

# **Around the State: UMHB music students compete; TBM volunteers meet needs along Rio Grande**

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Nineteen music students from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor participated in the Texoma Region National Association of Teachers of Singing Conference at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Students competed with singers of the same gender and length of study from colleges and universities throughout Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Eight UMHB vocalists were semi-finalists in their divisions—**Katie White, Savannah Sepulveda, Julia Brown, Chaz Corder, Tiffany Collazo, Cardarious Bonner, Matthew McKinnon** and **Hannah Killough**. Collazo ranked first in the senior women division.

Texas Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers worked from Nov. 3-29 in McAllen, helping the Rio Grande Valley Baptist Association minister to refugees from Latin America. TBM volunteers provided access to 279 showers and washed 185 loads of laundry. TBM began the deployment in McAllen at the same time some volunteers continued ministry to people in the Southeast affected by Hurricane Matthew. In the aftermath of the hurricane, TBM volunteers donated 668 volunteer days. During the response to Hurricane Matthew, they prepared 14,525 meals, provided access to 333 showers, washed 298 loads of laundry, completed 53 chainsaw jobs, present the gospel at least 26 times and distributed 46 Bibles. They recorded three professions of faith in Christ.

Dallas Baptist University earned “exemplary” status with the Online

Learning Consortium on its quality scorecard for the administration of online programs. DBU is one of only four universities in the nation that received this status.

Baylor University, Dallas Baptist University, Hardin-Simmons University, Houston Baptist University and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor earned the 2017 [Military Friendly](#) designation from Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs, STEM Jobs and Military Spouse. The designation provides service members data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities. It is awarded to colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to support military students and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation.

### **Anniversary**

**Corey Ash**, 10th at First Baptist Church in Bangs, where he is minister of worship.

**James Ralson**, 10th at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Greenville, where he is pastor.

**Elaine Clark**, 20th at First Baptist Church in Amarillo, where she is preschool minister.