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ETBU exceeds School of Nursing goal

East Texas Baptist University has exceeded the School of Nursing Campaign goal of \$1.8 million with the support of over 180 donors for a total of more than \$2.3 million. The University intends to commence construction this summer in anticipation of relocating the School of Nursing to the Marshall Grand in the spring semester of 2019.

"ETBU looks forward to seeing scores of students, staff, and faculty using the Marshall Grand," ETBU President J. Blair Blackburn said. "With the University's presence in Downtown Marshall, our local businesses will benefit from the impact on economic development."

In December of 2017, the Moody Foundation in Galveston awarded a grant of \$109,000 that enabled the University to reach the Mabee challenge grant amount. The Meadows Foundation recently donated \$50,000 toward the vision for the Marshall Grand. Therefore, the University will receive an additional \$400,000 grant from the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation. The School of Nursing Campaign has garnered support from foundations across the state including the Rosa May Griffin Foundation in Kilgore, the T. J. and LaVerne Plunkett Foundation in Henderson, and the Wece and Martha Johnson Foundation in Longview.

"To invest in an endeavor that provides for the education of those who will provide care and healing in the name of Jesus is truly a treasure stored up in heaven by those who gave sacrificially," Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas Sanders commented.

In addition to the generous support from foundations, the School of Nursing Campaign has benefited from ETBU alumni, faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees members, as well as local businesses and friends of the University. As others partner with ETBU, the University will be able to develop additional floors within the historic building for institutional needs.

"We are thrilled with the response that we have received from the extended ETBU family, foundations, and community members to our School of Nursing campaign," ETBU Vice President for Advancement Scott Bryant shared. "Relocating the School of Nursing to the Marshall Grand will provide us the additional space needed to train more nurses and help meet the growing need for medical personnel in our state and region."

To contribute to the project or learn more about the campaign, visit www.etbu.edu/schoolofnursing or contact the Office of Advancement at 903.923.2071.



ETBU Women's Summit empowers students

East Texas Baptist University hosted Amena Brown Owen as the keynote speaker at the second annual Women's Summit on Monday, January 29. The event consisted of a chapel service, women's leadership luncheon, and special evening session. Amena shared her journey of healing and how she has allowed the music of God's love to replace the broken records in her life.

"God was faithful in leading us to Amena Brown as our speaker. She was integral in accomplishing our hopes for the 2018 Women's Summit," ETBU Women's Ministry Coordinator Jennifer Curran shared. "The summit provides an avenue for all female students, faculty, and staff on campus to feel seen and heard, worship and grow together as a corporate body of sisters in Christ, and be challenged and encouraged to use their unique gifts to impact the world."

Amena is a poet, speaker, author, and event host. She has performed and spoken at events across the nation such as Creativity World Forum, IF Gathering, and Chick-fil-A Leadercast.

"Amena made a point to make every woman in the room know that they were created exactly the way God intended. I sincerely felt like I could, no matter how difficult it can be, let go of my insecurities and truly be who God created me to be," ETBU sophomore Erica Key confessed. "It stood out to me how fearless Amena was; she was honest and displayed her heart without any hesitation. It was amazing to join with my sisters in Christ to worship Jesus and listen to a strong leader speak. I think it is important for ETBU to host events such as the Women's Summit to encourage female students to fellowship and grow in their faith."



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We are looking for our lost 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 friend on the list, encourage them to submit their current contact information. Please help spread the word on social media as well.

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ETBU Named to Phi Theta Kappa Honor Roll

East Texas Baptist has been named to Phi Theta Kappa's 2018 Transfer Honor Roll, which recognizes excellence in community college transfer pathways. ETBU is one of 112 institutions in the nation selected to receive this honor. Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor society for community college students.

ETBU has become a leader among colleges and universities providing support to community college student matriculation and persistence to bachelor's degree attainment. In recent years, we have seen a sharp increase in the number of PTK honor students' transferring to ETBU. Over the past year, more than 150 community college students have transferred to the University.

With East Texas Baptist's commitment to the community college student, our institution will receive recognition with the Honor Roll award at PTK Catalyst, Phi Theta Kappa's national Centennial Convention, in Kansas City in April 2018.

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