New “About Baylor” Web Page Launched

Baylor’s web pages serve as the first point of contact with many prospective students and their parents, prospective faculty and staff and those who read or hear about Baylor achievements in the news. Our website helps reconnect alumni and friends after years away.

Following months of research and development, a new “About Baylor” section of www.baylor.edu was launched in September. “About Baylor” tells the Baylor story through a colorful and comprehensive collection of materials and provides resources to assist faculty and staff in sharing Baylor distinctives with colleagues outside the University. The site features the University’s history, mission, vision and values, statistical data about the University, photos of campus and much more.

Visit the page at www.baylor.edu/about
Endowed Scholarship Honoring Staff Reaches Milestone

The Endowed Scholarship Fund Honoring Baylor Staff, initiated by Staff Council in 2008, has reached its goal and begun disbursing funds to students this fall.

“We commend the leaders of Staff Council for their vision and give thanks for all who have stepped forward to support Baylor students through this endowed scholarship honoring the great work of our talented staff members,” Baylor University President Ken Starr said. “As we continue to broaden support for our students, we are grateful to those who choose to come alongside us in The President’s Scholarship Initiative. This scholarship will be a blessing for students for generations to come.”

Fundraising efforts for the scholarship began in 2008 as a public show of support for students. The group reached their goal in only four years – one year earlier than their expected timeline.

“Our four years, we have watched every dollar donated honor the work and dedication of Baylor staff! With each dollar, we have moved closer to our goal,” said Paulette Edmonds, immediate past chair of Staff Council. “We are all Baylor – staff, faculty and administrators combined – and we recognize that the University needs all of us working collaboratively to make a difference in the lives of our students. Staff Council has been proud to join in with the University’s unified effort to provide enhanced means by which students may fulfill their educational dreams.”

Through payroll deductions, memorials and one-time donations make up the more than 1,000 gifts from University staff members, faculty and others in the Baylor family. Many have made gifts in honor of specific staff members, creating a special way to honor staff and support students who aspire to obtain a Baylor education.

“I truly believe this fund represents the essence of what we are trying to accomplish through The President’s Scholarship Initiative,” said Angela Fonsi, research coordinator of the Gerontology Initiative at the School of Social Work and former chair of Staff Council. “It is by no means a sole effort. Several Staff Council chairs – not to mention dozens of Staff Council members – have invested time, energy and resources to see this vision through to fruition. This effort is the definition of grassroots, and I couldn’t be prouder to have played a small role in seeing it happen.”

The mission of Baylor’s Staff Council is to provide a forum for the expression and exchange of ideas and concerns of Baylor employees throughout every division of the University. Please visit the Staff Council website, www.baylor.edu/staffcouncil, for current news and information about how you can support the scholarship fund and other projects.

The Gov. Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village, part of the Mayborn Museum Complex, reopened in May after a two-year revitalization project. The renovation focused on areas that make the Village more accessible and user-friendly for today’s learning environment, while maintaining the essence and original intent of the educational component.

The Village returned to action this summer with “Way Back Wednesdays.” Visitors explored the Village and participated in activities of the 1890s, such as churning butter, shelling corn, pumping water, wringing laundry, grinding herbs and playing games of the time period.

“Leaders of today require a different approach than when the Village first arrived at Baylor 25 years ago,” said Dr. Ellie Caston, director of the Mayborn Museum Complex. “They want a more focused and user-friendly Village.”

In 1986, the Village trekked 236 miles from its original site in Liberty, Texas, to its Baylor home on the banks of the Brazos River. (The Jeanes Center and Mayborn Complex were built a few years later.) The Village, donated by Gov. Bill Daniel and his family, served as a learning tool for school children, students and families, providing a gateway to life at the turn of the 19th century.

The revitalization project particularly sought to integrate the Village into the overall Mayborn Museum Complex experience. An entrance now leads from the Jeanes Center to the Village. The outdoor exhibits include the Bill Daniel Law Office, a church, a school, a commissary, a tenant farmer’s house, a planter’s house with adjacent cook’s house, a barn and a blacksmith shop. The renovations for each building included climate controls to protect the items on display.

“This is a huge step forward in that we will be able to more fully interpret the story of how people lived in the 1890s through the use of artifacts that will now be protected from the elements,” said Trey Crompton, Village manager.
Q: What role do acts of determination play in the success of the strategic vision?

A: Our desire is that as departments align plans and create acts of determination, they don’t necessarily think about them as add-ons to what they are already doing. In some cases, they’ll be thinking about ways they can re-imagine things they’re already doing in light of the vision. But, when we look at opportunities to begin new initiatives, we’ll be asking what things we need to stop doing so we can accomplish the great things we should be doing. In addition, our president has asked that as we think about our acts of determination, we benchmark against other institutions and consider carefully the coming changes in higher education. We shouldn’t be parochial in our pursuits. We will have to make compromises, but our actions should be ones that, on a whole, advance the things we achieve at the university.

In the coming weeks, faculty, staff and students, and our guests, will see reminders of the launch of Pro Futuris across campus. Among these are pageantry in Founders Mall and Burleson Quadrangle, displays in the entry of Waco Hall, and designations on signage for projects that result from the aspirations in the new vision. Additionally, an illustrated publication has been distributed to all faculty and staff with a limited number of copies available for ordering online. Anyone who would like a copy of the publication to share, or Baylor alumni who would like a copy for themselves, may request the publication online at www.baylor.edu/profuturis/order.

As an expression of the vision developed in partnership with our faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents and friends, Baylor will be a community recognized for…
Baylor Stadium Complex to be a Catalyst for Waco, Baylor

The excitement of the past year’s athletic success continues to infuse both the campus and greater Waco. As construction begins on the new Baylor Stadium and community complex along Interstate 35 and the Brazos River, Bears fans wait with anticipation for the first on-campus game in 2014.

Preparatory site work for the $250 million complex, the largest in Baylor history, began in late summer. Construction of the complex will occur at the same time as much-needed improvements to I-35, including two additional bridges alongside the primary I-35 bridges over the Brazos River. The stadium complex and the I-35 improvements are expected to be catalysts to spur economic development and growth along Waco’s Brazos River corridor.

State and local leaders broke ground for the I-35 highway improvements in early July. At the groundbreaking, leaders expressed a goal to have the improvements completed in time for Baylor’s first football game in the new complex in 2014. The bridges and improved frontage roads are part of $4 billion in planned improvements for I-35, including several sections within the Waco district.

The Baylor Regents’ approval for the stadium project followed the announcement of several major philanthropic gifts and the Waco City Council’s approval to invest Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Zone funds for the complex. The $35 million in TIF funding, which is generated through tax revenue from the downtown and riverfront zones for the purpose of reinvesting in development in those same zones, will support infrastructure work (moving sewer and power lines, establishing a dock and constructing the pedestrian bridge).

