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RECRUITS**

**ENROLLMENT GROWTH,
GIVING GAINS**

**"HIGHER
EDUCATION"**

I BELIEVE
IN PUTTING OTHERS
BEFORE MYSELF.

I BELIEVE PIZZA IS
ALWAYS BETTER
THE NEXT MORNING.

I BELIEVE
MY CONVICTIONS
WILL GUIDE
ME FORWARD.



At Houston Baptist University our foundation is simple. Belief isn't a mindset, it's an action. We teach our students that values, faith, and a Christian world view can guide them beyond the classroom. And our mission is to empower our students, so their beliefs can fuel their lives.

*I believe
I was meant
for the spotlight.*



ABOUT 30 STUDENTS AUDITIONED THIS SUMMER FOR A CHANCE TO SHARE THEIR BELIEFS IN THE UNIVERSITY'S NEW "A HIGHER EDUCATION" ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN. TWELVE — SIX MEN AND SIX WOMEN — WERE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO BE "STARS."

LEARN MORE ON PAGE 6.





Dear Friends,

It is always exciting to begin a new school year. This fall, as we welcome HBU's 50th class of entering freshmen, we have much to celebrate on the campus. I hope you will enjoy reading about some of our recent developments in the pages that follow. This issue of *HBU News* features articles about our first Honors College graduating class, the launching of HBU's new advertising campaign, the early work to develop our football program, the opening of our Fine Arts Museum, the arrival of our new provost, Dr. John Mark Reynolds, and many other campus highlights that reflect the ongoing implementation of the pillars, or goals, in HBU's 12-year vision, *The Ten Pillars: Faith and Reason in a Great City*.

As we continue to gain momentum in implementing our vision goals, I believe the future of the University looks especially promising in a number of ways. In the light of my now many years of experience in higher education, I think that HBU, as it moves into its sixth decade of life as an institution, is powerfully positioned to see some remarkable progress in the next few months and years. Because of our work in building a residential society of learning, renewing our campus and community through development of our master plan, expanding our graduate program, building on our commitment to the arts, and cultivating a strong global focus, HBU is poised to move to the next level as an institution.

I also believe that the University will have a strong impact – not only in our community, but in the state and the nation – as we adapt to the changing marketplace of higher education without changing our unchanging commitment to Christ and the moral values that have sustained HBU since its founding. We are uniquely positioned to demonstrate leadership in the world of higher education, as universities face major challenges (many will likely decline considerably in the not too distant future), while we maintain our commitment to students and their needs as they face a changing job market and, most of all, a culture with changing values. At HBU, we will continue to prepare students for lives of meaningful service by providing a learning experience that instills in them a passion for academic, spiritual and professional excellence as a result of our central confession of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Robert B. Sloan Jr.

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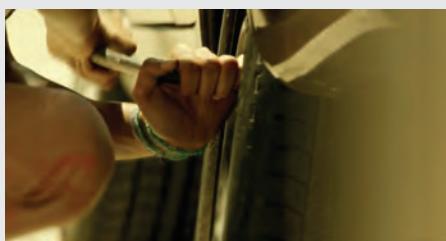
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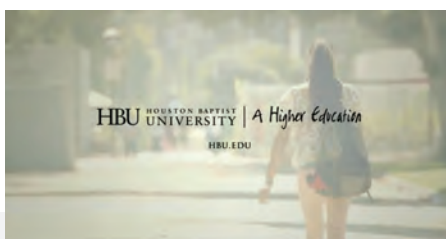
Welcome Days Pack Leader Richard Cano (a.k.a. "Richard the Great") puts the opposing team on notice during the first women's soccer game of the 2012 season. The Huskies defeated UTSA 1-0 before a sellout crowd of beanie'd freshmen and other enthusiastic fans.





HBU'S NEW
"A HIGHER EDUCATION"
AD CAMPAIGN FEATURES

Beliefs in ACTION



It's A SUMMER AFTERNOON IN A CROWDED MOVIE THEATER.

The lights go dim. The audience grows quiet. All eyes focus on the big screen.

The action begins, but it is not a superhero in tights or a red-haired, bow-and-arrow-wielding princess who has the attention of moviegoers.

Instead, viewers watch as a female college student completes a fairly mundane, but always inconvenient, task – changing a flat tire – with the help of a male student who offers his assistance.

At the end, viewers learn the female student was not the damsel in distress the

male student imagined. She was also a “Good Samaritan,” coming to the aid of an elderly woman unable to change the flat tire herself.

It may not be the latest Hollywood blockbuster, but in just 30 compelling seconds, “Tire Change” depicts one of many ways HBU students put their beliefs into action every day.

First shown on more than 160 movie screens in the Houston area for four weeks this summer, the ad launched HBU's new advertising campaign, which expanded to

EVALUATION

In 2010, HBU commissioned research to evaluate the general awareness and reputation of the University among target audiences.

FINDINGS: The University's name is widely recognized in the Houston area, but few know what HBU is “about.”

Further research into the outlook and characteristics of “Generation Y” showed that they place a high value on life beyond work and academics.

FINDINGS: Faith, family and friendship are just as important to young people as a good education and high-paying job.

REFLECTION

The HBU Communications team and Commerce House met with various University constituencies to distill HBU's vision, identity and value into a core concept.

FINDINGS: HBU delivers a quality education that goes a step further, developing the skills and character necessary for success at life.



"BY GROUNDING OUR STUDENTS IN WHAT IS TRUE, WE'RE NOT JUST PREPARING THEM TO EXCEL IN THEIR CAREERS. WE'RE HELPING THEM LAY THE FOUNDATION TO SUCCEED AT LIFE."

HBU
RANKED

TOP

10

COLLEGE FOR
HOMESCHOOL GRADS

In recognition of the significant progress the University has made toward the ambitious goals outlined in *The Ten Pillars*, the editors of thebestschools.org ranked HBU seventh on their June 2012 list of the 25 Best Colleges for Homeschool Graduates.

3. UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS (TX)
4. HILLSDALE COLLEGE (MI)
5. LIBERTY UNIVERSITY (VA)
6. COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS (MO)
7. HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY (TX)
8. REGENT UNIVERSITY (VA)
9. PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE (VA)
10. LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY (TX)

"A SCHOOL WITH
VISION AND
INTELLECTUAL
HORSEPOWER."

The editors – all of whom hold doctorates and have extensive experience in teaching, research and publishing at the university level – focused on three key features they consider "homeschool-friendly" to compile the list: a solid Christian education, socio-political conservatism and the integration of faith and science into a coherent worldview.

HBU – one of just three Texas schools to make the list – was noted for its expanding reputation outside the state and its promising attempts to balance Christian integrity and academic respectability, without compromising either.

broad spectrum of priorities on the minds of students as they consider the many options available to them after high school.

"Career is on the list, of course, but it is not the most important criteria for students selecting a college," Gaynor said. "The type of high-quality, well-rounded, faith-based education offered at HBU is particularly desirable to students seeking to equip themselves to have a successful marriage, to be a

good parent, and to help others in need."



local billboards, television, radio, social media, the Web site and more with the start of the fall semester in August.

With real HBU students sharing their core values and inner voice through a series of personal "I believe..." statements, the campaign encourages prospective students to choose HBU for "A Higher Education."

"Those three short words, 'A Higher Education,' express the key thing we want to say about HBU," said Kim Gaynor, vice president for university communications. "By grounding our students in what is true, we're not just preparing them to excel in their careers. We're helping them lay the foundation to succeed at life."

Through a series of focus groups conducted with current and prospective HBU students in the spring of 2012, the University and its advertising agency partner, Commerce House, developed a positioning and strategy that addresses a

EXPLORATION

Commerce House explored numerous ways to communicate creatively the core idea behind an HBU education. Each had great potential. Several were tested on focus groups until the best option was clear.

EXECUTION

The final product is a twist on a common phrase in academia that captures why HBU is unique. It speaks to excellence in academics, athletics, faith and so much more.

HBU | A Higher Education



FORMER
WHITE
HOUSE CHIEF
OF STAFF
ANDREW CARD
TO KEYNOTE
DINNER

Wednesday, March 6, 2013
McNair Hall

Formal Reception: 5 p.m.
Dinner and Speech: 6 p.m.

The Honorable Andrew Card is acting dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M. He served as White House chief of staff under President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2006 and as deputy chief of staff and secretary of transportation under President George H. W. Bush.

All proceeds to benefit the mission and work of the Center for Christianity in Business at HBU.



"The Leader's Voice"

A Conversation with David Weekley
Chairman, David Weekley Homes

Thursday, Oct. 4
6 p.m.
Belin Chapel

Presented in connection with the Brown Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by the Herman Brown Endowed Chair of Business and Economics at HBU, which was established by the Brown Foundation Inc. in 1972 to honor the memory of one of Houston's great pioneers.

GRADUATE SCHOOL FINDS
INCREASING NUMBER SEEKING

MORE to MASTER

Embrace the challenge of Christian graduate education.

With the adoption of *The Ten Pillars* vision in 2008, HBU established this aspiration to educate more Christian scholars and initiate a cycle of Christian mentorship in the scholarly disciplines by offering a wider variety of master's degrees and introducing terminal degree programs.

Since then, the HBU Graduate School has expanded its programming in theology, business and the arts while strengthening existing offerings in education and the psychological sciences. New master's degrees in philosophy and apologetics are also on the way.

This progress is attracting to HBU increasing numbers of students seeking to embrace the challenge of a graduate education firmly rooted in the Christian faith.

"The number of new graduate students enrolled this fall has more than doubled," said Dani Wilde, director of graduate admissions, "and overall enrollment in the Graduate School is up by more than 50 percent compared to last fall."

Under Wilde's leadership, graduate admissions has centralized its operations in the Hinton House and implemented

best practices to make the road to an advanced degree smoother for individuals looking for a meaningful way to enhance their knowledge, experience and confidence.

"I am so proud of the staff of the Graduate School for their willingness to do whatever it takes to admit and register every qualified student in the timeliest manner possible," said Rita Tauer, associate provost. "They have proven themselves to be dedicated, knowledgeable and caring while handling the specific needs of each applicant."

Programs in the arts, the psychological sciences and education have seen some of the largest increases in the number of credit hours being taken. Ongoing enhancements to these and other key programs will continue to be imple-

mented to keep the momentum going. For example, all students admitted for the first time to the on-campus Master of Education program this fall received an iPad.

"The future is limitless," Tauer said. "With our plans to introduce several doctoral and additional master-level programs, I am confident these current successes are only the beginning of what we may expect from the HBU Graduate School."

