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FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Depart Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel for the 45 minute ride to Jerusalem. Take a nap at your 4-Star hotel and end your day with worship and communion at the Garden Tomb where Jesus rose from dead!

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Visit three important sites on the Mount of Olives: see the most spectacular view in Jerusalem of the Temple Mount and the Old City. Walk down the hill to Dominus Flevit, a first century necropolis which commemorates Jesus weeping over the city, and then enter the Garden of Gethsemane where our Lord prayed.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

Visit the Western Wall, the Temple Mount followed by a tour of the amazing archaeological park (Davidson Center), continue to St. Anne's Church to visit the Pool of Bethesda. End the day with a guided tour of the City of David and the Pool of Siloam.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Visit the Dead Sea, Masada, Ein Gedi (remember David's encounter with Saul), the Qumran and understand the notable discovery corroborating the biblical narrative of the Dead Sea Scrolls. On the journey back to Jerusalem, stop at the Inn of the Good Samaritan, the repository of many of the antiquities from Judea and Samaria.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Visit the Jordan Valley and one of the oldest cities on earth, Jericho, take a cable-car ride to the top of the Mount of Temptation. Understand the how Jesus began his Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

See where Jesus walked on water and take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Visit the ministry headquarters of Jesus, the city of Capernaum, where Peter lived.

Visit Bethsaida (OT Geshur), view a first century boat at Genasaur, and the city of Tiberias name after the Roman emperor.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

See the incredible Mediterranean Sea and coast, Philistine territory, Caesarea Maritima, learn about the theatre (Acts 24) and the discovered Pontius Pilate Inscription, and continue along the coast to Ashkelon to view the remains of one of the five cities of the Philistine pentapolis and the Canaanite arched gateway.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Travel the ancient Via Maris to Megiddo, the site of dozens of battles over the millennia. See the six-chambered gate and learn about siege warfare in biblical times. Enjoy the commanding view of the Jezreel Valley, and arrive back in Jerusalem.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“GOD HAS A FUTURE FOR US, AND SO WE *PRESS ON*” 

Dear Friends,

The Scriptures certainly acknowledge that **life is full of ups and downs, gains and losses**. We would be unfaithful to the biblical message if we did not realize that the Scriptures encourage us, in repeated ways and with many different kinds of metaphors, to **press forward**. The notion of the Christian life as a pilgrimage, a journey toward God's goal for the creation and humanity, is everywhere. Clearly the story of Israel, God's chosen people, as told in multiple Old Testament passages, is the story of a people who are delivered from Egypt and sent on a journey toward the Promised Land. Indeed, **they often fail the Lord their God** and eventually are sent on another journey, into exile, but the promise of the Living God is that He brings His people out of exile and brings them toward the place, a renewed place, where they - and we - will accomplish His purposes in the world. The New Testament repeatedly picks up on this metaphor of **aliens and sojourners**. It not only implies that this present fallen creation is not our true home (that will come when God transforms heaven and earth as a new creation), but also suggests that we are on a **pilgrimage**. We are moving, growing, accomplishing His work, as we live as His people in the world.

Paul's letter to the Philippians picks up on these themes of God's people and the resurrection, the transformation of all things, as our ultimate hope and destiny.

Paul is afraid that the Philippians may be standing still, or, even worse, **falling back**. He is afraid that, because of the severe social pressure and even physical persecution that is threatened, **they may lose their confidence in the faithfulness of God** and what God has in store for His people. The persecution in Philippi is real, and in 1:27-30, Paul refers to it by pointing out that it is the same kind of suffering he experienced (in Acts 16, we are told that Paul and Silas were beaten with rods in Philippi), and so he is concerned that they may not stand firm together as God's people, that they may be intimidated and routed by their opponents. So, Paul encourages them to "work out their salvation with fear and trembling," to stand together and "do all things without grumbling or disputing" and to "hold fast the word of life" (Philippians 2:12, 14, 16).

Chapter 3 continues Paul's exhortations to the Philippians to **remain strong** and not give in to the social pressures they are enduring. He has seen some who have relinquished their confession of faith (Philippians 3:17-19), but Paul tells the Philippians that their confidence in the resurrection of the dead - and the glory of the kingdom to come when God will transform His fallen creation so that it reflects His power and glory - is to be found in Christ. They must not trust in worldly credentials, their ethnic identities, their social standing, or any of **those things that will pass away when God comes through Christ** to transform the world (Philippians 3:1-6).

Paul knows that all of these points of social status and human attainment, when compared to the value of knowing Christ and being found in Him, are nothing more than rubbish and scraps to be tossed out (Philippians: 3:7-8).

When Paul gets to the climactic exhortations of Philippians 3, he shifts into an **athletic metaphor, the picture of a runner who is straining every muscle and leaning forward toward the goal and the rewards** that come with achieving that goal. The goal for Paul - and his goal for us - is a resurrected body that participates in God's creation of a new heaven and a new earth (Philippians 3:20-21), but he knows quite clearly that we have not yet reached the finish line. He says (3:12) that he has not already reached it, but that he presses on, and here is where the metaphor of a runner comes into play. Paul imagines that Christ himself, as if in a race, has **"overtaken"** him and that now his life is found in union with Christ. But since also the final goal has been faithfully promised by God and lies yet in front of us, Paul says that the **"one thing"** he does is this - he lets go of and forgets the distractions, even the achievements and attainments, that are behind him, and he stretches forward to what lies ahead. His "one thing" is that he presses on toward the goal for the prize of the upward summons of God in Christ Jesus (3:14), and he makes it clear (3:15) that this notion of pressing forward until we attain the full union with God in Christ that is ours in the future is what we must do. He says (3:16) that we can't lose ground, but we must stand on the foundations of what we have learned and attained, as we continue to press forward.

This kind of "pressing on" pictures what we are trying to accomplish at HBU! We stand on the shoulders of so many faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and others who have contributed to the growth of the University. **We stand on the promises of God's faithfulness**, and we remember those who have gone before us, and in this way we hold to the standard that we have attained thus far. And we also know that God has a future for us, and so we press on. Like an athlete, especially a runner who, with eyes fixed on the goal, is leaning forward with every muscle engaged, taut, and stretching ahead, we press on to fulfill the calling that God has placed upon this University. We participate in God's work in the world. We are sharers in the work that God has for us to do - through education, through learning, through gaining wisdom, through the insights that generations before us have attained and achieved. And by the grace and mercy of God and the movement of God's Spirit in our midst as we teach, research, build, compete, participate in social activities, and enjoy all the blessings that a true university experience can give, we seek to prepare our students - and indeed to continue to prepare ourselves as faculty and staff - to do God's work in the world. **As friends of HBU, alumni, donors, and supporters of every description, you enable us, you run the race side by side and arm in arm with us as together we press forward to do the different kinds of work we have all been called to do.** Thank you for being friends, encouragers, and partners in the mission of HBU.

Blessings,



Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr.



HBU NOW HAS MORE THAN 18,000 ALUMNI »

RECORD SETTING GRADUATION CEREMONY



Commencement is a time of celebration and this May's Commencement celebrated a record number of graduates with 320 students crossing the stage to receive their diplomas.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!



HONORS COLLEGE COMMISSIONING

Dr. Gary J. Hartenburg

The Honors College at HBU isn't a place or a building. It is a community of scholars—both students and faculty—organized around **the quest to search for goodness, truth, and beauty in all things**. Students in the Honors College spend their time at HBU honing their reading, writing, speaking, and thinking skills so that they can continue this quest for the rest of their lives.

The Honors College Commissioning Service marks a time not when our graduates leave the Honors College, but when they expand its boundaries. Because students who graduate from the Honors College will always be Honors Scholars, we commission them as they leave the physical space of the HBU campus to serve the Lord wherever they go.

At each Commissioning Service, we are honored to have the president of HBU, Dr. Robert Sloan, give a homily to those assembled. The two hymns sung at the service—"How Firm a Foundation" and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"—are chosen for their emphasis on the need for the graduating Honors Scholars to rely on the Triune God to strengthen them to serve others. The medallions awarded to the graduating Honors Scholars are unique at HBU and bear the motto of the Honors College: **Sapere Aude (Dare to be wise)**.

The Honors College was established by approval of the Board of Trustees on Sept. 25, 2007.

The mission of the HBU Honors College is to provide students with an interdisciplinary curriculum rooted in the Christian faith that cultivates knowledge, character, and wisdom by examining the great works of Western civilization and exploring timeless questions.

This year was the fourth Honors College Commissioning Service.



MARGARET L.B. HUTTON RECEPTION

The Margaret L.B. Hutton Nursing Scholarship Reception was held April 11 at the President's Home.

The HBU School of Nursing and Allied Health was presented a generous gift by the Hutton family to provide financial assistance to current nursing students. Mr. Jim Hutton was joined by his daughter and her husband, Jeff and Heather Namendorf; his son and daughter-in-law, Jeb and Shannon Hutton; and many of their close family friends as they honored the legacy of his late wife, Margaret. It was a lovely gathering where the student scholarship recipients were able to meet the family and express their gratitude for this scholarship.



