

ETBU freshmen rewarded for their work at fall festivals

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MARSHALL—[East Texas Baptist University](#) freshmen students felt duly compensated for their volunteer work at fall festivals at two Marshall public school campuses.



South Marshall Stem Academy second-grader Caleb Paul goes under the limbo stick as two East Texas Baptist University students, Jenna Peterson of Longview and Haleigh Fiscus of Venus, watch. (PHOTO/ ETBU/Kelley Paul)“Our ETBU students had fun interacting with the children and with each other as part of a team. The smiles on the faces of the children made it all so rewarding,” ETBU Great Commission Director Lisa Seeley said.

Children at Lee Elementary and South Marshall Stem Academy enjoyed playing games and other fun activities led by the Learning and Leading classes from ETBU. All ETBU freshmen are enrolled in the Learning and Leading program, which challenges students to faithfully live as Christian

servant leaders on campus and beyond.

“The children at Lee were so enthusiastic when they saw the ETBU students setting up the fair. They had so much fun playing the games and winning prizes and candy,” Seeley said.



East Texas Baptist University students Payton Weinzapel of Rowlett (left) and Sarah Johnson of Marshall help a young child participate in the pumpkin roll at South Marshall Stem Academy. ETBU students in Learning and Leading classes led a fall festival Oct. 1 as the South Marshall PTA held its annual hamburger fund-raiser. (PHOTO/ ETBU/Emily Prevost) “We want our students to learn to serve as part of their walk with Christ, but we also want to serve our community as part of that community. Our hope is that service becomes second nature to our students. That it is something they carry into their lives as they

graduate and move on from ETBU.”

During South Marshall PTA’s annual hamburger fund-raiser, ETBU provided games for the children whose parents attended the event.

“One of my favorite activities I do as a Learning and Leading instructor is serving the Marshall community alongside my 15 or so freshmen students at events like the hamburger supper at South Marshall Elementary,” said Kelley Paul, director of student success at ETBU.

“I have a second-grader at South Marshall, and I see this partnership on multiple levels. It makes me proud to be a part of a university that puts emphasis on giving back to the community that they live in. I love when my ETBU world and my Marshall world intersect in such a sweet way.”

Her son, Caleb, enjoyed the event.

“I had a lot of fun playing four-square at the hamburger supper, and it was fun that the college kids helped us play,” he said.