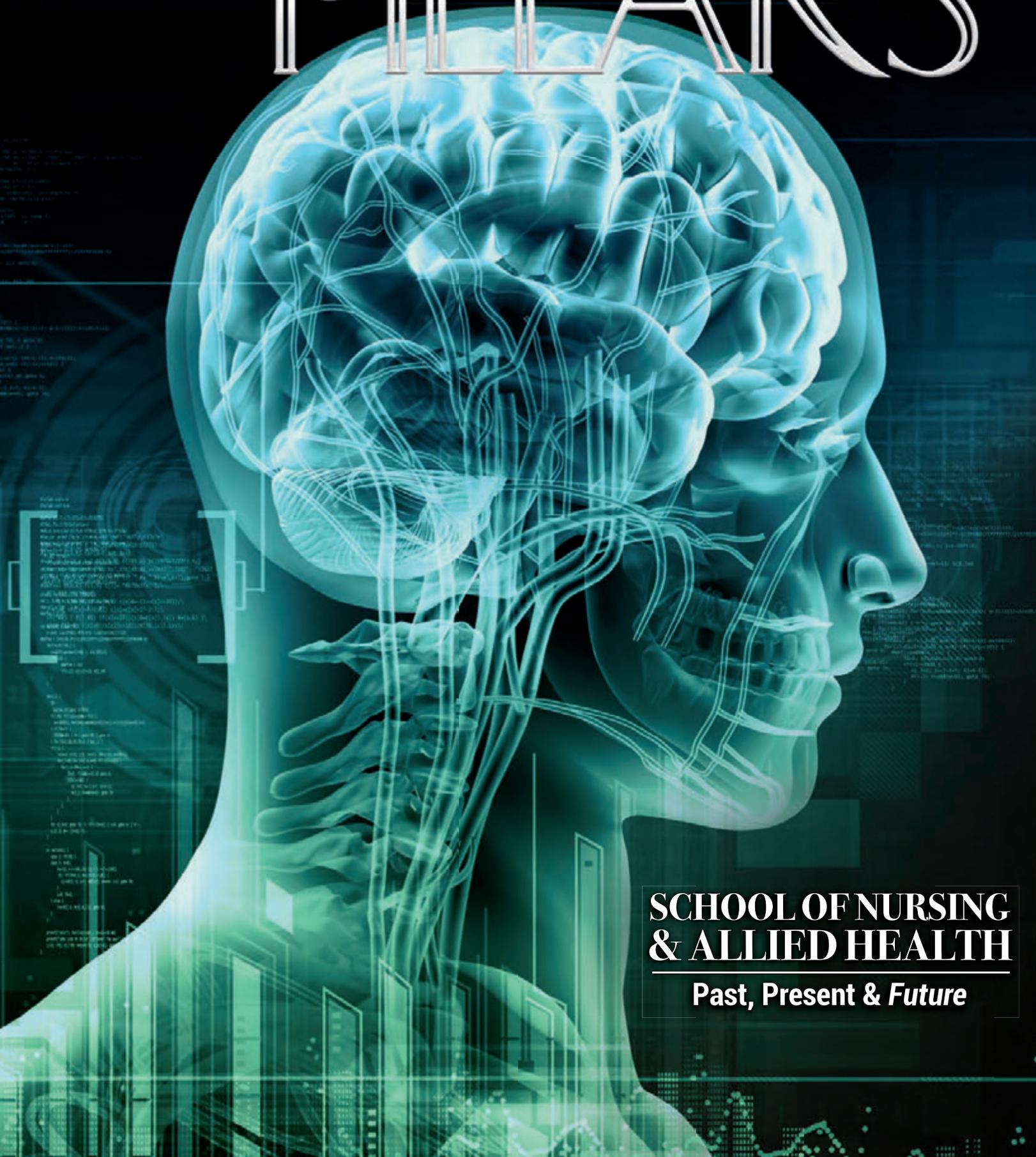


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## MONDAY, JUNE 5 - DAY 1: DEPART USA

Embark upon your journey with an overnight flight to Athens.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 6 - DAY 2: ATHENS, THESSALONIKI

Arrive in Athens mid-afternoon and are met by our representative and given the tickets for our flight to Thessaloniki.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 - DAY 3: THESSALONIKI, PHILIPPI, KAVALA

In the morning we start with the landmarks of the city: the White Tower, the Walls of the Byzantine Acropolis to see the famous funerary Lion of Amphipolis, the Roman Arch of Galerius and the Rotonda, Christian churches, the Basilicas of St. Demetrius and St. Sophia (Divine Wisdom). We then on to Philippi to visit the Baptistry of Lydia near the river where Paul baptized her and the ruins of the Forum of Philippi, the Christian Basilicas, the "Prison of Paul" and the Theater. Then we drive to Kavala (Neapolis), Paul's first step in bringing the Gospel to present-day Europe. We also view the Byzantine Castle and the Roman Aqueduct. We return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 8 - DAY 4: METEORA, ATHENS

This morning we see the Byzantine monasteries perched on summits of gray rock peaks of varied and beautiful shapes where the monks sought refuge in the cliff-side caves, then fled higher to build the original wooden shelters, which were later transformed into monasteries. Afterwards we continue to Athens where we will have dinner and overnight.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9 - DAY 5: START OUR 3-NIGHT MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

We sail from Athens to the quaint isle of Mykonos, called the island of windmills. No excursions are included today, as we will visit the island at our leisure by foot. We'll have time to experience the waterfront lined with shops and cafes before returning to the ship for dinner.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 10 - DAY 6: KUSADASI, PATMOS

In the morning we arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey. Excursion included: A short drive takes us to Ephesus. The impressive remains of Ephesus include the Agora, the Theater, the Stadium, the Library of Celsus, the ruins of the Temple of Diana (one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World") and many more. Later, we sail for the island of Patmos. Excursion included: Here we visit the Monastery of St. John, on one of the island's highest points, then down to the Grotto of the Apocalypse, the site of the apocalyptic Revelations of St. John the Divine.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 11 - DAY 7: HERAKLION, CRETE / SANTORINI

In the morning we arrive at Heraklion, Crete and disembark. You can choose to visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos, home to king Minos and his legendary beast the Minotaur. In the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion, we can find the unbelievable works of art (pieces of sculpture and pottery, jewelry, arms, frescoes) that have been found in a number of Minoan sites all over Crete. In the afternoon, we cruise to the isle of Santorini and disembark. Santorini is often referred to as the most breathtaking of all the Greek islands.

## MONDAY, JUNE 12 - DAY 8: PIREAS, CORINTH, ATHENS

We disembark in the morning at Pireas (formerly Piraeus) and continue sightseeing with a visit to Ancient Corinth, the once-glorious city near the Isthmus, where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and spent a year and a half preaching the Word of God. We visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the Temples and the famous Bema, where Paul stood before Gallio, accused by the Jews of Corinth. Then we drive to Cenchreae, the little harbor from which Paul sailed back to Asia, ending his second missionary journey. We'll follow our guide to the world-renowned Acropolis, to see the Propylea, the Erechtheum and the Parthenon. We visit Mars Hill, where Paul delivered his speech on the "Unknown God." Then we see the Agora, the ancient center of the economic and public life of the city, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. During the bus tour, we also see Constitution Square with the House of Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus, the Old Olympic Stadium and the Neoclassical Buildings of Athens. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Athens on your own. Dinner and overnight are in Athens.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 13 - DAY 9: ATHENS, DELPHI, ATHENS

Today we include a special visit to the mountainous city of Delphi. For the ancient Greeks, Delphi was labeled the "omphalos" (navel) of the earth and it is here that the eternal flame burned in the Temple of Apollo. Delphi was the site of the Delphic oracle, the most important oracle in the classical Greek world where in 586 B.C. athletes from all over the Greek world competed in the Pythian Games, one of the precursors to the modern Olympics. Dinner and overnight are in Athens. *Those taking the optional Rome extension will proceed to the Athens airport for the evening flight to Rome.*

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 - DAY 10: ATHENS, U.S.A.

We transfer in the morning to Athens Airport for our return flight back to the U.S.A. We arrive home the same day.

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Today we enjoy a sightseeing tour, including a special visit to the Catacombs afterwards continuing on to St. Peter in Chains. Then we visit the Colosseum, which symbolizes the eternity of the Roman civilization, the Forum and the Piazza Venezia. In the afternoon, we visit St. John Lateran and the "Sacred Steps." Dinner and overnight are in Rome.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 15 - DAY 11: ROME, POMPEII

We travel south for Pompeii to visit the spectacular ruins which were covered by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. We return to Rome in time for dinner and overnight.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16 - DAY 12: ROME, VATICAN & SISTINE CHAPEL, TREVI FOUNTAIN

We visit the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. It is one of the most splendid masterpieces in the history of world art and is well known around the world for its magnificent ceiling, beautifully decorated by Michelangelo. Next we visit the Basilica of St. Peter, the largest church in the world, which overlooks the enormous Piazza San Pietro. After lunch we start our sightseeing stopping near the Fontana di Trevi, following tradition by tossing a coin into the fountain, promising to return to Rome. Dinner and overnight are in Rome.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17 - DAY 13: ROME, U.S.A.

We have a morning transfer to the Leonardo da Vinci Rome Airport for our return flight back to the U.S.A.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

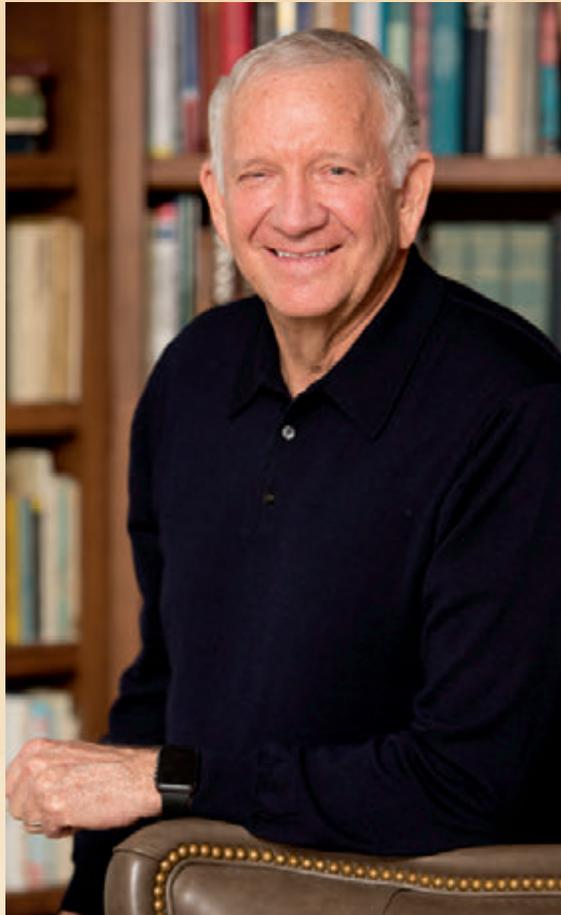
It is hard to believe it, but we are approaching the last few years of our vision, the *Ten Pillars*. With every project – as with our individual lives – it is important that we finish strong.

The *Ten Pillars* vision started in 2008, and here we are in 2016. We have somewhere between four and five years left to complete, or at least begin the initial planning processes for, the aspirations contained in it.

We have accomplished a lot, and the last few years of *The Pillars* magazine have documented the amazing progress we've made, but there is still much to do. Recently we have been having town hall meetings and various listening sessions at the University involving faculty and staff to discuss the projects we want to emphasize and recommend to the Trustees as priorities for the last few years of the vision. We are planning to have similar discussions with students and alumni to make sure we know the things that truly matter to everyone as we seek to fulfill HBU's vision. We are going to finish strong.

There is so much that we still have to do – there are academic programs and facilities to build, as well as important steps in professional development for faculty and staff that we need to take. This is a great university, and we must support our people with the training, spaces, and equipment required to provide the finest possible cutting-edge Christian education for our students.

We need science and nursing laboratories and classrooms, student services facilities, student housing, more general classrooms, more academic space for the fine arts, a special events center that will seat 5,000, and the completion of our football stadium.



We aspire to continue to grow by every means possible, emphasizing our residential experience while also expanding our online methods of delivering an HBU education. There are some exciting discussions going on by a very dynamic engineering advisory board, and we have some amazing, market-sensitive new programs being developed in the Archie W. Dunham College of Business. The School of Christian Thought and the humanities in general, including our Honors College and the development of an exciting new Center for Law and Liberty, have garnered attention worldwide while they continue to grow and expand. This coming fall The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences is starting our first doctoral program and also developing some exciting and much

needed programs in our culture with respect to mental and spiritual health.

In the midst of all these areas of programmatic and facility growth, we are especially working to expand discipleship programs and build the culture of HBU based upon our historic Christian commitments.

