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Values exemplified

HPU's strategic approach to defining
and demonstrating its core values

GREETINGS FROM DR. CORY HINES '97, HPU PRESIDENT



Since the time I began my journey at Howard Payne University as a freshman in the fall of 1993, much has changed at my alma mater. Aspects of our campus and technology are different than they were 31 years ago, and many of the individuals who now serve here arrived in the years since my student days. However, I hope you'll agree with me that some things about HPU never change.

In the development of HPU's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, we worked to identify the essential attributes of our university and we arrived at five core values: **Centered on Christ, Focused on Community, Called to Service, Committed to Excellence** and **Dedicated to Stewardship**. This special edition of the *Link* magazine will explore each of these core values and introduce you to a member of HPU's personnel who exemplifies that value in his or her role at HPU. Additionally, each section will include a reflection from a student, explaining the impact that specific core value has on his or her student experience.

Each of these individual perspectives demonstrates not just that the core values of HPU can positively impact a person but also how that person can then reflect those core values out into the world. This is why we feel our mission as a university is so important – as we stay committed to our core values, people are changed and, as people are changed, they can be positive witnesses for Christ in a world that desperately needs Him.

As always, I am amazed by the many reminders of how good and gracious our God is. A primary part of that is the people who are here – HPU's personnel and students. God has given us much to celebrate, and I hope this issue of the *Link* is a tangible reminder of that for you – a reminder that He is using HPU and the HPU family to impact His Kingdom for His glory.

Blessings to each of you,

Cory Hines, Ph.D.
President

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At the Spring Family Reunion's Outdoor Vendor Market, Gigi Magee '82 looks at handmade jewelry with HPU student Mariah Garcia.

HPU hosts fourth annual Spring Family Reunion

Howard Payne University celebrated its fourth annual Spring Family Reunion on March 23. The event's festivities included music, games, food, a 5K run/walk and the Outdoor Vendor Market. Yellow Jacket Preview, a prospective student event, was also held in conjunction with the reunion that morning.

"We were thrilled with the response to the Spring Family Reunion again this year," said Dr. Kalie Lowrie '06, assistant vice president for alumni relations. "This is a growing tradition on our campus, which continues to draw more alumni, students and friends together for a great experience. Spring Family Reunion was truly a special day in the life of HPU."

Returning for its second year to the Spring Family Reunion fun was the Alumni Association Virtual 5K. Participants in the 5K had the option of walking or running from any location, allowing alumni from around the world to participate. More than 150 participants joined in the 5K from four countries and 26 cities. Alumni and friends used #HPU5K to tag photos on social media, which added a fun connection on the day of the event. Also, more than 60 participants ran or walked the 5K on the HPU campus, including student groups

such as the women's basketball team. The top three times were held by student Evie Skolaut in first place, Jeremy Boucher '07 in second place and students Maddy Harry and Kendall Watkins, who tied for third place. The winners received gift cards from the Alumni Association.

"The Alumni Association Virtual 5K raised more money for student-focused events and scholarships than last year," said Dr. Lowrie. "It expanded to a worldwide race with alumni and friends participating from three countries in addition to across the United States. We also had a strong group of students, alumni and community members join us on campus."

The Reunion Celebration was held on HPU's Old Main Park and featured live music, outdoor games, bouncy houses, vendors and food. Musical performances included HPU alumnus Brad Miles '96, lead pastor at First Baptist Church Shallowater, and student band The Chris Ewen Experience – comprised of Conner Benoist, Wyatt Benoist, Payton Chumbley and Chris Ewen. All four students are also in Heritage, the university's Chapel band.

A new part of this year's celebration was the Outdoor



Above: On-campus participants in the 5K run/walk line up for a photo before the event. Below left: HPU's Hispanic Alumni Chapter was one of several alumni and student organizations hosting booths at the Reunion Celebration. Below right: Brad Miles '96 performs during Spring Family Reunion.



Vendor Market, which featured handmade crafts from alumni, personnel and students. Vendors included Heirlooms Handmade Jewelry, Marlon's Texas Art, Repurposeful Creations, Rocking Oak Woodworks and Rocking Oak Woodworks – 3D Printing.

Fourteen student organizations and alumni chapters had booths with food and games for all ages. Student and alumni groups hosting booths included the African American Alumni Chapter, Alpha Psi Omega, the Alumni Association, Chi Alpha Omega, Delta Chi Rho, Delta Epsilon Omega, Gamma Beta Phi, the Hispanic Alumni Chapter, the HPU Cheer Team, Ministerial Alliance, Pi Theta Chi, Student Government Association, Student Association of Social Work and the Young Alumni Chapter.

Alumni, friends and the community are encouraged to save the dates for **Stinger Spectacular on October 18-19, 2024**, which will feature Homecoming, Yellow Jacket Preview and Family Weekend. The schedule of events will be released in June and registration will open in August.



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HPU receives more than \$1 million from supporters for GivingTuesday initiatives

Howard Payne University's 2023 GivingTuesday was truly historic, crossing the million-dollar line on the way to becoming the university's largest single GivingTuesday tally since HPU began participating in the annual event. With the help of HPU's extended family of alumni, friends, personnel and community partners, the total of \$1,041,655 raised surpassed the goal of \$800,000.

The event, held the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, is a global day of giving that unites people, communities and organizations to celebrate generosity and raise support for non-profit organizations.

Gifts were made by 348 supporters and will support a wide range of student-experience initiatives, including the Howard Payne Fund, scholarships, academic programming, campus improvements, athletics and more.

Dr. Dale Meinecke '98, vice president for advancement, offered his appreciation for the record-breaking level of support.



Students Nicole de la Houssaye, Julie Ivy and Madison King (pictured from left) express their appreciation to all those who supported the university on 2023's GivingTuesday. Showing HPU spirit, de la Houssaye and King display the HPU Yellow Jackets' "Sting 'em" sign.

"What an amazing response we received from the HPU family this GivingTuesday to support our students and university," said Dr. Meinecke. "We praise God for His abundant blessing."

Dr. Cory Hines '97, HPU president, said the investments made by supporters of the university on GivingTuesday will have a long-lasting impact.

"I am encouraged, inspired and humbled by the support for HPU shown on GivingTuesday," Dr. Hines said. "To all who participated in any way, thank you for investing in our mission, thank you for investing in our students and thank you for partnering with us in our desire to produce graduates who will have a positive impact on the world through the vocational calling God places on their lives."