ELIZABETH KENDREX FIRST GRADUATE OF MAA PROGRAM

Elizabeth Kendrex is the first graduate of the recently formed Master of Apologetics program at HBU.

"She's an outstanding representative of the MAA students," says Dr. Holly Ordway, professor of English; director, MA in Apologetics, "displaying academic excellence, strong Christian character, an eager desire to learn and grow, and the ability to integrate what she learned in each of her classes."

She earned her MA in the Cultural Apologetics track and finished with a creative-writing thesis on literary apologetics, directed by Ordway. She's also written four fairy-tale adaptations for a young adult audience, which she is now preparing to submit to publishers.

Elizabeth has served as a writing tutor for the HBU Academic Success Center, as a Peer Mentor in the MAA for several semesters, and has recently been hired in a high-school teaching position. She has a book-review blog on YA fiction, which you can find here: <https://leafsreviews.wordpress.com>



PINNING CEREMONY

The School of Nursing and Allied Health held their annual Pinning Ceremony on May 16 in Dunham Theater on the HBU campus. These graduates received their nursing pins which signify their entry into the profession of nursing. The nursing pin is a 1,000 year-old symbol of service to others. A variety of emblems have been used throughout the history of nursing including the Maltese Cross which was worn by the guilds and the hospital badge whose use began over a century ago. Today our HBU nursing pin for the Baccalaureate Degree program bears the University's seal. The nursing pin has become a distinctive mark of nursing excellence and service to others.



OUR MANDATE **FROM GOD**

by **LEE STROBEL**

Lee Strobel is a New York Times best-selling author of more than 20 books and serves as Professor of Christian Thought at HBU. Lee's books include The Case for Christ, The Case for Faith, The Case for a Creator, and The Case for Grace. He coauthored the Christian Book of the Year with Garry Poole. Lee has a journalism degree from the University of Missouri and a master's degree from Yale Law School. He and Garry are directors of The Center for American Evangelism.

He wasn't ambiguous. He didn't offer a list of options. His mandate was clear: Just before ascending into heaven, Jesus gave his followers—and through them, us—his marching orders. He told us to go everywhere to reach people for him, and to teach them how to live as his devoted disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

Church leaders and most Christians are certainly aware of this. We know we are on this planet to be his “witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends

of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Yet the truth is that in many of our lives, and in far too many of our churches, evangelism has fallen on the priority list—and in some cases, it has nearly disappeared.

This must change. It is simply unacceptable for the church to claim to follow Christ but then to ignore the central command and purpose he gave us.

It is with this concern—as well as a vision for the

unprecedented opportunities we have today to share the gospel—that we recently announced the formation of the Center for American Evangelism in partnership with Houston Baptist University.

In keeping with HBU's Ninth Pillar, which declares "the good news of Christ is for all people," the Center exists for four primary purposes: to *Elevate, Innovate, Collaborate, and Educate* in the area of evangelism.

ELEVATE: In a winsome and encouraging way, we want to lift the value of reaching people for Christ among the students and faculty of HBU, as well as in the Houston region and throughout America. As we said, most Christians know they should be sharing the Good News with others, but they need renewed vision and motivation to make this a priority in their lives. They need to be challenged in a positive and creative manner to take risks for the sake of the spiritually lost people for whom Jesus died.

INNOVATE: Our message must never change, but if we are to reach new generations for Christ then our methods must. Paul set the example when he said, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings" (1 Cor. 9:22-23). We are committed to finding fresh approaches to effectively sharing the age-old gospel in our ever-changing and increasingly skeptical world.

COLLABORATE: We also recognize that there are Christian leaders and ministries already developing creative new approaches to outreach within their own communities. We want to learn from what they're doing in order to identify and spread the best evangelistic practices.

EDUCATE: We believe that evangelistic vision, values, and best practices need to be taught to a new generation of students and church leaders in order to help them flourish in their efforts to reach people with the gospel. More specifically, we're convinced that every church needs an evangelistic point leader who will partner with the pastor in order to mobilize each congregation to reach their community for Christ. We believe that the Center for American Evangelism is uniquely positioned to partner with HBU, and specifically the School of Christian Thought, to train and equip these emerging leaders for their crucial role.

We are excited about seeing HBU become the leader in helping bring about a revival of evangelism in America. With your prayers and support, we believe we can help Christians and churches reach countless people with the gospel, to the glory of God and the eternal benefit of his people. Please join us by visiting www.HBU.edu/CAE.

CENTER FOR AMERICAN EVANGELISM AT HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



MARK MITTELBERG is a bestselling author and Executive Director of The Center for American Evangelism. His books include *The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask*, and *Confident Faith*. He is the primary author of the Becoming a Contagious Christian training course (with Lee Strobel and Bill Hybels). Mark was the original evangelism director at Willow Creek Community Church near Chicago and has an MA in Philosophy of Religion from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.



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GARRY POOLE is the innovator of Spiritual Discovery Groups and the author of the award-winning book *Seeker Small Groups*, which provides a blueprint for facilitating group discussions that help spiritually curious people investigate Christianity. Garry is a training facilitator, strategic planning consultant, and for 18 years was a key evangelism leader at Willow Creek Community Church.



DUNHAM GIFT LARGEST SINGLE GIFT IN HBU HISTORY

Houston Baptist University has received a \$15 million gift from well-known Christian business executive Archie W. Dunham and his wife Linda. The gift is the largest single gift in the University's history and will fund scholarships, provide assistance for the Dunham Bible Museum, and result in the naming of the Dunham College of Business. "Linda and I have observed the growth and positive impact on students of Houston Baptist University during the last nine years under Dr. Robert Sloan's outstanding leadership," said Dunham. "We believe that HBU is becoming one of America's leading Christian universities where integrity, ethics, and moral leadership are being taught to a new generation of future leaders. Linda and I are honored to be associated with the University."

A MUSICAL TREAT

The Houston Symphony continued their Symphony Concert Series for the second year in the Linda & Archie Dunham Theater in the Morris Cultural Arts Center to a packed house in February with Justin Brown, conductor and Mark Hughes, trumpet. They performed J. Hummel, Concerto for Trumpet and Beethoven, Symphony No. 7.

The Linda & Archie Dunham Theater has received rave reviews for its acoustical performance since it opened in 2007 and features:

- Orchestra, parterre, mezzanine boxes, balcony and balcony box area seating for 1,200 guests
- A total of 46,000-square feet with 8,000-square feet of acoustic drapery capable of adjusting the acoustical response time in theater from 1.4 to 2.2 seconds, depending on the type of on-stage performance
- An adjustable orchestra shell capable of adjusting in size and shape to fit music groups on stage
- Orchestra pit for 25-30 musicians

The next concert in this series is scheduled for Friday, January 15, 2016.



*Justin Brown,
Conductor*

HBU vs. HHS

On Tuesday, April 7, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments in Houston Baptist University's case. Eric Rassbach, attorney at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, argued on behalf of HBU that the government is using the school's health plans to deliver drugs and devices it objects to, and that the government's actions are a violation of its religious liberty and the law. The three-judge panel asked questions that showed that they understand how important this ruling is to HBU, but it is impossible to predict the outcome.

What's next? Now that the court has received all the briefing and heard argument from both parties, it will take the case under advisement and issue an opinion in the coming months. It is difficult to predict how long it might take for the Fifth Circuit to issue a decision. If the Fifth Circuit overturns HBU's injunction, HBU will have a chance to appeal to the entire Fifth Circuit and the Supreme Court. If HBU wins and the injunction is upheld, the government will be able to appeal while the injunction stays in place. In the meantime, there are a number of similar cases in other courts of appeals, and the Supreme Court could decide to hear one of them before the Fifth Circuit issues an opinion. If that happens, HBU's case will depend on what the Supreme Court decides.

At the end of the day, the courts will have to decide whether HBU has the freedom to put into practice its belief in the sanctity of life, or if the government can force it to outsource its conscience. This country has a strong tradition of exempting religious believers rather than forcing them to violate their faith, and we hope that the courts will continue that tradition in HBU's case.





"My name is Morgan St. John, I am a junior at Houston Baptist University. I applied to HBU because I wanted to go to a school that valued the same core principles I value. HBU's mission statement is 'to provide a learning experience that instills in students a passion for academic, spiritual, and professional excellence as a result of our central confession: Jesus Christ is Lord.' It never occurred to me that the government would try to force HBU to change its mission under the penalty of IRS fines.

I am proud to stand here today on behalf of all the students at Houston Baptist University who believe that students must be free to search for the truth and to live according to that truth. I stand here for all of those who think that the government should not force anyone or any institution to renounce its mission. Today I am especially proud to be a Husky. I hope the court will make the right decision—a decision that not only supports HBU's rights, and those of its students, but also supports the core concept of freedom, which makes this country great."



