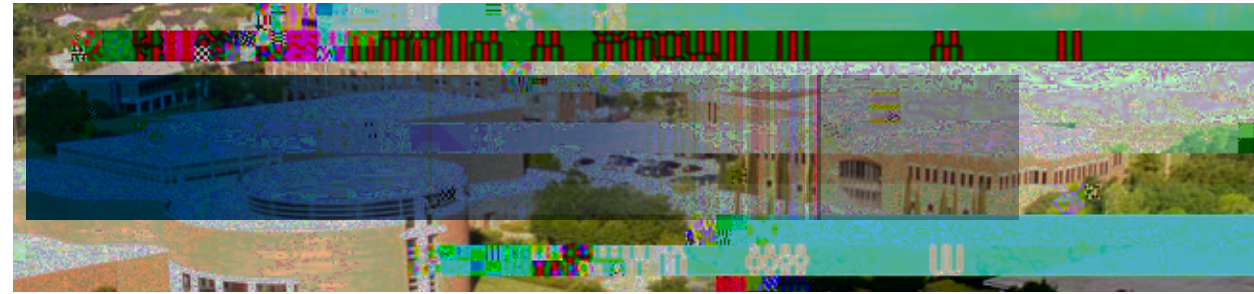


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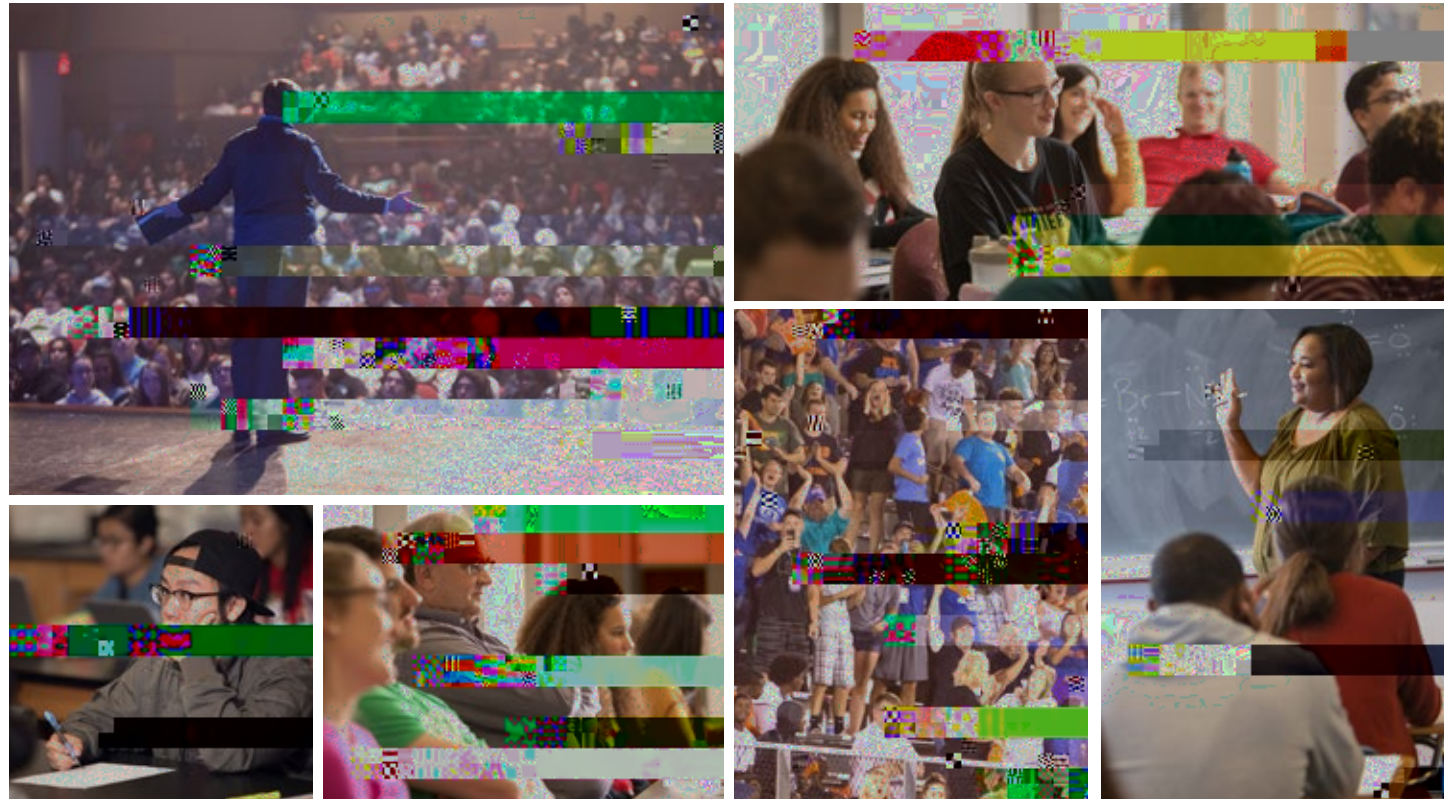
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Houston Baptist University has changed its

