also received the Harry Blake Humanitarian Civil Rights Award and the America Humanitarian Award from the Volunteers of America.

As a member of the First Baptist Church in Shreveport, Smith has served as chairman of the deacons. He married Gloria Greenlee in 1967. They have four adult children and eight grandchildren, with number nine due at the end of the summer.



DR. ELWIN L. SKILES

**Pastor, University
President**

At the age of three months, Elwin Skiles became an Abilenian when his parents moved to the city in the fall of 1912 so that his late father could continue his education

at Simmons College, now HSU. Skiles attended HSU from 1930 to 1932, before finishing his degree at Baylor University.

He had determined by the time he finished high school that he would enter the ministry and was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Cisco in 1933.

Skiles attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., earning his master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees in 1938 and 1941.

In 1938, he married Ruth Kinder of Homer, La., a student whom he met at Baylor. She received a bachelor's degree from Baylor in 1937.

For a quarter century, he served as pastor of Baptist churches in Russellville, Kentucky; Richmond, Virginia; Georgetown, Kentucky; Pensacola, Florida; and Abilene,

Texas. He served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Abilene for 13 years before he was elected president of Hardin-Simmons University in 1966.

During Skiles' presidency at HSU, the physical appearance of the campus was changed drastically. New buildings included the Sid Richardson Science Center, the Mabee Military Science Building, the president's home on Cedar Street, the Cowboy Band Hall, Woodward-Dellis Recital Hall, Rupert and Pauline Richardson Library, maintenance building and warehouse, and the central heating and air conditioning plant. Funds also were raised for the Mabee Physical Education-Health-Athletic Complex. Other improvements included the Brand Swimming Pool and Recreation Area, the Streich Tennis Center and a new baseball field.

Dr. Skiles was a great orator, a dignified gentleman who possessed a clever sense of humor and an extremely effective fundraiser who understood the importance of expanding the institution's contacts throughout the nation and the world. During his last commencement, the Board of Trustees awarded him with an honorary doctorate. He was named chancellor — a title he held for six years — and was then named president emeritus.

Dr. Skiles and his wife, Ruth, had three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He passed away March 22, 2002, at the age of 89. His children made the lead gift to the Skiles Building on the HSU campus — a beautiful and lasting tribute to their father. The building opened in 2003.



I was recently given a stock certificate dated April 18, 1922 from The Security National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas. A 96-year-old stock certificate is historical, but the name of the owner makes it even more significant – J. G. Hardin. In 1934 during the midst of the Great Depression, John G. and Mary Hardin made a significant gift to save the school, and the Hardin name was added to Simmons University.

During its 127-year history, Hardin-Simmons University has benefited tremendously from the generosity of thousands of donors, many of whom made planned gifts or donated appreciated assets. These gifts have come through wills, life insurance, outright gifts of land, mineral rights, securities, IRAs, or other instruments that often provide significant tax benefits to the donor. Collectively, these gifts have changed the course of history for our students and the University.

With the growth in the stock market, increasing value of land and minerals, and the current IRA transfer regulations, you too may be able to direct the path of HSU for future generations. You might also be thinking about how to create a legacy through your will or other estate planning tools. It's possible to accomplish both.

To learn more about opportunities with appreciated assets or planned giving, call us at (325) 670-1260, simply type "Hardin-Simmons

University Planned Gifts" in your web browser, or visit plannedgiving.hsutx.edu. We will be pleased to offer options to help you accomplish your goals.

Mike Hammack

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



This certificate is proudly displayed in my office as a reminder of the faithfulness of friends over the years, many of whom have given sacrificially for a noble cause that began in 1891.



Donors who give \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to any fund at HSU are members of the Presidents Club. The Presidents Club Dinner is held every spring.

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To become a member of the Presidents Club, donate now at: connect.hsutx.edu/donate or contact Cheryl Purcell at cpurcell@hsutx.edu for more details.

Why We Give

Dr. Guy '55 and Jo Anne (Yarbrough) Keeter '55
Dr. Kyle '81 and Carolyn Keeter

By Dr. Kyle Keeter

With more than 20 family members attending HSU over a span of 100+ years, it should be no surprise that Hardin-Simmons is in our family's blood. My grandparents, parents, some aunts, and uncles, cousins, one brother, and two nieces all attended our beloved university.

While I'm not one to live in the past, family legacy is important to me. When my uncle John died in World War II in 1942, my grandparents established an award at HSU in his memory. Since 1943, the John J. Keeter Jr. Alumni Service Award, the highest alumni honor, has been bestowed upon an HSU alumnus or alumna annually.

While the Keeter Award has much to do with our name recognition, it's just part of our family legacy at Hardin-Simmons. After all, if it weren't for HSU, I wouldn't have been born. My grandparents met at HSU, and my father's roommate, Chick Tiger '54, set him and my mother up on a blind date. They dated their junior and senior years and married three months after graduating. Mom then taught school while Dad attended dental school. I followed in his footsteps, also becoming a dentist.

HSU provided a solid educational foundation for us. Mom was well-prepared for her teaching career. Dad and I were both ready for dental school, as much as – if not more than – our classmates who graduated from large state universities. Professors cared about us, not just as students, but as individuals. Two of my professors, Dr. Taylor Rankin and Dr. George Newman, helped me prep for dental school interviews. I was deeply honored when I was asked several months ago to serve as a Trustee of the university, especially since the board is currently chaired by Dr. Newman.

Mom was a P.E. major, and one of her favorite teachers was Billie (Shirley) Martin. Amazingly, more than 60 years after graduating, Mom and Mrs. Martin still talk on a routine basis. Mrs. Martin's late husband, Dr. J. G. Martin, was the advisor for my fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, and one of my favorite faculty members.

Dad served on the inaugural board of the Young Associates, and he later joined the Board of Development. I served on the Student Foundation, which was a great experience. One of our duties was interacting with prospective

students, encouraging them to make HSU their choice. Student Foundation was also involved with the Phone-athon fundraiser. Later, when I was on the receiving end of those phone calls as an alumnus, I gladly gave.

Continuing the family tradition is one reason my parents, my wife and I started giving several years after graduating from HSU. While Carolyn attended elsewhere, she wholeheartedly joins me in supporting the university.

Mom, Dad and I were all blessed by our time as students – the relationships we formed with faculty, the lasting friendships we made, the opportunities for leadership, and the quality education we received. Because of those things, it's only natural to give back, especially to help others who couldn't attend HSU without receiving help. I also want to make HSU proud of our family and make our family proud of Hardin-Simmons.