Prospective supporters who were not able to give to the university on GivingTuesday can still make gifts by visiting www.hputx.edu/give or by contacting HPU's Office of Advancement at development@hputx.edu or 325-649-8048.

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- Dr. Cory Hines '97, president

Alumni panelists featured at HPU luncheon celebrating Black History Month

Howard Payne University hosted a Black History Luncheon in February, featuring a panel of HPU alumni who shared stories about their time at the university and how it impacted them throughout their careers. The panelists were Rev. L.J. Clayton Jr. '78 of San Antonio, Gary Hopkins '81 of Austin, Robert Morrison '82 of Montgomery and Wilbert Rogers '75 of DeSoto. Coordinated by the African American Alumni Chapter along with the Office of Student Experience and the Office of the President, the event was part of the university's Black History Month observances.

Clayton currently serves on the university's Board of Trustees and is pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in San Antonio, where he has served as pastor since 2010. He is married to a fellow HPU graduate, Lori Helen Clayton '76.

Recognition for Hopkins' career in the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid included being honored with the White House Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executives in 2006. He was inducted into HPU's Sports Hall of Fame in 1992 and in 2007 was recognized as one of the top 75 basketball players in the 75-year history of the Lone Star Conference.

Morrison's distinguished career in education and administration includes leadership roles as teacher and coach, assistant and associate principal, and principal. He currently serves as the chair of HPU's Board of Trustees. In 2019, he was recognized as HPU Sports Alumnus of the Year.

Rogers' career includes 25 years in leadership roles with the Texas Youth Commission and more than 20 years as a high school administrator. He has also served as director

of music at various churches within the Metro District of the United Methodist Church.

"These are outstanding HPU alumni who were successful during their days as students and went on to lead distinguished careers," said Dr. Kalie Lowrie '06, assistant vice president for alumni relations. "We are blessed by their willingness to come back and share their experiences with our campus community. The African American Alumni Chapter has a rich history of giving back and leaving a meaningful legacy at our university. I'm thankful we had the opportunity to offer this experience for our students, faculty, staff and alumni."

Tim Whetstone '85 of Houston, current president of the African American Alumni Chapter, served as the moderator for the panel. Gladys Murray '80 of Austin shared about the Theresa Hall-Hosey Scholarship that was established by the chapter to honor the legacy of the late Theresa Hall-Hosey '73. This year's recipients of the scholarship – Vivian Owinyo, sophomore from Abilene, and Aja Holmes, sophomore from Luling – were present and recognized.

Also participating in the Black History Luncheon's program were Diondray Parker, sophomore from Portland, Texas; Rev. Ernest Kirk of Brownwood; and Dr. Cory Hines '97, HPU president.



Participants in HPU's Black History Luncheon included, from left, Tim Whetstone '85, Rev. L.J. Clayton Jr. '78, Gary Hopkins '81, Wilbert Rogers '75, Robert Morrison '82 and Dr. Cory Hines '97.

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HPU alumna and current student honored at Hispanic Baptists' recent Shine Conference

HPU alumna Mary Helen Cenicerros '95 (deceased) and current student Angela Romero-Puente were honored at the Shine Conference, a women's event presented by the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas (Convención) in San Antonio in February. Attending on behalf of HPU was Jordan Villanueva '13, who serves as the university's assistant to the president for Hispanic relations as well as instructor of Christian studies.

"These two ladies have demonstrated leadership among our Hispanic Baptist churches," said Villanueva. "HPU has a long history of partnering with and supporting Hispanic Baptists in Texas. These awards are a continuation of that rich legacy. It is an honor to celebrate legacies and leadership among our Latinas in Texas."



HPU's Jordan Villanueva '13 (right) celebrates with student Angela Romero-Puente, holding her Latina Leadership Award, and James Cenicerros '08 (left), who accepted the Latina Legacy Award on behalf of his late mother, HPU alumnus Mary Helen Cenicerros.

The Latina Legacy Award was given posthumously to Mary Helen Cenicerros, who taught Spanish in Brown County schools for decades and served faithfully as pastor's wife at Brownwood's Iglesia Nueva Vida. She also served for a number of years on HPU's Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The Latina Leadership Award was given to nursing student Angela Romero-Puente for being an up-and-coming leader among Latinas in Hispanic churches. She and her husband serve at Brownwood's Iglesia Nueva Vida. She also serves on the Congreso Leadership Team, helping plan and coordinate the largest Hispanic Baptist student gathering in North America.

"It's an honor to receive the Latina Leadership Award," said Romero-Puente. "I am so grateful to God for giving me the strength and love to do His work. He has provided me with amazing friends, family, professors and my husband, Daniel Puente, who have supported and loved me through every door God has opened and closed. Wherever God is taking you, trust Him to provide for every step and do not doubt Him. His plans are far greater than we can imagine."

James Cenicerros '08 represented his late mother at the conference.

"On behalf of the family, we would like to thank those recognizing our mother for her years of service to the Hispanic community," he said. "We celebrate her legacy of faithfulness to the church and the Hispanic community. We are grateful to HPU and Convención for honoring our mother's legacy and being such strong supporters of the Latina community."

Six students recognized at Currie-Strickland lectures

HPU honored six students as Currie-Strickland Scholars during the 16th annual Currie-Strickland Distinguished Lectures in Christian Ethics. The event, held at HPU on January 31 and February 1, featured guest lecturer Rev. Elijah M. Brown, Ph.D., general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Students honored were Heath Cook, a senior from Richmond majoring in Christian education; Cody Feist, a senior from Comanche majoring in Christian education; Lexi Gonzalez, a junior from Idalou majoring in social work; Silas Ingram, a junior from Cisco majoring in practical theology; Alexis Lively, a senior from Olton majoring in youth ministry; and Nicole Rivera, a senior from Comanche majoring in Christian education and English.



Pictured are Currie-Strickland Scholars Heath Cook of Richmond, Cody Feist of Comanche, Lexi Gonzalez of Idalou, Silas Ingram of Cisco and Alexis Lively of Olton. Nicole Rivera of Comanche was also honored but unable to attend.

SHINE CONFERENCE AND NADIIIAA PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE PARTICIPANTS; OTHER PHOTOS BY THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

HPU recognized for financial health on Forbes "2023 College Financial Grades" list

Howard Payne University earned a 3.93 GPA and a letter grade of "A" in the *Forbes* "2023 College Financial Grades" list, published in April. According to its website, *Forbes* assesses the balance sheet health and operational soundness of more than 900 private, not-for-profit colleges in the U.S. HPU's score improves on the "A-" grade in the previous year's list.

