Capturing the Moment
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Swarm Yearbook
2018
This year’s theme is “Capturing the Moment”. Howard Payne University is a great place to make memories and capture all the big moments. On each page, there will be a polaroid with a caption of what was captured, or a quote from the person in a picture on the page. (Like the ones above). We enjoyed capturing these moments and we hope you enjoy taking a look!
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New students make their way through the Wilson Gate, marking the ceremonial beginning of their journey at HPU.

Chime In

The very first sting’em!
“I love being a leader because it gave me a chance to get to know incoming students and help them adjust to college,” Lillie McDonald.

Jacket Journey

Jacket Journey is a four-day freshman orientation leading into the fall semester. Key events include the President’s Picnic, a cook-out, Outdoor Messy Rec and the Fall Street Party, where freshmen can connect with various organizations around campus.
Students celebrating a point.

Jacket Journey
Fall Street Party

Delta Chi Rho members having fun in front of their photo booth.
Juniors Emma Reed and Jessica Catlett sorting clothes at the Good Samaritan Retail store.

IMPACT
“It feels really good to give back to the community,” Amanda Collins.

S.W.A.R.M.

S.W.A.R.M. stands for Serving With A Right Motive. The event is part of Jacket Journey, the Howard Payne four-day freshman orientation program. On S.W.A.R.M. day, HPU students have the opportunity to participate in various acts of servitude around the Brownwood community.
9/11 Memorial Flag Garden

Senior Rebekah Lytle places a flag on the lawn.
Daze of Payne Games

"Paint burns, but all is fun in love and war," Britni Hays.
D.O.P. Beanie Ceremony / Tug-of-War

D.O.P. Beanies and Buttons.
Football Tailgate

HPU students tailgating at the first home game.
The Department of Theatre presented “The American Dame” as its fall production Oct. 6-8, 2017, in the HPU Theatre.

The cast and crew included Brooklyn Britton, Caleb Kostreva, Cassia Rose, Deejay Mosses, Hailey Green, Katie Cravey, Laurel Pinkney, Sara Heinrichs, Shannon Parish, and Trey Carpenter.
It’s fall, y’all!

Fall Festival
Homecoming: Convocation

Djimonii Jackson (left), a senior business marketing major from Beaumont, was voted Homecoming Queen. Angelica Ramirez, a junior biomedical science major from Austin, was voted Homecoming Princess.
Homecoming Musical

Senior Victoria Malone plays the role of Ruth in the musical.
Leland Brown (middle) plays the role of Frederic.

“The Pirates of Penzance” was the Homecoming musical performed Oct. 19-21, 2017, in Mims. The cast and crew featured students of music and theatre in a collaboration between the two departments.
Homecoming: Football

Eric Haverstock raising his stinger for the alma mater.
Homecoming: Snapshots

Chandler Condra (left) and Josh Garza.
Homecoming: Snapshots

Hillary Jackson (left) and Anna McBride.
Homecoming: Parade

Faculty member Dr. Julie Welker and her daughter in the parade.
Homecoming: Parade

“I enjoyed my first parade,” HPU marching band member Rachel Hughes said.
Christmas on the Plaza

Madeline Deviney and Taylor Davis taking a picture with Santa.
Kylie Johnson and Moo Hser enjoying Christmas on the Plaza.

Christmas on the Plaza
Kristian Baker receives her MBA.

December Commencement
December Commencement

Graduates excited after finally earning their degrees.
“Spending time with all the sororities was really fun!”
- Marina Sheets-Ochoa
“Farce of Habit,” a southern comedy, was HPU’s springtime Department of Theatre production. It also was HPU’s offering for the Christian University Theatre Festival, which Howard Payne hosted March 5-7, 2018.
"Farce of Habit"

Leland Brown as Jock McNair gets strangled by Shannon Parrish as Wanelle Wilburn
Spring Sing

First Prize goes to Delta Chi Rho.

Ryan Mason and Madisynn Thames.
Spring Sing

Kyra Chapa from Chi Alpha Omega.
HPU Fest

HPU students having a blast at the fest.