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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

The Hardin-Simmons family ranges far and wide, but each year, we look forward to inviting the family home to join the HSU students, faculty and staff for Homecoming. It's a great time to reconnect with friends, former professors and classmates, and see all that is new on the HSU campus.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS All scheduled events subject to change; for updates, check www.hsutx.edu/homecoming

ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET

The Alumni Awards Banquet honors Hardin-Simmons Alumni who have made an impact through either service or professional endeavors. (*Thursday*)

John J. Keeter, Jr. Alumni Service Award

The Alumni Service Award is the highest alumni honor HSU can bestow. Since 1943, this award has been presented to a former student who has contributed the most in his or her field of endeavor toward the betterment of HSU.

Dr. Rosa Lee (Hemphill) Prichard '58BA/'06HD
Alumni Volunteer

Distinguished Alumni Awards

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.

Mrs. Judy (Hix) Abercrombie '71BA Education
Mr. James "Jim" Birdwell '65BA, '72 MBA Business
Mr. Mike McMaude '90BBA Healthcare

HSU REUNIONS

Special activities and dinners are being planned for the following classes
(Costs vary for each year/day)

Class of 1978 40th Reunion

Class of 1993 25th Reunion

Class of 1998 20th Reunion

Class of 2008 10th Reunion

Golden Lariat Society *(featuring the classes of 1968 and before)*

Hispanic Alumni Assembly

HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

Come early and stay on campus for food, fun, and fireworks. HSU will host food trucks, family activities, and fireworks. *(Friday)*

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

The Athletics Hall of Fame honors former athletes or coaches who made a significant contribution to HSU and the athletics program while at HSU. *(Friday)*

Stacy (Shanks) Bryan
Women's Tennis 1988-92

Mollie (Porter) Pehl
Women's Soccer 2001-04

David Salas
Men's Soccer 2003-06

ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

University King & Queen Coronation
Presented by the SGA *(Friday)*

Ex-Cowgirls Coffee *(Saturday)*

Greek Club Fair & Student

Organization Gatherings *(Saturday)*

HSU Cheerleader Gathering
(Saturday)

DEPARTMENTS

As plans come together for Homecoming, we are pleased to share that the following Colleges/Departments have confirmed they are planning events *(maybe more to come throughout the summer)*

College of Fine Arts Events

School of Music Foundation

College of Fine Arts Breakfast

Alpha Psi Omega Reunion & Theatre
Costume Shop Open House

Cowboy Band Foundation Meeting

History Department Coffee

Honors College Reception

Logsdon School of Theology &
Logsdon Seminary Breakfast

Irvin School of Education-Teacher
Education

And more...

PARENTS

There are many activities throughout the weekend where parents get to interact with students, other parents, and alumni, but the Parents-Only breakfast is just for you!

Parents-Only Breakfast *(Saturday)*

OPEN HOUSES

Come tour the new campus facilities and offices that have opened this year. *(varies)*

HSU Apartments

Fitness Center

PT Building

FOR THE KIDS

A great place for children attending Homecoming to come run around and have fun. The Six White Horses will be present to give rides to the kids! *Sponsored by the Board of Young Associates.*

Kids Zone *(Saturday)* Kids age 2-14

SPECIAL EVENTS



Friday 6pm | Saturday 8pm

ROTC/Military Veterans Informal
Breakfast *(Saturday)*

Fletcher Art Show and Sale *(Saturday)*

Dr. Jesse Fletcher, former HSU president, allowed HSU to sell some of his paintings with proceeds going to student scholarships.

HSU Tailgate, featuring authentic
Texas Barbecue *(Saturday)*

HSU Cafeteria open for Lunch
(Saturday)

HSU Family Worship Service *(Sunday)*

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Men's Soccer *(Thursday / Saturday)*

Cross Country *(Friday)*

Tennis Mixer & Alumni/Student

Tennis Tournament *(Saturday)*

With current students, parents, alumni, former coaches, and friends of HSU Tennis. This event serves as a fundraiser for the HSU Tennis programs.

HSU Football *(Saturday)*

Registration starts August 13th. There are 3 ways to register: To register online or to print/mail the registration form, visit www.hsutx.edu/homecoming and click "register" or "registration form (PDF)". To register by phone, call 325-670-1317 Monday - Friday from 8:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.





a look back

This photo comes from the 1973 Western Week that was held in conjunction with the 27th annual HSU Rodeo. This photo is the Tri Phi sorority competing in the tug of war contest. They eventually lost, as Behrens Hall won the women's tug of war competition that year.

Looking back at older photos is fun. It's fun to see what the clothes and hairstyles looked like. It's also fun to see what kinds of activities students enjoyed 20, 30, 40 or more years ago. HSU has a rich history, and we (the staff of the Range Rider) think it would be fun to share these memories with you.

Each edition we will publish an older photo, we will tell you all we can about it. If you could help us by filling in the details, whether it's the names of people in the photo or more information about the event. Or if you have a great historic photo you'd be willing to publish, please email us at rangerider@hsutx.edu.

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

We would love for this to be a chance for our alumni to share their HSU stories with us.

Connect with HSU Alumni & Friends NEAR YOU & hear what's happening at HSU.



HSU alumni events

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI

1. The 2018 Outstanding Young Alumni recipients Alison (Newhouse) Ashmore '04, Jason '95x and Joy (Millican) Beard '01, and Daniel Stahl '01.

TYLER FAMILY DINNER

2. HSU Alumna Bethany (Barton) Carroll '13 introduces her future HSU Cowboy, James.

3. Taylor Paul '49 and his daughter, Carol Adams.

COWBOY BAND 95TH REUNION

4. Carroll "Smiley" Rhodes '71 was inducted to the Cowboy Band Foundation Wall of Fame. Michael Patterson '88/'93 is the artist and a Cowboy Band Foundation member.

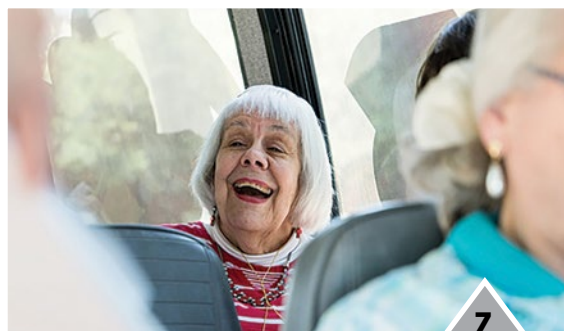
GOLDEN REUNION

5. Members from the class of 1968 came together to celebrate their 50th Golden Reunion

6. Darby (Cunningham) Morgan

7. Jane (Alstom) Purtle

8. Linda (Scott) Walker, Barbara (Blaine) Thomas, Bennie (Galloway) Ogletree.





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BIKE RIDE ACROSS THE STATES

9. The Bike Ride Across the States stopped off in Lockney, TX where they met up with Terry '68 and Zelda (Donaldson) Ellison '71. Shown with current students Ryanne '20 and Jessyca Krueger '18.