"Prudent financial management is vital for our university's overall health," said Dr. Cory Hines '97, HPU president. "We are thankful to the Lord for His continued provision and grateful for the recognition on this *Forbes* list."

Forbes utilizes data from the Department of Education's National Center for Educational Statistics. The list includes only schools with more than 500 full-time students, and public institutions were not graded. The publication's methodology uses nine measures: endowment assets per



HPU was recently honored by *Forbes* for financial strength.

full-time equivalent student (FTE); primary reserve ratio; viability ratio; core operating margin; tuition as a percentage of core revenues; return on assets; admissions yield; percentage of freshmen getting grant aid; and instruction expenses per FTE.

NADIIIAA honors HPU for community service

Howard Payne University was recognized by the National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators (NADIIIAA) in January when the organization announced the recipients of the NADIIIAA Community Service Award and Athletics Administrator Awards, presented at the NCAA Convention in Phoenix. HPU was named One-Time Project Category Winner in recognition of the university's 2023 William B. Dean, M.D. Community Impact Day, during which 21 non-profit organizations in the Brown County area were served through projects such as painting, assisting with landscaping, picking up trash and cleaning facilities.

Of the more than 400 HPU students and personnel who participated in the 2023 event, more than 260 were HPU student-athletes and athletic staff.

"The William B. Dean, M.D. Community Impact Day is a special, annual opportunity for the HPU family to set aside an afternoon to work together for the benefit of others," said Dr. Cory Hines '97, HPU president. "Our athletics department plays a major role in that effort, and this award by the NADIIIAA is a much-appreciated recognition."



HPU's Dr. Hunter Sims (center), director of athletics, is pictured with an NADIIIAA award in recognition of community service. With Dr. Sims are Matt Tanney, director of athletics and campus wellness at Wabash College, and Dr. Angel Mason, director of athletics at Berry College.

HPU was awarded a \$200,000 grant by the Dean Foundation to establish the annual service event. The university's 2024 William B. Dean, M.D. Community Impact Day was held on March 27.

Serving on stage: Dr. Nicholas Ewen '02 and HPU's theatre department demonstrate servant-artist approach at recent festival

Dr. Nicholas Ewen '02, chair of Howard Payne University's Department of Theatre, views theatre as an avenue for Christian service. His department hosted the Christian University Theatre Festival (CUTF) at HPU on March 4-5. Through the festival, the values that drive Dr. Ewen's teaching and the students' production work were displayed on and off the stage.

In addition to his role as department chair, Dr. Ewen serves as associate professor of theatre, instructing students in performing arts at HPU since 2007. As an HPU graduate himself, he's passionate about giving students hands-on experience in the various facets of theatre performance, just as he received as a student.

"Our department is a production-focused department," he said. "Students are very much in charge of helping with props, costumes, painting the set, building the set, loading it in and out, and lighting. People think of the theater students as actors, and they are, but they're really production. They're doing all the other stuff too, and it's good for them to have so much production experience when they leave Howard Payne."

Though a common focus in theatre is to use performance for personal fame, Dr. Ewen views performing arts as a tool to serve, develop Christ-like character, speak truth and exhibit excellence that brings glory to God. In this model, success is defined by the values of Christ. As a result of this focus, Dr. Ewen has designated the HPU Department of Theatre as the Servant Artist Program, emphasizing theatre as a way to exercise God's calling on the lives of all believers.

"The purpose of the Servant Artist Program is to serve and share Christ through excellence on stage and off stage," said Dr. Ewen. "It means being very up-front about what I believe and how it affects everything I do. It doesn't just mean I try to avoid 'bad' things in performance – it means I go out of my way to share Christ's love and the gospel message with anyone I encounter in this profession. Getting to host CUTF at HPU was an opportunity to set that tone."

CUTF is an annual event at which representatives of theatre programs from Christian universities in Texas gather to share and learn through performances and workshops. Students and faculty find this to be a valuable opportunity to grow in their art and form relationships with peers from other universities.

As their entry in the festival, HPU students presented



HPU's Dr. Nicholas Ewen '02 views performing arts as a tool to serve others.

the play *Poor Clare* by Chiara Atik. The group also performed the play during the weekend before the festival.

"This show shares a message of how God uses humility and attentiveness to the needs of others to impact the world for His name," said Dr. Ewen. "Filled with humor, whimsy and philosophical thought, this was an excellent production to demonstrate what the Servant Artist Program is all about."

As well as HPU's performance, attending this year were groups from Hardin-Simmons University and Lubbock Christian University.

Additionally, *Poor Clare*, followed by the other CUTF productions, gave audiences a sneak peek at renovations to HPU's theatre, such as new carpeting for the audience area and a new staircase allowing easier access to the back of the seating area.

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HPU El Paso Center Highlights



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

Recently, I had the opportunity to express "Why I love serving at HPU."

I declared that HPU is a wonderful place to work and a place where faculty, staff and administrators from all three campuses are so focused on students. Our common thread has us loving our students, knowing their stories, praying with them and attempting to truly impact their lives. In one such example, our professor of Christian studies, Dr. Stephen Kovach, provided guidance for our very own onsite, student-led Chapel services. Worship music was also coordinated by our students.

Also, this past fall, our participation in **El Paso Giving Day** was once again a success! During this fiscal year, we have raised slightly over \$30,500 for our center, alumni organization and scholarships. The lion's share of our current gifts have been provided via two grant awards from the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation (HFF) and the GECU Foundation. For a seventh year in a row, the HFF has awarded our center \$10,000, and the GECU Foundation has matched those \$10,000 donations for

the past two years. We thank all of our supporters – new, monthly, scholarship, foundation, student, staff, faculty, alumni and friends of HPU!

We also proudly recognize **2023-24 recipients of scholarships** solely available to students of our center: Fadi Carlos Melendez and Susan Zaragoza (the Dr. Richard W. Nassar Annual Scholarship); Victoria Maldonado and Cailey Pridemore (the Bertha R. Valle Annual Scholarship); Victor Alvarez, Michelle Anaya, Julie Stojack and Mark Johnston (the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation Scholarship); Fadi Carlos Melendez (the Dr. Joe T. Poe Christian Studies Annual Scholarship); Samantha Molina (the Alicia Franco Annual Scholarship); and Fernando Fernandez, Adrian Marquez, Victoria Maldonado, Maria Wright and Susan Zaragoza (the GECU Foundation Scholarship). Way to go, students!