Since March, the University has announced three major gifts for the stadium from prominent alumni: Elizabeth and Drayton (BBA ’58) McLane Jr. and their family stepped forward with the first contribution, a naming rights gift which is the largest capital gift in University history. The McLanes selected the name Baylor Stadium for the complex. Sheridan and John Eddie (BBA ’76, JD ’78) Williams Jr. and Sheila and Walter (BBA ’59, JD ’65) Umphrey also provided significant gifts. Williams Field at Baylor Stadium and Umphrey Pedestrian Bridge will bear tribute to their leadership in the project.

The philanthropic gifts along with the TIF funding provided the momentum for construction to begin in August with an anticipated completion date of fall 2014.

“We have 24 months to complete the project,” said Brain Nicholson, associate vice president of facility, planning and construction. “That means we have to work at a fast pace and think strategically about each phase of the building process, while at the same time involving key groups that will be impacted by the stadium.”

“We have already begun site work on the stadium, we are still finalizing design specifics of the facility,” Nicholson said. “Once designs are completed, we will be better able to communicate the campus impact and involve the campus community. We are currently working with the City of Waco and TxDOT and intend to engage other groups as the construction progresses.”

As the academic year continues, faculty and staff may expect to see continued groundwork, particularly regarding utilities and highway construction. By spring, structure work could be appearing. By June 2013, construction of the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Bridge over the Brazos River will begin. Updates on stadium progress will be posted periodically on the faculty/staff web page at baylor.edu/facultystaff and on Baylor-Stadium.com.

On Sept. 15, Baylor hosted Community Day at Floyd Casey Stadium where thousands of fans witnessed the ceremonial groundbreaking for Baylor Stadium. President Ken Starr and Waco Mayor Malcolm Duncan were joined by other University and city leaders and generous donors for a celebration and ceremonial start to stadium construction.
Campus Construction Updates

Phase 2 of the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative (BRIC) began in July. The Phase 2 build-out includes needed lab space for the Center for Actinophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research (CASEPR), the Center for Spatial Research (CSR), Baylor Institute for Air Science (BIAS), Hankamer School of Business Innovative Business Accelerator (IBA), research space for the Baylor School of Engineering and Computer Science and Distinguished Research Scientist Martian Scully’s quantum optics lab.

The Carlile Equestrian Building* at the Whit’s Equestrian Center will provide locker rooms, meeting space and offices for the nationally recognized equestrian program. Baylor Regents Kenneth G. Carlile and his wife, Celia, provided the lead gift for the building. Construction began in May and is scheduled to be completed by November.

Construction of the East Village Residential Community, part of the 21st Century Project of the Association of College and University Housing Officers is continuing. On schedule to be completed by August 2013, the project consists of two four-story residential buildings and a 33,170-square-foot dining hall on the east side of campus. The 364-bed North Residential Community will house the Engineering and Computer Science Residential College. The 347-bed South Residential Community will include a new Science and Health Living Learning Community.

The Jim and Nell Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center, on LaSalle Avenue across from the Ferrell Center, is expected to be completed in December. The facility, which features four indoor courts and spectator seating, will allow the nationally recognized teams to practice year-round and hold competitions regardless of weather. Waco residents Jim (BBA ’58) and Nell (a “Baylor Alumna by Choice”) Hawkins provided the lead gift for the center.

The tennis teams also are looking forward to additional improvements at the Hurd Tennis Center in the Turner Risingfront Athletic Complex. By next spring, the site will have a new scoreboard, a video web streaming system that will support live-action feeds from up to 12 courts, a fabric canopy to shade spectators seating and updated landscaping. Mark (BBA ’79) and Paula Hurd provided the gift that supports the improvements.

A new route through campus via Third Street is well under way. With Phase I complete, the roads and parking lots near Sid Richardson and Moody Library reopened in August. When Phase II is completed in spring 2013, the route will include bicycle and pedestrian access to encourage environmentally friendly modes of travel.

The $23 million renovation of the Moons McLean Science Building began in May and is scheduled to be completed July 2013. During this time, the building will be fully restructured. The School of Education and its departments of curriculum and instruction, educational psychology, educational administration and health, human performance and recreation along with the College of Arts & Sciences’ anthropology and statistics departments will be among the offices located in the building when the project is completed.

The $70.8 million expansion of the I-35 bridges over the Brazos River, which is expected to be substantially complete by fall 2014. With the expansion, the bridge loop and northern driveway to Robinson Tower’s parking structure (closest to the river) will be closed. Additional changes to parking entrances and exits will be required and communicated via email to Tower staff.

The College of Arts & Sciences Realigned Leadership Structure

The College of Arts & Sciences announced a realignment of leadership-structure and responsibilities, effective Aug. 1. The reorganization organizes the 26 departments within Arts & Sciences into two academic divisions, each under the leadership of a divisional dean.

Dr. Robert L. Driskell, professor of sociology and former graduate program director of sociology and executive associate dean of Arts & Sciences, will now serve as the divisional dean for humanities and social sciences, overseeing 13 departments: art, classics, communication, English, history, journalism, public relations and new media, modern foreign languages, museum studies, philosophy, political science, religion, sociology and theater arts.

Dr. Kenneth T. Wilkins, professor of biology and former associate dean for graduate studies and research in the Baylor Graduate School, will now serve as the divisional dean for sciences, also overseeing 13 departments: anthropology, biology, chemistry and biochemistry, communication sciences and disorders, environmental science, family and consumer sciences, geology, mathematics, physics, psychology and neuroscience, and statistics science, and the departments of aerospace studies (Air Force ROTC) and military science (Army ROTC). Under the new organizational plan, the five associate deans will keep their same positions in Arts & Sciences continuing to oversee academics and special projects.

Not only will the new structure provide the 26 departments with more individualized attention, as well as administrative consistency and accountability in day-to-day operations, but it will also enable Dean Nix to spend more time on Arts & Sciences strategic planning initiatives tied to Pro Futuro, the Baylor University strategic vision adopted in May 2012. Nix will also devote his time to development projects in the College of Arts & Sciences, including raising funds for student scholarships and for capital projects such as the proposed Baylor Arts District.

“As Baylor’s largest academic unit, the College of Arts & Sciences directly affects our ability to achieve the vision set out in Pro Futuro,” said Dr. Elizabeth B. Davis, executive vice president and provost. “The reorganization will provide for greater efficiency and effectiveness, and will allow Arts & Sciences to achieve its long-term goals.”

