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GREETINGS FROM DR. CORY HINES '97, HPU PRESIDENT



This academic year, the Chapel theme and key focus for Howard Payne University has been “He Is Faithful,” based on Lamentations 3:22-23: “The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning” (NLT).

A season of renewal, springtime is a perfect reminder of God’s faithfulness to provide for and sustain us. His faithfulness to HPU has certainly been evident in the last 134 years and is visible today in all He is doing at His university.

In this issue of the *Link* magazine, you will read stories that will hopefully remind you of God’s faithfulness. God is present and working in the day-to-day lives of specific students, personnel and alumni.

I am especially eager for you to see the cover story, in which you will have a glimpse of the student experience on our campus through the perspective of Cynthia Montalvo, one of our student leaders. This lively photo essay demonstrates the wide range of activities our students enjoy.

As you read this magazine, I hope you’ll find it an encouraging reminder to look for the ways God has been faithful to you in your own life, both through HPU and beyond. If you know a young person who needs to experience God’s faithfulness for themselves, HPU is good soil for growth in Christ.

Blessings to each of you,

Cory Hines, Ph.D.
President

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Howard Payne University supporters make GivingTuesday 2022 another huge success

Howard Payne University's network of alumni, friends, personnel and community partners made a record-setting show of support on 2022's GivingTuesday, providing over \$860,000 to impact the university's student experience. The gifts were made by 430 supporters. HPU's goals for the event were \$750,000 through the support of at least 250 people and companies/organizations.

Held on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, the annual global day of giving celebrates generosity and raises support for non-profit organizations. The 2022 event was held on November 29, and HPU's totals topped the university's previous single-day record of giving, set on 2021's GivingTuesday.

Through GivingTuesday and other current fundraising efforts, HPU has sought support for a wide range of areas of need, including the Howard Payne Fund, the Howard Payne Scholarship Fund, athletics, the Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom renovation and other campus improvements, as well as other areas as specified by supporters.

Dr. Dale Meinecke '98, vice president for advancement, expressed his appreciation for all the support, adding that matching gifts played an important role in the day's success.

"A few generous supporters gave funding that matched all GivingTuesday gifts up to \$350,000," said Dr. Meinecke. "We are so thankful alumni and friends made the most of



this opportunity to double their impact for the Kingdom work that happens inside and outside of the classroom at HPU, as we equip the next generation of Christian leaders."

Dr. Cory Hines '97, HPU president, said the success of HPU's GivingTuesday is a testament to God's provision.

"Our theme verses this year are Lamentations 3:22-23, which describe God's faithfulness," Dr. Hines said. "Since Howard Payne University's founding in 1889, God has been faithful to our institution and that faithfulness continues today. I am so thankful to God and to all of HPU's supporters for helping us make such an important difference in the lives of students."

Prospective supporters who were not able to give to HPU on GivingTuesday can still make gifts to support the university by visiting www.hputx.edu/give.

HPU launches Church Matching Scholarship Program



Howard Payne University recently announced the Church Matching Scholarship Program, in which church gifts of up to \$3,500 per student, per academic year, will be matched by HPU. The scholarship program applies to full- and part-time graduate and undergraduate students enrolled at HPU.

Dr. Ben Martin '04, associate vice president for enrollment management, emphasized that the scholarship program is an opportunity for HPU to partner with

churches as both seek to further the kingdom of God through the next generation of believers.

"As a Christ-centered institution, HPU aims to equip students to be the hands and feet of Jesus in whatever career fields they choose to pursue," said Dr. Martin. "We hope churches will come alongside us as we seek to provide affordable and Christ-centered education to our students and their families."

For more information about the Church Matching Scholarship Program, visit www.hputx.edu/scholarships or contact HPU's Office of Student Financial Aid by email at financial-aid@hputx.edu.

Academy renovations continue apace

Extensive renovations to HPU's Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom (pictured) are nearly complete, with the reopening planned for this summer. The central hall features three "Duty, Honor, Country" window-lights, illuminating the new General MacArthur Gallery of Service and Leadership, the location of the statue of General MacArthur and a collection of memorabilia. Watch for full details about the renovation in the fall issue of the *Link*.



Clifton Fifer '78 speaks at HPU about history of buffalo soldiers

Clifton Fifer '78 gave an educational, entertaining presentation on the history of buffalo soldiers at a luncheon held at Howard Payne University. The event, co-hosted by the African American Alumni Chapter and the Black Student Association, was part of the university's Black History Month observances in February.

Fifer, a longtime educator, has studied the history of buffalo soldiers and given presentations around the country for more than 40 years. The audience of 60 in the Mabee University Center's Bullion Suites included students, alumni and university personnel.

"It was an honor to have Clifton back to campus to share his engaging and informative presentation about buffalo soldiers during our Black History Luncheon this year," said Dr. Kalie Lowrie '06, assistant vice president for alumni relations. "Clifton opened our eyes to a part of our country's history that is not always well-known about



Clifton Fifer '78 (center), is pictured with Brandon Osborne (left), HPU student and Black Student Association president, and Tim Whetstone '85, president of the university's African American Alumni Chapter.

the sacrifices of many who laid down their lives for our freedom. We are thankful for alumni like Clifton who are willing to come back to HPU and share their knowledge with our campus community."

Fifer lives in Kerrville, where he taught in the Kerrville ISD for 33 years, including 21 years as a teacher and coach.

Accolades he received include being named the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Teacher of the Year; the first Golden Apple Award as Kerrville's Teacher of the Month, presented by the *Kerrville Daily Times*; the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award of Excellence; Region 20 Teacher of the Year; the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award for Texas VFW District 13; the George Bush Outstanding Education Award, presented to Fifer by Barbara Bush; the Kerrville Treasure Award; and being selected as Kerrville's Citizen of the Year by the *Kerrville Daily Times*.

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HPU alumna Pat Hardy '70 receives Texas Baptists' B.E.S.T. Award

Texas Baptists named Howard Payne University alumna Pat Hardy '70 as one of nine recipients of Baptist Educators Serving Texans (B.E.S.T.) Award for 2022.

The B.E.S.T. Award is coordinated by the Office of Cooperative Program Ministries and annually recognizes Christian educators who live out their faith among their students and their alma maters. The award recipients are alumni representing one of the nine Texas Baptist universities, serve in faculty or administrative roles in the Texas public school system and are members of a church supportive of Texas Baptists.

Hardy received a bachelor's degree from HPU in 1970 as a student in the university's Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom honors program. She subsequently earned a master's degree in secondary education and history from the University of North Texas. After graduating, she taught high school world history and world geography at Castleberry High School in Fort Worth for 30 years. In 2017, she retired as an instructional specialist in Weatherford Independent School District.

In November 2002, Hardy was elected to serve District 11 on the Texas State Board of Education. She was then re-elected in 2004, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2018 and 2022. She currently serves on the board's Permanent School Fund

“It is exciting to see how God has used Ms. Hardy’s faithful service throughout her life. Her legacy of excellence in teaching in Texas’ public schools is coupled with impactful leadership on the State Board of Education that daily influences students, families and education across Texas. Though many may not know her by name, they are blessed to experience her influence.”

– Dr. Kylah Clark-Goff, dean of HPU’s School of Education and professor of education



Pat Hardy (right) was named a recipient of Texas Baptists' Baptist Educators Serving Texans (B.E.S.T.) Award. Pictured with Hardy is Dr. Cory Hines '97, HPU president.

Committee, which manages the nation's largest education endowment, having seen the fund grow from \$17 billion to \$53 billion during her tenure on the board. Hardy was active in her educational professional organizations, serving for many years as a teacher consultant with the National Geographic Society as well as an active member of the Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association among others. As an active member of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, she participated for years in the Kids Hope mentorship program, weekly mentoring a student at George C. Clarke Elementary School.

Dr. Kylah Clark-Goff, dean of HPU's School of Education and professor of education, commented on Hardy's life of service.

