

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





## Women's Basketball Serves in Jamaica

The East Texas Baptist University Women's Basketball Team traveled to Jamaica from Wednesday, August 1 through Wednesday, August 8 as a part of the Tiger Athletic Mission Experience (TAME) program. Led by Head Coach Rusty Rainbolt and ETBU Director of Global Education Lisa Seeley, the group of 27 partnered with Ignite International to minister to the people of Jamaica.

"The coaches prepared the ETBU Women's Basketball Team both physically and spiritually for our time in Jamaica," Dr. Seeley shared. "From the beginning, the team was ready to share the joy of the Lord with the people of this island. These young women are amazing and love God with all of their hearts. It has been a blessing to travel and serve with them."

Founded in 2003, Ignite International is an organization that uses the platform of sports to share the Gospel overseas. With Ignite, the ETBU team competed with international basketball teams, conducted sports clinics for local children, volunteered in schools, and visited orphanages.

"We went to the Melody House for Girls, a home for abused teenage women," ETBU junior Kayla Bise explained. "A few of my teammates shared their testimonies, a powerful experience that created a connection with the girls. Afterward, the women had the opportunity to share their story with us and ask questions. One girl expressed how she knew who Jesus was, but felt like God didn't love her. We had the chance to open the Bible and show her how much God cares for her." Bise continued, "By the end of the conversation, she accepted Jesus into her heart, and at that moment, I thought to myself, 'This is it. This is why we are here.' The whole experience reminded me of Isaiah 61:1-2."

Whether serving at nursing facilities and children's homes, swimming in the ocean, or competing in basketball, the ETBU Women's Basketball Team intentionally sought ways to express and demonstrate Christ's love throughout the trip. The Tigers played at the

University of West Indies against Jamaican Olympic and national team athletes. During half-time, the groups gathered on the court to share testimonies and pray together. Following the games, the teams spent time together in worship and fellowship.

“We were blessed to play with ladies from another country, who we could relate to on and off the court,” ETBU senior Valarie Matlock said. “At half-time, we brought the team in the middle of the court and told the crowd about what God does for us. We prayed together and showed them that God is more significant than our ability to play basketball. ETBU won 41-39, but the score was not as important as the fact that we were able to spread the Word of God as a team.”

Both the student-athletes and coaches communicated how the seeds they planted will continue to sprout in the lives of the Jamaican people and in their own lives on to the future.

“These staff members and student-athletes have poured their hearts into advancing the Kingdom of God, encouraging the people of Jamaica, and building the team’s chemistry,” ETBU Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach Caleb Henson commented. “Our players have learned not to allow their youth to hinder them as they profess the name of Jesus. They have set an example for all believers with their vulnerability, love, and faith. I believe this experience is going to serve as a foundation for our program as we head into the upcoming season.”

The trip to Jamaica was the seventh Tiger Athletic Mission Experience, which provides student-athletes the opportunity to use their God-given talents as a platform to connect with people and share the Gospel of Jesus. Vice President for Athletics Ryan Erwin and Head Coach Alain Savage will be taking the ETBU Hockey team to Austria and Slovakia in early January for the next TAME trip. To stay updated with upcoming TAME trips, follow the blog at [tigerathleticmissionexperience.tumblr.com](http://tigerathleticmissionexperience.tumblr.com).

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EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY PRESENTS  
**THE GREAT EAST TEXAS**  
"O COME, LET US SING FOR JOY TO THE LORD."  
PSALM 95:1

# Hymn Sing

SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 | 1:00 P.M.  
-Two hours of singing the great hymns of our faith  
-Accompanied by organ, piano, and orchestra  
-Performance by the ETBU University Chorus  
-Fellowship reception immediately  
following in the Edwards Conference Center  
CHURCH GROUPS AND CHOIRS WELCOME!