The Guild



RECOGNIZING SINCERE FAITH AND ENDURANCE

As Executive Director of The Guild, Sharon Saunders has been their guiding light, demonstrating her wisdom, her grace, and her love for the University. Under her leadership, The Guild has developed into the outstanding organization it is today.

During Saunders' tenure as executive director, The Guild has followed the University's lead in fulfilling its vision of The Ten Pillars. In 2009 Dr. Sloan created The Guild Institute of Christian Family Studies, an outreach program dedicated to the strengthening of the Christian family. This Institute, under the direction of Saunders and The Guild, has hosted scholars, ministers and other community leaders at events on campus. In addition, The Guild recently initiated a new scholarship - The Guild Endowed Scholarship in Executive Educational Leadership. This scholarship, to be awarded in Fall 2016, will provide assistance to outstanding doctoral students when HBU launches its first doctoral program.

Saunders' dedication to HBU and her strong commitment to Christian education have led her to inspire others, who have in turn given back to the University in her name making this year's Silver Tea a tremendous success, raising more than \$100,000 with a record-setting 88 underwriters. It is a fitting tribute to one who has given so much of herself for the benefit of others.

Silver Tea 2015 was a celebration of a milestone in the life of Houston Baptist University: The Guild's 40th Anniversary! A highlight of The Guild's annual events, the Silver Tea raises funds for scholarships for graduate students in theology and education. This year's tea was co-chaired by Colleen Fellows and Tommie Lejeune, under the leadership of Guild President Jan Witham.

With recommendation from Guild past President Debra Perich '99, and with the overwhelming blessing of President Robert B. Sloan, Jr. and First Lady Sue Sloan and 21 past presidents, Sharon Saunders was named the 2015 Silver Tea honoree for her exceptional leadership and lifelong commitment to excellence in Christian higher education.

Since the creation of The Guild Scholarship Program in 1995, The Guild has provided total of 213 annual awards to new and continuing recipients and 37 endowed scholarships to students pursuing graduate degrees in education and theology.

At a recent Silver Tea reception, two newly-awarded endowed scholarship recipients, Joshua Hilburn and Suzanne Bryant, shared their sincere thanks for the impact of their

scholarships on them personally, their families and their spheres of influence as a pastor and teacher. Hilburn, recipient of the Robert B. Sloan, Jr. Endowed Scholarship, serves on staff at Ecclesia Church as Community Pastor to Families and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Theological Studies. In thanking The Guild, Hilburn stated, "I have a deep love for the local church... and I am confident that HBU is a place

that will train me to lead and serve well." Bryant, recipient of The Guild Presidents' Endowed Scholarship, is a fourth grade elementary Math and Science teacher in the Pasadena ISD and is on track to graduate in 2016 with master's degree in Educational Administration. Bryant shared these words, "My education at HBU has been relevant, cutting

edge, challenging, and engaging. The professors have had are phenomenal, and feel so blessed to learn from them and follow in their footsteps."

As of this year, The Guild, a group of more than 260 Christian women, has contributed approximately \$1.7 million to HBU for scholarships in the College of Education and the School of Christian Thought, special projects and The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies.

"WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AS SOMETHING DONE FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR MEN." (COL. 3:23)



First Lady Sue Sloan, President Robert B. Sloan Jr., Sharon Saunders, and Guild President Jan Witham

RING CEREMONY

Becoming an alumna or alumnus of Houston Baptist University is an accomplishment that deserves special recognition. The diploma given at commencement recognizes the degree that you earned. But the class ring is the visible unifying symbol that ties you to your alma mater and to your classmates as fellow alumni.

The HBU Alumni Association held its annual Class Ring Ceremony on April 28 in Belin Chapel.

The Ceremony is a special tradition at HBU which commemorates personal achievements at HBU and marks an educational milestone for students. With family and friends looking on, students receive their ring from Dr. Robert Sloan Jr. and the HBU Alumni Board of Directors.



MARGARET NEWMAN LECTURE SERIES

On March 24th, 2015, the HBU School of Nursing and Allied Health 100+ Club presented its second program of The Margaret Newman Lecture Series. Dr. C. Kent Osborne was the guest speaker and spoke on “Personalized Cancer Medicine and the Optimal Care of Cancer Patients.” Osborne is the director of the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine. For 10 years, Dr. Osborne was chairman of the Breast Committee of the Southwest Oncology Group, where he oversaw numerous nationwide clinical trials investigating new treatment strategies. He has been the principal investigator of the Baylor Breast Cancer SPORE grant for 22 years.

The lectures on timely nursing and healthcare-related topics are made possible by an endowment given in memory of Margaret Newman (1913-2003), a native Houstonian.



STUDENT FOCUS BAILEY KEITH

“Being an athlete while majoring in economics has been overwhelming. However, HBU has amazing professors that are always willing to help while offering never-ending support. Their above and beyond efforts are one of a kind. I have learned so much and have established meaningful relationships along the way. I would not trade my experience here for anything.”

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MAKING HISTORY

“PROVE PEOPLE WRONG.”

That was the motto for the HBU women's basketball team entering the 2014-15 campaign and that mantra struck with the student-athletes and coaches all through the Huskies' phenomenal run in the Southland Conference Tournament. Even with season-ending injuries to senior forward Shanice Steenholdt and freshman guard Lisa Zderadicka, the Huskies still believed they had something special.

“The season was very challenging, losing the outstanding players we did,” head coach Donna Finnie said. “It was amazing to see the girls come together at just the right time and do something no other team has ever done.”

The Huskies ended the regular season with an 81-71 road win over Incarnate Word on March 7 make the SLC Tournament for the first time, earning the eighth seed.

Behind junior forward Anna Strickland's 16 points and 20 rebounds —the boards were two shy of the program single-game

record— the Cowgirls were the Huskies' first upset victim, 70-68, on March 12.

HBU's next opponent was fourth-seed Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, a defense-minded team that held the Huskies to only 48 points just a week prior in Corpus Christi. HBU beat the Islanders at their own game, knocking off the Islanders, 49-48, thanks in part to senior forward Erin McGarrachan's double-double of 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Appearing in the conference semifinal game, the Huskies faced top-seed Stephen F. Austin on March 14. SFA entered the contest with a 23-7 overall record, a 16-2 mark in conference play, boasted the conference's Player of the Year, and had defeated HBU in the previous seven meetings. HBU started the game slow, finding itself down as many as 18, before the Huskies fought back and knocked off the Ladyjacks, 88-81. The win marked the largest comeback in program history. Senior guard Tayler Jefferson tied her career high of 29 points as she went 10-for-17 from the floor and 6-of-9 from beyond the arc.

Emotional at the post-game news conference, head coach Donna Finnie said, “People were telling me before the game that our kids were not going to have the legs (playing three games in three days), they were going to be tired. Your legs still work when your heart beats. Our whole team played with heart today.”

HBU made history, becoming the first No. 8 eight seed to defeat a No. 1 seed and reach the SLC title game under the tournament's current format. But their work wasn't finished, as the Huskies had to face defending champion, sixth-seeded Northwestern State, in the title game. HBU battled hard, but fell to the Lady Demons, 58-50. McGarrachan posted a double-double of 22 points and 10 rebounds. She and Jefferson earned spots on the All-Tournament Team.

McGarrachan, who was part of a team that won only seven games her first season, said after the championship game, “People are starting to take notice of us now.”

HUSKY BASEBALL WINS CONFERENCE TITLE



The road to Omaha was more than a little wet due to the heavy rains as HBU Baseball made their first-ever NCAA Baseball Championship appearance on May 29th.

The Huskies got the automatic bid to the national competition after winning the Southland Conference Championship Title in only their second season in the league! HBU had no losses in the tournament, getting four complete game pitching performances from junior left-hander Matthew McCollough and senior right-handers Taylor Wright, Ross Kennell, and Curtis Jones. Jones was chosen as the tournament MVP.

“You can’t even describe it – you get four complete ballgames in the tournament, the stars just line up for you,” HBU head coach Jared Moon said.

Despite getting off to a quick start, HBU lost to the top-seed University of Houston and the second-seed Rice University in the NCAA regional tournament.

“It’s outstanding for our program to come this far in the second year of the conference, win the conference tournament, and then advance to the regional,” said Moon. “Hopefully this is one of many regional tournaments that we can be in.”

President Robert B. Sloan joined the rest of the school in congratulating the Huskies. “We’re very proud of our coaches and players. It was just incredible to see them here at this NCAA regional tournament.”



ONE SPORT NOT ENOUGH FOR GUZMAN

Christian Guzman wants to be a coach after graduation. The native of Brookshire, Texas, is a sophomore at HBU and is two-sport student-athlete, competing as punter for the Huskies' football team and a hurdler for the track and field squad.

