

Around the State: Speakers at UMHB explore meaningful life

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Three University of Mary-Hardin Baylor alumni—a surgeon, an attorney and a physical therapist—discussed their career journeys as part of the university’s Vocaré Week. Dr. **Zayde Radwan**, an orthopedic surgeon in Houston, talked about the daily reminder of his calling written in the back of a Bible he received when he graduated from medical school: “I treated them, but God heals them.” Radwan, a 2009 UMHB graduate, said he prays for his patients every night, and he asks God to guide him as he scrubs in for surgery each morning. Other Vocaré speakers were **Kirstie Wallace**, an attorney in Dallas, and Dr. **Hannah John**, who works as a physical therapist in an inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Dallas. “I feel like God has given me big dreams in this area, and I feel his purpose for me inside it,” John told students. “But my calling is to glorify God, and that is so much bigger than my job.” UMHB launched the Vocaré: Meaningful Life Initiative in 2015 to help students explore and find their calling and purpose in life using their unique gifts, talents and abilities. The vision of Vocaré is to enable students to live meaningful lives that fulfill God’s will and contribute to the common good, which Wallace emphasized in her presentation. Finding meaning and purpose is a “lifelong pursuit,” she stressed. “Trust God, yourself, your mentors and your loved ones,” Wallace said. “You’ll find your way, and the journey—no matter how circuitous—is a critical part of the process.”



Harold Dunn

The School of Music at Baylor University received the largest gift in its 100-year history. **Harold W. Dunn** of Ballwin, Mo., an alumnus and retired elementary music teacher, gave the entirety of his estate—valued at about \$6 million—to support the Baylor School of Music’s Center for Christian Music Studies. In recognition of the gift and in memory of Dunn, who died last December, Baylor announced the naming of the Dunn Center for Christian Music Studies. “We are humbled by Harold Dunn’s transformational generosity,” said President **Linda Livingstone**. “We honor his life of incredible impact, and we celebrate his purposeful planning that inspired him to leave his estate to Baylor to support Christian music education for future generations. This gift leaves an incredible legacy that honors his decades of music teaching and his family’s commitment to Christian education. We are truly grateful for Harold’s generosity, and we are honored to share its impact with our Baylor Family.”

East Texas Baptist University inducted 71 students into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society during a Feb. 21 ceremony. Invitations to join the national honor society are extended only to students who obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher during the first semester of their freshman year. The university has inducted 202 members since the installation of the ETBU chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta in March 2021. “Conventional wisdom and research show that when students start strong in their first semester and year, they are more likely to finish and finish strong,” Provost **Tommy Sanders** said. “ALD celebrates the strong start of our freshmen students.”

Anniversaries

10 years for **Wes Terry** as lead pastor of Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene.

20 years for **Toby Henson** as pastor of First Baptist Church in Clyde on March 23.