For more information call 903.923.2024 | [music@etbu.edu](mailto:music@etbu.edu)

## 2018 Hymn Sing | Save the Date

Join us for the Great East Texas Hymn Sing Friday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m. in Baker Chapel. Enjoy performances by the ETBU University Chorus and sing the great hymns of our faith with fellow believers. There will be a reception immediately following. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Get to know Alumna Misty Scott ('97)

Misty Scott ('97) didn't know how or where the Lord was going to use her when she was a student at ETBU. She just knew He would.

"I had friends who knew they were called to be a pastor or a youth pastor, and I spent a lot of years being envious because they knew exactly what God had called them to do," Misty said. "All I knew was I was called to be a minister wherever He placed me."

For the last six years, that place has been Mission Marshall. Serving as the Executive Director, Misty develops programs to strengthen families, empower economic development, and provide reading enhancement in the Marshall community.

"Our work at Mission Marshall is about changing the culture," Misty said. "It's not just about giving someone food or money for an electric bill. It's about understanding where they are coming from and helping them understand a culture that is different so they can be productive in society and not have to depend on systems that are flawed. We are invested for the long haul."

Misty says she knows Mission Marshall is doing its job when she is greeted by guests out in the community.

"People ask me, 'How do you know you are building trust within the community?', and I tell them I know it when I go to Kroger and I have clients running across the parking lot to give me a hug," Misty said. "That is a huge indicator of success to me because it means we

have removed shame from their experience. When you boil it all down, what we do is about building relationships."

Misty, the recipient of the 2018 ETBU Good Samaritan Award, credits her involvement in ETBU Baptist Student Ministry and the influence of University mentors for giving her the confidence to navigate difficult things in ministry.

"The relationships I formed at ETBU are the epitome of iron sharpening iron," Misty said. "We were able to learn from each other and had the freedom to make mistakes and become better because of those mistakes. It was a safe place for all of us to grow as ministers and people."

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## Purchase your ETBU Alumni T-shirt



New ETBU Alumni t-shirts are now online! Shirts are available for \$20. \$10 will cover the cost of the shirt, and the balance will be a tax-deductible gift to support the ETBU Blue and Gold Fund. Blue and Gold funds are used to provide support throughout the University. Financial assistance for students, lab and classroom equipment, and campus improvements are among the many areas supported by gifts to Blue and Gold. Click the link below to purchase yours.

**Buy Now**



## ETBU Travels to Dallas

We concluded the Tiger Family Rallies with our evening in Dallas at El Fenix. Over 100 alumni, donors, incoming students, and their families joined us for a great night of fellowship. We will be back on the road with Tiger Family Rallies next summer. We look forward to seeing Tiger alumni and their families at Homecoming, October 26-27.



*Tailgate with the Tiger Family*

COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT

**ORNELAS NIGHTS**

FOOD FAMILY FOOTBALL FUN

TAILGATE @ 4:30 P.M.  
KICK-OFF @ 7:00 P.M.

CELEBRATE ETBU FOOTBALL'S FIRST HOME GAME 2018  
★ THURSDAY, AUGUST 30TH ★

ENTER TO WIN TICKETS WITH **#ORNELASNIGHTS**

# Tailgate with the Tiger Family

Join the Tiger Family for the first Tiger Football home game on Thursday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. as ETBU takes on the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Tailgating will begin at the Grove at 4:30 p.m. with the Tiger Walk and include food trucks, live music, and games. Enter for a chance to win free football game tickets by using #OrnelasNights in your posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn leading up to game day. For more information about this community-wide football game, visit [etbu.edu/Ornelas-Nights](http://etbu.edu/Ornelas-Nights).

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## Tigers Forever | Save the date for Homecoming 2018

Reunions, Fireworks, Late Night Breakfast, Tailgating, and Tiger Football can only mean one thing: Homecoming 2018! Join us October 26-27 here on the Hill and reconnect with your fellow Tiger Alumni. Registration is open, and we are looking forward to seeing you and your family this October.

**Register Now**

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## Help us connect with ETBU or ETBC Tigers

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

[ETBU Alumni: Project Locate.](#)

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