“It is exciting to see how God has used Ms. Hardy’s faithful service throughout her life,” said Dr. Clark-Goff. “Her legacy of excellence in teaching in Texas’ public schools is coupled with impactful leadership on the State Board of Education that daily influences students, families and education across Texas. Though many may not know her by name, they are blessed to experience her influence.”

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HPU El Paso Center Highlights

By Dr. Adrian Gil, assistant vice president for the El Paso Center

Throughout 2022, the HPU El Paso Center highlighted many of its important relationships, to include dual credit partners: Triumph Public High Schools and the El Paso Homeschool Association; donors: the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation (HFF) and the GECU Foundation; and neighborhood ministries: the Downtown Church Connection and Grace Place Community Center. While not all of our friends were able to be acknowledged during this time, we truly appreciate all the organizations that support the HPU El Paso Center!

We mourn the recent passing of Dr. Carmen Santana-Melgoza, who faithfully served HPU and retired as a full-time professor of business back in May 2017. We are grateful for her dedication and service. She remained a friend and supporter of the center through the very end. She will be missed, but her life's work and passion for teaching and guiding students will always be remembered.

The center congratulates its May '22 graduates James Shoemake, Martha Caldwell and Jose Almeida; its summer '22 graduates Adrian Garcia and Luis Jimenez; and its fall '22 graduates Armando Monroy, Oscar Hernandez and Samuel Lopez.

Our October El Paso Giving Day was a success! While our annual appeal raised \$1,545, we continue to see increased and continued giving throughout the year for our center and scholarships. Moreover, we are pleased to share that the GECU Foundation provided a \$10,000 grant for '22-'23 scholarships, available to all majors. This donation was part of matching funds to our fifth-year ('22-'23) grant award from the HFF. Lastly, upon this news, and for the sixth year in a row, the HFF awarded our center an additional \$10,000 (\$60,000 total now over the past six years). The HFF's grant monies will provide scholarships for area graduate and undergraduate students majoring in business during the '23-'24 academic year.

We would like to proudly recognize '22-'23 academic year recipients of scholarships solely available to students attending the center. Fadi Carlos Melendez and Omar Rivera received the Dr. Richard W. Nassar Annual Scholarship. Bernadette Rowison and Veronica Vega Reyes received the Bertha R. Valle Annual Scholarship. Michelle Anaya, Valerie Cruz, Julie Stojack and Jesus Zaragoza received the HFF Scholarship. Damone Hopewell received the Dr. Joe T. Poe Christian Studies Annual Scholarship. Maria Wright received the Alicia Franco Annual Scholarship. Fernando Fernandez, Daniel Fish, Samuel Lopez and Barbara White received the GECU Foundation Scholarship.

HPU New Braunfels Center Highlights

The HPU New Braunfels Center is moving to new facilities at the Veramendi development this summer. More details will be announced in the months ahead.

HPU New Braunfels hosted its annual Night Among the Stars Gala on December 1 to honor August and December graduates. HPU NB also launched its inaugural Student and Faculty of the Year Awards nominated by New Braunfels faculty and students. We honored Sarina Saunders as our 2022 Student of the Year and Reda Berry, math professor, as our Faculty of the Year. Congratulations to both ladies on their dedication to going above and beyond to make the HPU New Braunfels culture a place where others love to live and learn!

For the first time, we began offering daytime classes for the fall semester. We've enjoyed having students on campus throughout the day and watching the student life experience grow organically as they hang out with friends, eat meals together and even take naps around campus (not during classes of course). We also hosted the first cross-campus virtual class, Chaplaincy for First Responders, which streams to El Paso from a New Braunfels classroom. We want to say a special thanks to Dr. Jodi Goode, HPU's assistant vice president for information technology services and chief information officer, and her team for helping with the equipment to make it a great, smooth experience.

HPU family celebrates second Stinger Spectacular Weekend

The HPU campus was filled with alumni, prospective students and other friends of the university for Stinger Spectacular, a combination of Homecoming, Family Weekend and Yellow Jacket Preview held on October 14-15, 2022.

Highlights included the Yellow Jacket football team's 48-17 win over Southwestern University and the Yellow Jacket men's soccer team's 1-0 defeat of McMurry University. Recognized at the football game's halftime were HPU's 2022 honorees: Mede Nix '80, Distinguished Alumna; Elizabeth (Santos) Garcia '72, Coming Home Queen; Stephen Cox '10, Outstanding Young Graduate; Bobbie Price, Grand Marshal; Pat Hardy '70, Medal of Service; Bertha (Rey) Valle '09 (posthumous), Medal of Service; and Rev. Roland Johnson, Dr. José Rivas Distinguished Service Award.

Friday's events included class gatherings, the Golden Graduate Luncheon for the class of 1972, the Alumni Banquet, Cobbler on the Campus and musical performances by Stephen Cox '10, Cody Hutcheson and Stacy Nash. The Homecoming musical *The Sound of Music* sold out on Saturday evening and had a packed house for the weekend's two additional performances.

Stinger Spectacular 2023 is scheduled for October 13-14. For more information, visit www.hputx.edu/spectacular.



1. Approximately 800 attendees enjoyed the HPU Family Picnic. **2.** Members of the football team celebrate during the Homecoming game. **3.** Stephen Goacher, professor of music, performs alongside his former student, Stephen Cox '10, who was named Outstanding Young Graduate. **4.** HPU's Homecoming play, *The Sound of Music*, was presented by HPU's School of Music and Fine Arts. **5.** The Baptist Student Ministry's giant duck float won the third-place prize in the Homecoming parade. **6.** Leta Tillman '71 holds up a stinger alongside her husband, Bill. **7.** Otis Fields, Jarod Root '03 and Rev. L.J. Clayton '84 visit in the Mabee University Center. **8.** Sue Wells '71 enjoys Cobbler on the Campus. **9.** Pictured during halftime at the Homecoming game are (from left) Homecoming Princess Megan Froese, Homecoming Prince Cyah Daniel, Homecoming Queen Zoe Sprayberry and Homecoming King Jessie Paris.



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Inspiring a love of music

Stephen Cox '10 recognized at Grammy Awards and HPU for dedication to music education

By Dr. Kalie Lowrie '06

The 2022 Grammy Music Educator of the Year was Stephen Cox, a 2010 graduate of Howard Payne University. At the time of the announcement, Cox was the band director at Eastland High School (EHS), 60 miles north of HPU. He now serves as director of bands at the Advanced Learning Academy, Fox Tech and Cast Tech Schools in San Antonio.

Cox and his wife, Stephanie (Dotson) '09, were invited to attend the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles in April 2022, where they sat among famous musicians and other celebrities. Cox was delighted that music education was highlighted during the awards ceremony and honored by the recognition.

"The red carpet experience was legitimate and they used the process to highlight music education and how important it is," Cox said. "They treated us like celebrities. At every point, they were producing publicity for music education."

In October 2022, HPU recognized Cox as the Outstanding Young Graduate as part of the Stinger Spectacular weekend. During the HPU Family Picnic on Saturday, Cox led a jazz trio with adjunct faculty member Cody Hutcheson and Stacy Nash. The hour-long performance set a wonderful, inviting atmosphere for all in attendance.

Cox enjoyed being back on campus for the festivities and



engaging with the university again.

"HPU was there at exactly the right place and time to make a difference in my life," he said. "That mission is still alive today and staying connected helps continue that legacy."

Cox embodies values HPU seeks to instill in students – Christian service and leadership in their vocations. His teaching philosophy is that "fine arts programs should be integral to their communities, students should have as much control as possible, and our ultimate goal is to give students the skills they need to chart their own path in life."

Born and raised in Early, Cox began taking private music lessons as a high school student from HPU music professor Stephen Goacher. Cox's love for music continued to develop through his high school years and, due to his relationship with Goacher and other music faculty, HPU was a natural next step for his college choice. While at HPU, Cox met his wife, Stephanie, in Winds of Triumph, HPU's symphonic band at the time. He also played in band and the jazz band.

