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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

ducation is a personal issue for me. It was made personal from lessons learned early in life working with my grandfather, Raymond Cornelius Messamaker, an Iowa sharecropper who only completed the 9th grade. He encouraged me to pursue education as it opened doors of opportunity and potential - doors that remained closed to him.

It was personal because of the sacrifice of my mother, who sold her rare blood to help pay for a quality educational experience that would hopefully prepare me for more opportunities than she had. She believed so strongly in the value of education that she literally offered her lifeblood.

In the book "A History of Christian Education" Iames E. Reed and Ronnie Prevost explore the contributions

to education made by John Amos Comenius, a Čzech philosopher from Moravia who is considered the father of modern education.

As one of the earliest champions of universal education, lifelong learning, education for women, and equal opportunity for impoverished children, Comenius' desire to provide for the impoverished resulted from the loss of both parents and a subsequent lack of education due to neglect.

"Comenius was convinced that the individual mind had virtually limitless potential and that educational reform would bring about a new society -- better, more learned, and more peaceful." (Reed and Prevost, 1993, p.231-232)

My grandparents and parents instilled into me the importance of education - specifically, Christian education. I would not be here today but for their constant encouragement, prayers and

They did the hard work so I could reap the benefits. I am the beneficiary of all they have

Most of us are beneficiaries of someone who went before us to provide educational opportunities that changed our trajectories and the course of our lives. We are better because someone cared enough to labor on our behalf for the future of a better society and world.

In a broader sense, we are all beneficiaries of God's work, in Jesus Christ, who works toward the redemption of all creation. We are beneficiaries of undeserved blessings - from the creation of the world to salvation through Christ to our eternal home.

It seems, then, we owe everything to God. Our debt is huge. Our liability account enormous. What is our duty to repay?

To love God and to love others.

We can passionately love God and others when we place at the center our institutional mission the foundational calling to serve, love, and share the hope of Jesus Christ with the 1.6 billion people who have never heard the Good News.

We can do this at Hardin-Simmons by intentionally and purposefully providing Christian higher education for those in the margins; those who live on the edge of hope because of poverty or any deep human need in which they find themselves.

When we work with all our heart out of this great duty, it enlivens excellence in all we do. I believe it is this excellence to which our faculty aspire with their recently-adopted Academic Vision which promotes a university-wide commitment to become a distinctive academic leader among Christian liberal arts universities in the Southwest by 2030.

We can love God and others by pursuing Christian higher education that empowers and compels students, faculty, staff, and alumni to address the following global human needs defined by the World Bank:

• 1 billion people who face literacy and learning

- challenges and lack the capacity to read a book or sign their names
- 10% of the world's population who live on \$1.90 per day
- 150 million children who are enslaved in child labor
- 22,000 children who die each day due to poverty
- 1.1 billion people who have inadequate access to water
- 2.6 billion who lack basic sanitation

1 John 3:17 says "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God abide in him?"

It is for this very time that we in Christian higher education need to move forward boldly; taking the key of education to help unlock those imprisoned and oppressed by poverty.

I believe it incontrovertible that wherever poverty exists, it makes fertile an untenable environment that subjugates those living under it. Poverty has long proven itself an incubator for all manner of human and systemic oppression, often growing greater and stronger the longer it is allowed to exist.

One such example comes from The Bureau of Justice statistics that indicates people living in U.S. households with an income level below the federal poverty level have more than double the rate of violent victimization compared with individuals not living in poverty.

Because HSU is set apart to facilitate Kingdom work through Christian higher education, we possess both enormous resources and responsibility to actively



transform the trajectory of those imprisoned by poverty of all kinds – as well as generations that will follow.

But we must move now. Quickly. Strategically. Passionately.

This task is our future...and our past.

In MacArthur Stuart's book "The Foundation Builder" it says of James Simmons:

"Here we have the example of a man who was the grandson of a New York State slaveholder, devoting seven years of the most intense toil, anxiety, and labour, to the Christian education of those who had been slaves...raising money to secure properties for their uses in the long years to come... not on the sands of popular enthusiasm,...but on the firm rock of Christian duty, in loyalty to Jesus Christ."

Scripture is clear on the issue. Deuteronomy 15:11 it says "...if among you one of your brothers should become poor in any of your towns within your land that your Lord your God is giving you, you should not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor

brother, but you shall open your hand to him and let him lend him sufficient for his need whatever it may be. For the poor you will always have with you in the land therefore I command you 'you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor in your land.'"

This is not a polite request. This is not a hopeful suggestion. It is a specific directive to open our hand wide to neighbors, especially those who live in poverty.

Does this sound risky? It most certainly is! But as a command, it is both our duty and time:

- To become the hands and feet of Christ who serve and care for the diseased and those suffering with illness of all kinds.
- To educate teachers, mentors, and ministers who will help raise up generations free to discern who they are, whose they are, and who they have opportunity to be.
- To teach and train those who will counsel people with mental, emotional,

- and spiritual struggles incarcerated in despair and steal self-worth.
- To train leaders that will serve and educate those in financial poverty to help them attain freedom from economic prisons that may keep them in bondage.
- To prepare those who will serve tirelessly in public office and in nonprofits to help free those held captive by oppressive systems and are bound by powers of inequity.
- To inspire and equip those who will write great American novels or poems that move generations to seek the release of captives held by walls of oppression and poverty.
- To promote the creation of art and performance of music that will serve as a healing balm on the hearts and minds of those held captive by circumstances.

 To teach and train those who make new scientific discoveries that will provide food and water for those without and restore health for those that are lacking.

Christian higher education faces many challenges, but none too big for us to face together as we seek the noble cause of serving those in need.

God needs you.

The world need you.

Hardin-Simmons needs you.

And as you read this issue of the Range Rider, I hope the mission and mandate for Christian higher education, at HSU and beyond, will become personal for you, too.

Eric I. Bruntmyer President

For more information about the Forever Upward Strategic Planning Program go to: www.hsutx.edu/upward

President Eric Bruntmyer is committed to praying for HSU and picking up trash as he jogs around campus. On one run, he found this pair of children's shoes. To him, the shoes represented a future HSU student. President Bruntmyer is dedicated to creating an HSU that will continue to provide a Christian education to future generations. His vision is for all HSU students to follow in the footsteps of Christ. And thanks to the new Christlieb Scholarship (pg. 14), more students than ever will be able to pursue a Christian education.





THE CAUSE FOR CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION



by Dr. Kristina Campos-Davis

All families like to tell stories.

Every family has a story, maybe its how the grandparents met and fell in love, or maybe its a story about an uncle who tells the best jokes. Telling stories is just something families do. At HSU, we tell a story too. It's the story of the importance of education. The way that education can take a person who has few opportunities in life and open the door to a whole new life. How hard work and education can change the trajectory of someone's life.

It all started with James Simmons, who knew from his travel around the country that the best way to help newly freed slaves in 1869 was to offer them an education. Because of that belief, Simmons and the American Baptist Home Mission Society decided to found multiple colleges in the South for these newly freed citizens. During his time as the corresponding secretary, Dr. Simmons founded seven colleges, because he believed in the power of education to shape the lives of those who needed to start over and to make a life for themselves. As Dr. Robert Stuart MacArthur explains of his time with Dr. Simmons in his 1911 book, "Foundation Builder," "[Simmons] has often told me he could never have accomplished half of what he has, but for the educational training which he received." Education changed Simmons life, and because of that he went on to build ten universities, seven for newly freed black slaves, two for women and one in a tiny town in West Texas.

It was those same values that led Simmons to help a group of Baptist preachers in West Texas that led to the creation of Simmons College in 1891. But, it was not just secular education that interested Simmons and the others who started the university now known as HSU, it was specifically an education enlightened by faith that drove them to sacrifice and support this young university. Even now, 128 years later, HSU is still committed to providing more than an education to students, but a Christian education.

Christian education is different because it is rooted in a belief and faith that all Truth is God's Truth. In other words, that nothing we can study is outside of God's realm. That as Christians it is our Christian
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(above) Christopher Carl '19, Randall Adams '19, and Kami Jones '19 research in the biology lab. (below) Maddie Lowry '20 leads worship with the chapel worship band.



responsibility to study all of God's world, and to draw closer to the Lord through studying creation—all of it.

The Cause of Christian Higher Education

While Simmons and many others clearly saw the need for Christian higher education, in the last 128 years, the face of higher education in America has changed drastically. Many public schools have become the college of choice for almost three-quarters of college students today, leaving many private schools, and especially Christian private schools, trying to find their way in a constantly changing market.

But, Christian education matters

In an effort to explain the importance of Christian education at Hardin-Simmons, we have asked the deans of each of the colleges to explain why Christian education matters to them. No one is better to explain why Christian education is powerful other than those who spend all of their time thinking about it and working towards educating our students. As the deans explain, there are three reasons why an HSU education is different from a secular education—this is what sets us apart. First, the faculty helps our students to understand and become the people that God calls them to be. Second, our students are given a chance to practice their education in the community, and worldwide through mission trips. And third, Christian education trains a different kind of citizen, one who is immensely valuable in today's day and age: someone with critical thinking skills who knows how to tell the difference between truth and opinion.

Helping our students to grow into the people God calls them to be

One of the most basic components of Christian education is the way that we accept students who are away from their parents for the first time and help them to discover God's will in their lives, and then to fulfill it. As Dr. Robert Ellis, dean of the Logsdon School of Theology explains, "The years of college and graduate school are pivotal times in life for learning, discovering, and experiencing the world, and for growing the capacity each of us has to share our unique gifts with others. At Hardin-Simmons University we provide students with an ideal context for exploring the truth, beauty, and goodness that is within them and that is within the world from the perspective of faith in God, who is the giver of all gifts." In the mind of Hardin-Simmons, we are working to help build the future hands and feet of Jesus. We want to train student to know what their calling is, and then help them to find it.

As the newest dean at HSU, Dr. Andrea Jensen, Dean of the Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics explains, "Many view institutions of higher education as a place to learn the information needed to succeed in a chosen career, but higher education is really more about being a place of discovery. In Christian higher education, we are not only concerned with the discovery of knowledge via promoting academic excellence, but also with the discovery of self and God's purpose

for our lives. At secular institutions students can discover God's purpose and plan, but thinking about their future in this manner is not fostered nor modeled around them. In Christian higher education the process of discovery is enmeshed within Christian faith and values and encourages students to integrate faith, heart, and soul with the mind and learning."

A student's ability to share their passion and calling can come in many forms, as Dr. Robert Tucker, Dean of the College of Fine Arts explains, "There are few rewards greater than watching students grow into outstanding artists who use their gifts to honor God. Such rewards are rich and fulfilling for faculty, students, and the broader Abilene community who benefits from outstanding concerts, plays, musicals, art exhibits, and other events. The long and robust heritage of the arts at Hardin-Simmons University will continue in different forms and in different ways, but what will not change is our dedication and commitment to artistic excellence as we work each day to practice and fulfill our calling for an education enlightened by faith."

Truly, watching as students grow and mature into the men and women that God has called them to be is one of the most fulfilling parts of being a professor at a Christian institution. Indeed, students come to Hardin-Simmons from many different backgrounds and watching as they learn to discern God's call in their lives helps us to know that Christian education is worth all the effort. It also provides students a chance to see the impact of their chosen careers in a real community. At HSU we believe in being

the hands and feet of Jesus in Abilene, and around the world. Many of our courses help students to practice their careers in the real world.

Being the hands and feet of Jesus

As Dr. Perry Kay Haley Brown, dean of the College of Human Sciences and Educational Studies explains, "In [our college] there are many opportunities to engage in service to areas like early childhood programs, adult rehabilitation and counseling, local school districts, and public/private community health. We also prepare students for Human Services Administration, Behavior Analysis and services to the Dyslexia and Autism community." Spending time in the community is an important part of what HSU students learn while here.

Almost every college provides students with the ability to connect with the community and others they will eventually serve in their careers. But, there is nothing like the work HSU does in Abilene and around the world. As Dr. Elizabeth Norman, dean of the library says, "...it is vital that HSU educate students to be servant leaders in their chosen fields." Here is just a brief sampling of the kind of community service and mission work HSU students do:

- The social work students host a prom party for older girls in CPS giving them prom dresses and makeup to enjoy during their special night.
- PA students travel to the Dominican Republic to provide medical care to more than 500 refugees.



(above) Ryan Comeaux '19 and Chad Walters '19 practice taking blood pressure in the Physician Assistant program. (below) When freshmen begin their time at HSU, they receive an HSU beanie and Bible—both are keepsakes for years to come.



The HSU Concert Choir performed their Choral Showcase this April.



- PT students travel to the poorest parts of Peru to provide wheelchairs and other necessary medical equipment to those with mobility issues.
- Worship music students have the chance to lead worship for students on our campus every week during chapel and work with other churches and schools across the city.
- Graduate students in psychology practice providing therapy through the Cowden-Paxton Family Psychology center on campus.
- The HSU football team mentors students at Ortiz Elementary school, helping them with learning to read, do homework and just listening when they need it.

• Students in the strategic communication department use their knowledge of social media to create communication plans for non-profits throughout the Big Country and to help them reach out to their audiences.

And there are so many other examples of the ways that HSU students have become a part of the community, not just in Abilene, but around the world.

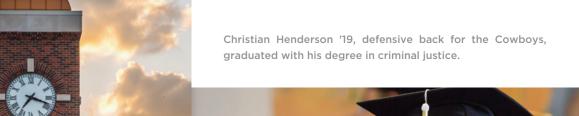
This kind of work is important because it instills in students a love for volunteer work, and also helps them to see all the ways they can give to God's kingdom wherever they live. It breaks down those barriers of embarrassment, boredom and self-consciousness and shows them how much fulfillment they can get from simply doing what God calls them to do—serve others.