TMEA

10. Recent graduates of the HSU Orchestra who are doing fabulous work as MS and HS orchestra directors.



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HSU RING CEREMONY

11. Graduating seniors Ashley Anderson '18 and Luke Gaie '18 celebrate receiving their HSU rings.

12. Doctorate of Physical Therapy students received their rings during December of 2018.

BYA DFW GATHERING

13. The Board of Young Associates held their first young alumni gathering in DFW in March.



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FAMILY DINNER LUBBOCK

14. Karen "Bitsy" (Boler) Aldridge '67 and others enjoyed hearing from an update from President Bruntmyer.

15. Young alumni from 2014 to 2017 reconnected during the HSU Family dinner in Lubbock.



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Dr. George Newman, president of the board of trustees, throws out the first pitch at Globe Life Park in Arlington for HSU's Night at the Rangers. The alumni office is planning upcoming events in 2019 with the Rangers and the Houston Astros.

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Adventures Beyond The 40 Acres

Traveling Range Riders

Whether you are planning a trip of a lifetime or simply looking for your next adventure, the newly-minted HSU Traveling Range Riders program is a great place to start your journey. Designed to provide unique opportunities to build relationships and enjoy on-the-go learning, the program will take participants to some of the most historic and scenic locations on earth.

Who is invited on Traveling Range Rider trips?

While the Hardin-Simmons connection is an important component of our program, our trips are open to ALL travel enthusiasts including alumni, family members, friends of graduates, and friends of the university.

What makes our Traveling Range Riders program so special?

For one thing, the program is designed to provide a level of quality, learning, and camaraderie unparalleled by any other travel experience. Each trip will offer sightseeing with local guides, commentary by topical experts and, on occasion, lectures by HSU faculty. Excursions will be packed with fun and memorable experiences. There will also be exclusive-access for many sites.

Development of the Traveling Range Riders program has been guided by the Alumni Travel Advisory Council, as well as a wide range of HSU constituents who continue to provide ideas and input. Britt (Yates) Jones '84, who served as HSU alumni director from 1995 to 2017, has been tapped to create and manage the HSU Traveling Range Riders. Excursions will be planned in partnership with leading affinity travel organizations known for offering superior service and excellent value.

Where are Traveling Range Riders going?

Here, There, and Everywhere!

Three trips are being offered for 2018 and early 2019,

The first trip in July 2018 went to Vienna, Austria, alongside HSU Leadership students. Still to come is a trip through the deep south on a Mississippi River paddle-wheel steamboat; and a Caribbean cruise with stops in Cuba, Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas. Initial deadlines have passed but there still may be availability.

Just announced 2019 destinations include a luxury cruise through Alaska's Inside Passage; a cruise commemorating the 75th anniversary of the historic D-Day landings with guest speaker Dwight D. Eisenhower II and exploring the historical legacies and cultures of coastal Portugal, Spain, France and England; a trip to Florence, Verona, and Venice, Italy, alongside HSU Choir members (you'll have the option of singing the Schubert "Mass No. 2" with them); and a lovely fall colors tour of New England.

In 2020, anticipated plans include touring the Holy Land of Israel; attending the Oberammergau Passion Play (presented only once a decade by a small village in Germany); exploring the National Parks and Lodges of America's Old West; and reveling in the Fringe Theatre Festival of Edinburgh, Scotland, with HSU students.

Visit the Traveling Range Riders website for more information about these exciting travel opportunities.



Mississippi River - Fall 2018



Colors of New England - Fall 2019



Cuba - January 2019



Eastern Coastal Civilizations & Normandy, France- May 2019

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Italy in Song - May/June 2019

Discover your next destination!

- October 21-19, 2018 – Southern Grandeur cruise, Mississippi River
- January 2-13, 2019 – Sandy Shores Caribbean cruise
- May 5-14, 2019 – European Coastal Civilizations cruise including Normandy, France, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of historic D-Day invasion
- May 31-June 9, 2019 – Italy in Song alongside the HSU Choirs
- July 16-26, 2019 – Glacial Adventures of Alaska cruise
- September 30-October 7, 2019 – Colors of New England tour
- March 3-12, 2020 – Best of the Holy Land with Stan Allcorn, senior pastor of Abilene's Pioneer Drive Baptist Church
- 2020 – Oberammergau Passion Play & Danube River Cruise
- 2020 – National Parks and Lodges of America's Old West

How can I find out more?

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Current members of the Cowboy Band entertain members of the class of 1968 during their Golden Reunion visit to campus. Pictured left to right: McKenzie Mitchell '19, Miranda Zepeda '18, Lauren Haire '19, Bret Hudman '19, Alyssa Castillo '20, Emily Park '19, Audrey Haddox '18



Family NEWS

Editor's Note: All cities are in Texas unless otherwise noted.
Email addresses are included when possible. Information reflects submissions received September 29, 2017 - April 30, 2018
Acronyms: AHOF Athletics Hall of Fame/DAA Distinguished Alumni Award/HOL Hall of Leaders/HD Honorary Doctorate Degree/KASA Keeter Alumni Service Award/LDA Logsdon Distinguished Alumni Award/OYA Outstanding Young Alumni Award

1930's

Mr. Elvin Howell '37BS, celebrated his 104th birthday in January 2018. He still enjoys dancing, playing bridge, and zip-lining.

1950's

1 Gene Adams '54BBA, '62MA enjoys time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, a) Jacob, Benjamin & Noah Adams, children of John & Stacy Adams, grandchildren of Darrell & Dena Adams and great-grandchildren of Gene Adams b) Ike and Olivia Reeves, children of Abby (McFather) and Ronald Reeves, grandchildren of Jayne (Adams) McFather and the late Shayne McFather and great-grandchildren of Gene. c) Allison, Abe, Ely, Owen and Isabel Hunt, children of Drs. Emily (McFather) and Aaron Hunt, grandchildren of Jayne (Adams) McFather and the late Shayne McFather and great-grandchildren of Gene.

Mr. Don Biggerstaff '54x, is a former minister of music and youth of churches in America and in the country of Iran. He has produced several Gospel albums and is available for ministering to senior adults and children in any capacity with his singing, Gospel illusion/magic, puppets, and art. He lives in Keller; donbiggerstaff@yahoo.com.

Mr. Vernon Scott '58BS, and wife Jo Ann celebrated 60 years of marriage with a celebration at First Baptist Church, Lancaster given by their three children, their spouses and seven grandchildren and spouses. Over 200 guests came by to give their congratulations and well wishes to the "young couple"; skeedydob@gmail.com.

1960's

Mr. Eddie Jenkins '60BA, and wife Martha, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December 2017. Eddie worked at Baylor Hospital in Dallas before being drafted in to the Army. He served 40 years as a biochemist at Walter Reed Army Institution of Research in Washington, DC. He and Martha have two sons and five grandchildren. They currently reside in Silver Spring, MD; EandMJenk@msn.com.