E A E ONE



When the Christian church was scarcely twenty years old the apostle Paul asserted something in one of his letters that very few people in his time would have agreed with. In Galatians 3:28 Paul declared: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Greeks and Romans would have found such an assertion utterly laughable. Most Jewish leaders and teachers would have found it appalling and just plain false. After all, according to this thinking, God made a covenant with Israel—not with Gentiles! Before his conversion Paul—at one time a Pharisee and a strict interpreter of the law of Moses—wouldn't have agreed with any of it either.

So where did Paul get these radical ideas? He got them from the risen Jesus whom he met on the road to Damascus, an encounter that changed his life and changed his thinking. He went from a man who believed that Jews were superior to Gentiles, that slaves were inferior to free people, and that women were less important than men. Jesus prayed that his disciples be "one," that is, (John 17:11, 22). Paul embraced this truth, declaring that in Jesus the Messiah, we "are all one."

This is why it is so important for Houston Baptist University to become known as Houston Christian University, for in

Christ, there is neither Baptist nor Presbyterian, neither Methodist nor Pentecostal, neither—I think you get the point. Houston Christian University is open to all students who meet proper academic standards. All students are welcome. Denominational distinctions have their place, to be sure, but a Christian university is not a church. Houston Christian University is a community of learning, where everything is taught from a Christian perspective, where students—whatever religious convictions they may have—are welcome to become part of this community and to learn and grow within it. I have been part of this community of learning and discipleship for seven years and I have found it stimulating and refreshing. And one of the reasons for this is because faculty, staff, and students come from many denominations—not just Baptist. Our hope is that in



changing the University's name more students will want to become part of this exciting community.

Dr. Craig A. Evans
John Bisagno Distinguished
Professor of Christian Origins
School of Christian Thought

A LEGACY OF FAITH

As a recent past Chair of the Board of Trustees, it has been an honor to serve for the past nine years. I have seen God's hand on this University and the leadership of Dr. Robert Sloan. With the recent name change, you can be assured that the Mission Statement, Scripture, Christian Worldview and the Ten Core Convictions are still in place for Houston Christian University. The name change is all that will be taking place and is more definitive of what is happening today in Christian higher education. We want to reach a broader base of future students who want to be educated at a university that upholds their core beliefs and principles.

Parents can be assured that their children will be warmly welcomed, given good direction.

A SOLID FOUNDATION

"There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male, and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians -3:28, New Living Translation

Globalization is real. What used to take a day, now takes an hour, what used to take hours, is now realized in nanoseconds. Houston Baptist University was founded in a time of the onset of air-conditioned shopping malls, the early stages of America's civil rights movement, and before man had placed his foot on the lunar surface. Yet, the same founding principle remains steadfast today, the University's foundational pursuit of academia in a Christian environment.

The occasion of a name change, transcending from Houston Baptist University to Houston Christian University, though monumental in some respect, is simply a testament to the seventh pillar of the University's governing Ten Pillars, which states: "Bring Athens and Jerusalem Together". That is, recognize the collective environment we all operate in. But remain committed to a principled approach to education, learning from each other, and working together in community, in the nation, suspended in a universe, occupying the small speck of land we call "Earth".