So much has been done, but there's so much left to do. We are working hard to finish strong as we implement the objectives of our mission and vision. We need your help. Still, the year 2020 will not mark the end of God's aspirations for HBU. The *Ten Pillars* vision will itself lead to another vision document and to the inspiring days that will follow if, and as we remain, faithful to Christ our Lord.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert B. Sloan, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

# The Vision Continues...

## Nine Priorities for 2012-2013

- Purchase the Wellness Center
- Start football/new conference membership
- Expand the Graduate School
- Develop Hwy. 59 and Fondren
- Become a truly Residential Campus
- Initiate an Advertising Campaign
- Energize Alumni Relations
- Begin a Capital Campaign
- Study the name of the University

## Nine Priorities for 2013-2014

- Create a comprehensive retention program
- Recruit faculty and initiate programs for academic visibility and marketplace relevance
- Complete football stadium project
- Implement safety and security plan
- Develop a new student advising model
- Demonstrate visible progress on Hwy. 59 and Fondren
- Reprogram student life spaces
- Redesign communication around social media to enhance internal information and external visibility
- Study opportunities for campus expansion

## Four Priorities for 2014-2015

- Seven-year Financial Planning
- Capital Campaign
- Retention
- Online Study

## Four Priorities for 2015-2016

- Online Education
- New Academic Programs
- Integration of Financial Settlement Operations
- Branding and Fundraising

## Ongoing

- Campus Edge/The Pillars Building Expansion
- Capital Campaign
- Seven-year Financial Plans Development
- Retention

## The Ten Pillars

FAITH & REASON  
IN A GREAT CITY

- I. Build on the Classics
- II. Recruit for National Influence
- III. Embrace the Challenge Of Christian Graduate Education
- IV. Establish A Residential Society Of Learning
- V. Increase Our Cultural Impact Thorough Our Faculty
- VI. Renew Our Campus, Renew Our Community
- VII. Bring Athens And Jerusalem Together
- VIII. Expand Our Commitment To The Creative Arts: Visual, Music And Literary
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– Unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees, February 24, 2009.

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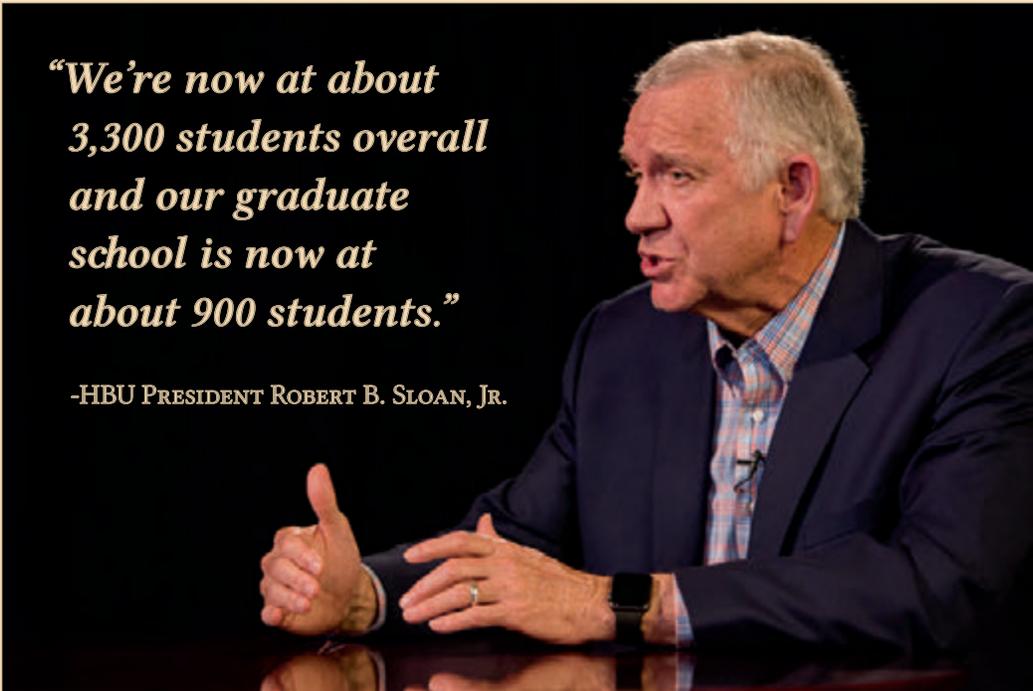
# COMPLETING THE TEN PILLARS

**THE PILLARS:** *Do you remember the genesis of the Ten Pillars vision?*

**DR. SLOAN:** I do. I had just come to HBU in 2006 and the first thing that I was privileged to do was to meet the staff and faculty here. I had small group meetings to learn about HBU and just get a feel for the culture. I would ask people, “okay what goes well? What do you do? What do you enjoy doing? Are there any issues or problems that we need to look at?” Because there are always things that bare improvement. And in the process of learning about HBU and learning the great history and tradition we have here I could also begin to hear their aspirations. And it was really out of those meetings that I knew that I was already getting the foundation points for what later came to be the Ten Pillars.

So fast forward a year and a half later, we started a formal process of building a vision document. We had “town hall meetings” around the campus and asked them one question: What would you like HBU to look like in the year 2020? The idea was not to put a dollar limitation on it, but to dream whatever you want about programs, buildings, culture, academic programs, athletics, etc. It was very exciting. We are a great Christian university in a great city, and that was the beginning point of the narrative because Christian universities tend to drift from their foundation, from their moorings of commitment to Christ and commitment to a scripture-informed Christianity. We don’t want to do that. We think you can be academically excellent and still be committed to Christ and to a faith that has honesty and integrity. A faith that’s willing to ask questions.

And here on campus we actually have ten pillars that came from the Galveston County Courthouse that was devastated



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**-HBU PRESIDENT ROBERT B. SLOAN, JR.**

by the 1900 storm of the century in Galveston. Those pillars remained standing. And when the courthouse was taken down, Dr. Stewart Morris and his wife Joella bought those pillars and brought ten of them to our campus. Ten is the number of strength in scripture, and there’s the Ten Commandments, so our vision document is called the Ten Pillars.

**THE PILLARS:** *So much has happened under your leadership. You have to feel a sense of real destiny to the steps that you’ve taken.*

**DR. SLOAN:** I really do believe the Lord has blessed HBU throughout our history. You can’t explain a place like HBU without the hand of the Lord going back even before the University was legally incorporated in 1960.

**THE PILLARS:** *In recent months*

*you’ve had emphasis on finishing the Ten Pillars, give us a snap shot of what that would entail.*

**DR. SLOAN:** Well here it is 2016 and we have only a few years left for the Ten Pillars vision. The question was “What do you want HBU to look like in the year 2020?” The goal here is to ask ourselves how can we finish strong in the implementation of the Ten Pillars vision. So a lot has been accomplished – our Honors College, for example. Starting an honors college and being in Division I NCAA athletics again – seeing the University grow in so many professional areas of education, nursing, business – those have just been huge growth areas for us. Seeing the University excel in the fine arts was one of the priorities of the Ten Pillars. Our School of Fine Arts is probably the finest private university School of Arts in America. I know that’s a bold statement, but I really believe

that's true. We just recently again won what's called the Rising Eyes of Texas exhibition, where our art students were recognized. The MFA program and our Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts are gaining recognition, along with our Department of Music, which continues to grow and strengthen. It's very exciting to see under the leadership that's there.

We have a new program in creative writing that is also a part of fine arts, as well as an outstanding program in Cinema and New Media Arts. The greatest strength of HBU is in the area of theology and biblical studies – and now we have Apologetics and Christian Philosophy. The University is very strong. A lot has been accomplished and we have exciting things lined up for us in the future.

For example, on Hwy. 59 and Fondren we have that 25-acre corner of the campus, which we sometimes refer to as the Campus Edge project. It will be called The Pillars at HBU. It's a shopping center. It's a whole development that will draw great attention to the University with a retail section, a parking garage, an office building, a hotel and conference center, and a 5,000-seat arena. Brick is being put up on a beautiful retail section of that development right now. Our architectural look will be extended all the way to the front tier by the freeway. It's very exciting.

**THE PILLARS:** *You have now entered into the digital domain through robertsloan.com and The Story of the Bible through partnership with LifeWay and its outreach on WORDsearch to nearly 400,000 churches, a precursor of a very direct and digital outreach of HBU. Can you encapsulate that?*

**DR. SLOAN:** I'll try to. Dr. Johnston, you have been very instrumental in leading



us in that area, but yes, the University now has a very exciting partnership with LifeWay. We have got Philippians, which is an online, certificate program, and I know Dr. Jeremiah Johnston, your son, has also done some wonderful things in this partnership with LifeWay and we'll be seeing faculty getting involved with them also. This LifeWay opportunity will create certificates and non-credit certificates and other opportunities that can lead to credit hours for individuals who sign up. This will expand the visibility of the University and give our faculty members a platform to teach online.

All that I've mentioned are answers to *The Ten Pillars'* challenge for growth. We have grown where many private universities have not. We're now at about 3,300 students overall and our graduate school is now at about 900 students.

One of the next phases of our growth will be with the traditional undergraduate and graduate student, through the online experience. For example, we currently have a partnership with Educate, which is an online program for nurses. We now have an online competency-based program that will allow a registered nurse to get a bachelor's degree in Nursing, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. So the RN to BSN that's exclusively online.

The College of Business and our College of Education are very dynamic in this area. Even in art, classes are can be taught online. The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences is going to start a whole emphasis on mental health and Christian psychology, which we think is going to explode because of the excellence of the people that we have involved. Of course we won't abandon our traditional campus. We are very strong in the philosophy area, biblical languages, and in the classical

languages, and now we also have a whole new area that we call the Center for Law and Liberty where we will teach the founding principles of American democracy and the American practices of government. Things like freedom and free markets, these are very important. We think human freedom is a gift of God and it ought to have the opportunity to flourish.

**THE PILLARS:** *We look forward to your Story of the Bible and just one final question, did you ever think you could step into an HBU studio and teach the Bible, the Book of Philippians and it be marketed digitally to 400,000 pastors?*

**DR. SLOAN:** It's amazing. No, but right here on campus we have this gorgeous studio with cutting-edge technology and cameras. We have the ability to shoot and produce our professors' content every day and capture this content and make it available to 400,000 church members, pastors, and staff members who can study the Book of Philippians or the Story of the Bible. It is wonderful. We're glad to have the opportunity to harness the things that God gives us to be able to expand our mission, to share the gospel, to teach and to allow the expertise.

I want people to see the growth that's going take place at HBU through the online opportunities for for-credit and not-for-credit growth, very exciting.



**Dr. Robert Sloan explains the Vision at [hbu.edu/p53-pillars](http://hbu.edu/p53-pillars).**

# HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH

## Past, Present & Future

By DR. RHONDA (RENAE) SCHUMANN

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Houston Baptist University's School of Nursing & Allied Health

links to the present and the future. It started with the Memorial School of Nursing in what was then downtown Houston. Many young nurses, under the direction of Mrs. Lilly Jolly, learned to give the best patient care that any nursing school could offer, and they delivered that care with grace, compassion, and a sense of purpose that is understood and experienced by so few in any field. Mrs. Jolly's legacy lives on to this day as students and graduates from the School of Nursing and Allied Health continue to provide the same compassionate, purposeful care as their predecessors.

Lilly Jolly, who was the first dean of the Memorial School of Nursing, took the school from its downtown hospital setting to another location in southwest Houston. Eventually, the Memorial School of Nursing became the Lilly Jolly School of Nursing.

The Lilly Jolly School became part of the HBU campus, and then renamed the School of Nursing & Allied Health. Though Mrs. Jolly had long since retired, the College held true to her standards and demanded excellence in nursing and personal practice. The College of Nursing graduated students who were well respected in the field.

Today's students and graduates from HBU's School of Nursing and Allied Health celebrate their link to the school's beginnings. The Allied Health part of the school, which houses three kinesiology degrees, joined the nursing school



nearly 10 years ago to create the School of Nursing and Allied Health. Since the development of the recently established Deans Developmental Council (DDC), nursing and kinesiology students have enjoyed collaboration through programs sponsored by the DDC, and with each passing semester the contribution of the DDC to the SNAH students grows. In 2015, the DDC sponsored a Lunch and Learn event directed at all SNAH students where they received a free lunch and learned about scheduling and caring for patients in Sport Medicine Clinics.

Contributions from the DDC have included an annual fund-raising luncheon, faculty breakfasts and get togethers during final exam week, a pre-nursing orientation brunch for incoming freshman students during Welcome Days, refreshments for the nursing pinning ceremonies, and most recently the donation of the HBU nursing pin to each graduate. There is a grand vision for the SNAH, one which could not be accomplished without the help of the Deans Developmental Council.

The vision for the School includes growth in program development and enrollment through Interprofessional Education (IPE), technology, and community partnerships. When possible, the School of Nursing and Allied Health will share resources including simulation labs in the Cullen Nursing Center and in the Bradshaw Fitness Center, laptop computers purchased by the School of Nursing from the Hamill Foundation grant to be used for testing, and faculty when appropriate.

