

Around the State: Church safety seminar, ETBU award-winner, HSU enrichment program

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Heart of Texas Baptist Camp and Conference Center will sponsor a church safety seminar Feb. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the center's Hammons Auditorium. **Jimmy Meeks**, who has served more than 34 years as a police officer and 41 years as a minister, will speak. Cost for the seminar is \$15 per person, payable the day of the event. A meal is available in the camp's dining hall after the event for an additional \$7. Advance registration is requested. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

East Texas Baptist University conferred degrees on 82 graduates at its Dec. 19 commencement—64 baccalaureate degrees and 18 master's degrees. **Molly Woodruff** from Colorado Springs, Colo., who graduated summa cum laude with an undergraduate degree in mathematical sciences, received the President's Award. The university grants the honor to a graduating senior judged by the faculty to be the best all-around student, including scholastic ability and development, the degree of involvement in activities that reflect the ideals of the institution, character, integrity and general attitude.

Hardin-Simmons University's summer enrichment program for high school juniors and seniors and incoming college freshmen interested in the health sciences will accept applications through Feb. 29. The program, June 19 to July 1, is designed to help students strengthen their science and mathematics skills and to explore healthcare career options. For more information, click [here](#).

Anniversaries

Chris Skoglund, five years as pastor of students at First Baptist Church in Corpus Christi.