

Around the State: ETBU and Marshall ISD create Mav PATH Program

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East Texas Baptist University has partnered with Marshall Independent School District to create the Mav PATH Program. The agreement, signed Feb. 28, will give selected paraprofessionals the opportunity to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in elementary education. Marshall ISD will identify 15 paraprofessionals who have served within the district at least one year to enroll in the program and will pay each student's tuition and course fees. The pathway allows paraprofessionals in the district the opportunity to acquire job-embedded experience as a classroom teacher while completing college credits through ETBU to obtain a college degree with teacher certification. "The most exciting part of MAV Path is the multi-dimensional impact of this educational opportunity for children, teachers, schools and communities, not to mention the impact on the livelihood of these graduates for years to come," said **Tommy Sanders**, vice president and provost at ETBU. "This program is a family and community systems changer."

Hardin-Simmons University's Cowboy Band marks its centennial anniversary April 28-30. Events include a reunion banquet, a panoramic photo of returning band alumni, a concert at Paramount Theatre and a worship service at Logsdon Chapel, along with other meal functions and informal gatherings. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes the cost of breakfast at the band hall, the Cowboy Band celebration dinner at the Motis Building and a commemorative T-shirt. The registration deadline is April 14. To register, [click here](#).



Katie Frugé, director of Texas Baptists' Christian Life Commission, delivered a March 8 chapel address at Wayland Baptist University. (WBU Photo)

"Mercy triumphs over judgement," **Katie Frugé**, director of Texas Baptists' Christian Life Commission, told students, faculty and staff during a March 8 chapel address at Wayland Baptist University. Using John 8:3-11 as her Scripture text, Frugé—who also directs Texas Baptists' Center for Cultural Engagement—told listeners, "Mercy has the ability to cut into the human heart and transform it."



Jill Hudson

The Texas Baptist Women in Ministry board named **Jill Hudson** as the organization's new coordinator, effective April 3. She is a 2005 graduate of Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary and also holds a master's degree in education and educational psychology from Baylor. She was ordained by Crosscreek Baptist Church in Pelham, Ala. She and her husband Brandon, pastor of First Baptist Church in Abilene, have two children.

Jennifer Eames, founding director of the physician assistant program at Hardin-Simmons University, was named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. The distinction is earned by less than 2 percent of the academy's membership. Eames has led multiple global medical mission trips with students, serving most recently in Kenya. She is an elected board member of the Physician Assistant Education Association and a past president of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants.

Retirement

Gary Morgan as pastor of The Cowboy Church of Ellis County in Waxahachie, where he has served since May 2001, and after 34 years in the gospel ministry. His retirement party is scheduled at 5 p.m. on April 2 in the church's worship building.