

# **Around the State: HPU Women's Club recognizes Yellow Rose honorees**

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The Howard Payne University Women's Club honored **Brenda Newbury** and **Amaya Marshall** at the organization's Yellow Rose Scholarship Luncheon. Newbury, former HPU first lady who currently resides in Burleson, received the Yellow Rose Award, presented annually to a woman who has exhibited exemplary leadership within her sphere of influence and who has played a significant role in carrying out the mission and vision of HPU. When her husband Don was president at HPU, Newbury hosted more than 3,000 guests annually in her home. Marshall, a junior biology major from McKinney, was the recipient of this year's Yellow Rose Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a female student who will begin her junior year in the upcoming fall semester and has maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average since beginning her freshman year at HPU. Requirements stipulate the young woman awarded the scholarship should be an active participant in extracurricular activities on campus and exhibit leadership qualities representative of the Christian values and beliefs fundamental to HPU. Marshall is a member of the Black Student Association and the volleyball team. She also has participated in various Women to Women events hosted by the Women's Club.



Chris Havens

**Chris Havens** is the newly sworn-in chief of police for the Dallas Baptist University Police Department. Havens served six years with the Dallas Police Department before joining the Burleson Police Department. During his 22 years with the Burleson Police Department, he served as a field training officer, detective supervising criminal investigations, public information officer and SWAT operator. He eventually was SWAT commander, retiring as a deputy chief of operations. In addition to an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from DBU, he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Currently, he is pursuing a master's degree at DBU. He serves on the security team at First Baptist Church in Dallas, where he is a member.

The *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* College Rankings 2021 ranked Baylor University No. 5 nationally in the category of engagement, which measures how well a university informs, inspires and challenges students. Baylor also earned top ranking of the Big 12 universities in the engagement classification of the rankings, which included 797 institutions. Measures of engagement include: the extent that the college or university supports critical thinking, such as developing new concepts or evaluating different points of view; the extent that the teaching supports reflection on, or making connections among, the things that the student has learned, such as combining ideas from different lessons to complete a task;

the extent to which the teaching supports application of student's learning to the real world, such as taking study excursions to see concepts in action; and the extent to which the college challenges the student, such as presenting new ways of thinking to challenge assumptions or values. Earlier, Baylor rose to No. 76 in the 2021 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges. It was named No. 19 for first-year experiences and No. 25 for most innovative schools. The rankings evaluate more than 1,400 colleges and universities on 17 indicators of academic quality.

New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview and Gilmore will hold its eighth annual "For the City Sunday" on Oct. 4. The church expects to mobilize 2,000 volunteers to work on 55 community service projects in Gregg, Upshur and Harrison counties. Volunteers will gather outside the church buildings at 8 a.m. for prayer before proceeding to community service sites. "'For the City Sunday' is a way for New Beginnings to be the hands and feet of Jesus by sharing his hope through meeting various needs in our communities," said Pastor **Todd Kaunitz**. "In this current season of life, the pandemic we are fighting and the division we are facing, New Beginnings wants to show love and kindness, as well as bring hope and help into the lives of those in East Texas."

## Retirement

**Andy Davis** after 32 years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Belton and 47 years in vocational Christian ministry. The church will recognize his years of service on his last Sunday as pastor, Oct. 25.