

UPDATES FROM THE HILL **TIGER PRIDE** EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



ETBU Welcomes Class of 2021!

ETBU students, faculty, and staff recently welcomed to campus the Class of 2021. New Tigers and their families were amazed to discover the members of the ETBU family waiting to help them unload. "It was fantastic," said ETBU Parent Melisa Murphrey. "We pulled up with two car loads full of our daughter's stuff in front of Centennial Hall. Our cars were then swarmed by eager faculty and staff who, I kid you not, had our cars unloaded in about 30 seconds. They took everything to our daughter's room for us. We did not lift a finger!

Superb organization made for a great first impression, which in turn equaled a very happy Dad, who thought he would be hauling all that stuff up the stairs!" After moving in and meeting roommates, the new students participated in Welcome Week.

East Texas Baptist University's Welcome Week invited incoming new students to experience life on the Hill through a five-day event, consisting of large group sessions focused on social, academic, and spiritual development as well as activities such as small group sessions, service projects, an ETBU Amazing Race, and Chill on the Hill.

"Welcome Week is a time for new students to become acclimated to the ETBU campus and the expectations we have for them both in and out of the classroom," ETBU Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Heather Hadlock said. "The week provides opportunities for all ETBU Tigers to build relationships with fellow students, faculty, and staff."

"Applying to be a Welcome Week Leader is something that I didn't think twice about," ETBU senior Brandon Leblanc confessed. "I want the incoming students to have a personal connection with our Tiger Family. It was my job to introduce them to their fellow classmates, to learn about the University's resources, and to have fun with them."

Welcome Week is an opportunity to communicate to students ETBU's commitment to teaching and modeling servant leadership. During the week, over 200 students partnered with various ministries, organizations, and schools in Marshall and the surrounding area, including the Boys & Girls Club Marshall, From Bondage to Freedom House, My Friend's House, Dayspring Therapeutic Equestrian Ranch, Marshall Manor Nursing Home, Marshall Manor West Nursing Home, Oakwood House, Reunion Inn Assisted Living, Heritage House, Boys & Girls Club Hallsville, Harleton ISD, Hallsville ISD, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Nesbitt Volunteer Fire Department, and the Marshall Animal Shelter.

"I am proud of our ETBU students, who are able to serve in the Marshall community their very first week on campus," ETBU Director of Global Education and the Great Commission Center Lisa Seeley expressed. "Across the board, our community partners praise our students not only for the work they help with, but also for their wonderful attitudes and giving spirits. From their first days on campus, they are shining the light of Jesus in our community."



2017 Tiger Camp

Earlier this month, East Texas Baptist University incoming freshmen got a preview of life on campus at the fourth annual Tiger Camp.

Tiger Camp, which kicked off on Sunday evening and ran through Wednesday afternoon, allowed all of the University's new freshmen to spend a few days on campus getting a taste of college life and meeting their fellow classmates.

"This is just a time for them to come stay on campus and learn about ETBU, connect with their classmates and see what college life is like," Vice President for Student Affairs Heather Hadlock said. "They stay in the dorms and live with a roommate and have fun while building relationships with one another."

Throughout the week, the students met together for worship services, broke off into small groups where they could interact with one another on a more personal level, and participated in games and recreational activities as teams in the afternoons.

"It's been a lot of fun," freshman Dave Hendrix said. "This is my first experience on the campus. I came for orientation but we are staying in the dorms this week and living with roommates. Everyone here is so nice and I love it. It's like Disney World."

"I love it here," Fellow freshman Joy Tama of Mansfield agreed. "I really like the atmosphere and the community vibe. I wanted something close to home and a Christian school so I can build my relationship with God. I've met a bunch of new people so far during Tiger Camp."

ETBC Friends Team up to Share God's Word

Ron Dyess, ETBC class of 1983, preached in Hughes Springs for over two decades, but in 2013, his speech began to fail. He was diagnosed with a form of ALS, a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain. It took away his ability to speak.

On Sunday, August 20, another ETBC Alum and new pastor at Lake Fork Baptist Church, helped Dyess preach again.

"The condition wouldn't allow him to use his motor skills," Perry Crisp, ETBC class of 1984 shared. "As far as preaching goes, the only thing he was missing was his voice."

For six months, with the help of special hardware and software, Dyess wrote and edited his sermon. He gave them to Crisp who delivered them that Sunday morning.

"May you continue to be God's catalyst," it read, "as you use what you got while you got it."

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