

# HBU NEWS

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UNIVERSITY'S 12-YEAR  
VISION AIMS NOT JUST TO  
**GROW** HBU, BUT **CHANGE**  
CHRISTIAN HIGHER  
EDUCATION. NOW  
**HALFWAY THROUGH,**  
WE'VE TAKEN A STEP BACK  
TO REVIEW JUST

*how FAR we've come.*



Get up and go, you  
Give it a fight

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*Students cheer on the team during the Homecoming "Husky Howl" pep rally.*

**>> FLIP TO BACK FOR PHOTOS FROM HOMECOMING 2013**

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Dear Friends,

Last fall I shared with you that we are experiencing exciting momentum across many areas of the campus. Nowhere is this more evident than in the academic arena, where we continue to make significant progress as we implement the goals in HBU's *Ten Pillars* vision.

I have previously mentioned some of our wonderful new programs, including our MA in Apologetics and our BA in Cinema and New Media Arts. Launched in the spring and fall of 2013, respectively, these programs are already making significant contributions to the distinctive nature of the HBU academic experience—the MA in Apologetics through its unique focus on cultural

apologetics, and the Cinema and New Media Arts program through its emphasis on new technologies and creative work that is independent of the established studio system. Because of the growing impact of mass media in our culture, one long-range University goal is to have students in these programs collaborate to produce films that convey the evangelical Christian message. On a related note, many of our faculty are actively involved in social media—and getting national attention for their blogs, some of which are being picked up by major media outlets.

There is much more that I can share about momentum in our academic arena. We saw record-breaking enrollment last fall, and our graduate programs are growing as demand for the HBU academic experience increases. We not only continue to add master's level programs, but also have plans to add a PhD in education within the next several years. And just recently we learned that internationally known philosopher and apologist William Lane Craig will join the already exceptional cadre of scholars in our School of Christian Thought. We also look forward to the contributions of HBU's new academic centers—including the Center for Law & Liberty, the Francis Schaeffer Center for Worldview and Culture, and the C. S. Lewis Centre in Oxford, England—all of which are designed to draw faculty, students, and members of the community together to incubate ideas and implement new initiatives.

Finally, we continue to enrich our academic program through special conferences and other events that bring prominent scholars and other leaders to the campus. In January, Dana Gioia, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, presented an excellent keynote address at HBU's Second Annual Writers' Conference, and Mark Slaughter, president and CEO of RigNet Inc., delivered an inspiring message at the networking luncheon sponsored by HBU's Center for Christianity in Business. In February, faculty and students in our College of Science and Mathematics hosted an American Chemical Society lecture by Robert F. Curl, Jr., winner of the 1996 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and in March, our Department of Theology hosted a Pauline conference featuring several well-known scholars, including N. T. Wright of St Andrews University.

We have much to celebrate this spring as we work to provide a distinctive academic experience that truly makes a difference in our students' lives. We continue to gain momentum in our efforts, and, as a result, HBU is on a trajectory to become a national, comprehensive Christian university.

Blessings,

Robert B. Sloan Jr.

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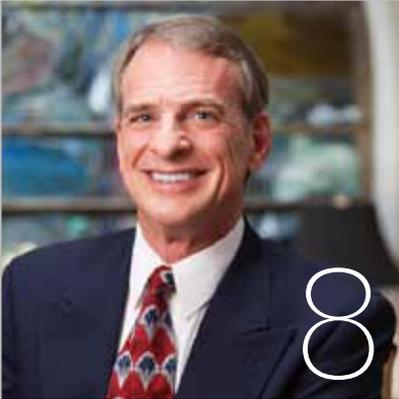
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OUR NEWEST FACULTY MEMBER  
EXPLAINS WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD  
CARE ABOUT PHILOSOPHY



FIND OUT WHO WAS JUST SIGNED TO A  
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER TEAM



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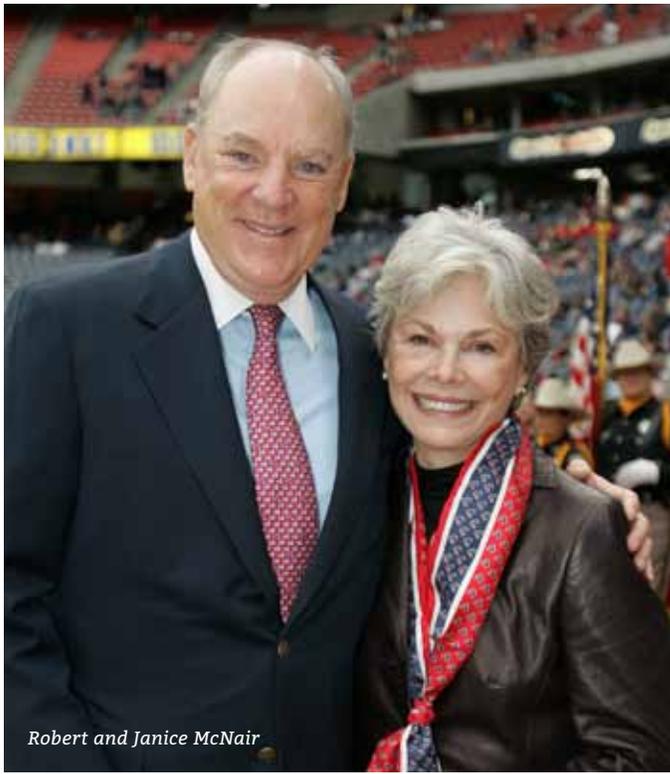
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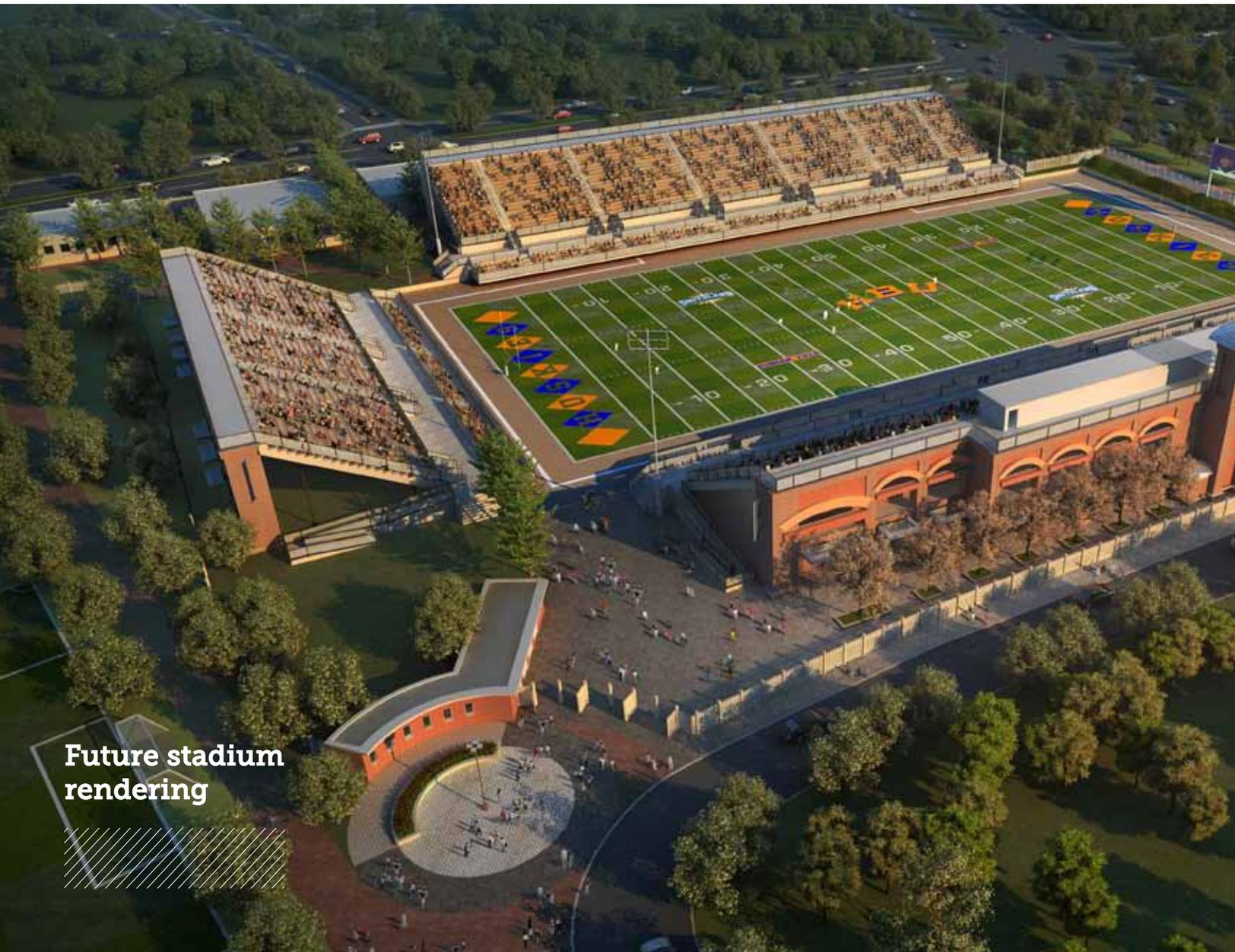
Robert and Janice McNair

# Groundbreaking

## MCNAIR & MORRIS KICKSTART STADIUM FUNDING

**THANKS TO A GENEROUS GIFT** by Houston Texans owner Robert McNair and his wife Janice, the goal of an on-campus football stadium to house the Huskies for their first Conference season will soon be a reality. Longtime friends of HBU, the McNairs have been instrumental in the development of campus buildings and programs, from a premier banquet and reception venue (McNair Hall) to the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. Their recent contribution of \$3 million gives the University a great leap toward what will begin as a 5,000-seat stadium, with plans to add more seating as the University grows.

"Janice and I believe HBU is one of the leading universities in Christian higher education. We also recognize the value of football and as such, see this as a worthwhile contribution to continue that excellence," Robert McNair said. "As we've seen with the Texans, the sport of football provides



Future stadium  
rendering



a rallying point for the whole community. We see that same dynamic taking shape at HBU, and we are proud to be part of it."