Baylor Slims Down

In 10 weeks, 338 Baylor University employees and spouses lost a total of 3,414 pounds—an average of 10.3 pounds per person. They comprised a pilot group that “test drove” Baylor’s newest health benefit program—Naturally Slim.

“It was a smashing success,” said Richard Amos, director of compensation and benefits in Human Resources. “According to our vendor, who is an independent party from Naturally Slim, Baylor’s success exceeded what they have experienced with their other clients, in terms of participation and program completion levels. As a result, we had a higher percentage of people that achieved very favorable results.”

Naturally Slim promotes healthy behavior changes, including teaching participants how to identify and understand personal eating habits, recognize the difference between true hunger and psychological hunger, understand how hydration habits influence hunger and practice ways to minimize fat storage.

Amos said the program focuses specifically on “metabolic syndrome” —a collection of risk factors that dramatically increases your risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, depression, stroke, cancer and a number of other medical conditions.

According to the pre-program screening, 82 participants suffered from metabolic syndrome. Post-program screening revealed that 87 percent of those participants reversed that trend. Results indicated:

• 16 percent reversed their waist circumference risk
• 43 percent reversed their triglycerides risk
• 10 percent reversed HDL risk
• 54 percent reversed their blood pressure risk
• 32 percent reversed their risk of diabetes

Surveys also showed that participants experienced a wide range of benefits, including: higher self-esteem, lower blood pressure, greater control of their lives and the elimination of unhealthy eating habits.

Full-time employees who successfully completed the pilot program received a $200 incentive.

“I am grateful to Baylor University for investing in my health with the Naturally Slim program,” said Janet Melancon, client relationship manager in Human Resources. “In 10 weeks, I lost 17 pounds and six inches from my waist. The new habits I have developed were easier to maintain than I thought they would be. I’ve made a total lifestyle change and I’m healthier than I’ve ever been. Thank you, Baylor!”

A second class began in August and another class will be offered in the spring.

Baylor offers a number of health and wellness programs to faculty and staff, including Weight Watchers and Oso Fit, which includes Bearbics, Bear Cycle, Zumba, boxing, Pilates, yoga, Beartathlon, and more.

Visit the HRC website, www.baylor.edu/hr, for more information on all the wellness programs available to faculty and staff.

* Not pictured: located at 5045 S. University Parks Dr.
Each year, Baylor students, faculty and staff join together on mission trips around the globe, providing the participants with opportunities to serve others through the use of their individual skills and academic disciplines. Discipline – or vocation-specific mission trips – underscore Baylor’s vision to enhance informed engagement and transformational education experience for students and others.

During spring break and summer this year, 218 students and 32 faculty and staff members participated in 15 trips in 11 countries, from Guatemala to Malaysia and Belize to Kenya. Most trips lasted two weeks, the equivalent of a May mini-semester at Baylor.

Some trips offered course credit, such as the Belize childhood development trip; however, all trips were designed to align with a major area of study to help students understand how they may use the knowledge they gained at Baylor to help others at home and around the world.

Holly Widick, coordinator for student missions in the Office of Spiritual Life, notes that the mentorships that develop through the course of the mission trips yield a special experience for the participants. “In the faculty and staff leaders, students see someone who puts into practice – by service to others – what the students have been learning in the classroom,” she said. “The faculty leaders also do an excellent job at encouraging critical thinking while abroad.”

“The interactions and learning that happens from engaging with another culture is an aspect of mission trips that is invaluable for students,” said Heather Mustain, a George W. Truett Theological Seminary student who led the Ghana community development team with her husband Chad. “Students actively learn how their vocation can equip them for worldwide service.”

Alexandria Woo, a sophomore nutrition sciences major, was able to connect her academic studies to the Kenya medical mission trip she went on. “One of the highlights of the trip was growing as a team while encouraging our brothers and sisters from Kenya,” she said. “As a nutrition major I enjoyed learning about the different crops in Kenya, as well as the nutritional benefits of each food in a Kenyan’s diet. Going on a mission trip through Baylor was a great spiritual experience.”

Spiritual Life plans to expand mission opportunities. An important goal is to make the missions experience available to as many students as possible, particularly by reducing costs. They are evaluating options for trips to domestic locations, as well as locations in Central America, as one way to keep costs low.

Holly Widick
Coordinator for Student Missions, Office of Spiritual Life

“Your two weeks in Ghana were the most transformational ever, as we encountered those who needed help both physically and financially,” said Andrew Bowles, a sophomore communication specialist major that went on the Ghana community development mission. “But, while they know what they do not have, they know who they have in Jesus Christ. By God’s grace, I will be returning to Ghana next summer.”

To learn more about missions at Baylor and how to become a group leader, visit www.baylor.edu/missions.
Reorganizing: Enhancing the Student Experience

With the conclusion of the 2011-2012 academic year, several Baylor departments underwent reorganizations to continue to improve their focus on the University’s mission and to enrich the student experience, providing students with the skills and knowledge to become people who make a difference in their homes, communities, work and world. Following are brief looks at changes within the Division of Student Life and the Paul L. Foster Success Center.

Division of Student Life

Through the realignment of staff and reallocation of resources, the Division of Student Life plans to expand the impact of community service and civic engagement and enhance student leadership development opportunities.

Beginning June 1, the Office of Community Engagement and Service (CES) centralized the division-wide opportunities for community service, civic engagement and service learning. The creation of CES was recommended by a committee led by Dr. Elizabeth Palacios, dean of student development, along with faculty, students and Student Life staff.

The committee explored best practices and researched effective and transformative community engagement models in higher education.

“The year-long task force explored the work we are currently doing, as well as different models that might enhance our work in the community,” Palacios said. “The team found that Baylor could make a greater impact by intentionally partnering with our local and global community, providing meaningful experiential learning: supporting our students, staff and faculty with resources; and serving as a ‘hub’ for Baylor’s collective experiential learning: supporting our students, staff and faculty with resources; and serving as a ‘hub’ for Baylor’s collective

The CES team is excited about bringing together their strengths, experience and passion on the initiative. “The CES team will build relationships within the Greater Waco community to match service needs with sustainable commitments, and work within the Baylor community in establishing commitments that lay the foundation for excellent ‘town and gown’ relationships,” Palacios said.

With the CES online in June, the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement became the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement. Shilton Lewis serves as program director for the Leadership Living-Learning Center (LLC) under the direction of Jennifer Massey, assistant dean for student learning and engagement.

Dr. Jeff Doyle, dean for student learning and engagement, said these changes in the Division of Student Life will allow the Academy for Leader Development to continue to strengthen the Leadership LLC, a residential home to more than 150 students who enroll in leadership classes. Strengthening the Leadership LLC includes the introduction of a multi-year leadership curriculum, accompanied by newly created Lead LLC scholarships of $3,000. In addition, the Academy will be part of a team of faculty and student life staff expanding a new leadership minor.