As we march into new calendar years and decades, pursuing the constant journey into the future, we realize the shrinking nature of our life existence. As humans, as society, as a social experiment, we increasingly encounter each other due to globalization, are therefore more

dependent on each other, and more aware of our diversity in cultures and understandings.


The one constant remains, Christ Jesus. And it is through that prism, that I, as an alum, though years removed from day-to-day campus existence, remain convinced that we can rely on the old adage "The more things change, the more they will remain the same" at my alma mater.

This name change represents a proud and historic milestone in the history of the original Houston Baptist University. But a milestone nevertheless, to be traveled through and beyond as more minds are educated, more lives are influenced, and more standard-bearers in all fields of study are sent out.

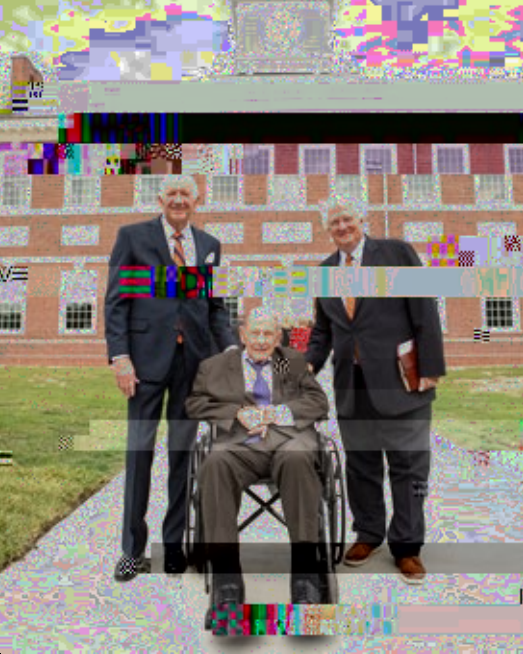
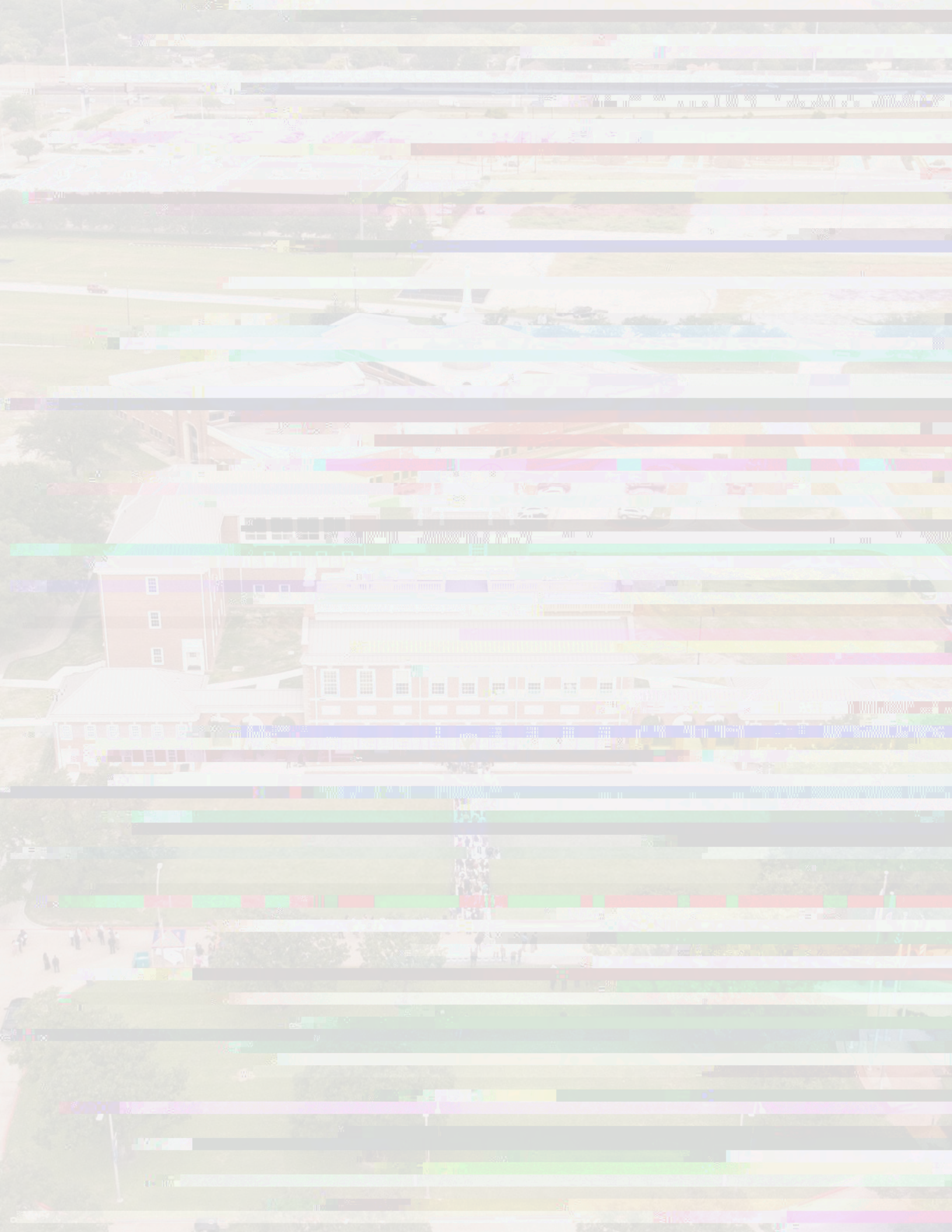
Apostle Paul's writing to the Galatian church was to address differences, detailing how the collective is always better than the individual. Houston Christian University is and will continue to be a proud and great experiment for delivering first-rate academia in an ever-expanding environment, built on the foundational belief in Christ.



