

Around the State: Baylor site of Collegiate Day of Prayer

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Baylor University will serve as the originating site for the [2024 Collegiate Day of Prayer](#) broadcast. The Collegiate Day of Prayer is an evening worship and prayer service focused on college-aged students, traditionally held on a university campus and live-streamed around the world. The broadcast will air at 7 p.m. Feb. 29 from the Baylor campus and will be arranged in cooperation with local churches and college ministry leaders. The Collegiate Day of Prayer organization operates as a coalition of collegiate ministries and church networks and is led by a representative steering team of these partner organizations. “Baylor University is humbled to serve as a conduit for Christians from around the state, nation and world to connect in prayer as a part of the 2024 Collegiate Day of Prayer, and we look forward to showcasing the beautiful diversity of the kingdom of God in this global moment,” said Baylor President **Linda A. Livingstone**. “We believe college-aged students near and far will be strengthened and encouraged during this season of prayer.” In addition to the evening broadcast, which will be primarily focused on Baylor students, Waco-area churches and college ministries have committed to praying together in advance of the broadcast as well. Churches and college ministries will join “Last Thursdays,” a Collegiate Day of Prayer tradition in which believers gather on the same day each month to intercede for the nation’s college-aged students. Also, Waco-area congregations will work through the Collegiate Day of Prayer’s 40-day prayer guide, which is available in digital formats. Baylor also will offer ways for members of the Baylor Family to get involved, such as organizing prayer sessions, promoting the evening broadcast and including the Collegiate Day of Prayer in the university’s longstanding Parents in Prayer program.



Timothy Pierce

Wayland Baptist University named **Timothy Pierce** as dean of its School of Christian Studies. He assumes his new role in January. Currently, Pierce is associate professor of Christian studies at East Texas Baptist University and bivocational pastor of Port Caddo Baptist Church in Marshall. He earned his undergraduate degree in religion from Wayland and his Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Kristy have three children—Lauren, Will and Jonathan.

Howard Payne University appointed **Michael Rosato** as dean of the university's School of Education and professor of education. Rosato returned to HPU prior to the beginning of the fall 2023 semester, having served at the university from 2006 to 2015 before going to Houston Baptist University. At HBU—now Houston Christian University—he served as provost and vice president for academic affairs, as well as professor of education. Rosato holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Carson-Newman University, a Master of Education degree from Texas Wesleyan University and a Doctor of Education degree from Indiana University.



Jerry and Jack Cargill awarded a special scholarship to ETBU junior nursing major Joseph Maique in honor of former nurse and a longtime friend of the Cargill Family, the late Patty Smith. (ETBU Photo)

Students in East Texas Baptist University's Teague School of Nursing recently received the Polly Cargill Nursing Scholarship, awarded by brothers Jerry and Jack Cargill in partnership with ETBU. Students **Alison Carrion, Brittany Denton, Ta'Lena Johnson, Meleni Luviano, Bailey Munch, Noah Pecory, Abigail Powell, Meredith Salazar, Angela Sanchez, Kennedy Tucker** and **Brianna Younger** each were awarded a Polly Cargill Nursing Scholarship. Jerry and Jack Cargill awarded a special scholarship this year to ETBU junior nursing major **Joseph Maique** in honor of former nurse and a longtime friend of the Cargill family, the late Patty Smith.

Student government organizations at Baylor University and Texas Christian University formalized their decades-long rivalry. Baylor's Student Senate

and TCU's House of Student Representatives unanimously passed a joint resolution to recognize the rivalry. In creating the resolution, both student government organizations agreed on the importance of longevity, tradition and sportsmanship. Baylor and TCU first met on the football field in 1899. The Nov. 18 Baylor-TCU game will mark the 119th matchup between the schools, making it the most-played college football rivalry series in the state. The joint resolution outlines each student body's desire to recognize the annual football game as a protected rivalry game, to commit to playing one another, and to commemorate it with honor. **Lily Davis**, Baylor student body external vice president, called the formalizing of the rivalry "an endeavor that honors the past, shapes the future and celebrates the present."

Howard Payne University junior **Emily Moran** of Coleman is the second HPU student to be accepted into the Joint Admission Medical Program. Moran came to HPU to study biomedical science in preparation for medical school, with the ultimate goal of becoming a surgeon. The Joint Admission Medical Program helps undergraduate students who want to enter the medical field by preparing them for medical school. The state-funded program provides Texas students with academic and financial support through scholarships, summer internship experiences, dedicated mentoring and comprehensive preparation for the Medical College Admission Test. Moran recently finished a summer internship at the University of Houston Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine.

East Texas Baptist University hosted a luncheon celebrating the achievements of 17 paraprofessionals from Marshall Independent School District enrolled in the MavPATH program. MavPATH is an initiative that paves the way for these individuals to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in education from ETBU with a focus in elementary education. The MavPATH program serves as a bridge, allowing district paraprofessionals to gain job-embedded classroom experience as they work toward their

college degree through ETBU, all while pursuing teacher certification. The school district covers tuition and course fees for each student in the program. Paraprofessionals commit to full-time educational service during their college enrollment and as teachers in the district upon completion of their undergraduate degree in education. "With this revolutionary teacher training model established and effectively working, we are thankful for the support of the school district board and administrative leadership and excited about the program's success," ETBU President **J. Blair Blackburn** said.

Anniversary

150th for First Baptist Church in Schulenburg. **David Thompson** is pastor.

120th for Oplin Baptist Church in Clyde. **Joe Boney** is pastor.