Creating a different kind of citizen—one focused on others

In Mark 12 Iesus shared the

greatest commandment, "You must love your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself." The work that HSU does in the community is part of the fulfillment of the greatest commandment, but we also try to teach our students not only to give to others, but always to think of others truly as we think of ourselves. As Dr. Michael Monhollon, dean of the Kelley College of Business explains, "Business is, of necessity, a cooperative enterprise. Ideas alone don't do anybody much good, but must be transformed through complex processes of design and production. No one person can do it alone. As Milton Friedman has famously explained,





there's not a single person in the world who can make a lead pencil. No one even tries. People organize into groups to do it, and they transact with each other. But, the bottom line is that we need each other. The primary business structure is the corporation, and the very word derives from 'corpus' or body, the image that Paul invoked for the church: 'The body does not consist of one member, but of many...[T]he parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable.' (I

> has become a contentious opinions separate people and keep us from being able to work together, or even live together. What

Jylan Burris '19 performed

his senior recital in April,

accompanied by Jessica

Shepard '16.

if we created a generation of students who could see past these differences? Who could see themselves as part of a whole, the whole family of God. What if a generation of HSU students could lead this movement, a movement grounded in a belief that we all belong to each other, and to our Savior. How would the world be different?

Christian Education can change the world

These are the kinds of thoughts and ideas that are going to change the world, that will bring the Kingdom of God to the earth—a generation of people who value people above ideology, who love their neighbors as they love themselves, and put all their faith in God. This is exactly why Christian education matters, why it must continue to change the world, because it is different. It will bring about a different kind of citizen, someone who wants to fulfill God's will in their lives each and every day. This is HSU's

mission, to raise up this kind of person. Someone who is willing to be God's representative in their community and on earth. President Eric Bruntmyer often says that HSU students are not normal, that they are the kind of people who either tear down walls, break through barriers or intervene for others. While President Bruntmyer often says its because extraordinary students come to HSU, what if its because we *teach* students to be extraordinary at HSU. What if this is a special place where God's calling and a student's passion meet. How much more would we believe in the mission of a place where those kinds of students are loved, taught and ultimately trained to be mission-minded people? Then we would be truly fulfilling the mission of James B. Simmons. And that's why we must continue to support Christian education, it's the way to make the world a better place.

Cor. 12:14, 22). Accountants, managers, marketing people, information systems experts, financiers, all of them most work together in an intricate dance to transform ideas into goods and services and to distribute them to the world." Its no secret that America place, a place where different



by Dr. Tom Copeland, Professor of Psychology and Counseling and President of the Faculty

ur culture is in a mess. We avoid holidays with the extended family because we're scared that we'll fight about health care or religion or economics or immigration, or all of those at once. We're less tolerant than ever of those who disagree with us. We won't engage with the "opposition". If we do engage we find it almost impossible to have a civil conversation and if we are able to have a conversation, we likely walk away holding our biases and beliefs even more tightly. Most Americans are entrenched in their own ideologies, unwilling to grow, change, or even move, and scared that any inch given will turn into a mile of loss — many of the most entrenched and combative call ourselves Christians. And we're wringing our hands about what to do.

Here's an idea. Send your kid to a liberal arts university.

Any list of the goals of liberal arts education includes things like these; learning not what to think but how to think, learning to communicate effectively, critical thinking, analysis of information, becoming wellrounded, learning across disciplines, questioning assumptions, learning to make informed decisions, understanding the world and our place in it, being challenged with multiple viewpoints, addressing the "big questions" of life. This is what we strive for in liberal arts education at HSU, and particularly in the Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts. And we're not only embracing the complexity of our world through liberal learning, but we're exploring how that intersects with our faith, our "life-calling", and our commitment to James Simmons' ideas of social justice, mercy for all, and Christlieb.

These same qualities seem to be some of the most attractive to prospective employers these days. Whether you're an engineer, an entrepreneur, a teacher or a therapist, employers and graduate programs want people who can write in sentences rather than emojis, compose a professional, grammatically-correct email, tolerate and even appreciate challenging ideas and work successfully, even happily, with diverse colleagues and populations. We also know that most people change careers multiple times during their lives. Liberal arts education offers a broad range of knowledge and skills that are transferrable and generalizable to multiple settings and occupations. Finally, some research even shows that although STEM majors tend to earn higher salaries right out of college and do earn more overall. According to Inside Higher Ed, "liberal arts graduates on average tend to earn more annually by the time they're in their 50s than those who majored in pre-professional or professional fields." The notion that you're going to end up destitute or unemployed or unfulfilled because you majored in English or Political Science or Sociology is just that, a notion, and it's a false one.

Whether you're concerned about being able to live in a civil society, getting into graduate school, or finding a job, liberal arts education provides the essential experiences and skills needed. And Christian liberal arts education teaches us that these very skills are necessary for us to follow Micah 6:8 and "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly...", maybe now more than ever.



n essential and perhaps most valuable part of our work at HSU and specifically of our Foundational Curriculum is the recognition we give to the connection between the intellect and the soul. It's the idea that exercising the mind directly affects the condition of the soul. Reading, writing, figuring, composing, building: these exercises of critical thinking grow not only the mind but the soul.

Bart Giamatti, former president of Yale, in his collected lectures "A Free and Ordered Space: The Real World of the University," calls us to remember the place of the University in a democracy and, perhaps more importantly, in a world not predominantly based on democracy. He points to the danger private liberal arts universities face from religious agendas.

And he's right.

Religious agendas could very well kill learning. If religious agendas say, "Here is the circle of knowledge we are comfortable with you knowing; anything outside the circle is off limits," then they limit, confine, even oppress, and will suffocate liberal arts learning. Such agendas fly in the face of the essential principles of democracy.

Christian Education, however, does not have religious agendas but spiritual ones.

Spiritual agendas say, "Be a seeker; search; look." They expand rather than limit, free rather than confine, following Solomon's instruction to his son: "...[S]eek wisdom like silver... search for it... discover the knowledge of God....Though it costs you all, get understanding" (Prov. 2:4-5; 4:7).

Faculty teaching HSU's Foundational Curriculum understand God not as limiting but as limit-less. Spend every breath of all of eternity exploring Him; you will not reach His limits.

In fact, the reverse is true: Education without Christianity is the limited entity. Any learning that fails to acknowledge the reality of God will only go so far. The freest learning is lit by the knowledge of Christ. Martin Luther concluded no human being is freer than the Christian ("On the Freedom of a Christian").

The freedom of Christ applied to education, the acknowledgment that God does not limit but expands the process of learning: this is the breath of HSU's Foundational Curriculum.

Here HSU's faculty practice this principle. Before us, Dr. Richardson and his colleagues taught based on this idea. Before them, Dr. Sandefer and his administration molded the university around this idea.

And even in the university's earliest years, in her beginnings, this principle was key.

Dr. James B. Simmons wrote in his 1891 Foundation Agreement with the school: "...[A]ll progress of nations, as of individuals comes from an outside inspiration, and that inspiration is the Spirit of God"

That Spirit is the same one who draws all of us to this place to serve and to learn.







n May 2017, for the first time HSU offered students the chance to travel through the Deep South and learn about the Civil Rights movement while spending time in some of the iconic places that were the backdrop to this important history. This year, as students were about to leave for the trip again, we got a chance to sit down with some of the professors leading the trip and ask them for their take on why this is an important experience for all students to have. The students traveled from May 14-21 this year (right before this edition was published). The professors leading the trip were Prof. Melissa Milliorn, Dr. Kelvin Kelley, and Dr. Coleman Patterson.



What part of the upcoming Civil Rights Tour are you most looking forward to?

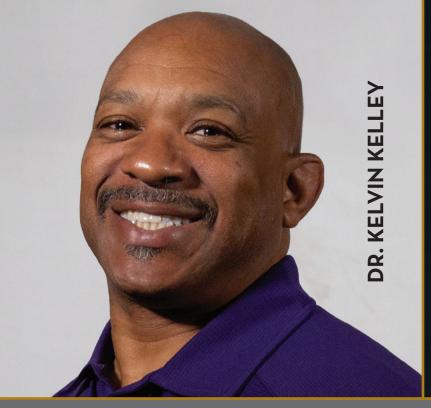
DR. KELVIN KELLEY: I will enjoy the historical monuments; those images "frozen" in time. I tell my students often, "What is history to you is a memory to someone else." In essence, a memory is history with skin on. I've been to Atlanta (King Center) and Little Rock (Central High and the memorial) ... I have great memories from those experiences with my sons. I'm actually looking forward to "touching" anything in the state of Alabama (Selma, Birmingham or Montgomery). Those places are truly hallowed ground.

PROF. MELISSA MILLIORN:
All of it! The experience in
2017 was so amazing, I cannot
wait to see what God has
in store for us this year. A
powerful moment was crossing
the Edmond Pettus Bridge in
Selma. It was such a surreal
moment, knowing the events
that took place there on
Bloody Sunday in 1965. I guess

it is about those powerful, highly impactful moments, and what we take away from them that I look forward to the most. That, and the hope that can be inspired when we decide to longer be complacent about the injustices in the world.

What materials do you read or listen to in preparation for such a trip?

PROF. MELISSA MILLIORN: There are a multitude of reading materials, podcasts, articles, and films utilized for the course. Students taking the Social Work Course are given a supplemental reading list of books I have read in preparation for this course and my professional work: "The Cross and the Lynching Tree" by James Cone; "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou; "Trouble I've Seen" by Drew Hart; "The Autobiography of Malcolm X;" "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson; "Beyond Racism" by Whitney Young, Jr. On the bus, we watch films relevant to the people and places as we tour: "Freedom Riders;" "Selma;" "Hidden





Figures;" "Tuskegee Airmen;"
"Separate But Equal" and other
possibilities.

DR. KELVIN KELLEY:

This course is actually a gift to me. Dr. Patterson requested that I develop a course to share from a theological lens. America has an interesting history of religion and race; and we continue to struggle with God's declaration regarding those created in His image as "good". In essence, salvation doesn't just redeem our soul, it redeemed our humanity. "Therefore, if anyone be in Christ he is a new creation. Old things are passed away. Behold ALL things have become new." My students will be reading James Cone, "The Cross and the Lynching Tree;" John Lewis, "Across that Bridge;" and assorted articles.

What stop are you most looking forward to and why?

DR. KELVIN KELLEY: This is my first trip, but I think the Selma experience may be the most impactful. I think we may spend some time in Birmingham as well. I'm a little nervous about going to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. I've yet to reconcile within my mind how anyone could bomb a church, let alone the loss of life on that fateful day. When is enough, enough?! Have we yet to learn from our past? Violence and hatred are violations of God's intention for His creation and those created in His image. We have to relearn what matters most!

Why is it important for students to take this course?

PROF. MELISSA MILLIORN: The injustices of our past can either remain injustices in our present and future, or we can learn from the past to change the future. Understanding the environment, the political climate, the economy of the time, the social norms and rules and how they came to be and were acted upon are significant in our ability to change these factors today, particularly as they related to injustices, discriminatory disparities for certain people groups as outcomes of oppressive and discriminatory policies and institutions in society. I cannot

make this point strongly enough, history repeats itself when we do nothing to stop it.

What can the HSU family do to support you on this trip?

DR. KELVIN KELLEY: I think alumni can be in prayer for us over the time we travel, and the many experiences we are going to have. Traveling through the Deep South is very invasive work. Americans are facing very divisive and volatile issues, and our responses to these racially charged issues of our day can only be overcome by prayer, humility, and intentional interaction with others who are different. Apart from this response, we will indirectly contribute to the violence and volatility that is deeply scarring our society, and even our churches.

PROF. MELISSA MILLIORN:
Another way is to go with us!
Making sure the bus is full with
a very diverse group helps to
offset overall expenses and
enhances the conversations
and experiences along the
way. I truly believe, as unique
individuals, we all have

something to contribute in understanding and engaging diversity and the injustices related to difference. Having people of all ages and stages of life, all backgrounds and experiences enhances the conversation and the experience. Being open to those conversations and experiences amplifies the benefits of what we learn and how we then use it to make a difference in our lives and the lives of those around us. Certainly financial contributions help as well, whether that is a donation to offset travel costs, or scholarship funds for students to help them pay for the course and/or travel expenses, or just to pay for a meal for one or all of us along the way.

DR. COLEMAN PATTERSON: This trip has been convicting... action is required. We MUST make this a regular offering to all of our students. As humans, as followers of Christ, we must make this experience available to all students.

THE CHRISTLIEB PROGRAM CHRIST

SHARING THE

by Grace Mitchell '19

The inspiration for the Christlieb program came when President Bruntmyer collected stones by the Sea of

Transformational Love

When Stephanie Ellison '08 was emancipated from her parents' care at 16, she had no intention of attending college. All that changed when she was invited into a foster family who showed her the love of Christ.

Stephanie grew up in an abusive home. Her father was in prison for much of her childhood, and her mother was a drug addict and a prostitute. The family moved frequently, living in cars, tents, motels, and on the streets.

Stephanie was lucky to be brought into the home of a loving, Christian foster family. One night during her senior year, they encouraged her to go to a college and career night at her high school, where she saw a Hardin-Simmons booth.

"I saw a table that said, 'An Education Enlightened by Faith.' I knew that was the only college I was going to apply to; I knew that I needed a foundation of faith," she said.