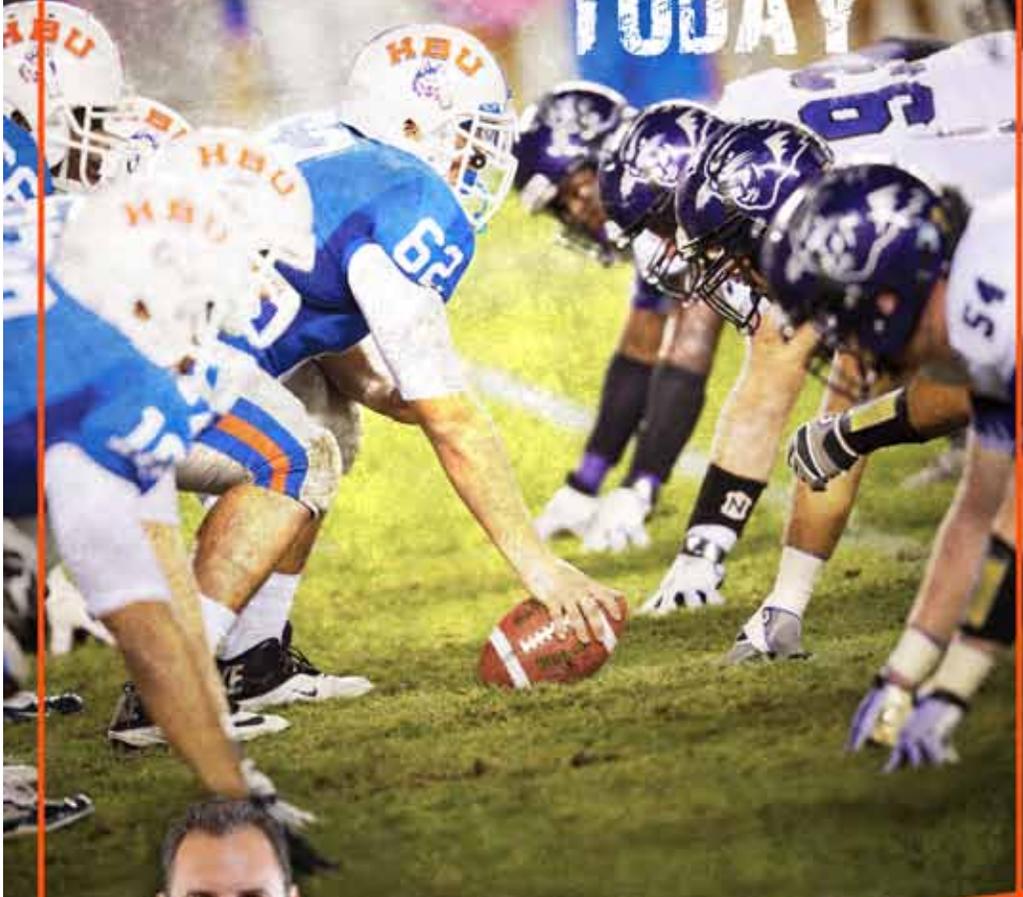
HBU trustee and founding father Stewart Morris also recently made a significant pledge towards construction of the football stands needed to begin playing home games on the HBU campus. In honor of this substantial gift, the upper center section of the stands will be named after Dr. Morris.



Robert McNair (left) and Stewart Morris



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## ***Man in the Arena***

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**INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN PHILOSOPHER AND THEOLOGIAN DR. WILLIAM LANE CRAIG** *is the latest in a succession of recent hires designed to position HBU as a premier center for the study of philosophy, apologetics, and theology within its School of Christian Thought. Recognized in academic circles for his groundbreaking work in the philosophy of time and the philosophy of religion, Dr. Craig is also well known for successfully debating prominent atheists such as Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, and the late Christopher Hitchens.*

**WHEN MANY PEOPLE THINK OF PHILOSOPHY, THEY IMAGINE SOMETHING ABSTRACT AND USELESS. WHY SHOULD A CHRISTIAN DO PHILOSOPHY?**

I think the question isn't whether Christians will be philosophers or not; the question is whether they will be good philosophers. Every Christian is committed to certain philosophical positions, such as the existence of God, the grounding of moral values in God, and the origin and creation of the universe. And so the question is whether we are going to understand and defend those positions in a deep way, or just hold to them superficially.

In an increasingly secular society, it is vital that Christians be able to answer the tough questions that unbelievers ask and be able to give good reasons for why we believe as we do. The next generation will walk away from Christian faith if they become convinced there is nothing to it intellectually.

**TELL OUR READERS, WHO MAY NOT KNOW PHILOSOPHY, WHAT YOUR RESEARCH HAS EXAMINED.**

Over the years I've had the opportunity to examine in-depth some of God's attributes, including His divine omniscience, divine eternity, and most recently divine aseity. My lifetime research project is to frame a philosophically coherent and biblically faithful doctrine of God in light of that research.

**WHAT IS DIVINE ASEITY AND WHY IS IT A MAJOR FOCUS OF YOUR RESEARCH?**

Aseity refers to God's self-existence. It is arguably the central attribute of God, namely that God is the sole, ultimate, independent reality and everything else that exists depends on God. The chief challenge to divine aseity is from a widespread school of thought called Platonism, which says there are uncreated, eternal, abstract objects like mathematical sets and functions. I'm trying to formulate a doctrine of divine aseity that will meet the challenge of Platonism by showing there are no uncreated entities apart from God.

**YOU WORK WITH MANY SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES. WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO HBU?**

I'm inspired by Robert Sloan's vision of having a first-rate university that is evan-

gelical in its orientation. If I can contribute to that in any way, then I'm eager to do so.

**HOW HAS YOUR WORK IMPACTED YOUR LIFE OUTSIDE THE ACADEMY?**

I've tried to teach my children that the Christian faith is not just about meeting the needs of the heart or providing a good foundation for living life. More fundamentally than those things, Christianity is true. Even though our children went through stages when they bucked against parental authority, I don't think they ever thought to abandon their Christian faith, because they were convinced it is the truth. That is one way my philosophical studies have had a positive impact on our family.

**YOU DEBATE MANY OF THE WORLD'S LEADING ATHEISTS. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE BEST ARGUMENT FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD IS?**

People can avoid thinking about whether the universe had a beginning or not, but we cannot escape the moral questions. We answer the moral questions every day by the way we behave towards other people. Questions of morality, its objectivity, and its ground are simply inescapable. For that reason, the moral argument is perhaps the most powerful argument for God's existence.

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**YOUR FAITH AND THE HIGH QUALITY OF YOUR WORK MAKE YOU A TARGET FOR HUGE AMOUNTS OF CRITICISM. HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH BEING WHAT THEODORE ROOSEVELT CALLED A "MAN IN THE ARENA"?**

I very much resonate with that quote from Theodore Roosevelt. He said it isn't the critic who matters, but the "man in the arena" who knows the elation of great victory and the despair of terrible defeats.

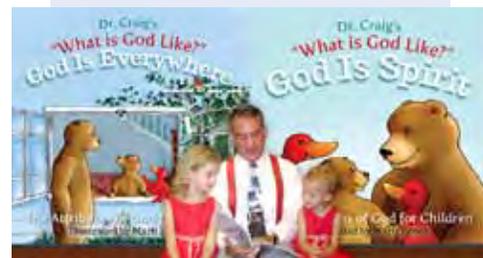
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Anyone who's ever taught a Sunday school class to inquisitive kids knows they can ask some really tough theological questions.

Perhaps it shouldn't be surprising that Craig, who is adept at communicating his research to sophisticated academics and to the man on the street, can also explain the attributes of God to young children.



A series of ten picture books he originally wrote for his own children features father Brown Bear and mother Red Goose explaining what God is like to baby bear John and little gosling Charity. The books sat on the shelf for years, but were finally published in 2012. They cover the principal attributes of God, including omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, and self-existence in an easy-to-understand manner.



I don't want to be a man on the sideline who is safe but irrelevant. So I am willing to risk the wounds of battle in the arena for the sake of making a difference for Christ.

**THERE IS SO MUCH FOR ALL OF US TO LEARN. DO YOU HAVE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS TO INTRODUCE US TO YOUR WORK?**

For the beginner, my book *On Guard* is a kind of primer for those new to the defense of the faith. My book *Reasonable Faith* is an intermediate-level defense of the Christian worldview.

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**TODAY'S HBU STUDENTS ARE GOING INTO A RADICALLY DIFFERENT MORAL WORLD THAN STUDENTS AT OUR FOUNDING IN 1963. WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM AS THEY GO FORWARD?**

It is not true that the culture we live in is awash in moral relativism. Today's students are deeply committed to the reality of moral values, but they tend to hold to a different set of absolutes than those of prior generations. These new absolutes include things like tolerance, fair play, and open-mindedness. We have an opportunity to ask what basis they have for affirming those particular values, and to then offer God as a transcendent foundation for moral values that is beyond cultural and societal conventions. Once someone grounds their moral values in God, you can ask them what other values God might have that we also need to take into consideration. Those might include some of the more traditional values like purity, modesty, chastity, and so forth.

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*In addition to teaching courses primarily to graduate students studying philosophy, Dr. Craig will also speak at one HBU-sponsored public event each semester. Stay tuned to all of HBU's news and information sources for details about the first such event, coming in October 2014.*

# Better Than a

## HUSKIES MINISTER AROUND THE WORLD

**I**F YOU EVER HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SPEAKING WITH Danny Miller, try not to say "mission trips." The long-time HBU Director of Baptist Student Ministries prefers the term "mission learning opportunities," or MLOs for short. "With a trip you get a t-shirt and a souvenir, but with MLOs you get a changed life," he explains. We sat down with a few of the HBU students who spent part of their Christmas break participating in MLOs to see if Miller was right.

### Living Water for Nicaragua

Three students accompanied Miller to Nicaragua to work with Living Water International, a Houston-based ministry that helps provide villages with clean water. The ministry's approach is to find Christian community leaders who agree to freely share access to the wells Living Water drills on their property. The wells give Christian nationals an opportunity to share the Living Water of Christ even as they help meet the community's need for clean water.

Over a period of four days, sophomores Trent Richardson and Mason Franco learned to operate a massive drill, install PVC pipes, and put in a gravel pack to keep the well from caving in on itself. This particular well was installed on the property of a church. As a Christianity major who wants to go into ministry, Richardson noted that Americans typically put their pastors on a pedestal and expect others to do jobs that could be considered menial. "But Pastor Antonio was one of the hardest working guys in the village. He had on nice clothes, but he was there all day with us mixing concrete and digging trenches," said Richardson.

"I realize that if I'm going to be a pastor, I need to be ready to serve in whatever way is needed and not be afraid to get my hands dirty."

Mason Franco said the climax of the trip for him came during the well dedication ceremony. The mood was celebratory, and he and Trent were "being kind of goofy" as they demonstrated for the community the proper way to use the pump and maintain the well. When clean water began to flow, he turned to look out at the crowd. "Their faces just lit up. That moment was worth the entire trip."

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# Souvenir

was already passionate about helping people get access to clean water, Nguyen said going on the trip really opened up her heart to love the people she met in a deeper way. "They were no longer statistics, but people with names," she said.

## Planting Churches in India

**EIGHT HBU STUDENTS AND ONE ALUMNUS** traveled to Mumbai, India with e3 Partners ministry to help plant churches among the predominantly Hindu and Muslim population there. Each student went door-to-door sharing the gospel, accompanied by a translator and a Christian national. Among them were seniors Katie Kerbow and Megan Sandy, both of whom marveled at the ways God worked through their simple efforts.

One of the first people Kerbow spoke with was a man named Manoj. She noticed he had a pink cabinet shrine with statues of five or six Hindu gods, but also had a small picture of Jesus on a separate shelf. Manoj didn't know much about Jesus, but after Kerbow shared her testimony and told him more, Manoj made a decision to follow Christ. He is now being discipled by Christian nationals.

Sandy had been to India with e3 before, and she spearheaded this trip for HBU students. She said she witnessed God heal wounded hearts and broken bodies, and was particularly touched by the transformation of a woman who had lost her 18-month-old baby just seven days before Sandy arrived. Meana was in the depths of grief and expressed anger that the Christian church could not help her child, but she responded in faith to the gospel Sandy shared with her. When Sandy later saw Meana in an alley, she didn't recognize her at first; Meana's face was radiant, and she was out telling her neighbors how Jesus healed her broken heart. Meana was the first in that slum to dedicate her home as a house church.

Both Kerbow and Sandy say they are more motivated than ever to share the gospel with people they interact with everyday. Kerbow now sends out a weekly devotional to her fellow nursing students and has started a Bible study. Sandy said that for the first time, she sees Jesus' heart for HBU students who don't know Him, and she also plans to start a Bible study. In fact, all of the HBU students on the trip have committed to planting Bible studies on campus, just as they did in Mumbai. It seems Danny Miller is on to something when he insists that MLOs change lives.