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LIVING/LEARNING COMMUNITIES GROUP STUDENTS WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS UNDER "ONE ROOF"

Just as birds of a feather have been known to flock together, Huskies with similar academic and extracurricular interests are living in packs on campus this fall.

Pre-health majors, students involved in Greek Life, and members of the Honors College have been grouped into their own living/learning communities in the Lake House Residence College to create an environment that supports their unique academic pursuits while strengthening their connections to each other and to the University.

"Studies show that living on campus increases academic achievement and social involvement, resulting in greater overall satisfaction with the college experience," said Mark Endraske, director of Residence Life. "By making our residential options even more appealing, the living/learning communities are encouraging increasing numbers of stu-

dents to experience these benefits."

The living/learning communities for pre-health majors and Honors College students were added this year following a successful pilot program with Greek Life, and a creative community for fine arts majors is being

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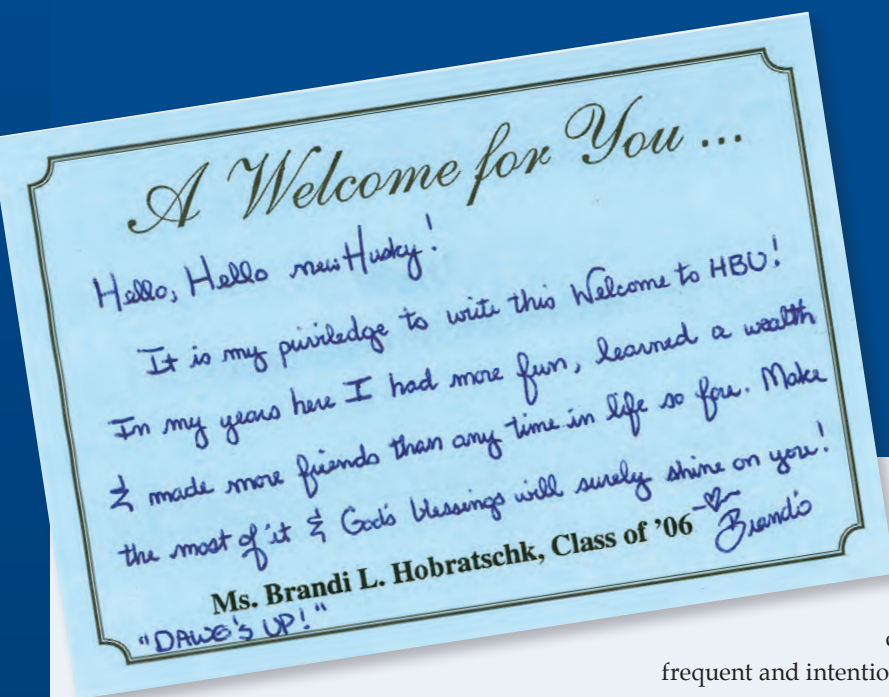
planned. Along with Freshman Village, a living/learning community first offered in the fall of 2011 especially for students beginning their undergraduate experience, these living/learning communities for upperclassmen in the Lake House are helping HBU make significant progress in its efforts to establish a residential society of learning.

"When students both live and take courses together, their learning extends beyond the classroom," Endraske said. "In the living/learning communities, they can enhance their knowledge and understanding of the material they study in common by discussing and debating it in a deeper, yet less formal, way."

In addition, these meaningful conversations typically form the basis of the long-lasting friendships students will cherish most following graduation.

"Living in the Greek Life community made it easier on the chapter to bond and grow," said senior Anthony Perez, vice president of Kappa Alpha Order. "The ability to simply walk down the hall to your brother's room and just hang out or study was probably one of the best experiences I have had as a residential student, so I am excited to be a part of it again this year."





Gifts of Note

HBU GROWS
DONOR
COMMUNITY
TO SUPPORT,
ENCOURAGE
STUDENTS

For the more than 450 new students participating in HBU's annual Welcome Days in August, friendly greetings were everywhere.

The moment they arrived on campus, they were met by smiling volunteers who helped them unload their cars and navigate their new surroundings.

Once they were settled, they were assigned to groups with enthusiastic Pack Leaders who introduced and guided them through some of the University's most cherished traditions, including the beanie ceremony that unites all freshmen.

And when they took a quiet moment to reflect and read God's Word, they also found encouraging words from alumni, donors and friends of the University to help prepare them for the experiences that lie ahead.

Throughout July, HBU sent a series of letters and e-mails asking these and other selected constituents to submit handwritten welcome notes that could be placed inside the cover of a free Bible given by the HBU Alumni Association to each new student.

The appeal was just one of the latest components in a successful annual fund drive launched in September 2011. Designed to

foster a tradition of giving by engaging new and existing donors in a more

frequent and intentional way, the campaign utilized digital and traditional mailings to generate a significant increase in participation amongst all groups, with alumni and parents leading the growth.

"It was encouraging to see the majority of new annual fund donors this year were

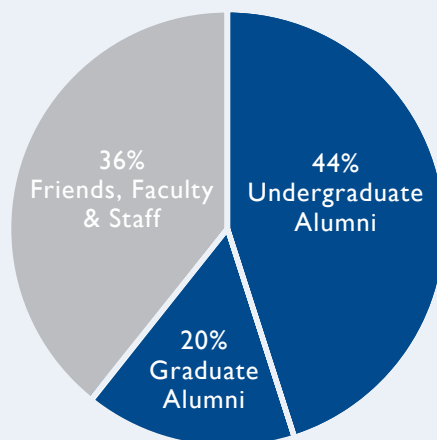
" INCREASED PARTICIPATION RESULTED IN ANNUAL FUND GIFT REVENUE MORE THAN SIX TIMES THAT RAISED IN 2010-2011.

alumni," said Jennifer Davis '08, associate director of alumni relations and annual fund. "This lets students, faculty and staff know that alumni value the degree they received

from HBU and want to see future generations given the same opportunities for professional and personal growth they experienced while students here. Increased alumni giving also will help raise HBU's standing in key rankings, such as the ones published annually by *U.S. News & World Report*, prospective students use when considering their higher education options."

The increased participation resulted in annual fund gift revenue more than six times that raised in 2010-2011, prior to the start of the new, more strategic campaign. Gifts to the annual fund support mission-critical programs and projects at HBU by helping bridge the gap between the University's total operating costs and the revenue generated by tuition dollars.

"More than half of those making a gift to the annual fund in 2011-2012 had never given



64% of new annual fund donors in FY2012 were alumni



*versus FY2011



INCOMING FRESHMEN OPEN THEIR BIBLES TO FIND PERSONAL NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF HBU

to HBU before," said Charles Bacarisse, vice president for advancement. "This gives us a stronger base from which to continue growing support for the University, and we look forward to engaging these newest donors, as well as our loyal friends who have given so generously year after year, in even more compelling ways in the future."

As the welcome note initiative demonstrates, supporting the University and its students can take many forms beyond just making a gift. In the first year of the new annual fund campaign, donors and friends also were asked to provide the Office of Admissions with input on the criteria used to select the best students for the fall 2012 freshman class.

“ GIFTS TO THE ANNUAL FUND SUPPORT MISSION-CRITICAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

"We know that alumni, friends and parents of HBU students are active members of their communities and individuals of great character with several good causes vying for their attention and support," Bacarisse said. "By staying in touch to make them aware of and give them the opportunity to participate in significant moments in the University's history, such as the welcoming of one of our largest incoming classes of new students this fall, we hope to keep HBU on the plate of options when they are making key philanthropic decisions."

HBU and Chevron partner to help University "tread lightly"



Much-needed summer rain is not the only reason the HBU campus is more "green" this fall.

With the assistance of Chevron Energy Solutions, the University has upgraded and replaced unreliable equipment with more modern, energy efficient systems that have resulted in a greener carbon footprint and the promise of significantly reduced energy costs.

A civil engineering study of the HBU campus conducted in 2009 with the assistance of a grant from Houston Endowment identified several components of the University's physical plant in need of attention. At HBU's request, Chevron Energy Solutions completed its own audit and then surveyed the marketplace to identify specific energy-saving products and solutions that would best address the results of the civil engineering study.

In the spring, HBU began imple-

menting the recommended upgrades with a complete retrofit of the lighting on campus. Updated plumbing and low-flow bathroom fixtures, new air handlers in some of the oldest buildings, and a computerized energy management system that allows centralized control and adjustment by building and specified zones are among the other new installations.

The energy savings over 10 years are expected to more than cover the initial investment, and HBU will receive a check from Chevron Energy Solutions if the savings do not meet specified targets at set intervals of time.

"Good stewardship of resources is important to all of us at HBU," said Sandy Mooney, vice president for financial operations. "Creating a

more sustainable campus is just one of the latest ways we are working to make the learning environment even better for our students."





A Fine Collection

NEW ART MUSEUM HOUSES RELIGIOUS-
THEMED MASTERWORKS

A dramatic, almost sublime, light filters through wispy clouds as the Matterhorn rises above a panoramic landscape of the Valley of Zermatt in the Alps on the border between Switzerland and Italy.

Nineteenth century audiences who first viewed the painting by German-American artist Albert Bierstadt, with its mountain spire resembling a majestic cathedral and the luminous sky reflecting the awesome power of God, considered it a religious experience.

It is no less transcendent an experience for modern viewers, who can see *The Matterhorn* – as well as five other religious masterworks on loan from the Sharon

and William Morris Collection – in the new Fine Arts Museum on the HBU campus.

With the assistance of a grant from The Hamill Foundation and a gift from long-time friends of the School of Fine Arts Terry and Linda Swift, HBU launched the first phase of the Fine Arts Museum project this summer by expanding and upgrading existing art exhibition space in the University Academic Center.

In addition to *The Matterhorn*, the new Fine Arts Museum is now the home of *Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness*, the 17th century Van Dyck masterpiece the Morrisses donated to HBU in June 2010, which previously hung in Belin Chapel. Depictions of biblical scenes spanning from the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt to an interpretation of the final judgment also grace the walls of the new space.

The exhibition of a collection of this caliber, including a 16th century Russian work that was previously on display at The

Menil Collection, is the latest expression of the University's academic and emotional admiration for the role of the arts in the Christian faith's cultural heritage, a key component of the eighth pillar of the *Ten Pillars* vision.

“ THE EXHIBITION OF A COLLECTION OF THIS CALIBER... IS THE LATEST EXPRESSION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC AND EMOTIONAL ADMIRATION FOR THE ROLE OF THE ARTS.