Roy D. Jones '83
HCU Alumnus



ndependence Hall at Houston Christian University stands as an outward and visible symbol of the



A Salute to the Past, A Model for the Future

Pursuit of Justice

Alum Carving Path in Legal Field

Grace Braun was born in China and adopted from a Chinese orphanage when she was a year old. Her parents raised her and her sister with Christian faith and values and always encouraged them to share their gifts and talents with others. As a child, when asked 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' she would answer, 'A mighty woman of God.' In high school, her natural love for reading, writing, and research ignited her interest in pursuing a





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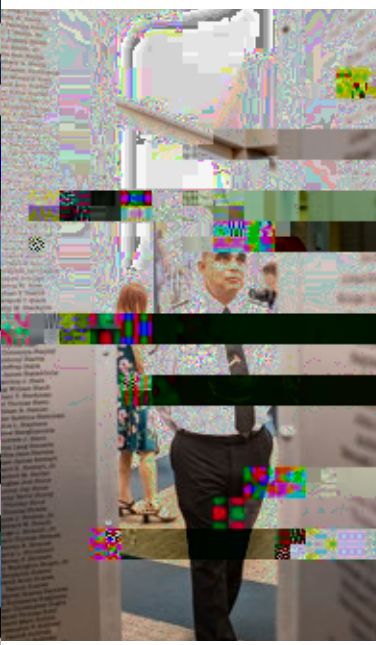
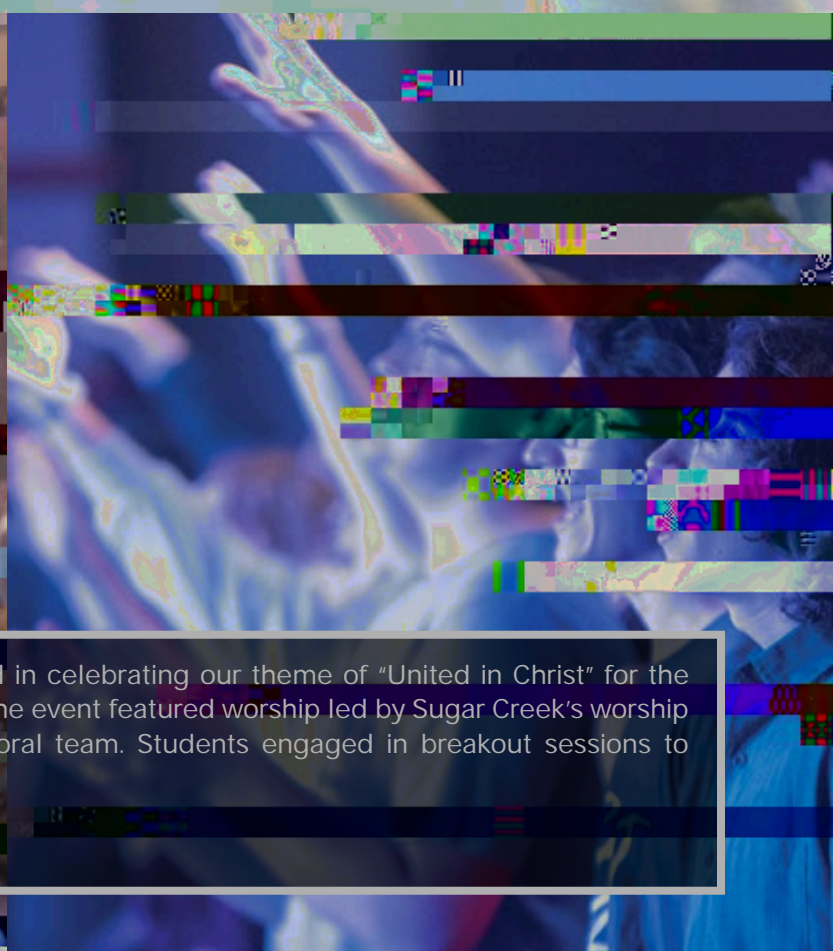
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Houston Christian University hosted the Ground Zero 360 Remembrance Exhibition to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks.

