

# Around the State: ETBU team leads camps in Honduras

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Student athletes from East Texas Baptist University led sports camps, distributed food to families in need, built chicken coops and competed against a local team during a recent mission trip to Honduras. The trip is the 20th for the ETBU Athletic Department's Tiger Athletic Mission Experience initiative and the second international mission for the men's basketball team. Partnering with the International Sports Federation, the student-athletes had the opportunity to show Christ's love through kindness and sportsmanship. Team members shared devotionals in smaller groups, using translators to bridge language gaps. The Tigers had the chance to serve at the Dump Ministry in partnership with Roatan Mission. Team members prepared and distributed food to local families, witnessing the challenging living conditions firsthand. This humbling experience highlighted the disparity between their own lives and those they were serving, fostering a deep sense of gratitude and compassion. "My mission trip experience to Roatan, Honduras, was life-changing," ETBU graduate student **Jayden Williams** said. During the team's visit to Roatan Rehabilitation, the team assisted with practical tasks, such as constructing chicken coops and moving sand, while sharing personal faith testimonies. The Tigers played the Honduran National Team twice during the trip. After falling short in the first matchup, the Tigers came away with a win.



The Texas Board of Nursing confirmed the HPU nursing program's 2023 pass rate of 100 percent on the NCLEX-RN. Pictured from left to right are HPU's 2023 nursing graduates: Delilah Munoz, Madison Draper, Sydney Horton, Veaney Cazares and Bree Cason. (HPU Photo)

The Texas Board of Nursing confirmed Howard Payne University nursing program's 2023 pass rate of 100 percent on the National Council Licensure Examination, or the NCLEX-RN, at its April 2024 board meeting. The test is a nationwide licensing exam for nurses and provides a measurement of nursing competence. HPU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is one of only six in Texas to achieve a 100-percent pass rate on the exam. The Texas Board of Nursing uses NCLEX-RN exam results in the evaluation process for each nursing program in Texas. The exam results are evaluated each calendar year and are officially published in April the following year. The HPU nursing program received full approval from the Texas Board of Nursing during the April 2024 board meeting. HPU's BSN program has held national nursing accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education since 2020.

# Anniversary

Arcadia Park Baptist Church in Dallas celebrates 100 years of ministry this year. **Fred Foster** is pastor.