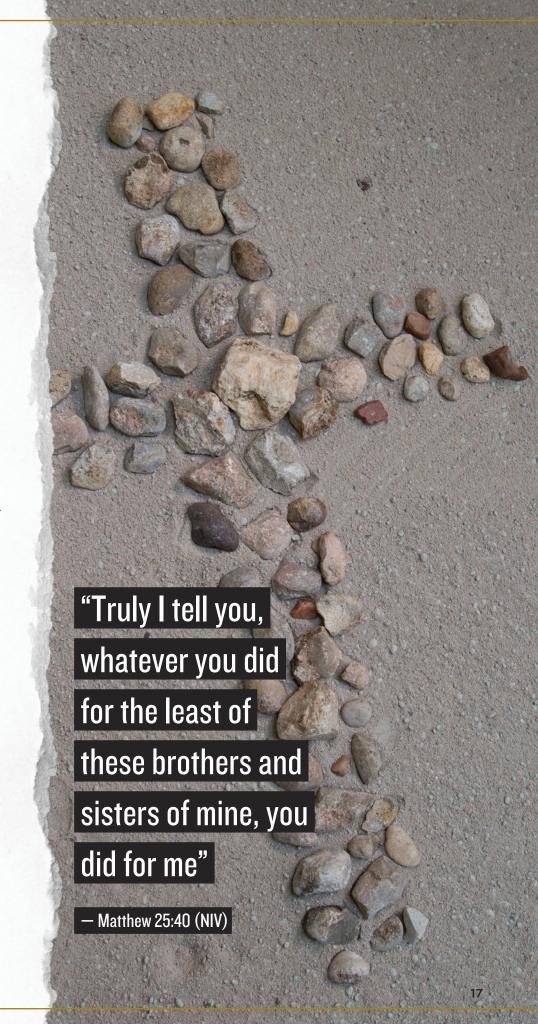
Stephanie was awarded scholarships to HSU and was supported by the HSU faculty and staff.

"Hardin-Simmons became a home for me," she said. "The people that I met there taught me to rise above my circumstances."

After graduating from HSU with her Bachelor of Behavioral Science and Communication, Stephanie earned her Master of Counseling and Human Development at HSU. Today she is a photographer, singer/songwriter, and marketing manager at Big Country CASA, working to end child abuse for children much like herself.

Stephanie was fortunate enough to have a foster family who helped her attend Hardin-Simmons, but at that time, there were no programs in place to help students like her.

Today, HSU is working to support students like Stephanie, who would otherwise not have a chance to attend college. Through the Christlieb Sponsor Program, up to 12 students per academic year can attend HSU with their tuition paid for by a sponsor.



"These students do not have consistent support. We want to help and be that support they need."

-Vicki House, vice president for enrollment management



Stephanie Ellison '08 shared her story at HSU chapel in March 2017.

A Divine Calling

The inspiration for the program came when HSU President Eric Bruntmyer was walking along the Sea of Galilee in Israel several years ago, and he heard God tell him to pick up some stones.

"I picked up five stones—one for each of my kids, but then I realized I could have picked up ten stones. I could have picked up hundreds. If each of these stones represented children, God was showing me that he was calling me to help care for the fatherless."

Bruntmyer soon learned that Abilene ISD has over 1,300 students who are classified as unaccompanied minors. Many of these students are in foster care or living with a friend or relative. After these students turn 18, they are often without financial or emotional support and completely alone. According to the National Foster Youth Institute, less than 3% of foster students graduate from a 4-year college.

To help meet that need, Bruntmyer worked with the Board of Trustees, Admissions, and Advancement to develop the Christlieb Sponsor Program. To qualify, students must first be admitted through the regular application process. When independent and self-supporting students file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, those forms are flagged for verification. HSU then contacts students and requests certain documents to verify their

information. The executive team then chooses the students for the program by reviewing all qualified applicants and picking 12 for the Christlieb Sponsor Program.

Once accepted, the students sign a contract with the university. The student's responsibility is to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and live on campus as a full-time student for all four years. HSU's commitment is to find a donor to sponsor the student's tuition. The student can then use other federal and state aid to help with other costs, such as books or housing. However, a student in the Christlieb Program does not qualify for other HSU scholarships. The Program currently involves only domestic students, but one day may be expanded to include international students.

Serving Christ by Serving Others

Vicki House, vice president for enrollment management, works with the group that prays over the applications and picks the top 12.

"This is our way of giving back to our community," said House. "It is HSU's way of saying we are committed to the success of our students, even if they are not able to pay."

At the conception of the program, House knew that self-supporting



Hundreds in and around Abilene will I trust, study
it diligently, and pray daily so long as life shall last, for
the copious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon "Christlieb"
For, you remember, that "Christlieb College" was my chosen name
for this Institution, which means "College of Christ's Love."

Janus B. Semanous)

students were the group her department wasn't reaching.

"I have worked at HSU since 2005, and I have seen HSU sponsor different events and projects. ...But, we need to be sponsoring and supporting these students. That's who we are," said House. "These students do not have consistent support. We want to help and be the support they need. ...They can go to a state schools for free, but they can get lost in large schools."

In talking about the program, House often references what Jesus said in Matthew 25:40: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (NIV).

In the 2018-19 academic year, six students benefitted from the Christlieb Sponsor Program. The 2019-2020 list is currently being prayed over as the Administrative Council decides who to bring into the program. House said the program's biggest challenge is finding tuition sponsors, which is why currently only up to 12 students can be accepted each year.

Your Gift Matters

When James B. Simmons helped found what would later be called Hardin-Simmons University, he asked for the school to be called Christlieb Collegethe college of Christ's love. While the name did not endure, the vision for the school did. Today, you can help HSU live out the love of Christ through the Christlieb Sponsor Program.

James 1:27 says "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." While not every unaccompanied student is an orphan, students who classify as independent do not have a family member's support to attend college. As a Christian university, it is our mission not only to educate students who can afford it but to support those who cannot.

Perhaps you are not in a position to adopt a child into your home, but you have been blessed with financial resources to "adopt" a student by supporting their desire for a Christian education. You can make a difference in the life of a student like Stephanie. Sponsors can currently support one student for all four years at HSU for \$36,000 a year. To donate any amount to the Program, contact Hardin-Simmons University Advancement at 325-670-1260 or advancement@hsutx.edu or send a check designated "Christlieb" to HSU Advancement.









Mrs. Tina Butler

Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies and Academic Director of the Holland School of Sciences & Mathematics

Mrs. Butler presented her poster, entitled "Using Active Learning Strategies to Teach Arrhythmia Recognition" at the annual PA Educators meeting, held in Anaheim, California. *tina.butler@hsutx.edu*



Dr. Lynnette Chambers *Professor of Voice*

Dr. Chambers performed with the Civic Orchestra in Abilene last October. She presented the mezzo-soprano solo in Leonard Bernstein's "Jeremiah Symphony." *lchambers@hsutx.edu*



Dr. Stephen Cook

Professor of Psychology and Dean of the Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Cook was appointed to serve as a Surveyor Team Member by the American Psychological Association. Dr. Cook will work alongside the Joint Accrediting Council of Interprofessional Continuing Education, which provides organizations with a uniform structure for continued education in professions related to physical and mental healthcare. stephen.cook@hsutx.edu



Dr. Jennifer Eames

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Dr. Larry E. Fink
Professor of English

Dr. Fink presented a paper entitled, "Enchanting Goodness in Sarah Orne Jewett and George MacDonald," at the Southwest Conference on Christianity & Literature. The conference was held in September of 2018 at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. *larryf@hsutx.edu*



Dr. Jennifer Hennigan Assistant Professor of Biology

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Dr. Christopher HollingsworthAssociate Professor of Voice and Director of the Opera Program

Dr. Hollingsworth traveled to both the Texoma National Association of Teachers of Singing Regional Conference and the Southeast Theatre Conference Preliminary Auditions with HSU students. At the NATS Regional Conference, two of HSU's vocal performance students were named as semi-finalists. At the SETC Auditions, nine of HSU's 13 theatre and musical theatre students in attendance moved past the preliminary round and were invited to participate in the final round of auditions. christopher.hollingsworth@hsutx.edu





Dr. Andrea B. Jensen
Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Jensen was named Dean of the Holland School of Science and Mathematics. She also published her book, "Introduction to Scientific Research: Strategy and Planning," Together with Dr. Wendi Wolfram, Dr. Jensen published "Introduction to Biology: An Ecosystem Approach." ajensen@hsutx.edu



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Dr. Miller received a grant from Telepresence STEM Villages for Rural Texas. The grant will benefit the Sid W. Richardson Foundation. pmiller@hsutx.edu



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Presented at six presentations and workshops, including the Reverse Junior Achievement Day with students from Jim Ned Middle School and at the #LiveLifeLikeCooper HSU Reflection Service. Dr. Coleman also accompanied a group of HSU students to the Model United Nations Florida Crisis Simulation conference at the University of Florida. colemanp@hsutx.edu



Dr. Kelly Pigott

Professor of Church History

Dr. Pigott published "From Eden to Heaven: Spiritual Formation for the Adventurous," a book dedicated to helping readers find and deepen their faith through the concept of a faith journey. kpigott@hsutx.edu



Dr. Susan Pigott

Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Logsdon School of Theology

Dr. Pigott published an article in the 115th volume of "Review & Expositor" entitled "Hagar: The M/Other Patriarch," The article likens Hagar, a matriarch in the Old Testament, to biblical patriarchs, like her husband Abraham and his son Isaac. <code>spigott@hsutx.edu</code>



Dr. Joanne Roberts

Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Department of Sociology

Dr. Roberts was elected President-Elect of the Affiliate Councils Board for the National Council on Family Relations' (NCFR) governing body for both the state and student chapters of the NCFR. She will serve as the Affiliate Councils representative on the NCFR Board of Directors until 2021, when she will assume duties as President of the Affiliate Council. *jroberts@hsutx.edu*





Mrs. Kathy Robinson Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies

Mrs. Robinson was awarded a Presidential Citation in recognition of service to the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities in October 2018. *kathy.robinson@hsutx.edu*



Dr. Sherry Rosenblad
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Dr. Rosenblad accompanied a group of students from HSU's Clinical Counseling & Marriage and Family (CCMF) master's program to the Christian Counselors of Texas Conference in Austin, Texas. Dr. Rosenblad also conducted a Lunch and Learn presentation focusing on motivating patients for HSU's Physical Therapy Department and area physical therapist professionals and an Advanced Sandtray Therapy workshop for continuing education credit for area professional counselors. sherry.rosenblad@hsutx.edu



Dr. Bernie Scherr

Professor of Music Theory and Composition Dr. Scherr performed Händel's "Messiah" with the Abilene Chamber Singers and the Abilene Philharmonic in December. Dr. Scherr also played the trumpet with Key City Brass, an ensemble that serves as an artistic advisor to the Civic Orchestra of Abilene. bscherr@hsutx.edu



Dr. Dan Stiver Professor of Theology, Logsdon School of Theology

Dr. Stiver co-edited a book entitled "Ideology and Utopia in the Twenty-First Century: The Surplus of Meaning in Ricoeur's Dialectical Concept," Lexington Books, 2018. Dr. Stiver also wrote a chapter in the book, entitled "Renewing the 'Period of Effervescence." dstiver@hsutx.edu



Dr. Meredith StoneAssistant Professor of Scripture and Ministry,

Assistant Professor of Scripture and Ministry, Logsdon School of Theology

Dr. Stone published a book entitled "Empire and Gender in LXX Esther," through Society of Biblical Literature Press in November of 2018. Dr. Stone also presented her paper, "Requesting a Dividend of Hegemonic Masculinity: Esther's Prayer in LXX Esther," at the Society of Biblical Literature's annual meeting in Denver. She was elected as chair of the Steering Committee of Fellowship Southwest. mstone@hsutx.edu



Dr. John Eric Swenson *Professor of Psychology and Counseling*

Dr. Swenson and a research team of HSU Psychology Majors presented research entitled, "The Relationship Between Personality Traits and Post-Critical Beliefs," at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies Conference in Dallas, Texas. With another research team, Dr. Swenson presented research at the Abilene Christian University Undergraduate Research Conference the Texas Tech University Undergraduate Research Conference. johneric.swenson@hsutx.edu





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Dr. Wendi Wolfram
Assistant Professor of Biology

Dr. Wolfram presented her research on the Biometrology of Gray Wolves, Red Wolves, and Coyotes at the International Wolf Symposium in Minneapolis, Minnesota last October. The symposium is held every 4-6 years, and the research, "Scent-marking and Biometrology: An Analysis of Behavior Across Canid Species Gray Wolf (Canis lupus), Red Wolf (Canis rufus), and Coyote (Canis latrans)" was one of 75 presentations selected for the event. wwolfram@hsutx.edu



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WHEN IT RAINS **OPPORTUNITY POURS**

by James Stone '07M

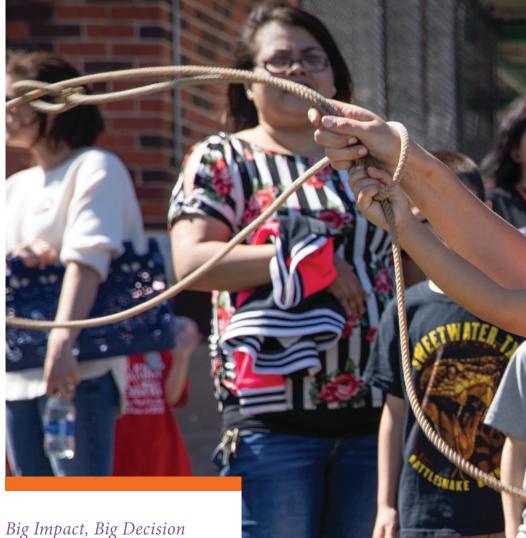
Towering goalposts. Logo-branded turf. The 20-foot tall cowboy on the screen. A quick glance made it clear the old west hadn't looked like this before!

ach year, anywhere between 2,500 and 4,000+ children from around the Abilene Area are welcomed to HSU's Western Heritage Day. A week before this year's event, 4,022 attendees representing 167 classes at 64 different schools, daycares, and homeschools from across the Big Country preregistered to attend.