“For several years now, our annual exhibitions in the Contemporary Gallery, which will continue under the direction of artist and curator-in-residence Jim Edwards, have benefited the HBU student body and members of the greater Houston arts community,” said Michael Collins, chair of the Department of Visual Arts and artist-in-residence. “With the opening of the Fine



Artists in Training

FINE ARTS OUTREACH PROGRAM HELPS
YELLOWSTONE ACADEMY STUDENTS HONE SKILLS

Ostrich eggs, a bone mask with fiber beard, and a woven cloth from the Kuba tribe of The Democratic Republic of Congo.

Natural materials like these have been used in the making of African art for centuries. With the assistance of representatives from the HBU Department of Visual Arts, fourth through eighth grade students at Yellowstone Academy used their powers of observation and

“ **HAVING HBU STUDENTS WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR STUDENTS IN ART CLASSES...HAS BENEFITS FOR ALL INVOLVED.**

skills in contour drawing and shading to create beautiful renditions of a dramatically lit still life of these objects.

In conjunction with the new Fine Arts Museum on the HBU campus, Laura Kreft, museum coordinator, Cheryl Schubert '12, a fine arts graduate, and Michael Collins, chair of the Department of Visual Arts and artist-in-residence, have taken on a significant role in helping shape the art curriculum at Yellowstone, a faith-based school exclusively serving low-income preschool through eighth grade students in Houston's Third Ward.

Since last spring, these three have been working with Yellowstone art teacher Jessica Ledger to help students explore the classic artistic dilemma of creating three-dimensional shapes on two-dimensional surfaces. In that time, students moved from traditional still life arrangements depicting simple shapes to more complex geometric compositions incorporating items like the mask and Kuba cloth.

“Without the assistance of our friends at HBU, Yellowstone students would not have access to this level of instruction in art history and technique,” said Kim Hansen MEd '98, executive director of Yellowstone Academy.



“Having HBU students working alongside our students in art classes represents a unique mentoring opportunity that has benefits for all involved.”

With the opening of the Fine Arts Museum this fall, the program with Yellowstone Academy will be expanded to include field trips to the HBU campus for tours of the museum and adjacent Contemporary Gallery, as well as the opportunity for the students to participate in hands-on art projects in the Department of Visual Arts studios, where HBU's Master of Fine Arts candidates will serve as mentors.

“By helping this special group of students expand their creative skills, we hope this unique outreach program will inspire them to seek out and have the confidence to pursue options in high school and college that will allow them to continue challenging themselves

and honing their talents,” Kreft said.



Arts Museum and its powerful grouping of spiritual paintings, the School of Fine Arts can now foster and promote at an even deeper level intellectual growth and creative enlightenment among these groups, as well as Yellowstone Academy students participating in the related outreach program.”

Following a grand opening ceremony on Sept. 27, the Fine Arts Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for free tours, under the direction of museum coordinator Laura Kreft. Saturday and evening tours may be arranged by appointment.



NOTEWORTHY

Music students give repeat performance at Austrian festival

For the second consecutive year, Dr. John Yarrington, chair of the Department of Music, and student singers and pianists traveled to Eisenstadt, Austria, in August to participate in the city's 37th annual Classical Music Festival. The students sang in area churches and presented a gala concert of Haydn's "The Creation" in the Esterházy Palace where Haydn lived and worked.

New "Christian Business Review" to build distinctively Christian worldview for business

The Center for Christianity in Business at HBU launched its new online journal, the *Christian Business Review*, in July to provide a forum where Christian academics and business professionals can exchange ideas for integrating biblical principles into the practice of business as a divine enterprise. The inaugural issue features articles, a book excerpt, and the transcript from a panel discussion hosted by the Center in the fall of 2011 on the topic of work/life balance. To read the inaugural issue, visit www.hbu.edu/CBRJ.

HBU graduate student recognized for entrepreneurship

Ryan Watson, vice president of Icon Bank of Texas and an MBA student at HBU, was among a select group of outstanding graduate and undergraduate business students chosen by the Texas Business Hall of Fame in May to receive a \$10,000 scholarship for exhibiting entrepreneurial drive and leadership spirit.

Hobby Lobby president speaks on Christian ethics in workplace

Steve Green, president of Hobby Lobby Stores Inc, gave the spring Prince-Chavanne Distinguished Lecture, on the topic "Faith in the Workplace," to a crowd of more than 200, including approximately 30 personally invited Hobby Lobby store managers, in April. Green has served in various roles at the largest privately owned arts and crafts retailer in the world, which was started by his father David in 1972.

New glee groups provide creative outlet for lovers of song

This fall, the Department of Music launched Men's Glee and Women's Glee, offering all interested students an opportunity to perform a variety of modern music, including spirituals, show tunes, barbershop arrangements and world music genres. Both glee groups will make their official debut at "Celebrate with Glee" Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. in Belin Chapel.

HBU STUDENTS VISIT SCOTLAND FOR NURSING EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Nursing students Katherine Sacueza and Rachelle Gerke, left, spent two weeks in Aberdeen, Scotland, in May as participants in an annual nursing exchange program now in its 16th year. During their stay, organized in partnership with the Grampian-Houston Association and Robert Gordon University, the students studied in the Clinical Skills Lab at RGU's Faculty of Health and Social Care and visited Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. This month, the HBU School of Nursing and Allied Health welcomed to Houston two nursing students from RGU, Beverly Brown and Iona Hynd, right.



HELEN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012 HBU'S DUNHAM THEATER

Written by
Euripides

Produced & Directed by
Leonidas Loizides

Adapted by
Dr. Louis Markos

The *Helen* of Euripides offers a new twist on a very old story, adapted into modern English poetry by HBU Scholar-in-Residence Louis Markos.

The vision of the theatrical troupe of Leonidas Loizides is to present Greek tragedy in a form that is faithful to the original but still accessible to a modern global audience. The troupe believes that to wrestle with the issues raised in Greek tragedy is to wrestle with what it means to be a citizen in a democracy.

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Tickets: www.hcc-sw.org ... 713.522.2300

An intimate evening
with the author of
*The Lion, The Witch,
& The Wardrobe*
dramatically portrayed
by acclaimed British actor,
David Payne

An *Evening*
with C.S. Lewis

Thursday | October 18 | 7:00 PM
Dunham Theater
on the campus of Houston Baptist University

\$25.00 at the door
\$20.00 when purchased online at KKHT.com

RICK SANTORUM



NewsTalk 1070 KNTH has invited former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum to HBU for a discussion on America's current political climate and the upcoming elections.

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john mark reynolds

New HBU provost

seeks to embrace
"a golden chance"

Houston Baptist University does not need me, but the Church and I need Houston Baptist University.

That is one of the first things I realized when I saw the vision statement of President Sloan and the Board of Trustees. This place, and this calling, is bigger than I am, but I trust the same God that brought me has also prepared me.

God gave me a family that rooted me in Jesus. My father is a pastor from a long line of pastors and the most honest man I know. My mother taught me to follow the truth

“ WE ARE THE ONLY PLACE WITH THE LEADERSHIP IN OUR PRESIDENT, THE STABILITY IN OUR HERITAGE, AND THE VISION IN OUR FACULTY TO CONSERVE THE GOOD WHILE FOLLOWING A PROGRESSIVE VISION TO MAKE THINGS BETTER.

wherever it led, however long it took. My brother is pure of heart and a faithful friend.

I remember being 8 and hearing my Dad preach the Second Coming and wanting to be ready. I climbed into his lap after church and he led me to Jesus, baptizing me a few weeks later in a cold West Virginia river. Later, during graduate school, when my obedience to God was in doubt and my future in peril, both my parents, but especially my mother, loved me but firmly held the line for godly standards.

I could not deny or explain away the reality of their faith.

God gave me a wife who is gentle and forgiving. She is tender but strong in wielding that mighty sword: forgiveness. When other women would have despaired, she





persevered. I have never known her to think of herself before Jesus and others. She doesn't say much, but like Martha when Lazarus was dead, she still will confess Jesus as Lord. Troubles do not rock her.

God sent me teachers who understood the importance of both Athens and Jerusalem. In Bible college, men like Fount Shults showed a hunger for God's inerrant Word combined with an openness to new ideas. In college, David Basinger opened my mind to the possibility that all of reality could be reconciled to Christ. In graduate school, Deborah Modrak showed a rare combination of teaching skill and scholarship.

Al Geier taught me to think, teach and follow the Logos wherever it led. Phillip E. Johnson shaped my argument style,

bility in our heritage, and the vision in our faculty to conserve the good while following a progressive vision to make things better.

HBU dares proclaim: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Some claim to do this, but they do not serve as Jesus served. Instead, they expect to triumph now. HBU models service in her nurses, teachers and leaders all over the world.

God helping us we will train our minds to govern passions and submit every thought to Jesus. Christians need fear no idea, but instead have a chance to reconcile everything, all of creation, to Jesus Christ.

Our heads will be made harmonious to reality. Why should Satan be allowed any inch of ground in God's earth? If art is beautiful, it belongs to King Jesus. If an action is good, it belongs to His

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reminded me that Jesus would win, and then taught me courage as he overcame illness. J. P. Moreland treated me as a peer, when I would have been happy just to carry his luggage.

These teachers gave me the chance to start a great books college, and the faculty that came around me and hundreds of chums gave me friends. I have seen that all truth is God's truth in their lives. And yet in it all, I hungered for something more. The nation I love, the entire West, seemed decayed as if the best was yesterday.

Finally, God allowed me to meet President Sloan, and I knew what was missing. There exists at HBU a golden chance, a unique opportunity, to build a community of Jesus followers who will stop at nothing to reconcile the world to Christ. "Could I help?" I asked.

And now I get to try by God's grace to be part of this historic chance. Why historic? Because a community of scholars has united with a band of business leaders to respond to the crisis of our time. We are not the only place doing this, but we are the only place with the leadership in our president, the sta-

Church. If an idea is true, then it is His truth.

God helping us we will learn to live God with all our hearts. The nation is being corrupted by the "brightest and best" acting only for personal peace and affluence. Some seem to reason well, but they are cold-hearted to the Holy Spirit. If anti-intellectualism is a sin, then intellectualism is just as bad. The man or woman with a heart cold to the Gospel can no more serve our culture than the person with nothing to say.

God helping us we will have hands that serve all of Houston, Texas, America and then the world. We may mean well and have good plans, but if we do not act then our best intentions and schemes are useless. The power required to act must come from God, but the will must be there.

Head, heart and hand, we will become whole souls and challenge the stunted secularism of this time.

Thank God that He brought me to HBU, because I know only God Himself can empower me to do the job that must be done. By His grace and power, I am convinced the future is so bright for our school that some of the darkness of this present age will be dispelled.

I cannot wait.

Dr. John Mark Reynolds assumed the role of provost at HBU in June. He came to Houston from Biola University in California, where he was the founding director of the Torrey Honors Institute and an associate professor of philosophy. He contributes a blog at civitate.org, the web site of The City, HBU's journal on faith, learning and critical issues of the times.