Guzman was originally recruited by the track and field team, and he wasted little time making an impact, as he broke the outdoor hurdling school records last year as freshman. He re-broke all the school records this season as a sophomore.

"Christian is a great competitor; it is what makes him successful," said HBU head track and field coach, Theresa Fuqua. "He is pretty viable, elite athlete in both sports."

Guzman came to HBU wanting to participate in both track and football. While in high school, Guzman contacted the recruiting coordinator for football, Roger Hinshaw, and expressed an interest in playing for the University's inaugural team.

"I played football in high school and saw the team had no punter listed, so I talked to Coach Hinshaw," said Guzman. "I can't choose one sport - I feel like I'm good at both."

"Christian's most appealing aspects were that he was a specialist and he could run fast," said Hinshaw. "He has a big leg and is able to push the opposition back. That makes him feel good."

In 2014, HBU football's first official season, Guzman had a punt average of 44.1 and 23 punts of 50 yards or longer. On Nov. 8, Guzman set a career long with a 68-yard punt at 14th-ranked Southeastern Louisiana. At the conclusion of the season, Guzman was named both Second-Team All-Southland Conference Punter and First-Team Freshman All-America Punter, honors that he considers his greatest accomplishments. He was also finalist for the Jerry Rice Award, which honors the top freshman in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

Guzman is a Kinesiology-Wellness Management major, but is looking to change to the Education division of the major, so he can continue his path to the coaching profession.

TRIO OF HUSKIES EARN NCAA TRACK AND FIELD SPOTS

For the first time in school history, three HBU track and field athletes qualified for the NCAA West Preliminary Round, which were held May 28-30 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Southland Conference long jump silver medalist Taylor Thomas, 110m hurdles fourth-placer Christian Guzman and 800 silver medalist Daniel Shelton represented the Huskies after their season-best performances ranked them in the top 48 in their respective events among schools in the West region.

This is the largest contingent of HBU athletes to qualify for the meet since the school became eligible for NCAA postseason competition in 2012.



LETTERWINNER CLOSES CAREER AT SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

HBU men's golf has seen one constant over the past four years – Preston Stanley. A four-year letterwinner and native of Katy, Texas, Stanley has been a regular in the Husky lineup since first arriving on campus, recently closing out his career at the Southland Conference Championship this past April.

“Playing at HBU has meant a lot to me,” Stanley said. “I have really enjoyed my time here, the coaches and teammates that I got to work and compete with, and am thankful for the opportunity I got to come in and play right away.”

Over four years, Stanley averaged a 73.53 stroke average across 131 rounds, leading the team his final three seasons. He is a three-time all-conference selection, picking up honors from his sophomore season on. In 2012-13, Stanley was named to the American Sky first team and the all-tournament first team, helping HBU to the 2013 ASC Tournament title and automatic bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament, the school's first automatic selection since returning to the Division I level in 2007. As a junior, he was tabbed to the All-SLC first team and earned an at-large selection to the 2014 NCAA Regional Tournament. This year, Stanley was named second-team All-SLC.

“He is an exceptional player and was a steady piece in our regrowth of the program,” head coach David Shuster said. “We could always count on him to post well. He loves the game, works very hard and is open and coachable. He is one of those kids who you just truly enjoy being around. His future is in front of him. He has all the tools and the savvy to turn pro, and we hope to see his name in the limelight for years to come.”

Stanley has begun preparation for the PGA Tour Qualifying School and is set to graduate in December with a degree in finance.



Year-By-Year Statistics

Season	Rds	Strokes	Low Round	Par/- Rounds	To 20/10/5	Average
2011-12	29	2,180	69	3/2	6/1/-	75.20
2012-13	33	2,440	65	1/9	6/2/2	73.50
2013-14	39	2,841	66	6/14	8/5/3	72.85
2014-15	30	2,172	66	4/9	6/3/2	72.40
Career	131	9,633	65	14/34	26/11/7	73.53

Honors:

All-Conference

- Southland – 2015 (2nd); 2014 (1st)
- American Sky – 2013 (1st); 2013 Tournament (1st)

NCAA Regional Appearances

- 2013-14 (Individual)
- 2012-13 (Team)

As a point guard, the player's responsibility is to direct, lead and assist his teammates too attain their goal. HBU senior point guard Marcel Smith has done that for the Huskies for four years and wants to keep helping people, beyond his collegiate career.

On May 6, Smith released his first book, *The Balance: Student Athlete Handbook for Successfully Managing Life with Academics and Sports*, with a signing party in the M.D. Anderson Student Center.

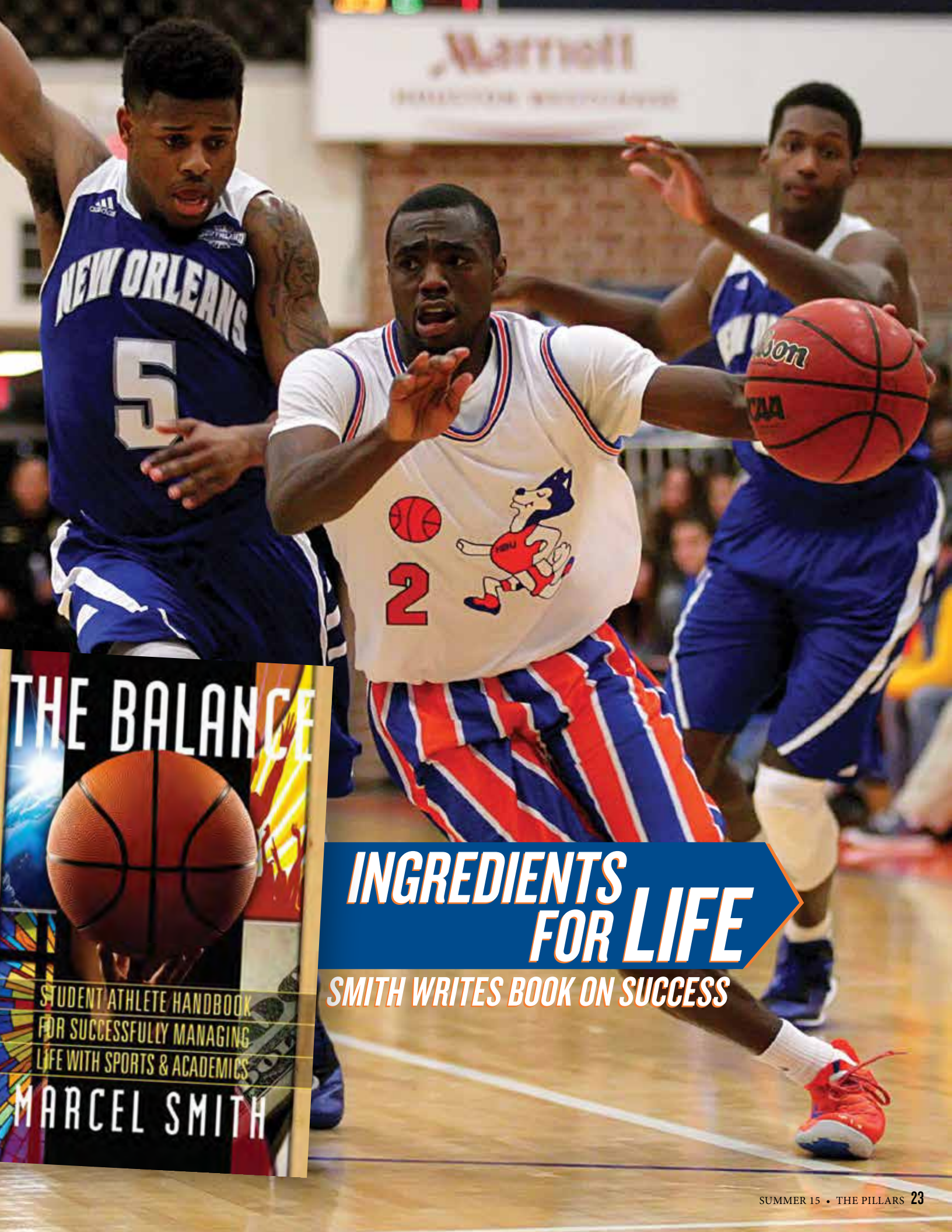
“I started writing in the book in high school and it began when I got into trouble,” Smith explained. “I wanted to use my problems and failures to turn them into successes ... and I have in a big way.”

The Balance is a handbook with the recipe for student athletes to prioritize and build their lives while chasing their dreams. It casts light on many different “ingredients” that go into a successful student athlete's life that need polishing for future opportunities. The book begins with self-examination, understanding human life's simplicity and also the power of a made-up mind.

“I wanted to help some of my friends and the upcoming generation on how to balance chasing your dreams while becoming a great person at the same time,” Smith said. “It's great seeing the finished product, but it took a lot of work from crossing out ideas to rewriting chapters to editing, reaching to endorsers, marketing – it's a lot of work, so I'm glad the way it turned out, and I'm thankful for it.”