The collaborative exhibit of global artists from 12 countries opened to the general public from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, in the Contemporary Gallery of the University Academic Center on the HCU campus, 7502 Fondren Road, Houston, Texas 77074.

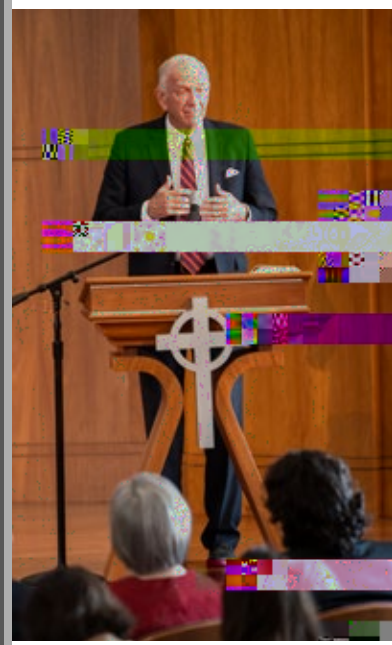
HCU President Robert Sloan offered words of comfort at a 9/11 Worship Service in Belin Chapel in the Morris Cultural Arts Center. During the service, a moment of silence was held in recognition of the collapse of the Twin Towers. A 9/11 Memorial Ceremony took place outside of the Morris Family Center for Law and Liberty led by Master of Ceremonies Len Cannon of KHOU-11. Family members of victims dedicated a tree on the HCU campus in commemoration of all 9/11 victims. The Ground Zero 360 Remembrance Exhibition opened for viewing at 11 a.m. after the ceremony.

Visitors viewed harrowing visuals, heartbreaking “missing person posters” and a panoramic installation that gives insight into what eight million New Yorkers felt in the days following the 9/11 attacks. Visitors also had the opportunity to hear emergency radio calls from that morning and see a fragment of twisted steel and broken granite from the World Trade Center.