"My music professors and peers inspired me and pushed me to be my best," Cox said. "The relationships formed at Howard Payne continue to be some of the most important in my life."

Goacher was influential in Cox's decision to pursue music education as a degree. He noticed Cox's love of music and

desire to instill that love in others.

"Mr. Goacher was a mentor and friend longer than any other teacher," Cox said. "I don't go more than a couple of months without talking to him."

Following graduation, Cox taught for two years at New Braunfels Christian Academy and then became the director of bands for EHS. During his 10 years of teaching at EHS, he taught countless students and helped coordinate events like the Eastland Jazz Festival. The band was also a consistent UIL sweepstakes band, advanced to state marching contests and won multiple State Outstanding Performance

Series concert band titles from the Association of Texas Small School Bands. Cox has been featured in the *SBO+ (School Band and Orchestra)* magazine's "50 Directors Who Make a Difference."

The Cox family now lives in San Antonio, with their three children: Aubree, Chuck and Caesar. Stephen continues to pour into music students and Stephanie is a visual art teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School. ■

To find out more about the Howard Payne University Alumni Association and related activities, please visit www.hputx.edu/alumni.

Join us for an alumni event this summer!



June 5	2nd Annual North Texas Alumni Golf Tournament, Grapevine
July 7-9	African American Alumni Chapter Reunion, Lewisville
July 17	HPU Alumni & Friends Event at Texas Baptists' Family Gathering, McAllen
July 28-29	Veda Slumber Party, HPU campus
July 31	HPU Alumni Night at the Astros, Houston
August 4	HPU Alumni Night at the Rangers, Arlington

SAVE THE DATE

October 13-14	Stinger Spectacular (Homecoming 2023), HPU campus
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For more details, scan the QR code at left or visit www.hputx.edu/alumnievents



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HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY ARTIFACTS

DATE : University Catalogs
TYPE : 1890-present

by Dr. Robert Mangrum, professor of history and government and university historian



Universities and colleges inform their constituents in numerous ways. One of the most common and usual is the college catalog. In the archives one will find a copy of a very rare document, the HPC "Announcement" for the university's first academic year, 1890-'91. Within its 22 pages one would find a listing of faculty, courses taught, majors and degrees as well as a statement of purpose for Howard Payne College.

Since that first catalog, the university has published one every academic year. A sampling of these treasure troves of information and history about the institution are presented here. The first example is a catalog from 1906-'07 (far left) when HP was still a junior college. It is autographed by a John Ramey of Brownwood. In addition to information about classes and majors, there were several photos showing various student groups as well as faculty.

Next is an example of HP catalog and announcements from 1928-'29 (top left). In addition to the normal academic information, one finds a list of students enrolled as well as a table listing the number of students in each major and by classification. Formatted in a similar way, the 1937-'38 catalog (top, third from left) also features a graduation list to include a Doctor of Divinity degree for a W.M. Wright.

The 1975-'76 catalog (lower left) was the first to highlight the change from college to university. It is personalized with a signature by Dr. William C. Robbins of the psychology department. The copy of the 1996-'97 catalog (open) was modified with tabs for easier access to various departments, etc. It belonged to Dr. Claire Nussbaum, professor of education. Lastly, the 2005-'07 catalog (far right) is an example of the university's publishing a two-year catalog. Currently, the catalog is published online and found on HPU's website.

Dr. Robert Mangrum published an account of HPU's history titled *For Howard Payne My All: 125 Years of Christian Higher Education and Service, 1889-2015*. The book, which took 17 years to write, celebrates the university's history since its founding in 1889. It is available for \$30 on DVD or USB flash drive at HPU's Stinger Store in the Mabee University Center or at www.hputx.edu/stingerstore. All proceeds from the book's sales support an academic scholarship at HPU.



PHOTOS BY JULIA CAULETT '21



Winebrenner Memorial Hall of Science



PHOTOS BY REBEKAH STERLING '18



Winebrenner Hall was constructed in 1962 in memory of Dr. O.E. Winebrenner, who taught science courses at Howard Payne College from 1913 to 1955. The facility measures 36,000 square feet and houses HPU's School of Science and Mathematics, which includes the Departments of Biological Sciences, Computer Information Systems, Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences.



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At the building dedication during Homecoming in 1962, a portrait of Dr. Winebrenner by Maurine Stewart, former art faculty member, was unveiled. The portrait still hangs in the entryway.

In 2017, HPU remodeled three upstairs labs with state-of-the-art equipment. One of the largest classrooms, Lecture Hall 123, was completely renovated in 2018, thanks to the generosity of the James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation of Midland.

In 2020, a downstairs room was equipped with gaming stations, allowing students to participate and compete in esports.

Most students will have a class in Winebrenner during their time at HPU, whether they have majors in science and math or are taking courses for general education requirements.

To make a gift toward HPU's ongoing facility improvements, please visit hputx.edu/give.

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A PLACE TO CALL HOME:

*How God led Dr. Robert and
Mrs. Cheryl '91 Mangrum to HPU*

by Julia Catlett '21

In the fall of 1979, Bob and Cheryl Mangrum met, not knowing that the course of their lives would lead them to Howard Payne University – the place where they would spend the next 40+ years. He is the university historian and professor of history and government at HPU, while she is the associate director of admission. Neither of them had any association with the university before they moved to Texas in 1980. How did two people from different parts of the country find each other and the place they would call home?

Bob was born in Abilene and grew up in Dallas. He attended Hardin-Simmons University for four years, was in ROTC and commissioned, then went on active duty in Germany in the U.S. Army. After coming home in 1973, he started graduate school at the University of North Texas, where he earned both his master's degree and his Ph.D. After attending the University of North Texas, Bob began his first teaching job at Clarke College, a small Baptist college in Newton, Mississippi. Bob was hired by the college's president, Dr. S.L. Harris, who was a 1948 graduate of HPU.

"About four months later," Bob recounted, "Dr. Harris said, 'Well, we're leaving. If I ever hear of a job, do you want me to keep you in mind?' And I said, 'Yes, I want to come back to Texas.'"

Cheryl Everett was born in the little town of Forest, Mississippi. After graduating high school, she decided to go to nursing school and then ultimately pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. After earning her RN license, she needed to take bridge courses before being admitted into a BSN program. In 1979 Cheryl decided to attend Clarke College as a non-traditional student. On her first day of classes, she met a young woman named Martha.

"We were introduced to each other," Cheryl remembers,

"and she said, 'Hey, have you ever heard of Howard Payne University? My brother graduated from Howard Payne University and that's where I plan to go after I graduate from Clarke College.' I had no idea that we would wind up here."

That first semester at Clarke College, Cheryl was enrolled in Western Civilization I, and Bob happened to be the professor. At the beginning of the next semester, Bob and Cheryl were formally introduced by a mutual friend. In January 1980, they began dating and by that May they were married. Bob and Cheryl had initially planned to get married that August, but a call from Dr. Harris changed their plans in more ways than one.

"We had just finished finals and I got a call from the former president of Clarke, who had left and was now at Howard Payne," said Bob. (Dr. Harris was serving as the dean of the School of Social Sciences, director of the Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom and chair of the sociology department.) "He said, 'Hey, I've got a history job if you're interested.' I flew over to Dallas, and my dad and I drove over here."

Bob saw the president, signed a contract and rented an apartment – all in one day.

"So, we were engaged by mid-March," Cheryl said. "We had initially planned for an August wedding, but when he said he got the job here, I said, 'It's just too expensive to move twice.'"

Cheryl turned in her two-week's notice at the hospital where she was working, and they spent the next two weeks getting ready for the wedding.

Cheryl's dad, who was a pastor, performed the ceremony with the help of her grandfather.