# THE PRESENT

## NURSING

The School of Nursing boasts small classes where faculty and students know each other, and students can benefit from the personal touch. Faculty learn students' strengths and needs, and they can work with each student towards developing strengths where needed. Nurses in the partnering clinical agencies value HBU students and graduates, and they pursue HBU graduates for employment, often before graduation. In fact, it is not unusual for 90 percent or greater of the graduating class to have multiple job offers before graduation.

## HONORS COLLEGE AND ATHLETICS

Within the traditional pre-licensure student group are two specialized groups which were difficult to manage - those enrolled in the HBU Honors College, and student athletes. Nursing schools that have an honors program develop it for nursing only, and keep it separate from the university college or other groups because nursing scheduling and course work is difficult to accommodate. There is nothing in the current literature which demonstrates inclusion of the nursing students within a university-level Honors College. However, in 2013 the SNAH entered into a one-of-a-kind joint admission program with the HBU Honors College, in which highly motivated freshmen who are interested in nursing may be admitted into the Honors College and receive provisional admission to the BSN program combining the classics Honors College and the nursing courses.

The BSN Honors degree is growing in popularity each year, and students are entering the nursing curriculum earlier as a result. The BSN Honors degree produces a better educated nurse who demonstrates strong critical thinking skills and unconditional, universal compassion and acceptance for others.

An addition to the Honors College students is a specialized group of nursing student athletes with the challenges of meeting NCAA guidelines, and HBU's regulations for athletes, combined with the rules and content of the very

*The School of Nursing and Allied Health currently offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree with four separate curriculum modalities, and three separate Bachelor of Science-Kinesiology degrees.*

strenuous BSN program. In the past, most student athletes have been forced to choose between sport and nursing because practice and travel schedules are often incompatible with lab and clinical schedules. Now, student athletes are admitted to the nursing program according to the season of their sport to avoid the major conflicts with travel time versus the class schedules. By using this plan, more students are able to achieve both athletic and academic goals.

## **RN-BSN PROGRAM**

In 2015, the faculty launched a separate modality for achieving a BSN degree. With the help of an enrollment management partner, Meteor Learning, the 100 percent online, competency-based RN-BSN program, where students complete the BSN degree at their own pace from their own homes. The program, which has been open less than a year, already has more than 50 students enrolled, with the first graduates expected in December of 2016.



## **KINESIOLOGY**

Kinesiology, the study of human movement, is the “prevention” side of healthcare. The School of Nursing and Allied Health houses three separate Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology degrees. **Wellness Management**, which has the greatest enrollment of the three, prepares graduates to work in areas of fitness, wellness, and health promotion. Many Wellness Management graduates pursue further education, specifically in the field of Physical Therapy.

**Athletic Training** is a current BS degree within the SNAH. Athletic trainers work with clients who work with the sports teams. They teach proper body mechanics and assess and treat injuries associated with movement. Athletic trainers can work with other groups besides sports teams to make sure that everyone is moving safely.

This year the School will launch a Bachelor of Science degree in **Sports Management**, which is a combination of kinesiology wellness management and business courses. Graduates will be prepared to conduct the business of operating a gym or fitness center as well as managing intramural or similar teams.

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*“Partnerships with hospital systems provide students the chance to interface with the hospital leadership.”*

-DR. RHONDA (RENAE) SCHUMANN





## THE FUTURE: PARTNERSHIPS

Students enjoy the benefit of partnership agreements with various clinical agencies, schools and employers, and groups. Affiliation agreements with hospitals and articulation agreements with junior colleges keep the SNAH active and in communication with stakeholders, donors, the Texas Medical Center, and the greater community.

In addition to providing student placements for nursing, clinical, and kinesiology internship practical experiences, partnerships provide opportunities for student scholarships and collaborations between faculty and agency staff which would have not been possible otherwise.

Collaborations between schools and clinical agencies or employers help college faculty stay current and relevant in their practice while informing agencies of the most effective teaching strategies or curriculum development plans for staff.

Partnerships with hospital systems provide students the chance to interface with the hospital leadership. Likewise, the partnering hospitals or other agencies can meet the students at the beginning of the educational program and possibly hire them as the student approaches graduation.

Partnerships in kinesiology include not only hospitals and clinics, but any setting where a health or safety program is required. Partnerships allow the employers and the students to learn about each other and to see the best fit.

## THE FUTURE: NEW DEGREES & PROGRAM TRACKS

Needs for specialty services contribute to the growth of the SNAH. The nursing faculty have plans to enhance the program through degree offerings and modifications.

- First is the **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)** which will be online, except for clinical or practicum components. The MSN, which is scheduled to launch in 2017, will have four separate tracks and one certificate program, including Nursing Education, Nursing Administration, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care), then a post masters certificate, Pediatric Nurse Practitioners in Acute Care setting.
- Also in future planning is the **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** degree, designed for nurses who are Nurse Practitioners and would like the expertise in management of more complicated patients within complex healthcare systems. As with the MSN, the DNP will originally launch as a post MSN entry, then eventually transition to BSN to DNP, and maybe RN-DNP to gather the students in the completion program.
- In Spring 2017 an **online Master of Science in Kinesiology with a specialty in Sport Management** is scheduled to start. Students will learn the more advanced business and sport management skills to apply to teams, schools, and other employers.
- The current BS in Athletic Training has suspended enrollment as of Spring 2016 so that it can reopen as an entry-level (no BS required before it) **Master of Science-Kinesiology in Athletic Training**. This move is required by the governing and accrediting bodies of the athletic training profession, and as a result, the program will be able to gain accreditation in the future. As the athletic trainer scope of practice expands, so will the need for continued education. Therefore, the future SNAH also holds development of a **Doctor of Athletic Training** degree, whose developers have patterned it after the nursing DNP.
- Other innovations in the SNAH programs include development of a degree specific **honors research program** where the student partners with a faculty research mentor not only to assist the faculty with research, but also to develop and implement his or her own piece of that research. This can contribute to students' interest in graduate school and in life-long learning, which is a value of the nursing and athletic training accreditors. The SNAH honors program can be in cooperation with, or separate from, the HBU Honors College.
- Certification programs offered by the SNAH are being discussed or developed, including **EKG Technician, Legal Nurse Consultant, and Nursing Leadership**. The Kinesiology program currently requires Wellness Management and Athletic Training students to pass a Coaches Exam for progression to the next level.

The fields of Healthcare Administration and Childlife Specialist are in consideration for future development. Both degrees would be Master's level programs according to their accreditors.

# THE FUTURE: THOUGHTS ON SHARED ACTIVITIES

The Deans Developmental Council for the SNAH will assist with raising the funds to update the nursing and kinesiology simulation labs, especially as additional equipment will be required for the respective master's degrees. Shared activities with other University colleges and students as well as the HBU community, include disaster drills where other students or faculty serve as patients, and inner city mission trips where SNAH students can perform basic assessments in area neighborhoods or centers. Both of these, as well similar events planned and implemented by the Nursing Student Association and Kinesiology Student Association, contribute to community wellness while making HBU more visible in the community and increasing students' skills and abilities.



**Dr. Renae Schumann shares the Vision of the School of Nursing & Allied Health at [hbu.edu/p53-nursing](http://hbu.edu/p53-nursing).**

## REPRESENTING CHARACTER, COMPASSION, AND EXCELLENCE

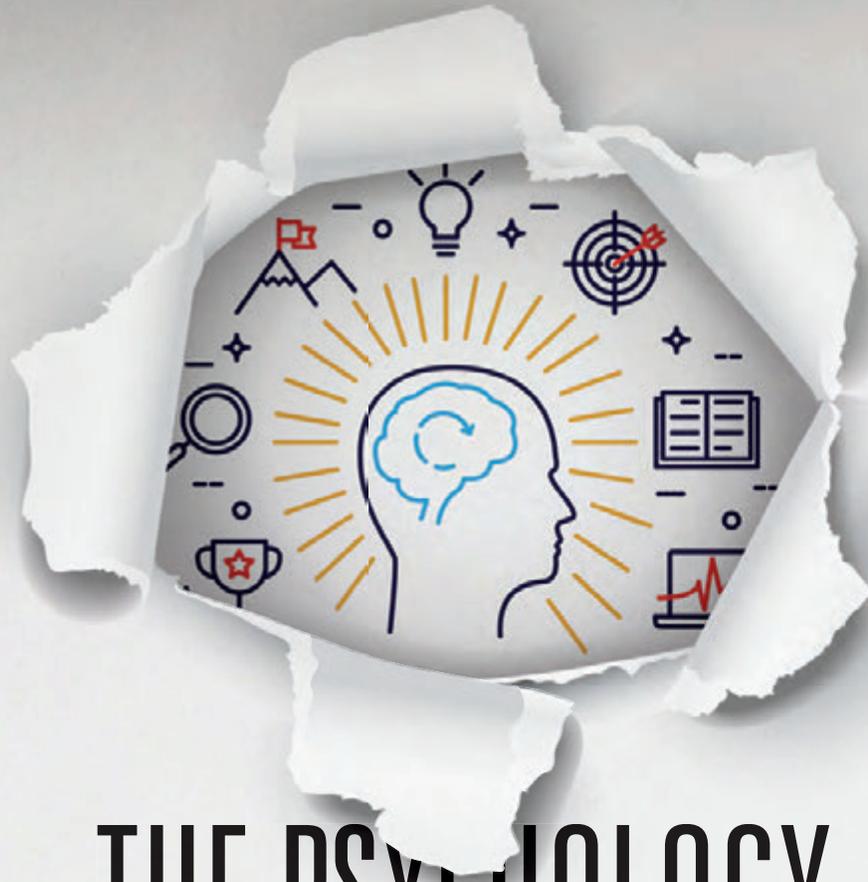
### THE LILLIE JOLLY EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARD

The School of Nursing and Allied Health Dean's Development Council recently established The Lillie Jolly Excellence in Nursing Award. This award commemorates the legacy of Lillie Jolly, former dean of the Lillie Jolly School of Nursing, which later became the HBU School of Nursing and Allied Health. Lillie Jolly's mission was to train nurses to be people of character, compassion, and excellence, making an impact on everyone around them. This award is for a nursing students who has maintained a 3.5 GPA, has had no course failures, and who has made an impact on patients, peers, and faculty.

This year's recipient is Jenna Lee, who will also receive a scholarship of \$500.



*The School of Nursing and Allied Health Dean's Development Council presents Jenna Lee with the certificate for the Lillie Jolly Excellence in Nursing Award. (Pictured left to right) Patricia Bennett, Joanna Poor RN, Jenna Lee - recipient, Pat Goettsche, Dr. Renae Schumann - Dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health (Not pictured: Jane Jester '68 Marmion - Chair, Dean's Development Council and Marsha Mathis '68 Eckermann)*



# THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR AT HBU

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## SUCCESS BEYOND THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

*The Undergraduate Psychology major at HBU represents a blend of theory, research, and practice. This 46-hour major is grounded in a curriculum designed to introduce students to a basic understanding of the scientific and systematic study of behavior and mental processes. Like most psychology programs, psychology majors at HBU learn to critically examine theories and research findings that explore the biological bases and environmental determinants of behavior. What sets HBU's program apart is that students hone these critical thinking skills within a Christian environment.*

**WHAT TO EXPECT** - Psychology majors at HBU can expect to know their professors and for their professors to know them. Despite the popularity of psychology courses at HBU, a concerted effort is made to keep class sizes at or below an enrollment of 30. It is the philosophy of the department that smaller class sizes foster an environment that is conducive to learning course content and also facilitate more of a mentee-mentor relationship between student and professor outside of the classroom. Secondly, all psychology majors can expect to be assigned to a full-time psychology professor for advising.

In addition to fostering an environment that is conducive to

learning about psychology in the classroom, it is also the aim of the program to provide opportunities for students to apply what they learn about psychology out of the classroom. For example, during their senior year, psychology majors are required to take the Psychology Capstone course, which is the culminating experience for the psychology major. Students incorporate the essential core concepts of psychology into one of two domains. Domain I focuses on an in-depth original research project and Domain II requires students to complete an externship at an approved site. Students who choose the research project are strongly encouraged to present their findings at the University's

annual Celebration of Scholarship and at professional conferences such as the Texas Psychological Association.

Finally, students can expect to have their academic achievements recognized. The Psi Chi National Honor Society is one of several ways the department recognizes academic excellence.

Another way that the department recognizes academic excellence is by identifying an Outstanding Student in Psychology each year. This award is given to a senior psychology major whose achievement is recognized at the annual Honors Convocation. Another special honor is given to the psychology undergraduate who continues their graduate studies in either psychology or counseling at HBU. This student automatically receives an Alumni Scholarship from the Graduate School. However, the student also may apply for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Scholarship. The psychology faculty members award this scholarship based upon the strength of the student's essay and academic record.