Other new projects for the Academy include the creation of a campus-wide leadership development program and enhanced assessment of existing leadership classes and programs.

Baylor Sets Enrollment Record

Baylor University has enrolled 15,364 students in fall 2012, the University’s largest overall enrollment in its 167-year history, as well as another high-achieving and near-record freshman class, according to official 12th-day enrollment statistics compiled by the Office of Institutional Research and Testing.

Baylor’s previous overall enrollment record was set last fall as 15,029 students attended the university.

Baylor enrolled 3,254 high-achieving freshmen, only five off the record set in 2010, when 3,259 freshmen enrolled at Baylor. The academic quality of the freshman class continued to be robust, with the entering class averaging 1234 on the SAT and 26.9 on the ACT. Seventy-two percent of Baylor freshmen were ranked in the top quartile of their high school classes.

“Diversity among the entering class remains strong with minority enrollment among Baylor’s freshman class at 34 percent, up from 32.8 percent last year and the fifth consecutive fall above 30 percent.”

Overall in Fall 2012, Baylor has enrolled:

• 12,918 undergraduates, a record number of undergraduates at the University.
• 2,221 students in the Graduate School and professional programs, including Baylor Law School, George W. Truett Theological Seminary and Baylor School of Social Work.
• 225 students in Baylor/U.S. Army affiliated graduate degree programs.

In addition, the IRT report showed that the retention rate among Baylor’s freshmen from fall 2011 to fall 2012 increased again to a record 86.6 percent, up from 85.4 percent in 2011 and 81.9 percent in 2010. The enrollment report comes as Baylor was ranked No. 77 in the latest “Best Colleges” rankings by U.S. News & World Report, making Baylor the second ranked university in the Big 12 and the fifth-ranked university in Texas. U.S. News also gave high marks to Baylor’s undergraduate engineering program, ranking at No. 13 among universities with the “Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs.”

Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business, Baylor’s undergraduate business program moved up 13 places in this year’s U.S. News & World Report rankings to No. 56, tied with 15 other universities. Baylor’s entrepreneurship program – which was one of the first of its kind in the country – is rated the 18th among the nation’s best entrepreneurship programs.

See www.baylor.edu/news for a complete summary of rankings.

Paul L. Foster Success Center

The Paul L. Foster Success Center (PLFSC) – which includes academic advisement, academic support programs, access and learning accommodation, career counseling and career services – transitioned in April from the Division of Finance and Administration and Enrollment Management to the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs.

“This transition will more deeply integrate the academic fabric of the University into the Paul L. Foster Success Center structure, which plays such a vital role in students’ academic success,” Executive Vice President and Provost Elizabeth Davis said.

Davis appointed Dr. Sinda K. Vanderpool, assistant vice provost for academic enrollment management, to oversee the Success Center. Vanderpool will lead four of PLFSC’s departments, including academic advisement, academic support programs, access and learning accommodation and career counseling. Dr. Wes Null, vice provost for undergraduate education, will serve as interim director of career services, as a national search is conducted for an executive director of career and professional development to lead that unit.

“The high expectations that we have of Baylor students in
Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

Art Exhibits
Sept. 11-Nov. 11
Martin Museum of Art
In Gallery 1 of the Martin Museum of Art, a selection of oil paintings by contemporary Texas artist Sedrick Huckaby will be on display. Images from internationally recognized photographer Keith Carter’s 2009 monograph will be on display in Gallery 2.

Preaching Convocation
Sept. 24-25
Truett Seminary, Powell Chapel
Dr. Craig Barnes, author and professor of pastoral ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will speak at the Fall Preaching Convocation and Workshop sponsored by George W. Truett Theological Seminary’s Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching. Registration fee required. www.baylor.edu/truett

Jean Bethke Elshtain
Sept. 25, 3 p.m.
Baylor Sciences Building, D109
Jean Bethke Elshtain, a professor of social and political ethics at The University of Chicago Divinity School, will lecture on “The Dark Night and the Saire” exploring the moral world of Gotham City and the late Roman Empire through the lens of Batman and Saint Augustine.

Joan Breton Connelly
Sept. 27, 5 p.m.
Kayser Auditorium
Joan Breton Connelly, professor of classics at New York University, will lecture on “The Parthenon Revisited: Daughters, Democracy and the Ultimate Sacrifice.”

CASPER Seminar
Sept. 28, 1:30 p.m.
Baylor Sciences Building, E 231
Dr. Babak Shotorban, associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at the University of Alabama, will speak as part of the Baylor Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering’s Fall Seminar Series.

OCTOBER

Up Close at MMoA
Oct. 1, 12:05 p.m.
Martin Museum of Art
As part of the “Up Close at MMoA” series, the museum will present a lunch and book signing with Dr. Diana Garland, Dean of the School of Social Work and author of Sacred Stories of Ordinary Families: Living the Faith in Daily Life. Call 710-8310 to register.

Beall-Russell Lecture
Oct. 1, 3 p.m.
Cashion Academic Center, 510
Anne Fadiman, an award-winning author, essayist, editor and teacher, will present the 2012 Beall-Russell Lecture, “Beacon as Bookmarks,” focusing on the love of reading.

Albritton Lecture
Oct. 2, 7 p.m.
Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Building, 149
Albin Wallach, Ralph H. Wark Professor of Art and Art History Emeritus at William and Mary will deliver the Albritton Lecture in Art and Art History, “Cole, Church, and the Panoramic Landscape,” a perspective on the Hudson River School and the first generation of American landscape painters.

Lyceum Series Lecture
Oct. 4, 4 p.m.
Roxy Grove Hall
Keith Devlin, National Public Radio’s “Math Guy” will deliver public lectures on “Leonardo Fibonacci and Steve Jobs” Oct. 3, 4 p.m. in Baylor Science Building, E109, and “Redinking Mathematics Education in the Video Game Era” Oct. 4, 4:30 pm Richard Bloomberg, room 344 at 4 p.m.

Drumwright Family Lecture
Oct. 9, 4 p.m.
Meadows Recital Hall
Lori Gooding, director of music therapy at the University of Kentucky, will speak.

Drumwright Family Lecture
Oct. 23, 7 p.m.
Alexander Dining Room
Former Baylor president and current president of Houston Baptist University, Robert Sloan will present the annual Drumwright Family Lecture, marking the 10th anniversary of the Honors College. A panel discussion about Christian liberal arts will follow the lecture.

Parchman Endowed Lecture Series
Oct. 9 and 10, 7 p.m.
Truett Seminary, Powell Chapel
Dr. Geoffrey Wainwright, professor emeritus of Christian theology at Duke Divinity School, will give three lectures as part of the Parchman Endowed Lecture Series at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Oct. 9 and at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 10.

