

Around the State: Baylor Alumni Awards announced

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Rebekah Naylor greets church members in Bangalore, India in 2004. Although she moved to the United States in 2002, Naylor returned periodically to India until her 2009 retirement from the IMB as a strategy coordinator with local churches. (Photo courtesy of IMB)

Baylor University announced the recipients of the 2022 Baylor Alumni Awards. A celebration honoring the impact of alumni around the world and recognizing this year's recipients will be held on campus on Feb. 18. The *Pro Ecclesia* **Medal of Service**—awarded to individuals whose broad contributions to Christian ministry have made an immeasurable impact—goes to **Rebekah Naylor** of Fort Worth, retired Baptist medical missionary and current distinguished professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Naylor spent more than 35 years serving as a general surgeon, evangelist and church planter in India. The recipient of the *Pro Texana* **Medal of Service**—recognizing an individual whose

contributions in furthering the mission of Baylor has made an immeasurable impact in the public or nonprofit sector—is **Susan Peters**, founder and executive director of Unbound Global, a multi-national anti-human trafficking organization headquartered in Waco. The **Medal of Service for Contributions to the Professions** go to **Giancarlo Guerrero** of Nashville, Tenn., six-time GRAMMY Award-winning conductor, music director of the Nashville Symphony and NFM Wrocław Philharmonic and principal guest conductor of the Gulbenkian Orchestra in Lisbon; and to **Christopher Scott** of Las Vegas, Nevada, founder, head of documentaries and award-winning director at Strategy Films. The **Alumna of the Year** is **Thasunda Brown Duckett**, CEO of TIAA; the Young Alumnus of the Year is **Alex Le Roux** of Austin, co-founder and CTO of ICON; and the **Merrie Beckham Alumni By Choice of the Year** is **Fran George** of Raleigh, N.C., who helped form the first North Carolina Chapter of the Baylor Parents Network and serves on the board of the North Carolina Baylor Women’s Council. “The 2022 Baylor Alumni Award honorees reflect the worldwide impact of all our extraordinary alumni who shine their lights in their professional and personal lives. As we pursue the work of the university to equip tomorrow’s leaders and servants, our alumni provide a meaningful example of how Baylor’s unique experience transforms lives and helps students find and follow their callings,” President **Linda A. Livingstone** said.



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The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor College of Visual and Performing Arts will host The Queen's Cartoonists from Queens, N.Y., for a stage performance at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 in the Baugh Performance Hall in the Sue & Frank Mayborn Performing Arts Center. The Queen's Cartoonists play music from classic cartoons and contemporary animation. Performances are synchronized to video projections of the original films. General admission tickets are \$20 each, and tickets for children and seniors are \$10 each.