"I said, 'Dad, if you start crying, I'm going to start crying too, so don't you cry,'" Cheryl remembered.

"Being here has been one of the biggest blessings in our lives."

The reception was held at her parents' house and, after that, they set out for Texas. When they got in the car after the long day, the emotions finally caught up to Cheryl.

"Bob had this beautiful cassette tape of Louis Armstrong singing 'We Have All the Time in the World.' Well, I just go, the water works go. He asked, 'What's wrong, what's wrong?' And I said, 'Nothing, nothing!' I guess it was that emotional release, realizing that it was finally happening."

Once they arrived in Brownwood, they found their new apartment. This was the first time Cheryl had ever been to Brownwood, though Bob had made one quick tour of the city in his college days at HSU.

"During the fall semester of my freshman year, the BSU (Baptist Student Union) had a picnic or a weekend campout at the lake, and I had no car," he remembered. "I had to wait until a bunch of others were coming down, and we got here well after dark. We went out to the lake, and nothing seemed to be going on. So, we got back in the car and drove down to the traffic circle. The three of us decided, 'Let's go back to Abilene.' And that was the only time I had been to Brownwood before I got here."

While moving to Brownwood was an adventure, it also came with some challenges.

"I was so homesick," said Cheryl.

"We suffered through several weeks of 'Why am I here? Why am I not back in Mississippi?" added Bob.

"I went through a grieving process," Cheryl said, "but I knew that this was where God was calling us and leading us. There was no doubt about it."

Through it all, Bob and Cheryl knew that HPU was where God wanted them to be.

During their first year in Brownwood, Bob worked as a history professor at Howard Payne, and Cheryl worked in home health. A year later, Cheryl joined Bob at HPU. Her first job at HPU was working in the registrar's office in HPU's legendary Old Main, where she worked for three years before the building was destroyed in a fire. After working in the registrar's office, she moved to the admissions office in 1988.

Throughout Bob's time at HPU, he has served as a history professor, assistant director of the Academy program, director of the Academy program, chair of the history department and university historian. In 1998, when he became

university historian, he began working on what would become the book *For Howard Payne My All: 125 Years of Christian Higher Education and Service, 1889-2015*.

In 1998, Dr. Rick Gregory '78, the president of HPU at the time, was interested in preserving the university's history.

"He created the position and asked me to capture the history and begin to share it," said Bob. "So, he's really responsible for the fact that there's a university historian position as well as putting together material and putting it in book form."

Bob and Cheryl's time at Howard Payne spans over the past four decades. When they first were married, they didn't anticipate that HPU would be the place where they would invest such a major portion of their lives.

"We moved over here summer of 1980 and started the fall semester," Bob remembered. "I told Cheryl, 'Don't get comfortable – we won't be here very long.'"

Now on year number 43, they realize that Howard Payne is the home to which God has called them. In the years since moving to HPU, the Mangrums have been actively involved in the community. Bob was elected the mayor of Early in 2005 and has held the position ever since. When he has free time, he enjoys working with model trains and is a member of the National Model Railroad Association. Cheryl loves music and especially enjoys playing piano. The Mangrums are members of Early First Baptist Church, where Cheryl sings in the choir and Bob teaches Sunday school. In the midst of all their activities, Cheryl still found time to earn a degree from HPU.

"It was one of those things that I always wanted to do," Cheryl said. "I wanted to become an alum of Howard Payne because I just love this school so much. Being here has been one of the biggest blessings in our lives. Working with the students every day, it's just been a wonderful experience."

"I second that," said Bob. "What keeps me going is the interaction with the students."

Bob and Cheryl agree that the whole reason they're at HPU is to help students become who God has called them to be.

"Just to be part of that and to help open that door of opportunity, to allow the Lord to begin working in their lives – that's the intrinsic reward," said Cheryl. "I've said it many times – people walk through the door here not by chance but by design." ■



Bob and Cheryl Mangrum have spent forty years at HPU, where Cheryl earned her degree in 1991.

PHOTOS BY JULIA CATLETT '21



Picture day

You're invited to spend a day on campus through the eyes (and photos) of an HPU senior

Being in college is such a significant season of life. So much personal growth takes place, innumerable memories are made and life-long bonds of friendship are formed. Looking back, it's not one giant experience that's made such an impact, but rather hundreds of days and thousands of moments. On one such day in March, HPU student Cynthia Montalvo of Bossier City, Louisiana, spent some time using the camera on her phone to capture little moments of her day that ultimately make up her life as an HPU student.

A senior majoring in biomedical science and the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy, Cynthia's days on campus are never dull. Her extracurricular activities have included serving as president of Delta Chi Rho, being involved with Student Activities Council and being a member of Gamma Beta Phi and Beta Beta Beta. She also works in the Office of University Marketing and Communications and is an intern for the college ministry at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church. She shares that her involvement on campus has played a key role in enhancing her overall student experience while at HPU.

"It's helped me create lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories," she says. "Howard Payne has taught me how to be a leader and work with people from a variety of backgrounds. These have been the most impactful four years of my life."

— Rebekah Sterling '18 and Kyle Mize

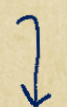
Started my day getting a yummy breakfast at Fam's in the Mabee Center!



STING 'EM



I absolutely love working for the marketing & communications office!



So much history on this campus!



old main tower!



A fun part of my job is taking pictures for chapel! HPU is so blessed to have an amazing worship team!



CYNTHIA MONTALVO PHOTO BY REBEKAH STERLING '18

At 11:00 AM I have microbiology with Pr. Hallestad!



Always refreshing to get some fresh air while working on my research!

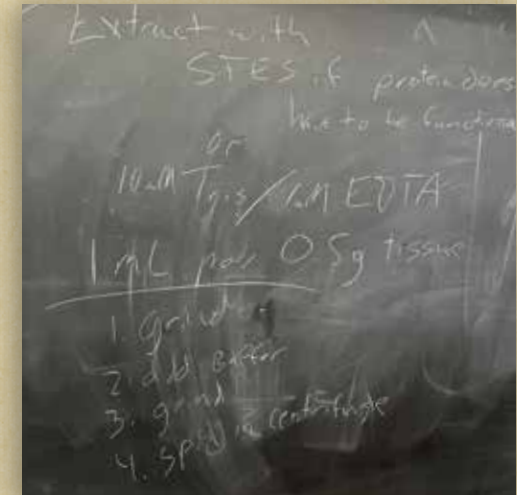
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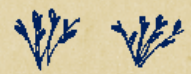
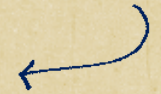
← Thankful for the BSM team for giving us some sweet treats & encouraging us in our faith!



This is my boyfriend Brandon! There's never a dull moment with him!



Winebrenner is my second home! Back to research after lunch!



Featuring my cute arugula plants for my biology research!



Lunch in the caf! & I got some good dessert too!

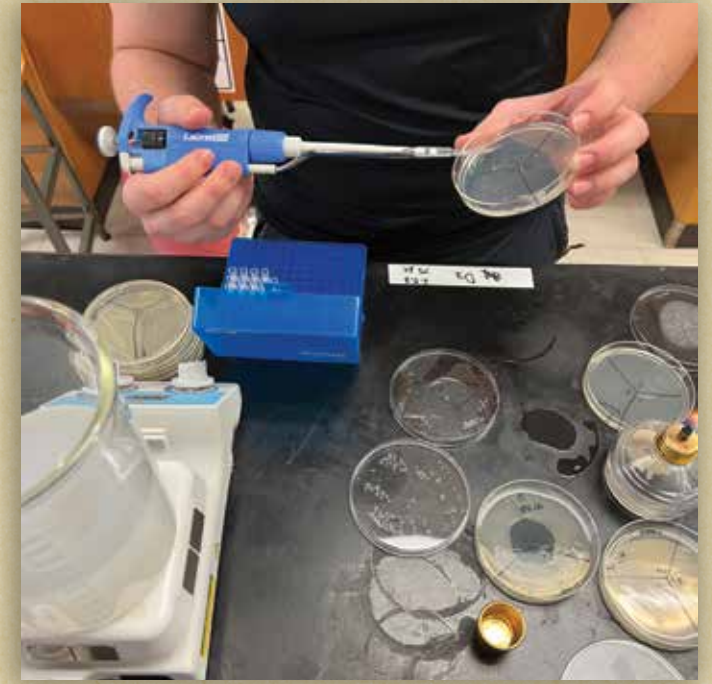
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Look at how cool my friend's project is!