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Smith graduated from HBU in three-and-a-half years with a bachelor's degree in international business, and began working toward a Master's degree in his final semester of eligibility. He plans to enter into the business world and do motivational speaking, as well as coaching.

Smith finished his HBU career as the school's all-time leader in free throw percentage (83.2), ranked ninth in 3-pointers made (118) and 13th in assists (276). In his final collegiate game, he hit a career-high six threes on seven attempts to finish with a career-high 22 points in a 78-77 overtime victory against Incarnate Word on March 7 at Sharp Gym.



INGREDIENTS FOR LIFE

SMITH WRITES BOOK ON SUCCESS

2015 FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9/5	BETHANY COLLEGE	7:00 P.M.
9/12	NORTHERN COLORADO	7:00 P.M.
*9/19	Abilene Christian	6:00 p.m.
*9/26	Sam Houston State	6:00 p.m.
10/3	COLLEGE OF FAITH* HOMECOMING	7:00 P.M.
*10/10	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	7:00 P.M.
*10/17	Nicholls	3:00 p.m.
*10/24	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	2:00 P.M.
*10/31	LAMAR	2:00 P.M.
*11/14	Stephen F. Austin	3:00 p.m.
11/21	INCARNATE WORD SENIOR DAY	2:00 P.M.



BOLD CAPS indicates home games

*Indicates Southland Conference

2015 WOMEN'S SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/12	RICE (SCRIMMAGE)	7:00 P.M.
8/14	Texas (scrimmage)	7:30 p.m.
8/21	TEXAS SOUTHERN	7:00 P.M.
8/23	TEXAS STATE	7:00 P.M.
8/28	UTEP	5:00 P.M.
9/4	UC Riverside	9:00 p.m.
9/6	Loyola Marymount UTRGV Tournament	3:00 p.m.
9/11	Southern Utah	5:00 p.m.
9/13	UT-Rio Grande Valley	1:00 p.m.
*9/18	Incarnate Word	7:00 p.m.
*9/25	Sam Houston State	6:30 p.m.
*9/27	F. Austin	1:00 p.m.
*10/2	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	7:00 P.M.
*10/4	NICHOLLS	1:00 P.M.
*10/9	ABILENE CHRISTIAN	5:00 P.M.
*10/16	Central Arkansas	7:00 p.m.
*10/18	Northwestern State	1:00 p.m.
*10/23	MCNEESE STATE	7:00 P.M.
*10/25	LAMAR	1:00 P.M.
*10/30	TEXAS A&M	5:00 P.M.
*11/5-8	Southland Conference Tournament	TBA



2015 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/28	ALCORN STATE	7:00 P.M.
8/29	TEXAS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY	10:00 A.M.
8/29	LOUISIANA TECH	7:00 P.M.
9/1	Prairie View A&M Northern Arizona Tournament	6:30 p.m.
9/4-5	Liberty	TBA
9/4-5	Loyola Marymount	TBA
9/4-5	Northern Arizona	TBA
9/8	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M South Alabama Tournament	7:00 P.M.
9/11-12	Samford	TBA
9/11-12	Alcorn State	TBA
9/11-12	South Alabama Tulsa Tournament	TBA
9/18-19	Tulsa TBA	
9/18-19	North Texas	TBA
9/18-19	Oral Roberts	TBA
*9/24	NEW ORLEANS	7:00 P.M.
*9/26	SOUTHEAST. LOUISIANA	1:00 P.M.
*9/29	Central Arkansas	7:00 P.M.
*10/3	TEXAS A&M - CORPUS CHRISTI	1:00 P.M.
*10/8	Northwestern State	7:00 P.M.
*10/10	Stephen F. Austin	7:00 P.M.
*10/15	ABILENE CHRISTIAN	7:00 P.M.
*10/17	INCARNATE WORD	1:00 P.M.
*10/22	McNeese State	7:00 P.M.
*10/24	Nicholls	1:00 P.M.
10/27	TEXAS SOUTHERN	7:00 P.M.
*10/29	SAM HOUSTON STATE	7:00 P.M.
*10/31	LAMAR	11:00 A.M.
*11/3	Texas A&M - Corpus Christi	7:00 P.M.
*11/5	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	7:00 P.M.
*11/12	Lamar	7:00 P.M.
*11/14	Sam Houston State	2:00 P.M.
*11/20-22	Southland Conference Tournament	TBA

2015 MEN'S SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/20	ST. THOMAS (EXHIBITION)	7:00 P.M.
8/23	ST. EDWARD'S (EXHIBITION)	4:30 P.M.
8/28	LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN	7:30 P.M.
8/30	Bradley UT-Rio Grande Valley Tournament, Edinburg, TX	7:00 P.M.
9/4	IPFW	4:30 P.M.
9/6	Buffalo	4:30 P.M.
9/11	Gonzaga Invitational, Spokane, WA	2:00 P.M.
9/13	Milwaukee	6:00 P.M.
9/17	Hartwick SMU	7:00 P.M.
9/20	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	1:00 P.M.
*10/2	UNLV	9:00 P.M.
*10/4	Grand Canyon	9:00 P.M.
*10/9	SEATTLE	7:30 P.M.
*10/11	UTAH VALLEY	1:00 P.M.
*10/16	UMKC	7:00 P.M.
*10/18	Air Force	2:00 P.M.
*10/22	Incarnate Word	7:00 P.M.
*10/30	BAKERSFIELD	7:30 P.M.
*11/11	SAN JOSE STATE	1:00 P.M.
*11/7	UT-Rio Grande Valley	7:00 P.M.
11/12-15	WAC Tournament, Kansas City, MO	TBA

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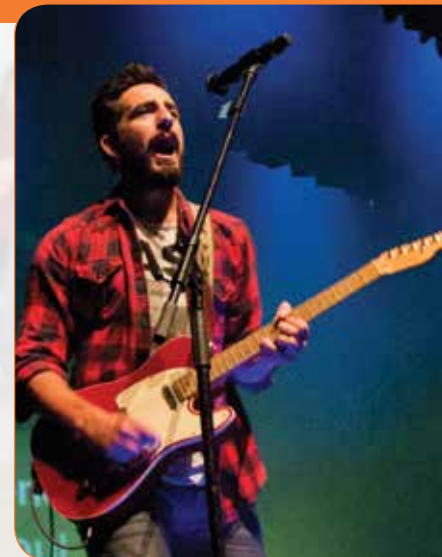
by Whit Goodwin, Vice President for Student Life

HBU is a school that is serious about student success. We look at success not just in a GPA or obtaining a degree (although those things are important). Instead, we see success as a student growing holistically in their ability to think (academic), their ability to live in community (interpersonal), and their ability to discern and carry out God's calling on their life (intrapersonal). As we looked at our retention numbers, we realized that although we have good student persistence numbers, we had room for improvement to truly help our students succeed in every aspect of their life and leave HBU not only with a diploma, but with a defined and inspired calling from God to change the world and build His Kingdom. Through some previous interactions, I was aware of a consulting firm called Credo that is nationally renowned for their excellence in helping universities coordinate student success. They also understand the challenges and callings private, faith-based institutions have in delivering and achieving their unique outcomes. Through this previous relationship we began discussions with Credo to partner with us in order to further our student success initiatives and positive outcomes. After meeting with the Executive Council as a whole, Dr. Sloan, and various stakeholders across the University (including a large number of students), we officially began our relationship with Credo at the end of Spring 2013.

Credo then partnered with us to do an assessment of every student centric aspect of campus; academics, student/spiritual life, admissions, academic support, financial aid, registrar, cashier's office, physical plant, etc. Through this discovery process the three main points of student success were again focused upon; academic engagement, social engagement (interpersonal) and spiritual engagement/calling realization (intrapersonal). Twelve modules were suggested as key focuses for the University to undertake for the next two years which we believed would greatly edify student success at HBU. These modules are:

• STUDENT SUCCESS LEADERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

• **PROJECT DAY ONE:** Tasked with setting up



structures for all students to be financially and fully cleared before the first day of classes

• **EARLY ALERT:** tasked with designing structures and processes for identifying and intervening with students who are having difficulties at HBU and then plugging them into the appropriate help resource

• **FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE:** tasked with looking at the entire first year of matriculation, from acceptance until the first day of the following academic year, and provide the best possible experiences academically, socially, and spiritually.

• **FYE SEMINAR:** develops a special class for all first year students focused on creativity, curiosity, academic support and rigor, and student success distinctly within the HBU experience

• **ACADEMIC ADVISING:** tasked with developing structures and initiatives that provides the best academic mentoring and planning for students. This will be and is the key cog in the student success wheel

• **ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES:** tasked with forming the best practices for tutoring and engaging students through the academic experience at HBU so they not only make the best grades but truly enjoy and engage in the learning experience.

• **SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** Nursing - this group thinks critically and creatively about how to best support students who come to HBU for our excellent nursing program, as well as best support students who may feel called away from nursing but will still benefit from an HBU education.