We regularly encounter instances where a child comes to WHD filled with anticipation because they are following in the footsteps of an older brother or sister. As a more recent trend, moms or dads, who attended WHD decades ago, are now coming back to accompany their own children.

Nostalgia and love for both the event and HSU develop when children come to Western Heritage Day. One cannot underestimate the value of those little blocks of wood branded with 'HSU' that kids take home with them.

I would assert that each Western Heritage Day, somewhere between the bus ride to campus and bus ride back to their school, a love for HSU is born.



At a meeting on April 22, the possibility was raised that rain might prevent the 2019 Western Heritage Day fun. Though the forecast for April 25 was for clear skies, it did not account for the three-plus inches of rain that was already falling.

Should HSU cancel Western Heritage Day? Even if the weather was nice, in what shape would Anderson Lawn be after the deluge? The situation looked bleak until President Eric Bruntmyer suggested that Western Heritage Day be moved to an alternate location.

Always a Cowboy

Far from the soft green grass and oak tree shade of Anderson Lawn, Shelton Stadium appears at first blush the antithesis of the Western theme. But what Shelton Stadium seemingly lacks in alignment with the Western motif, it abounds in capacity as an alternate location when Anderson Lawn is unusable.

The quick-draining turf of Paramore Field make it ideal for use soon after soaking rains. The adjoining parking lot next to the Jake Sandefer Field House makes an excellent location for student drop-off and pick-up. The wide-open spaces from end zone to end zone makes possible any teacher's creative use of a nine-year-old boy's boundless energy.

So the decision was made. WHD would not be cancelled...but it would be moved.

Thousands of future Cowboys and Cowgirls would now take the field.













MEN'S TRACK

It was a record-setting year for the HSU men's track and field team. The men set 14 new individual records during the indoor and outdoor seasons.

The Cowboys finished second at the American Southwest Conference championship, just 19.5 points behind league champion McMurry.



WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Cowgirl track and field team claimed the American Southwest Conference championship with a strong performance to overcome McMurry for the title.

Senior Sydney Tencate was named the ASC track athlete of the year and the top point scorer at the ASC meet.

The HSU coaching staff of Zack Leggett and Derek Footer were named the ASC coaching staff of the year.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

HSU gained momentum and went to the ASC tournament on a mission. Jalen Terry played the best he had all season and the Cowboys upset LeTourneau in the first round and then beat UMHB in the semifinals before falling to UTD in the conference championship game.

The Cowboys finished the year 17-11, which was an eight-game improvement over the previous season.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Cowgirls won their first seven games of the season, to top the win total from 2017-18. HSU hit a tough spot in December losing four straight games, but the Cowgirls closed the semester on a high note beating UT Dallas 67-66 at the Mabee Complex.

The season included seven straight wins, including a win over UMHB at the Mabee Complex. The Cowgirls finished the year with a 19-8 record, which was the most wins for a Cowgirl basketball team since the 2010-11 school year.



WOMEN'S GOLF

The Cowgirls won three tournaments in the fall and placed second in the other. The three wins were the most in a season since 2000. HSU won the Rockwinds Invitational in Hobbs, N.M., won the Lady Crusader Invitational at Squaw Valley in Glen Rose, and won the Abilene Intercollegiate at Diamondback Golf Club.



MEN'S GOLF

The Hardin-Simmons men's golf team had a solid season and finished the year fifth at the American Southwest Conference Championship.

Senior Luke Smith became the first Cowboy since Chris Phillips in 2004 to be picked as an individual for the NCAA Championship. He also was named first-team all-American Southwest Conference.

Smith broke his own non-scholarship era record for stroke average in a season (73.4 heading into the NCAA Championship) and he also set the school record for stroke average for a career at 75.

Matt Jouett also had a solid season for the Cowboys averaging 75.5, which is among the top seasons in school history as well.

The Cowboys will return all but Smith for the 2019-20 season.



BASEBALL

The baseball team made the American Southwest Conference tournament for the 13th time in the last 14 seasons. HSU beat 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 juniors and three seniors most of the year. HSU will return 27 lettermen next season



MEN'S TENNIS

The Cowboy tennis team struggled to start the season, going 2-6, but the Cowboys rebounded and advanced to the American Southwest Conference semifinals.

HSU closed the season by winning seven of the last 10 matches and closed the season with a 9-9 record. In the ASC semifinal against Concordia the Cowboys lost a close match 5-3 and just missed making the ASC final.

Senior Alex Hunt was named the American Southwest Conference player of the year. The senior won the award twice in his career. He was also named the sportsmanship athlete of the year and first-team all-ASC at No. 1 singles and doubles.

Fellow senior Griffin Weinkam also had a solid season and was named first-team all-ASC at No. 4 singles. Freshman Nathaniel Schoendorf was named freshman of the year in the ASC. The Cowboys started three freshmen in the lineup and the future looks bright for the program.



WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Cowgirls made a late season turnaround to their season, winning five of the last seven matches and advancing to the semifinals of the ASC Tournament.

HSU finished second in the ASC West with a 5-1 record and finished the season at 8-12 overall, after starting the year at 2-9.

The Cowgirls had three seniors on the team and they all three won all-ASC West Divisions honors. Liz Lopez and Kelsey Doege teamed to win at No. 2 doubles and Sabra Zullo at No. 4 singles.

Kyra Mobley at No. 3 singles and Mobley and Abigail Kendall at No. 1 doubles also received accolades.

HSU returns five of the six players that played in the singles lineup this season.



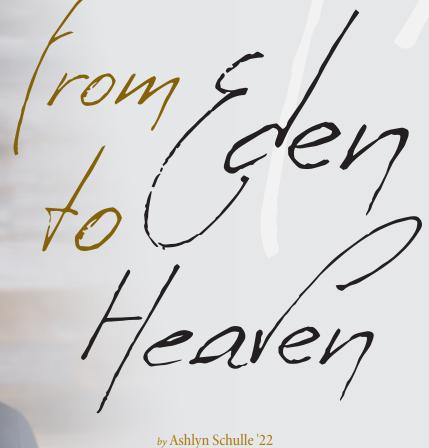












startling statistic and a desire to help were part of the inspiration for Dr. Kelly Pigott's recently published book "From Eden to Heaven: Spiritual Formation for the Adventurous."

The book, released in December 2018, focuses on finding and deepening one's faith. It takes readers on a journey through the stages of finding their own faith: departure, initiation, transubstantiation, struggle, victory, and return.

The statistic that helped spark the book?

"Eighty-seven percent of youth that grow up in the Baptist church drop out by the age of 30," said Pigott, associate professor of church history at Hardin-Simmons University.

Just as John Hunt, instructor of ministry at HSU, had the idea to take a pilgrimage to Ireland with the goal of deepening the faith of those participating, Pigott wanted to guide people to different places and stages of faith through his book, which he refers to as a "hero's journey."

The book's title refers to life's endpoints, Eden and Heaven.

"We start out in Eden, but we get that pebble-in-the-shoe feeling, and we have to venture," said Pigott.

This is the start of the journey, which eventually ends with Heaven.

Between these two points, Pigott urges readers to find their "resurrection place," or where they are called to "come alive."

Pigott uses peregrinatio, the concept of a faith journey taken "for the love of God," as an outline for the book.

"Salvation is not a status ... faith is an ongoing process," said Pigott. "Each day of your life you have to wake up and ask, 'what must I do to be saved today?"

His goal for the book is that it be "a tool to help equip people to make faith their own and to do their own homework, ... (because) until you do your own homework you don't have your own faith."

This book is deeply personal to Pigott. When he found himself in a dark place after completing school, he realized he had not heard Christians talk about going through dark times in life.

"No one told me (doubt) was necessary. ... It was always, 'if you doubt, you lack faith," said Pigott, who believes it is crucial to have doubts and ask hard questions while trying to navigate one's faith walk. He made it a priority to make that point in the book.

"(The book) was born out of a deep and personal struggle," said Pigott. It is the book he wishes he could have had going through school and being in a tough place in his journey. Another aspect of the book is journaling, which readers are encouraged to do as they read.

"You really have to journal through this book," said Pigott. "Journaling is a spiritual formation discipline. ... It forces you to wrestle with the hard questions."

On his website, spilledcoffeeonancientscrolls. com, there are journal prompts for readers who take Pigott's advice and journal through the book.

"From Eden to Heaven: Spiritual Formation for the Adventurous" was implemented in two of his classes this semester.

The first was with a group of students who traveled to Ireland during spring break. Reading, discussing, and responding to the prompts in the book were a few of the central aspects of the class. The students were taken on a spiritual journey by reading Pigott's book, while preparing for the physical pilgrimage to Ireland.

Students in Pigott's The Religious and Philosophical Life class also are reading From Eden to Heaven and are stepping back and looking at their spirituality and life as a result of the ideas in the book.

Students in both classes seem to be big fans of the book. They note several points of discussion that have resonated with them in their reading.

The idea of peregrinatio is something the students from the Ireland class have especially enjoyed since the focus of the class and the trip abroad is to journey.

"We want to encounter God. ... We're not going on this journey because God is there and not here – God is in both places," said Zach Dean, one of the students who traveled to Ireland.

Students also appreciate the format and readability of the book. From Eden to Heaven is not a book that students dread to read for class.

"(Pigott) puts it into terms that are practical examples throughout life," said Maranda Westbrook, a student in Pigott's religion class.

The main point students have noticed and enjoyed in Pigott's teaching of the book is that his voice and teaching style are evident in the material. Pigott crafted the book in a way that his gentle approach to teaching and leading discussions is effectively communicated through his writing.

"Dr. Pigott's personal connections and anecdotes bring the book to life, and his personality shines through the pages," said Westbrook.

"It's like his lectures are captured in this book that you can read time and time again," said Avery Gowens, also one of Pigott's religion students.

The gentle way Pigott teaches is greatly respected by his students, and that gentleness

is just as apparent in From Eden to Heaven.

"He doesn't want to form your opinion for you. ... He lays it out there and lets you decide," said Amanda Ramsey, another student who traveled to Ireland.

Pigott hopes the book will convey that dark times during a Christian's faith walk are normal and help break through the social stigma that sometimes surrounds doubting. That's a meaningful message to his students.

Cheyanne Hamilton, a student in Pigott's Ireland group, has benefitted from that teaching. "Sometimes we feel like we can't talk to other Christians about our faith, so we feel alone. (The book) acknowledges we are all on our own journey and reminds you and that you are not alone," she said.

Pigott and a group of students explored Ireland during spring break, spending time with locals and learning about Irish culture. Among other things, they visited churches and cathedrals, including St. Patrick's Cathedral in Belfast and St. Nicholas Church in Galway, and experienced Irish dancing and music with locals on the Aran Islands.

"From Eden to Heaven" can be found on Amazon and the Smyth & Helwys Books website.





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SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT



One more picture to remember our weekend at HEB Foundation Camp.



hsu.ldsp April 2, 2019



Grey Hoff Jr. January 30, 2019



Holy smokes, I can't believe AnnaKate's senior year is winding down! #seniorpictures #classof2019 #headedtoHSU #hsulife



ashleyrod81 March 4, 2019



Spring football is officially underway at HSU. The Cowboys started practices today and will finish with the Spring Challenge on April 26 #HSUfb #HardinSimmons #ASCfb #d3fb



Jordan Hofeditz

March 26, 2019



About last night || may not win an NBA b-ball ring, but def won this MBA class ring from HSU. #hsuring #hardinsimmonsuniversity



moydor

March 30, 2019



Happy #featurefriday "Being in Salzburg gave me a new perspective on culture and the world itself. I gained much better understanding of what it truly means to be a global citizen." #hsutx



HSU Study Abroad

October 12, 2018

Stay connected! Follow HSU on social media:

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SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT



Celebrating diversity this week and always. We love South America!



felipped

February 5, 2019



Here's another update from our Logsdon students in Greece! #LogsdoninGreece2019



Logsdon Seminary

March 15, 2019



Horse Rider, Lexi Hogan, the 2018 West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen!!! #hsulife



Stacey Vaughn Martin

September 11, 2018



Yesterday, we performed a piece for @danceadts that we put our hearts and souls into. •Our goal? Improvement upon our score from 2017. •Our results!? Above and beyond.

When every partial point counts... An increase of 18 WHOLE POINTS? #speechless From a Division II score to a Division I score. The competition best look out. These girls really are an #inSPURation (video up on YouTube!)



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February 5, 2019



playoff bound so proud of him!! #hsucowboys



jd

November 11, 2018



Sarah feeds Gilbert some of her sammich.



to_dd_cl_ow_er April 30, 2019



finally, after 3 years! I can graduate happy now.

kudos to the best teammates

#hsutx #soccer #football #intramural #theinternationals



deborah_poh

March 1, 2019





a look back

In the 1970s and 80s, the HSU Student Foundation developed an orange picking trip to a university-owned orchard in Edinburg, TX.