Mrs. Johnnie Lou (Davis) Boyd '64x, wrote a biography of Roy Helen Ackers, West Texas icon. It was the number one best seller for 2017 at Texas Star Trading Company; johnnielou@jlavery.com.

Mrs. Charlotte (Kyzar) Evans '64BS, was inducted into the San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame in October 2017. Since retiring from public education as Assistant Director of Special Education in 1998, and then teaching part-time for Texas State University for 14 years, Charlotte has been involved as the Lead Coordinator

for a volunteer non-profit in San Marcos called Hands of Hope. This ministry is affiliated with Christian Women's Job Corps, an international ministry of the Women's Missionary Union. Charlotte and husband, Cecil D. Evans '64BBA, are both retired and live in San Marcos, Texas. They have one son, Colby, and two beautiful grandchildren; ccevans@grandecom.net.

Mrs. Mary (Edwards) Zumwalt '65x, has released her first piano CD "Great Hymns of Our Fathers" which includes renditions and medleys of 20 hymns along with one of Mary's original compositions. Mary and her husband, Jack, live in New Braunfels, TX; blackkeysplayer@icloud.com.

2 Dr. Marvin Lee Williams '68BA, retired after 44 years as a professor at Texas State University in the Department of Communication Studies; mw02@txstate.edu.

Dr. W. Michael "Mike" Wilson '69BS, retired in December 2017 after 15 years as Associate Dean, Professor of Pastoral and Applied Ministry, and Chair of Prayer and Spiritual Formation at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. In retirement he will serve as Senior Professor; mwilson@swbts.edu.

1970's

Mr. Richard Stacy '71BS, accepted an Adjunct Professor position at the University of Colorado - Boulder. He will be teaching two courses in the Continuing Education School's new online Master's degree in Organizational Leadership; rkconsult@aol.com.

Mrs. Denise (Irby) Moore '74BM, celebrated her 20th anniversary as Organist and Music Director at First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, Colorado. She is retired from a career in financial services, and enjoys life with husband Mike Moore, two daughters and three step-daughters, three granddaughters, four step-grandchildren, friends, music, being a historical educator, quilting and volunteerism; denise_moore@comcast.net.

Mr. Larry Fanning '76BS, is retiring after 28 years as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Clearlake, CA and is moving to Tulsa, OK; chqclearlake@yahoo.com.

Mrs. Rhonda (Smith) Walston '76BS, moved back to Abilene after nearly 41 years away. During this time, she and her husband have lived in the Rio Grande Valley, New Jersey, New York, Singapore, Manila, and the Philippines. She is now working as a full-time floating aide at Wylie Intermediate School; rlwalston@hotmail.com.

1980's

Dr. Michelle (Pacheco) DuBois '86BM, received her Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a Specialization in Gifted Education from the University of Denver in August 2017. She is currently working for the Boulder Valley School District as an Instructional Specialist in Gifted Education. Michelle lives with her husband Casey and son Cameron in Erie, Colorado; michelle.dubois@bvdsd.org.

3 Mr. Vince Vittatoe '86BBA, started a security consulting business, Vittatoe Consulting, LLC. after spending 30 years in law enforcement and security; back2tx@gmail.com.

Cmdr. Alan Rogers, '87BBS/'04 MDiv, is serving as Deputy Force Chaplain of the U.S. Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific. He lives in Coronado, CA; chapsrogers@gmail.com.

Mr. Jerry Melson '87BBA/'90MA, married Joni Barnes Hundley in July 2016 in Cleburne. He has been on staff at Field Street Baptist Church for 25 years jerry@fieldstreet.com.

4 Mr. Thomas "Tom" Thompson '89BM, is currently the organist and Director of Music for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Texas. He also maintains an active teaching studio, in addition to his composing, arranging, orchestrating, and transcribing; tom@ttsmonline.com.

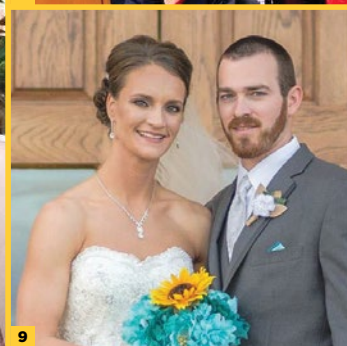
1990's

Chap. Larry "Matthew" VanHook '90BA/'93MA/'97MDiv, spent 10 years as an Army chaplain, 27 months deployed to Iraq, earned a doctorate in management in organizational leadership, a master degree in counseling, and is currently practicing as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; Findinglostthings@gmail.com.

Mrs. Charlotte (Faircloth) Cartwright '92BBS, was named teacher of the year at Abilene ISD Ortiz Elementary; Yippeeskippi@hotmail.com.

Mr. John Valles '92BFA, started Miraviz, a full service litigation consultant company specializing in Litigation Design, Hot Seat Presentation and Technology Tutorial production; jtvalles@toonstop.com.

Ms. Ursula Jaso '96BA, is working for a new non-profit organization that is a Christian enrichment program for adults with developmental disabilities called Independence Through GRACE. She is the lead GRACE mentor; ursulajaso@yahoo.com.



Mr. Drew Altom '99BBA, accepted the position of Director of Store Operations Administration for LifeWay Christian Stores. Drew, wife Jennifer (Barr) '98BA, and family relocated from the greater Phoenix Area to the Nashville Area in April 2018; Drew.altom@gmail.com.

5 Mr. Cameron Crane '99BBS, his wife, Shawn (Jones) '99BBS, and daughter Eliana moved to Vienna, Austria in July 2017, to teach at the International Christian School of Vienna. Cameron will be the athletic director next school year and teaches middle and high school social studies. Shawn teaches a combined 4th/5th grade class. Eliana attends the school as a 2nd grader coachcrane@msn.com.

2000's

6 Ms. Stephanie Fort '00BM, relocated to Dallas. She works as a clinical voice pathologist at Baylor Scott & White the Voice Center, helping to heal and restore patient's voices. She also serves as a singing teacher in the Dallas area and a private voice consultant; stephaniejoyfort@yahoo.com.

Mr. Aaron Hajart '01BBS, started a new job as the Chief Operating Officer at New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus, NJ. By bed count, NBMC is the largest acute care hospital in NJ and the 4th largest public hospital in the US; haja2250@hotmail.com.

Mrs. Holly (Rampy) Baird '02BBA, has been selected to D Magazine's annual listing of the Best Lawyers Under 40. Baird has also earned a place on the Texas Rising Stars list of the Top 100 Up-and-Coming lawyers and the Top 50 Up-and-Coming Women lawyers; hrampy@yahoo.com.

Mrs. Erin (Maddox) Tooley '02BBS, is now the executive director for the Longview Symphony and recently had an article published in the Longview News journal about taking your kids to the symphony. She and her husband, Brett, along with their four sons live in Longview where Brett is a children's minister; teamtooley6@longviewsymphony.org.