Recruited

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Dr. Charles Halton, assistant professor, theology
Dr. Michael Licona, associate professor, theology
Dr. Holly Ordway, chair, Department of Apologetics, and professor, English
Nancy Pearcey, professor, apologetics, and scholar-in-residence
Dr. John Mark Reynolds, provost, and professor, philosophy
Mary Jo Sharp, assistant professor, apologetics

SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

Dr. Shannon Hesse, assistant professor, music
Dr. Jeffrey Wilkinson, program coordinator and professor, journalism and mass communication

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

Dr. Bruce Gordon, associate professor, history and philosophy of science

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

Shonta Bell, assistant professor, nursing
Suzanne Gillson, assistant professor, nursing
Cheryl McNeil, assistant professor, nursing
Stacey Upton, assistant professor, nursing

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. Cynthia Simpson was appointed dean of the School of Education in July. She most recently served as associate professor of special education, special education coordinator and graduate program coordinator in the Department of Language, Literacy and Special Populations at Sam Houston State University.

Dr. Dina Flores-Mejorado, assistant professor, education
Dr. Charlotte Fontenot, assistant professor, special education
Dr. Darby Hawley, assistant professor, psychology

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Kevin Barksdale, director, MS-HRM, and professor, management

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Dr. Jared Painter, assistant professor, mathematics

Retired

Donald Teltschik, assistant professor in mathematics since 1986

Dr. Ann Owen, former chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences, 1996-2005, and a member of the psychology and sociology faculty since 1991. She received the Opal Goolsby award in 1998 and was named Faculty Woman of the Year in 2002.



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SHARP



HESSE



WILKINSON



GORDON



GILLSON



MCNEIL



UPTON



SIMPSON



FONTENOT



HAWLEY



BARKSDALE



PAINTER

Recognized

Carol Lavender MBA '92, assistant professor in nursing, was appointed interim dean of the HBU School of Nursing and Allied Health in August. In addition, **Dr. Nancy Yuill** '72, former dean of the School of Nursing from 1990-2009, was appointed executive director of nursing, and **Sharon Luksetich**, assistant professor in nursing, was appointed acting chair.

Brenda Moore promoted to rank of assistant professor in nursing

Susan Schneider promoted to rank of assistant professor in nursing

Dr. Ellen Clardy promoted to rank of assistant professor in economics

Dr. Rachel Hopp promoted to rank of professor in biology

Dr. Eric VanCaemelbecke promoted to rank of professor in chemistry

Dr. Tim Brookins promoted to rank of assistant professor in classics

Anthony Martin, director of the HBU Bookstore, was appointed president of the National Association of College Stores (NACS) Foundation in March 2012. He has also served on the NACS board of trustees.

This year's Opal Goolsby Outstanding Teaching Award went to **Dr. Jodey Hinze**, assistant professor in business.

This year's recipients of the Mayfield Outstanding Staff Award were **David Moss**, assistant director of athletics, compliance and academics, and **Sandy Mooney**, vice president for financial operations.



HINZE



MOSS



MOONEY

Dr. Encarna Bermejo, assistant professor in Spanish, presented “Advancing writing and oral proficiency: insight from a Spanish heritage speakers’ placement exam” at the sixth International Workshop of Spanish Sociolinguistics at the University of Arizona in April.

Dr. Michael Bourke, professor in management information systems, created electronic exercises to accompany the chapters in *Management Information Systems for the Information Age*, a textbook published by McGraw-Hill.

Dr. J. Matthew Boyleston, assistant professor in English and writing and interim dean, School of Fine Arts, read his poetry at the International Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies in New Orleans in March. One of his poems, “In Back of the Hog Parlor,” was published in the spring 2012 issue of the literary journal *Permafrost*, and he contributed a chapter “‘To the Imagination the Sacred is Self-Evident’: Thoughts on Spirituality and Creative Writing” in *A Companion to Creative Writing*.

Dr. David Capes, Thomas Nelson Research Professor in the Department of Theology, was elected president of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Southwest in March. He reviewed James D. G. Dunn’s book *Did the First Christians Worship Jesus?* in the July 2012 issue of *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*.

Dr. Miguel Estrada, associate professor in Spanish, has been nominated for Texas Spanish college professor of the year 2011-2012 by the Texas Foreign Language Association, which will announce the recipient at its fall conference, “Lighting the Way: Effective Teaching, Exceptional Learning,” in October.

Dr. Steven L. Jones, assistant professor in classics, delivered the commencement address, “Nisi Dominus Frustra,” at the Geneva School of Boerne, a classical Christian school located outside San Antonio, in May.

Dr. Mohan Kuruvilla, dean of the School of Business, and **Dr. Levon Hayrapetyan**, professor in business, had a paper titled “A Decision Support System for College Major Selection,” published in the spring 2012 issue of the peer-reviewed journal *The International Journal of Business, Marketing and Decision Sciences*.

Dr. Micah Mattix, assistant professor in literature, published the following essays and reviews in the spring: “Poets and Capitalism,” *The American Spectator* (Feb. 27, 2012), “Original Sin and Parks and Recreation,” *The Gospel Coalition* (March 7, 2012), “Poetically Thinking,” *The University Bookman* (April 23, 2012), “The Big Easy’s Unfortunate Son,” *The City* (Summer 2012), and “The Sin-Eater,” *New Oxford Review* (May 2012). He also published five poems in the May/June issue of the *St. Austin Review* and a review, “The Prayers of a Poet,” of a book of translated poems by the German poet Rainer Maria Rilke, in *The Wall Street Journal* in August.

Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr., HBU president, delivered the commencement address, “The Enthronement of Jesus: Many Gifts, One Lord,” at the Logos Preparatory Academy, a K-12 Christian school serving Sugar Land and the surrounding Fort Bend area, in May. He also spoke as a member of an executive panel titled “Future Leadership: Vision and Action for Realistic Change,” moderated by Margaret Van Bree, chief executive officer, St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, at the 2012 American College of Healthcare Executives-Southeast Texas Chapter session in June. Chris Pappas, chief executive officer, Pappas Restaurants Inc., and Jack Sweeney, chairman, *Houston Chronicle*, joined Sloan on the panel.

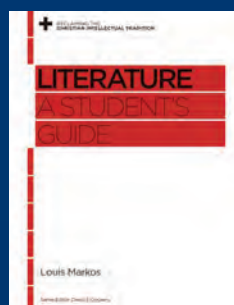
Dr. Dawn Wilson MEd ’99, associate professor in education; **Dr. Linda Brupbacher** ’69, professor in education and chair, Department of Curriculum and Instruction; and graduate student Katie Alaniz MEd ’11 presented a paper, “Naturalizing Digital Immigrants: Results of Graduate Students’ Coaching Experiences and its Implications for Teacher Professional Development,” at the International Conference of the Society for Information Technology in Teacher Education in March.



DR. DIANA SEVERANCE
DIRECTOR, DUNHAM BIBLE MUSEUM

A CORD OF THREE STRANDS: TWELVE CENTURIES OF CHRISTIAN LOVE LETTERS
(Christian Focus)

Collection of letters illustrating love for God as most important strand in strong marriages.



DR. LOUIS MARKOS
PROFESSOR IN ENGLISH AND
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LITERATURE: A STUDENT'S GUIDE
(Crossway)

An inspiring look at what it means to think like poets and view the world through literary eyes.

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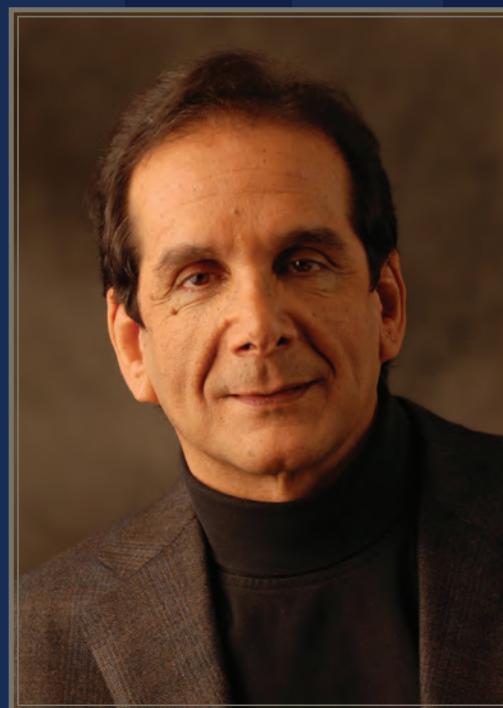
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A man with grey hair, wearing a dark blue blazer over a light blue and white striped shirt, is sitting on a metal folding chair in a locker room. He is holding a red and white football with both hands in front of him. The locker room has wooden lockers in the background and two other folding chairs are visible behind him.

YES


THIS SPRING HBU HIRED THE FIRST HEAD FOOTBALL coach in its history, Vic Shealy, who won a national championship in 1998 while head coach at Azusa Pacific and most recently served as defensive coordinator and secondary coach for two seasons at Kansas.

Yes, six student-athletes from public and private schools around the greater Houston area were announced in August as the University's first football signing class.

And yes, these and other Huskies who have expressed interest in the sport have begun practicing with Shealy and his staff this fall in preparation for the 2013 inaugural season, with a full schedule of Southland Conference play to follow in the fall of 2014.

But this is a story, more than anything, about encouraging discipline and building character in the lives of young men.

"By tapping into his interests and passions, a sport like football can change the cycle of a young man's life like few things can," Shealy said. "We want to win football games, and we will, but the number one objective in our program will be to see Christ lived out daily as our players strive to grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Christ."



FOOTBALL IS
COMING TO HBU,
AND THE RALLY
CRY IS GROWING
AMONGST STUDENTS,
ALUMNI AND THE
COMMUNITY. BUT...

THIS IS NOT A STORY ABOUT FOOTBALL.

DOING FOOTBALL RIGHT

Shealy's commitment to not only football, but also to the academic and spiritual mission of HBU, made him an ideal candidate to oversee the development of the University's new program.

"We are thrilled at the character Vic brings to HBU football," President Sloan told the members of the President's Leadership Council at a May dinner held in the Bradshaw Fitness Center. "We could not have found another man more wonderfully suited and fitted for a job on a Christian university campus where we want to do the sport of football the right way."

For Shealy and Sloan, excellence on the football field – lining up well against the competitors in the Southland Conference, making it to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs and, ultimately, becoming a national champion – will be another opportunity to share the mission of HBU with a larger, more national audience.