Lastly, our HPU Alumni Association El Paso Chapter **2023 Community Service Project** resulted in 13 boxes of donations (shampoo, razors, canned foods, towels, detergent, clothes, etc.) from alumni, students, faculty and staff delivered to the Rescue Mission of El Paso, serving local homeless and the surge of recent migrants. Thanks to all those that contributed time, monies and items. Sting 'em!

HPU New Braunfels Center Highlights



By Dr. Cynthia Ferguson, assistant vice president for the New Braunfels Center

Our center highlights the successful conclusion of our fall semester by **celebrating the accomplishments** of two December 2023 graduates, Arali Mendez (BAAS in criminal justice) and Dawson Preiss (BAAS in business administration). We are so proud of their dedication to their education over the years and pray for them as they begin their professional careers!

We hosted a second **community service seminar** in January outlining the overhaul of the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form with over 40 local students and parents from area high schools in attendance. We extend a huge thank you to Karen LaQuey, director of student financial aid, for delivering the presentation and fielding questions. Families appreciated the center's sponsorship of this session, underscoring the importance of such initiatives.

This spring, the center is serving **57 registered students** – two MBA, 18 undergraduate and 37 dual credit students. If you are in the New Braunfels area, we invite you to drop by to say hello and meet our students!

We are delighted to announce that **donor-supported**

scholarships provided 15 students with financial support totaling \$11,358. These financial resources were made possible through the Marjorie DePriest Endowed Scholarship, the New Braunfels Christian Leadership Scholarship and the New Braunfels Student Pathways Scholarship. Intentional giving touches lives and blesses generations. We express our heartfelt appreciation!

The School of Christian Studies' grant titled "Enhance the Student Experience through Innovative Learning and Teaching," funded by the James A. "Buddy" Davidson Foundation, provided the **equipment for synchronous instruction**. This semester, Scott McIntosh '85 is teaching the Spiritual Resiliency for Crisis Responders course to four onsite and two remote students using the NewLine Interactive Display Board. This innovative equipment enhances the interactive learning experience for both onsite and remote students.

Now that our boxes are unpacked at our new location, we are focused on **expanding educational options** through several programming initiatives, establishing a student club and sponsoring an off-campus educational field trip. Watch for our upcoming speaker series. Starting this fall, the center will host 12 guest lecture sessions spanning a wide range of topics. Come join us!



Values exemplified

HPU's strategic approach to defining and demonstrating its core values

BY COBY SAUCE,
MBA '14

“When I visited HPU, everyone was so friendly.”
“I knew right away that HPU would be my choice.” “There was just something different about Howard Payne that really made it stand out among all the other universities I visited.”

When asking a Howard Payne University student or alumnus why he or she chose to attend HPU, the answer is often similar to the statements above. The deciding factor was a positive experience during his or her campus visit, or maybe a referral from a family friend. Perhaps it was just an overall good feeling, a sense of belonging or a specific answer to prayer. Less frequently (if ever) mentioned are the university's Strategic Plan, goals, action plans or qualitative assessments.

Yet it's all related. The difference prospective students notice when visiting HPU for the first time is the result of many hours of prayer, planning and preparing. The university is currently operating under the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan titled “Enhancing the Student Experience.” Through that plan, which can be read in its entirety at www.hputx.edu/strategicplan, five core values have been identified:

- **CENTERED ON CHRIST**
- **FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY**
- **CALLED TO SERVICE**
- **COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE**
- **DEDICATED TO STEWARDSHIP**

These values inform every level of the university's decision-making processes and goal setting, ensuring student success. It's these values, lived out, that set the university apart and make the HPU experience wonderful for so many students.

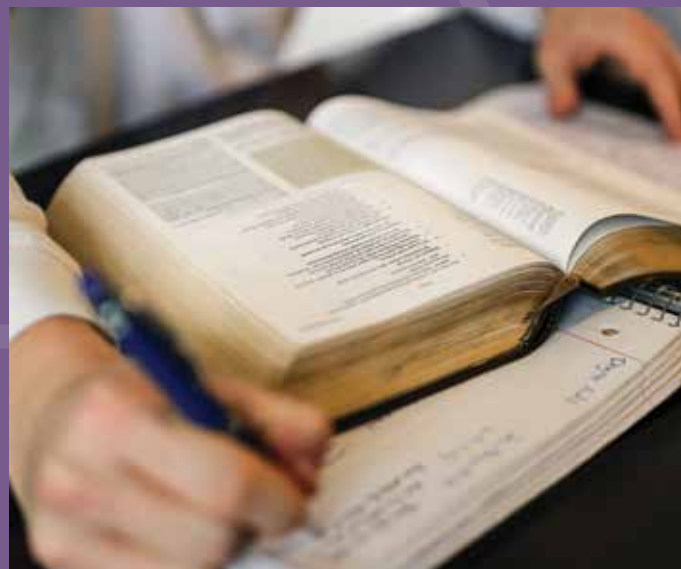


Centered on

Christ



Being centered on Christ means those at HPU strive every day to be imitators of Jesus Christ, with a focus on pleasing God above all else. Ensuring students receive a Christ-centered education is the first and most important of HPU's core values. As a Christ-centered university, faith and education are irrevocably intertwined. To study science is to study God's creation. Mathematics reflect God's sense of order and His infinitude. God is studied in HPU's literature, business, education, communication and other courses. To neglect the study of God and His goodness is to present an incomplete education.



Outside the classroom as well, HPU endeavors to do all things to the glory of God. Colossians 3:17 instructs Christians to "do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (ESV). An intimate knowledge of and reverence for Christ informs the decisions HPU leaders make in all facets of university life. It's evident in the university's athletics, student housing, Chapel services, events, outreach and all aspects of the student experience. It even informs the design, construction and maintenance of HPU grounds and facilities.

Goals related to each of the remaining core values can be accomplished because Christ is at the center of all the university does. Jesus says in Matthew 7:24, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (ESV). HPU leaders strive to build the university on the solid rock of Jesus Christ.