Although the drive was over seven hours, the trip was worth it for the iconic sweet fruit of the Rio Grande Valley and the fun memories made along the way.

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.

In each edition we will publish an older photo. 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.

2019 Hall of Leaders

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



DR. W.O. "DOC"
BEAZLEY, JR.
Former University

Former University Administrator, Minister and Author William Oswald Beazley, Jr., was a Baptist minister and a colorful and innovative university administrator and a prolific author. His style, flair and sense of humor made him a memorable character throughout his life and career. He packed a lot into 90 years, and he made an indelible imprint on the history of Hardin-Simmons University.

Beazley was born on April 1, 1916, in Lexington, Virginia, where his father was pastor of First Baptist Church. He was an excellent multi-sport athlete in high school and a letterman in college, and took care of the family farm as a teenager. Beazley earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bridgewater College in 1936.

After college, Beazley coached a variety of sports, was a choral director at the high school level, and was

a religious director for the Staunton Baptist Church. In 1944, Beazley moved back to Texas with his growing family, to earn his Master of Religious Education degree, a Doctor of Religious Education, and a Doctor of Education degree. In 1948, Beazley moved his family to Abilene, where he began his work at HSU.

In 1954, Beazley was recruited to serve in a denominational post with Virginia Baptists. The family remained in Virginia until 1960, when Dr. Evan Reiff invited Beazley back to HSU. Back at Hardin-Simmons, Beazley immersed himself in Abilene and its culture by organizing and managing the Annual West Texas Fair and Rodeo Parade.

During his long association with the school, Beazley served under six of its presidents in a

variety of positions. One of his most public of HSU roles was as the director of the Six White Horses program.

In 1995, the Six White Horses team was chosen "Outstanding Riding Group" at the Cheyenne Frontier Days. The team performed at four presidential inaugurations during his tenure and became a celebrity magnet, attracting big names like Jimmy Stewart, John Wayne, Lyndon B. Johnson, Billy Graham, Bing Crosby, and Bob Hope.

Beazley retired from fulltime duties in 1985 but would continue part-time with the Six White Horses for another 15 years.

Beazley married Madge Lee from his hometown of Singers Glen in June of 1940, and the pair had two daughters and a son. Beazley passed away on June 13, 2006.



CYDNEY MELINDA MIZELL

Servant Leader, Teacher and Humanitarian Worker Cydney "Cyd" Mizell is remembered for her selfless, Christ-like service. She gave generously to others, leaving a legacy of servant leadership, love for others, and a willingness to go into dangerous areas of the world to help those in need. Her leadership, her love, and her willingness to take risks in service to others ultimately cost her everything in this life.

Cydney Melinda Mizell was born on February 12, 1958, in Eureka, California. She was enrolled in HSU from August of 1976 through December of 1977. She enjoyed singing and participating in choral activities and was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, the professional fraternity for women in music. She was voted one of the "Sophomore Favorites" in 1978 and enjoyed

running in HSU's 100 Mile Club.

In 1990, Mizell earned a Master of Divinity degree in biblical languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During the 18 years of service following her seminary graduation, she worked as an administrative assistant for an international organization, supporting workers around the globe. From 2005 to 2008, she worked in Kandahar, Afghanistan, with the Asian Rural Life Development Foundation, teaching English at Kandahar University, giving embroidery and sewing lessons at a girls' school, and participated in irrigation, rehabilitation, health care, and restoration projects to help Afghans work for food.

On January 26, 2008, Cyd

Mizell's career and life abruptly ended when she and her driver were abducted and presumably killed by Afghan gunmen.

Another good friend and former colleague in Texas said,

"Cyd was Cyd because of years of surrender to Jesus Christ and the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in her life. One could see the power of the Spirit in her eyes, her smile, and feel the love of Christ in her touch and embrace. Of all the people I have known in my long life, Cyd exemplifies for me what it means to embody the presence of Christ."

Mizell was preceded in death by her mother in 1979. Her father died only six months after she was abducted. She was survived by her stepmother, Margaret A. "Peggy" Mizell, of Tacoma, Washington.



PETE ONDENG
Economic Development
Strategist and Author

Pete Ondeng is a Kenyanbased economic development practitioner, author, speaker and a one-time Presidential candidate who has served in very significant leadership roles with a range of private, public and non-profit organizations.

Ondeng graduated from Hardin-Simmons University

in 1982 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting and earned his Certified Public Accountant credentials before returning to Kenya.

Born in 1959, he attended the Christian boarding school, Rift Valley Academy, in Kenya. At the end of his 10th-grade year, Ondeng's closest childhood friend, Clark Whitson, was involved in an accident and died while in the United States with his family. In honor of their late son, Clark's parents resolved to "adopt" Ondeng into their family and sponsor his university education at Hardin-Simmons University.

After graduating from HSU, Ondeng moved to Dallas where he began his professional career as an accountant with the McDonald's Corporation, where he was later promoted to Internal Auditor and transferred to the company's corporate headquarters in Chicago. Three years later, he joined the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as a Senior Financial Analyst at the organization's Nairobi office. During that time, he authored and self-published his first book, entitled "How to Start Your Own Small Business," which sold 25,000 copies in the three years following its publication.

Ondeng has completed projects in more than 20 countries. While stationed in the Netherlands serving as Africa Director for an international impact investment organization, Ondeng was offered a high profile, public assignment by the then-President of Kenya that connected him with heads of state and governments across the continent. He then published his second book, entitled "Africa's Moment."

Ondeng is the Founder and President of the Lead Africa Foundation, a leadership think tank which also provides training for emerging leaders at all levels of society. He has advised and supported leaders from a range of sectors and organizations and has contributed to shaping public opinion on many social, economic and political topics across the vast continent of Africa.

In 2017, Ondeng declared his candidacy for the office of President of Kenya. After a brief period on the campaign trail, he withdrew his candidacy and accepted the role of leading the campaign of another independent presidential candidate with whom he shared values.

In 1990, Pete Ondeng married May, a communications specialist and childhood friend. They have been blessed with two sons, both of whom are working in Nairobi.



CYNTHIA K. PEARSON

Non-Profit Executive and Community Leader

Cynthia King Pearson has become an outstanding community leader in Abilene, making her mark as an exceptional executive in the non-profit arena. Pearson attended the University of Denver before completing her college education at Hardin-Simmons University from 1983 to 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

At HSU, Pearson majored in psychology with a minor in management and was actively involved in campus life, as a member of the Delta social club, a part-time student worker, and a finalist for University Queen.

In October of 1991, Pearson was hired at Day Nursery of Abilene by the board of directors to assist the founding executive director. Since 1993 she has served with distinction as President and Chief Executive Officer. Each month, the organization's three sites serve nearly 500 children under the age of 10, allowing families to hold down jobs, attend school, or participate in job training programs. Day Nursery employs nearly 100 staff members, including seven direct reports, and

Pearson answers to a large board of directors made up of prominent people from Abilene and the surrounding areas.

Pearson has been involved in five capital campaigns with the organization, including a nearly \$1 million campaign in 2018 for a child care expansion project in partnership with Hardin-Simmons University and Hendrick Medical Center, which will add approximately 75 children to the program.

Pearson has remained very involved in the Abilene community. She represents early childhood education on the West Central Texas Workforce Solutions Board and has served on HSU's Board of Development. She previously served on the Texas Education Reform Foundation Board and the Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition and served on legislative subcommittees related to early childhood development.

Within the community, Pearson is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Abilene, a 1993 graduate of Leadership Abilene, and a 2010 graduate of the prestigious Leadership Texas program. She previously held a seat on the Women's Health Council for Hendrick Health System. She was selected in 2018, along with six other women, as a "Woman of Outstanding Achievement" by the Abilene chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Pearson has two sons, who grew up in Abilene and attended Abilene High School before going to college. Pearson is a long-time member of Broadview Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for preschool and kindergarten children for nearly 10 years.

"Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already."

- C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity



owerful words from C.S.
Lewis. Over the years I have witnessed hundreds of people who have a firm grasp on this truth, and have poured their lives into others...both through service and by providing resources. At HSU we have multiple volunteers, donors, boards, and foundations that support our students and provide an opportunity to invest in others. The Planned Giving Committee of our Board of Development recently launched a bold initiative to serve our alumni and friends with useful information on important financial matters.

Here are some questions to consider:

- If you have children at home, have you named a guardian for them should something happen to you?
- If you are married and have a mortgage, do you have a plan to have that mortgage and other debts paid off should something happen to you?
- If you have children and they are out on their own, how much do they need? What do you want to leave them? Are there charities you would like to support?
- If your financial situation is tight, have you considered that you can still make a gift to HSU, or another charity, through your will?
- If you are single and something were to happen to you, is there a cause you would like to support through your will?

- Would you be interested in a gift that provides tax benefits and pays you an income?
- What do you want your legacy to be?

These are important questions for all of us. Our BOD Planned Giving Committee will soon be leading some seminars that might help you find answers to these questions. Locations and dates will be coming soon.

Until then, helpful information can also be found at plannedgiving.hsutx.edu.

Our office is available as well if you would like for HSU to be part of your life plan. You can reach us at 325-670-1260, or if you know someone in our office their direct numbers are listed below.

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Match Made in Heaven

Houston-Lantrip

was born May 5, 1925 in Abilene, attended Abilene schools and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1946. Following her graduation, she taught chemistry, biology, and physics at Abilene Junior High School for one year. It seems, however, that her favorite subject was home economics because she continued her schooling in the subject and earned her master's degree and then accepted a position as head of the home economics department at Hardin-Simmons.

In 1949, Houston joined International Harvester Co. (IH) as a district office home economist in Sweetwater. She was quickly promoted to regional home economist for an eight-state area and was based in Oklahoma City. At the young age of 27, Houston was named director of home economics for IH, working in their corporate headquarters in Evansville, Indiana, and traveling the nation.

Mae met Paul Lantrip, a pharmacist, in Evansville and they were married in 1955.

Their only child, a daughter, was born in 1958. The family relocated to Dallas, where they lived until their deaths.

Later in life, Lantrip reconnected with HSU, joining the Board of Development in 1997, and supporting the university financially.

Meanwhile, Hardin-Simmons had established a program in the '90s to help dyslexic individuals with their reading difficulties. With time, the program grew and flourished. Because Lantrip had a close relationship with someone who was dyslexic, Lantrip was especially interested in supporting education for dyslexic individuals. In 2002, she provided funding for an endowment for the dyslexia program at HSU, and the program was renamed the Houston-Lantrip Center for Literacy and Learning.

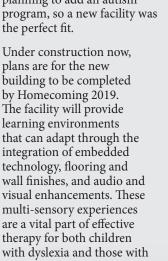
Lantrip included a very generous bequest to Hardin-Simmons in her will, with the provision that the funds be used for a building for the Irvin School of Education, if there was a need at the time. Latnrip had the foresight to realize that she might be able to make the biggest impact of her life after her lifetime. Beautiful achievements occur at the intersection of donors' passions and educators' dreams. When Lantrip died suddenly in 2013, there was a definite need for such a facility.

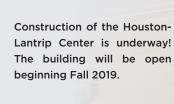
The Houston-Lantrip Center for Literacy and Learning (HLC) has been housed in a classroom in Abilene Hall, which is far from the ideal setting. With an increasing number of children being diagnosed as dyslexic, and more teachers needing to be trained in working with these children, plans were formed to construct a building designed just for the HLC. The university was also planning to add an autism

plans are for the new building to be completed by Homecoming 2019. The facility will provide learning environments that can adapt through the integration of embedded technology, flooring and wall finishes, and audio and visual enhancements. These multi-sensory experiences are a vital part of effective therapy for both children autism spectrum disorder. The building will have two wings, with one dedicated to the dyslexia program and the other for the autism program.

Because of the new facility, more current teachers will be able to undergo training, and our undergraduate education majors will be exposed to training much sooner than is typical.

Mae Houston-Lantrip's generosity and passion for helping dyslexic children, along with the university's desire to positively impact more such children, is truly a match made in heaven.







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HSU NIGHT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS

1. Over 100 HSU alumni, friends, and prospective students gathered for the first HSU Night with the San Antonio Spurs.

DC EVENT

 $2.\ DC$ alumni and friends gathered for their biennial lunch in January.

HOUSTON DINNER

3. HSU Alumni Brian '95 and Elizabeth (Wagner) Adams '97, Heine Law '15, and Mike Hammack '85/'89 were among the many who gathered in Houston for the HSU Family Dinner in March.

AUSTIN AREA DINNER

4. Alumni and friends gathered for the Austin Family Dinner in April. Among them were Judy (Chandler) Murff '65, Kit (Rhea) Sloan '16, Jenna McCann '18, Denise (Greene) Duchesneau '77, and Lyndsey Blagrave '15.

ALUMNI BASKETBALL REUNION

5. Alumni from the men's and women's basketball teams got together for an alumni/student game this spring.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

6. Members from the HSU Alumni Association Board of Directors gathered on campus in January to kick-off the 2019 year.

BASEBALL FIRST PITCH BANQUET

7. Alumni baseball players gathered for the inaugural First Pitch Banquet where the 1998, 1999, 2009 teams, and seniors from 2018 were recognized. (From left to right): Cody Bob Williams '02, Head Baseball Coach Steve Coleman, David Schillings '02, and Joey Richards '06.