Michael R. Waters Lectures
Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
Roxy Grove Building, B101
Dr. Michael R. Waters, professor of anthropology and geography at Texas A&M University will present a lecture titled “In Search of the First Americans.”

Education Distinguished Lecture
Oct. 18, 4:30 p.m.
Bennett Auditorium
The School of Education Distinguished Lecture features Dr. Renee Hobbs, professor of communications and media at the University of Rhode Island.

Oasis
Oct. 18-19
Waco Hall
Oasis: Worship Encounters for Active Seniors, featuring worship leader Ken Modern will focus on the journey of life – beginnings, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Register at www.baylor.edu/oasis.

E.K. Bailey Memorial Sermon
Oct. 22-23
Truett Seminary
Rev. A.L. Patterson, pastor of Mount Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, will speak at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 and at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 23.

Baylor Symposium on Faith and Science
Oct. 25-27
Bill Daniel Student Center
The sixth annual Baylor Symposium on Faith and Science, sponsored by the Institute for Faith and Learning, will explore “Technology and Human Flourishing.” Registration is required. www.baylor.edu/ifl

DECEMBER

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CASPER
Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m.
Baylor Sciences Building
Dr. Robert W. Schau, director of the Center for Atmospheric and Space Science at Utah State University will give a lecture entitled “Escape of Neutral Gas and Plasma from the Earth’s Upper Atmosphere” as part of CASPER’s 2012 Fall Seminar Series.

Albaugh Lecture
Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Armstrong Browning Library
Charles Taylor, professor of philosophy at McGill University in Montreal, Canada and recipient of the Kyoto Prize and Templeton Prize, will give the Phi Beta Kappa Albaugh Lecture.

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Martin Museum of Art
Distinguished Japanese-American artist Makoto Fujima and Boston-based artist and teacher Bruce Herman have collaborated to produce a new body of paintings, “Four Quiets,” in response to T.S. Eliot’s “Four Quartets”. At 7:30 p.m., Jan. 15, in Jones Hall the authors will participate in a panel discussion on faith and the arts followed by a concert by composer Christopher Theofanidis.

SELECTED MUSIC AND THEATER EVENTS FALL 2012

Sept. 20
Distinguished Artist Series: Pablo Ziegler Trio
Roxy Grove, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 26-29 and Oct. 3-6
“Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” by Baylor Theater
Jones Concert Hall, times vary

Oct. 2
Baylor Symphony Orchestra and Seinan Gakuin University Orchestra
Jones Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 17
“Title” by Baylor Opera Theater
Jones Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 25
A Cappella Choir
Jones Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 31
Halloween Organ Concert
Jones Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 2
Sinpiration
7th and James Baptist Church, 7 p.m.

Nov. 12
Distinguished Artist Series: Hisperion XXI and Jordi Savall
Roxy Grove Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 15
Baylor Symphony Orchestra
Jones Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 15-18
“Hecuba” by Baylor Theater
Jones Concert Hall, times vary
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Clarence “Bo” Brewer, Aug. 21.

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Jessica Davis, student, on the death of their mother, Betty Jo Benesh, June 5.

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Helen Bright, student, on the death of her mother, Frances Bright, June 8.

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Leslie Matich, student, on the death of her father, Dr. Leon “Lonnie” Lastrapes III, Aug. 9.

The family of

Rhonda Maples, May 7.

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Commencement Congratulations

Best wishes to the following Baylor employees and children or spouses of Baylor faculty and staff who graduated from the University in May and August 2012.

SPRING 2012 COMMENCEMENT

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Adam Bennett – son of Sandy Bennett, University Libraries
Jean Carter – daughter of Gary Carter, College of Arts and Sciences
Joanna Diaz – daughter of Jodie Diaz, finance and administration
Thomas Fry – son of Cindy Fry, engineering and computer science
Kathleen Hinton – University Libraries
Lindsey Hurt – daughter of Dr. Dave Hurt, Hankamer School of Business
Daniel Jiang – son of Dr. Sung Jiang, sociology
Joshua Jeffrey – son of Dr. David L. Jeffrey, Honors College
David Johnson – son of Linda Johnson, academic advancement
Laura Karban – daughter of Dr. James Karban, Baylor Science Faculty
Genevieve McCoy – daughter of Paul McCoy, art
Emily Moore – daughter of Dr. Scott Moore, Honors College
Toni Nagalski – daughter of Dr. James Nagalski, religion, and Dr. Melanie Nagalski, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core
Candace Nogalski – daughter of Carol Nogalski, Maryann Museum Complex
Michelle Palacios – daughter of Liz Palacios, student life
Kaitlyn Robbins – daughter of Becky Robbins, Louise Harrington School of Nursing
Amy Russell – daughter of Dr. Dwight Russell, physics
Masson Walter – son of Jeff Walter, student life
Bachelor of Fine Arts

Seth Gist – son of Renee Gist, College of Arts and Sciences
Bethany Sellers – daughter of Suzanne Sellers, church state studies
Bachelor of Science

Clara Dutton – daughter of Dr. Linda Williams, health services
Haley Hoffman – daughter of John Hoffman, ITS

School of Education

Bachelor of Science in Education

Catherine Riley – daughter of Dr. Hugh Riley, psychology and neuroscience
Alissa Wiseman – daughter of Joy Young, information systems
Hanna Wiswall – daughter of Katy Wiswall, School of Education

Bachelor of Science in Aviation Sciences

Shelton Carpenter – son of Cheryl Smidson, family and consumer sciences

Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Courtney Bowles – daughter of Jeff Bowles, University marketing and communications
Danni Kong – daughter of Joy Kong, CASPER

Bachelor of Science

George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Master of Theological Studies

Adam Moore – College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Business Administration

Garrett Burison – son of Dr. Blake Burison, College of Arts and Sciences
Andrew Cash – son of Julie Cash, enrollment management

Bachelor of Social Work

Shannon Kelley – daughter of Dr. Ben Kelley, engineering and computer science
Alexander Riley – son of Dr. Hugh Riley, psychology and neuroscience
Sarah Riley – daughter of Dr. Hugh Riley, psychology and neuroscience

Bachelor of Arts

Whitney Wakefield – daughter of Dr. Kirk Wakefield, marketing, and Dr. Robin Wakefield, information systems
Russell Webb – son of Dr. Brian Webb, finance and administration

Bachelor of Science

Tyler Whiteside – son of Margaret Whiteside, admission services

Bachelor of Arts

Lauren Cochran – daughter of Dr. Craig Cochran, economics

Bachelor of Science

Lindsey Hurtt – daughter of Dr. Dave Hurtt, University Libraries

Bachelor of Music

Kendyllynn Matias-Ryan – daughter of Dr. Manuel Matias-Cruz, modern foreign language

