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ETBU School of Nursing Achieves Fifth Consecutive 100% NCLEX Pass Rate

The East Texas Baptist University School of Nursing has attained a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for the fifth consecutive year. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) recently confirmed that all ETBU Spring 2019 nursing graduates passed the NCLEX.

“We are grateful to ETBU Dean of the School of Nursing Rebekah Grigsby, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas Sanders, and their excellent team of Christian nurse scholars,” ETBU President J. Blair Blackburn said. “These faculty and staff dedicate themselves to teaching, training, and equipping our nursing students to become registered nurses. These graduates represent the ETBU distinctive of integrating faith and learning – nurses with skilled hands and caring hearts.”

With the continued success of the ETBU School of Nursing, the program is developing further by relocating to the historic Marshall Grand in downtown Marshall. This renovation is an investment in student innovation, sustainable growth for the nursing program, and the City of Marshall and East Texas region. The expansion to the Marshall Grand will also allow the University to launch graduate programs in nursing education and speech pathology this next year.

“2019 marks our fifth year in a row of achieving a 100% pass rate on the RN-NCLEX® Exam. As I reflect on this accomplishment for our school, my immediate thought goes to each student who had that first moment of seeing their results, this is truly an unforgettable moment for each of them. It represents commitment, hard work, and a calling to our nursing profession, shared by the students and our nursing faculty,” Dr. Grigsby commented. “My second thought is immense gratitude. God has richly blessed our school. Our graduates are entering the healthcare workforce and will be blessings to so many people through Christ-centered holistic patient care!”

As a Christ-centered nurse education program, the ETBU School of Nursing faculty teach students through a Christian worldview. East Texas Baptist’s healthcare philosophy integrates biblical faith, infuses care and compassion, and pursues innovation. Beginning in August 2019, the ETBU School of Nursing classes and training will take place at the new Marshall Grand campus in the historic downtown district of Marshall. The 1929 architectural masterpiece, formerly known as the Hotel Marshall, was donated in 2013 by Marshall native and businessman Jerry Cargill and his wife, Judy Cargill, along with former Texas State Senator and former Harrison County Judge Richard Anderson and his wife, Christina Anderson.

“My time with the ETBU Nursing Program confirmed what God had in store for me,” Christus Trinity Mother Frances-Tyler Registered Nurse Joseph Earle shared. “It was a blessing to study under the leadership and teaching of my professors at ETBU. As they showed us their daily walk with the Lord, it was evident how they represent Christ. I would not be where I am today without my professors ministering to and molding me. I am excited to work at Mother Frances, where I have the freedom to pray over my patients at any given time. I am doing what the Lord has called me to do.”



Tiger Alumni and Incoming Students fellowship during Tiger Family Rallies

Alumni, incoming Tigers, and friends of the University gathered together across this state this summer during our Tiger Family Rallies in Texarkana, Tyler, Houston, Beaumont, Dallas, and Fort Worth. It was a joy to share the vision of ETBU and see new and familiar faces. Be on the lookout for next summer's Tiger Family Rallies.



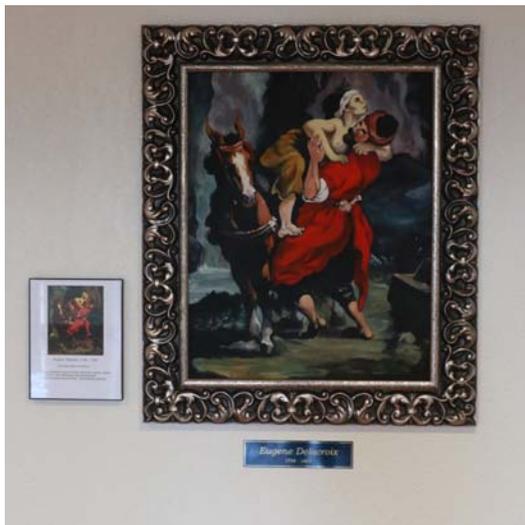
Mark Your Milestone Brick Campaign

The Office of Advancement invites former students to commemorate their time at ETBC or ETBU with a personalized brick for \$100. Engraved bricks will be placed outside the Ornelas Student Center in the Quad. As there are limited remaining available spaces, don't hesitate to "mark your milestone" on the Hill with an engraved brick. Engraved bricks can also be purchased as a gift to honor graduates, fellow classmates, professors, coaches, or family members.

Your personalized brick will serve as a lasting reminder of your contribution to support the continued growth of the University as a portion of your gift will support student scholarships. The Mark Your Milestone brick campaign provides an affordable and concrete way for all alumni to extend their ETBU legacy for generations to come. Click below to order your brick today.