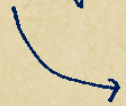


We love science!



the wellness center!

my favorite place! ♥



I always look forward to decompressing after a very long day!



delta chi rho! 😊

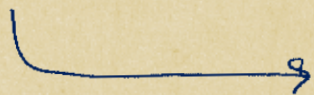


Look at my beautiful friends! Getting ready to put on an amazing performance for Spring Sing!

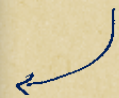


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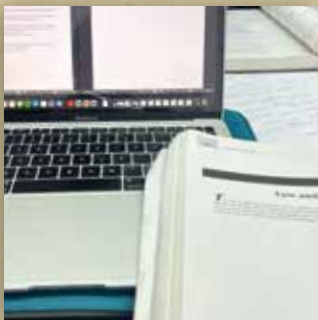
To the library we go! Getting some studying done before my Delta Chi Rho meeting & Spring Sing rehearsal!



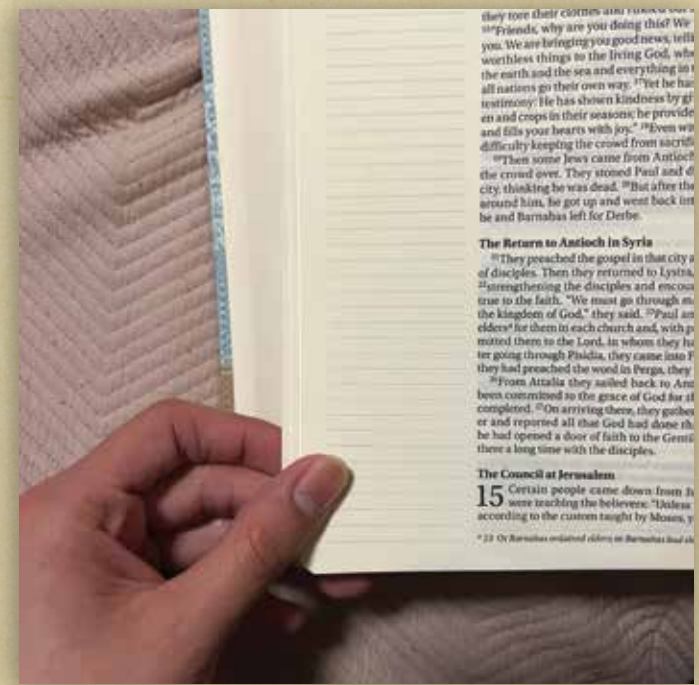
Pausing for a brain break & a fancy Subway dinner!



Homework for my Academy class :)



stay hydrated! Featuring my emotional support bottle!



Ending my day soaking up some Jesus time! so blessed to have these sweet beautiful moments with our Creator! Thank you for coming along with me on my fun, exciting day at HPU!

- Cynthia ♥

STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: KYLE ANDERSON

**By Abram Choate '98 and M.Ed. '17,
assistant director of athletics for athletic
communications**

Once thinking he would not return to Howard Payne University for his final year of eligibility, Kyle Anderson is enjoying his best season on the golf course and truly taking in his final year as a Howard Payne student-athlete.

A native of Pearland, Texas, Kyle grew up with a deep love of baseball. His free time was filled with travel and spring and summer ball. After turning his attention to golf after entering high school, his golf game developed. His game has now steadily improved throughout his time at HPU, gaining a #8 ranking regionally and 17th nationally at the end of the fall 2022 semester.

Now as a leader on the Yellow Jacket men's golf team, he hopes the team's success will translate into an NCAA III national tournament appearance for the men's program in 2023.

Wanting to become a Texas Game Warden, Kyle completed a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from HPU in 2022 and is now pursuing a second undergraduate degree – this time in psychology – and finishing his final year of eligibility due to the COVID-related extension.

Other than golf, what other sports did you play growing up? **K.A.:** I grew up playing baseball from four years old up to 13 years old. I played travel ball, spring ball and summer ball all the time. I got burnt out from playing it so much, so I gave that up in my freshman year of high school. A close friend picked up golf, so I went to the course with him to see how it was. I fell in love with it the first time I went.

What type of success did you have on the course in high school? **K.A.:** I didn't really have much but ended up making the team my sophomore year. That year, I just did JV tournaments, bouncing around with a few varsity tournaments. I didn't realize I was decent at golf until my senior year. We won district and made it to the regionals. We tied for second, so we advanced and ended up losing by two holes in the state tournament. That was still good, because statistically we had the hardest region in 6A at the time. The summer after high school and before college, things really clicked for me on the golf course.

How did you end up connecting with HPU? **K.A.:** I have a ranch house in Coleman, so to get from Houston to Coleman you go through Brownwood. I saw billboards for HPU, so I looked it up to see what it was about and saw HPU had a golf team and a criminal justice program. I emailed Coach Drummond and came on a visit a few months later. I fell in love with the campus and he gave me an opportunity to play.

Tell me about your experience on the golf course these past four years. **K.A.:** It's been fun playing at a higher level, and the American Southwest Conference has gradually gotten better every year. Playing against higher-level players has helped me up my competitiveness. When I first got here, I was fine with shooting 75 or 76 – but in a tournament, that barely got you top 20, so I had to switch something up. I've gotten relatively better each year.

Talk about the fall 2022 season and some of the milestones you hit. **K.A.:** My lowest scoring in a tournament total in a 36 hole was 137 for two days and in a single round was 66 that final round (UMHB Invitational).

Talk about your experience at HPU off the golf course. **K.A.:** The year before COVID we got six new guys and we have gotten really close these past few years. We do anything and everything together like going to eat, playing golf, hanging out or going back to each other's houses in our hometowns on the weekends. I'm really big on hunting, so having a ranch house in Coleman is nice on weekends during hunting season.

What is most exciting about this last semester of golf for you? **K.A.:** Definitely just getting to play. We have seven tournaments, which is the most we've ever played in a single semester, so that will be fun. We're all experienced as well – this will be the fourth year our top six players will get to play together. Hopefully, we have all the experience we need to do the best we've ever done.

What is one HPU experience that is an especially fond memory? **K.A.:** The tournament in Arkansas over Spring Break last year was a favorite. We decided to take our time on the drive up there and on the way back to stop at a few different courses. The bond we made on that trip, on top of the bond we already had, was awesome. Everything that came along with that trip was a blast. ■

“It's been fun playing at a higher level, and the American Southwest Conference has gradually gotten better every year.”



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BY KATELYN SIMS, FRESHMAN FROM
CLEBURNE MAJORING IN THE GUY D. NEWMAN
HONORS ACADEMY, GLOBAL STUDIES AND
STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

It's hard to imagine just how expansive our world is – a world of 8 billion people, full of history and untold stories. All my life, I've had such a fascination and love for traveling, whether it's been with my family on camping trips through the national parks or with friends on day trips all across Texas. This privilege of travel has broadened my horizons in numerous ways, such as deepening the value of education in my life through understanding that education influences every area of our lives.

For example, it may broaden our faith through witnessing God's presence within His creation. It may even influence the intimate part of our lives by revealing our individual calling or intended place in the world.