Sidney Ganus trying the Sigma chili.
Justin Barrera riding the mechanical bull.

HPU Fest
Spring Fling

Jessica Catlett and Isaac Williams two stepping.

Students dancing to the electric slide.
Students have a blast participating in outdoor activities.

Spring Health Fair
Encounter Week

The Nick Gainey Band.
Resurrection Week

The annual springtime revival was led March 26-28, 2018, in Mims by Michael Criner, a 2003 Howard Payne graduate and senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Bellville, and worship pastor Roger Cullins, also a 2003 HPU graduate and now with Bay Area Church in League City.
Black History Month Recognition Chapel was held Feb. 7, 2018.

Chapel Speakers
Rickey Guillory celebrating graduation.

May Commencement
May Commencement

Reagan Grisham
Showing off her diploma.
Sports

Women’s Soccer
Men’s Soccer
Volleyball
Football
Women’s Basketball
Men’s Basketball
Baseball
Softball
Men’s Tennis
Women’s Tennis
Golf
Women’s Soccer

Scoreboard
HPU 1, Maryville 1
Piedmont 1, HPU 0
HPU 8, Jarvis Christian 0
HPU 3, Univ. of the Ozarks
UT-Tyler 4, HPU 0
HPU 2, Louisiana College 0
HPU 2, Belhaven 1
UT-Dallas 2, HPU 0
Mary Hardin-Baylor 5, HPU 0
Concordia 3, HPU 1
HPU 3, McMurry 1
Hardin-Simmons 5, HPU 0
Sul Ross 1, HPU 0
East Texas Baptist 5, HPU 1
LeTourneau 2, HPU 0

HPU’s seniors, top row from left: Miranda Rice, Paighton McNeely, Kaytlin Hunkins, and Montana Phelps; and bottom row from left: Rachel Crane, Tyla Tipton, Nicole Goodwin, and Anissa Peralta.

Senior goal keeper Nicole Goodwin set HPU records for career saves with 271 as well as a single-game record with 19 saves Oct. 28, 2017, against LeTourneau. She was named third-team All-ASC.
Women's Soccer

The 2017 HPU women's soccer team.

Kaitlyn Harrison made honorable mention All-ASC.

Jada Austin made honorable mention All-ASC.

Dayane Gutierrez

Brooks Gibbs was voted third-team All-ASC.
Men's Soccer

SCOREBOARD

HPU 2, UNIV. OF DALLAS 1
HPU 3, TEXAS WESLEYAN 2
HPU 1, UNIV. OF THE OZARKS 0
UT-TYLER 5, HPU 0
HPU 6, LOUISIANA COLLEGE 3
BELHAVEN 1, HPU 0
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST 4, HPU 3
UT-DALLAS 3, HPU 0
UMHB 2, HPU 0
HPU 2, CONCORDIA 1
MCMURRY 2, HPU 1
HARDIN-SIMMONS 1, HPU 0
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST 1, HPU 0
HPU 4, LETOURNEAU 1

Ryan Cook  Michael Westerman  Tim Murphy  Dylan Person
Men’s Soccer

Alejandro Molina made honorable mention All-ASC as a defender.

Daniel Lemus, shown here on Senior Day, made second-team All-ASC and led the Jackets with eight goals.

Tracer Moore, shown here on Senior Day, made second-team All-ASC and scored four goals.

Joshua Rodriguez.

Roger Bonilla.

Alejandro Molina made honorable mention All-ASC as a defender.
Volleyball

Cheyanne Lovelady sets up Zhartaezia Bradley for one of her ASC-leading 319 kills. Lovelady led HPU in assists with 841.