Mark Your Milestone





Replica Good Samaritan Paintings Adorn Renovated Marshall Grand

Home to the East Texas Baptist University School of Nursing, the Marshall Grand now houses an art gallery inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37. Through the generosity of ETBU alumna Dr. Rita Storey Turner ('48), artist Melinda Marlowe of Cimarron, New Mexico, was commissioned to create replicas of famous renditions of Jesus' biblical parable to display in the new Good Samaritan Gallery in the historic downtown district of Marshall, Texas. Symbolic to the calling of a servant-hearted, Christian nurse, the Good Samaritan story was selected to encourage nursing students and art patrons to consider following Jesus' example of serving others in great need.

"I discovered hundreds of depictions of this story from across the centuries," Marlowe shared. "All of the works attempted to underscore the beauty of one human being helping another as others look away. As I typically paint landscapes and wildlife, this was an exciting and unique task. Each painting took no less than four or five full workdays to produce. Each held its own challenges, because the styles of painting are as varied as the artists that accomplished the work. I was completely absorbed by this task, and many of the pieces seemed to paint themselves. This was a fabulous experience from beginning to end, and I am truly humbled by these renowned artists."

The art collection of nine pieces for the exhibit features works by Vincent Van Gogh, Eugene Delacroix, and Jean-Francois Millet, among others, spanning centuries of art history, style, and technique. The gallery also includes an original work by Marlowe, titled *The ETBU Good Samaritan*. The painting depicts a female ETBU nursing student helping an elderly woman while others pass by. Marlowe's creation serves as a powerful reminder that anyone can be a Good Samaritan by caring for their neighbor.

"I loved seeing the excitement on Melinda's face as she guided us through the journey of her artwork," Dr. Turner said. "I am especially impressed by her original painting, because many Good Samaritan renditions represent men, and I'm glad she created one featuring a woman helping another woman. Each piece in the gallery is charming in its own way, and

Melinda delivered the artwork beautifully. I hope this will become a destination for art lovers, students, and community members, where everyone can enjoy not only the lovely works, but also the message they share.”

The gallery also includes portrayals of Florence Nightingale, known as the “Mother of Nursing,” derived from the works of British photographer Henry Hering and nineteenth-century artist J. Butterworth. For over 100 years, Nightingale has encouraged nursing students through her health care during the Civil War to treat soldiers with compassion and dignity.

“Florence Nightingale is an icon of care and devotion to others,” ETBU President J. Blair Blackburn explained. “The goal of East Texas Baptist is to educate and equip individuals, who reflect the servant leadership of Jesus’ Good Samaritan, and the Nursing program strives to impart the spirit and dedication of Nightingale to our students, who take on the role of helping and healing. This display of art is designed to honor both Christ’s Gospel message and the intent of Nightingale. Melinda Marlowe achieved our vision for the inspirational collection. Marlowe’s works are thoroughly appropriate for this space, and we are grateful for our beloved alumna Rita Turner, whose generous contribution enabled us to present this beautiful and unique display in ETBU’s School of Nursing to our students and the community.”



Spotlight on Scholarships: Bryce Hoffman

A Christ-centered education would not be as accessible and affordable for students at ETBU if it were not for student scholarship support. Due to the generosity of ETBU alumni and donors, students such as senior Management major Bryce Hoffman have the opportunity to learn, grow, and be mentored here on the Hill.

"The Lord has shown me his faithfulness and sovereignty by providing scholarships for me to attend ETBU," Bryce said. "The Lord has made it clear that He is going to take care of what's in His plan, and that He is worth trusting. Time and time again God has made ETBU a possibility through the financial aid and scholarships and made it clear to me that this is where He wants me to be."

ETBU Tigers, if you are interested in learning how to contribute to student scholarships, please email advancement@etbu.edu.



Legacy of 1912 Society

The Legacy of 1912 Society comprises alumni and friends who, through thoughtful estate planning and other forms of planned giving, ensure that resources will be available to support ETBU far into the future. The Legacy of 1912 Society is named in honor of the year the charter was signed establishing a Christian college in Marshall, Texas. The impact of planned gifts, which includes wills, annuities, trusts, and insurance policies, on the University's history and future is immeasurable.

If you would like to make an estate gift to East Texas Baptist University, please click the link below to join the Legacy of 1912. Email Vice President for Advancement Dr. Scott Bryant at sbryant@etbu.edu for more information.

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ETBU in the News

Support Texas Baptist higher education

Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Director David Hardage shares his experience at a recent ETBU rally and the need for Christian higher education. [Read more.](#)



ETBU Men's and Women's Tennis serve in Paris, France

ETBU Men's and Women's Tennis Teams traveled to Paris, France as a part of the Tiger Athletic Mission Experience (TAME) program. The group partnered with the International Sports Federation and Youth with a Mission in evangelism and ministry surrounding the French Open at Roland Garros. [Read more.](#)



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