This type of added dimension was brought to life last semester when I joined the Student Speaker Bureau speech and debate team on a trip to Oxford and London, England. The team members were Devin Schurman, Ben Sartain, Rishona Raub, Landon Chenault, Cora Raub and Adrielle Sloan, as well as our wonderful coach Dr. Julie Welker, professor of communication and department chair. We were blessed to be surrounded by some of the most timeless places in all of history, in addition to participating in the World Universities Debating Championship (WUDC).

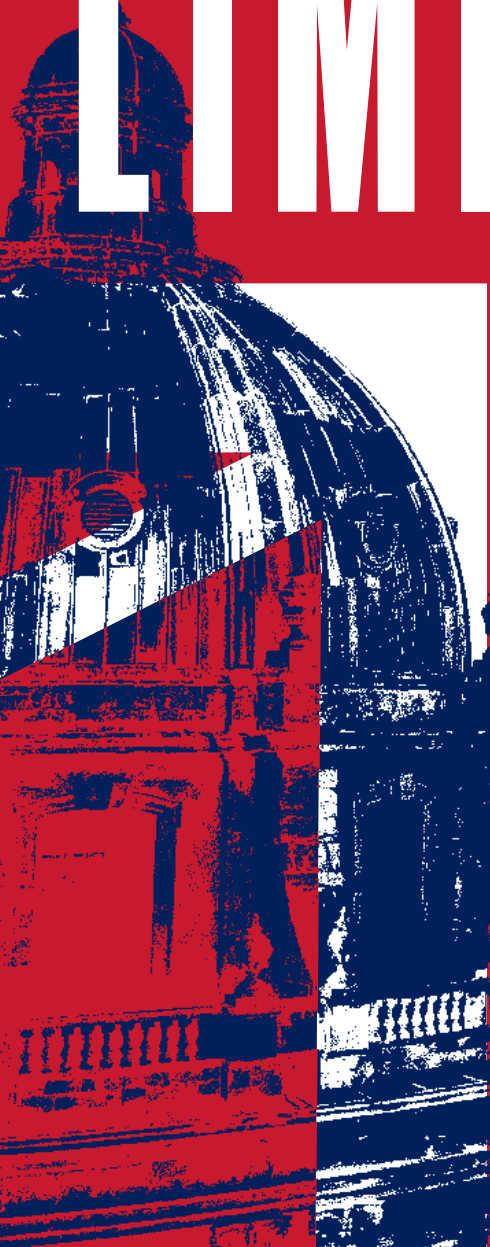
The debate tournament was the first part of the trip and my favorite part of the entire experience. The WUDC follows the British Parliamentary style of debate, which consists of four teams in every round: two supporting the government's side and two supporting the opposition's side. British Parliamentary is not a style of debate that we frequently utilize throughout our season at HPU; however, I'm looking forward to continually practicing this format moving forward!

This year's tournament was hosted by Oxford University, which is one of the oldest surviving universities in all of Europe. In addition to participants from Oxford, there were students from other distinguished schools like Cambridge, the University of Belgrade, Stanford, Harvard and Yale. Devin Schurman and Landon Chenault were the only active competitors from HPU, but the rest of us were able to observe many rounds throughout the competition, one of which was between the London School of Economics and Politics, Trinity College Dublin, Stanford and Cambridge. As a freshman,

LIMITLESS EDUCATION

SSB Oxford - WUDC Debate Competition

Upon arriving in England, nothing was too different from back home. It wasn't until we continued driving further from the airport that I really felt like I was in a new world. We stayed the first couple of days in Oxford + to get there, we rode a train through the most beautiful countryside I've ever seen! Oxford is a quaint little town being the heart of Oxford. There are way more people too.



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this was a fantastic opportunity to learn as much as I could about international policy, contrasting philosophies and even different argumentation styles that other debate teams used.

Apart from the actual competition, the environment alone was incredible! The majority of the rounds that we observed took place in two libraries at the Oxford Union, the Goodman Library and the Old Union Library, one of which had a second floor that ran along the entire room with murals extending all the way across the ceiling. It was one thing to simply wander around the library and look at books that had been used by scholars from who knows how many generations, and it was another to watch scholarly debates unfold within these rooms overflowing with knowledge.

Another part of the Union that I found fascinating was the debating chamber. Before each day began, everyone congregated in the chamber for announcements and resolution releases. This room has held many controversially renowned debates like the passing of the 1933 motion “This house would not in any circumstances fight for King and Country,” which was condemned by Winston Churchill as “that abject, squalid, shameless avowal.” The finale of this year’s tournament was also held in the chamber, along with the Irish Intervention, which was a patriotic presentation of speeches and Ireland’s anthem sung by all the competitors from Ireland.

Though the tournament consumed a large portion of our time in Oxford, we were still able to explore a lot of the town! We joined a tour of the Bodleian Libraries that took us through the Chancellor’s Court, where students faced

PICTURED AT LEFT: THE OXFORD UNION // PICTURED BELOW: SSB TEAMMATES (FRONT ROW) RISHONA RAUB, ADRIELLE SLOAN, KATELYN SIMS, CORA RAUB. (BACK ROW) DEVIN SCHURMAN, BEN SARTAIN AND LANDON CHENAUT // PICTURED AT RIGHT: ST. PAUL’S CATHEDRAL, LONDON

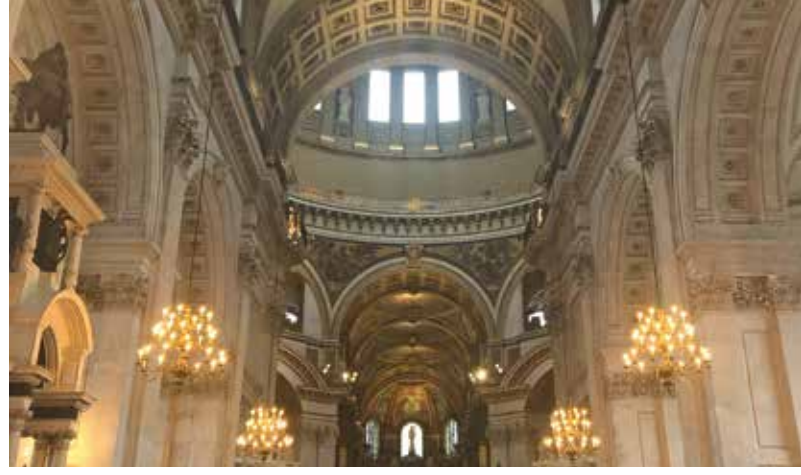


trial, and Duke Humphrey’s Library, which is one of the oldest libraries in all of Europe. It is said that a couple of kings and queens of England would come to read in the library booths, to be secluded from the busyness of the world outside. This was by far one of the things I enjoyed the most during our time in Oxford, aside from the competition and being surrounded by the generational history that seemed to be archived at every street corner.

The final portion of our trip was spent in London, and we covered a lot of ground during the week! The first of many visits was at the Tower of London where we saw the crown jewels, the exact location of Queen Anne Boleyn’s execution, and various museums within the whole structure. We also had the privilege of meeting with International Mission Board missionaries Scott and Dana Belmore and talking to them about the work they had been doing, sharing the gospel and being witnesses of Christ in London. Our group then joined a Christianity-themed tour throughout the city, stopping at various cathedrals and significant landmarks within Christianity’s timeline.

Aside from these, I personally loved our visit to St. Paul’s Cathedral, which was originally established by Saint Mellitus and Saint Augustine in 604. After much destruction and rehabilitation, the structure that stands today was finished in 1711. Inside are multiple domes with a combination of renaissance and baroque-styled paintings, further decorated by Gothic masonry and glittering chandeliers. Beneath this magnificent cathedral is a massive crypt that serves as a resting place for many famous individuals including Arthur, the first Duke of Wellington, and Sir Alexander Fleming.