SCOREBOARD
HPU 3, CENTENARY 2
HPU 3, PAUL QUINN 0
LAWRENCE 3, HPU 2
AUSTIN COLLEGE 3, HPU 0
DESALES 3, HPU 0
EMORY 3, HPU 0
COVENANT 3, HPU 1
CHAPMAN 3, HPU 0
HPU 3, SUL ROSS STATE 1
MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR 3, HPU 1
CONCORDIA 3, HPU 2
TEXAS LUTHERAN 3, HPU 0
UT-TYLER 3, HPU 2
HPU 3, LOUISIANA COLL. 0
HPU 3, LETOURNEAU 0
HPU 3, HARDIN-SIMMONS 2
MCMURRY 3, HPU 0
HPU 3, SUL ROSS STATE 2
CONCORDIA 3, HPU 1
MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR 3, HPU 0
UT-DALLAS 3, HPU 0
HPU 3, BELHAVEN 2
ETBU 3, HPU 1
MCMURRY 3, HPU 2
HARDIN-SIMMONS 3, HPU 0
ST. MARY’S 3, HPU 0
HPU 3, JOHNSON & WALES 0
CORNELL 3, HPU 0
COLORADO COLL. 3, HPU 0
Volleyball

Zhartaezia Bradley was voted All-ASC and First Team All-West Division.

Jordan Rogers (13) and Kailey Doering (right).

Cheyanne Lovelady

HPU seniors Cheyanne Lovelady (left) and Ariana Rehm.

Jordan Livingston
Football

SCOREBOARD
SW ASSEMBLIES 63, HPU 34
MCMURRY 33, HPU 21
HARDIN-SIMMONS 63, HPU 3
HPU 45, BELHAVEN 37
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST 57, HPU 7
MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR 65, HPU 0
SUL ROSS STATE 52, HPU 15
TEXAS LUTHERAN 63, HPU 21
SOUTHWESTERN 70, HPU 6
LOUISIANA COLLEGE 61, HPU 38

HPU had five seniors in 2017. They were Justin Barrera (14), Caisson Montieth (10), Cyle Johnson (75), Patrick Hunt (38), and Abner Reyes (91). HPU athletic director Hunter Sims (left) and head coach Braxton Harris (right).

Austin Killgore (47) and Tevin Dawson (22) combined for 125 tackles.

Offensive lineman Cyle Johnson (75) was among the best in the ASC.

Freshman quarterback Mitchell Jennings passed for 757 yards and seven TDs.

Freshman Kaidrion Latson (5) and sophomore Eric Haverstock (2) combined for 53 pass receptions.

Freshman Hunter Batten led HPU in rushing with 961 yards and eight TDs.

Caisson Montieth.
Freshman Colton Dickerson had 55 tackles and six pass breakups.
Women's Basketball

Scoreboard
UT-Tyler 83, HPU 54
Stephen F. Austin 105, HPU 35
HPU 66, Texas Lutheran 60
Lamar University 101, HPU 37
HPU 73, Texas Lutheran 68
Southwestern 57, HPU 49
UT-Dallas 67, HPU 57
HPU 81, Southwestern 74
Abilene Christian 88, HPU 46
HPU 60, LeTourneau 45
HPU 78, Belhaven 53
HPU 81, Louisiana College 71
HPU 78, Whitworth 75
HPU 70, UT-Tyler 48
HPU 80, Ozarks 62
East Texas Baptist 82, HPU 79
HPU 64, Sul Ross 48
HPU 66, Hardin-Simmons 54
HPU 75, McMurry 62
Mary Hardin-Baylor 72, HPU 66
Concordia 56, HPU 44
HPU 95, Sul Ross 65
McMurry 70, HPU 69
HPU 67, Hardin-Simmons 56
HPU 73, Concordia 69
Mary Hardin-Baylor 82, HPU 73
East Texas Baptist 50, HPU 36

HPU Senior Day honorees, from left, Kristin Cunningham, Djimonii Jackson, Jada Evans, Dominique Feaster and Presley McKethan with head coach Meia Daniels-Netter.

Valarie Matlock (right) was named to the All-ASC West Defensive Team.

Presley McKethan (with ball) led HPU with 50 3-point goals in 2017-2018.

Jada Evans (21) averaged 11.3 points.
Women's Basketball

Chelsey Harris (right) was voted the ASC West Freshman of the Year after averaging 6.1 points.

Djimonii Jackson averaged 5.1 points.

Valarie Matlock (above) led HPU in scoring at 13.3 points per game. She also led the ASC in steals at 3.3 per game.

