

Around the State: HPU health fair, Baylor nursing school ranks high

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The third annual Spring Health Fair at **Howard Payne University** focused not only on physical health, but also on emotional, environmental, intellectual, occupational, social and spiritual health. At the physical health booth, personnel from the athletic training education program provided health screenings and physical assessments, and at the health booth, faculty and staff from the university's Walker Memorial Library led a memory game. At a booth devoted to spiritual health, **Keith Platte**, director of the Baptist Student Ministry at HPU, administered a 15-question survey about spiritual matters identified as beneficial ways to help strengthen one's faith.

U.S. News & World Report ranked the doctor of nursing practice program at Baylor University's **Louise Herrington School of Nursing** in the Top 50 in the nation. The school's doctoral program is ranked No. 47 in the magazine's Best Graduate Schools list, and its midwifery program is ranked No. 10 nationally in the magazine's new "health disciplines" category. The school's master of science in nursing program is ranked No. 58 in the nation, jumping 14 places higher than its ranking the previous year.



Roy Robb Roy Robb of San Angelo, a **Howard Payne University** alumnus and trustee, spoke to criminal justice students at HPU, offering insights from his 40-plus-year career in criminal justice. When he served as court master for the 51st Judicial District Court, he was responsible for taking care of the 400 people removed from the Yearning for Zion Ranch following the arrest of Warren Jeffs, former president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Prior to Jeffs' arrest, Robb also provided daily briefings and written reports about the criminal investigation. Robb was director of probation services for the 51st, 119th and 340th District Courts. He also served as secure program specialist with the Texas Youth Commission, a role from which he retired in 2005.

Five universities related to the Baptist General Convention of Texas are among the top 30 most beautiful Christian college and university campuses in the United States, as ranked by theologydegrees.org, a website dedicated to ranking and evaluating faith-based degrees. Texas Baptist schools on the list are **Baylor University, Dallas Baptist University, Houston Baptist University, Howard Payne University** and **Wayland Baptist University**.