Bachelor of Music

Stephen Gusukuma – son of Marilyn Gusukuma, social work

School of Social Work

Master of Social Work

Kathryn Farmer – wife of Calvin Farmer, Brooks Residential College
Rachel Graves – daughter of Marion Nunn-Gross, physics

SUMMER 2012 COMMENCEMENT

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Lauren Cochran – daughter of Dr. Craig Cochran, economics

Bachelor of Science

Kevin Davis – husband of Lizzy Davis, student foundation

Bachelor of Music

Jessica Tibbs – daughter of Vassana Tibbs, Center for Preservation and Aquatic Systems

Bachelor of Music

Aaron Horton – spiritual life

School of Engineering and Computer Science

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Charles Murdock – son of Kay Murdock, enrollment management

Bachelor of Music

Gwendolyn Matias-Ryan – daughter of Dr. Manuel Matias-Cruz, modern foreign language

Bachelor of Music

McKenzie O’Teter – daughter of Dr. Steve O’Teter, Honors College

Bachelor of Science

Lauren Cochran – daughter of Dr. Craig Cochran, economics

Bachelor of Arts

Brandon Doyle – son of Robert Doyle, biology, and Eva Doyle, health, human performance & recreation

Bachelor of Science

Alissa Wiseman – daughter of Joy Young, information systems

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John Atkinson – admission services

Bradon Cope – husband of Suzanne Cope, admission services

Sherri Edwards – wife of Brent Edwards, constituent engagement

Jessie Henderson – son of Jim Henderson, economics

Meagan Morris – daughter of John Morris, athletics

Master of Public Health

Anis Qasrawi – admission services

Information provided by Human Resources from University marketing and communications

Each year faculty and staff are invited to bring their families to trick or treat in campus residence halls.

Baylor Named Among Great Colleges to Work For

Baylor recognized as one of select Honor Roll universities by The Chronicle of Higher Education

For the second year in a row, Baylor University joined an elite group of universities named to The Chronicle of Higher Education’s 2012 Honor Roll as one of the country’s “Great Colleges to Work For.” Only 30 national universities identified by The Chronicle as “large-four-year colleges” were awarded honor roll status.

Baylor achieved recognition in 11 categories this year, one of only two universities on the Honor Roll to do so. Baylor was cited for excellence in Collaborative Governance; Compensation and Benefits; Confidence in Senior Leadership; Facilities; Workplace & Security; Job Satisfaction; Professional/Career Development Program; Respect and Appreciation; Supervisor or Department Chair Relationship, Teaching Environment; Tenure Clarity and Process; and Work/Life Balance.

“It is an honor for Baylor to be recognized again by The Chronicle of Higher Education and among our peers in the higher education community for something that those of us who serve at Baylor have long known,” said Dr. Elizabeth Davis, executive vice president and provost. “Baylor is a genuinely rewarding place to work, filled with energetic and talented faculty and staff who are inspired by the University’s mission. Since the findings are based on the responses of Baylor employees themselves, we know they are proud of the institution they serve and appreciative of many elements of their work environment.

In addition to a strong commitment by University leadership and Baylor’s Board of Regents to continue funding annual faculty and staff raises, tuition remission and retirement plans at a time when these benefits are being reduced by many universities, Baylor continues to cultivate a sense of community across campus.

“Baylor’s commitment to faculty, staff and their families is demonstrated in many ways and altogether contributes toward the needs of mind, body and spirit,” said Richard Amos, director of benefits and compensation. “While Baylor provides good health and retirement benefits, the survey cited a few other benefits where Baylor stands out. Most universities charge employees for use of the campus fitness facilities whereas Baylor provides free access to beautiful facilities for faculty, staff and their families. Providing access for families to use the amazing libraries, attend a lecture, a concert, a student event like Diadochus, along with all the other experiences, make it a rich family environment.”

For more information and to view the results of the survey, visit http://chronicle.com/section/Academic-Workplace-2012/617/
A look at recent news of interest around the Baylor campus

Dr. Dennis O’Neal named Dean of School of Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. Dennis O’Neal became the dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science at Baylor University this fall. Dr. O’Neal has more than 30 years of experience in the mechanical engineering field and has taught HURC, thermodynamics, heat transfer and engineering design. Before joining Baylor, he served as associate dean of research in the Dwight Look College of Engineering and deputy director for the Texas Engineering Experiment Station at Texas A&M University. Prior to that, he served as head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Texas A&M.

“Dr. O’Neal is a proven leader. For seven years, he led one of the largest mechanical engineering programs in the country with more than 60 faculty, 1,100 undergraduates and 400 graduate students. He was awarded an endowed professorship for his work with undergraduates and has advised many graduate students. In addition, the quality of his scholarship has been recognized by a wide variety of public and private funding agencies,” said Dr. Elizabeth Davis, executive vice president and provost at Baylor.

Baylor Law School Again Leads State in Passing Bar Exam

For the 15th time since 2001, Baylor Law School students have claimed the top pass rate on the Texas State Bar Exam with a 92.59 percent pass rate, the highest pass rate for students from the nine Texas law schools. Of the 54 Baylor students who took the three-day exam in February, 50 passed.

“This generous gift from the Cooper Foundation is vital to the region,” said Dr. Truell Hyde, vice provost for research and director of the Center for Astrophysics, Space Physics and Engineering Research (CASPER). “Establishing a facility such as this within the BRIC not only provides Baylor and TSTC Waco faculty the ability to pursue new research and advanced training opportunities, it also provides incentive for industry partners to collaborate within the BRIC.

There are very few microgravity facilities in the world, and only a small percentage of these provide a true vacuum environment. Those that do, are in constant demand, Hyde said.

Statistical Science

Recognized for Productive Industry Partnership

The American Statistical Association has announced that Baylor has received its 2012 Statistical Partnerships among Academe, Industry and Government (SPaIG) Award. The award recognizes outstanding partnerships established between academic institutions and business industry and government organizations, and is designed to promote new partnerships.

The award honors the strong and enduring relationship between Baylor University and Eli Lilly, which has brought methodological enhancements to both clinical and non-clinical pharmacological applications and paved the way for partnerships between Eli Lilly and three other universities.

Baylor and DBU Announce Nursing School Enrollment Agreement

Officials from Baylor and Dallas Baptist University (DBU) announced the creation of a program that will expand nursing education opportunities at Baylor for DBU students.

The agreement will allow DBU students to pursue a nursing career at Baylor by transferring their undergraduate course credits to Baylor’s Louise Herrington School of Nursing (LHSN) in order to complete their nursing degrees.