Dominique Featherstone (with ball) averaged 6 points and 5.2 rebounds.

Kristin Cunningham (left) defends with Caprica Brooks (34) in the background.

Valarie Matlock (above) led HPU in scoring at 13.3 points per game. She also led the ASC in steals at 3.3 per game.

Domínique Featherstone (con ball) promedio 6 puntos y 5.2 rebotes.

Kristin Cunningham (izquierda) defiende con Caprica Brooks (34) en el fondo.

Valarie Matlock (arriba) lideró a HPU en anotación con 13.3 puntos por partido. También lideró la ASC en robos con 3.3 por partido.

Domínique Featherstone (con balón) promedio 6 puntos y 5.2 rebotes.

Kristin Cunningham (izquierda) defiende con Caprica Brooks (34) en el fondo.
Men's Basketball

The Jackets get hyped up before the game.

Thomas Bingham (40) controls the opening tip against Mary Hardin-Baylor.

De'Marcus Hurd averaged 14.4 points.

Despite a successful HPU career, guard Ricky Guillory was limited during his senior season by a knee injury.
Men's Basketball

Khyce Randall averaged 25.8 points and 9.5 rebounds, becoming the first HPU player to lead the American Southwest Conference in scoring and rebounding in the same season.

SCOREBOARD

ABILENE CHRISTIAN 112, HPU 62
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 118, HPU 64
TRINITY 92, HPU 90
RHODES COLLEGE 141, HPU 107
HPU 97, MILLSAPS COLLEGE 73
UT-DALLAS 98, HPU 59
HPU 86, SOUTHWESTERN 73
LAMAR 112, HPU 56
LETURNEAU 98, HPU 63
HPU 96, BELHAVEN 84
HPU 72, LOUISIANA COLLEGE 65
TEXAS LUTHERAN 67, HPU 66
HPU 75, SCHREINER 67
HPU 93, SOUTHWESTERN 88
UT-TYLER 83, HPU 70
HPU 94, OZARKS 86
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST 97, HPU 83
SUL ROSS 84, HPU 65
HARDIN-SIMMONS 75, HPU 64
MCMURRY 83, HPU 73
MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR 87, HPU 70
HPU 97, CONCORDIA 84
SUL ROSS 91, HPU 73
MCMURRY 83, HPU 80
HPU 97, HARDIN-SIMMONS 85
HPU 82, CONCORDIA 77
HPU 76, MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR 74
LETURNEAU 100, HPU 74

Senior Day honorees, from left: Jaze Randolph, Rickey Guillory, Khyce Randall, and Cody Hastings. Joining the seniors are assistant coach Jorden Young (far left) and head coach Troy Drummond (far right).

Timothy Aguero (21) celebrates after making a buzzer shot to beat Mary Hardin-Baylor and send the Jackets to the ASC tournament.
Baseball

Scoreboard
HPU 8, Schreiner 1
HPU 3, Schreiner 0
HPU 13, U. of Dallas 2
HPU 10, U. Dallas 8
UMHB 4, HPU 3
HPU 6, UMHB 5
Gustavus Adolphus 3, HPU 2
HPU 12, Gustavus Adolphus 3
HPU 13, Wheaton 9
HPU 12, Rockford 7
Belhaven 8, HPU 0
HPU 8, Belhaven 5
Belhaven 12, HPU 9
HPU 7, HSU 3
Ozarks 2, HPU 1
Ozarks 11, HPU 8
HPU 14, Ozarks 4
HPU 4, Cent. Christian 0
HPU 5, Cent. Christian 1
HPU 3, ETBU 2
ETBU 6, HPU 5
ETBU 10, HPU 2
UT-Dallas 6, HPU 4
HPU 8, UT-Dallas 6
UT-Dallas 20, HPU 4
HSU 9, HPU 8
HPU 19, McMurry 4
HPU 14, McMurry 5
McMurry 8, HPU 7
HPU 4, UMHB 3
Concordia 6, HPU 3
Concordia 15, HPU 7
Concordia 7, HPU 1
HPU 10, Sul Ross 7
Sul Ross 4, HPU 3
HPU 10, Sul Ross 8
Schreiner 14, HPU 6
HPU 10, Louisiana Coll. 1
Louisiana Coll. 6, HPU 2
Louisiana Coll. 12, HPU 9

