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EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY





ETBU Celebrates Fall 2019 Commencement

East Texas Baptist University presented 134 graduates during the Fall 2019 Commencement ceremony held on Saturday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Baker Chapel of the Rogers Spiritual Life Center. ETBU President J. Blair Blackburn presided over the ceremony as 100 students received undergraduate degrees and 34 received graduate degrees.

Special guest and recognized Christian author and speaker Beth Moore traveled to the Hill to present the keynote address during the ceremony. On behalf of East Texas Baptist University, Dr. Blackburn presented Moore with the Honorary Doctor of Letters for her impact on countless lives in our nation and around the world through Christian ministry. [Read More.](#)



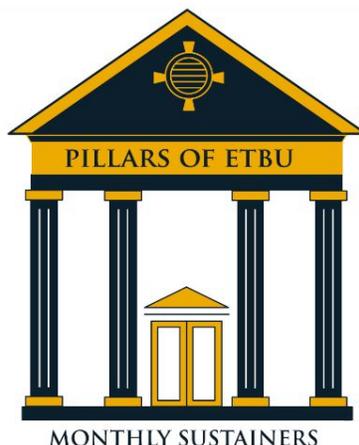
ETBU Athletics Shares Joy and Blessings through Operation Christmas Child

Each year, Samaritan's Purse uses the Christmas season to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through their ministry, Operation Christmas Child. As part of the Samaritan's Purse National Collection Week, East Texas Baptist University Tiger Athletics held the fourth annual Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Wrapping Party on Monday, November 18. [Read more.](#)



ETBU Celebrates Reaffirmation of Accreditation

On December 10, East Texas Baptist University received word from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) that ETBU was in compliance with all 75 standards and 25 policies to reaffirm accreditation with no recommendations. [Read more.](#)



Pillars of ETBU

Pillars provide consistent and faithful strength to the structures they support. Across the ETBU campus, pillars can be found on numerous buildings including Marshall Hall, Craig Hall, H.D. Bruce Hall, Feagin Hall, Centennial Hall, Murphy Science, Jarrett Library, and the Bennett Student Commons. In the same way that the pillars provide strength and support to the various buildings on campus, members of the Pillars of ETBU bolster and fortify the on-going work of the University through their monthly giving.

When you decide to give monthly to support ETBU you become a Pillar of ETBU. You, as a monthly donor, provide strength and vital underpinning to advance the Christ-centered mission of the University. Contributing monthly is made simple through an automatic bank draft, as a recurring gift on your credit card, or you can mail in your gift each month. Members of the Pillars of ETBU will receive a Christmas gift from the University each year. Prayerfully consider if you are called to become a Pillar of ETBU!

Become a Pillar of ETBU



ETBU Adds Six New Members into the Founders Society

Throughout the fall semester, East Texas Baptist University welcomed Drs. Ben and Sharon Raimer, Dr. Bob and Gayle Riley, and Gene and Patsy Ponder into the ETBU Founders Society. Membership into the ETBU Founders Society is reserved for those who have contributed at least \$100,000 to the University throughout their lifetime. [Learn More.](#)

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Join Us May 19-21 for Hilltop University

Hilltop University is a spiritual retreat for Boomers and Senior Adults hosted every May at East Texas Baptist University. Conference events include corporate worship, preaching, Bible studies, concerts, breakout sessions, and dessert fellowships. During your stay, enjoy our on-campus housing in a spectacular residence facility and delicious meals in ETBU's Dining Hall!

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ETBU Alumnus Rolando Vargas ('17) Continues to Serve

The Christmas season is a time to celebrate the promise of a Savior and give back to those around us. Recently, East Texas Baptist graduate Rolando Vargas ('17) spent the day serving with the Salvation Army because of the lessons he learned on the Hill.

"During my time as a student, I was shown the importance of serving," Vargas said. "ETBU was not only an institution where I received an accounting degree, but it was also a place where I found joy in serving others. Being able to give back and help organizations and individuals brings the greatest satisfaction to me. I am thankful that ETBU was a platform that gave me a lot more than my education."

Every ETBU student on institutional scholarship is required to serve one hour a week in the community as a part of their time as an undergraduate student. This small time commitment makes a big impact on the Marshall community and ETBU students. To learn more about the Learning and Leading program, click [here](#).

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