Mr. Scott Ballard '03BBA, is now the Connections and Technology Director at The Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas. Scott is

now the Connections and Technology Director. He and his wife Lyn along with their children Grayson, Rhodes and Broncie reside in Denton; rscottballard@gmail.com.

7 Heather "Nikki" (Byrd-Medders) Morton '04BBS and husband Matt adopted their four children, Nabin Leo, age 13; Mika Justice, age 9; Rebika Richelle, age 7; and Nishan Dewayne, age 4; in December 2017; mnmorton926@gmail.com.

Mrs. Melissa (McClanahan) Floyd '06BBS/'07ME, and her husband, Wade, both accepted positions with Andrews ISD; floydmel09@gmail.com.

8 Mrs. Deborah (Zeck) Foster '06BBS, married David Foster in May 2017 and now lives in Mesquite; deborah.zeck@gmail.com.

Ms. Courtney Dieken '07BBS, is now working as a case manager at a correctional facility; CLeigh81@sbcglobal.net.

Ms. Catherine Tambunga '07BBS, is serving as the Upton County Attorney in Rankin, TX and was recently selected to serve in the Texas Bar Foundation; pskehan@co.upton.tx.us.

Dr. John Whitten '07BBA/'11MDiv, earned a Doctorate (D.Min) from Baylor's Truett Seminary in May 2018; jwhitten@pioneerdrive.org.

2010's

9 Mr. Brandon Cooke '10BBA, married Haley Hill, in San Angelo in March 2017. They currently reside in Abilene. Brandon works as the Head Girls Gymnastics Coach for Abilene ISD and Haley works for FDLIC as a software technician; cook8530@gmail.com.

Rev. Kathryn "Katie" Ivey '10MDiv, was named Director of Pastoral Care, Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, San Antonio; kativey@gmail.com.

Rev. Kyle Tubbs '10MDiv and Kaily (Luckett) '12ME, and two year old son Emmett are relocating to the Atlanta, Georgia area in September 2018 where Kyle will serve as New Church Starts Manager for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship at the CBF Global offices in Decatur' kyleleettubbs@gmail.com.

10 Mrs. Alice "Megan" (Miller) Winn '12BBS, married Michael Winn in March 2018 and moved to Austin; alicemeganmiller@gmail.com.

Mr. Stephen "CJ" Danser '12BBS/'17, married Shelley Signs in August 2017 and is now teaching at Eula Elementary School; stephen.c.danser@gmail.com.

11 Mrs. Sarah (Rogers) Greenfield '12BBS/'15MDiv, and her husband Blake, moved to Honolulu, Hawaii where Sarah is serving as a Navy Chaplain at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; sarah.e.greenfield@gmail.com.

Mrs. Bailey (Irwin) Hannagan '14BA, married Matthew "Matt" Hannagan '13BBA in December 2016; bailey.caroline@gmail.com.

Ms. Lydia O'Quinn '14BBS, graduated from Baylor's Truett Seminary in May 2018 with a Masters of Divinity in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship; lydia.oquinn2010@yahoo.com.

12 Ms. Caitlyn Cloy '15BSN, worked as an emergency room nurse at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene and at Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood. In the fall she will begin medical school at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock; caitlyn.cloy@gmail.com.

13 Ms. Arielle Armstrong '16BBS/'18MBA, received the Kelley College of Business' "Outstanding Graduate Student" award prior to her graduation from HSU in May 2018. In May, she will also compete at the CrossFit Games Regionals in Salt lake City, Utah. She qualified for this event by being in the top 20 fittest athletes in the South out of 12,000. Her goal is to make it in the top five at Regionals and, hopefully, qualify for the CrossFit Games; ariellearm@gmail.com.

14 Mrs. Olivia (Bodiford) Davis '17BSN, married Austin Davis in May 2017; oliviabodiford@rocketmail.com.

15 Mr. Michael Springfield '17BS, son of Kathie (Goldman) Springfield '91BED, graduated from Hardin Simmons University December 2017 with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science in Social Studies (Composite); springmom@sbcglobal.net.

You can also submit your news online at:
connect.hsutx.edu/alumniupdate
or email RangeRider@hsutx.edu

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Future Alumni: Please indicate whether the addition to your family is a boy or girl & 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.

make a note of your news and accomplishments!

Full Name (include maiden) _____ HSU Class(es) _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Title/Company _____ Spouse name (include maiden) _____

Here's my news (include weddings, births/adoptions, moves, job changes, awards/honors, etc.):

Submitted by _____ Signature _____

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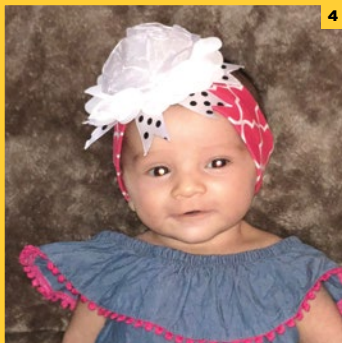
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Welcome to the **FAMILY**

- 1** Elizabeth Jane Bachert, daughter of **Joyce (Pritchard) Bachert '98 (Former HSU Staff)** and **Nathanael Bachert '13/'16 (Former HSU Staff)**, 10/27/17.
- 2** James Thomas Carroll, son of **Bethany (Barton) Carroll '13** and **Nathan Carroll**, 1/16/18.
- 3** Grace Noelle Fitch, daughter of **Jeremy Fitch '96** and **Gennie (Prosperie) Fitch '96**, 12/29/17.
- 4** Tinslee Gutierrez, daughter of **Tilden (Gutierrez) Shepard '17x**, 1/24/18.
- 5** Adalyn Marie Henderson, daughter of **Heather (David) Henderson '11 (HSU Staff)** and **Matthew Henderson '15**, 11/30/17.
- 6** Brayden Robert Hollier, son of **Lauren (Evans) Hollier '08** and **David Hollier**, 1/26/18.
- 7** Indie and Ash, twins, great-grandchildren of **Gene Adams '54BBA, '62MA** and the late **Irma (Howington) Adams '54BS**, grandchildren of Jayne (Adams) McFather and the late Shayne McFather, children of Abby (McFather) and Ronald Reeves.
- 8** Jared Stephen Keet, son of **Amanda Andrews '05 (BYA Member)** and **Paul Andrews**, 12/29/17.
- 9** Max Steele Powers, son of **Kristin (Jordan) Powers '05** and **Navan Powers**, 2/16/18.
- 10** Ava Kaydence Reid, daughter of **Robbyn (Tribbey) Reid '09/'11** and **Blake Reid**, 9/1/17.
- 11** Seth Isaiah Strehlow, son of **Morgan (Rainer) Strehlow '12** and **Sean Strehlow '12**.
- 12** Allison Grace White, daughter of **Melissa (Tadsen) White '07/09** and **Robert White**, 11/16/17.