### **LIFE AFTER MAJORING IN PSYCHOLOGY**

The Psychology major prepares students for graduate study in psychology. Students who want to practice psychology or counseling must be licensed and earn at least a master's degree. Students who want to become a psychologist must be licensed and earn

a doctorate in psychology. Students may continue their graduate studies in psychology or counseling at HBU.

The following degree programs are available: **Master of Arts in Psychology – General (MAP-General)**, **Master of Arts in Psychology – Licensed Specialist in School Psychology**, **Master of Arts in Counseling**, and **Master of Arts in Christian Counseling**. All of the aforementioned programs lead to licensure with the exception of the MAP – General program. The MAP-General program is designed to prepare students for doctoral study in psychology.

There are limited “applied” employment opportunities for the student with a BA degree in psychology. The prospect for employment is brighter for the undergraduate psychology major who is seeking employment in either a non-psychology related field or seeking a staff position in a psychology-related field.

### **WHAT IF A STUDENT LIKES PSYCHOLOGY BUT IS NOT COMPLETELY SOLD ON MAJORING IN PSYCHOLOGY?**

In addition to the Psychology major, there is the Psychology minor, which serves as a great companion to majors such as biology and Christianity. What makes the Psychology minor such a good fit for Biology and Christianity majors is that it assists with the development of the soft skills that are important for those

who plan to pursue careers in medicine and the ministry. Another alternative for students to consider is the Pre-professional Art Therapy program. This program was established in 2015 and is co-sponsored by the psychology and art departments. Students who plan to become an art therapist are encouraged to consider this program prior to applying to an art therapy master's program.

Strong academic preparation within a Christian environment, a low faculty to student ratio, and opportunities to support student success beyond the bachelor's degree are several characteristics that set the psychology department at HBU apart from other programs. **If you have questions about the psychology major at HBU, please contact me at [rnero@hbu.edu](mailto:rnero@hbu.edu).**



**Listen to Dr. Nero as she discusses the Psychology Major at HBU at [hbu.edu/p53-psych](http://hbu.edu/p53-psych).**



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**By Dr. Renata Nero**

*Chair, Department of Psychology  
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Sharon Burros Professor in School Counseling  
Program Coordinator, Psychology  
Professor of Psychology*

# The *Ten Pillars* Vision Expands

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*“Our outstanding faculty will now have the ability to provide ministry preparation in a seminary setting that is based in Houston and is specifically geared for the ministry needs of this great city.”*

– ROBERT B. SLOAN, JR., PRESIDENT

**H**ouston Baptist University recently announced the formation of Houston Theological Seminary. Classes for Houston Theological Seminary will begin this fall semester on HBU’s campus, other campuses, as well as online. Students will be able to participate in these classes in multiple ways by pursuing their Master of Divinity degree or by attending in a not-for-credit capacity.

“HBU has long emphasized the importance of ministry preparation, and we are pleased to add the Master of Divinity to our other graduate programs. Our outstanding faculty will now have the ability to provide ministry preparation in a seminary setting that is based in Houston and is specifically geared for the ministry needs of this great city,” said President Robert Sloan.

The seminary will feature innovative programs designed to train pastors for the needs in the 21st century. Resourcing distinguished experience of local church leaders and the unique and diversified scholarship of professors, ministry programs at Houston Theological Seminary will be distinctive and reflect scholarship highly applicable for ministry. “We are excited about the opportunity to impact our community and nation for

Christ through the training of ministers in an educational setting where students will have excellent theoretical and practical experiences,” said HBU Provost Cynthia Simpson.

Houston Theological Seminary and the Master of Divinity program will feature professors internationally known for their research and teaching. Dean of The School of Christian Thought Dr. Craig Evans, is the John Bisagno Distinguished Professor of Christian Origins. Dr. Evans’ primary teaching focus is New Testament and background to the New Testament. He has published more than 600 scholarly studies, including more than 70 books. Among the first classes to be offered in Houston Theological Seminary will be Dr. Evans’ course on defending the Bible.

Degrees offered through Houston Theological Seminary will include **Master of Arts degrees in Apologetics, Biblical Languages, Christian Leadership, Theological Studies,** and the **Master of Divinity.** Programs will be offered both for graduate credit and in a not-for-credit format across Houston, and will vary depending on the campus. Among the locations, Houston Theological Seminary will be offering classes at the Woodway campus of Second Baptist Church.

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**FALL 2016 SCHEDULE**

The CRN (for registration) is the number on the far left of each row.

**FALL – IN-PERSON** (August 29 -December 17, 2016)

Unless otherwise noted, classes meet once per week.

5170 / CHRI 5101	<b>SPIRITUAL FORMATION I</b>	5pm-6pm	Tues	Blackwell, Ben
5171 / CHRI 5102	<b>SPIRITUAL FORMATION II</b>	5pm-6pm	Mon	Blackwell, Ben
Note: SF is a series of 1 hour classes about discipleship. SF II can be taken before SF I, but not both at the same time.				

4266 / CHRI 5330	<b>HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY</b>	6pm-8:30pm	Mon	Sneller, Christopher
5174 / CHRI 6312	<b>CHURCH MINISTRY</b>	6pm-8:30pm	Mon	Dutton, Brett
5409 / CHRI 6340	<b>COMMUNICATING FOR LIFE CHANGE</b>	SBC/Woodway 6:45p-9:15pm*	Mon	Young, Ben

4263 / CHRI 5300	<b>INTRO TO BIBLICAL TEXTS/DOCTRINES</b>	6pm-8:30pm	Tues	Streett, Daniel
5198 / CHRI 5340	<b>SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY</b>	6pm-8:30pm	Tues	Hatchett, Randy
4963 / APOL 5381	<b>WORLDVIEW: LEWIS/SCHAEFFER</b>	6pm-8:30pm	Tues	Pearcey, Nancy
5405 / CHRI 6330	<b>CONTEMP CHALLENGES BIBLE/THEO</b>	SBC/Woodway 6:45p-9:15pm*	Tues	Evans, Craig

5173 / CHRI 5315	<b>CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES II (Gospels)</b>	6pm-8:30pm	Thurs	Maston, Jason
5175 / CHRI 6315	<b>CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES III (Prophets)</b>	6pm-8:30pm	Thurs	Sorgwe, Felisi

All Greek and Hebrew classes also count towards the Theology programs, so check the online listing for further options beyond these:

4717 / GREK 5301	<b>GREEK I</b>	2pm-3pm	MWF	Brookins, Tim
4818 / GREK 5301	<b>GREEK I</b>	6pm-8:30pm	Mon	Brookins, Tim
4806 / HEBR 5301	<b>HEBREW I</b>	3pm-4pm	MWF	Marshall, Phillip
4812 / HEBR 5301	<b>HEBREW I</b>	6pm-8:30pm	Wed	Marshall, Phillip

See also: **APOL, GREK, HEBR & PHIL**

To find this information online, google "HBU Academic Class Schedule."

\* Second Baptist Church, 6400 Woodway, Houston, Texas, Woodway Village Rm #114

Dr. Ben Young will serve as the director for those individuals pursuing the MDiv at the Woodway campus. Young is an author, speaker, and associate pastor at Second Baptist Church where he preaches each week at a contemporary worship service. Ben has written six books including his most recent release, *“Why Mike’s Not a Christian: Honest Questions about Evolution, Relativism, Hypocrisy, and More.”*

HBU has a long, reputable history of theological excellence and has faithfully followed its mission of providing a learning experience that instills in students a passion for academic, spiritual, and professional excellence as a result of its central confession, “Jesus Christ is Lord.” Since the beginning, the study of Christianity has been part of HBU’s curriculum.

For more information about the programs offered visit HBU.

edu/HTS and can apply for graduate programs at HBU.edu/grad or call 281-649-3383.



Learn more about Houston Theological Seminary at [hbu.edu/p53-seminary](http://hbu.edu/p53-seminary).



**Ernest P. Liang, PhD**

Director, Center for Christianity in Business

Associate Professor of Finance

Director, Center for Christianity in Business (CCB)

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**THE PILLARS:** *Your background, you're from Hong Kong?*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** Yes, I was born in Hong Kong in a Christian family. I graduated from college in Hong Kong and then went to the University of Chicago for my graduate education.

**THE PILLARS:** *What degrees did you pursue?*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** I got a masters in urban economics and urban planning, in finance, and then received a PhD from the joint study of economics and geography (or economic geography).

**THE PILLARS:** *For 25 years you were in the corporate world. What did you do?*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** What I found out in academia is that the knowledge that was incubated in the ivory tower is very rarely applicable to the business world and for the business people who are in the trenches. I decided to go into the corporate world and started out as chief economist for a regional economic consulting firm. Later I worked for a public software company as a treasurer and moved on as a CFO in another software company. Finally, I ended up at Halliburton, which is the number two oil field services company. I ran the corporate finance group there before I went into investment banking. After 10 years working on business transactions, I decided that God had another plan for me — the phone call came from a former dean of the College of Business at HBU. I said it was time and I moved here.

**THE PILLARS:** *Now you lead the Center for Christianity in Business at HBU. What was the genesis of this unique business networking ministry?*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** I had a strong passion

about integrating faith and work, and by extension, about faith and learning. The dean and I decided we should try something like this called the Center for Christianity in Business. That was back in 2008.

**THE PILLARS:** *Explain what the Center is about, your speakers and their topics, the enrichment and the spiritual factor.*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** The Center has one mission — to empower, challenge, and equip Christian business leaders so they can integrate their faith into their work space. We do this through a variety of initiatives: Three times a year we put on luncheon events for local business people and we invite our students to attend. This has been very successful. We also publish a journal called the *Christian Business Review*, which is kind of the Christian alternative to the *Harvard Business Review* — high quality, practical articles for the Christian marketplace professional. We also have a mentoring conference which is geared toward the student body. We invite local CEOs to HBU to give their testimony to students — how they run their business as a believer and also give them their personal testimony on the challenges and the failures they have as a Christian business leader. This year, we launched a new initiative which is social media. We have engaged an outside firm, a fine Christian man who runs his own publishing business, to help us put the social media platforms which include forums, podcasts, and blogs.

**THE PILLARS:** *Now the Archie W. Dunham Business School here at HBU is a growth engine. Why is it growing and why is it so attractive?*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** The business school itself has a very unique mission because we have one thing that other business schools do not have



*Houston, how did you get so solid in your faith?*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** I think I just learned from everybody and I enjoyed studying the Scripture. And I think that I learned a lot from the churches that I attend, especially Drs. Ed Young and Wallace Henley at Second Baptist Houston, my home church. I have also taught Sunday school for practically all my life, and you just have to keep learning.

**THE PILLARS:** *Is a business major a compelling career to follow for a prospective student and why?*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** Absolutely! I think that God created work for a purpose. It's a co-creative thing because we are created so we can do good work for God. There is a story about this guy going to a village and finding some workers building something and the first worker says, "Well this is so hard, I don't know what I'm doing. I'm just trying to make something of this dome." Then the other guy says, "Well I'm trying to make a statue of a big building, I don't know what it is. But it's not very interesting." And finally the third guy said with excitement, "I am building a cathedral!" That's the purpose in it, right? So that's the co-creative mandate that we have. Then we have communal purpose in business because, as John Wesley said, the original constitution of man, is the relation between brothers — being in a communal environment within an organization, within a business. That

is the original purpose of how we have been created. Business is the only institution under the sun that actually creates value — you can grow by building something from nothing. God has a really interesting purpose for us to do just that through the business enterprises.

**THE PILLARS:** *If I'm the young person, is there the prospect of a good job in today's America if you have a business degree?*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** I think so. I think that everybody, whether they actually find their dream job on the first try or not, should try something. I think every job has a God purpose intended in it. Even though they might not like the job, they will learn something from that so they can move on to a better job along the way.

**To learn more about the Center for Christianity in Business please visit [www.hbu.edu/ccb](http://www.hbu.edu/ccb).**

— a Christ-centered message. What the Center does is to actually bring the Christian business community on to campus to show the students in person how that works. The church does not really prepare our young people well for connecting their vocational desires with their spiritual identity. We try to fill that gap. The students really get first-hand knowledge of how these successful business people, who are also strong Christians, run their business and how they don't have to be afraid of acting and practicing their beliefs and their faith as a worker.

**THE PILLARS:** *Who are some of the other notables that you have had come speak and that you feel have had a distinctive message?*

**DR. ERNEST LIANG:** We have a long list of speakers who really stand out. Most recently we had Robert Duncan, founder and chairman of Transwestern, and Howard Tellepsen, CEO of Tellepsen Cos., who talked about faith and how the company is leveraged on faith. Other guests we had include Mark McCollum, CFO of Halliburton; Norm Miller, Chairman of Interstate Batteries; Ron Blue, founder of Kingdom Advisors; Archie Dunham, ex-CEO of Conoco-Phillips, and Andrew Card, former chief of staff under President George W. Bush, among others. A long list of distinguished people.