RING CEREMONY

8. Michelle Chahyadi '19 was among over 270 students who received their Official HSU Ring in March.







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OUTSTANDING YOUNG alumni award

Recipients of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award have achieved a significant level of distinction within their chosen field or have brought extraordinary benefit to the world. They reflect the quality and caliber of today's HSU students and alumni. At the time of their selection, recipients have graduated from Hardin-Simmons not more than 20 years prior and are not over the age of 45. Nominations for this award may be submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations and must include, at minimum, several paragraphs summarizing why the nominee should be considered for the award. Members of the selection committee are established based on their campus leadership role.



MR. C. BARRETT THOMAS '01

Following his graduation from Hardin-Simmons in 2001, Carl "Barrett" Thomas achieved tremendous success as an attorney and former police officer. While at HSU, Thomas was elected Freshman Class President, Students in Free Enterprise's Vice President of Media Relations, and worked as an editor for the Brand.

Upon earning his Bachelor of Behavioral Science from HSU, Thomas furthered his education while working as a police officer and attorney. Thomas earned a Master of Criminal Justice from Tarleton State University, and his Juris Doctorate from the Texas Tech University School of Law, while earning both his Basic Peace Officer Certification and his Master Peace Officer Certification.

He now works as an attorney and partner at his law firm, Blanchard & Thomas. Within his community, Thomas served on the boards for many organizations, many of which focus on children's advocacy. He has been President for the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center, and the Texas Young Lawyers Association. He has also been Treasurer for both the Abilene Young Lawyers' Association, and the Texas Young Lawyer's Association, as well as acting on the Board of Directors for the West Texas Children's Advocacy Clinic.

Thomas lives with his wife, Charla, and their four children in Waco, Texas.



MRS. MELISSA (BOLER) WICKHAM '98

Since her graduation from Hardin-Simmons in 1998, Melissa (Boler) Wickham has excelled as an accounting and finance professional. At HSU, Wickham was a member of many groups, including Student Congress, Baptist Student Ministries, Chorale, the Student Foundation, and Sigma Alpha, as well as serving as a leader at New Student Orientation, and as a student representative on the University Accreditation Review Board.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance, with a minor in leadership studies, Wickham proceeded to work for such notable companies as Fidelity Investments, Allegiance Telecom, and SPX Corporation, before spending the last 12 years with Interstate Batteries, Inc., a company that distributes batteries across North and Central America. Wickham remains active in her community through several volunteer opportunities and performs with her church worship team. She has served on boards for

the Junior League of Dallas, and Community Partners of Dallas, which aids abused and neglected children in North Texas. She has also served on the board for Dallas Life, and Polished Ministries. Wickham also served as the cochair of the Partners Card Event in 2015, which raised over \$1 million for victims of domestic violence. Wickham has continued serving with HSU, she is a former member of the Board of Young Associates and the Board of Development Wickham lives with her husband, Darren Wickham ('86), in Dallas, Texas.



MR. ASH WRIGHT '05

Ash Wright graduated from Hardin-Simmons in 2005, with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science in political science and a minor in church ministry. Wright participated in many organizations at HSU, including Student Congress (Student Body President, 2004), Model United Nations and Theta Alpha Zeta. Wright has since led a successful career in political strategy. He has served as the chief strategist for campaigns in over 20 states, two nations

and served on two presidential campaigns. Additionally, he has held several notable positions, including Political Director of the Republican Party of Texas, Director of the Republican Party of New Mexico, and worked as a political operative for the Republican National Committee. Currently, Wright is an owner and Managing Partner at Wright Williams and Associates. The firm gained national notoriety in 2016, by playing an instrumental role in securing over 50 electoral votes and went on to consult over 15 Congressional campaigns in 2018.

He continues to serve as the Chief Political Strategist for George P. Bush and is a frequent contributor on Fox News, the Fox Business Network, and i24 International News.

Wright lives with his wife Patty and their son Nathan in the Austin area, and the couple serves their community as foster parents.



HOMECOMING EVENTS

Homecoming Festival

Friday Night

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

All-School SING!

Friday & Saturday Night General Admission seating

HSU Kids Zone (kids 2-14) *Saturday*

HSU Tailgate
Saturday

Football: HSU Cowboys vs. Belhaven Saturday

HSU Reunions

Saturday

Golden Lariat Society
Leadership Studies (celebrating 25 years)
Hispanic Assembly
The classes of '79, '89, '94, '99, and '09

HSU Family Worship Service

Sunday

Get updates at www.hsutx.edu/homecoming





















Traveling Range Riders





Experience Transformative & Enjoyable Travel with HSU

As the warm January sun rose over the port of Havana, the former affluence of the area came to light as far-reaching ranks of dilapidated warehouses languished alongside the once-teeming docks.

HSU travelers eagerly ventured forth from their ship to spend two days exploring the Havana of 2019. Later that week, they visited the Cuban cities of Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba.

These energetic Cowboys, however, are not college students. They belong to a growing number of parents and alumni asking, "Why should the kids have all the fun?" as they take part in educational travel opportunities with HSU's Traveling Range Riders.

"My trip to Cuba with HSU kindled a deeper respect for other cultures" commented one recent traveler. "Having alumni and friends along definitely enhanced the experience of the trip."

The Traveling Range Riders launched in Fall 2018. "We desire to build something which alumni and other Hardin-Simmons friends will want to be a part of and which will reinforce how special they are to the university," says Britt Jones '84, program director. "We also want them to know they will be well cared for while traveling with HSU."

The cruise to Cuba followed the program's inaugural trip which took HSU's Traveling Range Riders up the fabled waters of the mighty Mississippi to experience the splendor of the American South.

In addition to hearing stories of the individuals and families who occupied the plantations and mansions during the civil war era, Sharon Pezzarossi '90 reflected, "I loved learning how river boats navigate the Mississippi River and the rules they follow to keep boats safe at night."

The Traveling Range Riders program partners with established travel providers who have special knowledge of their region, for the most intimate and unique experiences.

In Cuba, for instance, the group was treated to a delightful folk concert by a group of young classically-trained musicians, and were impressed not only by their musical ability, but also with their enthusiasm (see video at: hsutx.edu/alumnitravel).

HSU traveler Judy Murff '65 said, "It is my hope that Cuba and the United States can become friends again and exchange the rich heritage they both enjoy."

Whatever the trip highlight, the takeaway was the same. We all share Earth as our home, and we might as well get to know one other. HSU's Traveling Range Riders is a great place to start.

Discover your next destination!

- Colors of New England Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2019
- Best of the Holy Land March 2020 SOLD OUT
- NEW Dutch Waterways & Tulips Cruise - April 28-May 6, 2020
 - Oberammergau Passion Play & Danube Cruise June 2020 SOLD OUT
- Baltic & Scandinavian Emperors Cruise Aug. 28-Sept. 8, 2020
- NEW Medieval Sojourn Cruise - Oct. 5-16, 2020



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Family NEWS

1940's

Mrs. Dorothy (Lewis) Ivey '48BA, recently celebrated her 97th birthday. She is married to Dr. Nathan Ivey '48, they live in Plano. They have three children, four grandchildren, and one great grandson, and one of their children (Dr. James Ivey) taught at HSU for 9 years in the 1990's; dotlee125@gmail.com.

1950's

Mr. James Featherston '50BA, recently moved to senior independent living in McKinney, with his wife Beryl '52x. He retired from Ernst and Young in 1995 and had lived for 24 years on Lake Palestine in a golfing community. He still sings solos although he is 90 years old and would love to hear from any old classmates; j1417@

Mr. Ed Barnes '55BA, celebrated his 62nd anniversary with his wife Barbara on March 16th; edwardbarnes@sbcglobal.net.

1960's

Dr. John T Baker '62/63 and Barbara Carol Mayes '65, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in January 2019. They met at HSU. John & Barbara have practiced dentistry for 52 years & counting; johntbakerdds@yahoo.com.

Duane Lindsey '65BS, is now serving on the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame Board of Directors in Waco; duanelindsey80@gmail.com.

Tatum '68BS, Vaughn Tatum '68BM, John McAnelly, '69BM/'73MA, and Evelyn (Meadows) McAnelly '67BS, performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City as part of The Singing Men of Texas in October 2018.

1970's

Mrs. Debi (Curry) Feuerbacher '76BM, returned to Texas in 2014 after 7 years in the Little Rock area. She settled in Weatherford to be close to her parents in Abilene. Her mother, Gloria, a retired accounting staff member of the HSU family, lives with them now. Debi retired her CPA license several years ago, as she saw the need to become a full-time caregiver. Debi loves to see news on her classmates and fellow School of Music grads; fabachers@sbcglobal.net.

Mr. Johnnie Musquiz '77BA, is retiring after 40 years of ministry. He had a retirement send off the last Sunday of April 2019 at Iglesia Bautista Houston. He will continue to do ministry whether in supplying or teaching or mission work outside of the US; Johnnie415@hotmail.

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

Dr. Wayne Davis '78, has been named Dean of the Mary C. Crowley College of Christian Faith at Dallas Baptist University; wayned@dbu.edu.

1980's

2 Brig. Gen. Ronald Harvell
'83BA, was appointed by the
President and confirmed by the
Senate to the rank of Brigadier
General in the position of the
Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the
United States Air Force on August
21, 2018. He and his wife Marsha
(Mills) '83 moved to Washington
DC from Scott Air Force Base, IL on
September 29, 2018;
Rmharvell@gmail.com.

Chuck Davis '84BM, and his wife Elaine Grace (Martin) '83BBS moved to Beijing, China in November 2018, where Chuck began his latest assignment with the State Department as

the Deputy Minister Counselor for Management Affairs for the U.S. Embassy/Mission in China; diplodad@yahoo.com.

Mr. William "Bill" Fox '84BA, started a new job on Jan. 21, 2019 as Lead Estimator at Georgetown Woodworks in Georgetown, TX; foxwmb@gmail.com.

Mr. Ken Morton '87/ '99, became President of NIRSA-Leaders in Collegiate Recreation and lead their annual conference in Boston Feb. 14-20, 2019. He also had two articles featured in "Athletic Business" magazine; mortonkw@ sfasu.edu.

Rev. Dan Wooldridge '88MA, has been pastor at Crestview Baptist Georgetown since 1995. They have a ministry to university students at Southwestern University that draws between six and seven hundred to their campus each week. The university presented them with their College Town Award at the Chamber of Commerce banquet in January; dan@peoplesharingjesus.com.

1990'€

Mr. Jon Skinner '92BBA, was promoted to VP of Operations for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Division of Select Medical Corporation. Responsibilities include oversight of 9 hospitals and 90+ therapy clinics in FL, LA, TX and CA; joncskinner@verizon.net.

Mr. Jay Lester '94/ '95, was elected President of the Texas Music Administrators Conference for the 2019-2020 school year. He will serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Historic Paramount Theatre in Abilene, also beginning in April; jonjaylester@yahoo.com.

4 Dr. Eric Black '97BBS, is the Executive Director, Publisher and Editor of The Baptist Standard Publishing Company; eric.black@baptiststandard.com.

Mr. Rusty Oglesby '97BBA, was promoted to Offensive Coordinator at John Paul II HS in Plano and was also recently named General Manager of the NPSL Denton Diablos semi-professional soccer team. He is also on the advocate United Soccer Coaches professional coaching organization and sells real estate in the DFW market; coacho2124@gmail.com.

Dr. DJ Gililland '98BBS, recently moved to Lubbock, with his wife Andrea '11, and daughter Taylor. He is an assistant professor and Clinical Education Coordinator for the Master of Athletic Training Program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Andrea teaches first grade & Taylor is in kindergarten. They are excited to be back in Texas after living in Alabama the past three years; djgatc@gmail.com.

Mrs. Nikki (Hooker) Gillis '98BA, made a job change and now works as a Project Manager for Mercy Ships. This is a phenomenal organization that follows the model of Jesus, bringing hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor; ngillis@outlook.com.

Mr. John Weirich '99BM and Mrs. Bekah (Appleby) Weirich '99BBS, were presented with the Foster Parents of the Year award at the 16th Annual Art of Helping Children fundraiser, on March 2 at the Ice House on Main.

2000's

Mrs. Melanie (Standridge) Ocana '00BBA, co-owns a company with her husband, Ray called Rustico Tile & Stone, which was recently featured on "World's Greatest!..."TV Show as recognition for our leadership in the handmade Mexican tile and stone industry. The episode segment can be seen at https://rusticotile.com/rustico-tile-worlds-greatest-tv-show/; melanie@rusticotile.com.

5 Mr. Paul Briggs '00BBS, was promoted to National Sales Manager for Kennedy Valve in October 2018; pmb_golf@hotmail.com.

Editor's Note: All cities are in Texas unless otherwise noted. Email addresses are included when possible. Information reflects submissions received April 30, 2018 - October 10, 2018

Accompts: AHOE Athletics Hall of Fame/IDA Distinguished Alumni Award/HOI

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

Ms. Sandra Aramino '00BBS, traveled to Italy in October (with her husband Art) for three weeks. They visited Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples (Pompeii), Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast and then traveled to Pescara to visit Art's cousin and his wife. His cousin also took them to Assisi, Pollutri, Vasto and Guardiagrele in the Abruzzo region; Sandie1117@hotmail.com.

Nikki (Byrd-Medders) Morton '04BBS, adopted two more sons, Adam (10) and Jesse (5) with her husband Matt on November 1, 2018. These children were also the best friends of their children that they previously adopted in 2017; mnmorton926@gmail.com.

Mr. Tre' Sellari '08BS, started a new job at Datadog as an Enterprise Sales Engineer. Datadog is the leading service for cloud-scale monitoring; Sellarit9@gmail.com.