Danny Miller, Mason Franco and Trent Richardson mix bentonite clay, which is used to seal the walls of the well



McKenzie Wright shares her testimony with villagers



Katie Kerbow visits with new believer Vimal

Teammate Rebecca Nguyen worked with the health and hygiene team, teaching children and mothers basic hygiene practices. With the help of a translator and some silly hand motions, she showed them how to wash their hands and brush their teeth; she also taught the mothers a life-saving formula for oral re-hydration.

Nguyen has helped raise funds for Living Water since 2011, when she and a few friends launched what has become an annual campus event. The 10 Days campaign challenges students to drink only water for ten days and then donate the money they would have spent on other drinks for well development. Although she



# LOVING OUR ENEMIES

THE STORY OF ONE ALUMNUS *on the* FRONT LINES OF WAR

**"LOVE YOUR ENEMY."** Obeying that biblical command is hard enough when the "enemy" is a neighbor you've quarreled with or a colleague who takes credit for your work. But what if your enemy just tried to kill you? How then ought you to love him? For many American servicemen and women, this is no abstract question.

Twenty minutes after HBU alumnus Major **WILLIAM JORDAN '97** arrived at his first deployment in Afghanistan, he performed his first surgery as a newly minted orthopedic surgeon. His first patient was a Taliban insurgent who had just been caught firing rockets at the base and was shot in the leg by American soldiers.

Medical professionals who join the American armed forces are typically motivated by a desire to serve our soldiers. But doctors on the front lines must also come to terms with the fact that many of their patients will be enemy combatants who

are entitled by treaty and American law to the same level of care as American servicemen and women. In fact, if a seriously injured American soldier and a Taliban insurgent in danger of dying need care at the same time, the Taliban insurgent will be treated first.

**"HOW DO WE JUSTIFY HEALING THE PERSON WE WERE TRYING TO KILL ONLY MOMENTS BEFORE?"**

Major Jordan admits that the infantry has a big problem "when they see the Taliban guy who is bleeding to death from his gut get priority over their buddy who is about to lose his leg, but is stable because he has a tourniquet. But once the Taliban guy gets

to me, he is a noncombatant and he will get the same level of treatment as anyone else, in triage order."

Having served for four years as a U.S. Army infantry officer before he went to medical school, Jordan understands what it is like to be part of a fighting force at war. "Soldiers are trained to kill, not to wound," said Jordan. When he returned to the battlefield as a surgeon, he had to answer for himself and others an important question: "How do we justify healing the person we were trying to kill only moments before?"

The Hippocratic Oath, the Law of Land Warfare, Army regulations, the Geneva Convention and the Hague Convention from 1899 all answer that question by stating that when someone is no longer an enemy combatant, there is a duty to provide medical care to them. But where is the line between enemy combatant

and noncombatant? Detailed regulations and “rules of engagement” govern that determination, but essentially, if the guy shooting is reloading his weapon to shoot at you again, then he is fair game. If he runs, or just runs out of ammunition, or if he is injured such that he is incapable of taking another shot at you, then he is no longer considered an enemy combatant.

***"YOU TREAT THE PERSON IN FRONT OF YOU REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY DID TO GET THERE."***

“You can see how there is a potential there for not being able to flip that switch,” says Jordan, but our soldiers routinely turn the other cheek and administer treatment to battlefield enemies. During a talk he gave to HBU medical students, Jordan showed video taken by a Taliban sniper team hiding in a van. The sniper took a shot at an American soldier standing across the street and hit him in the chest. The soldier dropped to the ground, but wasn’t hurt, thanks to his bulletproof vest. When the American soldiers returned fire, the van driver was killed, the sniper took a 50-caliber shot through the leg, and the spotter was hit in the gut, but still alive. The medic who started intravenous fluids for the injured Taliban and put tourniquets and abdominal dressing on them was the soldier they had tried to kill mere moments earlier.

During the seventeen months Major Jordan spent on two bases in Afghanistan (eight as an orthopedic surgeon and nine as commander of the 274th Forward Surgical Team), the 38-year-old former Sunday school teacher got a lot of practice loving the enemy. Most days he did not struggle much with treating enemy combatants. “In the heat of the moment, when someone is dying, you follow your training and do all you can to save them. Everybody looks the same in surgery anyway, because they are draped and you only see them from the armpits to the knees. You don’t see the bushy beards or the tattoos. You see someone who’s been shot multiple times in the belly. You know you can fix that, so you do.”

**THERE IS ONE HORRIBLE DAY, HOWEVER—** October 31, 2010—that Major Jordan will never forget. A patient came in with

what appeared to be a relatively minor shrapnel wound on his left hip. Jordan and his colleagues found the ruptured blood vessels and tied them off on both sides, but the patient continued to bleed profusely and went into cardiac arrest. The surgical team worked in the 110-degree tent for three hours, but did not figure out the patient was hemorrhaging blood from behind the other side of his gut until it was too late. It was only after they pulled

cause of Ray Alcaraz’s blood loss. This patient was the man who had killed Ray Alcaraz a few hours earlier, and the surgical team knew it the whole time they were operating on him.

Major Jordan is confident the surgical team and the soldiers who donated their blood did the right thing by giving Ray’s killer the best care they could. “That is the right answer,” he said. “You treat the



**MAJOR WILLIAM JORDAN**  
*at the operating table in  
Jalalabad, Afghanistan.*

back the sheet to do CPR for the third time that the team realized the patient was their friend and colleague, 20-year-old Ray Alcaraz, whom they had laughed and joked with at breakfast earlier that morning. Ray had volunteered to go on patrol as a medic with the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and the team’s vehicle was hit by an IED blast. Major Jordan’s voice, strong and steady as he spoke about other harrowing experiences, cracked a little when he told the story. He didn’t know it then, but his day was about to get even harder.

The surgical team had barely finished cleaning up after trying to save Ray when a Taliban fighter was brought in with several gunshot wounds, a closed head injury, multiple fractures, and bleeding in the pelvic and gut areas. He also required three hours in the operating room, with three surgeons attending him. He was bleeding so profusely that 74 American soldiers had to line up to donate whole blood for him (packed and stored blood provides oxygen but not the clotting factors present in freshly donated whole blood). He coded twice on the table, but the surgical team was able to save him largely because of what they had learned too late about the

patient in front of you regardless of what he did to get there.” He pointed out that medical practitioners who serve in the military aren’t the only ones who must treat those they don’t like. “For those with aspirations to go into medicine but not with the military, they can equate everything I say to civilian practice by replacing the words ‘Taliban insurgent’ with ‘drunk driver,’” he explained. He recalls a drunk driver with a broken arm he treated during his residency training: “He was conscious while I set his fracture. He was ticked off, he was belligerent, and he hated me. He didn’t know he just killed six people, but I knew.”

Christian medical professionals follow the footsteps of Christ in a special way as they devote themselves to bringing healing to the sick and dying. Whatever their context of service, they have not only the Hippocratic Oath to obey, but also the words of their Lord and Savior, who commanded all of his disciples to love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-45).

# DIGGING FOR TRUTH

## DUNHAM BIBLE MUSEUM EXHIBIT FEATURES MOST IMPORTANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND OF 2013

There are many people who would like to see the Bible discredited, and until recently they could claim the biblical account of the conquest of Ai in Joshua chapters 7-8 as ammunition. But an artifact discovered in 2013 and currently on display at the Dunham Bible Museum strongly supports the accuracy of the biblical narrative.

Over a period of years, archaeologists excavating a site called et-Tell that was thought to be the biblical Ai concluded the town was uninhabited at the time of Joshua. The apparent discrepancy between the archaeological record and Joshua 7-8 led many scholars to question the Bible's account of Israel's conquest of Canaan after the Exodus and wilderness wanderings. As a result, the location and dating of Ai has become part of the larger debate about the Bible's historical accuracy.

After several years of research into possible sites for the Ai of Joshua 7-8, Dr. Bryant Wood, director of research with the Associates for Biblical Research, launched an excavation in 1995 at a new site less than a mile away from et-Tell. Eleven years of excavations at the site, called Khirbet el-Maqatir, have unearthed a number of significant finds, but none as important as a tiny object less than three-quarters of an inch long that was discovered in

2013. (Excavations were interrupted by the outbreak of the Palestinian uprising in 2000, which forced the closing of the dig until 2009.)

The small Egyptian amulet, known as a scarab, definitively dates the site to 1500-1400 B.C., the Late Bronze I period. As Dr. Wood explains, "This is a monumental discovery since it gives us an independent date for the fortress apart from pottery." A specialist in Canaanite pottery,

Wood previously found pottery at the site that he believes is from the same time period, but secular scholars claimed he was biased by his religious commitments. Scarabs can be dated more precisely

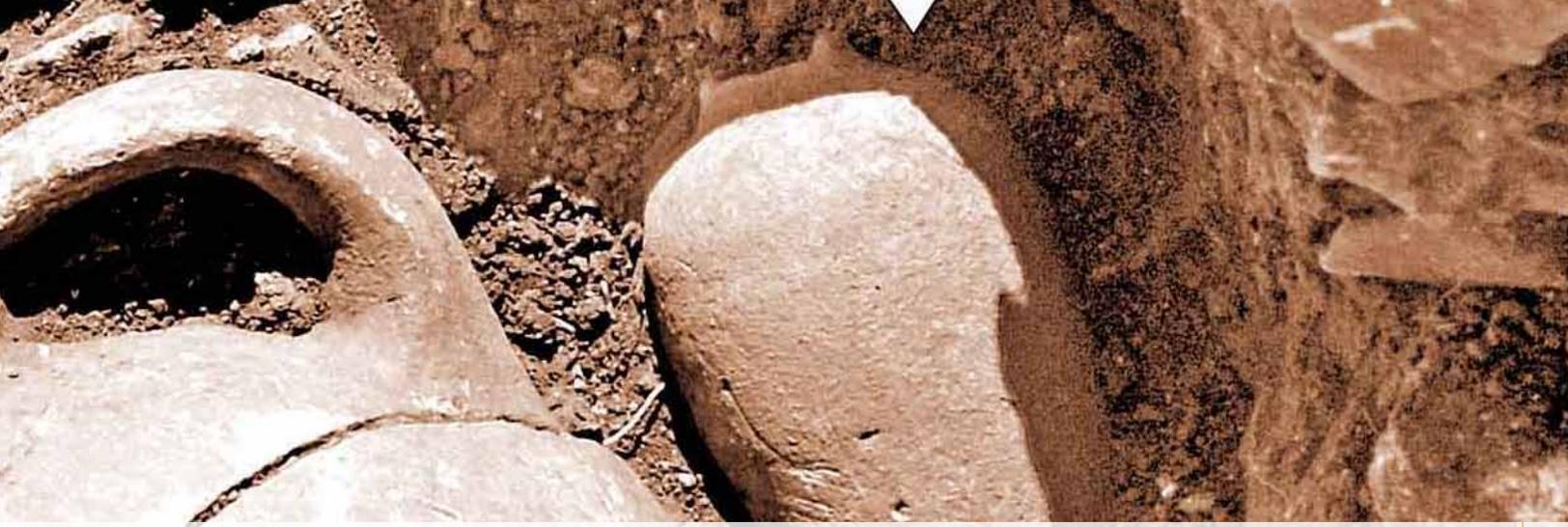
than pottery because many have the name of a pharaoh inscribed on them. Though likely fashioned between 1485-1418 B.C., Wood believes this scarab was probably still in use when the Israelites destroyed Ai in 1406 B.C., as recorded in Joshua 7-8.

Wood concludes that "Archaeological research such as this verifies and powerfully proclaims the truth of God's word in this scientific age of doubt, skepticism, and moral decay." The editors of *Christianity Today* magazine seem to agree, as they named the scarab the top biblical archaeological discovery of 2013.