Blake Null (left) tied an ASC record with three home runs against McMurry on April 6, 2018.
Baseball

Benjamin Lewis

Blake Laney

JW Ledbetter

Jonathan George

Dylan Vilaros

Joshua Gerig
Scoreboard
Huston-Tillotson 10, HPU 1
Huston-Tillotson 6, HPU 2
Schreiner 10, HPU 1
HPU 7, Schreiner 7 (tie)
HPU 8, SAGU 6
HPU 3, SAGU 3 (tie)
HPU 12, Austin College 4
Austin College 8, HPU 5
HPU 5, Huston-Tillotson 4
Huston-Tillotson 9, HPU 0
ETBU 14, HPU 1
ETBU 10, HPU 0
ETBU 8, HPU 0
UT-Dallas 4, HPU 3
UT-Dallas 5, HPU 0
UT-Dallas 6, HPU 4
Ozarks 10, HPU 0
Ozarks 14, HPU 5
Ozarks 9, HPU 1
HPU 3, LeTourneau 2
LeTourneau 12, HPU 0
HPU 14, LeTourneau 6
HPU 4, HSU 0
HSU 14, HPU 9
HPU 4, HSU 0
UT-Tyler 20, HPU 0
UT-Tyler 12, HPU 0
UT-Tyler 13, HPU 0
HPU 7, McMurry 5
McMurry 10, HPU 2
McMurry 5, HPU 3
Concordia 3, HPU 1
Concordia 10, HPU 2
Concordia 12, HPU 3
UMHB 5, HPU 2
UMHB 13, HPU 4
UMHB 8, HPU 0
Sul Ross 12, HPU 1
HPU 5, Sul Ross 4
Sul Ross 9, HPU 2

Softball
Morgean Shultz
Haley Slater
Audrey Simpson
Gabrielle Roque

Bri Davis

Kendra Evans

Tia Compos

Kayla Boucher

Infielder Shawneece Jones throws out an opposing baserunner.

Tonya Thompson
Men's Tennis

Scoreboard
Concordia 6, HPU 3
Texas Lutheran 9, HPU 0
Schreiner 9, HPU 0
Sul Ross 5, HPU 1
Centenary 5, HPU 2
Austin College 9, HPU 0
Ozarks 9, HPU 0
Dallas Baptist 9, HPU 0
HPU 8, Louisiana College 1
LeTourneau 9, HPU 0
Texas Wesleyan 9, HPU 0
Southwestern 9, HPU 0
UT-Dallas 9, HPU 0
Texas Lutheran 8, HPU 1
Colorado Christian 8, HPU 1
McMurry 9, HPU 0
Hardin-Simmons 9, HPU 0
UMHB 9, HPU 0
Concordia 8, HPU 1
HPU 7, Sul Ross 2

Ben Blanchard
Andrew Stevenson

Andrew Stevenson and Brandon McGibeny (right).

Gabe Benitez
Women's Tennis

Scoreboard
Concordia 6, HPU 3
Texas Lutheran 7, HPU 2
Schreiner 8, HPU 1
HPU 5, Sul Ross 2
Dallas Baptist 5, HPU 0
Austin College 8, HPU 1
HPU 9, Ozarks 0
HPU 9, Louisiana College 0
LeTourneau 7, HPU 2
UT-Dallas 9, HPU 0
Texas Wesleyan 7, HPU 2
Southwestern 9, HPU 0
Texas Lutheran 5, HPU 4
Colorado Christian 5, HPU 4
McMurry 9, HPU 0
Hardin-Simmons 7, HPU 2
HPU 7, UMHB 2
HPU 5, Concordia 4
HPU 7, Sul Ross 2
ETBU 5, HPU 0

Cheyanne Lovelady
Chesney Goza
Breanna Hunt and Erin McCleer.
Breanna Hunt
Erin Blanchard
Men, Women finish 7th at ASC tournament

The HPU women’s golf team posted its lowest team score of the year with a 719 and finished seventh at the American Southwest Conference tournament April 23-24. Morgan Thomasson shot 165 and tied for 13th individually, and Holly Gaskamp shot 176 and tied for 24th. Cali Brockway shot 185, and Klaye Georges shot 193.