**THE PILLARS:** *Who disciplined you? Coming from Hong Kong, not really the bastion of Christianity, quite like*



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*“Students  
take a two-week  
trip in conjunction  
with their international  
business course work. We  
take them to see the world.”*

– DR. MICHAEL WEEKS



**Dr. Michael Weeks**

Archie W. Dunham College of Business  
Dean, Archie W. Dunham College of Business  
Professor of Management



PHOTOS BY DR. MICHAEL WEEKS

**THE PILLARS:** *The College of Business is named for Mr. Dunham. Can you give a brief profile why?*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** Yes, Mr. Dunham has been the non-executive chair of Chesapeake Energy and former chairman of ConocoPhillips, and he recently made the largest contribution in HBU's history, so in honor of that we named the College of Business for him.

**THE PILLARS:** *And your background?*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** My background is a little non-traditional for an academic administrator. I spent 21 years in the Air Force, but in the middle of my career, I transitioned to the academic world by teaching at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. When I retired, I went into full-time academia rather than the aviation industry.

**THE PILLARS:** *We have noticed that the business school is a growth engine at HBU, undergraduate and post graduate. Tell us why.*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** The business school reflects the modern economic environment. Modern society demands that we have an understanding of the workings of business, and there is a lot of demand for business training, which is a fairly broad curriculum. There is training in information systems, management, finance, accounting – the language of business. Our undergraduates get the language of business, and our graduate students get advanced training in that.

**THE PILLARS:** *Give us the uniqueness of the Archie W. Dunham School of Business.*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** We have a unique mission. Our mission is to serve Christ by developing innovative leaders of character, and those words were deliberately chosen by the college: innovation, leadership, and character. We are looking to develop leaders that can be prepared for the changing economic environment.

**THE PILLARS:** *And so, synoptically, the undergraduate degree includes what exactly?*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** Our undergraduate majors are Accounting, Finance, Marketing, International Business, and Management. Our graduate programs have four graduate degrees: a Master of Science in Human Resource Management, a traditional MBA, a Masters of International Business, and the Master of Accountancy, which prepares students for the CPA exam.

**THE PILLARS:** *In the post graduate level, what's the most popular?*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** MBA by far. It is the generalist degree that prepares students for the broadest range of career options. But those students who want to sit for the CPA exam go through our Master of Accountancy program. Our Human Resource Management program is also

very popular and was recently credentialed by the Society for Human Resource Management. Beyond that, we have a master's degree in International Business, which prepares students for the global marketplace. We have a lot of international students in this program.

**THE PILLARS:** *What is the future vision of the business school?*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** Our first priority is to achieve AACSB International accreditation, which is the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. AACSB is the top-level accreditation. In the meantime, we are strengthening our current programs. We have altered one of our courses so we now have a course specifically for managing innovation. We call it **Managing Innovation Strategically** and we teach students to evaluate not just technology, but also to evaluate the societal context around it.

**THE PILLARS:** *Now your business school also has the Center for Christianity in Business (CCB) with Dr. Liang. Explain the uniqueness of that.*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** We need to expose our students to the practitioner environment. In other words, what our business leaders are doing out there. Students have to know that they can practice their Christian faith, and that it is not misaligned with the business world. That is the intersection of the academic world and the world of business. The CCB gives the Christian business leaders from Houston an outreach where they can come talk to other business leaders about issues of faith in the workplace – how they can manage their Christian life, as a good witness, a good steward for God's resources in the business world. These are very real issues that Christians deal with every day in the work place.

**THE PILLARS:** *A number of leading Houston businessmen and women have been big backers of HBU historically and currently. Why is that?*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** David Brooks wrote a recent column in the *New York Times* called "The Big University," and he talked about how many of our landmark institutions, Harvard and others, were originally founded as religious institutions, but drifted away from that and are now completely secular. We recognize that all truth comes from biblical teaching and we want integrate faith and business. We don't see those as separate things, but as mutually reinforcing. Biblical principles lead to good business outcomes, and we want our students to recognize that.

**THE PILLARS:** *Do you see the faith factor giving an edge in business and entrepreneurialism and success in business?*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** I think so. You know, I want to be careful. I don't think that it is necessarily God's mission that we be prosperous – God's mission is that we serve and worship

Him. To have a fulfilling life, we need to reflect the Christian faith so we feel like we are preparing our students for the most fulfilling life that they can have as a Christian and as a contributor to society. One of our new initiatives is to develop leaders of character. We thought hard about what that would mean, and we've added a course called Stewardship to the curriculum that will launch next year. It is a course in advanced ethics that has a practical application.

**THE PILLARS:** *Does HBU have an advantage with Houston being the third most populated city in the U.S.?*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** I think it's a huge advantage. Houston is the most diverse metropolitan area in the U.S. and reflects that diversity. That is a strength for us. We have a tremendously diverse student body and faculty in the College of Business and that really adds strength.

**THE PILLARS:** *Is there an entrepreneurial spirit to the city of Houston that gives an advantage to a prospective student?*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** We have a lot of entrepreneurial ventures in the healthcare and energy industries. We also have a lot of entrepreneurial energy in the real estate and finance sectors with links and internships in those key industries. Our students are well-prepared to succeed in the Houston economy after they leave HBU, and that will prepare them to succeed anywhere.

**THE PILLARS:** *Let me also segue to the international business trips. Tell us about where you've been and then where you're going.*

**DR. MICHAEL WEEKS:** Our graduate programs, our Master of International Business and our MBA, have an integrated international experience with them. Students take a two-week trip in conjunction with their international business course work. We take them to see the world. We spent time in South America, where we saw international entrepreneurs working to develop a range of products in Lima. That was a fantastic experience. We also went to Spain recently to get an experience in the EU. This year we're taking students to China. We take our students to see the world because we feel like, in order to understand the modern business environment, you really have to have an appreciation for the international environment.



**Listen to Dr. Weeks discuss the future of Business at [hbu.edu/p53-business](http://hbu.edu/p53-business).**

*After the children's home forgets his eighth birthday, he runs away. As he gets farther from his home and safety, Hamelin discovers that he is being summoned by the Ancient One and that his story is part of a great struggle between worlds and kingdoms, where the old myths of magic, evil contracts, and enslaved children longing for freedom turn out to be real.*



**THE PILLARS:** *Dr. Sloan, you have written a novel. Tell us about it.*

**DR. SLOAN:** I have written the first volume of what I hope to be a three-volume trilogy. It's a young adult fantasy, and the idea is to tell a great story – one that will appeal to young teenagers, middle teenagers, and hit right in the sweet spot of their interest. I hope that it also does some shaping and some teaching along the way.

**THE PILLARS:** *Give us the title and synopsis.*

**DR. SLOAN:** The title is, *Hamelin Stoop: The Lost Princess, and the Jewel of Periluna*. The main

character is Hamelin Stoop, and how he gets that name is part of the story. He has been left on the steps of an orphanage in Southwest Texas in the 1950s. Thus, begins his adventure of finding out who he is, and it is the age-old question of identity. Identity is a very basic and human question. What's your name? Who's your family? Where are you from? Those are just the basic human questions and, obviously, to know says a lot about yourself.

Along the way, Hamelin meets up with some interesting friends and goes into another world to look for

a lost princess and to recover a very precious tool, so hence the title.

**THE PILLARS:** *Give us the history of your writing.*

**DR. SLOAN:** For me, I have always had the desire to write stories, even in grade school. Then, while in my twenties, I read the stories of C.S. Lewis and fell in love with the *The Chronicles of Narnia* and Lewis' *Space Trilogy*, and then read the novels of Charles Williams, which were supernatural thrillers. Of course, J.R.R. Tolkien and *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Hobbit* are the kind of stories I loved. I recall reading that C.S. Lewis said he wanted to write the kind of stories that he wanted to read. This is the story I loved to read, so that is at least my own personal history for it.

**THE PILLARS:** *How long did it take you to write The Lost Princess, and the Jewel of Periluna?*

**DR. SLOAN:** I took a long time to write this volume. I started it over 10 years ago. I had just left Baylor, and was on a study leave and thinking about what the next steps would be for the Lord's leading in my life, when I had this deep impulse to start writing. Writing young adult fiction has just always been on my bucket list. I started writing the book in 2005. I've written many articles, sermons, technical articles, and popular articles, so I thought this would be easy to do, but it wasn't. I found out I didn't know a thing about writing fiction, which is a different animal to itself. So I started reading about writing, and it took me a long time.

**THE PILLARS:** *Is there any significance to the Lone Star State being the geography?*

**DR. SLOAN:** Probably the only significance is that this is where I was raised. I am writing about places I know, but every person is completely fictional. You have to be able to describe the scene and know a place when you write about it. Some authors go to that place, or to places like it, if it is fictional. You have to build up a sense of place. I found that to be very important, so I wrote about something out of west Texas or southwest Texas, something that I knew a little bit about.

**THE PILLARS:** *Although it's young adult fiction, I'm sure people of all ages will benefit from this book.*

**DR. SLOAN:** I think so. The truth is, young adult fiction is widely read by adults. The Harry Potter books are young adult fiction, and of course the various vampire books, and the love stories that are out there now. These are so called young adult fiction, but are widely read by adults.

**THE PILLARS:** *How can people get a copy of your book?*

**DR. SLOAN:** It will be available through our website RobertBSloan.com and various other outlets like Amazon. We are still negotiating with some of the distributors now.

**THE PILLARS:** *What is the strongest takeaway of the novel to you?*

**DR. SLOAN:** For me, the strongest takeaway is the underlying mythology. It is the underlying story that I have tried to shape in such a way that, while it is not the same thing as the biblical story, it has a lot of resonance with it, if that makes any sense. Probably the biggest takeaway has to do with the characters and their friendship, their sense of mission, how they can not accomplish what they are supposed to accomplish unless they help each other. It is a story that has a lot of themes of loyalty, sacrifice, strength, courage, and failures – how to do something that's not just your own private mission in life, but actually part of a larger story, a larger mission, and purpose in life.



Watch the interview as Dr. Sloan describes the journey of writing a novel at [hbu.edu/p53-hamelin](http://hbu.edu/p53-hamelin).

## HBU STUDENTS TOUR ISRAEL: *Learn connection of Israel's past to modern-day*



A group of HBU students recently partnered with Passages Israel for a trip to Israel this June. Passages is an organization founded by the Museum of the Bible that partners with select Christian universities to introduce students to the Holy Land.

This trip was led by Dr. Philip Nation, director of content development, LifeWay Christian Resources; and the HBU's Associate Provost for Student Life

Whittington Goodwin.

The tour introduced students to both the ancient and modern areas of Israel. It included visits to traditional sites such as the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the Garden of Gethsemane, and The Garden Tomb. "During the tour we looked at the biblical sites with a view of deepening the students' spiritual lives and sharpening them as leaders," said Nation.

The students also visited sites which

educated them about modern Israel.

This involved visits to the Yad Vashem to learn about the realities of the Holocaust. Along their travels, the students heard lectures from Dr. Faydra Shapiro, director of the Galilee Center for Jewish-Christian Relations, Yezreel Valley College.

The focus for the group was on understanding the connection between the Old Testament, New Testament, and modern-day Israel.

### TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

## New Federally Funded Program at HBU

The U.S. Education Department has awarded a \$1.1 million grant to HBU to provide 140 students with the holistic support they need to continue to succeed. Funded through Student Support Services (SSS), the project will provide students with academic tutoring, assistance in course selection, information about financial aid and economic literacy, and support and resources to help students transfer from undergraduate to graduate or professional studies. Activities also include individualized counseling and career guidance, exposure to cultural events, and mentoring.

