

Around the State: Cotton named director; Baylor nursing school raises \$1.4 million

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Roy CottonThe Baptist General Convention of Texas named **Roy Cotton** director of African-American ministries, effective March 1. He served as interim director since last September, succeeding Charlie Singleton. As director, Cotton works with more than 900 predominantly African-American churches that relate to the BGCT and serves as liaison with the African-American Fellowship of Texas. Cotton worked 16 years as a church-starting consultant with the BGCT. Previously, he served 21 years with the mission board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and was pastor of multiple churches in Texas and Virginia. He holds a doctor of ministry degree in black church leadership from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as a master of church music degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Inez, attend Singing Hills Baptist Church in Dallas. They have two adult sons, Roy and Justin.



Student nurses surround Shelley F. Conroy, dean and professor of Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing along with Louise Herrington Ornelas at the 5th annual Going for the Gold Gala. Baylor University's **Louise Herrington School of Nursing** raised more than \$1.4 million for scholarships, as well as gifts for the new nursing school building, at its fifth annual Going for the Gold Gala. More than 800 people attended the event at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel. The keynote speaker was **Noah Galloway**, a wounded Operation Iraqi Freedom U.S. Army war veteran and finalist on the TV program "Dancing with the Stars." He talked about his second tour of duty, life-changing injury and the care of nurses throughout his recovery. Another speaker, **Saralinda Garcia**, a Baylor nursing school scholarship recipient and mother of five, described her 18 years in the U.S. Navy and as a medic during a tour in Iraq. Special guest **Terrance Williams**, Dallas Cowboys wide receiver and former Baylor football All-American, autographed a pair of multi-colored athletic shoes for the live auction, raising \$10,000.

Latham Springs Camp and Retreat Center at Aquilla will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for a hotel and adult conference center April 21 at 10 a.m. The complex will include 80 hotel-style rooms and conference space that will accommodate more than 300. The public is invited to the event.



Danny Cullins and the **Mike Romero Band** will lead worship during Resurrection Week revival services at Howard Payne University, at 10 a.m. March 21-23 and 7:30 p.m. March 21-22 in Mims Auditorium on the HPU campus. Cullins, a Howard Payne graduate, has served on church leadership teams in Texas, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Colorado. The services are open to the community, as well as HPU students, faculty and staff. For more information, contact Corey Ash at (325) 649-8502 or cash@hputx.edu.



Mike Romero Band Ordained

Phillip Fields and **Mike Ogas** as deacons at Western Heights Baptist Church in Waco.

Dylan Price to the gospel ministry at Belmont Baptist Church in Abilene.