

Around the State: Baylor names Wolf to religious freedom chair

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Former U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf has been named the Jerry and Susie Wilson Chair in Religious Freedom at [Baylor University](#). Wolf served his Virginia district from 1981 until his retirement Jan. 3. As the Wilson Chair, he will lead Baylor's efforts in Washington, D.C., and throughout the world to address significant issues of freedom of conscience and worship, as well as Christianity's enduring role in promoting human freedom.

[Baptist Child & Family Services](#) has named Patricia Stelter director of



Patricia Stelter learning and development. She will create learning initiatives aimed at increasing organizational effectiveness, improving individual skills and supporting the system's strategy for growth and culture for the future.

[Dallas Baptist University](#) will hold previews for prospective students and their parents Jan. 31 and Feb. 16. Both events include a tour of the campus, meetings with faculty and administrators, and information about admissions, financial aid and campus life. The events are free for the students and up to two guests. For more information, [click here](#).

[Howard Payne University](#) will begin offering classes for a master of

education in sport and wellness leadership degree program in August. Informational sessions for people interested in the program will be held Feb. 5 and Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Brownwood Coliseum. Most classes will be held in the evening to accommodate work schedules, and graduate assistantships will be available to offset the cost of tuition. For more information, [click here](#).

Anniversary

Scott Mescher, fifth, as associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Salado.

Ordained

Jeff Byrd, David Hill, Todd Kunders, Mike Ratliff, Lance Read and **Adam Ward** as deacons at First Baptist Church in Belton.