The HPU men finished seventh in their ASC tournament April 30-May 1 with a 944. Tyler James finished 18th with a 230, and Andrew Errico tied for 20th at 231. Kyle Anderson was 28th at 240, Reed Shelley was 32nd at 246, and Jordan White was 34th at 248.
Student Life

Thanksgiving Feast
Mustache Wheel of Doom
Move In Day
Empty Bowls
HPU Faces
Student Spirit
Chacos and Tacos
Academic Awards
Faculty and Staff Administration
Thanksgiving Feast

Faculty, staff and students enjoying Thanksgiving lunch together.
The Mustache Wheel of Doom is a fundraiser for BSM missions.
Move-In Day

Students are excited to start their new journey at HPU.
Howard Payne students gathered in February to paint bowls for the Empty Bowls event, scheduled for April 5, 2018, in Brownwood. Empty Bowls is sponsored by Good Samaritan and supported by HPU. Its purpose is to raise money to feed hungry families in Brown County.
Sophomore Scott Wright participating in campus games.

HPU Faces
Senior Justin Harris striking a pose.
Student Spirit

"Sting 'em!"
- Jarod Dowling
Chacos and Tacos

HPU students enjoying tacos.
Academic Awards

Katelyn Zimmer, Music
Katie Ash, Education
Katie Cravey, English

Michael Hazard, Business
Montana Phelps, Engineering
Morgan Patterson, Biology

Rebekah Lytle, Communication
Sara Heinrichs, Theater
Sarah Brown, Art

Shawn Brody, Scholar-Athlete
Sierra Spruill, Social Work
Academic Awards

Abner Reyes, Business
Abraham Cooper, Music
Alsatia Jowers, Criminal Justice

Emma Reed
and
Hanna Henson, Family Studies and Psychology

Andrew Stevenson, Education

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Andrew Stevenson, Education

Holly Leatherman
and
Stephanie Tarigan, Math

Joel Justice, History
Jordan Pitman, Christian Studies

Kaitlyn Harrison, Scholar-Athlete

Joshua Dykes, Christian Studies
Faculty & Staff

A glimpse of the extraordinary faculty and staff of HPU.
Faculty and Staff

Jennifer and Matthew McNiece.
Administration

Bill Fishback, Associate Vice President for Business and Human Resources

Dr. Mark Tew, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Randy Yeakley, Vice President for Development

Michael Rodgers, CPA, CFO, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Dr. Ellis at the 2017 fall semester Opening Session of the faculty and staff.

Kevin Kirk, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

Dr. Bill Ellis, President

Dr. Magen Bunyard, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students
Organizations

Yellow Jacket Band
Jazz Ensemble
Symphonic Band
Choir
Academy
Kinesiology
FCA
SGA / SAC
SSB
BSM

Yellow Jacket Newspaper
Kappa Kappa Psi
Tau Beta Sigma
Alpha Psi Omega
Chi Alpha Omega
Delta Chi Rho
Pi Theta Chi
Delta Epsilon Omega
Criminal Justice
Social Work club
Cheer
Yearbook
RA’s and RD’s
Honor Societies
Yellow Jacket Band

Band Director Corey Ash.
Winds of Triumph

Director of both bands, Mr. Stephen Goacher.

Jazz Ensemble
Symphonic Band

Director of the Symphonic Band, Corey Ash.
“Singing helps me express myself when I can't find the words I'm looking for,” Camila Cotter said.

Choir
Moot Court students claim national title

Howard Payne students Jordan Hahn and Isaac Sommers were named National Brief Writing Champions during the American Moot Court Association’s national competition in January 2018 at the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law.

Hahn and Sommers secured HPU’s second national championship title in the history of collegiate Moot Court, with the previous title occurring in 2002.