• **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:** this group is tasked with specifically understanding and implementing new experiences to orient new students and their parents into the HBU experience and family.

It focuses on the admission to first six weeks of school, academic, social, and spiritual preparation for incoming students as they transition from high school or another institution to HBU.



• **STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:** This group is tasked with looking at the particular social and co-curricular opportunities for HBU students. Community and a sense of “fit” with peers is one of the most educational and student success related factors of a student persisting to graduation. This includes a focus on our student organizations, Greek fraternities and sororities, and other aspects of social engagement and involvement.

• **SPIRITUAL INTEGRATION:** this module focuses on the integration of Christian beliefs and calling into every area of campus life. It is focused on giving faculty, staff, and students the best opportunities to grow deeper in their Christian walk while understanding best how to integrate faith into every aspect of not only an HBU experience but life as a whole.

• **CAREER AND CALLING:** this group focuses specifically on answering the questions “Who am I in Christ, and what does that mean to my vocational calling.” This includes specific initiatives inside and outside of the classroom for students to discern God’s calling upon their life and how that will be lived out in the marketplace.

All of these modules are in full force. We have seen great impact in terms of retention. Study after study shows that if a student persists past the first six weeks and then first year of their academic journey, they are much more likely to graduate. Many students’ habits, foundational ideas, and engagement opportunities that are most effective in their success take place during the crucial first year of college. For HBU to have such a strong first year focus and see the results we have overall with retention but especially with the first year speaks volumes to the success of our Moving the Needle initiative.



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THE
UNEXPECTED
DEFENDERS

Apologetics has long been a bastion of men—until now.

The five HBU professors featured in CT: Assistant Professors of Apologetics Kristen Davis, Mary Jo Sharp, and Melissa Travis; Professor of Apologetics, Nancy Pearcey and Holly Ordway. These women are part of a dynamic team in the School of Christian Thought that has made HBU the place to study cultural apologetics. Join them, and other faculty at HBU, to pursue a Higher Education that will train you how to respond to objections countering Christianity. The Master of Arts in Apologetics is fully online and you can learn more about it by visiting www.hbu.edu/apologetics. The enrollment deadline for the Fall is August 1; or apply for next Spring.

STANULONIS HAS IT COVERED

Joel Stanulonis, assistant professor of art was recently selected by the *New American Paintings* juried national publication for their recent cover celebrating the top MFA art created last year throughout all MFA programs in the U.S. The works selected for publications and the one work selected by the juniors represent the outstanding MFA art that he created while an MFA student at Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.



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CULTURE INFLUENCERS

Over the last two years, professor Doug TenNapel, our filmmaker-in-residence, has been hard at work creating a reboot of the classic kids series *VeggieTales* for Netflix and DreamWorks Animation. The new series, "VeggieTales in the House," premiered on Netflix this past winter and was nominated for an Emmy.

As executive producer, TenNapel leads a talented team of writers, voice artists, and animators to create dynamic new episodes of the inspirational children's series. The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced that the series is one of three nominees for Best Pre-School Children's Animated Program.

In addition to his success with *VeggieTales* TenNapel also will be releasing his new animated video game, *Armikrog*, later this year. Professor TenNapel is teaching two classes at HBU this spring and we are honored to have him as part of our Cinema & New Media Arts faculty.

*Doug TenNapel,
Show Runner at
DreamWorks
Animation*



Houston Baptist University's 2015 Master of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibitions are being presented in the University Academic Center at HBU from April 23 through July 1, 2015. They featured the work of HBU MFA and BFA students. The editors at *Glasstire*, an online arts magazine, selected the Houston Baptist University's 2015 Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition as one of the Top 5 Exhibitions in Texas.



Doni Wilson



Encarna Bermejo



Timothy Brookins

DR. DONI M. WILSON interviewed respected historian David McCullough for the *Houston Chronicle's* Gray Matters section. Doni is a frequent contributor to Gray Matters, professor of English at Houston Baptist University, and has a middle-schooler named Christopher. Her interests include 20th-century literature, classical music, and creative nonfiction.

On March 29, **DR. ENCARNA BERMEJO**, assistant professor of Spanish, presented at the "Spanish Contact, Expansion, and Transformation: 25th Conference on Spanish in the United States and 10th Conference on Spanish in Contact with Other Languages" at the City College of New York, NY. Her presentation topic was "Mitigation and Interpersonal Encoding Strategies in the Spanish of Houston."

DR. TIMOTHY BROOKINS, assistant professor of Classics and Biblical Languages, published an article titled "I Rather Appeal to Auctoritas" in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77.2 (2015): 302-21.

MICHAEL ROQUE COLLINS, professor of art, was profiled on the Houston Public Media TV program "Arts InSight" which aired on April 30th. The episode was filmed in the HBU Museum of Fine Arts and Contemporary Gallery as well as Collins' own studio. The host also interviewed **LAURA KREFT**, assistant professor of art, about the galleries and the art collection from Sharon and William Morris. Watch the full episode: HBU.edu/CollinsPBS

DR. DAVID J. DAVIS, director of the MLA and assistant professor in history, recently published a review of *A Companion to the Early Printed Book in Britain, 1475-1558* in the *Renaissance Quarterly*, vol. 68 (Spring, 2015).

DR. JOSHUA R. FARRIS has published "What's so Simple about Personal Identity?" in *Philosophy Now*, issue 107 April/May 2015. He also presented two papers at the ETS/EPS Southwest regional Conference held at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary April 10-11: "Christian Dualism and the Resurrection" and "Reparative Substitution: Toward a Hybrid Theory of the Atonement" (co-authored with S. Mark Hamilton).

On April 26, **DR. SARA FREAR** spoke at Fides Quaerens Intellectum (Faith Seeking Understanding), an adult education forum at Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church. The title of her presentation was "Familia Christi: Finding Family in the Church." Using Pope John Paul II's 1981 apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio* ("The Christian Family in the Modern World") as a guide, Dr. Frear described her creation of a small "family" of OLW parishioners dedicated to mutual support, intercessory prayer, and evangelization through hospitality. She encouraged her audience to consider forming similar families in their communities as one way to counteract the disintegration of the family in modern times.

DR. CHARLES HALTON, assistant professor in theology, edited a book on the genre of Genesis 1-11 which was published on May 12. *Genesis: History, Fiction, or Neither?* presents the differing theological views of the Genesis narrative and explores the implications for understanding and interpreting Scripture.

Levon Hayrapetyan

Anthony Joseph

Louis Markos





Michael Collins

Laura Kreft

David Davis

Joshua Farris

Sara Frear

Chris Hammons

DR. CHRIS HAMMONS, dean of the School of Humanities and professor of government, was the featured speaker at the annual spring meeting of the Jamestown Society of Houston. Dr. Hammons discussed "The History and Myths of Jamestown" and presented an overview of HBU's new Center for Law & Liberty.

DR. LEVON HAYRAPETYAN, professor in business, presented a paper entitled "Interactive Tools for Visualizing Abstract Statistical Concepts. Part 2 - Confidence Intervals" at the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines Conference held in Dallas, Texas in April, 2015. The tool was developed in the Microsoft Excel environment with substantial programming in Visual Basic for Applications (VBA). Dr. Hayrapetyan also served as a discussant for the Quantitative Methods and Statistical Concepts session.

DR. ANTHONY M. JOSEPH has published an article, "Anglicization and the American Taxpayer, c. 1763-1815," in *Anglicizing America: Empire, Revolution, Republic* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015), edited by Ignacio Gallup-Diaz, Andrew Shankman, and David J. Silverman.

DR. LOUIS MARKOS, professor in English, scholar in residence, and Robert H. Ray Chair in Humanities, is pleased to announce the publication of his tenth book, *C.S. Lewis: An Apologist for Education* (Classical Academic Press, 2015).

DR. MARIE A. MATER, associate professor of speech communication, attended the National Debate Tournament at the University of Iowa April 4-6. She is an alumna of the A. Craig Baird Debate Forum at the University of Iowa where she coached, judged, and participated in public debates as a graduate student in Rhetorical Studies.

Mater also judged at the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association (NCFCA) Regional Qualifier at the First Baptist Church in Conroe, Texas on April 17th. She judged Lincoln Douglas Debate, Impromptu Speaking, and Persuasive Speaking. NCFCA is the third largest high school speech and debate league in the United States.

Mater reviewed conference paper submissions to the 24th Annual International Asian Media and Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) conference at the American University in Dubai in June. AMIC is an international, non-profit, non-governmental organization that researches communication and media issues in Asia.

JEFF STRIETZEL, assistant director of residence life, recently presented at the annual NASPA conference in New Orleans, La. The conference is for student affairs professionals from around the nation and the title of the session was "Failure Is Always an Option: Flipping Failure to Flourishing."