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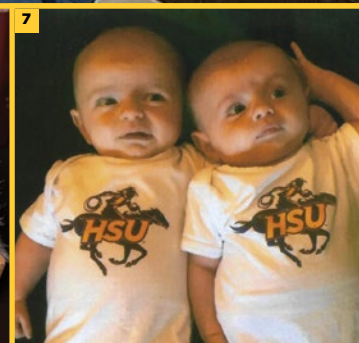
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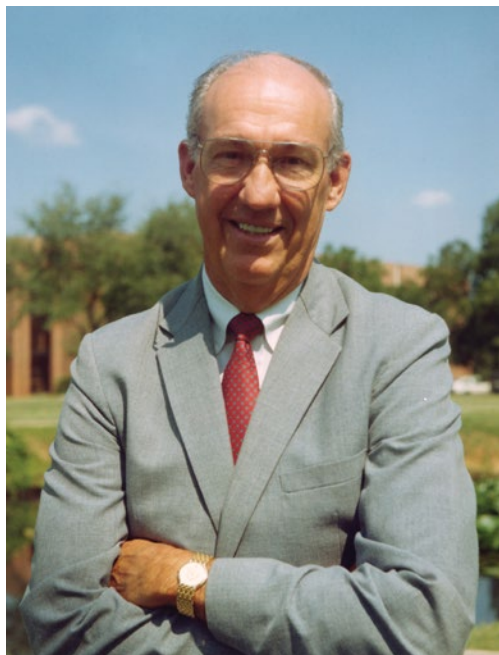
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Family WE'LL MISS



Dr. Jesse Fletcher
Hardin-Simmons University
former president
June 14, 2018

"His teaching, his preaching, his scholarship, his servant leadership, and his personal character significantly shaped this university, this community, and Baptists across the globe. We are all better for having Jesse Fletcher in our lives."

—Dr. Laura Pogue '87, '91M

Dr. Jesse Conrad Fletcher was born on April 9, 1931, in San Antonio, Texas to Jesse N. Fletcher and Ruby Arnold Fletcher. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1948, where he was senior class vice-president, managing editor of the newspaper, a member of the National Honor Society and played on the golf team.

Dr. Fletcher then attended Texas A&M University, where he distinguished himself as a lieutenant colonel in the Corps of Cadets, an honor student and twice lettered with the golf team. He was ordained as a minister by Manor Baptist Church of San Antonio during his senior year at Texas A&M University.

Upon graduation, he received a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves. Dr. Fletcher then enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned both his masters of divinity degree and his doctorate of philosophy degree. His post-graduate work included terms at the Chaplain's School at Fort Slocum, New York, the Institute of Religion at the Texas Medical Center in Houston and the University of Richmond.

In 1953, he was introduced to Dorothy Jordan on a blind date. He proposed after that single date, and they were married in February 1954. They were happily married until her death in 2013.

During his seminary years, Dr. Fletcher served as the pastor of Wellborn Baptist Church from 1953-1955, and Kopperl Baptist Church from 1955-1957.

In 1960, Dr. Fletcher began his career with the Southern Baptist Convention, working for the Foreign Mission Board. He occupied several administrative positions before his resignation in 1975 as the director of the mission support division. During this time, he traveled extensively through many of the countries where Southern Baptist missionaries were spreading the gospel. In 1965, Dr. Fletcher started the Journeyman program; the idea was to give new college graduates a chance to go and experience missions around the globe. The Journeyman program is still one of SBC's most prominent programs.

In 1975, Dr. Fletcher began as the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee. He held that position until 1977 when he accepted the position as the 12th president of Hardin-Simmons University.

Dr. Fletcher served as president of HSU from 1977 until 1991, as chancellor from 1991 to 2001, and he has been president emeritus since 2001.

During his fourteen years as president at Hardin-Simmons, Dr. Fletcher established and raised the funds to endow schools in education, theology, and nursing. He also made significant changes to the campus; including adding seven new facilities, making numerous renovations to existing buildings, significantly increasing faculty salaries, and quadrupling the university's endowment. He also led the institution into the NCAA's Division III athletic programs including football in 1989. During his years as chancellor and president emeritus, Fletcher held a professorship in the Logsdon School of Theology, aided development efforts, and represented the University in numerous academic and community roles.

Beyond his work at Hardin-Simmons, Dr. Fletcher was a key force in organizing the NCAA Division I Trans America Athletic Conference (now the Atlantic Sun Conference). He was also a staple in the community of Abilene; serving as president and campaign director of Abilene's United Way's annual campaign, chairman of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, founding director of the Community Foundation of Abilene, vice chair of the Military Affairs Committee, twice the interim director of the Grace Museum, first president of the Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing and chair of the Abilene Psychiatric Center. He was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 2002.

Dr. Fletcher was also a prolific writer, publishing eleven books, including Bill Wallace of China, the official sesquicentennial history of the SBC, The Southern Baptist Convention, and his family and personal biography, Flashes of Light.

In 1997, Dr. Fletcher began painting landscapes at the studio of celebrated local artist Evelyn Niblo. His paintings have been shown in Abilene at the Grace Museum, the Center for Contemporary Arts, St. John's School and American State Bank. His work has also been exhibited in the Breckenridge Fine Arts Museum in Breckenridge, Texas. Many of his vibrant representations of land are in the hands of corporate and private collectors.

Dr. Fletcher was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy, and two infant daughters, Angela and Kathy. He is survived by two children; his son, Scott and his family of Rockport, Maine, and daughter Melissa Fletcher Dupree and her family of Abilene, TX. He is also survived by three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Hamm) Hill '35BA, 2/14/2018.

Mrs. Ruth (Tarpley) Ramseur '36x, 12/24/2017.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stoskopf '37BA, 10/9/2017.

Dr. Watt Casey '40x, 2/24/2018.

Dr. Margaret (Higgins) Johnson '40BS, 3/31/2018.

Mr. Jack "Buck" Ridley '42x, 1/19/2018

1 Mrs. Norma (Ghomley) Sherman '42BS, 1/9/2017. Survived by daughter Evelyn "Suzie" (Sherman) Jacobs '69x and son-in-law Terry Jacobs '72BM.

Ms. Elizabeth "Liz" Smith '43x, 11/12/2017.

Mr. Lloyd Stone '43x, 2/9/2018.

Rev. Reuben Robertson '44BA, 1/23/2018.

Mrs. Dorothy (Bartos) Bond '45BA, 3/13/18.

Mrs. Anita (Whitefield) Pendergrass '45x, 1/7/2018

Mrs. Gayle (Keeter) Toland '46BA/BS, 2/14/2018. Survived by brother Guy Keeter '55BA

Mr. Billy Echols '47x, 1/19/2018.