BOTH THE GEOGRAPHY AND THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS OF KHIRBET EL-MAQATIR FIT THE DESCRIPTIONS OF AI FOUND IN JOSHUA 7-8.

- ☆ City faces north, with a hill and shallow valley below, where Joshua waited for the battle (Joshua 8:11-14).
- ☆ Fortified walls from the Late Bronze Age (Joshua 7:5; 8:29)
- ☆ Gate on the north side (Joshua 8:11)
- ☆ Destroyed by fire at the end of the Late Bronze Age (Joshua 8:19, 28)
- ☆ Left in ruins following the destruction (Joshua 8:28)



Photos by Michael Luddeni

On February 8, the Dunham Bible Museum hosted a symposium about Khirbet el-Maqatir featuring Dr. Wood, Dr. Eugene Merrill, Dr. Leen Ritmeyer, and Scott Stripling, all experienced archaeologists who have excavated at el-Maqatir and other dig sites. The well-attended conference drew participants from as far away as California, North Carolina, and Canada. For those who could not attend, conference lectures are available on the Museum's website at [hbu.edu/BibleMuseum](http://hbu.edu/BibleMuseum).

Khirbet el-Maqatir: History of a Biblical Site will remain on display at the Dunham Bible Museum through December 20, 2014. The exhibit also features other noteworthy artifacts from the Bronze Age,

including a jar in which a newborn infant was buried. Objects from the Early Roman period include numerous coins issued by rulers mentioned in the New Testament, and artifacts from the Byzantine monastery and church. The exhibit thus includes artifacts spanning two millennia.

Both the exhibit and the conference were made possible by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Dunham Bible Museum also gratefully acknowledges Wharton County Junior College for contributing funds for the exhibit.



*Volunteer excavator Destry Jackson discovered the Egyptian scarab.*



# The Fine Art of Becoming

EMERGING ARTIST THRIVES AT HBU



**L**ooking around her small on-campus studio, it is obvious that **Alice Le Schryne-meeckers** was born to be an artist. Whimsical, brightly colored paintings of lovely women in fanciful clothing fill the walls and testify to the ample talent God has given her. Alice's passion for drawing and painting was evident as early as preschool;

while other kids chased each other around the playground, Alice sat on the cement drawing pictures with chalk. At home she drew in books, on the walls, everywhere—the world was her canvas. Despite those clear signals and a passion for art that would not be snuffed out, for most of her life Alice struggled to find the courage to be the woman God made her.

Born in Vietnam in 1988, Alice immigrated with her parents to the United States when she was four years old. Her father was head of surgery at a Saigon hospital and her family lived a very comfortable upper middle-class life there, but her dad longed to get out from under the thumb of the Communist government. He suffered two years in a concentration camp in the 1970s for his support of the American forces and was still watched closely by the Communist regime. When Alice, his first child, was born, he determined to do whatever it took to move to the United States so she would have a better future.

## *ALICE'S PASSION FOR DRAWING AND PAINTING WAS EVIDENT AS EARLY AS PRE-SCHOOL*

Unfortunately, freedom proved costly for the Le family. Despite his extensive experience, Alice's father was required to study for one year in a medical residency program in the United States before he could practice as a doctor here. Though he applied to more than a hundred hospitals, none accepted him. Then in his mid 40s, he struggled for years to find work that would support his family. They eventually ended up on welfare, leaving Alice's father broken and her mother depressed.

Despite these challenges, Alice loved her parents and wanted to please them; she knew the way to make them happy was to follow in her father's career path. Vietnamese culture considers working as a doctor one of the greatest honors one can achieve, and Alice was expected to maintain that legacy for her family. As a child, she was given doctor play kits as toys; her mother often told her that becoming a doctor was the only path to respect, happiness, and making a good living. When 9th-grader Alice mentioned that she would like to be an artist, her parents made it clear that was not an option. "They were afraid that I would fail, that I would never make anything of myself, that I would end up begging on the streets," recalls Alice.



felt that her education was incomplete, and that she needed new mentors in order to grow as an artist.

A friend told Alice about the Master of Fine Arts at HBU and encouraged her to apply. Alice was amazed when the director of the program, Michael Collins, called her on the phone to congratulate her on being accepted. He also offered her a full scholarship! She laughed as she explained that “All of the other schools sent me a generic congratulations letter warning me to hurry and pay my tuition before they gave my spot to someone else.”

Michael Collins is effusive as he describes how Alice has blossomed and thrived since her arrival at HBU in the fall of 2012. He notes that “Alice’s works have greatly matured; the technical quality has reached superb levels. She has numerous paintings that are museum worthy. The other faculty and I are so proud of the way she has fused her cultural background, her personal journey, and her Christian faith into a focused body of mature paintings. I foresee great possibilities as she moves into the professional creative and teaching arenas.”

***"I FELT A BURST OF CONFIDENCE TO STEP OUT AND BE THE PERSON [GOD] MADE ME INSTEAD OF THE PERSON OTHERS WANTED ME TO BE."***

For her part, Alice can’t say enough about HBU’s Master of Fine Arts program and its faculty. “The program really is a hidden gem. It’s been the best two years of my journey as an artist because I’ve been allowed to be myself and paint what I am passionate about. Every student is guided and nurtured to experiment and expand upon their own unique vision to create a strongly personal body of work. That is the only way to create truly honest and profound art,” she said.

SEE ALICE'S WORK @ [ALICELE.COM](http://ALICELE.COM)

With an acute awareness of the sacrifices her parents had made for her, Alice enrolled at the University of Houston as a biology major. She spent her freshman year taking science classes, but felt herself “crumbling inside” as she struggled to be someone she wasn’t. She coped by staying up late into the night creating fantasies about strong women who controlled their own destinies and bringing them to life on canvass. These were the heroines she wished she could be like.

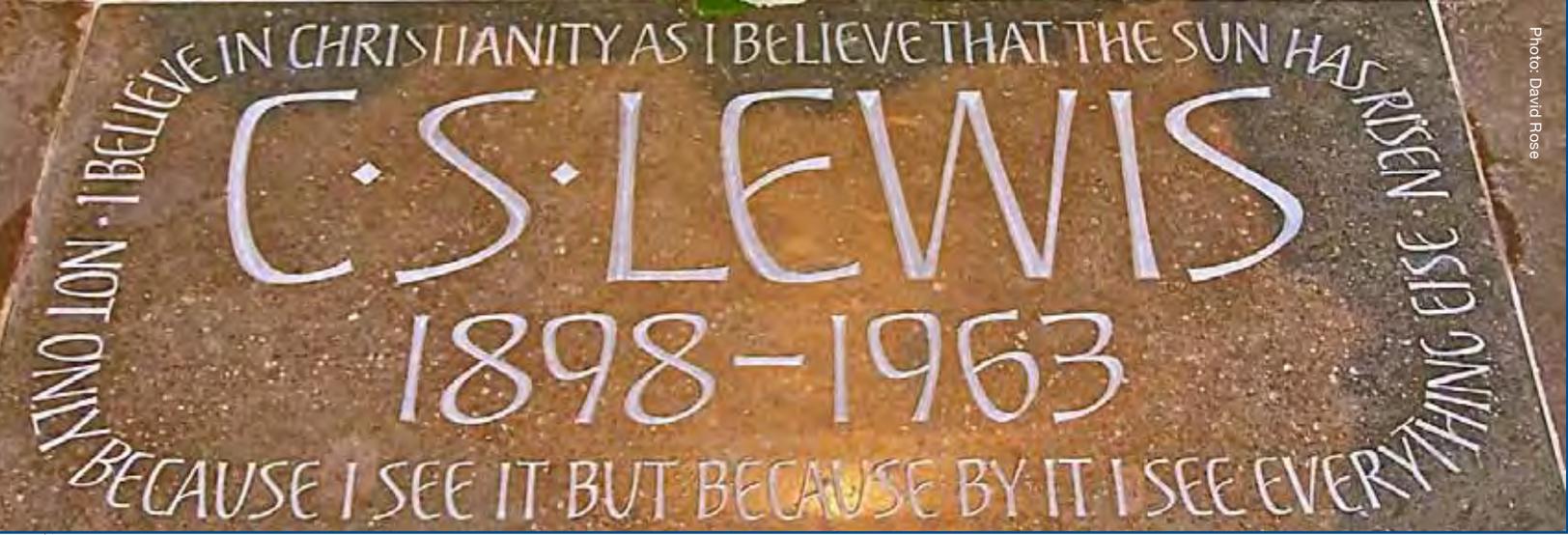
Alice’s family had converted from Buddhism to Christianity when she was twelve years old, but it was during the emotional turmoil of her freshman year that she really embraced faith in Christ for herself. She began praying earnestly and desperately, asking God why she was so miserable and full of internal chaos if she was doing what He wanted by fulfilling her parents’ wishes. Gradually, she began to feel a sense of freedom. “I didn’t recognize what God was telling me until I really started listening. Then I felt a burst of confidence to step out and be the person

He made me instead of the person others wanted me to be,” she said.

Telling her parents about this transformation was another matter. Though she traded science classes for lower-level art classes her sophomore year, it wasn’t until she was formally accepted into the Bachelor of Fine Arts program as a junior that she told her parents about the switch. Their response was very disapproving and they made it clear they did not support Alice’s decision.

The turmoil at home continued, but Alice continued in the art program at the University of Houston. She faced yet another obstacle in the form of two professors who did not like her illustrative, fanciful style; they wanted Alice to adopt their preference for abstract painting. One of them even told Alice to take her paintings down from the school gallery because they weren’t “fine art.” Because of the positive reinforcement she received from peers and other professors, Alice stuck with the program. She successfully graduated, but

**OPPOSITE:** This work reflects Alice’s interest in Asian folklore. “Futakuchi-Onna,” which means two-mouthed woman, depicts a woman with a Japanese yokai (monster) who demands and devours food endlessly. “Japanese mythological creatures are more mischievous than evil,” explains Alice, “and that fits perfectly with my love for the strange and kooky, and my delight in hiding bits of humor in my work.”



## C.S. Lewis Joins the Greats in Westminster Abbey

WARD REPRESENTS HBU ACROSS THE SEAS

On November 22, 2013—the 50th anniversary of his death—C.S. Lewis was honored with a Memorial in the celebrated Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey, London, alongside literary giants such as Shakespeare, Austen, and Dickens. Over a thousand people from all over the world filled the historic Abbey on a cold, gray day to pay tribute to this great man and to celebrate his lasting legacy as a writer, scholar, and Christian apologist.

The Memorial was a labor of love by HBU Professor of Apologetics Dr. Michael Ward. One of the world's leading C.S. Lewis scholars, Dr. Ward had the original idea, organized the project from the beginning, led the fundraising, and oversaw every detail of the Memorial Service and associated international academic symposium. The service honored Lewis's life and work, and also marked a further extension of his legacy into the 21st century. The service included the world premiere of a new choral anthem based on

Lewis's poem "Love's as Warm as Tears," composed especially for the occasion by Paul Mealor, who also composed the motet for the royal wedding. It seems certain that this work will be a permanent contribution to the English choral repertoire. Furthermore, an additional £7000 was raised beyond the costs of the Memorial to establish a new C.S. Lewis Studentship in Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Cambridge University.

Fittingly, Dr. Ward unveiled the Memorial stone itself, at the climax of the service. Walter Hooper, Lewis's literary executor, who has done more than anyone else over the past 50 years to preserve and tend Lewis's legacy, placed flowers on the stone, which is now a permanent part of Poets' Corner. Every year, more than one million people visit Westminster Abbey; now these visitors can read and reflect on the quote from Lewis inscribed on his Memorial: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

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Dr. Michael Ward unveils the Memorial



Courtesy Westminster Abbey



Photo: Lancia E. Smith

# Faculty Focus

The *HBU News* editorial team sifts through dozens of faculty announcements.