All DBU students who seek admittance to the LHSN must apply to Baylor, qualify for admission and meet LHSN prerequisites, including the required competitive grade point average. The articulation agreement sets forth a program that will permit DBU students to transfer course credits taken at DBU to meet Baylor requirements. DBU students also will receive assistance with the LHSN application process.

It is expected that approximately 30 percent of students admitted to the LHSN for each spring class will be transfers from DBU.

Baylor University Honors Alumnus with Distinguished Achievement Award

President Ken Starr bestowed the Baylor University Distinguished Achievement Award on Hong Kong business executive and scholar James Sui-Weng Wong, PhD. Wong graduated from Baylor in 1980 at age 20 with a degree in mathematics and physics and has had a long career in academia and business.

Following his graduation from Baylor, Wong earned a doctorate in mathematics from California Institute of Technology in 1984. He soon became world renowned in the area of the qualitative theory of differential equations and has held math professorships at the University of Wisconsin, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Iowa and University of Alberta.

Today, Wong is the executive chairman of Hon-Kwek Land Investment Company and two other publicly traded holding companies, Chimney Investments and Chimney Alliance Group.

The Baylor University Distinguished Achievement Award is bestowed on Baylor degree holders who have made a distinctive contribution to their particular profession, business or occupation and in doing so have brought honor to Baylor. First presented in May 1980, 20 individuals have received the award. It has not been awarded since August 1990.

Survey Reveals Rise in Favorable Image for Baylor in Waco, McLennan County

Following up to a 2008 survey on Baylor’s image in Waco and McLennan County show a dramatic increase in the percentage of Waco-area respondents who have favorable impressions of Baylor and the extent to which Baylor’s athletic success transformed the university’s image in the community. The survey was conducted by the Center for Community Research and Development (COLD) at Baylor.

In 2012, the percentage of McLennan County respondents who rated Baylor “very favorable” increased to 60 percent from 43.5 percent in 2008. Those responding “somewhat” or “very unfavorable” declined to 3 percent in 2012 from 6 percent in 2008.

The change was especially pronounced among African American residents. In 2012, the percentage of African-American residents rating Baylor “very favorable” rose to 63.8 percent from 30.9 percent in 2008.

Among Hispanic residents, 54.2 percent rated Baylor “very favorable” in 2012, compared to 49.1 percent in 2008. In 2012, 61 percent of white residents rated Baylor “very favorable” in 2012, compared to 45.6 percent in 2008.

Although both men and women gave Baylor higher ratings in 2012 than in 2008, the difference in Baylor’s perception by gender was reversed. In 2012, more females rated Baylor “very favorable” (62.4 percent) than did males (57.2 percent), while in 2008, a greater percentage of males rated Baylor “very favorable” (45.8 percent) than females (41.5 percent).

Baylor Angel Network Having a Record-Setting Investment Year

The Baylor Angel Network (BAN) has invested more in Texas-based start-up companies this year than in any year since it was established in 2008. Its latest investment in six companies brings its investment of early stage capital to more than $1 million so far this year, according to BAN Executive Director Kevin Castello.

The most recent companies funded by BAN include HeatGain, Inc., HyperViz, Inc., Micromedical Devices, Inc., Ono Simple Technologies, Phunware, Inc. and VolunteerSpot, Inc.

BAN is an investor network providing early stage capital to entrepreneurs with developed business plans. BAN has 45 members and has invested in 100 start-ups with an average investment per company of $302,511. It funds an average of five companies each year. BAN works closely with Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business and is advised by a board of advisors. BAN “is a unique applied education hybrid in which students learn the academics from Baylor University faculty and also get real-life entrepreneurial experience,” Castello said. “Our students are graduating having reviewed 50 to 75 real investment opportunities. This is unheard of for undergraduate students. The unique student program is one of the reasons our Angel investors indicate leads them to join and remain in the network.”

City of Waco Designates May 22, 2012, as Baylor Sustainability Day

After celebrating several outstanding achievements in Baylor University’s sustainability efforts, Waco Mayor Jim Bush declared May 22, 2012, as Baylor Sustainability Day during the final spring meeting of the University Sustainability Committee.

“I urge the people of Waco to join with the City Council, the City staff and me in commanding Baylor University for being an innovative leader in stewardship,” Bush said. “We recognize the importance of taking care of our resources and join with the Baylor Sustainability Committee in preserving our world’s integrity through education and wise stewardship. The City of Waco encourages everyone to join Baylor to reduce consumption, reuse resources and recycle.”

Interior Design Program

Reaccredited

The Council for Interior Design Accreditation awarded Baylor’s program another six years as an accredited interior design institution. According to the letter issued to the University on behalf of CIDA, the “award of CIDA accreditation attests to the quality of the interior design program and benefits the program in many ways. Parents, students and employers of graduates can be assured that the program meets the rigor of peer review and develops the skills and knowledge required to practice interior design at the highest level.” The accreditation process provides the program with valuable input for continued development and assists the program in adapting to meet evolving professional requirements as CIDA updates standards.”

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Academia


Dr. Kevin G. Pinney, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, and Dr. Mary Lynn Travisick, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, published "An Alum-Benzimidazolone-Aluminophosphate Thallubam Tubulin Assembly and Demonstrates Remarkable Cytotoxicity" in Advanced Chemistry Letters, November 2011, with co-authors A. P. Turnapre and Dr. Tracy E. Stover, postdoctoral research associates.

Clinston S. George, recent graduate student, May 2012, Dr. Madhavi Sriram, former graduate student and postdoctoral research associate, Justin K. Tidmore, and Amanda K. Charlestone-Scott, current Bayani graduate student, published "Trawick and J. Chaplin, collaborator and advisor/consultant to Oxigene. Jiangli Song, Gustavo E. Chavarria, and Dr. Leslie K. Payne, professor of chemistry, published "Planck Scale Cosmology and Asymptotic Safety in Resummed Quantum Gravity" in the International Journal of Modern Physics A, Vol. 29, No. 5-8, pp. 1251-1258, 2014, with co-authors Dr. S. Quinn, J. Jacob, and Dr. Tracey Hall, Center for Economic and Financial Research, and provost, presented "It’s Story Time: Creating Better Health Outcomes Through Innovative Storytelling" at the American Accounting Association’s annual meeting held April 21-24 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Kendall Artz, chair of management and entrepreneurship and senior director of entrepreneurial studies, at the Fourth Subsistence Markets Conference, held July 2012 in Chicago, IL. He also presented "Deposition of Drugs, Tools of Designing and Testing Points, in Poverty," co-authored by Anders Barrios, at the Consumer Culture Theory Conference, held in August at Oxford University.

