

Texas Tidbits: Wayland ranked as good return on investment

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The *Wall Street Journal* listed [Wayland Baptist University](#) as one of the top private universities for return on investment. The newspaper ranked Wayland at No. 4—behind Brigham Young University, Touro College and Harvey Mudd College—with an 8.4 percent annual ROI. That percentage would have ranked Wayland No. 6 on the list of public colleges and universities. The 2014 list represents the total cost for tuition, room and board, based on 2013 numbers and compares the total cost to 20-year net return on investment as measured by graduates' projected net wage earnings. The *Wall Street Journal* article noted benefits include smaller faculty-to-student ratios and greater individual attention. Wayland was also named to Online U's list of most affordable online colleges in 2014, as well as being named a Military Friendly university by Victory Media.

Contests focus on Baptist identity. [The Baptist General Convention of Texas](#) is sponsoring an essay contest for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors and a preaching contest for university and seminary students. High school students are invited to write an 800- to 1,200-word essay either on "What Makes a Baptist a Baptist" or "The Baptist Recipe." "Distinctively Baptist" is the assigned topic for the preaching contest, open to current college, university and seminary students. Entries should be original sermons between 15 and 25 minutes in length. Sermons should be submitted on a DVD or USB drive, along with a typed manuscript or transcript. Each essay and sermon must be accompanied by an adviser form, signed to verify the entry is the student's original work. Three scholarship prizes will be awarded for each contest—\$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place. Entries must be postmarked no later than Sept. 1. and mailed to Baptist General

Convention of Texas, C/O Steve Vernon, P.O. Box 159007, Dallas 75246. Winners will be announced by Oct. 15 and recognized at the BGCT annual meeting in Frisco in November. For detailed contest instructions and forms, contact steve.vernon@texasbaptists.org.