Marie Mater

Jeff Strietzel

Cynthia Simpson

Emily Stelzer

Michael Ward

Dawn Wilson



DR. CYNTHIA SIMPSON, interim provost, co-authored an article titled "Service Delivery for High School Students with High Incidence Disabilities: Issues and Challenges," with colleagues from Midwestern State University, which appeared in the Winter 2015 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Special Education Professionals* (JAASEP). JAASEP is a peer-reviewed journal committed to advancing the professional development of special education professionals through research, policy, and practice.

PRESIDENT ROBERT B. SLOAN, JR., served as guest pastor in February for Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving, Texas. Dr. Sloan served as interim pastor at the church more than 25 years ago.

In addition he served as the keynote speaker for the Willbern Heritage Scholarship Foundation appreciation luncheon in conjunction with the Bellaire Business Association luncheon on March 31, and in April Dr. Sloan served as guest pastor for Hope Church in Houston, Texas.

DR. EMILY STELZER, assistant professor of literature, participated in a panel discussion on Milton and Theology with Dennis Danielson and Philip Donnelly at the Lanier Theological Library in Houston. She also recently published a review essay on Calvin Huckabay and David Urban's *John Milton: An Annotated Bibliography, 1989-1999 in Early Modern Literary Studies*.

DR. MICHAEL WARD, professor of apologetics, has completed a three-week lecture tour of America, speaking about his research into the works of C.S. Lewis, and promoting HBU's MA in Christian Apologetics. He gave lectures at Westminster College, Auburn University, the University of Mobile, Covenant College, and the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. Dr. Ward also addressed the Honors College at HBU and gave an audio interview with Dr. Orday to the "Matt Lewis Show," focusing on the imaginative and cultural dimension to HBU's apologetics program. In addition, Dr. Ward was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Hillsdale College, Michigan, where he also delivered the 2015 commencement address.

DR. DAWN WILSON, professor in education, and **DR. KATIE ALANIZ**, adjunct faculty member in education, are pleased to announce the publication of *Naturalizing Digital Immigrants; The Power of Collegial Coaching for Technology Integration*. Read more about the book and listen to podcast by the authors on their website.

In addition, Dr. Wilson and Dr. Alaniz presented a paper at the 26th Annual SITE (Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education) Conference in Las Vegas on March 4 entitled "Coaching for Technology Integration: A Peer Partnership Approach."



DR. CAROL ANN BONDS ANNOUNCES HER RETIREMENT

Former member of the HBU Board of Trustees and HBU alumna Dr. Carol Ann Bonds BA '68, has announced her retirement as Superintendent of San Angelo ISD Schools, a position she's held since 2006.

Before coming to San Angelo, Bonds served as superintendent of Livingston ISD in East Texas for four years. She also served as superintendent of Rogers ISD from 1995-2001 and has six years of experience as principal in Holland ISD as well as 11 years of classroom teaching experience.

Bonds is married to Charles Bonds '67.

I was blessed to work with her school board to walk them through the process of her retirement and interviewing for her successor.

- Rick Ogden, Director of Foundation and Denominational Relations

HUSKY PUPS

Katherine Blacklock McDonald '81 welcomed her new granddaughter, **Madeleine Margaret McDonald**, on September 18, 2013. She and her parents, Joseph and Christine McDonald, reside in Atlanta, Ga.



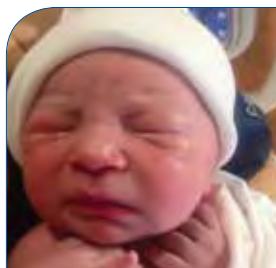
Quynh MBA '04 and **Tram BA '04 Vu** are happy to announce the arrival of **Tyler Quang** on December 1, 2014, weighing in at 6 lbs. 0.8 oz. and 20 inches. Big sisters Madelyn and Emily are excited and love him dearly.



Ryan Yarrington '05 and **Alyssa Johns Yarrington '07** welcomed beautiful baby girl, **Emery Margaret Yarrington**, on April 3, 2014.



Bryce Burch '02 and wife Jennifer welcomed **Brynna Margaret Burch** on November 10, 2014. Brynna was born at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 21 inches and was welcomed by big brother Bryce.



President and Mrs. Sloan welcomed their 19th grandchild on June 1. Ali and Michael Sloan are the proud parents of **Ivy Sophia**. She joins brother Collier and two sisters, Kaira and Ellia.



Gideon Heath Jackson was born November 13, 2014, to **Jeremy Jackson '04** and **Sarah Naron Jackson '07**. He was welcomed by big brothers Jonah and Samuel.



Perrin Grace Childers was born to **Allyn '06** and **Brandon Childers '06** on Oct 25, 2014 at 8:12 a.m. weighing 8lbs. 12 oz. and 21 inches long. Big brothers Holden and Ender were excited to welcome their new baby sister.

ALUMAGRAMS

1970s | **Vicki Wilson '72** has many fond memories of her stay at HBC, and really enjoyed being a cheerleader! "I was very fortunate to be in a Christian environment with wonderful professors and music teachers that taught me so much. After 38 years of teaching primarily on the high school level, I retired in 2013".

1980s | **Scott Talbert '86** is now the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Anthony, New Mexico.

1990s | **George Anderson '91** is a VP commercial lender at SouthStar Bank.

Vivian Winslow '91 was recently promoted to vice president of marketing and communications at the Star of Hope Mission.

Dr. Lynette Crouse '94 received her doctor of dental surgery from the University of Texas in 1999 where she was later accepted into the university's graduate practice residency program and received training in oral medicine and sedation dentistry. Dr. Crouse is currently a general dentist who pro-

vides services in restorative dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, periodontal surgery and oral surgery. In 2004 she successfully opened her own practice, Precise Dental of Houston. Recently, she was voted Houston's top dentist of 2014, and has introduced a new laser whitening treatment that gives immediate results. Dr. Crouse continued her training at the prestigious Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies and she holds memberships with the Academy of General Dentistry and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

Candace Desrosiers '94 was promoted to assistant vice president for University relations at HBU.

Deedra Balli '98 has recently started working as a registered nurse at West Gate Elementary School, a 700 student School of Excellence, within Prince William County Public Schools in August 2014.

2000s | **Bethany Lopez Cobb '03** and **'12**, married Jared Cobb on November 8, 2014 in Katy, Texas. Bethany is working in Katy ISD as an ESL instructional support specialist.

Jared is a mechanical engineer at Toshiba International. They reside in Katy.

Renita Robinson Walker '06 was recently hired as the client intake specialist — behavioral health with the Lighthouse for the Blind.

Sandra Mathoslah '08 is currently serving as a pharmacist with the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) and as such, in October 2014, was deployed to Monrovia, Liberia for two months with a team of USPHS officers to establish a clinic to treat health care workers who were confirmed or suspected to be infected with the Ebola virus disease.

2010s | **David Toney '11** recently began working at the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities as a legislative assistant in their legislative affairs operation.

Shavorrian Mitchell '14, MSHRM, CSP, CFC was recently promoted to accounting and compliance manager at Dean's Professional Services, in March.

