

Around the State: Urban BOUNCE will aid Dallas residents

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Texas Baptists are launching [Urban BOUNCE](#), an opportunity to mobilize student youth groups to meet significant human needs. Though previous BOUNCE events have focused student groups on natural disaster relief, the new BOUNCE program will partner with Dallas' People Helping People organization to do housing rehab in the city and surrounding areas. Other missions during the summer will focus on Birmingham, Ala.; Waco; Moore, Okla.; and Mineral Wells.



Johanna Bridges, a [Johanna Bridges](#) junior at [Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing](#), has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the National Student Nurses' Association. She also is president of the Baylor Student Nurses Association.

[The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#) awarded degrees to 493 students during spring commencement ceremony. Three hundred forty-one students received baccalaureate degrees, 136 received master's degrees and 16 earned doctoral degrees. The Provost Medal for highest grade-point average was awarded to 13 students.

[Howard Payne University](#) presented degrees to 140 students during its spring commencement ceremony. **Ronny Marriott**, pastor of First Baptist Church in Temple and an HPU trustee, delivered the charge to students.

Ordained

Jennifer Haney to the ministry at First Baptist Church in Abilene, May 10.

Will Stark as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Lancaster, April 19.