SELLING A DREAM

To get there, though, HBU must first ensure its mission and goals are understood and embraced by the football community closer to home. During the four-week spring evaluation period in May, Shealy and his first two assistant coach hires – Roger Hinshaw, who heavily recruited the Houston area as an assistant at Rice and Lamar, and Shannon Kelley, a product of Houston high school football and a two-year letterman for the University of Texas Longhorns – visited high schools throughout the region to start building the brand and telling the HBU story.

"For a start-up program like HBU, recruitment requires you to build trust while selling the dream," Hinshaw said. "We must develop genuine, long-lasting relationships with coaches and parents as we ask them to entrust to us the physical, intellectual and spiritual growth of their young men for the next four or five years. Parents who like what they hear are often the best salesmen when it comes time to sit down at the dinner table and consider all of their son's options."

"IT IS CRITICAL THAT OUR COACHES ADDRESS THE HEART COMPONENT."

Although there are not yet football facilities on campus to show or a record to discuss, HBU is uniquely positioned to present opportunities that should appeal to many recruits.

"We're offering players from a heavily recruited region known for its depth of talent five years of eligibility and playing time – something for which there is no substitute – in a major media market close enough to home that parents and other family members can afford to attend and lend their support at games," Kelley said.

BURDEN OF LEADERSHIP

In addition to Hinshaw and Kelley, Shealy has assembled a coaching staff with a competitive spirit, a love for students and a willingness to embrace the challenge of starting a program from scratch. He sought coaches who possessed not only knowledge of fundamentals and

technique, but also great motivational skills and the ability to capture the heart of an athlete.

"It is critical that our coaches address the heart component," Shealy said. "We want our players to understand the purpose behind the game, so they are motivated to play and succeed out of love and a desire not to let their brothers down."

Putting a winning team on the field is important, so the first signing class includes players who know how to win. The high school teams they represent won 70 percent of their games

in the players' senior years. But Coach Shealy recognizes that these first players will carry a legacy on their shoulders, so he and his staff looked for recruits who would bring more than just athletic ability to the team.



HEAD COACH



VIC SHEALY

Most recently defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Kansas. Previous experience as head coach at Azusa Pacific from 1995-1998. Named NAIA Coach of the Year in 1998, when he led APU to an NAIA national championship. Held assistant coaching positions at Richmond, UNLV, Air Force, Austin Peay State and Mars Hill College.

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR



ROGER HINSHAW

Most recently defensive coordinator at Lamar following one season as director of operations at Duke. Also has coaching experience at Air Force, Arkansas, Clemson and Rice, among others. Combined record includes 10 bowl appearances and four conference championships.

OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT



SHANNON KELLEY

Most recently running backs coach at California University in Pennsylvania. Worked in an investment firm and as a real estate developer in Houston before realizing his dream and becoming quarterbacks coach at Fairmont State University in West Virginia in 2009. Made three bowl appearances as a UT Longhorn from 1984-1988.



“The first signing class is a model of the type of young men HBU wants to attract,” Shealy said. “Their collective character will serve our program well as we look to them for a foundation of leadership that will guide us forward. We want a program that is doing and sustaining great things for a long period of time.”

LOCKERS FOR LEADERS

The start of the new football program at HBU represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for friends of the University to be part of a first in the school’s history.

HBU plans to have an on-campus facility and locker room for football ready by the fall of 2013. For a naming gift of \$2,500 to the Lockers for Leaders program, donors can reserve one of 100 lockers that will display a personalized plaque commemorating each gift.

Twenty-five lockers have already been named, and HBU hopes to have 50 reserved by December.

To reserve your locker and preserve your place in HBU history, visit www.hbu.edu/football or call Brad Hovious at 281-649-3143.

RUNNING GAME COORDINATOR



DREW O'DANIEL

Most recently assistant football coach at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Mississippi. Also has coaching experience at Western Carolina and worked as graduate assistant at North Carolina and the University of Texas. Played for Bobby Bowden at Florida State from 1995-1997.

SECONDARY COACH



AARON FLETCHER

Served as assistant coach at the high school level in the Dallas-Fort Worth area after playing for Texas teams in the Minor Football League, the National Indoor Football League and the Arena Football League, beginning in 2000.

SECONDARY COACH



JEFF LOVE

Most recently secondary coach and recruiting coordinator at Occidental College in Los Angeles. Spent three seasons as video coordinator at Kansas, where he first worked with Shealy, and at Nevada.



NEW COACHES

TO LEAD HUSKIES TO VICTORY

VOLLEYBALL

TRENT HERMAN accepted the position of head volleyball coach after two seasons as head coach at the University of St. Thomas. The UST Lady Celts set a school record for wins, and Herman was named the Association of Independent Institutions Conference Coach of the Year during his first year with the program. Prior to UST, Herman spent three years as the technical director and coach at Absolute Volleyball Academy in League City, where his 18s team won the Club National Championship in 2009. He also has assistant coaching experience at Rice University and Iowa State University.

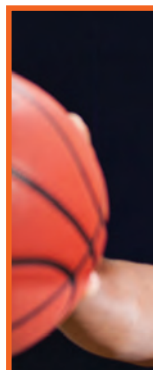
ALICIA KELTNER, a former assistant coach at the University of Houston, joins Herman as assistant volleyball coach. The daughter of a well-known coach in her native Kansas, Keltner was an outside hitter for four years at Fresno State, where she and her teammates won multiple community service awards for their work off the court.

CHEERLEADING

AMANDA GOLDEN brings NFL cheerleading experience to her position as director of the HBU Cheer squad. She previously worked as a Houston Texans cheerleader for five years, including three as squad captain. Golden, the first cheer director in recent years whose job is solely to work with the team, plans to incorporate aspects of professional cheerleading into her work to build a more athletic squad capable of participating in competitions.

GOLF

JANINE FELLOWS, a member of the LPGA Futures Tour and former standout at Tulane, will serve as an assistant coach for the men's and women's golf teams. She helped lead the Tulane Green Wave to back-to-back conference titles and NCAA Championship appearances in 2009 and 2010, and she was the 2010 Conference USA Player of the Year and Louisiana Player of the Year.





MEN'S SOCCER

ARICK LASSITER spent six seasons as head men's soccer coach at Huston-Tillotson University before joining the HBU men's soccer team as assistant coach in August. In 2011, the HTU Rams won the Red River Athletic Conference championship and earned a spot in the NAIA national tournament for the first time in program history. Lassiter also began and served as head coach of the women's soccer program at HTU from 2007 to 2009. Prior to coaching at HTU, he spent five seasons as an assistant coach at North Carolina State.

BASKETBALL

JEREMY CASE comes to HBU as an assistant coach for the men's basketball team following three years as an assistant coach at Southeast Missouri State. During his career as a student-athlete at Kansas, Case was a member of the Jayhawks' 2008 national championship team, one of three appearances he and his teammates made in the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight from 2004 to 2008. As a junior at McAlester High School, where he is the all-time leading scorer with more than 2,000 points during his career, Case led Oklahoma's Class 5A with 25.4 points per game.



TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES SCORE GOLD, MAKE HISTORIC NCAA POSTSEASON SHOWING

HBU student-athletes broke seven school records on their way to collecting nine gold medals at the 2012 Great West Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by the University at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium in May.

FRESHMAN BRICE CHRISTIAN led the Huskies with three gold medals – in the 400-meter, in the long jump, and as a member of the men's 4x400 relay team – and was named Great West Newcomer of the Year.

JUNIOR BRITTANE GAINES shattered the Great West Conference meet record to pick up gold in the 100. The performance qualified her for the NCAA West Preliminary Round in Austin, making her the first individual Husky since the 1980s to qualify for NCAA Division I postseason competition.

"Having our first national qualifier is a great achievement," said Theresa Fuqua, head track and field coach. "Brittane had been aiming for this opportunity since she joined us, and it was exciting to see her line up against the best sprinters in the West region."

REPEAT PERFORMANCES

HUSKIES WIN THIRD CONSECUTIVE GWC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

For the third consecutive year, the HBU Athletic Department earned the Great West Conference Sportsmanship Award, which is given annually to the member institution whose student-athletes, coaches and fans are judged by its peers to conduct themselves in a way that best lives up to the ideals of sportsmanship.

"This certainly puts a great bow on what has been an historic year for HBU athletics, in which the Huskies regained full membership to the NCAA, were invited to join the Southland Conference and announced the addition of football to our roster of sports," said HBU Athletic Director Steve Moniaci.

WOMEN'S GOLF CAPTURES THIRD CONSECUTIVE GWC CHAMPIONSHIP

HBU finished in first place by a 21-stroke margin to win its third consecutive title at the Great West Women's Golf Championship held in April at the Alpine Country Club in Alpine, Utah. Three Huskies – Kelsey Lou-Hing, Paige Gibson and Katie Paxton – placed in the top five individual rankings and earned First-Team All-Tournament honors.



Dare to be Wise

INAUGURAL HONORS COLLEGE CLASS CELEBRATES FOUR YEARS OF TRADITIONS FORMED, CHALLENGES MET

SAPERE AUDE. In 2008, HBU first issued this dare – roughly translated from Latin as “Dare to be wise” – to a select group of incoming students. Twenty-eight from around Houston, across Texas, and as far away as New Jersey answered to form the inaugural class of the Honors College at HBU.

They gathered in the recently completed University Academic Center – which,

along with the Honors College, was one of the early signs of progress toward the goals outlined in the then-new *Ten Pillars* vision – to begin an academic and social journey unlike any the University had offered before.

“Even before Dr. Sloan came to HBU, there were faculty who believed HBU needed a special track for gifted and hard-working students,” said Dr. David

Capes, founding interim dean and chair of the academic committee that proposed the Honors College in the fall of 2007. “When we received the approval of the Board of Trustees and the support of Dr. Sloan, we had no space, no faculty and no staff, but we did have an idea for an intellectually rigorous program that would integrate faith and learning in creative ways and a plan for how to realize it.”

Curriculum

According to that plan, the Honors College would provide academically exceptional undergraduates with a passion for great works a unique general education core curriculum in the liberal arts and the social and natural sciences. Courses were taught by an interdisciplinary team of faculty so that students could examine the same subject from various scholarly perspectives and recognize that knowledge in all fields is connected.

In addition to giving a perspective that was broader than the individual academic majors, the Honors College ensured that the learning community extended beyond the classroom by exposing its students to diverse cultural opportunities and other participatory learning experiences both on and off campus. For instance, a frequent Roundtable series gave Honors College students the opportunity to meet and learn from civic and business leaders in the local, national and international communities.