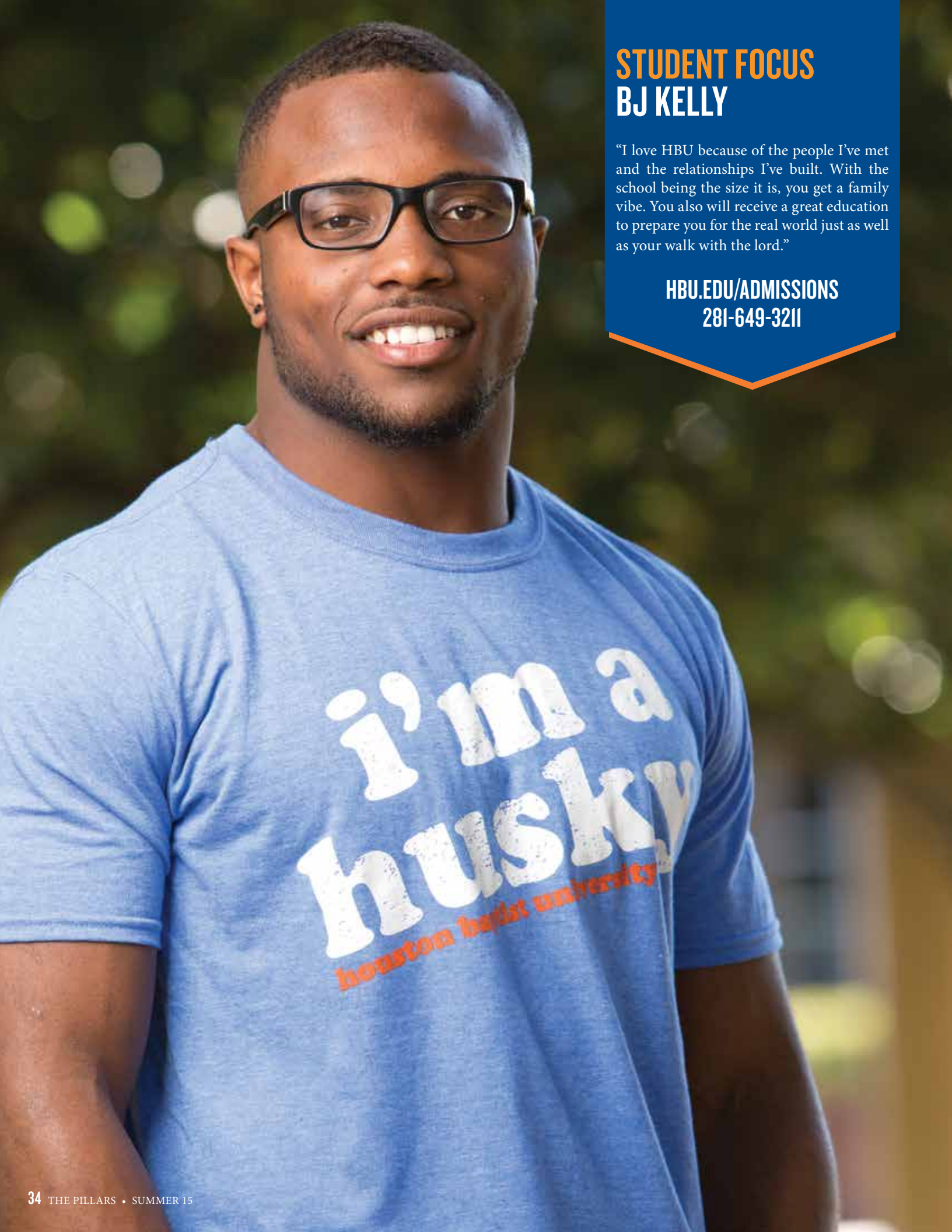


Dr. James Massey passed away on April 13, 2015. Dr. Massey served as the vice president for student affairs from 1969-1992. He earned his B.S. and M.Ed. at LSU where he was president of Lambda Chi Alpha and received his Ed.D. at the University of Mississippi in student personnel services and higher education. He taught at Pasadena High School, and was dean of students.



Howard Lee, Jr., vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, passed away on May 14. He practiced law in Houston in the firm of Carl, Lee & Coselli from 1964 until the beginning of 2015, primarily in the areas of real estate and probate, but always with a focus on serving people. In 2014, he was honored by the State Bar of Texas for 50 years of service in the legal profession. Community service included some 20 years on the Board of Trustees at Houston Baptist University, most recently as its vice chairman. He was a 20 year member of the board of AD Players, sitting as chairman for several years and providing a steady hand in the growth of its vision over that time.

IN MEMORIAM



STUDENT FOCUS BJ KELLY

"I love HBU because of the people I've met and the relationships I've built. With the school being the size it is, you get a family vibe. You also will receive a great education to prepare you for the real world just as well as your walk with the lord."

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HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE DIRECTOR ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE STORES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Anthony Martin takes helm of collegiate retail industry association board.

Martin was sworn in as president of the Board of Trustees of the National Association of College Stores (NACS), the professional trade association that represents the nation's collegiate retailing industry, at CAMEX 2015.

As president, Martin will take the lead role in governance of the association's more than 4,000 store and associate members, directing the organization toward its strategic mission of enhancing college stores through education, advocacy and the utilization of new technologies and course material delivery systems.

Born in San Antonio but raised in Houston and Pittsburg, Texas, Martin has a long history of involvement with NACS. From 2012-2013, Martin served as the president of the NACS Foundation, the philanthropic arm of NACS, where he regularly volunteers. He has attended every CAMEX, the association's annual convention and

tradeshow, since 1979 and has also chaired committees for the annual trade show.

In addition to his work with NACS, Martin has volunteered for the Louisiana State Association Board and the Southwest College Bookstore Association, which presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

"I'm unbelievably honored and overwhelmed to have been chosen as president of the NACS Board of Trustees," Martin said. "I love and care so much about our industry, our member stores, our institutions and vendors, our faculty partners, and most of all, our students, who depend greatly on us for their academic success. None of us would even be here if it weren't for them and their families."

**FRIENDS
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ADMISSIONS EVENTS FOR 2015-2016

PREVIEW

- **Fall Preview Saturday**
October 17, 2015
- **Winter Preview Weekend**
February 12-13, 2016
- **Spring Preview Saturday**
April 23, 2016

3rd Place in the Houston Art Car Parade

Led by Zack Mineano, BFA '14, students from MFA and BFA programs paired up with Wesley Middle School to create the art car. Congratulations!

EXPERIENCE HBU

- September 30, 2015
- November 4, 2015
- February 3, 2016
- March 2, 2016

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR LUNCHEON

- September 18, 2015

SPRING REGISTRATION DAY I

- November 20, 2015

TRANSFER GUIDED TOUR

- December 2, 2015

SPRING REGISTRATION DAY 2

- January 15, 2016

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS RECEPTION

- March 6, 2016

TRANSFER OPEN HOUSE

- April 14, 2016

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

- 1st Summer Session - TBA★
- 2nd Summer Session
- TBA★

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

College Overview and Faculty on Day 2

- June 13-14, 2016
- June 16-17, 2016
- June 20-21, 2016
- June 23-24, 2016

TRANSFER ORIENTATION

- July 9, 2016 - Date #1
- July 30, 2016 - Date #2



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MINI ORIENTATION

- TBA*

SUMMER SNEAK PEEK

- TBA*

RECURRING EVENTS:

Convocation

Every Wednesday at 11 a.m.
(Morris Cultural Arts Center
and Dunham Theater)

Organ Recitals

Once per month (not
currently booked for 15-16)
Fridays at 12 p.m.
(Morris - Chapel)

AUGUST 2015:

8th: Commencement
(Morris Center)

20-23rd: Welcome Days
(Campus-wide)

SEPTEMBER 2015:

8-10th: Ignite! 2015
(Morris Cultural Arts Center)

12th: Family Weekend
(Campus-wide)

18th: HS Counselor Lunch -
Admissions (McNair)

18-19th: Philosophy
Conference
(Hinton / Morris)

24th: Science & Faith Event
(Morris - Dunham Bible
Museum)

24th: CCB Fall Networking
Luncheon
(Hinton / Morris)

OCTOBER 2015:

2nd: Hymn Fest
(Morris - Belin Chapel)

3rd: Homecoming

- Football game
(Dunham Field)

16th: Glee Club concert
(Morris - Belin Chapel)

17th: Admissions Preview
(Campus)

22nd: Prince-Chavanne
Lecture: Dunham College
of Business
Dr. Archie Dunham, speaker
(Morris - Belin Chapel)

NOVEMBER 2015:

3rd: 11:45am - KKHT Pastor's
Appreciation Luncheon/
Reservations: 713-260-3600
(free) Jim Daly, President of
Focus on the Family
(Morris Cultural Arts Center)

DECEMBER 2015:

4th: Messiah concert
AM concert for school kids'
field trip
(Morris - Dunham)

12: Commencement
(Morris Cultural Arts Center)

JANUARY 2016:

21-23rd: CASL - Christian
Association of Student
Leaders Conference
(Campus-wide)

29th: CCB Networking
Luncheon (Hinton)

FEBRUARY 2016:

12-13th: Winter Preview
(Campus)

25-27th: Ad Fontes, Ad
Futura: Erasmus' Bible and
the Impact of Scripture
Craig Evans, Timothy George,
Daniel Wallace, and Hermann
Selderhuis
(Morris Cultural Arts Center)

MARCH 2016:

4th: Choraleidoscope
(Morris - Belin)

6th: Academic Scholars
Reception
(Morris - Belin / McNair)

25th: Collage Concert
(Morris - Dunham)

APRIL 2016:

2nd: Spring Preview
(Campus)

MAY 2016:

6th: Schola Spring Concert
(Morris - Dunham)

JUNE 2016:

10-19 Tour Israel with
Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

13-14, 16-17, 20-21, 23-24:
Orientation
(Campus)

13-17, 20-24, 27- July 1:
FUGE (University
Co-sponsored Camp)

JULY 2016:

BGCT - Super Summer
(University Co-sponsored
Camp)

LEAD 222
(Christian Camp)

HBU EVENTS

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS:

December 9, 2015
Guild Christmas Lunch
River Oaks Country Club

Guild Silver Tea

November 1, 2016
Spirit of Excellence Gala /
Royal Sonesta Hotel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual Turning Point in
History Lecture(s)
History Department

Campus Service Day
Student Life

Lecture
College of Science & Mathematics

The Guild Institute in Christian
Family Studies - Convocation:
Dr. Hunter Baker, speaker

Writing Conference
School of Fine Arts

Husky Revue

Teaching & Learning Symposium
College of Education & Behavioral
Sciences

Ring Ceremony
Alumni

Celebration of Scholarship
Symposium

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