The curated art and history exhibition also displayed crosses and a menorah cut from steel from the World Trade Center by ironworkers, a flag that flew over Ground Zero, a “Survivor Tree” cast in bronze with steel from the World Trade Center along with personal artifacts lent by families of police officers and firefighters who lost their lives in the attacks.

The exhibition runs through Jan. 31, 2023, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Thursday on the HCU campus.

For more information on the Ground Zero 360 Remembrance Exhibition, visit groundzero360.org.

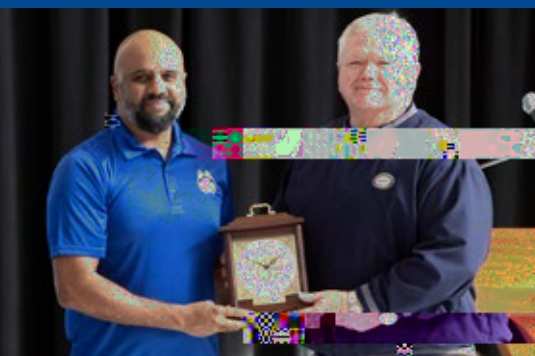
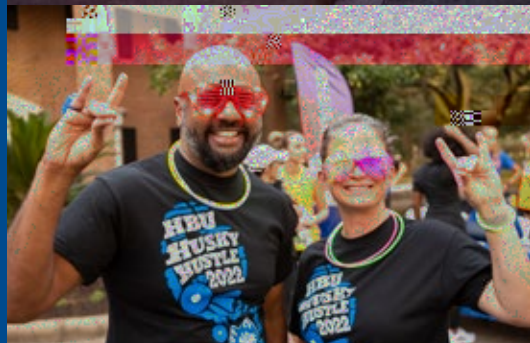
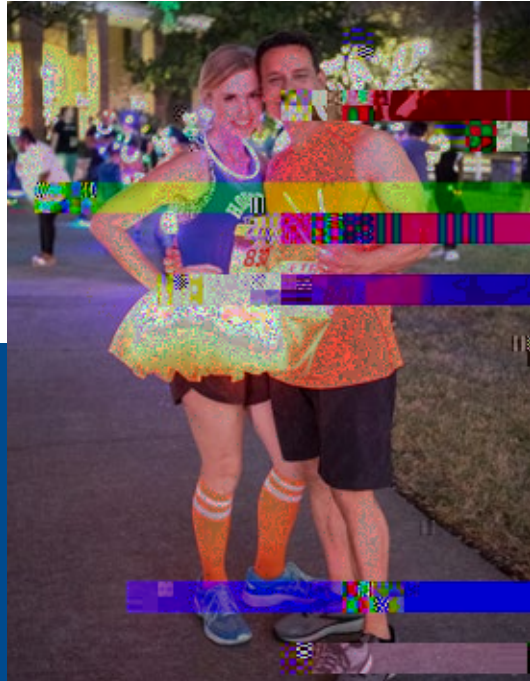
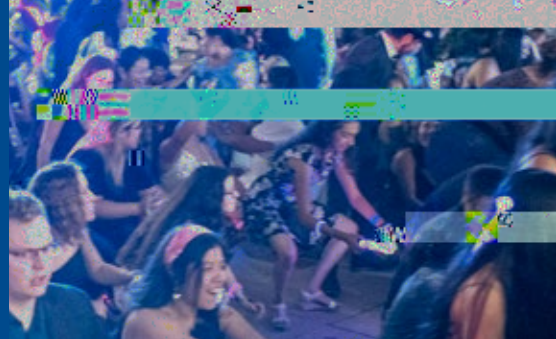


Kaleo Spiritual Life and Sugar Creek partnered in celebrating our theme of “United in Christ” for the annual IGNITE! conference held on Oct. 4-6. The event featured worship led by Sugar Creek’s worship team and messages from the church’s pastoral team. Students engaged in breakout sessions to



