



Tigers Forever | Homecoming 2018

Reunions, fireworks, Late Night Breakfast, tailgating, and Tiger Football can only mean one thing: Homecoming 2018! Make plans to return to campus next week to reconnect with your fellow Tiger Alumni and recall the memories you made while on the Hill. Our Homecoming chapel service on Friday, October 26, begins at 10:00 a.m. in Baker Chapel of the Ornelas Spiritual Life Center followed by a special invitation luncheon to honor our Homecoming award recipients and members of the class of 1968.

You do not want to miss the Perkins Family & Friends Reunion concert Friday evening. Members of the Perkins family, including Dale Sr., Dale Jr. ('79), Stacy ('84), Clay, Aaron ('06), Adam ('08), and Collin ('19) will be joined by the choirs from First Baptist Atlanta, First Baptist Hughes Springs, Harmony Hill Baptist in Lufkin, Woodland Hills Baptist in Longview, and Central Baptist in Carthage for a night of worship and praise. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. in Baker Chapel of the Ornelas Spiritual Life Center. The Late Night Breakfast will be held in the Bennett Student Commons at 8:30 p.m. followed by the Pep

Rally with Fireworks at Ornelas Stadium.

Reunion brunches will be held Saturday in the Ornelas Student Center at 10:00 a.m. The Tiger Family Carnival, including bounce houses for kids and a free lunch will be held at The Grove from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Be sure and stop by the Alumni tent and check in to receive a free gift and be entered into a drawing for a gift card to shopetblu.com. Don't miss "Tiger Tales" Story Time with Toby and Tabby in the Mamye Jarrett Library at 10:30 a.m. ETBU Tiger Football vs. Sul Ross State kicks off at 1:00 p.m. at Ornelas Stadium. Registration for Homecoming 2018 is open, and we look forward to seeing you and your family next week.

Register for Homecoming



Mark Your Milestone Brick Campaign

The Office of Advancement invites former students to commemorate their time at ETBC or ETBU with a personalized brick for \$100 each. Every personalized brick will be placed outside the Ornelas Student Center in the Quad. As there are only 195 remaining available spaces, don't hesitate to mark your milestone with an engraved brick.

Engraved bricks can also be purchased as a gift to honor graduates, fellow classmates, professors, coaches, or family members.

Your \$100 donation will serve as a lasting reminder of your contribution to support the continued growth of the University. The Mark Your Milestone brick campaign provides an affordable and concrete way for all alumni to extend their ETBU legacy. Click below to order your brick today.

Mark Your Milestone









Tigers Host Fall Festivals for MISD Students

East Texas Baptist University's Learning and Leading classes hosted Fall Festivals for four of Marshall ISD's elementary schools including David Crockett Elementary, Sam Houston Elementary, William B. Travis Elementary, and Price T. Young Elementary on Monday, October 8, to serve almost a thousand elementary students and their families.

More than 400 ETBU students from 21 Learning and Leading sections set up booths for families in the community to play games and win prizes. The festivals provided an opportunity for ETBU freshmen to practice the knowledge and skills taught in their Learning and Leading course.

"ETBU teaches the Servant Leadership Model, which emphasizes collaboration with others. The Fall Festivals provide an opportunity for our ETBU students to serve MISD by putting into practice what they've learned in class," ETBU Learning and Leading Coordinator Shelby Thomas expressed. "I hope that students understand the importance of serving even more after seeing families enjoy the Fall Festival. It gives them the opportunity to interact with what is now their community."



ETBU Honors Student Christian Servant Leaders

East Texas Baptist University recently recognized two students for their service to the campus and community. Seniors Mpanga Chanda from Lusaka, Zambia, and Sheldon McGowan from Tyler, Texas, were awarded the Bob and Gayle Riley Servant Leadership Award during a special chapel service. ETBU President Emeritus Bob Riley and his wife, Gayle, presented the students with a replica of the "Divine Servant" statue, created by Max Greiner, that stands outside of ETBU's Ornelas Spiritual Life Center.

The Bob and Gayle Riley Servant Leadership Award is given annually to two upperclassmen students, who exemplify the characteristics of a Christian servant leader. Peers, faculty, and staff nominate students in recognition of their commitment to Christ's model of servanthood. During his time as President, Dr. Riley established the award to promote the attitude and behavior of Christ-centered servant leaders among students at ETBU.

"I think Christian servant leadership is intentionally giving yourself to the service of others," Chanda said. "It involves sacrifice, discernment, and the ability to lead by empathy and maturity rather than by rank. Christian servant leadership is about leading with the goal of glorifying God and serving those around you."

McGowan commented, "Jesus Christ gave us many examples of servant leadership – how he fed the hungry, taught those who needed teaching, and protected those who needed protection. I know that I will never be able to have the impact Christ had on the lives of many, but I strive to do the best I can in order to show the same love that Christ has shown me."

ETBU Enjoys Record Enrollment

East Texas Baptist University has more students attending this year than ever before with 1,613 total students, a 5.2 percent increase over Fall 2017. The Fall 2018 enrollment represents 23.3 percent growth over the last three years. Graduate programs also reached an all-time high with 128 students enrolled. The University now offers 11 graduate and 43 undergraduate programs, recently adding a Bachelor of Clinical Lab Science, Master of Science in Kinesiology, Master of Education in College and University Leadership, Master of Education in School Counseling, and Master of Arts in Theological Studies.

"The Admissions Staff finds fulfillment in helping students achieve their dream of receiving a Christ-centered education by navigating them through the process, from meeting students at college fairs to moving boxes into their residence halls," ETBU Vice President of Enrollment and Administrative Affairs Kevin Caffey said. "Each student has a story, and every student contributes to the larger purpose of the University. It is a conviction I have, shared by the ETBU community, to invest in students during this transitional season. I enjoy being a part of bringing more students to ETBU, that they may experience the joy and transformation of Christ and the exciting life here on the Hill."

With program and student population growth comes the need for facility enhancements. East Texas Baptist recently opened the second phase of Louise Ornelas University Park Row Houses, a living-learning community for upperclassmen and graduate students; refurbished the second floor of Linebery Hall for residential housing; and restructured Jarrett Library to house an Honors Hall for scholarly research and focused study.

ETBU's School of Nursing will move to East Texas Baptist's downtown campus in the historic Marshall Grand and renovations are set to begin on academic space for the School of Professional Studies in Craig Hall next summer. These improvements will support the growing Tiger student population with additional space needed to thrive academically, spiritually, socially, and physically.

Purchase Your ETBU Alumni T-shirt



New ETBU Alumni t-shirts are now available online! Shirts are available for \$20. The cost of the shirt is \$10, and the balance will be a tax-deductible gift to support the ETBU Blue and Gold Fund. Blue and Gold funds are used to provide support throughout the University, such as financial assistance for students, lab and classroom equipment, and campus improvements. Click the link below to purchase your Tiger Alumni t-shirt.

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Help Us Connect with ETBU or ETBC Tigers

We are looking for our Tiger Alumni and need your help. Please look at the link below to see who we are trying to locate. We want to keep all of our Alumni informed about the exciting things happening on the Hill! If you see a college friend or former Tiger classmate

on the list, encourage them to submit their current contact information. Please help spread the word on social media as well.

ETBU Alumni: Project Locate.

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Stay in touch and share your news with your ETBU Family. Send your career accomplishments and family updates to alumni@etbu.edu or click here to update your information.

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