

Around the State: Online art auction benefits student missions

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Howard Payne University's Baptist Student Ministry is hosting an online art auction through May 3. All proceeds from the auction will be used to support students serving with Go Now Missions, a student missions program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The auction features original artwork by **Haleigh Clevenger**, a senior from Brownwood majoring in studio art, and **Sarah "Abi" Brown**, BSM campus ministry intern at HPU. The pieces depict various iconic HPU buildings and architecture in gouache paintings and graphite drawings. Original and print versions of the pieces are available for purchase. Artwork can be viewed and bids placed at www.32auctions.com/hpubsm. **Bryan Pate** is BSM director at HPU.



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Magline Incorporated received a \$5,000 grant as the winning team in the NexGen Spark contest

sponsored by Wayland Baptist University and the Plainview/Hale County Economic Development Corporation. Pictured are student team members Alex Pike, Claudia Lusk, Peyton Brown, Magline Sales Manager Carl Hartman, Magline President Richard Green, WBU Professor of Economics Charles Starnes, Ariel Martinez and Economic Development Corporation Director Mike Fox. (WBU Photo)

The Wayland Baptist University School of Business awarded a grant to Magline Incorporated, courtesy of the Plainview/Hale County Economic Development Corporation. Magline was the winner of the NexGen Spark competition, a business accelerator program that pairs Wayland students with local entrepreneurs to develop business plans. The program encourages local business owners and entrepreneurs to submit their ideas for growth. Students in the program work with the entrepreneur to develop a comprehensive plan. The teams then present their plans before a panel of judges. The winning team receives \$5,000 for the business, and each student team member earns \$500. Magline's winning plan focuses on expanding offerings into more diverse agricultural areas, as well as landscape and reforestation markets. Through student leadership, Magline already has entered an agreement with Wayland to test the product on landscaping. Throughout the summer, a portion of Wayland's landscaping will use Magline, while the remaining landscape will be treated through normal processes. The student group explained that Magline will focus on organizations such as schools to build its landscape business.

Brent Thackerson, former executive director of Oklahoma Baptist Homes

for Children's Boys Ranch Town in Edmond, Okla., has been named president of Miracle Farm in Brenham, an affiliate of Children at Heart Ministries, effective May 17. Thackerson has served on numerous boards including the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, the Oklahoma Child Care Advisory Licensing Board, the Association of Christian Childcare Administrators and the Oklahoma Children's Agencies and Residential Entities. Thackerson was born in Kermit and graduated from high school in Eldorado. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in education from the University of Central Oklahoma.

In three months, Texas Baptist Men volunteers provided more than 42,000 meals to health care professionals and military personnel who staffed the drive-through COVID-19 vaccination site at Fair Park in Dallas. Dallas County commissioners voted to begin the transition from a vaccination hub run by the U.S. military and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to a center operated by a private contractor under the continuing supervision of the Dallas County Health Department.