Following that, my second favorite part of London was our visit to Parliament, near Westminster Abbey. It was a short stop because everyone was extremely exhausted, but it was still a wonderful opportunity to watch another country’s



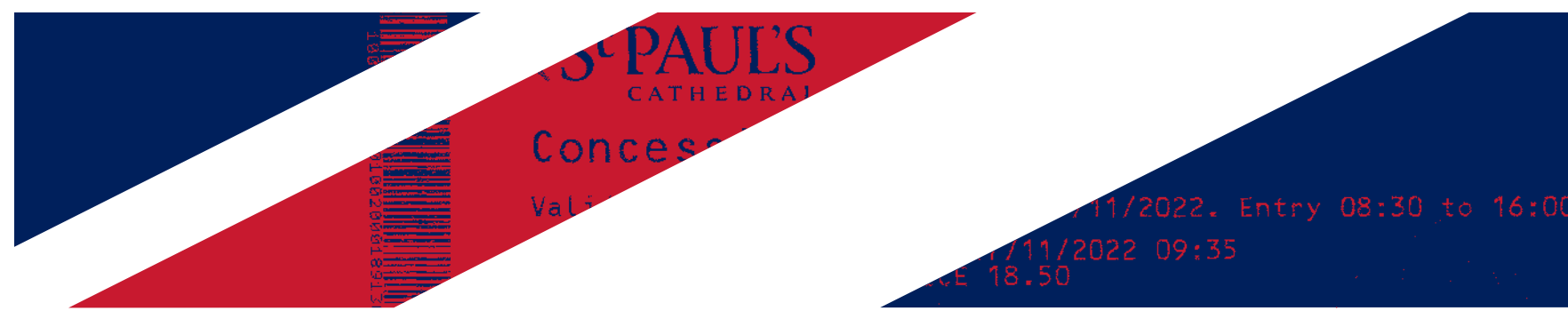
government at work, and walk through an establishment where brilliant people have made history!

One of the things that I’ve reflected on after this adventure was the importance of experiential learning for students. I believe that learning cannot and should not be restricted to the classroom, since there’s an entire world beyond it that offers real-life experience and integration within cultures.

Growing up, my parents have always told me that one never stops learning, no matter how old you are or wherever you may end up in life – and there’s a biblical truth in that idea. Proverbs is famous for its verses about knowledge and wisdom, like Proverbs 1:5, “Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance ...” (ESV). If there was a limit to knowledge and wisdom, humankind would have run out of things to discover by now. However, the very fact that, even up until this second, we have yet to uncover the depths of oceans and the expanse of space proves that, given our finite existence within a universe designed by an infinite God, there is always something to learn and discover.

Experiential learning through academic travel deepens the educational richness that is already cultivated within classrooms. Through this, I believe education is limitless! ■

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Mariah Garcia hopes to pursue a career in forensic science.

EVIDENCE OF

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

BY REBEKAH STERLING '18

HOW MARIAH GARCIA FOUND WHAT SHE NEEDED AT HPU



Mariah has made lifelong friends at HPU, including Nicole de la Houssaye (left).

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In 2020, Mariah Garcia had never heard of Howard Payne University. The Aubrey High School senior knew she wanted to study criminal justice and forensic science in college and thought a larger school made sense. But after a disappointing campus visit, she realized she also needed a place to grow in her faith – a place where she would be at home. So, she did a quick Google search.

“I looked up a list of schools in Texas and Howard Payne came up,” she recalls. “I didn’t know where Brownwood was, but it sounded really intriguing. That night I applied and two months later we came to visit.”

Mariah is now in her second year at HPU and stays busy, majoring in both the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy and chemistry. Mariah’s chosen fields of study emphasize public policy and forensics, respectively, and have proven to be the perfect synthesis for her career preparation.

“I think they go hand in hand,” she shares. “Public policy and civic leadership have a huge impact on the criminal justice system and I’ve always loved science. If I continue down this path, I will get my master’s in forensics with an emphasis in drug analysis. My goal would be to work for the DEA.”

Mariah attributes much of her interest in criminal justice and science to family ties, namely her aunt, who works as a crime scene technician.

“She’s always been like my older sister,” Mariah explains, “so I think that’s where I get it from. She tells me stories about work and everything she knows about the criminal justice field.”

Despite this influence and her own interest in the forensics field, Mariah’s experience finding HPU has taught her it’s best to trust God with her plans. As she continues to prepare for a career in forensics, Mariah remains both optimistic and open-minded about her career path.

“Since I’ve been here the Lord has just grown me so much,” she shares. “I’m open to wherever the Lord leads me, whether that means being a science teacher or working in community corrections or even missions. Whatever the Lord has for me, I’m open to it.”

“I’VE GROWN SO MUCH ... I CAN’T IMAGINE BEING ANYWHERE ELSE.”

In the meantime, the HPU community continues to be a source of much-needed wisdom, encouragement and joy for Mariah. One such person has been Dr. Dennis Gibson, associate professor of chemistry and chair of the Department of Physical Sciences.

“Dr. Gibson is always there to answer any questions,” she relates. “If I don’t know what I’m doing, I can just go talk to him and he will reassure me that I’m on the right path with all my classes.”

Mariah also serves as a student worker for HPU’s Office of Advancement, where she gets to see and support behind-the-scenes operations on campus. She participates in a small group with her peers and enjoys being mentored by Mackenzie Langham ’22, campus missionary intern at HPU’s Baptist Student Ministry. Mariah is also

a member of Pi Theta Chi. Off campus, she is involved at Southside Baptist Church, where she helps with the youth ministry.

It’s been more than two years since Mariah first set foot on the Howard Payne campus. Reflecting on her experiences thus far, Mariah credits God’s faithfulness with guiding her to HPU.

“Spiritually I have changed tremendously,” she shares. “I didn’t become a Christian until my junior year of high school, so I don’t know where I would be in my faith if I had gone to another school. I’ve helped out at churches, shared my testimony and spoken at events. I’ve grown so much and found some of my closest friends here. I can’t imagine being anywhere else.” ■



Mariah credits God’s faithfulness with bringing her to HPU.



Having been home-schooled throughout high school, coming to college was a very scary thought. I was not sure what to expect. When I finally got all moved in, Howard Payne University made sure that I felt right at home. During the first several days, I was able to meet so many new people and form friendships that will never go away. I was also able to meet my teachers and create a bond with them where I was able to feel like I could go to them at any time and talk about anything. HPU is now my home away from home, where I feel sad at the end of every semester that I have to leave. We are given so many opportunities to be plugged in, and this is something I would never trade for the world.

Howard Payne is also a place where I have received an outstanding education. The learning environment is one where everyone can thrive. When I am confused about any assignment, I know that my teachers' doors are always open. It is also extremely important to me that our education is in a Christian environment. Being in the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy, this is crucial. In the Honors Academy, we engage in very interesting discussions revolving around

hot political questions of the day. While there are many interesting points that are brought up, I love that the teachers always bring it back to how the

Bible discusses these points. This makes sure that, while we may all have our own thoughts and opinions, we understand what the Bible has to say about certain topics and apply that in our discussions.

Over my last three years, I have also come to love the community here at HPU. There truly are so many opportunities to be able to do things outside of academics. I have loved becoming involved in the intramural program here on campus. Getting to put my work away for a couple hours two nights a week and play sports with friends is a nice break from academics. In the last year, I have also joined the intramural staff as a referee. My coworkers are some of the nicest people that I have ever met and it makes my job even more fun to work with such a great group of people. I have also been able to play with the newly created Howard Payne esports team. This has just been another experience that has allowed me to be more involved with the community here on campus.

In high school, I was very actively involved in competing

in speech and debate. When I was trying to choose a college, I looked heavily at different colleges that offered speech and debate programs and how well they competed. Despite being one of the smaller colleges, HPU had a stellar record when it came to speech and debate competitions. I am so glad this is where I continued to pursue my speech and debate career. The coaching has allowed me to refine and progress my skills to levels that I did not think was possible. This team has also truly become a second family to me over my last three years. We are able to travel to cool places – not only around the United States, but around the world. These trips have only furthered the bond that I have with my teammates and have allowed us to create such a special connection with each other.