PHOTOS BY REBEKAH STERLING '18



Dr. Christopher Rosborough '08

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AND
DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES

Dr. Christopher Rosborough was first drawn to HPU because of its Christ-centered approach to education. After visiting campus and sitting in on a band rehearsal, he knew that HPU was where he needed to attend college. He graduated from HPU in 2008 and has served here since 2016.

“Dr. Rosborough is passionate about worshipping Christ,” said Dr. Donnie Auvenshine '75, vice president for academic affairs. “Because of his passion, his musical giftedness and his musical training, he has dedicated himself to lead worship in churches, at HPU and wherever people gather who want to worship. His leadership helps me and many others in our worshipping of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

For Dr. Rosborough, being centered on Christ provides purpose to all he does in his life and work – a value he shares with his alma mater.

“My initial attraction to HPU was its focus on Christ,” said Dr. Rosborough. “I see it personally and collectively in the daily interactions between individuals on campus – whether they are faculty, staff or students. The light outshines any darkness that the enemy may try to insert onto campus.”

The intentional integration of Christ-centeredness into Dr. Rosborough’s leadership with students helps determine each decision he makes. All the rehearsal hours, students’ practice outside of class, and instruction about musical notes, rhythms, phrasing, style and nuance are wasted if not done for a profound reason. Dr. Rosborough has developed a clear vision for what the program should be by seeking God’s specific purpose for it.

“Our goal is to change lives by the power of the Holy Spirit through the unification of word and song,” Dr.

“The light outshines any darkness that the enemy may try to insert onto campus.”

Rosborough said. “The intentionality of finding spiritual depth in the texts that we sing is at the forefront of what we do in the choral arts and, when done with a focus on the Lord, it is something that is truly soul-filling.”

Dr. Rosborough is passionate about instilling in students the same Christ-centered mindset. One of his major opportunities for this is in his work with Heritage, HPU’s Chapel band. These students are a new generation of leaders, and the foundation they receive in their training at HPU will impact all those who will be blessed through the musicians’ future ministry endeavors.

“I am consistently working to disciple our musicians in what it means to be a ‘lead worshipper,’ not just a worship leader,” Dr. Rosborough said. “This is done through theological and philosophical explanation that informs leading the campus weekly in musical praise and worship. I pray that the brief time that I get to work with these future leaders will plant seeds in upcoming generations of believers beyond the weekly campus gatherings.”

– By Ben Sartain '23

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STUDENT VOICES

Kayla Kirk, a freshman from Granbury majoring in allied health science and Christian education with emphasis in ministry leadership

“I have seen the core value of Centered on Christ demonstrated countless times in the classroom. The

professors want students to learn the concepts of their studies with Christ integrated, whether that is a devotional at the beginning of class or pointing out how only the Lord could create something as delicate as a cell.

“I believe this core value is important because in Christ the whole world was created and in Christ the whole world is held together. Without Christ we cannot

be whole. However, with Christ, we are complete and who He made us to be – one of His.

“As a student, I constantly have to remind myself that I do what I do for the Lord, not for myself. If I make Christ my center, I surrender control of my life. Every day I constantly have to give God the reins of my life in order to see what He has planned for me.”

Focused on

Community



As a large group of people living, learning, worshipping and working together, a Christian campus community is in a unique position to nurture feelings of belonging and purpose. To strive for a true Christian community at HPU is to strive for the type of harmony described in 1 Peter 3:8: “unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind” (ESV).

The value of a supportive Christian community cannot be overstated. Each student will have countless opportunities to encounter Christ during his or her time at the university. Chapel services, academic lectures from Christian faculty members and friendly encounters with other HPU personnel are just a few of the ways students will learn what Christian community really means – “one body and one Spirit” (Ephesians 4:4-6, ESV).

A focus on the community also ensures that HPU works to have positive collaborative relationships with the communities in Brown County. The university is blessed by the local communities and seeks to continue

to be a blessing in terms of economic development, outreach and the training up of students as conscientious citizens and community leaders.



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Dr. Kalie Lowrie '06

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR ALUMNI RELATIONS



“God works in amazing ways through the relationships that were and continue to be built at Howard Payne University.”

DR. LOWRIE PHOTO BY JULIA CATLETT '21; MCCLENDON PHOTO BY REBEKAH STERLING '18

For more than 20 years, Dr. Kalie Lowrie has been connected with Howard Payne University. Beginning in 2002 as a student, she first visited HPU's campus with a group of friends from middle school. Drawn to the Academy and the sense of home she felt on campus, Dr. Lowrie spent the next four years as an HPU Yellow Jacket. After graduating in 2006, she served for five years as HPU's alumni and media relations assistant and then as director of media relations. She returned in 2021 to serve as the assistant vice president for alumni relations.

“We often say that the motto of the Office of Advancement is to ‘friend-raise and fund-raise,’” said Dr. Dale Meinecke '98, vice president for advancement. “Dr. Lowrie’s optimism and love for others make her a natural friend-raiser. It also makes her the perfect example of our core value Focused on Community. She’s the best I have seen at engaging with alumni and friends and involving them in the great story of the Christ-centered, life-transforming education that is happening here at HPU.”

For Dr. Lowrie, the personal interactions made at HPU are a large part of why the university is so special.

“The opportunity to connect with alumni around the world and find ways to help them engage with what God is doing at Howard Payne is a blessing,” she said.

She believes that the core value of Focused on Community is an important characteristic of HPU because it reflects the idea that people matter and have value. She has witnessed this in the way alumni come together to support each other as well as current students.

“We each bring unique gifts and talents to create a beautiful community that serves the Lord together,” said Dr. Lowrie. “I love seeing alumni come together at events and gatherings as they share their stories of the difference God has made in their lives during their time at HPU. Members of the alumni community love each other well and serve our alma mater to help continue the legacy for our current students and those to come.”

In her position, Dr. Lowrie has the unique opportunity to interact with students during their time on campus and is able to continue that relationship with them after they graduate.

“As we love and care for students on their academic journey and then partner with them as alumni to be change agents around the world for the sake of Christ, we see a beautiful picture of the mission we have as a university,” she said.

Dr. Lowrie has seen what God can do when people are committed to Him and each other.

“There is so much value in relationships and I believe God works in amazing ways through the relationships that were and continue to be built at Howard Payne University.”

