

Around the State: Baylor named to TIME's top 100 list

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TIME magazine ranked Baylor No. 40 in the nation on its inaugural list of [100 Best Colleges for Future Leaders](#). *TIME* and Statista analyzed the resumes of 2,000 top CEOs, politicians, Nobel winners and other leaders to determine the universities that helped equip them for leadership. Baylor ranked just behind Johns Hopkins University and just ahead of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Only the University of Texas at Austin (No. 14) and Texas A&M University (No. 23) ranked higher than Baylor among Texas schools. "Baylor University produces outstanding leaders who commit themselves to a life of service in their professional fields, and we are honored by this recognition, especially as Baylor's level of leadership and service is integrally connected to our Christian mission," President **Linda Livingstone** said. "We are proud of and grateful for our Baylor alumni, who were transformed by opportunities at the university to cultivate habits and virtues that orient their leadership toward human flourishing and a vision to change the world."



HPU students who completed Spanish for Healthcare Professionals are shown with their certificates. Pictured are (left to right, back row) Krysta Bunch,

Skyler Wells, Axel Kehrein and Abigail Zamora (front row) university nurse Martha Brunette, Victoria Ramos, Amada Menchaca, Yesenia Brunette, Isabel Clevenger and instructor Danny Brunette-López. (HPU Photo)

Howard Payne University recognized eight students who completed the Spanish for Healthcare Professionals program. The course gives students real-world language instruction for effective communication with limited English-speaking or non-English speaking Hispanic patients in healthcare settings. The students are **Yesenia Brunette**, a sophomore from Early; **Krysta Bunch**, a senior from Haskell; **Isabel Clevenger**, a senior from Brownwood; **Axel Kehrein**, a senior from Walla Walla, Wash.; **Amada Menchaca**, a senior from Blanket; **Victoria Ramos**, a junior from Brownwood; **Skyler Wells**, a senior from Brownwood; and **Abigail Zamora**, a sophomore from Forney. **Danny Brunette-López**, professor of Spanish and chair of the Department of Spanish and Hispanic Studies at HPU, taught the course.



Brent Leatherwood

Brent Leatherwood, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, will deliver the Veritas Lecture at Dallas Baptist University. The lecture, sponsored by DBU's Institute for Global Engagement, will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Great Hall of the Mahler Student Center. Leatherwood will discuss how Christians can engage culture and the public square faithfully while maintaining a winsome witness. [Tickets](#) are \$5.

East Texas Baptist University will host its Good Samaritan Award and ETBU Scholarship Banquet at 6 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Great Commission Center. The Thomas Whitfield Davidson Foundation will be recognized as the Good Samaritan Award recipient, and **Rodney Gilstrap**, chair of the foundation, will deliver the keynote address.

Wayland Baptist University reported planned giving is up 47 percent for the current fiscal year. "We are thrilled to witness such a remarkable increase in planned giving," President **Bobby Hall** said. "This surge is a testament to the deep connection established with our alumni and friends, as well as the communities we serve. These legacy commitments will have a transformative impact on future generations of students."

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor held commencement services last month for more than 400 summer and fall graduates. Last summer, UMHB confirmed 82 graduates, and 319 more were added to the number for the fall semester.



Pablo Juarez

Pablo Arnoldo Juarez of Kaufman has been appointed director of the Hispanic Leadership Network at the [Hispanic Access Foundation](#). In this role, he will lead the network to provide support to Latino pastors serving high-need rural and urban congregations across the United States and in Puerto Rico. He will continue to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church Kaufman en Español.

Anniversary

20th for Pastor **Fred Hobbs** at Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Victoria.