Dr. Mary C. Brecker, professor of nursing, was the keynote speaker on Women’s Health Care at the Kansas City Annual Women’s Health Conference, held March 22 in Kansas City, MO. She was a panel member on "Liability issues for Physicists, Nurses Practitioners and Nurses – Implications for the Future" at the Hospital Insurance Forum, held March 26 in Scottsdale, Ariz. She presented "How to Publish" at the AAWHN National Meeting, held June 25 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Dr. Janet Evans, associate professor of pharmacy, presented “Dopamine in Multifactorial Disorders” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, held June 26 in Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Greg Garrett, professor of English, taught courses on "The Theology in Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" at the University of East Carolina, in the spring of 2011.

Dr. Adam P. Ecklund, director of Computer Science and Computer Student Initiatives, and Emily Sandvall, assistant director of Computer and Engineering Student Initiatives, presented "Don’t Reinvent the Wheel! and Empowering Students to Lead” at the ACM/IEEE Computing Conference on Geeksaround the World, held in Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Mary Ann Faucher, assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy, presented "The Logic of Practical Cooperation: A Certainty of the Knowledge and the Morality of the New Model of the Science” at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held March 19-23 in Washington, D.C.


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Dr. Marcia A. Agee, a senior lecturer in business law, presented "Case Studies in Business Law" at the American Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences, held June 4-7 at Taylor University.

Dr. Roger E. Olson, a professor of theology, on "On the Nature of the Christian Faith" at the South-Central Renaissance Conference, held in New Orleans, La. March 8-10, "What Does the United States "Lose to Asia"? Perceptions for Transatlantic Economic Relations," at the Transatlantic Studies Association Annual Meeting, held in July at University College in Cork, Ireland.

Dr. Ann Minshela, assistant professor in marketing, presented "Images and Law" and "Privacy, History and Discourse" at the Law, Culture and the Humanities Annual Conference, held in March in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Brandon Moore, a graduate student, and Karen LeCompte, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, and Dr. Brooke Blevins, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, presented "The Impact of Civics Curriculum on Students’ Core Civic Knowledge: iCivics curriculum in action utilizing AMOVA" at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of the Social Studies, held in March in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Carolyn Muska, associate director of Career Services, presented "Recruiting Interns: What Does and Doesn’t Work" with a panel of career services directors from the Big 12 Conference universities at the National Association of Colleges and Employers Conference & Expo, held June 14 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Dr. David W. Music, assistant professor of religious studies, presented "Little A Little: Stamps, Baptist and Mexican Theologies" at the Texas Baptist Fields of Research Symposium, held March 24. He also presented "So Great a Doubt: A Historical Perspective" at the Baptist Church Music Conference, held June 4 in Tulsa, Okla.


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Discriminative Validity of the GBI,” co-authored by Dr. Laura Pendegast, Dr. Kristen Markleich and Dr. Lauren Adloy, from Temple University, Dr. Lyn Abramson, University of Wisconsin Madison, and Dr. Eric Youngstrom, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, held in May in Chicago, IL. He also presented “Anxiety disorder symptoms in Trinidadian adolescents,” co-authored by Jennifer Panek, Arizona State University, at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists, held in February in Philadelphia, PA. “Construct validity of the WISC-IV对标 with a large Irish sample of referred children,” co-authored by Dr. Gary Canarse, Eastern Illinois University, Dr. Trevor James, The National Assessment Agency, Ltd., Dr. Rebecca Good, The National Assessment Agency, Ltd., and Dr. Kate James, The National Assessment Agency, Ltd., at the 86th Conference of the International Test Commission, held July 3 in Amsterdam, Netherlands; and “The WISC arithmetic and digit span subtests: What do they measure?” co-authored by Dr. Christina Rastner, Maheint Township School District, Pennsylvania at 86th Conference of the International Test Commission, held July 3 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Dr. Mary C. Brucker, professor of nursing, became editor of AJHNNY Nursing for Women’s Health in April, a publication with more than 26,000 subscribers. She received the American College of Nurse-Midwives Hattie Hemsheney Award from American College of Nurse-Midwives on June 8 for her contributions to midwifery, ACNM and maternal and child health.


Dr. Gary Elkin, professor of psychology and neuroscientist of the PsyD graduate program in psychology, received the Comprehensive and Integrative Medicine Research Investigator Award from the Society of Behavioral Medicine for his work on clinical hypnosis for the treatment of hot flashes.

Vivian Gambill, instructor in nursing, was a 2012 Exceptional Nursing Educator Award Nominee from Elsevier on December 6, 2011. This award recognizes the work of an outstanding nursing faculty member who shows exceptional skill, innovation and effectiveness in regards to promoting student learning, professionalism and self-confidence.

Dr. Jaime Diaz-Granados, associate professor and chair of psychology and neuroscience, was appointed to the American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation. He also was elected to serve on the executive board of the Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology.

Steve Kott, associate internal audit director, was chosen as president elect of the Texas Association of College and University Auditors in February.

Dr. Donna Marie Lassese, assistant professor of nursing, was elected to serve on the national board of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners (NANNP) as District 4 council member, representing North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, on July 25.

Dr. Rashi Siriram, assistant professor of educational administration, became the director of research for the Texas Association of College and the University Student Personnel Administrators on May 31.

Karl Unlauf, artist-in-residence, received the 2012 Texas State Visual 2-D Artist Award from the Texas Commission on the Arts, which is appointed by the Texas State Legislature.

Dr. Dan Walden, assistant professor of English, was appointed to the National Endowment for the Humanities’ Summer Institute on “The American Maritime People” at the Munson Institute of American Maritime Studies in Mystic, Connecticut.

Dr. Ward, distinguished professor of physics, was an inaugural inductee to the Richmond Academy Hall of Fame in Augusta, Ga., Oct. 4, 2012.

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Dr. B.F.L. Ward, Distinguished Professor of Physics, presented “Interplay of RH Improved OSLAP-CS Theory and NLO Parton Shower MC Precision,” at LPC Mini Workshop on NLO Parton Shower MC’s, held Feb. 28 in CERN, Switzerland. He also presented “RH Improved Operator Product Expansions in non-Abelian Gauge Theory.” “An Estimate of Lambda in Resummed Quantum Gravity in the Context of Asymptotic Safety and Planck Scale Cosmology: Constraints on SU(4)GUTS” and “Interplay of RH Improved OSLAP-CS Theory and NLO Parton Shower MC Precision,” co-authored by Dr. Swapan K. Majhi, India Association for the Cultivation of Science, Calcutta, India, Aditi Mukhopadhyay, graduate student, and Dr. Scott A. Yost, The Martin Museum’s Goes on Loan

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