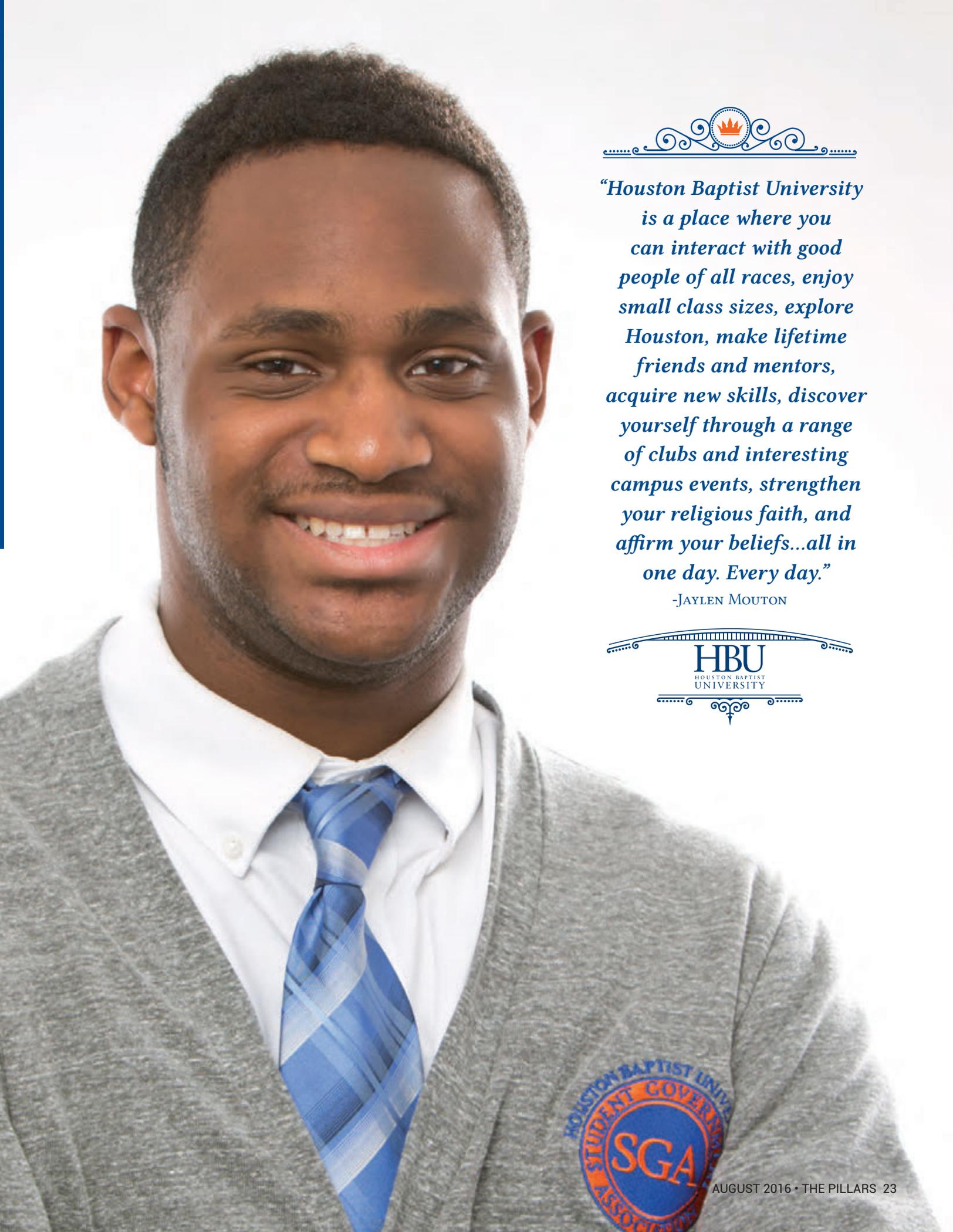
Cristina Ramos, director of TRIO SSS states, "We are excited to join in this new initiative on campus and to connect students, who are already successful at HBU, to a larger national network. This will help them graduate and continue on to graduate and professional schools, eventually becoming leaders in their chosen career fields."



Whit Goodwin, associate provost for student life, noted the importance of the program to help under-represented and at-risk students excel during their college experience. Goodwin states, "We strive to lead students in succeeding during college, so they will have the gifts and knowledge to exceed in every aspect of their lives at HBU and beyond. We believe this grant will not only help

students graduate and pursue further education, but also will help develop them to be salt and light in the world in powerful and significant ways."

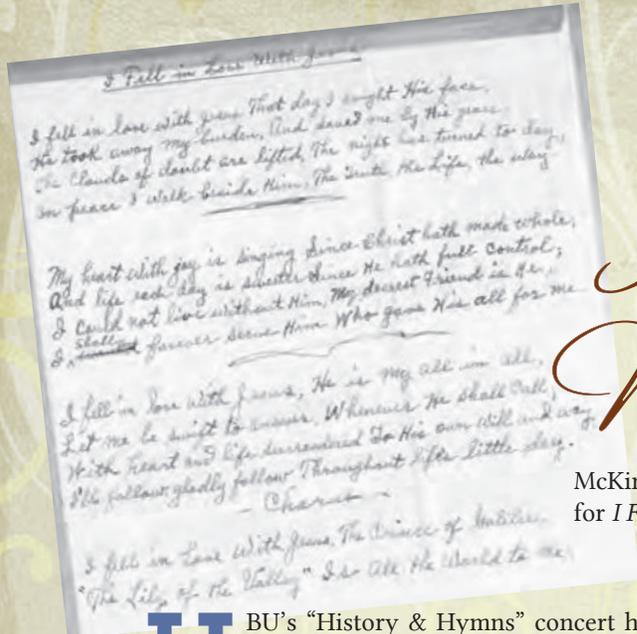
SSS is one of eight federal TRIO programs, which provide outreach and student services for students to help them progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to postbaccalaureate programs.



*“Houston Baptist University is a place where you can interact with good people of all races, enjoy small class sizes, explore Houston, make lifetime friends and mentors, acquire new skills, discover yourself through a range of clubs and interesting campus events, strengthen your religious faith, and affirm your beliefs...all in one day. Every day.”*

-JAYLEN MOUTON





# Hymns Concert UNVEILS RARE McKinney manuscript

McKinney's handwritten lyrics for *I Fell In Love With Jesus*.



B.B. McKinney

**H**BU's "History & Hymns" concert held recently was an evening of congregational singing of hymns, choral anthems, organ and piano arrangements, piano improvisations based on hymns, and vocal solos providing historical, political, and spiritual context for the hymns.

Dr. John Yarrington, the Schola Cantorum; pianist Dr. Dan Kramlich; and organist, Dr. Rhonda Furr, led an overflow crowd in an evening of hymn singing, with narration by the Dean of the School of Fine Arts Dr. Jason Lester.

One interesting event of the evening involved a tableau, representing an historic setting of hymn singing at home. The accompaniment was played on a 100-year-old pipe organ, graciously lent for the evening from his collection, by Mr. Percival Beacroft. Dean Lester provided interesting commentary on the history of each hymn sung.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the introduction of a never before published hymn by B.B. McKinney. It was found on the top shelf of the music supply room - box labeled "HBU Donation" that included a framed handwritten hymn text and a framed music manuscript with text.

"What caught my attention was B.B. McKinney's signature at the top left and right side of the manuscript (as author and composer)," said Dr. Rhonda Furr. The dedication read: "To My very dear friend, Brother Bill Turner." Below the manuscript was a hand-written note from William Turner:

*"Written in August 1950 - Paisano - Occasion - Dr. Kyle Yates, pastor, Second Baptist, Houston - Bible Teacher at Assembly. Teaching John's Gospel. Made statement 'John fell in love with Jesus.' B.B. said to me, as we were seated on platform - 'Bill there is a song.' Whereupon he dashed off the lines below. Later he brought to me the music above. Wm Turner"*

Dr. Furr went to great lengths to ensure that this was an original, non-published hymn by one of the most beloved hymn writers of the last century. No record of the hymn surfaced with online search or library inquiries, and the writing sample of McKinney's handwriting from Southwestern Seminary matched. Based on the research and evidence, Dr. Diana Severance, director of the Dunham Bible Museum, verified that it was indeed an original work previously unpublished by B. B. McKinney.

The manuscript is now in the Dunham Bible Museum's Lyceum, along with an exhibit of the Museum's collection



*The Guild Awards Most Scholarships Ever for Academic Year*



*Jan Witham, Patti Bailey (c) and Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr.*

At The Guild's Silver Tea in April, Patti Bailey was honored for her longtime service and dedication to The Guild and HBU. This year's tea was held at the lovely home of Rhonda and Michael Graff, who graciously welcomed Guild members and their guests.

Guild President Jan Witham, along with Silver Tea Chairs Jeanne Walker, Lynn Tyger, and Debra Perich and their committees, worked tirelessly to make this Silver Tea a special occasion, a memorable event, and a successful fundraiser, enabling The Guild to further its mission of providing scholarships for HBU graduate students.

With the success of the Silver Tea underwriting, The Guild was able to award seven endowed scholarships and 25 annual scholarships, which represents the largest number of scholarships awarded for an academic year by The Guild. And, for the first time, scholarships were awarded to doctoral students in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, including The Guild Endowed Scholarship in Executive Educational Leadership.



*Committee Chairs Lynn Tyger (l) and Jeanne Walker (r) with Guild President Jan Witham and Tea Hostess Rhonda Graff (c).*



*Three Women That Saved America*  
**AMERICAN MUSEUM SOCIETY LUNCHEON**

The American Museum Society (AMS) held its annual Museum Day Luncheon at The Junior League of Houston with a Valentine Day theme.

Dr. Chris Hammons, director of the Center for Law & Liberty and professor of government at HBU, spoke to the audience, delighting members and guests with his



*Dr. Chris Hammons*

presentation titled, "Three Women That Saved America."

The women Dr. Hammons spoke of were Abigail Adams, the wife of John Adams, the second president of the United States, and the mother of John Quincy Adams,

the sixth president; Mary Rowlandson, a British American colonial author; and Pocahontas, the Native American woman, born around 1595, known for her involvement with English colonial settlement at Jamestown.

The American Museum Society was founded in 1965. The Museum was first housed in the Moody Library, and then moved to the Joella and Stewart Morris Cultural Arts Center in 2008. The Museum of Southern History, The Doll Museum, and the Dunham Bible Museum are all located on the campus of HBU in the Morris Cultural Arts Center.

The purpose of the American Museum Society is to support HBU's Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts through fund raising and events. The AMS also promotes public interest in the development of the cultural and educational aspects of the museum.

# SIKORA WINS GOLD REMI AWARD & CO-PRODUCES FILM



Joshua Sikora, founder and director of the HBU Cinema & New Media Arts program, won the prestigious Gold Remi Award at the 49th Annual Houston International Film Festival for his short film, *Nova*.

The film, which is available online as part of The Seventh Spectrum anthology series, first premiered on Hulu in July 2014.

Incorporating real-life footage of the sun from space and animation of stellar phenomenon, *Nova* was a perfect fit for this year's NASA theme at the Houston International Film Festival.

Sikora also helped produce the film *Manifest Destiny*, a feature-length musical comedy adventure, loosely based on the historical Lewis & Clark expedition, which has been in production for the last three years by a small independent team based in California. Sikora consulted throughout the



William Hellmuth, director Anthony Parisi, and executive producer Joshua Sikora.

production process and provided integral support in post-production. William Hellmuth and the film's director, Anthony Parisi — both long-time collaborators with Sikora — spearheaded the production, which traveled throughout California and Oregon to provide the film's epic on-location scenery.

The film co-stars Cinema & New Media Arts faculty member Jesse GrothOlson.

The filmmakers expect to bring the film to Houston later this fall. Updates on future screenings can be found at the *Manifest Destiny* Facebook Page, and Blu-Rays, DVDs, and the film's sound track are all available for purchase at [manifestdestinymovie.com](http://manifestdestinymovie.com).

Visit [www.seventhspectrum.com](http://www.seventhspectrum.com) to watch *Nova* and other award-winning shorts produced by Sikora, including *Orange Juice Blues* starring fellow HBU CNMA faculty Jesse GrothOlson.

## Anthony Martin Honored with NACS Foundation's Distinguished Service Award

Anthony Martin, director of the Houston Baptist University Store, was presented with the NACS Foundation Distinguished Service Award in Oberlin, Ohio in March. This is the top honor given by the philanthropic arm of the National Association of College Stores (NACS).

The award was presented at a ceremony during CAMEX 2016 in Houston. Produced by the National Association of College Stores, CAMEX is the largest education and trade show event in the collegiate retailing industry.

Martin has a long history of involvement with NACS and the Foundation, having chaired and served on numerous committees since 1982. He most recently served as president of the Association from 2015-2016. From 2012-2013, Martin was president of the NACS Foundation.

In addition to his work with NACS, Martin has volunteered for the



*Martin receiving the 2016 Distinguished Service Award at CAMEX. Anthony Martin (center), with Melanie Sparks, CCR, (l) NACS Foundation president and executive director, institutional support services, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and Vicki Morris Benion (r), executive director of the NACS Foundation. NACS Photo*

Louisiana State Association Board and the Southwest College Bookstore Association, which presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

“It was an honor and pleasure to present the NACS Foundation Distinguished Service Award, the highest award that the Foundation bestows, to Anthony,”

said NACS Foundation Immediate Past President Melanie Sparks, CCR, executive director, institutional support services, University of New Mexico. “Anthony has been a true leader and believer for many years. His passion and dedication to our industry and the Foundation have truly made a difference.”



*Top Row (l-r) Dr. Jon Suter, Dr. Daton Dodson, Ed Best, Dr. Don Byrnes, Dr. Harold Raley. Bottom Row (l-r) Dr. Ruth Ann Williamson, Dr. Shari Wescott, Dr. Ann Owen, Dr. Linda Brupbacher*

## HBU Retirees' Association

The HBU Retirees' Association allows retired administrators, faculty, staff, and their spouses to continue relationships enjoyed throughout their years on campus. Meeting three times each year for luncheons on campus, they enjoy hearing various speakers and receiving HBU updates. At their luncheon meetings, the Association members have an opportunity to exchange memories of their interactions with students and colleagues.