– By Julia Catlett '21



STUDENT VOICES

Emily McClendon, a senior from Corpus Christi majoring in nursing

“I found out about Howard Payne through my search to find a school where I could play college soccer and major in nursing. I came to tour the school and meet the soccer team. I loved how beautiful and small the campus was. I enjoyed reading all the scriptures all around our campus – it really made me feel at home. After my campus tour, I met the soccer team. Not only did I love Coach Badgeley [Brandon Badgeley '09], but the girls immediately welcomed me and made me feel at home. After praying and talking to my parents about the decision, I knew Howard Payne was meant to be my home away from home.

“I try to live out this core value as a student through my walk with Jesus and serving others! I serve at my church on Wednesday nights as a Cubbies leader. I get to pour into the 3- and 4-year-olds and help create a building block for their faith as they grow up. I also work in the ICU at Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood as a nurse tech, and my work there also feels like ministry.

“I am getting to serve people daily, pray over my patients and truly be the hands and feet of Jesus. I pray as I continue my nursing career I could be a light and serve others the same ways Jesus served.”



HPU's emphasis on service is yet another way in which the university endeavors to be more like Christ. "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many," as stated in Mark 10:45 (ESV).

Using Christ's model of servant leadership, HPU students are taught the importance of serving one another, the community and society at large. Several students are honored as servant leaders each year at the university's Servant Leadership Awards program during Chapel.

In 2022, HPU held its inaugural William B. Dean, M.D. Community Impact Day, during which campus offices were closed and classes were canceled to allow HPU

students and personnel to volunteer in service projects throughout the community. This year, more than 400 volunteers worked on projects with 22 community organizations.

Honoring students for service and allowing dedicated times for it helps ensure students take pride in their community, get to know their neighbors and heed Paul's words in Philippians 2:3-5: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus ..." (ESV).

Called to Service



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CALLED TO SERVICE

Ben Childers

MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING SUPERVISOR



“To truly serve in the same sense that Jesus served others implies not just helping others, but doing it for no other reason than out of love.”

CHILDERS PHOTO BY BEN SARTAIN '23; COOK PHOTO BY REBEKAH STERLING '18

Ben Childers has found that working at HPU gives him the perfect opportunity to use his gifts and talents in service of others. He has been working at HPU for more than five years and serves as HPU’s mechanical, electrical and plumbing supervisor. He enjoys finding ways to solve people’s problems and is always looking for an opportunity to bring out a laugh and put a smile on someone’s face.

“Ben is always willing to go the extra mile,” said Mike Rodgers, HPU’s vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer. “He does those necessary things that makes the HPU experience so special. Service is at the very core of who he is, and we are so fortunate to have him on our team.”

Childers first heard about HPU through a friend who was a staff member and encouraged him to apply for a position. Now, through experience with the university, Childers sees that his friend’s high praise of HPU as a workplace was well deserved.

“I recently tried to think of even one person who’s difficult to work with at HPU,” said Childers, “and after almost an hour of mentally going through everyone I interact with on campus I could not even come up with one example.”

Childers believes HPU’s commitment to service can be clearly seen through events like the William B. Dean, M.D. Community Impact Day. However, what’s equally remarkable is that the daily operations of the university all flow from a place of service. Childers recognizes that being called to service means approaching every one of his daily responsibilities with care for others. He views working in the maintenance department as a great privilege because all of his tasks are focused on helping others. This makes his role not only rewarding but deeply meaningful, as he joins in the university’s Kingdom-minded mission.

“When you work for a Christ-centered institution with the primary goal of leading people to Christ and giving the world strong Christian leaders, every detail matters,” he said.

Childers sees the call to service as something that starts in the heart and is expressed in action. It’s not just about doing things for others; it’s about loving them like Christ does.

“To truly serve in the same sense that Jesus served others implies not just helping others, but doing it for no other reason than out of love,” said Childers. “It is not simply the act of serving others – it is about allowing the Lord’s love to flow into us and then through us to those around us, as we serve them like Christ intended.”

– By Ben Sartain '23



STUDENT VOICES

Heath Cook, a senior from Richmond majoring in Christian education with an emphasis in cross-cultural studies

“There are so many ways this core value is demonstrated at HPU. Faculty don’t just teach in a usual manner – they teach through serving each student. Dr. Rusty Wheelington, a Christian studies professor, has helped me mow my yard and worked on my bike with me. Other professors help with more than just classroom assignments and lessons. Once my truck broke down and Dr. Hines saw me walking and gave me a ride to my house.

“This core value is important because Jesus says in Mark 10:45, ‘For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many’ (NIV). If serving is what Jesus did, then we should find great joy in it too. Serving others portrays the deep love that God shows to all people, regardless of social status or any other factor in life.

“One way I try to live out this value is by opening up my house for anyone to come over who needs a break from campus or a quiet place to study. We spend time learning to play different instruments, cooking together and having Gospel conversations. When God blessed me with this house, I told Him that it’ll be open for anyone and He sure has fulfilled my promise. I try to get to know my classmates on a personal level so I can serve them in the specific ways they need.”



HPU is committed to excellence in all its endeavors, drawing inspiration from the account of God’s creation of the world in Genesis 1. “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good ...” (v. 31, ESV). Paul similarly urged the church in Corinth toward excellence in 1 Corinthians 9:24: “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it” (ESV).

The university honors students each year for excellence in academics, athletics and areas of service. Additionally, personnel are honored for excellence in teaching and service, and alumni are recognized for

achieving excellence in their respective fields. HPU leaders hold personnel and students to high standards, modeling and requiring excellence and integrity.

As is clear from Paul’s statement, the pursuit of excellence does not happen by accident. HPU places a special emphasis on excellence in its Strategic Plan, ensuring goals are in place so that students will have all they need to succeed at the university and in their future careers. The plan states that it “will maintain and further strengthen HPU’s commitment to students in providing a Christ-centered academic community dedicated to excellence by developing and equipping students with the critical thinking skills, integrity, and service mindset necessary for lives that glorify God.”

Committed to Excellence



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Dr. Laci Sutton '09

DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NURSING

Even before she became a student at HPU, Dr. Laci Sutton knew she was called to care for others. Dr. Sutton received her Bachelor of Science degree from HPU in 2009 and became a registered nurse in 2012. She worked for several years in a medical ICU before returning to HPU as a faculty member. In 2022, Dr. Sutton was named dean of the School of Nursing. In her current position, she aims to serve students, faculty and staff with excellence.