2010's

Dr. Sherry (Kerr) Mathews '10MBA, earned a Doctorate of Business Administration (Human Resources) from Liberty University in December 2018; sherry. mathewsmba@gmail.com.

Capt. Stephen Cumby '10BBS, took Company Command of 1st Calvary Division at Ft Hood Texas on August 20, 2018. He currently lives in Killeen, TX with his wife Sarah; cumby@badcircle.com.

7 Rev. Brittany McDonald-Null '13BBS, was ordained to the Gospel of Ministry on February 17, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Columbia, Missouri. She has served as Pastoral Resident since August 2017, and before that she served as Associate Youth Minister at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church from May 2014 to July 2017;

Ms. Martika Davis '14BBS, is coming up on her 3-year anniversary of working with Department of Family and Protective Services; martikajanae@gmail.com.

Mr. Nick Neppach '14BBS married Grace on December 8, 2018; nneppach@gmail.com.

Mrs. Alyssa (Fisher) Chacon '15BBS married Sergio Chacon on April 21, 2018; a_fisher26@hotmail. com.

Mrs. Erika (Sparkman) Sessum '15BBS married Luke Sessum on December 23, 2018; erikasessum@yahoo.com.

Ms. Marguerite Gray '15MA, released her third novel in her Revolutionary Faith Series, "Bring Me Near," on February 26, 2019. Her books are available at Amazon, Celebrate Lit, or you may obtain an autographed copy from her; margueriteg@att.net.

Mr. Zach Boswell '15BS, published "A Perspective in Biochemistry" with his research group through the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Texas Tech University. He is pursuing his PhD; zchboswell@gmail.com.

Mrs. Kacie (Berutti) Eurek '17BBA, married Andrew Eurek '17BBA on August 31, 2018; kacie.berutti@hsutx.edu.



Welcome to the FAMILY

- Emmie Grace Cordova, daughter of Diego Cordova '12 and Kelly (Craig) Cordova '12, 8/28/18.
- Adam, age 10, Jesse, age 5, were proudly adopted by Nikki (Byrd-Medders) Morton '04 and Matt Morton, 11/1/18.
- Tripp Alan Greenwood, son of Grant Greenwood '10/'12 and Sierra (Glaspie) Greenwood '10/'12, 1/3/19.







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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!

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Family WE'LL MISS



Dr. Virginia Boyd Connally '33 March 31, 2019

ardin-Simmons University is sad to announce the passing of one of our most well-known and well-loved alumna, Dr. Virginia Connally. She was 106 years old.

Born Ada Virginia Hawkins in Temple, Texas on December 4, 1912, Dr. Virginia Connally spent a lifetime turning obstacles into opportunities; opportunities into successes; and in turn, sharing her blessings with those around her.

Upon graduation from Temple High School in 1929, amidst the turmoil of the Great Depression, Virginia enrolled in Temple Junior College and studied there one year. Through the influence of her uncle and aunt, the late Dr. and Mrs. W.R. Snow of Abilene, she transferred to Simmons University in 1930, and graduated in 1933 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During these years, she was active in student affairs, was a member of the Cowgirls and was their president her senior year. She also served as Secretary of the Student Association.

At a time when pursuing a career in the medical profession for women was almost unheard of, Virginia courageously, and with a heart determined to serve people with the gifts God had given

her, set out to pursue a career in medicine. Despite discouragement from all fronts - from professors, deans, and even one family member - she entered Louisiana State University Medical School in 1933 and graduated in 1937 with the M.D. degree. She was awarded an internship and residency in the field of eye, ear, nose, and throat at Charity Hospital in New Orleans from 1937 to 1940. Upon completing this residency, she returned to Abilene as its first woman physician and began her medical practice as an Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Specialist. Here, through her ability. professional skill and training, her understanding heart, and a healing touch, she was soon recognized in West Texas as one of the leading physicians in her field.

Dr. Connally served as chief of staff at both St. Ann's Hospital and Hendrick Medical Center, and upon the death of her husband Ed Connally in 1975, she became president of Connally Oil Company. She was also the physician for Hendrick Home for Children for many years, touching the lives of countless numbers of children.

In 1982, she closed her medical practice after 42 years but did not retire. In 1984, she became the Medical Director and Senior Vice President of HSU's Fairleigh Dickenson Science Research Center until its closing in 1989.

With her husband Ed, who was an oilman and former state Democratic Executive Committee Chairman, she traveled widely, using the trips abroad to visit missionaries and study their work. Despite the glamour and glitz of international oil and political travel, Virginia said the highlights of those trips were the visits with missionaries, getting to know them and their exciting and challenging work. She traveled to such places as Russia, China, and Israel, and spent time as a medical missionary in Venezuela.

In 1973 she received HSU's Distinguished Alumna Award, in 1981 received the Keeter Alumni Service Award, and in 1989 received an Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree. Also in 1989, she humbly declined the nomination for Philanthropist of the Year in Abilene, saying that there were others more deserving who had not been recognized. Although not recognized formally, she remained eternally philanthropist of the year in the hearts of those at HSU, not only because she gave of her financial resources, but because she also gave of her love and understanding, compassion and friendship. These are worth much more than dollars.

She was a loyal supporter of HSU over the years, establishing the Connally Endowed Professorship of Missions in 1981, and upgrading the program to a Chair in 1988. Virginia provided the lead gift in the establishment of the Connally Missions Center, which was dedicated in 2000. In 2004 she was inducted into HSU's Hall of Leaders. And in 2018 Hardin-Simmons honored her with the first ever James B. Simmons Award for the amazing role model she has been and the way she always broke down barriers in her life and career. She also contributed to the growth of Hardin-Simmons by actively recruiting students to the university.

Her late husband
was a longtime trustee
of HSU until his death in
1975. She became an HSU
trustee in 1977, serving until
1987, and then became a member
of the Board of Development
in 1988. She was also a charter
member of the Presidents Club.

She was active in Abilene Woman's Club, Hospice of Abilene, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Hendrick Foundation Board, the YWCA, Junior League of Abilene, Abilene Preservation League, Abilene Philharmonic, and Big Country Audubon. She served as a member of the National Board of the Medical School of Pennsylvania, originally established as the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1850,

as the first school in the nation for women physicians. She was an active member of Abilene's First Baptist Church since 1933, and was one of its first female deacons.

She was described as a softspoken woman who drew people to her, making their interests her own and inspiring confidence in others. She was noted for her unquenchable thirst for knowledge and her love of reading. Everyone who knew her received copies of magazine, journal, and newspaper articles from her. She not only read a lot, she made sure other people had the opportunity.

Forever young at heart, at her 90th birthday celebration in 2002, Virginia quipped, "I thought when I got to be 90, I would be old. Now I guess I will have to wait until I'm 100." Dr. Connally has one daughter, Genna Davis. Her late husband's children are Edwina Roberts and Aubrey Connally. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ed Connally.





Carolyn (Armstrong) Hemphill '63 March 24, 2019

Carolyn was a member of the Cowgirls (serving as secretary in 1961 and vice president in 1962), a member of Tri Phi, University Queen, and the Sweetheart for Tau Alpha Phi. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1963 and married fellow HSU alumnus Hilton Hemphill on June 12, 1964. They had a loving marriage that lasted over 54 years. Carolyn

had a vibrant faith in her Savior Jesus Christ. She and Hilton were longtime active members of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Dr. Hilton Hemphill; sons Harlton and wife Wendy Hemphill, Hayden and wife Mishal Hemphill, Clayton and wife Teresa Hemphill, and Carter Hemphill. Carolyn's pride and joy were her nine grandchildren Corban, Aubrey, Caleb, Walker, Rachel, Avery, Mollie, Parker and Arden. She is also survived by her sisters Sharon Flippin and Linda Gaston and their families; and sister-inlaw Rosa Lee (Hemphill) Prichard '58BS, '06 HD and her daughter Lou Ann (Prichard) '83 BA and husband Paul Draper, son Marlon Prichard and grandson Daniel Draper.



Mr. John J. Hunter December 31, 2018

John was born on September 24, 1931 in Burkett, Texas to the late Charles and Essie (Baker) Hunter. He grew up in Coleman, and on August 3, 1952, he and his sweetheart Tina were married. John was a machinist by trade. He loved building and creating new things with his hands. He was an entrepreneur and held several different patents. He often referred to himself as a problem solver. John and Tina moved to Abilene in 1960 where they became actively involved in First Baptist Church. Together, they raised three daughters and built a thriving business, SALTA

Pipe. John served as a Trustee at Hardin-Simmons for 16 years and was on the Board of Development for 12 years. Dozens of extended family members have attended HSU over three generations, and the HSU baseball field bears his name.

John is survived by his beloved wife Tina, who served as a Trustee for 18 years, and was the first (and to date, only) woman to chair the Board of Trustees; three daughters, Carla (Hunter) Limbaugh '76BA/'90 ME and husband Troy '76 BS, Pamela (Hunter) Tippen '78 BS and husband Philip '78

BBA, and Jennifer (Hunter) Jones '83x and husband Brand; and two sisters, Betty Bryan and Ann Stutzman and husband Roger. His grandchildren are Emily (Limbaugh) Callaway and husband Jeff, Ellena (Limbaugh) Doran and husband Will '01BBA; Will Tippen '03BBA, '08MBA and wife Kaely (Blay) '03BBA; James Peter "Jay" Tippen '05BA and wife Carrie (Helms) '06BA, Hannah (Jones) Jowers '07BA and husband Clay '03BBS, '07 DPT, Hunter Jones and wife Marloes, and Houston Jones and 15 great grandchildren.



Dr. Guy Keeter '55 November 27, 2018

Guy was born March 26, 1934 in Throckmorton, Texas, to John J. and Leo (Allen) Keeter. The youngest of eight children, he graduated from Throckmorton High School before attending Hardin-Simmons. In 1955, he graduated from HSU, married his sweetheart Jo Anne (Yarbrough), also class of 1955, and moved to Dallas to attend Baylor College of Dentistry. Jo Anne taught school while Guy went to dental school. Guy practiced dentistry for 46 years and truly loved his patients and staff. He was very active in the Dallas County Dental Society, holding many positions and serving as president in 1974.

In 1970, the Keeters moved to Rockwall where Guy served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church. In later years, they were active at Lakepointe Church, also in Rockwall.

Guy is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Jo Anne Keeter; children, Paula Salter and husband Brad, Dr. Kyle Keeter '81BS and wife Carolyn, Neil Keeter and wife Denise, and Todd Keeter '91BBA and wife Mia; grandchildren, Rebecca Salter, Cullen Keeter, Audrey (Salter) '13BBS and husband Kevin Prater '15DPT, David Keeter, Leah and husband

Kevin Langford, John Keeter, Stephen Salter, Braden Keeter, Catherine Keeter, Zachary Keeter, Mattie Keeter and Demitri Keeter; and great-granddaughter, Lydia Prater.

The John J. Keeter, Jr. Alumni Service Award was established by the Keeter family in memory of Guy's uncle who was killed in World War II. More than 20 family members have attended HSU over a span of 100+ years.



James M. Parker '51 February 19, 2019

James was born in Roby, Texas, on April 30, 1930, the youngest child to Carlton Arthur and Euna Lee (Magee) Parker. His parents instilled in him a heartfelt and deep desire to give to others. At a young age, his family moved from Roby to Sweetwater. James' mother introduced and encouraged him to work in a grocery store, not knowing this would lead to his lifelong work and dedication to the grocery business.

After graduation from Sweetwater High School in 1947, he attended Hardin-Simmons graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. On campus, he met the love of his life, Cynthia Ann Pearson of Lamesa, Texas, and they were married August 4, 1951. The young couple moved back to Sweetwater in 1951 where James began his career in the grocery business working for Sam Glass Enterprises and invested in Sunbeam Enterprises, doing business as Super Duper Food Stores, Inc. The grocery store chain

flourished and included 21 stores across the state using innovative and visionary marketing with service as the core value. In 1974, the thriving partnership ended with the death of Mr. Glass, and James became the President of the company where he continued its expansion. In 1986, he sold the stores and then diversified his business into banking, real estate, and ranching. He continued his service to the community, civic affairs, and First Baptist Church of Abilene where he was a member for over 60 years and served as a deacon.

James' involvement with Hardin-Simmons University was extensive. He served on the Board of Trustees, Board of Development, and the School of Music Foundation Board. James and Cynthia created the Parker Endowed Scholarship for Missionary Students, and after Cynthia's passing in 2002, James established the Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts. In 2005, James received the Keeter

Alumni Service Award, the highest alumni honor HSU can bestow.

James is survived by son Jimmy M. Parker and wife Jacki, daughter Terri Kinard and husband Kelly, daughter Carla Dueser, son R. Paige Parker, and grandchildren, Davis Parker and wife Melissa, Evan Parker and wife Lauren, Rebecca Strauser and husband Tyson, Laura Cutbirth, Leila Darby and husband Jason '00BBA, Lewis Kinard and wife Kelly, Lauren McLarnon and husband Zack, Catherine Bankston and husband Drew, Parker Handlin and wife Kelly, Pearson Handlin and Matthew Dueser. He has 25 greatgrandchildren. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Jan Collins and Joyce Pearson.

Family WE'LL MISS

Miss Rachael Ruth Wiman '35x, 1/29/19.

Mrs. Eleanor Virginia (Wood) Hiebert '44BS, 4/1/19.

Mrs. Betty Jo (Rogers) Wooldridge '45x, 2/9/19.

Dr. John Seelig '46BS, '69HD, 01/17/19. Survived by son Tim Seelig '71x.