Traditions

In the fall of 2009, the Honors College welcomed both its second class of students and a new dean, Dr. Robert Stacey, a political theorist with a commitment to the liberal arts. The Honors College added about 25 students each fall thereafter, sparking a desire to identify new opportunities to build a sense of camaraderie between its freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

To achieve the desired unity, the students were divided across classifications into four “houses” named for famous philosophers and writers: Augustine, Boethius, Homer and Virgil. The four houses then spent the academic year participating in a series of competitive academic and social events, culminating in the first Honors



We will continue working to improve and perfect the programming in the Honors College so students can have an even better experience overall.

College Field Day in April 2011. The House of Boethius earned the most points over the course of the year and was awarded the first Honors College House Cup at the annual end-of-year Honors College Banquet.

“The creation of the house system, which has its basis in similar structures at residential colleges in Europe, is just one of many ways we will continue working to improve and perfect the programming in the Honors College so students can have an even better experience overall,” Stacey said.

The evolving house system has already given birth to a new student-initiated tradition. Honors College inductees in the fall of 2011 were required to wear capes bearing the color of the house to which they were assigned during the first week of classes. This fall, a new living/learning community in the Lake House adds a residential component to the Honors College experience.



KELLY STAMY

MAJOR: **Government**

MINOR: **History**

HOUSE: **Virgil**

FUTURE PLANS: **Attending South Texas College of Law**

"The professors in the Honors College got to know us personally instead of purely academically. While they were friendly and approachable people, they still expected a lot from us. I know that if graduate school becomes overwhelming, I can visit my Honors College professors for help refocusing my studies."

"It was refreshing to explore other religions in the safety of an open-minded Christian environment in which we could explore all angles of any debate or argument. My faith was strengthened when my eyes were opened to other facets of Christianity I was not exposed to growing up."

"It is too easy to just believe everything you see and hear, but in the Honors College, we learned to never take anything at face value. It helped us on our journey to discover the truth. I was encouraged to come to my own conclusions regarding the tough questions of life."

DANIEL CADIS

MAJORS: **Political Science & Mass Communication**

HOUSE: **Virgil**

FUTURE PLANS: **Freelance writer for Houston bureau of *The New York Times*, with plans to focus career on the intersection of liberal arts and technology**

"The Honors College represented the education for which I had been searching since high school. It was broad when necessary yet also appropriately narrow when covering essential subjects, and it challenged me to push beyond my horizons."

"We felt like soldiers in a war, and that helped us all bond. Late-night study sessions, with walls plastered with notes and fellow students calling out answers to potential essay questions, were frequent."

"With a rigorous education channeling the lessons of Aristotle, St. Thomas Aquinas and other brilliant scholars, the Honors College challenged us from every angle, pushing us to excel in areas often unfamiliar. It is rare to find an institution so focused on preparing its students for long-term success, but that is what we found in the Honors College."

GRACE PARMAR

MAJORS: **Political Science & Biblical Languages**

HOUSE: **Boethius**

FUTURE PLANS: **Pursue a master's degree in government at Villanova University to apply the wisdom of Christianity to government relations in a world being shaken by war and declining morality**

"The curriculum in the Honors College was very much alive, even though the voices we were reading were long dead. We were encouraged to see how the great texts applied to all matters of life, allowing each of us to understand better our various majors and interests within the larger picture."

"Sometimes we were so engaged during a class it felt like we were being edified spiritually as well as intellectually. Whether learning about government or art or even science, the depth with which we examined each subject often compelled us to look within ourselves and worship the God of the universe."

"I thought I had passion and ambition before enrolling in the Honors College, but there is even more now. The difference is I now have more wisdom and the skills and understanding required to continue succeeding in life."

Impact

Although the Honors College is not for every HBU student, its presence and programming have beneficial implications for the broader campus community. Attracting and retaining high-level students strengthens the University's reputation for academic excellence. Its emphasis on great texts influenced the new liberal arts core curriculum instituted in the fall of 2011 for all students. Honors College-sponsored events, such as the Southwest



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Conference on Christianity and Literature and an annual lecture series co-sponsored by the Department of English, have focused on bringing together students and professors from a variety of backgrounds in the active pursuit of knowledge outside the typical classroom setting.

In the spring 2010 issue of the *HBU News*, Stacey reflected on the meaning of the "dare to be wise" the Honors College continues to issue its students.

"It serves as both an invitation and a challenge," Stacey said. "On one hand, it invites serious-minded students to participate in the great classical Christian liberal arts tradition. On the other hand, it challenges those same students to embrace the arduous yet rewarding life-long pursuit of genuine truth—a worthy enterprise indeed."

After four years rising to the challenge, 22 members of the inaugural Honors College class completed their undergraduate educations at HBU in May 2012 and prepared to take the next step on their road to intellectual and spiritual maturity. As they take their place in University history as the first graduates of the Honors College, they leave behind for the truth-seekers who will follow in their footsteps inspiring stories of individual and collective successes, as well as enthusiastic endorsements of the experience they shared.

The Guild



HBU President Robert Sloan and First Lady Sue Sloan, Silver Tea Chair Ruth Alford, 2011-2012 Guild President Anne Roper, Linda Higginbotham, Allene Lucas, and Sheryl and Doug Bech

GUILD SILVER TEA HONORS HIGGINBOTHAM, LUCAS

During its annual Silver Tea, held at the home of Sheryl and Doug Bech in April, The Guild honored Linda Higginbotham and Allene Lucas for their Christian leadership and dedication to the organization and HBU. Through the generosity of

more than 65 underwriters and other donors, the 2012 Tea, chaired by Ruth Alford, raised more than \$82,000 to support graduate scholarships in the School of Education and the School of Christian Thought.

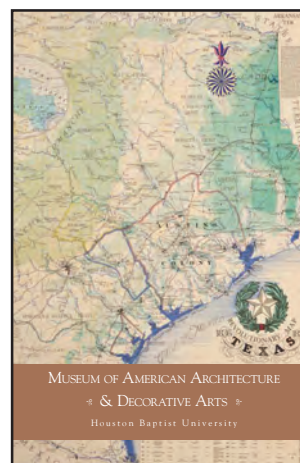
GUILD INSTITUTE IN CHRISTIAN FAMILY STUDIES

*Fall Lecture with Trudy Cathy White
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012, at 6 p.m.*

Trudy Cathy White, daughter of Jeannette and Truett Cathy, founder and CEO of Chick-fil-A, co-founded IMPACT 360, an academic gap-year program designed to equip young adults to be Christ-centered servant leaders, with her husband John.

She also serves as girl's director of WinShape Camps, a summer camp program started by the Cathy family in 1985 to challenge campers to sharpen their character and deepen their Christian faith and relationships.

AMERICAN MUSEUM SOCIETY



New museum guidebook reflects dedication of AMS

At a special installation ceremony in May, the 10 members of the board of the American Museum Society, under the leadership of Allene Lucas, president, were challenged to lead

like women of the Bible, with wisdom, integrity, devotion, friendship and passion. The organization, which supports HBU's Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts through a series of annual events and activities, recently completed a new guidebook for the museum as an expression of appreciation to Lynn Miller '77, retired director of the museum, for her years of service.

A photograph of Nancy Choate Brownlee, RN, in a clinical setting. She is wearing a white lab coat over a patterned top and has a name tag that reads "Nancy Brownlee, RN". She is gesturing with her right hand while speaking. In the foreground, a patient's arm is visible with a blood pressure cuff and a stethoscope resting on a wooden table.

Nursing alumni called to help meet a critical need

Lending my experience and expertise to the HBU School of Nursing has brought many rewards. By helping the next generation of nurses prepare themselves to serve the health care needs of our community, I have re-ignited my own passion for this critically important field. I continue to have a deep respect and appreciation for the nursing faculty who made a difference in my life, and I pray I will have the opportunity to play a similar role in the lives of today's students.

**- Nancy Choate Brownlee
BSN '80**

Due to tremendous growth in qualified applicants, the HBU School of Nursing and Allied Health has an immediate need for nursing alumni like Nancy – who is in her third year teaching as a nurse extender and is pursuing an MSN to become a family nurse practitioner – who would be willing to share their time and talents with the University's nursing students.

Paid positions are available for alumni with both bachelor's

and master's degrees in nursing who can work as little as one day a week in a clinical site in the Texas Medical Center or Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital. The nursing and kinesiology programs are also recruiting for full-time faculty with terminal doctoral degrees. To learn more, contact Carol Laverder, interim dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health, at clavender@hbu.edu or 281-649-3300.

Alumagrams

What's news with you?

60s-70s

TIM AUSTIN '68 has retired as a lieutenant colonel and multimedia specialist with the U.S. Army. He is the national secretary for the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association.

DAVID APPLEBY '69 owns Texas Cruise and Travel and is Midwest regional manager for the Outside Sales Support Network. He previously served in ministry as a Baptist pastor for 38 years.

JUDY CLARK ZOCH '72 retired from Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services in February 2011.

80s

ROZINA DAVIS LEE '80 owns LEEdership Plus, an educational consulting firm, in Spring.

BOB WALL '80 was the 2011-2012 president of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, the largest state basketball coaches organization in the nation. In June 2011, he retired from Alief ISD's Hastings High School, where he won more games than any girls basketball coach in Alief history.

LAURA CASTER WEISER '80 was appointed by Governor Perry in June to the governing board of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, which develops and sets policy and standards for legal services to indigent defendants.

ROBBIN BEARD MUNDY '81 is chaplain of Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System in Spartanburg, S.C.

DONALD BROWN II '83 is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Grand Saline, Texas.

ROBERT CARTER '83 is president of Seminario Teológico Bautista (Baptist Theological Seminary) in Santiago, Chile.

DR. MARK EDWORTHY '83 published a book, *The Wall that Remains*, about the work of the International Mission Board in the former Soviet Union and eastern European countries from 1988 to 2000. He is the International Mission Board's affinity group strategy leader for Europe.

PHIL HASSELL '83 is director of the Texas Baptist Historical Museum and pastor of Independence Baptist Church in Independence, Texas.

DR. LAURA SAVAGE-RAINS '83 is a consultant and educator in Lakeway, Texas, where her husband Mark is director of music ministries at The Lakeway Church. She is writing a book of historical fiction.

STAN MAGEE '84 is debate coach for the Hua Xia Chinese School in Houston. His middle school debate team won the National Lincoln-Douglas Championship in Indianapolis in June.

BETSY POAGE MILLER '84 is a homemaker in Houston.

TIM THELEN '84 won two European Senior Tour tournaments back-to-back in Germany and Switzerland in July.

DR. ED YOUNG '84 launched PastorFashion.com, a Web site featuring fashion tips for pastors and other church leaders. He is the founding pastor of Fellowship Church in Grapevine, Texas.