“Dr. Sutton exhibits a deep commitment to excellence in her own personal work and life,” shared Dr. Donnie Auvenshine '75, vice president for academic affairs. “This has translated to her drive to see the nursing students at HPU become highly competent, caring, Christ-honoring nurses. Her example and commitment are an encouragement to us all.”

During her time as a Yellow Jacket, both as an undergraduate student and now in her role as dean, Dr. Sutton has seen HPU prioritize its core value of being committed to excellence. Seeing this value lived out among other faculty members has had a strong impact on her own work and leadership.

“We are not satisfied with being like any other university that produces graduates in an area of study,” she said. “At HPU, we want graduates who fight for Christ and are experts in their field of study.”

In the field of nursing, in particular, Dr. Sutton knows that her students need to be prepared to serve people amid all kinds of situations and to do so with precision, efficiency and care. In healthcare, when lives are on the line, excellence is a necessity.

“We are instilling the concept of excellence as these future nurses will be operating on the front lines of health-care,” she explained. “Graduates from the BSN program will be committed to protecting, promoting and improving health care for everyone. We also foster a mentality of Continuous Professional Development (CPD), which is essential to staying committed to excellence within the healthcare community.”

Dr. Sutton shared how she has witnessed those in her department exhibiting a commitment to excellence as they serve students.

“Through conversations with faculty members, it has always been obvious that they are not satisfied with simply meeting benchmarks, but are always considering ways to be better,” she said. “Through lectures, simulation lab and clinicals at the hospital, we are constantly debriefing and discussing ways to improve. There is continuous evaluation and discussion to develop methods that better the student experience.”

Watching her team members as they strive for excellence is not just an encouragement in Dr. Sutton’s professional role, but in her personal faith as well.

“I see many people following Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians,” she said. “They recognize that everyone is running the race, but they want to win the race in mentoring and supporting growth in our students.”

– By Rebekah Sterling '18

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“I see many people [at HPU] following Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians ... they want to win the race in mentoring and supporting growth in our students.”



STUDENT VOICES

Jack Shackelford, a senior from Midlothian majoring in finance

“Many of my family members have attended Howard Payne, making it very familiar to me. My mom [Melisa (Powell) Shackelford '00] told me all about how much she loved it and what a special place it is, and the first

time I stepped on campus I was able to relate to that. I felt cared for by the faculty and staff.

“There are opportunities to excel and develop over the course of college. The professors are wise leaders who have excelled in their respective fields, teaching and pouring into students at a personal level. Additionally, since my freshman year, HPU has made countless renovations to update and improve every aspect of campus

so it doesn’t become stagnant but continues to flourish.

“In a society where the definitions of excellence have been skewed, Howard Payne teaches these core values correctly. The true standard of excellence is made clear in the Bible and HPU strives to be a campus full of servant leaders, learning from the example of Jesus. Excellence is not about what we can accomplish but what God can accomplish through us.”



Dedicated to Stewardship



CLASSROOM PHOTO BY JULIA CATLETT '21; GROUNDS PHOTO BY REBEKAH STERLING '18

In HPU's 135 years, God has continually blessed the university in myriad ways. There have been years of plenty – record enrollments, large endowments, new and exciting academic programs – and years of “just enough.” God's kindness and provision have been apparent throughout.

For this reason, it's important that the university remain a good steward of all with which God has blessed it.

In Genesis 2:15, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it” (ESV). Says 1 Peter 4:10, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace” (ESV).

HPU is dedicated to using its resources well.

Monetary gifts are directly invested in student success through the creation of scholarships, the improvement of campus facilities and the development of new academic and experiential opportunities.

Many HPU personnel are alumni and understand firsthand the value of pouring into students through their time, effort and prayers, just as they were treated during their years as HPU students.

There is every reason to believe God will continue to bless HPU well into the future and, through intentional planning, the university will continue to bless others in turn.



Tammy Arreola '17

DEAN OF STUDENTS AND TITLE IX COORDINATOR



“Being dedicated to stewardship means we must exemplify the godly characteristics of faithfulness, responsibility, trustworthiness, wisdom and integrity in everything we do.”

ARREOLA PHOTO BY JULIA CATLETT '21; GARIBAYBARTOLO PHOTO BY REBEKAH STERLING '18

Tammy Arreola '17 and her family have lived in Brownwood for more than 30 years. When her daughter transferred to Howard Payne University, she told her mother about a job opening in the business office and encouraged her to apply. Now in her 16th year of service at HPU, Arreola serves as the dean of students and Title IX coordinator, a position to which she feels the Lord has called her.

“Dean Arreola exemplifies 1 Peter 4:10 in her stewardship at HPU,” said Dr. Nate Penland, vice president for student experience. “She uses the gifts the Lord has given her to walk with students through difficult circumstances, exercising boldness in sharing the Gospel while showing care for each student. I am thankful for her ministry to the HPU community.”

Arreola views the core value of Dedicated to Stewardship as supporting and being committed to the well-being of the students she encounters. This goes beyond being a good steward of her time and includes stewarding the relationships she has with students, co-workers and, most importantly, the Lord.

“Living as a steward means surrendering everything to God, recognizing yourself as a manager, not an owner,” she said. “Being dedicated to stewardship means we must exemplify the godly characteristics of faithfulness, responsibility, trustworthiness, wisdom and integrity in everything we do.”

One way Arreola is dedicated to stewardship is through her work with students on campus. She knows that every student who walks through her door is important, and she sees it as her responsibility to remind them of the value God has placed on their lives.

“As the dean of students and Title IX coordinator,” she said, “being dedicated to stewardship means I am responsible for sharing my faith with the students I encounter and having authentic conversations that educate and challenge them to be who God has called them to be.”

For Arreola, being dedicated to stewardship influences every area of her life and the lives of those with whom she works.

“As stewards, we are to honor the gifts we’ve been given, including finances, talents, relationships, resources, health, etc.,” she said. “I could provide numerous examples of individuals and departments on campus being dedicated to stewardship because it is consistently demonstrated by our community members who wholeheartedly embrace their roles and responsibilities.”

Arreola believes that a lasting impact can be made on those around her.

“With the time God gives us,” Arreola said, “we can honor Him, live purposefully and love others well.”

– By Julia Catlett '21



STUDENT VOICES

By Patricia GaribayBartolo, a junior from Nolanville majoring in Allied Health Science and the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy

“My mother [Martha (Rodriguez) GaribayBartolo '93] is an HPU alumna, so I grew up being a Yellow Jacket. My mom would tell us stories from her HPU days and, as soon as I came to campus for my tour, it felt like home!