Mr. Clifton Schooler '46x, 3/11/19.

Mrs. Fannie (Wallace) Garner '47BA, 9/3/18.

Ms. Floy Johnson '48BA, 11/8/2018.

Mrs. Minnie (Monroe) Rhyne '48BA, 2/5/19.

Rev. William Ratliff '48BA, 2/12/2019.

Mrs. Billye (Woods) Metcalf '48BS, 11/15/2018.

Mrs. Lila (Chew) Polk '55BA, 11/15/18.

Mr. William Page '48x, 1/4/2019.

Mrs. L. Frances (Hallmark) Thomson '48x, 2019.

Mr. Tom Travis '48x, 2/22/19.

Mr. Harry "Ted" Smith '49BM, 11/5/2018.

Mr. Frank Duane Conger '49BS, 1/22/19.

Mr. Bryan Dennis '50BA, 12/21/2018. Survived by wife Bonnie (Wilson) Dennis '48BA.

Mr. Bill Williams '50BA. 1/8/19.

Mrs. Marye (Ritter) Adkins-McIlwain '50BA, 3/23/19. Survived by daughter Carmille (Adkins) McCraw '81BBS.

Mrs. Alma "Ione" (Turner) Morgan '50BS, 11/11/2018. Mrs. Dorothy (Hallmark) Phillips '50BS, 2/26/19.

Mr. Gary DeShazo '50BS, 4/14/19. Mr. Donald Peacock '50x, 3/13/19.

Mrs. Mary (Estes) Holcomb '55BA, 11/14/18.

Mrs. Charlene (Fry) Bartlett '51BBA, 2018.

Mrs. Betty (Riek) Cox '52BBA, 1/19/19.

Mr. Ben Niedecken '52BBA, 3/6/19. Survived by wife Patsy Niedecken '69MA.

Mrs. Mary Marjorie (Moore) Ray '52BM, 2/11/19. Survived by daughters Mary (Ray) Roberson '79MM and Christie Ray '90BM, and son Sam Ray '83BA.

Mrs. Elnita (Faubion) Tackett '52BS, 01/02/2019.

Rev. James "Paul" Nelson '53BA, 10/20/2018.

Mrs. Gaynelle (Holcomb) McCloskey '53BA, 11/3/2018. Survived by son Shawn McCloskey '87BA

Editor's Note: All cities are in Texas unless otherwise noted. Reflects submissions received October 10, 2018 to April 14, 2019. 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

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Mrs. Johnie (Barnhart) Hilliard '53BA, 12/16/18. Survived by daughter Gene (Hilliard) Morris '86BE, son Charles Hilliard '89BS, brother David Barnhart '66BA.

Mr. Joe Griffin '50BA, 12/26/18.

Mr. David Adrian '53BBA, 12/5/18.

Mr. Billy "Hank" Green '53BS, 01/16/2019.

Ms. Claudia (Howell) Charles '53x, 02/18. Survived by sister Mickey (Howell) Cassle '65BS.

Mrs. Viola Josephine (Johnston) Smith '54BBA, 2/18/19.

Mr. Leroy Cornelius '54x, 11/19/18.

Mr. James Anglin '54x, 11/27/18.

Mr. Joe Wann '55BA, 11/12/2018.

Ms. Sammie (Reed) Baker '55BBA, 3/4/19.

Dr. E. Burt Denton '55BS, 1/9/19. Survived by sisters Lois (Denton) Bruton '53BS and Lou (Denton) Vail '64BS.

Mr. Jack Stuard '55BS, 2/27/19. Survived by daughters Jana (Stuard) Williams '81BE and Lana (Stuard) Williams '87x. Mrs. Joy (Dyess) Ward '55x, 10/30/2018.

Dr. William Millican '56BA, 12/9/18. Survived by wife Darlene (Phillips) Millican '59BS and daughters Cindy (Millican) Webb '83BE and Cathy (Millican) Ingram '85BE, and granddaughter Candace Webb '12BBS.

Mrs. Lahoma (Mason) Greenwood '56BS, 01/09/19. Survived by husband Rev. Richard Greenwood '56BA

Mrs. Carole (Harrison) Burroughs '56BS, 2/5/19.

Rev. James Taylor '56BS, 3/4/19.

Mrs. Ava (Beatty-Fincannon) Maurer '57BA, 10/13/2018.

Col. Malcolm Shaffer '57BBA, 1/25/19.

Mr. Edward Stanley '57BS, 1/21/19.

Mrs. Frankie Mae (Crow) Curtis '57BS, 2/8/19.

Mr. James Wiggins '57BS, 2/27/19. Survived by wife Shirley (McDonald) Wiggins '53BS.

Mr. Jack Swan '58BBA, 10/18/2018.

Mrs. Phyllis (Lockhart) Coltharp '58BBA, 11/30/18. Survived by husband Edward Coltharp '61BA.

Mr. Kenneth Ford '58BBA, 3/9/19. Survived by wife Myrna (Petty) Ford '58x.

Mr. George "Dewayne" Beaty '58BS, 11/1/2018.

Mr. Jack Therwhanger '58x, 12/24/2018. Survived by wife Glenda (Williamson) Therwhanger '59x.

Mrs. Shirley (Thompson) Good '58x, 1/24/19.

Mr. Jesse Barrera '58x, 3/17/19.

Mr. Clifton Bode '59BS, 12/10/18.

Mrs. Glenabel (Ferguson) Hays '59BS. 1/6/19. Survived by husband Bob Hays '57BA.

Mrs. Ruby Faye (Rogers) Keck '59BS, 3/26/19. Survived by husband Bill Keck '60BA.

Mr. Bobby Davis '59x, 3/29/19.

Dr. Luisita Archer '60BS, 11/20/18.

Mr. John Keith Little '60MM, 01/10/2019 . Survived by wife Wanda June (Kennemer) Little '62 RMF **Mr. Lloyd Johnson '61BB**A, 11/07/2018.

Mrs. Brenda (Brooks) Janes '61x, 2/14/19. Survived by husband Eddie Janes '61BS.

Rev. William "Bill" Hays '62BA, 11/9/2018. Survived by grandsons Caleb Groteluschen '10BA and Cameron Groteluschen '14BBS, and granddaughters Lyndsey Groteluschen '09BBS and Leah Groteluschen '16BSN.

Lt. Col. Billy Tucker '62BA, 12/16/2018

Mrs. Helen (Barnes) Lindberg '62BA, 12/8/18. Survived by brother Edward Barnes '55BA.

Mr. Tramel Rex Wilson '62BS, 2/17/19. Survived by wife Eleanor (Simpson) Wilson '62BA.

Mrs. Rosalynn (Aurbach) Eads '62BS. 4/8/19. Survived by brother Fred Aurbach '66BA, daughters Erin (Eads) Peart '93BBS, Robin (Eads) Dobbs '95BS, and Megan (Eads) Miller '98BBA.

Mrs. Sandra (Montgomery) Bjorklunc '62x, 2/6/19.

Mr. Edward Cockerell, '62x, 3/12/19. Survived by daughter



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Carolyn (Cockerell) Dods '84BS. Mr. Charles "Sam" Steele '63BA, 10/2/2018.

Mrs. Patricia (White) Jones '63BS, 12/27/2018.

Mrs. Geraldine (Cummings) Parker '64BS, 2/6/19.

Mr. Donald Todd '65BS, 3/2/19. Survived by wife Kay (Loden) Todd '63x.

Sarah (Snapp) Carne, '65BA, 12/18. Survived by brother John Snapp '70BBA.

Mr. Doyle Reeves '65BBA, 2/18/19. Survived by wife Marilynn (Berry) Reeves '65BBA, daughters Shila Reeves '01BSN and Kayla (Reeves) Stephenson '92 BS.

Dr. Mary Lynn (Cagle) Tuck '65BM, 2/8/19. Survived by husband **George Tuck '65BA**.

Mrs. Judy (Crenshaw) Lovelace '65BS, 10/25/2018.

Mrs. Bettye (Reeves) Kamstra '65BS, BOD Member, 12/10/18.

Mrs. Jerry Geraldine (Dail) Neal

Mr. Douglas Todd '65x, 2/18/19. Survived by wife Jancie (Naylor) Todd '64x.

Mr. Terry DuBose '66BBA, DAA 2002, 10/29/2018.

Mr. Roland Blackstock '66BBA, 11/19/18.

Mr. William David Denton '66BBA, 10/11/18. Survived by wife Gay (Dalton) Denton '67ME, sisters Lois (Denton) Bruton '53BS and Lou (Denton) Vail '64BS, and granddaughter Allison Denton '17BBS.

Mrs. June (Black) Petty '67BS, 7/28/18.

Mrs. Lou (Childress) Criswell '67MEd, 11/6/2018.

Mr. Clarence Ronald Laidley '68BBA, 1/17/2019. Survived by wife Shari (Prowell) Laidley '65BS

Mr. Morgan Ross "Skipper" Taylor '70x, 2/3/19.

Ms. Wanda (Burton) Young '71BS, 3/10/19.

Mrs. Pamela "Pam" (Wilson) Heezen '76BS, 11/15/2018.

Mrs. Ruth (Munn) Neal '78BS, 10/28/18.

Mr. J. Michael Herald '78BS, 12/28/18.

Mr. Kenneth Dare '78BS, 2/15/19.

Mr. James Kelvin Tritten '80BS, 01/15/18.

Mrs. Holly (Gunstream) Brown '85BE, 2/24/19.

Mrs. Joyce Clark (Peterson) '85BBA, '87MBA, 09/18/18.

Susan O'Quinn '85BE, 11/12/2018. Survived by husband Jimmie O'Quinn '88BE, daughter Lydia O'Quinn '14BBS.

Ms. Kimberly Smith '89BBS, 12/6/18. Survived by sister Jennifer (Smith) Pyle BE '91.

Mrs. Rosemary (Buttke) Neros '91ASN, 01/13/19.

Mr. Bobby Lane, Jr. '94BBS, 3/4/19. Survived by sister RaDonna (Lane) Burleson '00BBS.

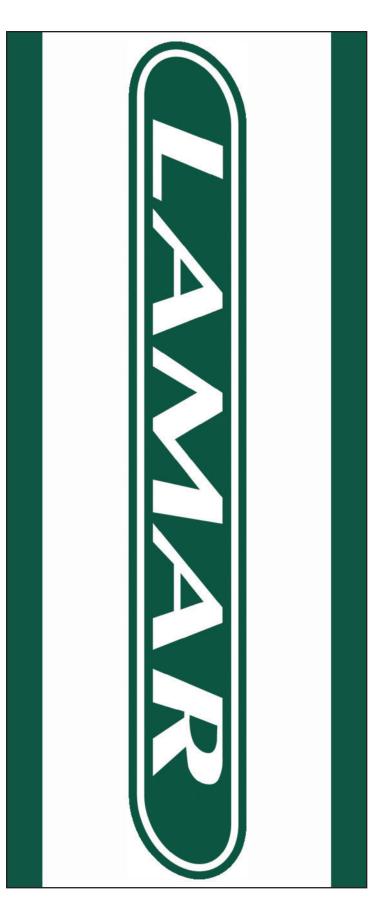
Ms. Larissa Smith '95BBS, 01/02/19.

Mrs. Vinita Beights '96BBS, 10/18/2018.

Mr. Guy Hamilton '49BBA, 1/25/19.

Dr. George Knight, Former Faculty, 11/3/2018. Survived by daughter **Karen** (**Knight**) **Barlow** '84BBA.

Mrs. Bonibelle "Bonnie" (Lewis) Kiker, 3/30/19. Survived by husband William G. Kiker. '51BBA, sons Marion L. Kiker '82BBA, William G. Kiker II, and John D. Kiker.





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GENESIS

God's Covenant with Abram

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue5 childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son6 shall be your heir." 5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give¹ this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."



enesis 15 presents one of the most remarkable if not grotesque episodes in the life of Abraham. For a nomad, the promise of a land to possess would have been both comforting as well as difficult to believe, so it is only natural that Abraham would respond to God's promise (v. 7: "I am the Lord who brought

you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess") with a request for assurance (v. 8: "How am I to know that I shall possess it?"). What is surprising is not the request, but the sign that God provides.

Animals are brought before God, split in two, and then arrayed before him. The writer makes clear that as the sun goes down, Abram does not merely fall asleep, but experiences a "dreadful and great darkness." In the thick darkness, a smoking fire pot and flaming torch pass between the pieces and the episode ends with the statement, "On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram" (v. 18).

What is going on?!? In the Ancient Near East, when parties entered a covenant it was often dramatized by a sacrifice or some other enactment of the penalty that would fall on the party who did not keep up their end of the bargain. This signified that both parties were willing to honor the arrangement at the possible expense of their lives — their fate would be the same as that of the animals. In the darkness Abraham witnesses God (represented as a fire pot and torch) passing through the pieces, and yet he himself is not required to!

The gospel writers note that when Jesus died, darkness fell over the land, and in that moment, we see the sacrifice God made in order to honor his promises to us. It is a reminder that he went to the grave to give us the skies, became alienated to give us a home, and experienced deep darkness to bring us into the light. In fact, this vision is what comforted Abraham's fear in Genesis 15:1 ("Fear not, Abram, I am your shield."). Is this your comfort too?

PRAYER

Father, remind me that because Jesus experienced the darkness, you have shown me your light; because he experienced alienation, you have promised me a home; because he experienced the grave, you have given me the skies. And help me not to be afraid, because you are my shield and very great reward. In Christ's Name, Amen.

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