Homecoming and Family Weekend

Homecoming and Family Weekend celebrations brought hundreds of students, alumni, faculty and staff to the Houston Christian University campus for a weekend of cherished traditions, reunions, interactive games and the much-anticipated Husky Hustle 5K Run. This year, runners gathered in the evening for a Glow in the Dark version of the 21st annual 5K run hosted by the HCU Alumni Association to raise funds for scholarships. The weekend also featured the Association's annual Spirit of HCU Awards Dinner honoring alumni for their achievements and contributions to the University. Brandon Baca '00 was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award 2022, Micah Jimison '19 received the Emerging Leader Award 2022, and Noemi Martinez '22 was presented with the Emma Key Faithful Servant Award. Additionally, alumni, faculty, and staff were inducted into HCU's Walk of Honor. HCU Athletics also inducted individuals into the HCU Athletic Hall of Honor whose participation and contributions have enriched and strengthened the University's athletic program. Topping the weekend off, Christian Saldivar and Jessie Jimenez were crowned HCU's 2022 Homecoming King and Queen, respectively, during halftime of HCU's Homecoming game against Northwestern State.



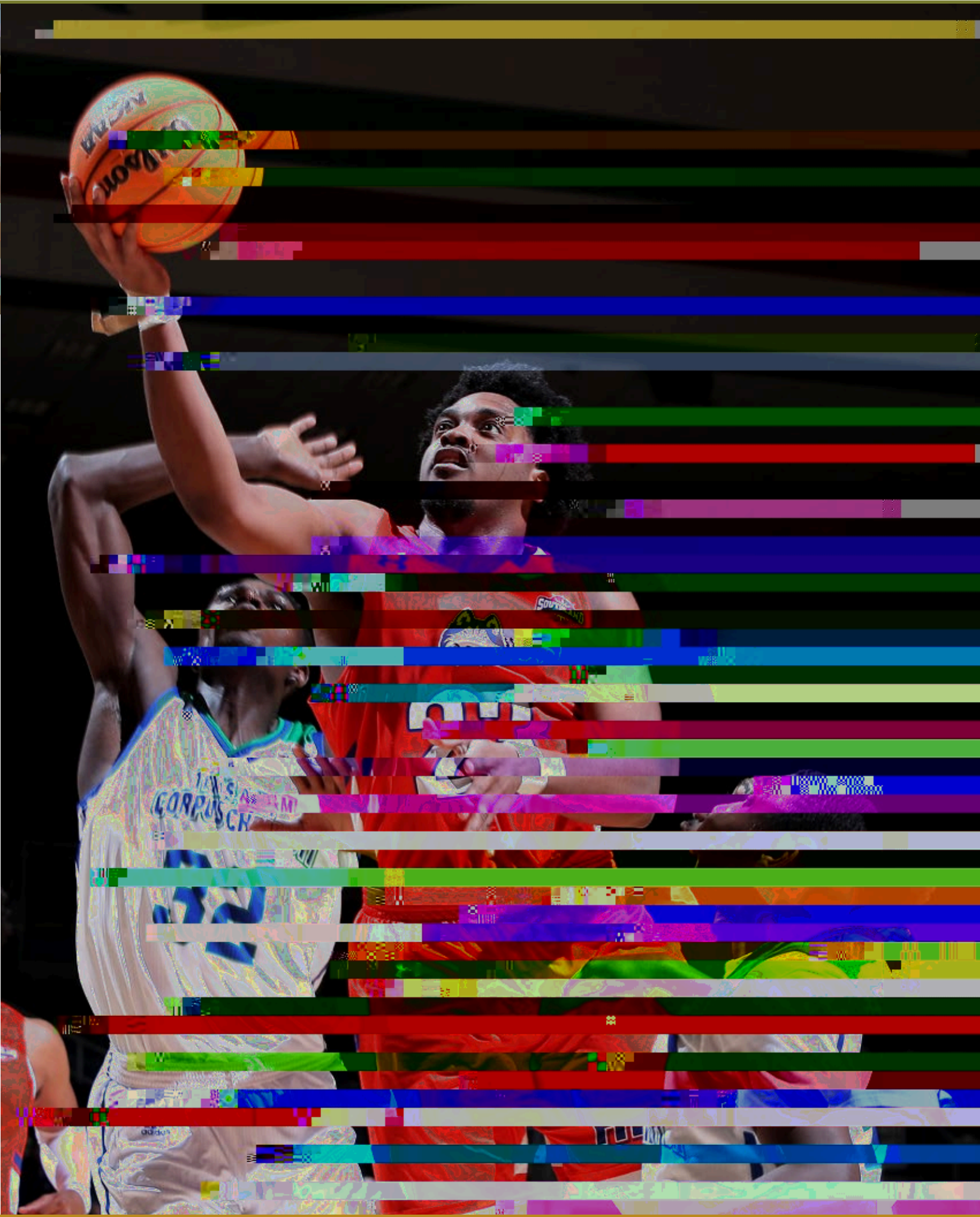
2022 Hall of Honor

ALLISON ABENDSCHEIN was a four-year letterwinner at midfielder for the women's soccer team from 2013-2016. The Magnolia, Texas, native helped lead the Huskies to conference tournament titles and the program's first two NCAA Tournament appearances in 2014 and was MVP of the conference tournament in 2016.

ANNA STRICKLAND was a three-year letterwinner at center for the HCU women's basketball team from 2013-16. The Woodlands, Texas, native led the nation in rebounding with 14.2 per game in 2015-16 and earned All-Southland Conference Second Team honors. Strickland was a two-time SLC All-Defensive Team pick, a two-time Academic All-Conference selection and was named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll all three seasons. Her 31 rebounds in her final game set the all-time Southland Conference record and were the most rebounds in a single game in NCAA Division I during the 2015-16 season.