We are proud to pass on only a sampling of what our scholars are up to beyond the campus gates.

**DR. MICHAEL BOURKE**, professor of management information systems, and **DR. MATT BOYLESTON**, assistant professor of English and writing, gave a presentation on the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) at the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Annual Convention, held in Atlanta last December. Drs. Bourke and Boyleston explained how the QEP uses its data warehouse to assess student outcomes and decide what changes need to be made in the program. They adopted a point-counterpoint approach, whereby Bourke would comment on a technical or managerial issue, and Boyleston would elaborate on its implications for curriculum and HBU's mission.

workshops and worship services, and will host over 1,600 participants from five continents.

**DR. COLLIN GARBARINO**, assistant professor of history, appeared on Fox and Friends on the Fox News Channel on January 26, 2014 to discuss his review of the Disney movie *Frozen*. Dr. Garbarino contends that the movie has a Christian theme that distinguishes it from other Disney movies. Originally posted on the Reflection and Choice website, the review also received coverage on *The Guardian* and the UK's *Daily Mail* websites, both of which have millions of viewers.

**DR. MICAH MATTIX**, assistant professor of writing and literature, has been named a senior contributor at *The American Conservative* magazine. *New York Times* columnist David Brooks has called *The American Conservative* "one of the more dynamic" political publications today. Dr. Mattix's popular "Prufrock" newsletter has more than 2,000 subscribers, including U.S. Senators, arts executives, and influential editors and writers from around the country. His work is regularly published in other prominent publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *National Review*, *First Things*, *The New Criterion*, and *The Atlantic*.

**MARY JO SHARP**, assistant professor of apologetics, along with HBU colleague Lee Strobel and Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias, was featured in the Nov./Dec. volume of *Outreach Magazine* focusing on evangelism and apologetics. Her article, "Why 'The Final Apologetic' Still Matters," explains how a two-fold approach to apologetics—excellence in relationships combined with excellence in argumentation—is a powerful testimony. In other news, Professor Sharp was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, an organization of professional scholars devoted to pursuing philosophical excellence in both the church and the academy.

**PRESIDENT ROBERT B. SLOAN, JR.** delivered the Founders' Day convocation address at the Baptist University of the Americas in San Antonio in October. The title of his address was "Is There More to the Christian Faith Than Dying and Going to Heaven?" Also in October, Dr. Sloan spoke on "The Mission of God in the World" for Cornerstone Family Ministries, and on "Why Everyone is Talking about HBU" to the Houston Rotary Club.



**DR. PETER H. DAVIDS**, visiting professor in Christianity in the Department of Theology, has been appointed by Zondervan Publishers as the New Testament editor of the Word Biblical Commentary series. In receiving this honor he succeeds the late Dr. Ralph P. Martin, who had been both his friend and his mentor.

**DR. DAVID J. DAVIS**, assistant professor in history, had his essay "English Printing Before the King James Bible: A Reconsideration" included in *The King James Version at 400: Assessing Its Genius as Bible Translation and Its Literary Influence*. The volume was published in 2013 by the Society of Biblical Literature. He also published a review titled "A Failure of Ambition" in the October 2013 edition of *The New Criterion*.

**DR. STEPHANIE ELLIS**, chair of the Department of Leadership and Counseling, is serving as the 2013-2015 editor of the open-access, online *Journal of Motivation, Emotion, and Personality: Reversal Theory Studies*. This is a peer-reviewed, international, interdisciplinary journal that accepts original research, case studies, theory articles, and other content related to Reversal Theory from fields including psychology, business, health/medicine, sports, education, and more.

**DR. RHONDA FURR**, professor of music, is the convention coordinator for the 2016 American Guild of Organists (AGO) National Convention to be held in Houston. She recently presented the convention program, venues, performers, and budget to a panel of twenty National AGO Council members in Boston; all elements of the convention were enthusiastically approved. The convention will feature world-renowned concert organists, new music commissions,

**DR. MICHAEL WARD**, professor of apologetics, wrote the cover article for the October 2013 edition of *Christianity Today*, titled "How Lewis Lit the Way to Better Apologetics."



# DRAFTED AND SIGNED

HBU MEN'S SOCCER FORWARD KRISTOPHER TYRPAK was signed by Major League Soccer team Chivas USA on March 8, 2014. The 21-year-old striker earned his spot through his strong performance during the 2014 preseason camp after being selected in the third round draft in January. Tyrpak is the first Husky since the 1980s to be drafted in Major League Soccer; he was selected 40th overall out of 267 eligible players.

"Kris is an extremely talented left-footed attacker who has a set of very special and uncommon skills for a player that young," said Chivas USA Head Coach Wilmer Cabrera. "He has tremendous speed and is an excellent dribbler. Kris has great potential and will be a very good addition to our team."



Photo by Erik Williams



Photo by Erik Williams

## PERFECT PITCH

**SENIOR KENDALL STIEFEL** tossed a perfect game on February 8th against Louisiana Tech, allowing no opposing player to reach base. It was the fifth perfect game in HBU women's softball history and the first no-hitter since Kristi Malpass performed the feat twice in 2008.

# RECORD BREAKER

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Freshman *Taylor Thomas* set a school record in the long jump and won HBU's first-ever Southland Conference indoor track and field championship medal in February. Thomas took the silver medal with a jump that cleared 5.85 meters. (That's over 19 feet!)

## ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

Numerous Husky athletes were recently honored for being at the top of their academic game. In January, 37 HBU student-athletes earned spots on the Southland Conference Fall Honor Roll, 12 of whom had a perfect 4.0 GPA the prior Fall semester. These athletes represent HBU men's cross country, women's cross country, women's soccer, and women's volleyball teams. Two of

the lady Husky soccer players, Natalie Hager and Blake Martin, were also named to the Southland Academic Second Team All-Conference. Five members of the HBU men's soccer team garnered spots on the Western Athletic Conference Academic All-Conference Team for their accomplishments on and off the field, as announced by the league in January.

**4.0**  
**GPA**

### 12 ATHLETES ACHIEVE *perfect* ACADEMIC SCORE

Carolyn McClanahan  
Jamie Whitt  
Alessia Dal Monte  
Morgan Dean

Taylor Gibson  
Shelby Horn  
Blake Martin  
Chelsea Thornhill

Molly Weeks  
Kayla Armer  
Haley Hoffman  
Bailey Keith

# THE TEN PILLARS

# FAITH & REASON

# IN A GREAT CITY

UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT HBU, one of the very first projects President Robert B. Sloan, Jr. undertook was an intensive series of listening sessions with faculty, staff, alumni, students, and friends of the University. Out of those sessions was borne *The Ten Pillars* vision, a clearly defined set of aspirations meant to set the course for the University's future, particularly for the next 12 years.

Adopted in early 2008, the vision has propelled the University forward in remarkable ways, in spite of a national economic downturn and the devastation Hurricane Ike visited upon the heart of campus.

Though it isn't possible to detail every measure of progress God has granted thus far, there are many, many highlights to note and celebrate. These are exciting times at HBU! We hope you will join us in praising God as we consider what has already been accomplished, pillar-by-pillar.





*To see a full explanation of each pillar,*  
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## PILLAR I

# *Build on the* CLASSICS

Many universities have given up trying to educate the whole person and now attempt only to prepare students for a professional career. We are committed to retaining liberal arts courses that examine questions of good and evil, human nature, and the meaning of life, all of which help students gain wisdom and develop the capacities that make for successful leaders, managers, and executives.

### Milestones

- A major **OVERHAUL OF THE CORE CURRICULUM** in 2010 resulted in one of the strongest, most cohesive Western common core programs in the nation. Every HBU student takes a progression of courses in history, literature, government, philosophy, science, and the arts that engages them with the greatest thinkers, authors, and artists of Western civilization.
- Every student takes **"WRITING FOR WISDOM"** courses that teach composition through the lens of the classics; in addition to skill mastery, the aim is to help students view writing as an important tool for expressing truth.
- Classics and Great Texts majors have been added; the English major was retooled to focus on the classics.
- A new Master of Arts in Philosophy and the revised Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy are both grounded in the classics.
- Our faculty is committed to fostering an atmosphere where students and faculty grow in wisdom as they process big questions together.

A photograph of Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr., an older man with white hair, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is shown from the chest up, looking slightly to the right and gesturing with his hands as if speaking.

“Our confession that ‘Jesus Christ is Lord’ is the foundation of the *Ten Pillars*, individually and collectively. That isn’t just a pious devotional statement; it is an affirmation that everything we do under the umbrella of academics, student life, facilities, and infrastructure—everything—should be governed by the mind and mission of God.

**The *Ten Pillars* vision is our effort to live out a Christian worldview within our context.**

Our role as a Christian university is to equip people to be better tentmakers, whether they are nurses, musicians, accountants, or filmmakers. We will train students to be highly competent at their craft, but we must do more than that. We will help them develop a biblical worldview that aligns them with God’s mission to reclaim every area of life for His kingdom and His glory.”

Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr.  
President, HBU



## PILLAR II

# RECRUIT

*for national influence*

We aim to become a center of Christian academic influence that attracts top students from all over the country by virtue of our outstanding educational offerings. We will also continue to grow our endowed scholarship fund to recruit young people of achievement, regardless of their financial means.

## Milestones

- Established **HONORS COLLEGE** in 2008 with an inaugural class of 28 students; there are currently 110 students in the program, 53 of whom entered in 2013.
- An outstanding faculty—some of whom are recognized nationally—is drawing top students from a broader geographical base.
- Institutional **SCHOLARSHIP** awards (excluding federal, state, and third-party aid from organizations such as the Kiwanis) have increased significantly since 2008.



**Honors College  
induction ceremony**



## PILLAR III

*Embrace the challenge of*

# CHRISTIAN GRADUATE EDUCATION

We will offer a wide variety of master's degrees and introduce doctoral programs to train more Christian scholars and professionals who will leaven the ranks of academia and strategic vocations. Doctoral programs in particular are an extreme rarity at Christian universities, and this failure has been costly in terms of the loss of Christian influence in our culture.

### Milestones

- New **MASTER'S PROGRAMS** launched since 2008
  - Biblical Languages (2009)
  - Human Resources Management (re-launched in 2010)
  - International Business (2011)
  - Fine Arts (2011)
  - Philosophy (2012)
  - Apologetics (2013)
  - Psychology (2013)
  - Counseling (2014)
- 2014 marks the first year some graduate programs are offered **ONLINE**, namely the MEd, MAA, and MS-HRM.
- Pending approval from our accrediting body, the **EXECUTIVE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PHD** will launch in Fall 2016. A feasibility study has been done and the remaining requirements are being completed. Other PhD programs will follow.



Graduate Enrollment



## PILLAR IV

*Establish a*

# RESIDENTIAL SOCIETY OF LEARNING

When students live and study on the same grounds, learning naturally extends beyond the classroom. Living with others who consciously seek to follow Christ also helps students take their faith seriously. Our goal is a campus infused with scholarship, friendship, and Christian fellowship. Increasing residential campus living requires offering housing options, amenities, and recreational facilities that are both functional and pleasant.



## PILLAR V

*Increase our  
cultural impact through our*

# FACULTY

While our central mission remains teaching and mentoring students, faculty members also have the potential to influence the world with their scholarship. We believe it is good stewardship to enable faculty to spend more time engaging the culture through research, publishing, performances, speeches, and artistic endeavors.