KEN BARTHOLOMEW '85 is the minister of music at First Baptist Church in Durant, Okla.

CHRIS GARY '85 is the minister to children at Central Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas.

WALTER JACKSON '85 is the director of missions for the Guadalupe Baptist Association, which serves 53 churches in and around Victoria, Texas. He previously served as pastor of First Baptist Church in DeKalb, Texas, for 11 years.

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DR. GREG STERLING '78 NAMED DEAN OF YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Dr. Greg Sterling '78 began serving a five-year term as The Reverend Henry L. Slack Dean of Yale Divinity School in August. He assumed the deanship after more than two decades at the University of Notre Dame, where he served in several capacities at the College of Arts and Letters before becoming the first dean of the independent Graduate School in 2008.

In addition to his undergraduate degree from HBU in Christianity and history, he completed two master's programs, one in religion at Pepperdine University and the other in classics at the University of California-Davis. He earned his doctorate in biblical studies with a specialization in the New Testament from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley.

"Several faculty at HBU were particularly important for my intellectual development. They initiated my transformation from a student to a scholar. They were not only effective in class but were unstintingly generous with their time outside of class. I am grateful to them and HBU for the quality of their instruction and the interest that they showed in me as a student."

- Dr. Greg Sterling '78

LAURA JENNE RICHARD '85 is executive director of Fort Bend Cares, which provides grants to nonprofit organizations that support children and youth with physical, health, educational, recreational and emotional needs.

BENNY AGOSTO JR. '86 participated on a panel titled "Latinos in the Legal Profession" at the 2012 Harvard Latino Law, Policy and Business Conference in April. He is president of the Hispanic National Bar Association and a partner at Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend.

TONI GUSTIN COTTON '86 is chief nursing officer at West Houston Medical Center.

BOB PARROTT MBA '86 is a product manager with Schlumberger in Sugar Land.

ELAINE ALLISON DeALMEIDA '88 is a lower school music teacher at Annunciation Orthodox School in Houston.

KEN MARSHALL MBA '89 oversees U.S. operations for Sweden-based medical technology company Aerocrine Inc.

90s

SUSAN HORSTMANN-THEOBALD '90 is a homemaker in Austin.

DENNIS TUEL MS '90 is a regional sales manager with Graybar in Houston.

VIVIAN CAMACHO '91 is assistant vice president of marketing and communications at Star of Hope Mission.

DR. GEORGE KANTIS '91 is a board certified cardiologist in private practice at Woodlands North Houston Heart Center.

BRENT BENOIT '92 began serving as president of the Houston Bar Association in May. He has served on the HBA board of directors since 2007 and chaired the HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, which provides pro bono legal services to low-income Houstonians, and the Dispute Resolution Center, which offers community mediation and other no-cost litigation alternatives. Benoit is a partner at Locke Lord LLP.

RHONDA GEORGE JONES '92 works for Basell Polyolefins in Hertfordshire, England.

JERRI BAUER MONBARON '92 is director of the Humble ISD Office of Community Development.

JAMES KINGSMILL '94, MED '02 teaches Gifted and Talented (G/T), speech and debate at Galena Park High School, where he is also the debate coach. His wife, **DEBORAH THOMPSON KINGSMILL '92, MED '03**, teaches seventh grade science at Highlands Junior High in Goose Creek CISD.

ARTURO CREIXELL '95 is a senior partner at Axis and the managing director of A & R Capital and Avangard Group Ltd. He co-founded and serves on the board of PETSTAR, a plastic recycling company focused on the development of green PET products.

DR. STEPHEN MATHIESON '96 is a secondary teacher and head of the Bible Department at Ovilla Christian School in Ovilla, Texas.

DENISE SANDERS '96 achieved National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards in science for adolescence and young adulthood. She teaches chemistry in Austin ISD.

DR. BRAD GOODSON '99 is a pediatric psychiatrist with University of Arkansas Medical Sciences.

PLESHETTA LOFTIN '99 is the chief compliance officer for Compass EMP Funds.

2000s

MATHEW DOBSON '00 is a business sales manager with Verizon Wireless in Houston.

WYNTER MATHENY LEE '00 is a mass torts coordinator for Watts, Guerra, Craft in San Antonio.

ANITA BATES '01 is a development assistant with Change Happens, a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides services to adults and at-risk youth in Houston's Third Ward.

DUSTIN ELLIS '01 is a teacher at The Woodlands Christian Academy.

CORY FERGUSON '01 is a vacation planner with Sterling Resorts in Dallas.

KRISTA BRANNON '03 is the director of Eastgate Christian School in San Diego.

DAVID FRESCH '03 is senior pastor of North Sea Baptist Church in Stavanger, Norway, and founder of Fresch Ministries International – www.freschministries.com – which is dedicated to stimulating organic growth in ministries around the world. His efforts to encourage and partner with under-resourced ministries have presented opportunities for him to train leaders throughout Europe, Africa and Asia. In addition to training, the ministry has provided nearly 2,000 Bibles to war torn northern Uganda, sponsored pastors conferences in Myanmar, and is looking to build churches in Nepal next year.

CRYSTAL BROWN '04 is the chief financial officer at Perfume Max Inc. in Houston.

DONNY GORDON '04 is worship pastor at Majestic Baptist Church in Pueblo West, Colo.

STEPHEN HUNT '04 is a biofuels and clean products scheduler for Phillips 66 in Houston.

JOSUÉ BARRERA '05 is a human resources specialist in the State Department's Bureau of Human Resources Office of Recruitment, Examination and Employment.

SAM BYRD '05 is a member of Sugar Land-based cheerleading squad Apex Wrath, which competed in April in the international open coed division at the 2012 world cheerleading championships of the U.S. All Star Federation, held in Orlando, Fla. He is the public relations manager at Theatre Under the Stars.

LEADERS OF THE PACK

Dr. Mark Newton '83 received the University of Texas Medical Branch Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumnus Award, the highest honor bestowed by the UTMB School of Medicine Alumni Association to recognize outstanding service to the medical profession and to humanity, in June. He is an associate clinical professor of anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and a pediatric anesthesiologist at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Dr. John Thomas '89 was awarded the 2012 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which recognizes the contribution of immigrant families in America, from the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations. He is a surgeon in Lubbock, Texas, and the founder of Operation Hope USA.

Jill Lewis MEd '03 was selected by the Northside Counseling Association as the 2011-2012 Outstanding High School Counselor of the Year for Northside ISD in San Antonio.

Jaclyn Van Tiem Amato '04 was recognized by Pearland ISD in May as its secondary Teacher of the Year. She has taught special education, world geography and history at Pearland High School since 2007.

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GANDHI '99, ZIMMERMAN MBA '89 ELECTED TO SUGAR LAND CITY COUNCIL

Himesh Gandhi '99 and **Joe Zimmerman MBA '89** were elected to at-large positions on Sugar Land City Council in May. Both men previously served on the Sugar Land Planning and Zoning Commission and have been active with other community organizations in and around Sugar Land, including the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, for many years.

The six-member Sugar Land City Council hires and supervises the city's professional manager, approves the budget, and focuses on long-term community goals and projects, such as land use development, capital improvement plans, capital financing and strategic planning.

"My experiences at HBU equipped me with a full education and provided a solid foundation for both professional and community leadership endeavors. As I look forward and help shape the future of Sugar Land, I am confident the values instilled in me – leadership, vision and faith – will serve me well as we face the challenges ahead."

Himesh Gandhi '99
Attorney and Partner
Hrbacek & Gandhi, P.C.

"The MBA I received at HBU provided me with the knowledge to excel in senior management positions in consulting engineering, land development and homebuilding. As a member of the Sugar Land City Council, I find myself drawing on that same knowledge every day to help make a difference in our community."

Joe Zimmerman MBA '89
Vice President
Klotz Associates

KATRINA ENGLISH '05 is the volleyball coach at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Okla. She is also founder of the Walk By Faith Volleyball Club, which teaches female athletes ages 13-18 the skills and mentality needed to become competitive and successful volleyball players.

ANGELICA LOPEZ MAP '05 writes a blog – beingpositiveparents.com – and conducts Positive Parenting workshops and classes in San Antonio.

LORA KEADY KELLEY '07 contributed photography, creative design and makeup for editorial features in two national bridal magazines, *Weddings Unveiled* and *Southern Weddings*.

LINDSAY WHITTINGTON '08 is a staff nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Texas Children's Hospital.

ASHLEY LEJEUNE MACCT '09 obtained her Texas CPA license in February. She is a senior auditor with Hein & Associates in Houston.

CHRISTIAN LOEFFLER '09 is a project manager with Serimax North America in Houston.

NINA HARRISON '10 is a staffing consultant at Meador Staffing in Pasadena.

WESLEY GANT '11 was named a Michael and Andrea Leven Fellow by the Institute for Humane Studies. He is currently a graduate student in political science at the University of Houston, writes for the American Enterprise Institute's Values & Capitalism project (valuesandcapitalism.com), and works with the HBU Office of University Communications to design electronic and printed pieces, including the *HBU News*.

SIMEON SNOW '11 is serving with Go Now Missions at Segue Refugee Partners Ministry in Dallas.

JONATHAN HAMMOND '12 is a loan officer with C and T Mortgage in Cypress.

JESSICA PYLE '12 is an intern in the medical/surgical unit at Conroe Regional Medical Center.

ANDREW RICHARDSON '12 is communications manager with CrossPoint Community Church in Katy. He also photographs Houston professional sports teams.

KATE RIDDLE '12 is a registered nurse at Texas Children's Hospital.

10s

REBECCA BARTON GIDDINGS '10 is a marketing manager with CSO Research in Austin.

CELEBRATIONS

Dan Bates '67 and wife Linda celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary in College Station, Texas, in December 2011.

Sue Beck Nesmith '77 and husband Rick celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary this year in Cabot, Ark., where Rick is pastor of Liberty Baptist Church.

Debi Royster Price '87 and her Kappa Delta sorority sisters **Dana Spillers Callaway '87** and **Kathy Horton Radek '86** are celebrating 25 years of friendship. Debi is a response to intervention specialist with Alief ISD.

Leslie Tripp '96 married Joseph Holland on March 31, 2012, in Dalton, Ga. She is an assignment editor at CNN in Atlanta.

Regina Wells '09 married **Branden Jennings '12** on Feb. 26, 2012. She is a teacher and debate coach in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.

Brenda Mendez '09 married **Jorge Rodriguez '06** in March 2012. She is the secretary of the superintendent for the Stafford Municipal School District.

Tia Fichera MBA '11 married Chase Smith, an HBU graduate student, on March 31, 2012, at the University of Texas Golf Club.

