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Howard Payne, DBU honored for community service. The President's Higher Education Community Honor Roll program recently recognized [Howard Payne University](#) and [Dallas Baptist University](#). This year, the program specifically emphasized hurricane relief projects conducted by university students.

Foundation awards challenge grant to Howard Payne. [Howard Payne University](#) has received a \$750,000 challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Okla., to support the university's Sharing the Vision Capital Campaign. To qualify for the grant, Howard Payne must raise the balance needed for the total group of projects by January 2008. The total cost of the projects is \$7,625,000. More than \$5.2 million has been raised to date. Adding the anticipated \$750,000 from the foundation, a balance of about \$1.6 million remains to be raised. The Mabee grant and additional funding will be used toward renovation of existing buildings to create an art program facility, a Faith and Life Leadership Center and the welcome center, as well as creating endowments and scholarships.

UMHB dedicates administrative complex addition. The [University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#) has dedicated the new wing of its Sanderford

Administrative Complex. The two-story, 16,500-square-foot addition includes offices for the president, provost, executive vice president, human resources department and the vice president for businesses and finance.

Endowed scholarship established at ETBU. The Obie Baker Foundation has established an endowed scholarship at [East Texas Baptist University](#) in his memory. Baker—a College of Marshall graduate who was instrumental in forming the ETBU alumni association—was principal 33 years at the consolidated school of East Mountain and was pastor of New Bethlehem Baptist Church 31 years. The scholarship will benefit students majoring in education or full-time Christian ministry.

ETBU campaign tops \$330,000. [East Texas Baptist University](#) surpassed its \$180,000 fund-raising campaign goal by more than \$150,000. The \$330,000 raised will be used for student scholarships and special projects.

Baptist Health Foundation awards scholarships. The [Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio](#) has awarded 130 spring semester scholarships to students at Baptist Health System's School of Health Professions. These scholarships provided \$156,710 to students enrolled in the school's nursing and allied health educational programs. Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio was established to fund not-for-profit health-care services throughout Bexar County and contiguous counties in South Texas and scholarships at the School of Health Professions.

Endowed memorial scholarship established at Hardin-Simmons.

Renee Heathcott has established the Pete and Naomi Fast Endowed Memorial Scholarship at [Hardin-Simmons University](#) in memory of her parents. The scholarship will benefit church music students in the School of Music and Fine Arts. Fast was a Hardin-Simmons graduate who served Baptist churches in Sweetwater, Abilene, Fort Worth, Odessa, San Benito, Port Arthur, Tulia and Houston as minister of music and education. Mrs. Fast served on staff at Hardin-Simmons University as the accompanist for the music department.

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