Mr. Milton "Ray" Gilliland '47BA, 3/11/2018.

Mrs. Dorothy "Charlene" (Jones) Oakes '47BS, 10/6/2017. Survived by son Philip Oakes '82BBA.

Mrs. Helen (Formby) Mosteller '47BS, 10/18/2017.

Mrs. Hywanah (McFarland) Russell '47BA, 11/9/2017.

Mrs. Charlene (Koehler) Cortese '48x, 10/8/2017.

Mr. Robert "Bob" Kuykendall '48x, 2/20/2018.

Mrs. Joy (Jarrell) Slack '48x, 9/30/2017.

Mrs. Edna "Merle" (Walker) Cargile '49BA, 12/2/2017. Survived by Sons Brian Cargile 1987x, James Cargile '77BS/'93BS and daughter in law Linda (Davis) Cargile '82BE.

Mr. Raymond Cooper '49x, 1/10/2018.

Mr. John "Frank" Fuller '49BA, 3/4/2018.

Mrs. Ann "Fran" (Wilson) Klempnauer '49x, 10/6/2017.

Mrs. Billie (Word) Oehler '49BA, 10/5/2017. Survived by sister Johnnie (Bounds) Word-Medina '45BA.

Mr. Lonnie Stoker '49x, 1/3/2018.

Rev. M. "Ted" Cotten '50BS, 1/28/2018. Survived by daughter Christine "Chris" Cotten '75BM.

Mr. Jack Good '50BBA, 10/6/2017.

Mrs. Martha (Nollner) Lacewell '50BA, 11/29/2017. Survived by sister-in-law Virginia (East) Nollner '43BM.

Mrs. Ann (Carothers) McNair '50BA, 11/30/2017. Survived by son Dr. Christopher "Chris" McNair '84BS (HSU Provost)

Mr. Billy Newmon '50x, 1/5/2018. Survived by wife Joyce (McBeath) Newmon '50x.

Mr. Milton "Milt" Somers '50BA, 10/12/2017.

Mr. Lonnie Allsup '51x, 1/28/2018.

Rev. Herbert Barker '51BA, 12/10/2017. Survived by daughter Jeanette Barker '88BS and son Rev. Jim Barker '81BM/'83BA.

Dr. Horton Dunn Jr. '51BA, 1/8/2018.

Mr. William "W.L." Hardwick '51x, 11/10/2017.

Mr. Joseph "Joe" Harris '51x, 2/4/2018.

2 Dr. Jake "JC" Whitaker '51BA, 1/21/2018. Survived by wife Charlotte (Sibley) Whitaker (Former HSU Employee), Daughter

Kimberly "Kimber" (Whitaker) Rhoads '82BA and son-in-law Jerry Rhoads '81BA.

Mr. Gayle Bowen '52BS, 11/19/2017. Survived by wife Janice (King) Bowen '53BM.

Mrs. Jackye (Davis) Kinnard '52x, 2/12/2018.

Mr. Sidney Smith '52BA, 4/1/2018. Survived by sister Glenda (Smith) Colter '62x.

Gen. Elmer "Lewis" Stephens '52BA, 10/10/2017. Survived by sister Shirley (Stephens) Martin '50BA

Mrs. Mary "Libby" (Bayless) Adams '53BS, 3/27/2018. Survived by husband Wayne Adams '54BA.

Mrs. Dorothy (Leggett) Burson '54x, 1/27/2018

Mrs. Mary Nell (Bowen) Copeland '54x, 2/18/2018. Survived by son Dr. Thomas Copeland, HSU Professor.

Mrs. Anna (McEntire) Dorsey-Farley '54x, 10/14/2017.

Mrs. Millie (Nix) McDonald '54BA, 11/20/2017. Survived by son David McDonald '93BA.

Mr. William "Dub" Mercer '54x, 11/16/2017. Survived by wife Jontha (Casey) Mercer '56BS.

3 Mrs. Ruby (Goodgion) Yates '54BA, 2/24/2018. Survived by daughters Britt (Yates) Jones '85BM and Hollye (Yates) Jakiewicz, sons-in-law Charles "David" Jones and Greg Jakiewicz '80BS.

Mrs. Bobbie (Davidson) Box '55BS/'71BBA, 12/8/2017.

Mrs. Wanda (Denton) LeMoine '55x, 2/3/2018. Survived by husband Mitch LeMoine '55x and sister Jo (Denton) Smith '54x.

Mr. John Persons '55x, 11/30/2017.

Mr. Billy Farr '56BA, 11/3/2017.

Mr. Donal Gilstrap '56BS, 3/25/2018.

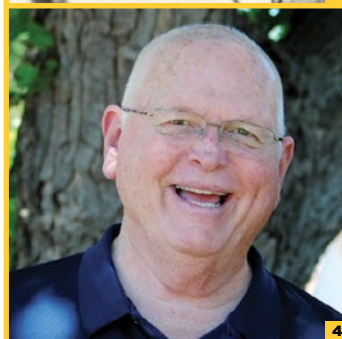
Mrs. Sue (Hall) Haynie '56BS, 11/2/2017.

Mr. Tommy Alldredge '57BA, 4/15/2018. Survived by wife Priscilla (Griffith) Alldredge '56BSN.

Mr. Bob Gulley '57BA, 1/9/2018.

Mr. Harley Hawkins '57x, 11/27/2017.

Mrs. Carolyn (Gray) Holland '57BS, 4/10/2018.



Editor's Note: All cities are in Texas unless otherwise noted. Reflects submissions received September 29, 2017 to April 30, 2018. Acronyms: AHOF Athletics Hall of Fame/DAA Distinguished Alumni Award/HOL Hall of Leaders/HD Honorary Doctorate Degree/KASA Keeter Alumni Service Award/OYA Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Mrs. Priscilla (Lawhorne) Hyson '57BS, 3/29/2018.

Rev. Lewis Price '57BS, 11/1/2017.

Mrs. Jayne (Rainwater) Sandbothe '57x, 1/6/2018.

Mr. Keller "Don" Thormahlen '57BS, 11/13/2017. Survived by wife Patricia (Howard) Thormahlen '58BS.

Mr. Lloyd Tidmore '57x, 12/21/2017.

Mr. Frank Bevers '58x, 2/4/18. Survived by wife Shirley (Hewlett) Bevers '58x.

Mrs. Elsie (Wann) Bree '58BS, 1/22/2018.

Mr. John Gary '58BBA, 3/21/2017. Survived by wife Diana (Chandler) Gary '55BBA.

Mrs. Paulita (Karr) Green '58BA, 3/5/2018.

Mr. Marlon Inman '58BA and former BOD member, 3/18/2018. Survived by wife Karolene (Towns) Inman '58BA, daughter Marla "Suzahn" (Inman) Horton '89BE, brother Jerry Inman '59BA and granddaughter Holly (Inman) White '14BS.

