



Shaping Baylor's faithful engagement with Waco and the world through intentional opportunities to integrate faith, learning and service within a broad Christian worldview



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## *ILLUMINATE:* BAYLOR MISSIONS

In her inaugural address, President Linda Livingstone set the tone of her **commitment to Baylor's unique position within higher education** when she stated,

"Our aspiration to integrate academic and teaching excellence with an uncompromising Christian identity positions this university to have a **transformative impact on our students, on higher education, and on the world....** Here, achieving pre-eminent research status means bringing our intellectual energy, institutional resources, and Christian values to bear in addressing global conversations about crucial issues, including human rights, economic growth, diversity, social responsibility, healthcare, and ethics. We aspire to cultivate leaders who devote their training and talents to generating innovation and discovery in every field, from the sciences to the humanities, politics to education, business to the arts."

Baylor Missions' unique discipline-specific approach to mission engagement positions our program as a practical application for *Illuminate*, Baylor's new Academic Strategic Plan that aligns aspirations with resources through five clearly defined initiatives. The Plan's Human Flourishing, Leadership and Ethics initiative will guide Baylor Missions' ongoing pursuit of academic partnerships that foster an **integration of faith**, **learning and service** as we seek to "equip Baylor faculty, students and alumni to offer unique responses to ethical, social and technological challenges facing the contemporary world."

Why? Because of God's commandment and our Christian responsibility to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)



# **GLOBAL BAYLOR:**

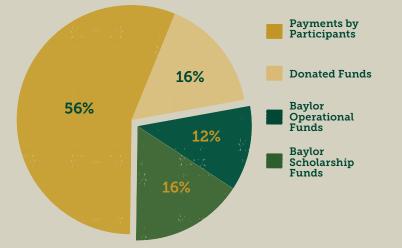
In Fall 2018, Baylor launched a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), which every ten years requires a new plan of innovation for curricular and co-curricular activities. *Global Baylor: Addressing Challenges to Human Flourishing* is the University's comprehensive plan to deepen students' global engagement through an array of curricular and co-curricular opportunities overseen by Baylor's Center for Global Engagement.

Global Baylor incorporates Baylor Missions as a key partner in providing a venue for faculty and students to utilize their areas of expertise to address real world issues—hunger, access to education, clean water, economic development, medical care, among others. This collaboration will continue to create synergy that will promote growth in all global program areas, increase revenue, identify strategic global hubs, and create "hybrid" models that combine academic rigor and mission engagement.



Through the generosity of Baylor alumni, family and friends, 12 endowment funds with a cumulative value of \$3.2 million annually yield \$160,000 helping to subsidize travel expenses by an average of \$268 per student. Additionally, Baylor Missions operational budget subsidized travel in 2018 by \$136,434 which averages \$224/student bringing a total of \$492/student. Growing our endowment to \$20 million will allow us to increase assistance to \$1400 per student, expanding participation in missions by those who otherwise cannot afford travel costs.

### REVENUE STREAMS



## ENGAGING THE WORLD, CLARIFYING CALLING

In the 2017-2018 academic year, Baylor Missions commissioned **745 Baylor students, faculty, staff and alumni** to serve on **44 mission teams** at sites in **17 different countries**. These Baylor Mission experiences in collaboration with our global partners helped students meet community needs while clarifying God's call in their lives.

#### **Costa Rica:** Education team

- **Dominican Republic**: Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), Multicultural Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS) and Missions Line Camp teams
- **England:** Accounting and Business as Missions teams
- **Greece:** Accounting team

**Ghana:** Education and Softball teams

**Guatemala:** American Medical Student Association (AMSA), Honors Residential College (HRC), Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pre-Vet, Neuroscience/Pre-Med, Nutrition, and Soccer teams

Haiti: Engineering and Medical teams

India: Nursing (Bengaluru) and Nursing (Hyderabad) teams

Italy: Cultural Explorations team

Kenya: Communication Sciences & Disorders (CSD), Community Development and Women's Leadership teams

Malaysia: Music team

Mexico: Engineering and Volleyball build teams

Puerto Rico: Athletics team

- South Africa: Baylor Religious Hour (BRH) Choir team
- **Uganda:** Christian Pre-Health Fellowship (CPF) and Engineering BUV teams

USA- Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas: Civil Rights Tour

- USA: Dallas, TX: Sigma Phi Lambda team
- USA- Houston, TX: Relief teams during Fall and Spring Break
- USA- McAllen, TX: Nursing team
- USA- Rio Grande Valley, TX: AMSA teams
- **USA- Rockport, TX:** Hunger in Texas, HRC and Youth Ministry Harvey Relief teams
- **USA- Washington D.C.:** Hunger in America team **Zambia-** Business Consulting and Nursing teams



#### HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

In response to the immediate need for relief following Hurricane Harvey, Baylor Missions sent five teams to 20+ worksites across Houston and Rockport, Texas. Over 140 Baylor students helped with debris removal, landscaping and home improvement projects to help improve morale and restore some semblance of normalcy in neighborhoods devastated by flooding. Donations of more than \$59,000 received through the Baylor Traditions Ornament program subsidized the relief effort as did \$10,000 donated by students during Baylor Chapel's "Change the World in a Day" fundraiser, which provided for appliances in 12 restored homes in Houston's Bear Creek neighborhood.

"Helping with relief efforts in Bear Creek allowed me to see community at its best. Neighbors who did not know each other before the flood now serve and support each other so faithfully. Community is not just a word on this street; it is genuine; it is alive; it is everything. I want more of this in my life." ANA VILLAGRAN, SENIOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR "I saw that my students were really able to empathize with the community they were working with, and they were working together as a team to apply what they were learning in the classroom to make a real-world difference." DR ANNIE GINTY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE

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#### UGANDA ENGINEERING BUV

Baylor Engineering students, including members of the student group Baylor BUV (Basic Utility Vehicle), partnered with Village of Hope (VOH) Uganda to work with former child-soldier refugees from the country's civil wars. Nine Baylor students teamed up with about 20 VOH vocational students to fabricate a BUV from parts and supplies sourced locally in Uganda. Baylor students applied their background in engineering to design the vehicle, while VOH students used welding, fabrication and automotive maintenance skills to build a running vehicle that can be used across rural Uganda, aiding families to haul crops, water, people, medical supplies and more.



### **GUATEMALA NEUROSCIENCE/PRE-MED**

This new team, accompanied by two guest physicians, served in Guatemala City as part of a for-credit, May Minimester mission trip. The team partnered with the Corazon de Amor Clinic and Dustin's Dream Memorial Foundation to serve in clinics and provide medical outreach while learning about socioeconomic status and poverty and its impact on health around the world.

> "Building the BUV in Uganda is very exciting because I've built several BUVs at Baylor, but being able to build one that I actually know is going to help people means the world to me. I became an engineer to help people, and I feel like I am actually doing that"

PATRICK JAECKLE, SENIOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING/MATHEMATICS MAJOR



"This trip was productive, inspiring and transformational for our students and faculty alike. Our global partners continue to renew us with their spirit of grace, love and generosity. We are grateful for this opportunity to learn, lead and serve alongside our BBH Colleagues." LYN PRATER AND SHELBY GARNER, LHSON FACULTY

#### Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing partnered with nurses and health care workers at Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) to provide both physical and spiritual care to patients and families. The team shadowed nurses at the hospital and went on community clinical site visits to rural and urban areas, where they witnessed the importance of compassionate care and relationship building. A focus of the trip was community health education in partnership with BBH at a rural school, where the team instructed youth health champions on disease prevention and healthy lifestyles related to oral hygiene, diabetes, hypertension and cardiac disease, ear infections, nutrition, and personal hygiene so that they can educate their peers.

**INDIA NURSING** 

A team of eight students from

#### MALAYSIA MUSIC

A group of 37 students and several Baylor faculty traveled to Malaysia for the fourth trip there sponsored by the Center for Christian Music Studies at Baylor. Throughout the spring semester, the group prepared a variety of choral anthems featuring flute, clarinet, violin, guitar, and percussion to perform for their friends in Malaysia. In several cities across Sabah, Malaysia, the students taught guitar, voice, keyboard, choir, strings, music reading and scripture reading to local ministers, church leaders and youth.

"This was my third time in Malaysia through Baylor Missions, and each of these experiences has brought new lessons, new friends and new ways of connecting with God. One of my favorite components of this trip was the opportunity to use what I study (music) to connect with people from the other side of the world. I am grateful to share these trips with people who share similar passions and are so willing to be transformed by their collaboration in the mission of God." MASTER OF CHURCH MUSIC STUDENT



# FUELING THE FUTURE

Baylor Missions cultivates servant-leaders by facilitating student engagement with people from all walks of life through discipline-specific endeavors that foster understanding, address community needs and explore calling. Because these experiences deepen the connection between knowledge and faith that is central to a transformational Baylor education, increasing student involvement in missions is a key priority of the University. Your gift to grow or create a Baylor Missions endowed fund will reduce financial barriers to participation, allowing more students to engage in missions that reflect and ensure the fullness of the Baylor experience, for the long-term benefit of participants and the world they will impact.

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