

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



ETBU Enjoys Family Weekend

East Texas Baptist University invited students and their families to the annual Family Weekend held on Friday, September 22 through Saturday, September 23. Almost 700 family members visiting ETBU experienced life on the Hill from the perspective of their students as they participated in various campus activities. The event connected students' families to faculty and staff and allowed them to share in the caring community environment of the University.

"The Tiger Family is like a true family in every sense of the word. When you come to ETBU, you can expect to be a part of a community that loves you," Vice President for Student Affairs Heather Hadlock shared. "Our families at home love us, care about us, and support us. They are there to celebrate with us and cry with us. That is what we do here at ETBU. Whether you are a student, faculty member, or staff member - we are all family, and

we extend that out to the families of our Tigers."

Family Weekend began on Friday evening with dessert and fellowship. Saturday morning kicked off with a Tigers Serve community service event. Families served in teams at various locations in Marshall, including Travis Elementary, Crockett Elementary, Boys and Girls Club, and Marshall Homecare and Hospice. Many Tigers also spent the morning cleaning up roadways and parking lots throughout Marshall.

"ETBU is a community of believers," ETBU senior Austin Damron expressed. "This group of college students, who seek to make Christ's name known, have brought a joy to my life that I have never before experienced. I am the President of a campus organization called Student Foundation that helps coordinate Family Weekend," Damron continued. "My brother, Aaron, is a part of Freshman Class Council, another student group that assists planning events. We enjoyed working together and showing our family why so many of us have found ETBU to be our college home."

Family Weekend initiates new friendships and deepens relationships within the Tiger Family through an array of events. From ice-cream floats provided by the Alumni Association and the Tigers Got Talent show to tailgating at the Grove and the Tiger Football game, families enjoyed the vibrancy of the Christian community at East Texas Baptist.

ETBU Founders Society

East Texas Baptist University welcomed Larry and Charlotte Slone of Marshall and Joe Hogue of Marshall into the ETBU Founders Society on Saturday, September 23 at the first home football game of the season. Membership in the ETBU Founders Society is reserved for those who have contributed at least \$100,000 to the University throughout their lifetime.

"Since the founding of the College of Marshall in 1912, this institution has benefited from the generous support of individuals and families who believe in the importance of providing a Christ-centered education to students in East Texas," Vice President for Advancement Scott Bryant said. "God continues to lead individuals and families to give generously in support of the mission of ETBU, and we thank God for those who partner with us in providing a quality, Christian education."

To commemorate the event, President J. Blair Blackburn presented the Slones and Mr. Hogue with bronze medallions in recognition of their membership in the P.G. Whaley Bronze Circle of the ETBU Founders Society. The presentation at the Tiger Football game gave the entire ETBU community the opportunity to express their gratitude to these faithful supporters. Upon the presentation of the medallions, the crowd gave a standing ovation.

"The ETBU Family is grateful to Larry and Charlotte Slone for their love for East Texas Baptist," Dr. Blackburn said. "Over the years, the Slones have sacrificially given of their resources and time to help build our beautiful, hilltop campus. Joe Hogue, and his late wife, Marilyn, have faithfully supported ETBU students and the University's Kingdom mission over the years. There is no doubt that Joe is regarded as the number one Tiger fan among our campus community. We celebrate Larry, Charlotte, and Joe for their unwavering commitment to advance God's vision for ETBU."

Join us for Homecoming October 13-15!

Come home to the Hill for Homecoming activities October 13-15. Alumni Awards recipients and Golden Blazer honorees will be presented at our Homecoming Chapel beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 13 in Baker Chapel of the Ornelas Spiritual Life Center. The Blue Revue is Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Jenna Guest Music Building, followed by the Late Night Breakfast in the Bennett Student Commons at 8:30 p.m. Friday night activities conclude with the Tiger Pep Rally and Fireworks in the Quad at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday activities begin at 10:00 a.m. with the 1967, 1977, 1992, 2002, and 2007 Honor Classes meeting in the Ornelas Student Center. The Tiger Family Carnival, with games for all ages and Tailgating begin at 10:00 a.m. in The Grove. A free lunch will be served at The Grove beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Tiger Walk is at 11:45 a.m. and the football game vs. Texas Lutheran kicks off at 2:00 p.m. Let the Good Times Roar!



Full Homecoming Schedule:
www.etbu.edu/hc2017

First Annual #ETBUTAGDAY

East Texas Baptist University will be hosting the first annual ETBU Thank a Giver (TAG) Day on Wednesday, October 11. Signs will mark the campus, standing as visual reminders that donor generosity contributed to the life of East Texas Baptist University as it is today.

“ETBU TAG Day allows students the opportunity to share their appreciation to our donors through social media,” ETBU Vice President for Advancement Scott Bryant shared.

“Students are encouraged to pose at their favorite places on campus in front of the signs. With a caption and the coined hashtag, #ETBUTAGDAY, students will be able to express their gratitude to our donors on a creative platform.”

Search Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for #ETBUTAGDAY to find students expressing their appreciation to our wonderful donors!

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