Mr. Arlyn Scott '58x, 11/10/2017.

Mrs. John Thames '58BA, 1/13/2018.

Mr. Benton Thomas "Tommy" Walden '58x, 1/11/18.

Mrs. Gayle (Patrick) Able '59BS, 4/6/2018.

CDR. Edward Evans '59BA, 10/26/2017. Survived by wife Velda (McHaney) Evans '51x.

Mr. John Redeker '59BA, 2/22/2018. Survived by wife Carolyn (Cunningham) Redeker '58BS, daughter Kathy Redeker-Golden '81BE/'93M and brother Milton Redeker '61BS.

Mr. Earnest Reynolds Jr. '59x, 2/15/2018.

Mr. Kenneth Permenter '60BA, 2/2/2018.

Mrs. Sue (Garrett) Neff '60BS, 3/27/2018.

Chap. Raburn Stevens '60BA, 3/15/2018.

Mrs. Dorothy (Wagner) Touchstone '60BA, 1/20/2018.

Ms. Betty (Lewis) Allison '61BS, 2/1/2018.

Mr. Jack May '61x, 4/17/2018.

Mr. Bill Cothran '62BA, 1/2/2018. Survived by wife Theresa Cothran, daughter Tiffany (Cothran) McClain '92BM, son-in-law Jason Hall '96BS, daughter Tiera (Cothran) Hall.

Col. Wayne Downhour '62BS/'64BS, 11/21/2017.

Mr. Steve Barlow '63BA, 1/20/2018. Survived by wife Anita (Sallee) Barlow '63x.

Mr. Jim Steadman '63BS, 11/25/2017.

Mrs. Maudine Buchanan '65BA, 10/18/2017.

Mr. Charles "Charlie" Elliott '65BS, Distinguished Alumni Award '00, 1/19/2018. Survived by wife Rebecca "Becky" (Cope) Elliott '61BA.

Mrs. Nikki (Casner) Jones '65BA, 1/23/2018.

Mr. Joseph Judikic '65BS, 10/30/2017. Survived by wife Shirle (Supernavage) Judikic '65BS.

Mr. Paul Tidwell '66BS, 1/1/2018.

Mr. William Parsley '68x, 2/12/2018.

Dr. Teresia (Langford) Taylor '68BS/'76M, 11/22/2017.

Mr. Gary Dean Autry '69BBA, 1/10/2018. Survived by wife Diane (Pace) Autry '67BA and son Andrew Autry '00BBS.

Mr. Thomas "Tom" Garrison '69BA, 9/1/2017. Survived by wife Bettye "Kaye" (Walsh) Garrison '69x and daughter Amy (Garrison) Stennes '94BS.

Ms. Beverly McFerrin '69x, 1/20/2018.

Mr. Bobby Weeks '69BA, 12/31/2017. Survived by wife Nancy (Hunter) Weeks, daughter Sarah (Weeks) Fambrough '98BS, and son John Weeks '93BA.

Mr. Stewart Dickson '71BS, 1/30/2018.

Mrs. Linda Dyer '71BS, 12/19/2017.

Mr. Don Jones '71x, 3/17/2018.

Mrs. Alice "Carolyn" (Head) Bacon '72BS, 3/20/2018. Survived by husband Col. William Bacon '66BS.

Mr. Nicholas "Nick" Barbato '73BA, 12/1/2017.

Mr. Raman Raj '73MBA, 3/28/2018.

Mr. Don Hart '77MEd, 10/17/2017.

Mrs. Mary Kwiecinski-Longe '78BS, 2/3/2018.

Mr. Larry Holmes '79BA, 12/9/2017. Survived by sister Debra (Holmes) Riggs '79BS.

Ms. Delilah (Perez) Gonzales '79BS/'83ME/'87ME, 1/5/2018.

Mr. Louis Johnson '81BS, 10/25/2017.

Mr. Kimo Kelii '83BA, 3/1/2018.

Mrs. Karen (Conner) Mills '87BE, 2/8/2018.

Mrs. Joy (Evans) Ayres '88BS, 2/14/2018. Survived by husband Luke Ayres '99BS.

Mr. Michael "Mike" Lanier '88x, 4/25/2018.

Mr. Elwood Ragland '88BE, 11/12/2017.

Mr. Daylen Gallman '93BS/'97MEd, 11/26/2017.

Mrs. Judy (Edwards) Kingery '93MEd, 1/25/2018.

Mr. Synuwae Bryant '97BS, 2/24/2018.

Mrs. Christy (Bowman) Clark '05BSN, 1/31/2018.

Ms. Courtney Ramsey '06BS/'11BBS, 1/6/2018.

Mr. Gabriel Mendoza '17x, 1/19/2018.

Mrs. Gladys Best, former HSU employee, 3/1/2018. Survived by sons John Best '72BM and Mark Best '81BM, daughter-in-law Jeannie (Wilmeth) Best '73 and granddaughter Darcy (Best) Radcliffe '00BM and Hannah (Best) Denton '10BA.

4 Mr. Stephen Brower, Former HSU Employee, 2/16/2018.

5 Dr. Tina Powers, HSU faculty member, 4/14/2018.

Mrs. Ruby Shelton, former BOT, 1/18/2018.

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THE SUPERMAN COMPLEX

BY **DR. TRAVIS
CRAVER**
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*When the rule of Rehoboam was established and he was strong, he abandoned the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.
—2 Chronicles 12:1 ESV*

There are few things better than when your life comes together. Your relationships are good, your job is going well, you're faithfully reading your Bible and the sin you've struggled with seems distant.

There are seasons where our lives feel good, we are grounded in our faith and bumps in our "spiritual road" don't bother us much.

Eventually, however, we will find ourselves discouraged. This happens for many reasons and it's often because we begin to pull away from God, believing that we need Him less.

The small bumps in the road seem to suddenly turn into massive potholes.

Rehoboam is a perfect example of this.

As God blessed him and the people of Israel, they became over-confident and arrogant as King Uzziah had (2 Chronicles 26:16).

We, the Lord's people, forget Him and His blessings, and start to rely on ourselves.

We overestimate our own strength; acting as though we are our own Superman, and we can tackle anything alone. We essentially abandon God for what we think is the best for us. Apart from God, we falter. However, this doesn't have to happen!

Creating consistency in our faith by intentionally remaining in fellowship with God and His people can steady us.

As we hit our stride and things begin to click, remember to thank the One who has brought you to this place of consistency.

If there is a steady stream of thanks and praise coming from our mouths and minds, we will seldom forget the One who is our Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:6).

We will not again begin the errant Superman complex, but will remember that all good comes from Him, and not us.

In Peace,
Travis Craver '05/'11M

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