## Milestones

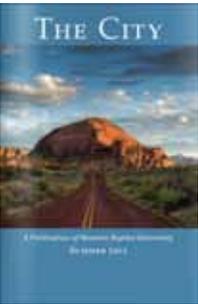
- Completion of the **LAKE HOUSE** residence in 2008 significantly increased the capacity for on-campus living.
- Acquisition of the **BRADSHAW FITNESS CENTER** in 2011 gives students convenient access to an 80,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art health and wellness facility.
- Extended library hours, more food service options (Java City coffee shop, Chick-fil-A, and the "POD" snack shop), and additional recreational opportunities (intramural fields and beach volleyball pit) have made living on campus more inviting.
- An increasing number of interesting evening and weekend lectures, performances, and conferences encourage students, including commuters, to spend more time on campus.
- The campus has seen a **GROWTH RATE OF 20%** of students living on campus. As a percentage of the student body, residential living increased from 34.3% in Fall 2008 to 41% in Fall 2013; currently 88% of available campus housing is occupied.

## Milestones

- HBU faculty members write books and publish articles regularly, often in nationally prominent publications.
- Launched in 2008, HBU's academic journal, **THE CITY**, showcases a host of prominent academics and intellectuals, including our own professors. The journal boasts more than 10,000 readers in 50 states and 27 countries.
- Paintings by Michael Collins, director of the Master of Fine Arts program, are collected and exhibited all over the world.
- More than 30 faculty members contribute to **BLOGS** that reach tens of thousands of readers each week.
- Mary Jo Sharp, Michael Licona, Lee Strobel, Lou Markos, and Nancy Pearcey are just a few HBU faculty members who travel and speak to regional and national audiences regularly.
- Staffed by HBU professors, the **CENTER FOR LAW AND LIBERTY** offers educational events for the Houston business and legal community, and seeks to help shape public policy.



Assistant Professor of History Collin Garbarino speaks about the film "Frozen" on Fox and Friends.



Assistant Professor of Apologetics Mary Jo Sharp speaks at Apologetics Canada 2012.





# PILLAR VI RENEW OUR COMMUNITY

*Renew our Campus,*



We will continue to upgrade and add facilities and replace older buildings while retaining our historic mall. Our local community will also benefit from our expansion and the accompanying economic development that will fuel its transition to a truly diverse, mixed-income college neighborhood.

## Milestones

- Implementation of a **MASTER PLAN** for campus grounds, facilities development, and a retail zone is underway, benefiting our students and the adjacent Sharpstown community. (See the Fall 2013 issue of *HBU News* at [hbu.edu/hbunews](http://hbu.edu/hbunews))
- Cutting-edge **TECHNOLOGY** for delivering presentations has been installed in classrooms; computer labs have been upgraded, small study spaces have been added in academic buildings, and many classrooms have been updated.
- New landscaping, outdoor seating, and colorful banners and murals have greatly enhanced the aesthetic appeal and enjoyment of campus grounds.
- The return to **NCAA DIVISION I** college sports competition, and the addition of football, are energizing the campus and will benefit the local community. The football field was completed in 2013 and a 5,000-seat stadium will be completed in 2014.
- Campus computer networks and communications systems recently underwent a major upgrade, resulting in improved phone service, network reliability, and greater wireless access.
- The editors of [ChristianUniversitiesOnline.org](http://ChristianUniversitiesOnline.org) named HBU one of the "25 Most Beautiful Christian Colleges and Universities" in 2013.



*Contemporary Arts Gallery*





## PILLAR VII

# Bring ATHENS & JERUSALEM TOGETHER

HBU endeavors to bring together Athens, the world of academic learning, and Jerusalem, the world of faith and Christian practice. We will hire faculty who are committed to their academic discipline and their faith, and who will pursue the

scholarly and spiritual formation of each student. We will eagerly address topics where Athens and Jerusalem are in apparent tension, because we know Athens and Jerusalem share the same Founder, and that all truth is God's truth.

### Milestones

- Hired faculty such as Rick Martinez and Nancy Pearcey, who are experts in understanding how worldviews—both Christianity and its competitors—have shaped science, art, philosophy and other fields.
- New faculty members undergo training to help them better understand and teach how the Christian faith intersects their specific academic disciplines; all faculty are challenged to regularly integrate faith and academics in the classroom.

- The **CENTER FOR CHRISTIANITY IN BUSINESS** holds seminars and lectures and publishes a journal to help professionals apply biblical principles to business affairs.
- Numerous academic departments including philosophy, psychology, nursing, and theology host speakers and hold conferences that relate the Christian faith to hot topics in their respective disciplines.
- **THE FRANCIS SCHAEFFER CENTER FOR WORLDVIEW AND CULTURE** was established in 2013, led by Richard and Nancy Pearcey.

### *The world is* TAKING NOTICE

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"A school with vision and intellectual horsepower."

*TheBestSchools.org* (2012): Top 25 Best Colleges for Homeschool Graduates

"Visionary education."

*TheBestSchools.org* (2013): Top 5 Best Colleges for Studying the Bible

"On the rise, filled with excitement."

*First Things* (2010): Best Seriously Protestant Schools

**6th most diverse campus in the U.S.**

*BestColleges.com* (2014)

**One of the 25 Most Beautiful Christian Colleges and Universities**

*ChristianUniversitiesOnline.org* (2013)



## PILLAR VIII

*Expand our commitment to the*

# CREATIVE ARTS: VISUAL, MUSICAL & LITERARY

It is fitting that the Christian faith has inspired some of the greatest music, art, poetry, writing, and dramatic performances of all time because God is the supreme Artist who has gifted human beings made in His image with creative capacity. We will continue that creative tradition by adding and expanding academic programs in fine arts; and we will produce and support theater productions, music composition and performance, visual arts, creative writing, and more.

### Milestones

- Established a separate School of Fine Arts to give the arts more focused attention.
- **FINE ARTS MUSEUM** opened in 2012.
- Marching band program started in 2013.
- Founded a **CINEMA AND NEW MEDIA ARTS** program in 2013 with nationally recognized faculty Joshua Sikora and Doug TenNapel.
- **MFA PROGRAM** launched in 2011.
- Annual Writers' Conference debuted in 2013; headliners in 2014 included Dana Gioia, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.
- The School of Fine Arts recently retooled its departments to integrate music, mass communication, film, and art majors into programs that teach traditional, foundational principles, but also prepare students for 21st century jobs.

**BELOW:** For the past three years, HBU has ranked among the schools with the most students accepted into this annual exhibition for students pursuing visual arts, surpassing universities with much larger and older arts programs.

**RISING EYES OF TEXAS 2014**

<b>Houston Baptist University</b> Taylor Brown Kim Cypert Rachel Gardner Luisa Guzman Maradee Richoy Lesley Anne Walker	<b>St. Edward's University</b> Xiaohou Zhu	<b>University of Dallas</b> Maryssa Moczan Erin Schak
<b>Baylor University</b> Katherine Adams Curt Tchewsky	<b>Texas A&amp;M Corpus Christi</b> Ricardo Ruiz Cheryl Volzmeier	<b>University of Houston (CL)</b> Christina Carlori
<b>Austin Community College</b> Ken Morgan	<b>Texas A&amp;M Int'l University</b> Ivan Hernandez	<b>University of North Texas</b> Olivia Brown Quynh Tran Mariah Tyler
<b>Rice University</b> Lydia Smith	<b>Texas Christian University</b> Casey Leone	<b>University of Texas, Arlington</b> Morgan Onivers Alvin Griffin Neal Pausolan Maryam Rezaili
<b>Southern Methodist University</b> Olivia Leigh Martin	<b>Texas State University</b> Maghan Maurer Krystal Perez	<b>University of Texas at Tyler</b> Awary Kelly
	<b>Texas Tech University</b> Alberto Carroaga Hannah Coleste Dean	<b>University of Texas, San Antonio</b> Jon Davis Ray Perez
	<b>Texas Woman's University</b> Sharyl David Allison Proulx	



“There are Christian colleges and universities across the United States watching the Ten Pillars experiment to see what happens. Faculty and administrators at other institutions are asking how they can replicate what we are doing here.”

Dr. John Mark Reynolds  
Provost, HBU

HBU is paving the way for a great renewal of Christian universities in the United States. We invite you to come and be part of what God is doing here!



## PILLAR IX

# Cultivate a strong GLOBAL FOCUS

Both the global emphasis of the Christian confession and our increasingly interconnected world require that we give students more international exposure and experience through expanded curricular offerings, cultural exchange, and mission trips.

### Milestones

- The School of Nursing and Allied Health partners with the University of Chester (UK) to host an annual nursing conference addressing global issues.
- Art students regularly travel to Europe with professors to explore and be inspired, and to share their work with an international audience.
- Students have regular opportunities to participate in University-supported mission learning opportunity trips to other countries each year.
- 40% of HBU business school faculty members are first-generation immigrants from Hong Kong, Ukraine, Belarus, China and India, giving students valuable exposure to an international perspective.
- MBA, MIB, MS-HRM and BBA students travel internationally to places such as Brazil, Rome, Milan, and Dubai each year to visit with CEOs and presidents of well-known companies about business challenges and opportunities in their respective geographic and cultural contexts.
- The business school recently signed a student exchange agreement with the Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship in India (HBU will provide the lead faculty).
- Dr. Michael Ward was hired in 2013 to start a new **C.S. LEWIS CENTRE** in Oxford, England, thereby expanding HBU's global reach and giving MAA students an opportunity to study in the place where Lewis lived and taught for most of his life.



## PILLAR X

# Move to the NEXT LEVEL as an institution

We propose to grow from the regional, master's-granting institution we have proudly been into a comprehensive, national Christian university. HBU's vision is to become a shining light in Houston and to send Christian emissaries into academia, corporations, law firms, hospitals, schools, government, and media all across the nation and beyond.

### Milestones

- HBU is currently a level III master's-degree-granting institution according to the categories established by our accrediting organization, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). With the anticipated addition of our first PhD program in 2016, we will move to a SACSCOC level V institution, which is reserved for universities granting three or fewer doctoral degrees.
- Our re-entry into NCAA Division I across all sports gives HBU athletes the opportunity to compete at the highest collegiate level. The addition of a football program also provides a rallying point for alumni engagement and increased school spirit among current students, faculty, and staff.
- An increasing number of alumni hold important positions in medicine, government, business, and the arts. Going forward, we are well positioned to have a disproportionate cultural influence for an institution of our size due to the exceptional quality of our faculty and the caliber of students we are attracting.

**TO THE STAFF, STUDENTS, FACULTY, SUPPORTERS, AND FRIENDS WHO MADE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE:**

*Thank you.*

# The Guild



Left to right: Judy Graham, Debra Perich, Sharon Saunders, Grace Gandy, and Allene Lucas

Members of The Guild kicked off the 2013 Christmas season by presenting a \$10,000 check to HBU President Robert B. Sloan, Jr. to increase the endowment for The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies. The gift was presented at the Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 6, 2013, which featured a talk by Mary Willis of Merry Ministries. Luncheon attendees also heard from President Sloan and Andrew Johnson, who came to thank Guild members for helping him fulfill God's calling on his life. Andrew is Senior Pastor of Faith Memorial Baptist Church in Houston's

## AMERICAN MUSEUM SOCIETY

The American Museum Society (AMS) supports HBU's Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts through a series of events and activities to promote the museum to the community. Along with regular meetings featuring historical presentations relevant to the Museum's offerings, the AMS held its annual Museum Day on February 10, 2014, featuring artist and designer Kimberly Wolcott Salvadore. She spoke about how God worked through her artistic talents in the midst of challenging circumstances to help her build a business and bless her family. About 150



AMS members and guests attended. Funds raised at the Museum Day luncheon and other special events help support the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts.