HPU is truly a place where I feel like I belong. I have learned so much just from being here. The teachers are truly invested in making sure that I do not just get a degree but am actually ready to go out and be successful in the world. Not only are the academics a highlight of HPU, but the community that you join here is one that you will never forget. This campus truly has made me feel at home, and I have created friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime. I am beyond happy that this is the college that I chose to make my home. There is no other place that I would rather have gone. ■

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Devin Schurman is a senior from La Vernia majoring in the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy, strategic communication and public policy. He enjoys HPU's close-knit campus community (top left) and opportunities for growth through organizations such as Student Speaker Bureau (bottom left), HPU's speech and debate team.

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In Memoriam

Howard Payne University sadly lost the following alumni and other members of the HPU family between the dates of June 18, 2022, and March 20, 2023.

HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI/FORMER STUDENTS

Flora (Frazer) Adams '54, September 20, 2022
Carl G. Alexander '72, July 19, 2022
Mark Allred '96, June 30, 2022
Kenneth Benson '69, August 13, 2022
Linda G. (Shelton) Bledsoe '72, June 22, 2022
Ray Von Bledsoe '68, September 4, 2022
Shirley J. (Heath) Bowlin '68, January 3, 2023
Wendy (Matthias) Brantley, September 12, 2022
Terry L. Burchel '78, June 27, 2022
Don Cain, September 23, 2022
Rodney D. Carrington '78, November 20, 2022
Don L. Carson '59, July 28, 2022
Christine D. Case '84, November 27, 2022
Bonnie D. Chappell '48, August 27, 2022 (Former Alumni Association board member)
Dr. Jack L. Clack '56, August 3, 2022
Rev. Charles W. Clary '59, August 23, 2022 (Former Board of Trustees member; Medal of Service, 2001)

Clemmie Jack Cobb '61, June 26, 2022
Norma (Tinsley) Coleman '56, November 1, 2022 (Retired faculty/staff member)
Patsy L. (Briggs) Cooke '62, July 17, 2022
Melva (Gifford) Cooke '47, August 12, 2022
Doris (Hunt) Horner Cope '71, March 2, 2023
Linda R. Cox '72, January 6, 2023
Joyce L. Day '76, January 11, 2023
Alta A. (Biffle) Deets '59, December 29, 2022
Tommie D. (Reid) Dewbre '43, August 25, 2022
Albert G. Dykeman '59, June 22, 2022
Rev. William H. Few '57, September 26, 2022
Una C. (Mullinax) Forgy '62, October 5, 2022
Peggy (DeMay) Gamblin '66, August 6, 2022
Robert M. Goad '87, July 28, 2022
Billy C. Gosney '52, September 23, 2022
Beth A. Gulick '62, October 19, 2022
Steven C. Hall '77, June 23, 2022
Clydale M. (Matthews) Hampton, January 27, 2023
Chaplain Sudderth A. Harms '48, August 12, 2022

Sue (Williams) Hill '53, January 16, 2023
Richard Holcomb '96, October 3, 2022
Merle L. (Simmons) Holmes '46, December 15, 2022
Marjorie (Ryman) Hough '48, February 15, 2023
Robert Wayland Hurst '59, February 14, 2023
Doris (Stokes) Johnson, September 11, 2022
Claudia M. King '52, January 31, 2023
Dr. David W. King '52, September 27, 2022 (Former faculty/staff member; Distinguished Alumni, 2003)
Mary Lee Lawrence, February 18, 2023
Evelyn Lewis, August 27, 2022
Linda (Morris) Littleton '65, October 26, 2022
Wanna L. (Dean) Lloyd '64, October 27, 2022
Elouise (Roberts) Lovelace '50, November 19, 2022 (Distinguished Alumni, 2003; Medal of Service, 1996)
Mary M. Loveless '63, November 28, 2022
Nicholas J. Loving '10, December 6, 2022
Frances I. (Gray) McIntire '52, December 6, 2022
Jerry V. Millsapps '56, July 9, 2022 (Former faculty/staff member; Sports Hall of Fame, 2002)

Samuel S. Molina '75, September 7, 2022
Marie Evelyn (Trostle) Moore '57, February 20, 2023
Rev. Bob Wayne Muncy '62, February 11, 2023
Larry L. Nettleship '62, December 25, 2022
Kenneth J. Patterson '62, November 9, 2022
Floyd Petitt '81, February 25, 2023
Idas Glenn Petty '63, February 2, 2023 (Former faculty/staff member, Sports Hall of Fame)
Barbara Ann (Davis) Ponder '60, February 27, 2023
Gary L. Poyner '77, December 2, 2022
Patty L. (Eads) Riley '58, December 1, 2022
Dr. Arnold C. Rogers '56, October 23, 2022
Lt. Lonnie E. Rogers '60, July 8, 2022
Peter C. Romig '71, October 31, 2022
Peggy J. (Jones) Ross, June 20, 2022
Rev. Harvey G. Rotramel '72, November 25, 2022
Dr. Tom Ruane '68, January 18, 2023 (Medal of Service, 2001)
Shirley J. (Morgan) Sanders '72, August 19, 2022
Georgia B. (Allen) Schmeltekopf '59, December 13, 2022

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Norma S. Scott '57, September 9, 2022
Gaynell (Tipps) Seale '70, October 31, 2022
Thomas B. Shoemake '68, December 3, 2022
Dr. Bobby R. Smith '76, October 22, 2022 (Former Board of Trustees member)
Robert P. Springer '65, November 30, 2022
Del Ray Stacy, February 3, 2023
Patricia C. (Caviness) Starnes '63, January 8, 2023
Dr. Bruce Storrie, February 5, 2023
Alphonso D. Sullivan '85, November 19, 2022
Rev. Raymond Roy Tharp '54, February 23, 2023
Alta C. (Starnes) Thornton '49, October 27, 2022
Norman Tinkler '75, October 13, 2022 (Outstanding Young Graduate, 1990)
Dr. Joseph F. Velez '62, November 14, 2022
Charles Wayne Warford '57, February 16, 2023
Bruce Welch '81, July 24, 2022
George A. White '63, July 22, 2022
Rev. Jerry Wilson '55, January 19, 2023
Jackie Wayland Woodley '59, February 7, 2023

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Virginia A. Kneiff '42, December 10, 2022

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Dr. John W. Lenington, January 7, 2023 (Former faculty/staff member)
Buddy J. Orand, June 27, 2022 (Friend)
Dr. Robert G. Peters, September 3, 2022 (Retired faculty/staff member; friend)
Emmett W. Raby, November 27, 2022 (Friend)
Dr. Allen G. Reed, January 12, 2023 (Retired faculty/staff member; friend; Medal of Service, 2017)
Louis E. Scott, September 7, 2022 (Friend)
Dean Slayton, December 14, 2022 (Former faculty/staff member; friend)
Richard M. Styles, March 1, 2023 (Former faculty/staff member, friend)
Adela (Sanchez) Upchurch, July 25, 2019 (Friend)



*But you, Lord, are a
compassionate and
gracious God,
slow to anger and
abounding in faithful
love and truth.
(Psalm 86:15, CSB)*



*High above old Bayou's waters, out on Center's heights
Stands our noble Alma Mater, towering in her might
Keep her colors ever floating, sing her praises due
Hail to thee our Alma Mater, hail the Gold and Blue*

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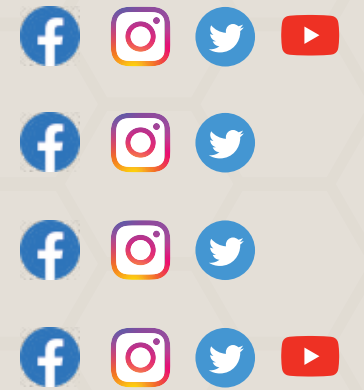
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