ANDREW GONZALEZ played his final two seasons as a guard/forward with the Huskies' men's basketball program from 2009-11. The Pasadena, Texas, native ranks 14th all-time with 1,292 points and ranks third with 20.9 points per game. He averaged 22.9 points per game in 2010-11, which ranked sixth nationally. Gonzalez was a First-Team All-Great West Conference selection in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and was named the GWC Newcomer of the Year for the 2009-10 campaign.

The 1986 4x800-meter relay of **CHARLIE FOREMAN**, Magness Fyhr, Sam Shimmesser and Alfredo Landera



T O
'75 is the Director of Surgical Pathology and Cytopathology for Sagis Diagnostics.

M is the CEO of Laboratory Skin Care, Inc. and was featured in HAPPI Magazine in their May Edition.

L is the Associate Administrator

C
'82 is a Part-time Tour Guide for the Houston Astros.

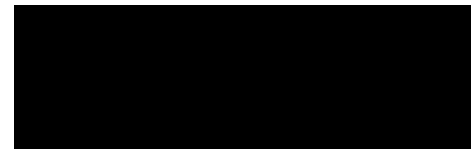
M is the Staff RN at The Woman's Hospital of Texas.

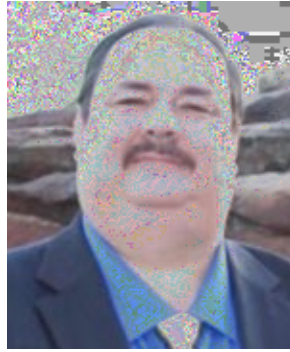
D is the Librarian at Glenn High School in Leander ISD.

'84 was named the 2023 "Lawyer of the Year" in Medical Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs in Houston.

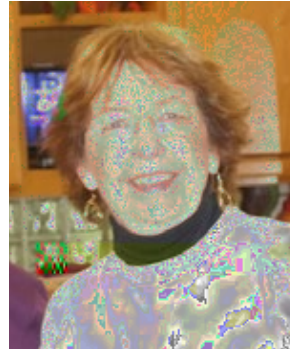
C is the Pastor of Administration and Children at First Baptist Church Pflugerville.

P is the Director of IS Enterprise Systems at Texas Children's Health Plan.





M. '88
passed away on
September 4, 2021



M. L. '99
C, MBA '99
Passed away on May
16, 2022.



D. D., a beloved
professor and mentor to students
of chemistry, passed away on
May 22, 2022 at the age of 81.



I. P. Q., 97
Passed away on August
21, 2022, at the age of 49,
surrounded by her loved ones.





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