

Around the State: Students at HPU El Paso Center receive scholarships; ETBU hosts debate tournament

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Three Christian studies majors at Howard Payne University's El Paso Center recently received the Richard W. Nassar Scholarship—senior **Roberto Elizalde**, senior **Bernadette Rowilson** and freshman **Brandon Rutkowski**. The scholarship honors Nassar, a deacon at First Baptist Church in El Paso, who was born in Lebanon and immigrated to the United States in 1975. Nassar has focused his ministry on establishing a dialogue between Christians, Muslims and Jews.

The East Texas Baptist University debate team hosted the sixth annual Tiger Invitational Debate Tournament in mid-November. The tournament drew 118 competitors from 17 universities, including some from as far away as Tennessee and Virginia. Union University, a Baptist school in Jackson, Tenn., placed first overall. Louisiana State University at Shreveport placed second, and Bossier Parish Community College finished third.

The University Singers and Concert Choir of Howard Payne University will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 7, at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood. The program is free of charge and open to the public. The choirs will perform selections from Handel's "Messiah." The Festival Chamber Orchestra, a group of area and collegiate musicians, will accompany the choirs. The University Singers, Concert Choir and Festival Chamber Orchestra are under the direction of **Christopher Rosborough**,

assistant professor of music and director of choral activities at HPU.