Third Ward and the current recipient of the Robert B. Sloan, Jr. Endowed Scholarship, which is one of several graduate scholarships in education and theology funded by The Guild.

As part of its mission to strengthen the Christian family by sponsoring projects involving teaching, research, and outreach, The Guild hosted Lee Strobel, well-known author and Christian apologist, on February 19, 2014 for a campus Convocation and a faculty luncheon featuring a conversation between Strobel and President Sloan about issues facing the Christian family.

Since its inception, The Guild has contributed more than \$1.5 million to HBU for scholarships, special projects, and The Guild Institute in Christian Family Studies.



**Above:** Artwork by Kimberly Wolcott

**Left:** Linda Higginbotham, Diane Williams, Museum Day Luncheon Chair Judy Craig, Beverly Boykin, and Barbara Boek



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER **LOU HOLTZ**

Twenty-six seasons as a collegiate head coach earned Lou Holtz an outstanding reputation for turning pretenders into contenders by taking football programs and elevating them into the top 20. Holtz is the only coach in the history of college football to take six different teams to a bowl game, win five bowl games with different teams, and to have four different college teams ranked in the final top 20 poll. He is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame in 2012. Currently, Holtz serves as a college football studio analyst on ESPN. He is also the author of three *New York Times* best-selling books: *The Fighting Spirit*, *Winning Everyday: A Game Plan For Success*, and *Wins, Losses and Lessons*, an autobiography.

# “ICYMI”

(IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)



## HOUSTON SYMPHONY

In January, HBU hosted a sold-out Houston Symphony performance of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*. Over 1,300 music lovers filled Dunham Theater to maximum capacity, requiring some to be directed to overflow space in Belin Chapel. Due to the great success of this event, the Houston Symphony will return to HBU on **FEBRUARY 28, 2015**.

## WRITERS' CONFERENCE

HBU's second annual writers' conference was held at the end of January to great acclaim. The event featured former chair of the National Endowment for the Arts Dana Gioia, as well as leading storytellers from many industries.

## DEBATE

Highlighting HBU's role as a national leader in apologetics training, the campus recently hosted a debate on the question "Does God Exist?" between provost John Mark Reynolds and Dan Barker, president of the Freedom from Religion Foundation.

**“CAN WRITING MATTER?”**  
**CREATIVE WRITING**  
AS A CALLING AND A CRAFT.



**A WRITERS' CONFERENCE**  
**JAN 31 - FEB 1**



# Alumagrams.

What's news with you?

## 60s & 70s

**MONITA COOKE '69** retired in September 2012 after 16 years as Office Manager for Dr. Gerard J. Ventura, a medical oncologist in Nacogdoches, Texas. Her career also included work as a Claims Representative for the Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society of Maryland and as a Surgical Posting and Reservations Manager at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, both in Baltimore, Maryland.

**DONNAH MAU JONES '72** retired on January 31, 2012 after 40 years of nursing. Part of the very first nursing class at HBU, Donna worked for the last 31 years at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, where she was a Senior Research Nurse.

## 80s

**ALLEN HEFNER '82** is in graduate school preparing to work as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

**KIMBERLY '86** and Michael Dorsey are excited that their son Jared is now a Husky at HBU.

**JUANICE '84** and Gerald Kolbo recently retired and moved to the Firethorne community in Katy, Texas. They own and manage multi-family apartment complexes in Houston and Katy.

## 90s

Congratulations to Rick and **LOURIE '86 MOORE**, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in June of 2012. Rick marked the occasion by proposing to Lourie again during a family cruise to the Bahamas.

Congratulations to **VIVIAN CAMACHO '90** on her marriage to Kevin P. Winslow on October 19, 2013.

**TIMOTHY KELLY JR. '96** recently returned to Houston and is enjoying celebrating his daughter Jessica's time at HBU.

## 2000s

**ROSS SHELTON '00** and **LAUREN THOMPSON SHELTON '01** recently moved to Brenham, Texas. Ross accepted a call as pastor of First Baptist Church, Brenham in September and is working on his dissertation for his PhD in Leadership Studies at Dallas Baptist University. Lauren is a vocal teacher in the School of Music at Blinn Junior College. They also welcomed their third child, Garrett, in November, 2012.

**WAYNE B. MAYDWELL '03** is a Senior Paralegal in the Intellectual Property Litigation Practice of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, in downtown Houston.



**BILLY THOMAS '03** and **JAIME DRIGGERS THOMAS '04, MED '15** have returned to Houston after four years overseas so that Jaime can complete her Master of Education degree at HBU. They have a 19-month-old daughter who keeps them busy and is working on perfecting her "dawgs up" hand sign.

**KIMBERLY HATTON '05** recently graduated from New York University with a Masters in Global Affairs. She now serves as Director of Fundraising and Partnerships at Global Forces, a nonprofit whose mission is to help eradicate energy poverty and illiteracy in needy communities around the world by providing solar energy solutions to students.



**SHEILA SWIFT '04** was recently featured in the *Houston Chronicle* for the release of her new EP "The Striving is Over."

**STEPHANIE TORRENO '06** earned the 2nd place award for her essay "Too Young to Live at the Terrace" in the Pen 2 Paper creative writing competition. The contest was sponsored by the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities.

Congratulations to **HEATHER HUBER '06** on her recent marriage. Heather is working on her PhD in Clinical Psychology and interning with Harris County Juvenile Probation.

**RENEE MCGRUDER '08** is working at Lennar Corporation, one of the nation's largest homebuilders, as a website administrator.

**CHRIS FRESCH '08, MABL '10** recently accepted a position with Cambridge's faculty of divinity tutoring and teaching Greek to first year students.

**ASHEY LEJEUNE '09** was promoted to Audit Supervisor at Hein & Associates.

Congratulations to **BRANDEN MICKAN '08** and **KATHLYN HENDRIX '11** on their recent engagement. Kathlyn is in her second year at Baylor Law School and Branden has recently begun serving on the HBU Alumni Board of Directors.

## 2010s

**DILLON SMITH '11** is currently managing the Tim Garvey for Kansas 83rd House District Campaign.

Congratulations to **TARA BARKER '12** on her marriage to Matt Reynolds on March 1, 2014. Tara is Middle School Outreach Director and a worship leader at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston.



**DALTON SCHAFER '12** recently completed his master's degree in marketing from Texas A&M University.

**RACHAEL EKIBOLAJI '12** recently joined the HBU family working as an Admissions Counselor.

Congratulations to **LAUREN BROWN '12** and **SCOTT MOORE '13** on their recent engagement.

**MERIDITH HAYNES '12** is the Lead Office Assistant for the men's basketball team at Texas A&M University.

**ASHLEY REED '12** was recently promoted to Staffing Manager at Burnett Staffing.

Congratulations to **LISA RIVERA WHITING '12** on her marriage to **JEREMY WHITING MACCT '12**.

**BRANDEN JENNINGS '12** and **REGINA WELLS '09** celebrated two years of marriage on February 26, 2014. Regina is a debate coach and speech teacher at Jersey Village High School. Branden is also at Jersey Village High School as a long-term substitute teacher while he works on his History teaching certification.



**LORA '07 AND ERIC KELLEY** are doing well in several entrepreneurial pursuits. They own Para Coffee Shop, which was named as one of the Top 50 Coffee Shops Near College Campuses in the country by TheDailyMeal.com. Eric's photography business was named among the Top 10 Wedding Photographers to Follow on Instagram by Rangefinder magazine and Lora was voted best make-up artist in Virginia by Virginia Living.





## MARK NEWTON '83 - PHYSICIAN, HUMANITARIAN

Mark Newton '83 directs the Vanderbilt International Anesthesia Program, splitting his time between working as a pediatric anesthesiologist at Vanderbilt and serving as chief anesthesiologist for Kijabe Hospital in Kenya. He moved his family to rural East Africa in 1997 to work alongside national medical staff to establish Kenya's first intensive care unit and develop the country's first nurse anesthetist training program.

Newton was recently named **KENYA'S PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR FOR A \$3 MILLION GRANT** from the GE Foundation's Developing Health Globally program. His role is to develop an interactive curriculum to train anesthesia providers in rural Kenya and other low-resource regions of the world. "Sub-Saharan Africa has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world, and, although exact figures aren't available, it is expected that the region has the highest surgical and anesthesia-related mortality as well," said Dr. Newton. "This grant will greatly further our efforts to directly save lives."

The American Medical Association recognized Newton's humanitarian efforts in 2012 with the **DR. NATHAN DAVIS AWARD IN MEDICINE**. Named for the AMA's founder, the award is presented to physicians whose influence reaches the international patient population and changes the future of their medical care.

"Mark has contributed substantially, and at great personal sacrifice, to international anesthesia education and training in low-income countries," said Warren Sandberg, M.D., chair of Vanderbilt's Department of Anesthesiology. "[He] embodies, in spirit and action, the true meaning of a physician servant, and his personal contribution to health care on an international level will have a perpetual, positive impact."

PHOTO: About half of Africa's population is under 15-years-old, and many children will need surgical interventions. Kijabe Hospital serves as an educational center for training African doctors and nurses to perform safe anesthesia care.

***"God prepared my path so that my 16 years in Africa have been full of joy and contentment. HBU was an essential step along this path of a life committed to serving the God who loves the poorest of the poor in Africa. My teachers cared about my spiritual health even as they prepared me for a future as a medical doctor. I am most thankful for my teachers in the Science Department who invested in my life."***



**BENNY AGOSTO, JR. '86**

Benny Agosto, Jr. '86 was featured in the 2014 first quarter edition of *Hispanic Executive* magazine. A law partner at the Houston firm of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend, Mr. Agosto, Jr. was recognized by the magazine for his contributions to the legal profession and to the educational and professional advancement of the Hispanic community.

Agosto is also among the list of Givers honored by *Hispanics in Philanthropy* in 2014 for their giving and leadership. He attended HBU on a soccer scholarship and graduated with a double major in biology and physical education before attending the South Texas College of Law. He is the founder and president of the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation.



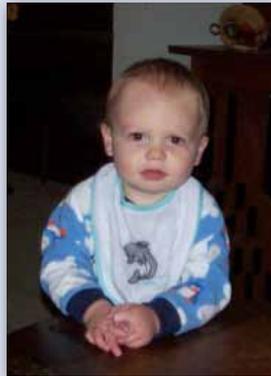
*Kelley*

**ERIC AND LORA '07 KELLEY** welcomed their second child, Della Dier Kelley.



*Shelton*

**LARRY '08 AND LINDSEY '10 MAYBERRY** welcomed their third son, Ezra Davis Mayberry, on September 1, 2013 in Queens, NY. He weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.



*Bird*

**ROSS SHELTON '00 AND LAUREN THOMPSON SHELTON '01** welcomed their third child, Garret Thompson Shelton, in November of 2012.



*Holt*

**QUYNH MBA '04 AND BICH-TRAM NGOC '04 VU** are excited to welcome Emily, their second daughter, into the world. Emily was greeted by her big sister Madelyn.



*Larson*

**PRESIDENT ROBERT AND SUE SLOAN** are thrilled to announce the birth of their 16th grandchild, a grandson, Benjamin Bryan **HOLT**. Born on November 3, 2013, Benjamin weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches tall. He was welcomed by his proud parents, Alatheia and Justin Holt. The whole family is praising God for this wonderful blessing.

**GRAHAM BIRD MBA '12** and wife Shelly, blessed Donnah Mau Jones '72 with a second grandson, Christopher Isaac Bird. Welcoming Christopher to the world was his big brother, Grant Bird.

