

# Around the State: Baylor nursing students administer vaccine

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Students and faculty from Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing have volunteered to help administer the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine. (Robert Rogers/Baylor University)

About 120 senior-level, second-semester nursing students and assigned faculty with Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing have volunteered to help administer the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine at the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District vaccination clinic. Every Thursday through March at the Waco Convention Center, two faculty and about two dozen nursing students will help at each weekly clinic. The nursing school also plans to assist with vaccination clinics at Baylor Scott & White Health in Dallas and Plano, Parkland Hospital in Dallas and several other Dallas-area hospitals in the weeks ahead. "It is extremely important that we get as many people as possible vaccinated as soon as the vaccine

becomes available,” said **Linda Plank**, interim dean of the Louise Herrington School of Nursing. “The more people available to assist, the sooner we gain herd immunity and get past this pandemic.”

**Bill Blocker**, president of the College of Biblical Studies in Houston, is the keynote speaker for the Linn and Betty Self Symposium at Stark College and Seminary. “One Christ, One Family” is the theme of the livestream event at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 11. Prior to his arrival at the College of Biblical Studies, Blocker was vice president and dean of educational services at Moody Bible Institute and senior pastor of Christian Fellowship Church on the south side of Chicago. Access to the livestream is free. To register, click [here](#).

Registration is open for Howard Payne University’s Spring Family Reunion. Events are scheduled beginning at 10 a.m., Feb. 20, at Gordon Wood Stadium. Advance registration entitles participants to join in a tailgate celebration featuring free food, along with music by Austin Upchurch and his band. Registrants also receive tickets to the HPU vs. McMurry University football game at noon. Facemasks will be required, and other COVID-19 public safety protocols will be followed. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Forty students from throughout Texas and as far away as California are part of the first cohort of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor’s Master of Science in Physician Assistant degree. UMHB launched the 28-month degree program recently—the only one of its kind between Dallas and San Antonio. For more information, [click here](#).



Sue Mayborn of Temple has been named the recipient of the 2021 Baylor University Founders Medal for her more than 40 years of support, service and leadership as a member of the Baylor Family. (Robert Rogers/Baylor University)

Baylor University named **Sue Mayborn** of Temple as the recipient of the 2021 Baylor University Founders Medal. Established in 1969, the Founders Medal is reserved for men and women whose service and contributions have been unusually significant to the life and future of the university. She played a major role in the building of the Sue & Frank Mayborn Natural Science and Cultural History Museum Complex at Baylor and its ongoing renovation, along with creating the Sue Mayborn Endowed Scholarship Fund in Journalism and providing support for Baylor Libraries. She is a Baylor *Alumna Honoris Causa* and recipient of The Herbert H. Reynolds Award for Exemplary Service. She also was honored with the *Pro Texana* Medal of Service from Baylor in 2015. She is the owner, editor and publisher of the *Temple Daily Telegram* and the *Killeen Daily Herald*. She is a member of Memorial Baptist Church in Temple.

A professor in Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business and a Baylor alumna received a National Science Foundation grant to combat

human trafficking. **Stacie Petter**, the Ben H. Williams Professor of Information Systems and Business Analytics at Baylor, and **Laurie Giddens**, a doctoral graduate of Baylor who is now assistant professor of computer management and information systems at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, earned a \$249,998 planning grant. The grant will enable them to form an interdisciplinary team that will analyze obstacles and propose solutions and training to empower law enforcement and other organizations to combat human trafficking more effectively. “Our charge in this grant is to focus on understanding three important questions, which will allow us to better support the individuals and organizations who fight human trafficking,” Petter said. “First, how do criminals use information technology in the course of criminal activity? Second, how is law enforcement using technology to find criminals? And finally, how can we create interventions and resources to help law enforcement be proactive in identifying criminal activity and addressing these problems?” Petter and Giddens will form and lead a team of individuals from law enforcement, the legal system, information systems, engineering, social sciences, economics, the non-profit sector and more to eliminate siloed understanding across industries and disciplines.

## Anniversary



Jonathan Clark

20th for **Jonathan Clark** at Baptist Temple in San Antonio, where he is executive pastor. He has served the church in a variety of roles, including minister of music and associate pastor.

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