ALUMNI RELATIONS HAS NEW HOME

This summer, the Office of Alumni Relations moved from the Hinton House to the first floor of the Brown Administrative Complex in the heart of campus. Alumni are encouraged to stop by the new Alumni Relations area in Brown 148 the next time you are on campus to say hello to Jennifer Davis '08, associate director.

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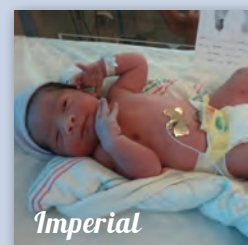
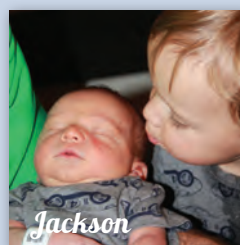
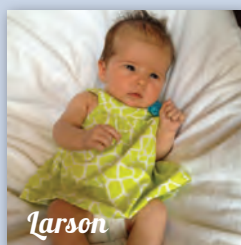
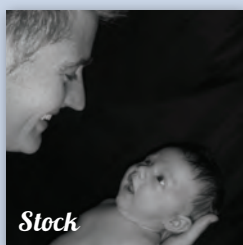
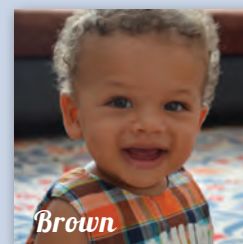
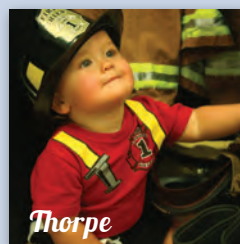


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Candace Bush Thorpe '04 and husband **Jason** are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Landon Douglas**, on Sept. 6, 2011. He was welcomed by brother **Aidan**. Candace is a teacher in Fort Bend ISD.

Jessica Brantley Brown '08 and husband **Anthony** are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Jeremiah Anthony**, on Oct. 6, 2011.

Nicole Morell Goldman '03 and husband **Corey** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Samantha Lynn**, on Jan. 2, 2012.

Saleim Kahleh '84 and wife **Melanie Hancock Kahleh '95** are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Samuel Zachariah Saleim**, on Jan. 23, 2012. He was welcomed by his brothers and sisters: **Karah Grace**, **Saleim II**, **Simeon**, **Hannah Joy** and **Eliah Shalom**.

Jacob Stock '01 and wife **Melissa Morgan Stock '02** are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Silas Dean**, on Feb. 8, 2012. He was welcomed by sisters **Ashtyn**, **Bella Grace** and **Adelyn**.

Justin Elder '08 and wife **Meryl Kemberling Elder '08** are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Josiah Aden**, on March 25, 2012.

President Robert and Sue Sloan are proud to announce the birth of their 13th grandchild, **Kate Liv Larson**, on June 12, 2012. She is the daughter of **Eraina** and **Bryan Larson** and sister to **Lucy** and **Abby**.

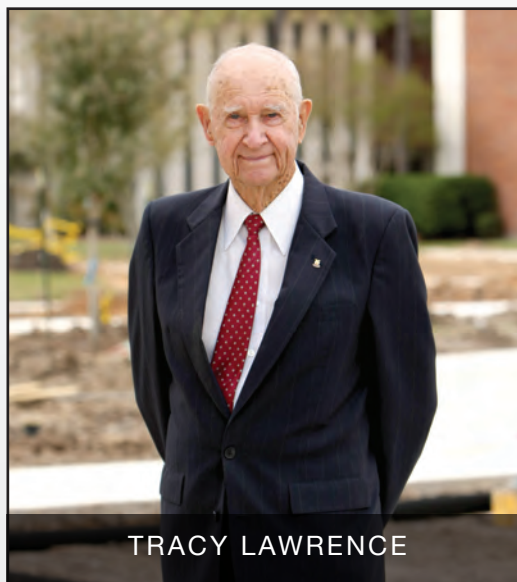
Jeremy Jackson '04 and wife **Sarah Naron Jackson '07** are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Samuel David**, on July 1, 2012. He was welcomed by brother **Jonah**.

John Montgomery '07 and wife **Carolina Cardenas Montgomery '07** are proud to announce the birth of their son, **August John**, on July 13, 2012.

Eva Garcia Imperial '96 and husband **Sidney Imperial '96** are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Nicolas Sidney**, on July 15, 2012. He was welcomed by **Olivia**, **Mia** and **Sabrina**, who celebrated her first birthday in May. Sidney owns the **Today's Vision** optometry practice in Houston's **Sawyer Heights Shopping Center**.

In Memoriam

Trustees



Tracy Lawrence passed away on June 7, 2012. A long-time friend of HBU, he and his wife, Lee, were among the first recipients of the University's Spirit of Excellence Award, and, in 2008, their family was the first to be named the HBU Family of the Year. Lawrence Park, next to the Morris Cultural Arts Center, is named in their honor. He was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1994, and he received an honorary doctorate from the University in 2007.

"I remember with much affection my time serving on the HBU Board of Trustees with Tracy Lawrence. He was a kind, humble and generous man. It was my privilege to be selected to read the award of his honorary doctorate. HBU has indeed lost a wonderful friend." – Karl Kennard, former chair of the Board of Trustees, 1994-1995

"I remember how much the day we presented Tracy Lawrence with his honorary doctorate meant to him and his family. He was so happy with the honor; we couldn't get his robe off him following commencement. A humble man if ever there was one." – Dr. Don Looser, vice president emeritus

Faculty/Staff

Red Cabot passed away in the summer of 2012. He was a part-time cashier in the HBU Bookstore for more than 10 years, beginning in 1996.

"Red was a terrific guy. He had nicknames for some of his favorite students, faculty and staff, and everyone who came in the Bookstore loved him. He was always doing something, such as singing 'old school' songs, to make customers laugh." – Anthony Martin, director, HBU Bookstore

Pat Lassonde passed away on April 27, 2012. She retired in 2003 after having served as administrative assistant to President E. D. Hodo for 16 years.

"Pat was every administrator's dream assistant. She was diplomatic, accurate, knowledgeable, thorough, capable of stopping a charging locomotive if necessary and, in the moment of need, could be as tough as she had to be to get the point across that I was busy. Our time working together was an absolute joy and one of dependence upon one another to do what needed to be done. Beyond all that, she was my friend." – Dr. E. D. Hodo, president of HBU, 1987-2006

Former Students

Terry Barbeau passed away on July 31, 2012. He attended HBU on a tennis scholarship in the mid-1970s.

Lin Bonner passed away on Aug. 3, 2012.

Janeth Cruz '11 passed away on April 29, 2012. She earned a degree in bilingual education and was a member of HBU's Lambda Delta chapter of the Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority.

Shawn Landers passed away on May 21, 2012. He studied speech communication and theology at HBU.

Kenneth Mueller passed away on July 14, 2012. He pursued postgraduate studies at HBU.

Michael Newlin MBA '97 passed away on July 4, 2012.

Lawton Ray Sesler Jr. MEd '85 passed away on March 20, 2012.

University Friends

Polly Bonds passed away on July 23, 2012. She was the mother of Charlie Bonds '67 and Janice Bonds Knox '83.

Mae Gindorf passed away on March 9, 2012. She was a past secretary of the University Auxiliary and a member of The Guild.

Gwen Grossman passed away on Jan. 24, 2012. She was the sister of Holly Frazier Cannon '85 and the daughter of the late Yolande Frazier, for whom an endowed scholarship in vocal music is named.

Marjorie Harden passed away on June 22, 2012. She was a past president of the University Auxiliary and a member of The Guild.

"According to her daughter Carol, Marjorie loved her affiliation with HBU, holding it in great esteem. The Hardens moved to Sharpstown in 1961 and watched from across Fondren as the 'college' was built. Her gentle smile and gracious style will long be remembered by her many friends." – Sharon Saunders, vice president for university relations

Isaiah Benjamin Holt, the son of Justin and Alatheia Holt and the grandson of President Robert and Sue Sloan, was born May 9, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. and passed away the same evening around 10:30. His parents, along with his big brother Henry, grandparents, and many aunts, uncles and cousins, were able to hold him in their arms and celebrate his life for a precious time.

Jerry Moffett passed away on July 12, 2012. He was the husband of Hilda Moffett, an HBU trustee from 1990 to 1999 and director of Southwestern Seminary's Southeast Texas program on the HBU campus, which was housed in Atwood II, from 1975 to 2001.

"Jerry was a soft-spoken gentleman, extremely intelligent, organized and always ready to help one in need. It only took a short time in his presence to know that Hilda, his children and his church family were the most important aspects of his life." – Carol Elsbury, retired registrar, 1978-2001

Pauline Ryan passed away on May 17, 2012. She was a member of The Guild and the mother of Guild member Peggy Hicks.

Lucette Topper passed away on April 15, 2012. She was a charter member of the American Museum Society in the 1960s.

“Lucette was one of a group of dynamic and talented ladies in Houston chosen to be charter members of HBU’s American Museum Society. Her French accent was charming, and she remained devoted to the museum even though she moved from Houston to San Marcos several years ago.” – Grace Gandy, former president, American Museum Society, 1989-1991



DAWN WILLIAMS TROZZO

Dawn Williams Trozzo passed away on May 14, 2012. She was the wife of Clay Trozzo MBA '96 and the daughter of Stanley and Diane '93 Williams. On behalf of the Williams Family Foundation, she initiated the search for HBU's current live mascot, Kiza II, in the spring of 2010. She was a member of The Guild and the President's Leadership Council.

“Those of us who had the sincere honor of knowing Dawn were blessed immeasurably by her sweet spirit and her steadfast strength. Her walk was a godly testimony to so many.” – Ray Cox '81, current member and 2006 chair of the HBU Board of Trustees

Forever Friends

Retirees Association keeps former employees connected to University, each other



THE FACULTY AND STAFF of HBU often refer to and view each other as family, so, even when the time comes for individuals to step away from their official work roles for retirement, the desire to stay in touch with the larger family remains.

The HBU Retirees Association, founded in 1999, addresses the needs of the University's retired community while also providing three meetings and social events each year to encourage the continuation and deepening of these long-standing friendships. Approximately 60 former faculty

and staff are members of the association, which is chaired currently by Mary Ellen Spore, former administrative assistant to the School of Music for 18 years prior to her retirement in 2003.

At the spring 2012 meeting, members and friends of the HBU Retirees Association, pictured above, welcomed Ron Stone Jr., who has taught courses for the University's Master of Liberal Arts program in the past, for a presentation on the history and significance of Buffalo Bayou to the founding and growth of Houston.



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