

Around the State: New HPU faculty

September 25, 2015

[Howard Payne University](#) hired four faculty members—**James Finch**, professor of business administration; **Rafael Franco-Cuevas**, instructor of Spanish; **Leslie Greaves**, instructor of nursing; and **Derek Smith**, associate professor of chemistry.



[Breckenridge Village](#) of Tyler

Linda Taylor has named Linda Taylor associate executive director of advancement. Breckenridge Village offers residential and day enrichment programs to meet the needs of disabled adults.

[Baptist University of the Americas](#) will present the T.B. Maston Symposium on Christian Ethics Oct. 5-6. The conference topic is “A Cross-Cultural Conversation on Race Relations.” It will begin at 7 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. Tuesday. Speakers will include **Albert Reyes** of Buckner International, **Kathryn Freeman** from the Christian Life Commission and **Bill Tillman** with the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board. The conference is free, and registration is not required.

[Dallas Baptist University](#) will hold a Columbus Day Patriot Preview for prospective students and their parents Oct. 12. Included is a tour of the campus, meetings with faculty and administrators, and information about

admissions, financial aid and campus life. The event is free for each student and up to two guests. For more information, [click here](#).

BCFS, formerly Baptist Child & Family Services, has appointed **Jamie Thompson** as director of education of its education services arm. The organization operates Head Start programs throughout Texas. Head Start promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of early learners.

Anniversaries

First Baptist Church in Yorktown, 80th, July 12. **Mark Collins** is pastor.

Scott Jones, 10th, as pastor of First Baptist Church in Stockdale, Aug. 9.

Luther Shelander, 10th, as pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Rockdale.

Randy Aly, fifth, as pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Hearne.