“I have seen the core value of Dedicated to Stewardship demonstrated at HPU by the staff and faculty. 1 Peter 4:10 says, ‘Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms’ (NIV). I have seen all the staff and professors use not just their administrative or teaching skills but their gentle, kind and servant hearts to help students succeed in all areas of life.

“This is a significant core value because Jesus was the perfect example of the definition of stewardship. He took the time to teach and help the disciples to become better in their faith and share the gospel. We should strive to be just like Jesus, and being dedicated to stewardship is part of that. I try to let Jesus shine through me by being a friend, mentor and helper to those around me.”

Something different

Upon being asked what sets HPU apart from other institutions of higher learning, personnel responded with a wonderful list of distinctives. It includes, among many others, a rich history, a strong sense of community, integration of purpose, small class sizes and personal attention, service to community, intentionality, a tradition of excellence and a commitment to being Christ-centered.

When prospective students visit HPU, they do not see planning or goals. They see a beautiful campus and friendly faces. They feel respected and have a sense of belonging. They see faculty members who love to teach and staff members who love to serve. They see fellow students who are having the time of their lives, learning, serving and growing.

They see the university's core values exemplified.

Sting 'em!



Howard Payne University sadly lost the following alumni and other members of the HPU family between the dates of November 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024.

HOWARD PAYNE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI/FORMER STUDENTS

Rev. Charles R. "Ray" Ash '61, February 24, 2024 (Former Board of Trustees member)
Charles R. "Chuck" Bealmear '58, March 30, 2024
Clint L. Bingham '01, November 23, 2023
Fern M. (Horsley) Bowling, December 26, 2023
Loretta J. (Causey) Bullion '70, March 26, 2024 (Former member of the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy Board of Directors)
Margaret M. (Buehring) Carmichael '62, January 4, 2024
Danny C. Conner '75, December 1, 2023
Elbert L. Davidson, March 9, 2024
Heather R. (Boyd) Edmonds '00, January 4, 2024
George L. Ford '63, December 12, 2023
H.L. Futch Jr. '54, March 9, 2024
Garrett D. George, March 13, 2024
Norita "Rita" (White) Hallum, December 31, 2023

Dinah (Wilson) Hannah, January 30, 2024
Dennis G. Harrison, November 17, 2023
Royce L. Hendrick '67, February 7, 2024
Dr. Jerry B. Hutton Sr. '60, February 10, 2024
Gregory P. Johnson '79, November 15, 2023
Deborah D. (Whitaker) Jones '73, November 9, 2023 (Former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors)
Phyllis A. Jones, November 25, 2023
Al C. Kloven Jr. '60, January 12, 2024 (Former faculty/staff member)
Gloria J. (Pass) Lewis, December 21, 2023
Joe M. "Mike" Manning '63, December 17, 2023
Col. (Retired) Dr. Roy C. Mathews '57, March 26, 2024
James R. "Ralph" McCalmont '57, November 7, 2023 (Former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors; former member of the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy Board of Directors)
James McClement '70, November 7, 2023

Gregg A. McDonald '79, January 3, 2024
Mary E. "Mary Beth" (Cannon) Morris '68, December 25, 2023
Anna J. "Joy" (Stirling) Morrison '69, December 22, 2023 (Former faculty/staff member)
Dorothy N. Myers '47, November 23, 2023
Dorothy (Humber) Neatherlin '49, November 5, 2023
Edward W. "Eddie" Nelson '72, March 23, 2024 (Former faculty/staff member)
Norma L. Pieper '63, March 5, 2024
Jarene (Thomas) Price '62, March 20, 2024
Lt. Col. (Retired) Blaine T. Radenz '92, March 5, 2024
Dr. John Y. Robnett '54, November 13, 2023 (Former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors)
Phyllis J. (Bruce) Sanders '74, January 19, 2024
Sharon E. (Dominy) Scaggs, December 4, 2023
Howard W. Schutt '60, November 13, 2023
Betty A. (Fowler) Smith '64, February 12, 2024 (Former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors)

Brown L. Smith '59, March 1, 2024
Weldon A. Stark '72, February 2, 2024
Jesse C. "J.C." Tankersley '68, February 16, 2024
Donald R. Taylor '63, December 1, 2023
Daniel W. Terhune '51, February 25, 2024
Billy L. Truelove '77, December 6, 2023
Sharon J. "June" (Rickards) Britt Veatch, November 21, 2023
Rudy Watson '64, November 27, 2023
Mandi D. Welch '01, December 24, 2023
Norma (Prater) Wilck '60, January 15, 2024

HPU STUDENTS

Bryson Brett Burks, December 18, 2023
Makai "Kai" Oliver Henry, January 10, 2024

DANIEL BAKER COLLEGE ALUMNI

Peggy L. (Wood) Atwell '53, February 15, 2024
Dr. Stanley "Stan" Burnham '49, December 17, 2023

ADDITIONAL HPU FACULTY, STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Dorothy L. (Young) Allison, January 23, 2024 (Friend)
Linda Boscamp, November 1, 2023 (Friend)

Joy (Pierson) Campbell, December 2, 2023 (Friend)
Bobby Carter, January 31, 2024 (Friend)
Sheila G. Cook, January 27, 2024 (Friend)
Sterling Hill, February 3, 2024 (Friend)

Don W. Hood, February 9, 2024 (Former faculty/staff member)
Joyce P. Laws, December 26, 2023 (Friend)
Betty "Gail" (Perkins) Mullins, January 10, 2024 (Former faculty/staff member)

Joyce (Foreman) Sinclair, March 25, 2024 (Former Board of Trustees member)
Martha Joe Thrasher, February 6, 2022 (Friend)



*Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.
- Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)*

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*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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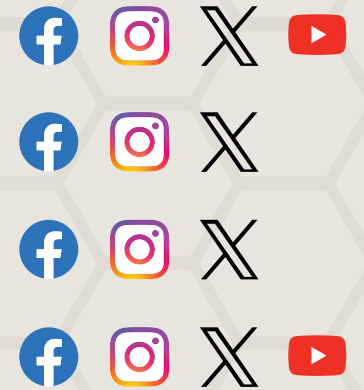
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STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

This photo was taken by Daniel Archer, a senior from Houston majoring in youth ministry and the Guy D. Newman Honors Academy.