BaylorUniversity’s mission calls for the integration of academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community. As representatives of Baylor, we develop that caring community every day through our interactions with students, parents, faculty, fellow staff and the Waco community.

BaylorPLUS Salutes recognize those individuals who provide “above and beyond” service at Baylor. These moments of exceptional service are submitted on the HR website by faculty, staff, parents, and students throughout the year. This year, we honor one BaylorPLUS recipient as a shining example of service to the Baylor family with the presentation of the BaylorPLUS Award.

Jon Capron is in his 12th season as an assistant coach, after completing an outstanding four-year career at Baylor. “Coach Cap” serves as the assistant head coach for cross country, handling the men's team. In track, his primary duties include the distance runners and intermediate hurdlers.

This past year, one of his freshmen student athletes was faced with a heartbreaking hurdle in his first few days at Baylor. The day after arriving at Baylor, one of the student athletes learned that a close family relative, just 20 years old, suffered an unexpected and rapidly-debilitating illness. Coach Cap was contacted by the student’s father with news that the student’s cousin likely would pass away within the hour. Coach immediately jumped in and said that he would drive to the student’s apartment and wait outside for the dad’s call to alert him that the student had received the sad news. Coach Cap, along with the student’s roommates and teammates, comforted the student and prayed for him. Coach helped to ensure the student was where he needed to be to return to his family for the funeral and to come back to school. According to the father, “Shortly after his arrival time, I received the following text from [my son], ‘Dad, you won’t believe this. When I landed in Waco, the entire team was here to greet me. These guys are awesome.’ Our thoughts exactly.”