Founded in 1999, the group began actual meetings in 2001. Currently, there are over 70 members.

While primarily a membership organization facilitating social interactions, they also identify areas of need they can support. Recent contributions were made to support the travels in April of HBU's Schola Cantorum, which sang for the Baptist Musician's Association at Travis Avenue Baptist Church. In the past, the Association has contributed to scholarships, the Academic Success Center, and other activities.



# Trip to the Holy Land

*Over 100 friends of the University took advantage of the wonderful opportunity provided by HBU Tours to visit the Homeland of our Lord and Savior.*

*It was a 10-day historical, anthropological, and theological experience in Israel, filled with sights and lessons from the Bible.*



This was the first trip to the Holy Land for most of the travelers. Current students, former students, their families, HBU faculty and staff, trustees, friends of the university and new acquaintances not only enjoyed Israel, but also their time spent with hosts President Robert Sloan and Sue Sloan, Vice President for Innovation and Strategic Marketing Dr. Jerry Johnston, and Dean of the School of Christian Thought Dr. Craig Evans.

The Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Church of Nativity, the Cenacle, also known as the Upper Room where it is believed the Last Supper was held, Capernaum, where Peter lived, the Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Maritima, the City of David, Megiddo, the Dead Sea, the Temple Mount and the Western Wall, Masada, the River Jordan - to name a few of the many locations where Drs. Sloan and Evans brought the Bible to life by

reading scripture to the travelers and describing the events and experiences of those living during that time.

Tunnels, hills, mountains, deserts, orchards, saltwater, freshwater were all within reach of a short bus ride.

This is first of what will be an annual HBU Journey of Biblical discovery, the plan for next Summer is to follow the footsteps of Paul to Greece and Rome. Join us!

# Closing a Career

*His teammates call him "Big Z" or simply "Z." Of course, Z is the first letter of his last name, but it can also mean "the end," "final," or "game over."*





**I**n his four seasons at HBU, senior right-handed relief pitcher Dylan Zarosky has become the most prolific closer in school history. For his career, he ranks third in school history with 68 appearances, most of those with the game hanging in the balance. With a 5-8 record, he ranks sixth in school history with a 2.64 ERA, owns the school record with 19 saves, and has struck out 90 in 85.1 innings.

This season, the Cypress, Texas native earned All-Southland Conference honorable mention, making 22 appearances, posting a 2-5 record, 1.95 ERA, and 45 strikeouts against 18 walks in 37.0 innings. He broke the HBU single-season saves record with 10, passing Danny Henry (1995), who had held the previous single-season record, and J.D. Sellers (1995-97) for the career saves mark.

“The records I’ve set are very important to me and it’s truly an honor,” Zarosky said. “As a freshman, I didn’t imagine anything like this, I just wanted to help the team any way I could, but as a sophomore, I got a bigger role on the team, became the closer and had a good year. When I found out what the records were, I made them personal goals of mine. You have personal goals and you have team goals, and I think we’ve reached a lot of those in my time here, so it’s been truly a blessing.”

The Huskies achieved their goal twice during Zarosky’s four-year career, claiming the Southland Conference Tournament championship and making the program’s first NCAA postseason appearance in 2015 and winning the Great West Conference Tournament title in 2013.

“It’s awesome being the closer and to set records that only benefit the team,” Zarosky said. “If you set the home run record, you can hit three in a game and still lose, but the thing about getting a save is your team has to win. That’s really cool to be part of all those wins and help the team win that many times.”

Head baseball coach Jared Moon, who just completed his 11th season at his alma mater, and is a former catcher for the Huskies, has seen nearly every pitcher who has played at HBU.

“You couldn’t ask for a better guy on and off the field – he has maintained a 3.7-3.8 GPA throughout his time here,” Moon said. “He’s going to be tough to replace. The records he broke had stood for a while, so I’m sure his will as well.”

During his senior season, Zarosky’s parents, Daniel and Theresa, who both are recently retired, rarely missed a game, whether at home or on the road – even the Huskies’ four-game trip to California. Zarosky has enjoyed having his parents around for his final collegiate season, as well as his sister, Rachel. His close bond with his family can be traced back to Rachel’s battle with cancer as a child. She is now 24 and has been cancer-free for going on 20 years now.

“Rachel has been great, my whole family is great and I love them death,” Zarosky said. “I had to live with grandparents for long periods of time, because my parents would spend a lot of time with her in the hospital and, obviously, that wouldn’t have been a great place for me to be. The courage that took for her, being so young – and it may help a little bit not knowing fully what we may know now – but looking back she’s been a real blessing and I really can’t imagine life without her or my parents. It’s been a real help, whenever things get tough, to think about what she’s overcome and where we are now – it makes things seem a little bit smaller.”

While his final season at HBU recently came to a close, Zarosky hopes this is not the end of his baseball career.

“If the opportunity presents itself, I would love to keep playing,” Zarosky said. “Obviously, I think many of us would. If not, then I can look back and say I gave it my all and continue on with life, but it’s been a good ride so far.”



## Freshman Tay Nance is Soaring to New Heights

In only a span of four months, freshman long jumper Tay Nance broke two school records and became the first freshman field athlete in school history to qualify for the NCAA regionals.

In her first collegiate event, the Texas A&M Indoor Invitational, she beat the previous school record by .10 meters as she wrote her name into the record books with a leap of 11.68m/38'-4.0" on her second attempt. Entering her first Southland Conference meet, the indoor championships in February in Birmingham, Alabama, Nance earned a Top 15 finish with a jump of 11.55m/37'-10.75."

Nance set the outdoor school record in the triple jump four times this season, eventually leaping to 12.44m/40'-9.75" in the Southland Championships in May, a mark that not only qualified her for the NCAA West Regionals later that month, but a mark that head coach Theresa Fuqua said would put Nance on the medal stand in any other conference. In the competitive Southland Conference Outdoor Championships, Nance finished seventh out of 24 individuals.

"I was just as surprised as everyone else to learn I broke records," stated Nance, who first became involved in the sport in the fifth and sixth grade Tiger Challenge, where she ran sprints and started competing in jumping events. Nance, a native of Cleveland, Texas, graduated from Conroe High School.

# HBU's First Year

## A look back at the beach volleyball



The Spring 2016 semester marked the inaugural season for the HBU beach volleyball program. Posting a 7-11 record, the Huskies have begun a new chapter in athletics. One in the sand.

"Going in, everybody asked how it was going for us," head coach Trent Herman said. "We didn't really know what this was going to be like. We could map it out and say it will be 'this' way, but it was like playing with all freshmen. It really was, because it was new to all of them, at least at the collegiate level."

A beach volleyball match features five pairings competing in a best-of-three-sets format. The first two sets go to 21 points. If a decisive third set is called for, the winning team of both the set and match is the first to 15 points. All three sets must be won by a minimum of a two-point margin.



**Jessica Wooten**

Both teams switch sides throughout the sets, so each combat with sun and wind evenly. Matches are a best-of-five format.

"Every player that competes in beach

# ar in the Sand

program's inaugural season



**Aerial Horton**

volleyball knows their score impacts the outcome of winning or losing," assistant coach Cameron Sitler said. "In reality though, it is their result plus four other pairings that determine the

result for the team. Our last weekend, we really grasped the concept of learning how to compete for your own win, but in the end also pushing for your team win, and that's crucial."

The Huskies brought in three players specifically for beach volleyball: freshmen Aerial Horton and Guinevere Meyer, and graduate student Haley Durham. Horton and Meyer spent all fall training with Durham joining after the semester change.

"In the fall, it was just (Meyer and I)," Horton said. "We kind of had to figure things out on our own. (Durham) joined us and kind of guided us through it, but it wasn't until all the indoor girls joined our practices that we really started to feel like a team."

Nine indoor student-athletes made the crossover to beach - Rachel Angeles, Kayla Armer, Bailey Banks, Hailey Erickson, Laura Fox, Melissa

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**HBU football season tickets are on sale now!**

The Huskies will play five home games, including four home games against Southland Conference rivals.

The home opener is Sept. 10 against Texas Southern, followed by Family Weekend Sept. 17 against Abilene Christian, and then Sept. 24 against Sam Houston State. Homecoming will be Oct. 15 against Nicholls, and the home finale will be on Senior Day on Nov. 12 against Stephen F. Austin.

Season ticket packages start at \$50 for bleachers and \$70 for chairback seating. Family plans, which include two adult and two youth (18 and under) tickets, are also on sale for \$100, a savings of \$80.

Call the HBU Ticket Office at **281.649.3043** or go to **HBUHuskies.com/tickets**.

## 2016 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/1	*at Central Arkansas	Conway, Ark.	TBA
9/10	TEXAS SOUTHERN	HUSKY STADIUM	7 P.M.
9/17	*ABILENE CHRISTIAN	HUSKY STADIUM	7 P.M.
9/24	*SAM HOUSTON STATE	HUSKY STADIUM	7 P.M.
<b>Family Weekend</b>			
10/1	at Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.	TBA
10/15	*NICHOLLS	HUSKY STADIUM	7 P.M.
<b>Homecoming</b>			
10/22	*at Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, La.	TBA
10/29	*at Lamar	Beaumont, Texas	TBA
11/5	at UTEP	El Paso, Texas	TBA
11/12	*STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	HUSKY STADIUM	2 P.M.
<b>Senior Day</b>			
11/19	at Incarnate Word	San Antonio, TX	TBA

\*Southland Conference game  
All Times Central and subject to change.  
Home game in BLUE CAPS.

# A L U M - A - G R A M S

## 1970's

**Dr. Robert Hemfelt '71** has published multiple best-selling books that have been translated into numerous foreign languages. He was the recipient of the Gold Medallion Publishers Award in 1991.

## 1980's

**Ken Bartholomew '85** recently celebrated 12 years as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Durant Oklahoma in December.

**Jim Bender BA '87** has published his first book entitled *The Feasts and the Future: The Cross to New Creation Foreshadowed in Israel's Feasts*. Instead of forcing the feasts onto a predetermined eschatology, this book begins with the feasts in Leviticus 23 and discovers God's recipe for redeeming His fallen world. Jim pastors Nashville Baptist Church in Ashland, Mo. He and his wife, Jan, have two sons, Micah and Zechariah.

## 2000's

**Charles McAdams '01** is a customer equipment / vendor coordinator for Protect Controls Inc.

**Alcestis Elaine "Chancoco" Williams BBA '04** has been married to her husband, Chad Williams, for seven years. They currently reside in Stafford with their two sons, Logan (6 years) and Dalton (2 years). Alcestis is working in the accounting department for an oil and gas company in the Memorial City area.

**Jamie Lister Curtis BS '05** currently resides in the Houston Heights community and is working as a real estate agent in the Houston area. Jamie was recently married to Adam Curtis on December 12, 2015 in Cabo, Mexico.

**Dr. Shellie Winzer-Smith '05** and her husband James Smith Sr., along

with their sons James Jr. (4 years) and Jameson Smith (8 months old), are excited to be celebrating Husky athletics!

**Treylin Crayton BA '07** is currently an alliance consultant with Pure Flix. Pure Flix, known for its movies "God's Not Dead", "Do You Believe," and "Woodlawn," has developed the Pure Flix Faith + Family Media Alliance Team to support the local church.

**Taylor (Vander Wiele) Maier '09** and husband Derek are excited to call Houston home. "After serving in the military for five years, my husband left active duty and we moved back home to Houston in 2014." Taylor and Derek have two boys, Christopher (4 years) and Caleb (2 years).

**Lushandra Nicole Broussard BBA '10** is an IT project manager for Industrial Info Resources in Sugar Land, Texas.

**Christa (Hall) '11** and Tim Langolf were married in November in Alvin. Alumni in the wedding party included **Rachel (O'Shields) David '08**, **Nina Harrison '10**, **Lynne (Miller) Benkendorfer '11**, and **Lauren (Brown) Moore '13**.

**Sunny Jain '12** is a write off analyst for NRG Energy, Inc.

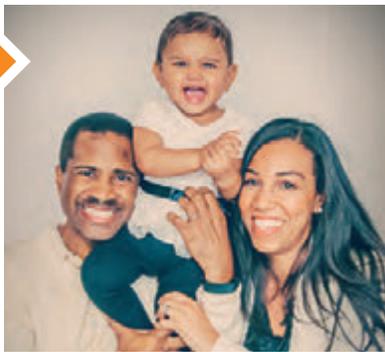
**Katie (Paxton) '14 & Zach Collier '14** were married in September. Alumni in the ceremony party included **Kelsey Lou-Hing '13**, **Caitlyn Cassity '15**, **Brandon Wilhide '15**, and **Austin Saenz '16**. Katie is a proposal coordinator for Remedial Construction Services, L.P.