Moot Court is a competition during which students participate in the preparation and arguing of cases in front of judges, designed to simulate argument before the United States Supreme Court.

In addition to writing the top brief, HPU’s team was ranked ninth in the oral component of the tournament, placing in the top 3 percent in the country. Additionally, each student was recognized as a top orator in the tournament, with Hahn finishing as the 13th top speaker and Sommers as the 20th top speaker.
Kinesiology

Wilderness Leadership Class.
HPU students line up to welcome high schoolers to Fields of Faith.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Student Activities Council

Student Government Association
Freeland wins nationals in prose interpretation

The Howard Payne speech and debate team walked away with the university’s first-ever national champion in prose interpretation during the National Christian College Forensics Association Invitational National Championships, held in March 2018 at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif.

HPU junior Christopher Freeland, theatre major from Bangs, is the new national champion in prose interpretation. On the judges’ panel, Freeland received straight “one” rankings, securing the decisive victory.

“I am so proud of Chris for winning the national championship in prose interpretation. This is an extremely competitive tournament, and his hard work has paid off,” said Dr. Julie Welker, Student Speaker Bureau speech and debate team coach and chair of the Department of Communication. “Christopher has been working very hard for the last three years to achieve this. He set his mind to it and has continually improved each year.”

In debate, freshman Lucy Manning, Guy D. Newman Honors Academy, communication and social science jurisprudence major from Fort Worth, won second place top speaker in junior varsity International Public Debate Association debate. She also advanced to quarterfinals in debate.
Baptist Student Ministry

Haylee Maddox speaking at chapel.
Kappa Kappa Psi

Bryce Shelton obsessed with the Queen of England.
“For greater bands,” said Kathryn Grice.

Tau Beta Sigma
“Alpha Psi is my family,” Deejay Moses said.

Alpha Psi Omega

Alpha Psi Omega members.
Chi Alpha Omega

Fun at the Chi Alpha Omega bowling event.

Chi Alpha Omega members.
Delta Chi Rho

Members crushing it on crush night.

Delta Chi Rho members.
Pi Theta Chi

Kimberly Bogart at the Chacos and Tacos event.
Criminal Justice

Delta Epsilon Omega
Social Work Club

Volunteering for National Night Out.
Brittany Rideau, Fallon Ferguson and Lindsey McKinney at a football game.

Cheer Team
RA's and RD's

Veda Hodge Hall

Jennings Hall

Taylor Hall
Honor Societies

Tri Beta

Gamma Beta Phi

Sigma Beta Delta
Bonus Pages

Solar Eclipse
Outdoor Sports Fun
D.O.P. Costumes
Hurricane Harvey Relief
Soccer and Snow Cones
HPU Family Weekend
The solar eclipse happened at 1 p.m. on Aug. 21, 2017.

Students and faculty gather around to watch the solar eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017.

Solar Eclipse
With temperatures feeling more like summer, the warm weather at the start of the fall semester is a good time for students to play outdoor sports around campus. Whether it’s Daze of Payne flag football or sand volleyball, sports provide a way to get exercise and have a break from studying.
Daze of Payne Costumes

Students show off costumes during Daze of Payne.
Family Weekend

Senior Gabriel Means playing dominoes.
On Sept. 21, 2017, SAC hosted Soccer and Snowcones, with free snowcones for students attending the HPU men’s and women’s soccer games against Louisiana College. The snowcones must have brought good luck since HPU swept Louisiana College, winning the women’s game 2-0 and the men’s game 6-3.
The Howard Payne Department of Music presented a hurricane related benefit concert on Sept. 14, 2017, in Mims Auditorium. Admission was by donation and all money raised went to Texas Baptist Men for hurricane relief and recovery. The concert, titled “The Sounds of Restoration,” featured many of the university’s ensembles.

On Sept. 2, 2017, the HPU baseball team hosted a donation drive for Hurricane Harvey victims, collecting approximately 1,000 cases of water and hundreds of other items, including money, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, tools and pet food to deliver to the Gulf Coast and southeast Texas.