**PRESIDENT ROBERT AND SUE SLOAN** are delighted to announce the birth of their 17th grandchild, Matthew Sloan **LARSON**, on February 4, 2014. Matthew weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and measured about 19 inches. He is the son of Eraina and Bryan Larson and baby brother of Lucy, Abby, and Liv.

# Joella Morris

OCTOBER 19, 1922 – SEPTEMBER 12, 2013



With a mother from Tennessee and a father from the Old Dominion, Joella Morris was destined to become interested in the history of the South and of Southern culture. Along with her husband, Stewart, she spent more than five decades researching, restoring, and honoring history.

Driven by her passion to preserve the past for future generations, Joella was a member of numerous historic and patriotic organizations, including Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Colonist, and Daughters of the Confederacy. She was also named an honorary president of the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter VIII.

HBU President Robert B. Sloan, Jr. notes that Joella Morris is a founder of the University in her own right, in addition to supporting the many ways her surviving husband, Stewart Morris, has championed HBU since it opened its doors in 1963. The Morris' helped place on campus ten granite columns taken from the 1899 Galveston County Courthouse. These columns, originally given to symbolize the Ten Commandments,

served as the inspiration for the University's vision for the future, known as *The Ten Pillars: Faith and Reason in a Great City*.

Joella was instrumental in moving the Museum of Southern History, formerly located in Sugar Land, Texas, to its current home in the Joella and Stewart Morris Cultural Arts Center on the HBU campus in 2008. She was a charter member of the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts, also housed within the Morris Cultural Arts Center.

A mother of three, Joella was very nurturing and supportive of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Her family appreciated her combination of softness and practicality, which made her "essential" to those close to her. In recognition of Joella's dedication to family and her support of the University over its first 50 years, HBU named her "Woman of the Year" in 2009.

Dr. Sloan describes Joella as "a historian of considerable learning and sensibility, and a great conversationalist." He noted that her legacy is "felt across the entire University" and that her "ready smile, her wit, and her charm" will be missed.

# In Memoriam

## Faculty/Staff



**Nell Gettys** passed away in November of 2013. She served as secretary to the Dean of the School of Music, Dr. Gary Horton, in the late 1970s.

*“Nell was a model of gracious elegance with more than a touch of fun. She was a second-miler for students and faculty alike, and she served as a goodwill*

*ambassador for music with prospective students and campus guests. Her service will long be remembered by those who were privileged to benefit from her friendship.”*

— Dr. Don Looser, vice president emeritus

**Dr. Clyde Holloway** passed away on December 18, 2013. He joined the HBU faculty in 1977 and was renowned both as a gifted music educator and as a concert organist, both nationally and internationally. He was a childhood friend of HBU's first president, Dr. W.H. Hinton, who recruited him to Houston.

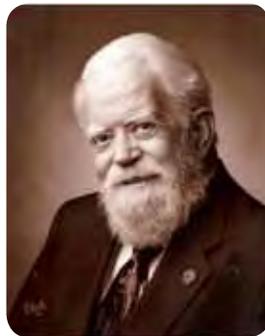
*“Although it would be decades before a magnificent organ became a focal point on our campus, it was Clyde’s dream that HBU own an instrument that would bring distinction to the University. During his remarkable career at Indiana University, HBU, and Rice, he trained countless organists and received acclaim as a revered concert artist.”*

— Dr. Rhonda Furr, professor of music

## Former Students

**Leona Douglas MA '10** passed away on September 5, 2013. She had a 35-year career as an occupational therapist in hospital and school settings and was certified in equine-assisted psychotherapy.

**Kenneth Earl McNutt BA '68** passed away on January 10, 2014 at the age of 72.



**Marvin Lewis Jones BA '67** passed away on February 24, 2014. He was a member of the first graduating class and was the first accounting major at HBU. His first wife, Norvelie Rachford Denton, is an administrative assistant in the College of Science and Mathematics at HBU.

**Sami Samir Lahoud MBA '95** passed away on January 7, 2014. He worked for 23 years at ExxonMobil where he held various high-profile management positions in the IT department. Sami was one of the founding Deacons at the Arabic Church of Houston. He invested years teaching, counseling, and gently leading many young people there to a deeper life in Jesus Christ.



**Kimberly Plunket Lindig BA '11** passed away on November 25, 2013. After receiving her BA in Christianity, Kim took up her most recent career as a Bible teacher at Second Baptist School. Family and friends testify that she had an unquenchable thirst for God's Word and an irrepressible drive to spread it.

**Linda Peake MEd '85** passed away on September 27, 2013. After teaching for many years, Linda pursued and completed her Masters of Education in educational diagnostics at Houston Baptist University. She retired from the public school system after 25 years of service.

**Rosie Rios Rocamontes BA '80** passed away on December 27, 2013. Rosie graduated from the university with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bilingual Education/Elementary Education and was a gifted teacher in the Houston Independent School District for 25 years.

## University Friends

**Dorothy Cross** passed away on June 28, 2013. She was the wife of former HBU Trustee Chair, Milton Cross. She and her husband were Spirit of Excellence award honorees in 1992.

*"Dorothy Cross was an exceptional wife. She was never out front while Milton lived, but she supported him to the hilt. Her devotion to him and to their family was unwavering and totally encompassing. Dorothy's laugh was very subtle yet infectious, and the grin that went along with it was almost always present."*

— Dr. E.D. Hodo, president of HBU, 1987-2006

**Olene Handley** passed away on January 5, 2014. She was a member of the American Museum Society and a lifetime member of The Guild. Olene and her husband Herb were special friends to HBU and established a scholarship honoring their daughter Lura Jane Mumford, an '84 HBU alumnus.

*"Olene celebrated her 100th birthday in 2013 at a party of family and friends hosted by her daughter Lura Jane Mumford. It was truly a celebration, which is exactly the way Olene lived her life. Olene taught us to truly appreciate life and celebrate every day."*

— Sharon Saunders, vice president of university relations



**Margaret Hutton** passed away on March 4, 2014. She was a member of both The Guild and the American Museum Society and was very active in supporting HBU over the years.

*"Sue and I met Margaret and Jim in our early days here. They made us feel immediately welcomed both to HBU and to*

*Houston. Margaret was such a friend of the University, and was a supporter of many projects. Her generosity of spirit was evidenced by the kind and easy way she conversed with others. To her family and friends, Margaret's life was described as a beautiful symphony."*

— Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr., president of HBU

**Bob Sale** passed away on November 3, 2013. Bob is a former president of HBU's President's Development Council. Over the years, he served as VP, CEO, president, chairman, and vice-chairman at various Texas banks. With his willingness to answer his own phone, solve problems, and do things right, Bob set an example that influenced many highly successful Texas bankers.



**Mary Frances "Frankie" Shaw** passed away on August 31, 2013. She was a beloved member of Westbury Baptist Church where she served the community with great devotion. She was also an enthusiastic supporter of HBU and The Guild.

*"When we think of Frankie, we remember the joy, the*

*laughter, and the smiles she brought to The Guild. She introduced many of her friends to HBU through The Guild and she delighted in spending time with Christian friends and supporting the University. While her quiet presence is missed, she lives on in the hearts of so many."*

— Sharon Saunders, vice president of university relations

**C. Harold Wallace** passed away on February 16, 2014. Harold was widely known and respected for his expertise in his field, his integrity as a businessman, and his loyalty as a personal friend. He and his wife established the Harold and Lorine Wallace Endowed Nursing Scholarship at HBU.

**Dorothy Wofford** passed away October 29, 2013. She was the wife of Dr. Gene Wofford, who joined the HBU theology faculty in 1975 and was named Professor Emeritus in 2011.

*"Dorothy epitomized the Proverbs 31 woman. Whether I was eating in her home as an HBU freshman, reading her books, or just catching up on things, Dorothy was a constant encourager who taught us all to take ourselves less seriously and God more seriously. I miss her greatly."*

— Mark Denison, current chair of the HBU Board of Trustees



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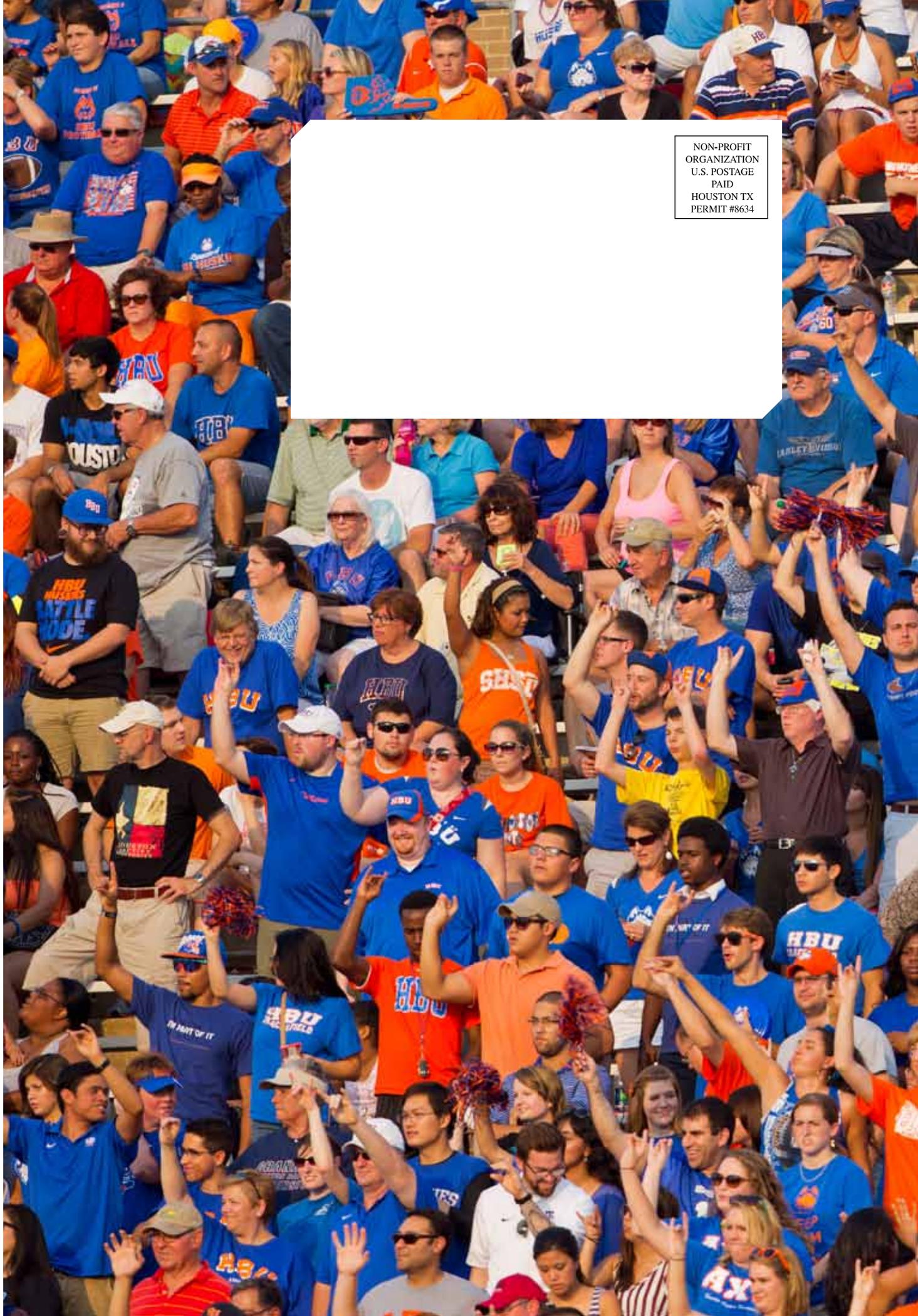


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