**Rosie Van Dyke '14** is a tech support representative for Micro Electronics.



**Maria Grant Johnson**

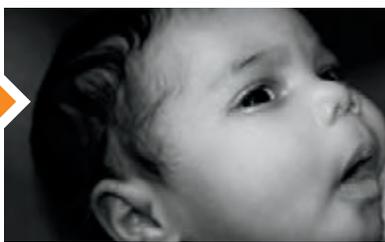
BA '97 and her husband Farrell Johnson are excited to announce the birth of their blessed and healthy firstborn daughter, Ariane Johnson, on January 18, 2015 weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz and measuring 20.75 inches.



**Rachel Cano '13** and her family recently welcomed their baby girl Sophia Alyssa Cano on November 03, 2015, weighing 9 lbs 1.8 oz and measuring 20 inches long. "We couldn't be happier! She's such a blessing to our family!"

**Frances-Gay (Fabila)**

**Otegbola '04** and her husband David Otegbola welcomed their second child, Savannah Abigail Moira, on November 16, 2015.



**Dr. Jeremiah Johnston**, president of HBU's Christian Thinkers Society and associate professor of Early Christianity, and his wife Audrey, welcomed triplets born July 7. Abel Jerome, weighing 4.6 lbs; Ryder James, weighing 3.8 lbs; and Jaxson Daniel weighing 5.5 lbs. Abel and Ryder are identical twins. They are welcomed by siblings Lily Faith (7 years) and Justin (4 years).

**Jessica (Brantley) Brown**

'08 and husband Anthony welcomed Sierra Joyce Brown on February 29, 2016. Sierra was welcomed by siblings Jeremiah (4 years) and Mila (2 years). "Anthony and I feel so blessed to have three beautiful, healthy children to complete our family."



## Cary Dunham BBA '93

**Cary Dunham**, a 1993 graduate with a BBA in Management and Marketing, has been named vice president of development for Dunham Enterprises and is responsible for all aspects of development and cost control. In his current role, Cary is responsible for the development of Stonecreek Ranch, a 1,100 home residential subdivision in northwest Harris County where he works with the home builders, the Municipal Utility District, project engineers, contractors and Harris County to complete the subdivision. Cary is also responsible for the development of a new 1,325 acre residential and commercial development at Mason Road and 290. Construction on the new project, Dunham Pointe, is scheduled to commence in 2017 and will include 2,500 homes plus significant commercial and retail activity.

Dunham began his career in the sales and management sector before transitioning to work as a residential developer.

During his student years, Dunham developed his leadership skills as head cheerleader and president of Alpha Tau Omega. Even after graduation, he has remained active, serving on the Alumni Board of Directors and chairing Homecoming. At most football games, you can find him tailgating with fraternity brothers and watching the Huskies on the field.

When asked how HBU prepared him for life, Dunham said, "HBU and many of the professors, that I now consider friends, taught me to stay strong and focused. The Christ-centered values and the education [at HBU] allow all graduates to succeed." His advice for current business



*Dunham leads the honored tradition of the "coin toss" at a Husky game. Cary, along with his parents Linda and Archie Dunham have been faithful, long-time supporters of the University.*

students is to "continue to work hard. Find God's plan for your life. Seek advice and counsel from others. Never be afraid to network with other graduates and ask for their help."

## Agosto Recognized as Top Influential Hispanic Lawyer in the United States

**A**ttorney Benny Agosto, Jr. BS '86, partner of Houston law firm Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend, and recipient of HBU's Distinguished Alumnus Award, has been named one of the 25 Most Influential Hispanic Lawyers in the United States by *Latino Leaders Magazine* for 2016. This marks Agosto's third feature in the magazine, with the first two in 2011 and 2012 as one of the 101 Most Influential Leaders.

For more than a decade, *Latino Leaders Magazine* has featured the top Latinos in the United States, from politicians and sports stars to business owners and lawyers. Its mission:

"Connecting Leaders. Inspiring the Future." Founded in 2000, the magazine works to feature Latinos of demonstrable influence throughout the United States who have made their mark in their chosen professions.

Agosto has a long record of service to the Hispanic community. He served as president of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) and as president of the Legal Education Fund of the HNBA. The Legal Education Fund is a not-for-profit organization that promotes programs to help underrepresented students and legal professionals learn about opportunities in the legal profession. Additionally, he is the president and founder of the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas (MABATx) Foundation, which



was created to benefit Houston-area Hispanic law students through scholarships.

His involvement in the legal profession and community has earned him honors locally and nationally. His service to the community has been recognized by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) with the ADL Civil Rights Medal; the Hispanic

Issues Section of the State Bar of Texas with the Peter Torres, Jr. Community Service Award and the Outstanding Service and Leadership Award; and the Litigation Counsel of America with the Peter Perlman Service Award. Additionally, he has been named Hispanic Male Executive of the Year by the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Trailblazer Outside Counsel of the Year by the Texas Minority Counsel Program. Most recently, he received the Outstanding Public Service Award from South Texas College of Law, the Thurgood Marshall Legacy Award from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Student Bar Association, the Presidents'

Award from the State Bar of Texas, and the President's Award from the Houston Bar Association.

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*"I'm blessed to be able to make a difference in today's world. I put everything I have into learning and challenging myself, to love and support my family, and to help better my community. Change can begin in your own community, but when you reach out to other communities, you can change the world, one act of kindness at a time."*

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## FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY



**Merrie Brigman**, passed away April 18. Following her graduation at Baylor University in 1945, Mary taught Speech and Drama at Delta State College in Cleveland, Mississippi, where she met her husband, Otis Hobbs Brigman, known to many as “Brig.” Mary and Otis joined First Baptist Church in 1947 and

were lifetime members. Ever the educator, Mary served her church for many years as a Sunday school teacher, camp counselor, and chaperone for countless youth activities. Merrie served as the President of the President’s Advisory Board (The Guild) at HBU, where she and her husband have endowed scholarships in their names.

*Lord God, we thank you so much for the life of Merrie. We celebrate all that she has given us and the legacy of her life on earth. We pray that you will comfort her grieving family in their loss and sorrow. Be their refuge and their strength. Let them rejoice in the assurance of the joy of heaven where there is neither sorrow nor pain.*

— Peg Harman, Chaplain, The Guild

**Elliott Finger** passed away in February. He began his career in the accounting department at Finger Furniture, working with his father, Hyman. He lived a full life that included many achievements and experiences, but none were greater than the relationships he enjoyed with friends, family, associates and business partners, students, and the many lives he touched and made better by his enthusiasm and generous heart.



**Dr. W. LeRay Fowler** passed away June 14. He was a former member on the HBU Board of Trustees and retired pastor of West University Baptist Church. After his retirement, he served as chairman of Adopt an Annuitant, a committee which raised millions for Christian workers who had no retirement.

## FORMER STUDENTS



**Eddie Brown** BA '72, passed away February 13. Brown, a 6'5" wing out of Madison, Mississippi, was a four-year letterman for the Huskies from 1968-1972 and is the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,939 points. He was also a proud graduate of HBU, earning his degree in four years and a U.S. Army veteran. Brown was inducted into HBU Hall of Honor in 2000, was a part of the Tip-Off Club Committee, and was a longtime front-row mainstay at home basketball games in Sharp Gym. Last season, he was honored as part of the 1970s All-Decade Team.



*“We lost a true legend and ambassador for HBU and our basketball program. Eddie was very involved in our program and a mentor to many of our young men over the years. We will miss him greatly.”*

— Ron Cottrell, Head Basketball Coach, HBU

**Dick Hudson** '75 and his wife Margaret were called to be with their Lord on January 17. Their passing was one of great sadness and sorrow, as they were taken by a devastating fire at their home. Dick was extremely committed to his alma mater, serving on the Alumni Board of Directors, working closely with the Development Committee and the Scholarship Committee. He also served on the President’s Leadership Council.

In 1991, Dick was the Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient for his exemplary leadership as the vice president for Global Marine. Additionally, Dick was the 1998 Meritorious Service Alumnus Award recipient due to his significant and sustained contributions of time and effort towards the advancement of the HBU Alumni Association.

With a mindset of giving and continuously impacting our students, Dick established the Wanda E. Hudson Endowed Scholarship in honor of his mother and the Margaret S. Hudson Endowed Scholarship to honor his wife.

*Dick and Margie Hudson were neighbors of mine. More than a neighbor...Dick and Margie were true friends as indicated by their sincere concern for those close to them. Dick enjoyed life to the fullest which is the reason why so many were drawn to him...including me. The old cliché is true in this case...Dick was “larger than life”.*

— Tim Lang BS '78

# In Memoriam

## FORMER STUDENTS



**James Matthew Alexander** BS '98, along with son Jackson, passed away from injuries sustained in a car accident on March 4 outside Austin. Matt was the son of former HBU Athletic Director Dr. T. John Alexander and his wife Suzanne. Matt attended Sharpstown High School and Texas Tech before making his way home to HBU in 1992. He served as a manager for the HBU Men's Basketball team, as well as working in the Sports Information department until graduating with degrees in History and Political Science.

Matt continued his foray in the sports media world with numerous positions around the Houston area, working with the Astros and Rockets, the University of Houston, SportsTicker, and College Sports News Daily.

A stay-at-home dad for several years, he had taken over as the CEO of privately-held chemical company Star Solutions, Inc., in 2015.

He was married to the former Jennifer McCollum and was a very proud father of Jackson and Daniel (7).

## FORMER FACULTY

**Dr. Muriel Flake** passed away in March. She completed her Ph.D. in Psychology at Texas A&M which led her to teach at HBU, as well as maintain an active private counseling practice. Traveling around the world became her delight in later years, as did living part-time in Austin where her children and grandchildren lived. In January 2012, Muriel moved to Alpine, Texas.



**Dr. Billie Hagemeyer** passed away in Dallas on February 2. Billie was a noted opera singer and was on the music faculty from 1995-2001.

## Year in the Sand *(continued from page 33)*

Fuchs, Madison O'Brien, Ashlee Vann, and Jessica Wooten.

"I've been playing indoor volleyball all my life, so crossing over to beach was difficult," Wooten said. "You jump different in the sand. You set different. There's more thinking and strategy involved, because there's just two players. Communication is key."

The Huskies held their first full-team practice at the end of February and practiced for two weeks before opening their season on March 17 with a home dual against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Playing at Third Coast Volleyball, less than three miles from campus near Hillcroft and Harwin, HBU downed the Islanders, 3-2 and 5-0, to open the beach era.

"It was great to finally get out there and compete against someone other than ourselves," Horton said. "There was a great crowd on hand and you could tell there was a lot of excitement with beach volleyball officially getting underway. Beating Texas A&M-Corpus Christi was a great starting off point."

From there, the Huskies played their next 10 matches on the road, participating in tournaments at TCU, TAMU-CC, and Tulane. HBU picked up two more wins against the Islanders, while also testing themselves against established programs and different weather elements.

The TCU tournament – Fight at the Fort – pitted the Huskies against No. 2 Florida State, while the team saw three ranked opponents in No. 8 Georgia State, No. 12 LSU, and No. 18 Tulane, at the Green Wave Beach Invitational. Both FSU and GSU were a part of the eight-team field to advance to the first-ever NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship, with the Seminoles taking runner-up honors.

"We played some very tough competition," Wooten said. "Some of the programs we went up against were nationally ranked and had already been established for several years already, so it was a great way to gauge where we were and our progress."

HBU hosted its inaugural tournament – HBU Beach Invitational – across April 15-16 to close out its home schedule. There, the Huskies took runner-up honors with a 2-1 record, picking up 4-1 and 5-0 victories over New Orleans and Lee College, before being edged 3-2 by TAMU-CC.

HBU closed out its season at LSU's Battle on the Bayou on April 30. The Huskies picked up their seventh win with a 4-1 triumph over UNO, while also playing heavily contested sets in their matches against TCU and No. 18 Tulane. The HBU tandem of Armer and Durham won the No. 3 pairing against the Green Wave, 10-21, 21-19, 15-7, the first pairing win over a ranked opponent.

"For me, it has really worked out well," Herman said. "Being the first year, I don't think they knew quite what to expect, especially for our dual-sport athletes. Overall, it was a great experience for us as coaches and for the team. I'm excited to see what we are going to look like in the years to come."

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A former special assistant to President Ronald Reagan and former chief speechwriter for Vice President George H. W. Bush, she is considered one of this century's premier presidential speechwriters.

Her political column for *The Wall Street Journal* was called "indispensable to an understanding of the presidential year," by the *National Journal* in 2008 and *Forbes Magazine* called it "principled, perceptive, persuasive, and patriotic." Noonan's essays have also appeared in *TIME*, *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post* and other publications, and she provides frequent political commentary on television.

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