

CAMPUS NEWS

Introducing the Arts Academy

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tions to study music on a non-collegiate level.

Yet over the summer the college of visual and performing arts decided it was time for a change. After vigorous rebranding, a \$100,000 renovation to the second floor of Presser and a full-time position offered to Garasi, the Arts Academy was born.

When asked how the Arts Academy differed from the other two branches of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, the art department and the music department, Garasi stated the following:

“The Arts Academy exists to provide quality, innovative Arts instruction and experiences for all ages within a Christian environment, teaching skills and techniques

that will enhance not only the lives of our students but, in turn, the quality of life within the community in which we live.”

The music and art education majors are

being as young as a couple of years old.

Not only does the Arts Academy offer a variety of classes, the program is also looking to build community relationships as de-

community and also to our music and art educators here in our public schools and private schools. We are [also] going to try to become more of a support for the big homeschooled population here.”

Some of the events include an elementary bucket drumming competition on Oct. 3 and a community Christmas carol.

The Arts Academy’s other notable distinction from the other branches of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, as well as its distinction from the past UMHB Conservatory of Music, is that Garasi is wanting to expand the program to highlight all of the arts.

“We’re able to include visual arts, media arts, and eventually my dream is to have the-

ater, musical theater, dance, any form of art ... (as) the Arts Academy opens the door for us to include all forms of any kind. Even [further] I would like for us to get into creative writing, and publishing kinds of things,” Garasi happily exclaimed.

Currently the Arts Academy is currently looking for more teachers as they expand their program further. The teachers they have currently range from students in the music or arts department to some of the department’s faculty.

The Arts Academy are looking for teachers. Qualifications for becoming a teacher are that one is a current student in the music or art department or that one has graduated with a degree in the arts.

“Provide quality, innovative Arts instruction for all ages within a Christian environment”

not the only ones who benefit from the classes offered by the academy; several classes offered are geared towards younger children in the community who are looking to get involved in the arts, with some students

scribed by Garasi in the following statement:

“I have a vision for this to be for us to make a difference in our community. We’re going to do events, and different kinds of events. We are branching out into offering events to the

Young Conservatives of America Help UMHB Remember 9/11



Photo by Brock Pfrommer/TheBells

MS2, junior, criminal justice major Darren Sandoval kneels in the flags by Luther Memorial on Sept. 8 while YCT sets up the 9/11 Memorial.

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Exactly 2,977 American flags have been placed in front

of Luther Memorial on Mary Hardin’s campus in remembrance of the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

The number of

flags planted is equal to the number of lives lost on 9/11 in the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The memorial flags were set up in front of the Luther Memorial on campus. This best student organization

The Young Conservatives of America offer a chance for students and those in the wider Belton community to pause and reflect on the impact that 9/11 had on the United States.

Emily Boyd, Vice Chairman of the Young Conservatives of Texas said of the memorial, “This memorial reminds us of the lives lost and why we push our values of freedom.”

2023 Student Government Back in Office

By Keely Mills
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The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor’s Student Government Association has served the school for many years with a well-respected and balanced student government.

The members have thrived in making campus life more exciting for students and staff. This best student organization does not

mean that it is not more that needs to be done.

As the fall semester ramps up at UMHB, SGA members are becoming more excited about everything planned around campus and what all they have to offer.

In an interview with one of the members, sophomore class president Victoria Carr describes her enthusiasm and goals for this semester. As the cabinet meetings have al-

ready been convened several times this semester, Carr says, “We’ve done so much to improve already and there is not much to improve right now”.

At the moment, SGA is focusing more on trying to obtain more recognition on campus in general. “We have a student government, which a lot of people don’t know that,” she relays.

Furthermore, Carr states that as president it is an important responsibility to interact with their classifications and speak for the students.

“Our main job is meeting people, like ‘hey we do SGA and we fight for what you want’”, she says.

Carr ran for the freshman president position last fall and won with no other competitors. Thus, she is incredibly passionate about SGA and

life on campus. She is feeling very energized about this semester. Her desire is for people to know that they can and do have an impact on campus.

Increasing school spirit is a high priority in Carr’s position as the sophomore class president.

“I really want to let people have fun with school spirit. I think school spirit gets so many people out of their shell. I’m really wanting to build that up,” she excitedly reports. She has a few new ideas regarding this which she states will be brought up in the next committee meeting.

This semester, SGA is striving to better their sense of community within the members. As always, they want students to know that they have a voice.

Students gather for ONE Worship at Walton Chapel

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On Sept. 6, students of many Christian denominations filled Walton Chapel for ONE, an event that highlights Christian unity by inviting the leaders of local churches to conduct a night of worship.

Pastors and ministers from 10 churches attended, representing Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, and non-denominational beliefs. The theme of the night was intentional prayer modeled after Psalm 13, with emphasis on crying out to God, petitioning Him for our needs, and praising His goodness in all circumstances.

The night started with an introduction by Shannon Soard, the college life pastor at Temple Bible Church. Soard discussed the nine-year history of ONE and their goal of creating a space for Christ-followers to find unity.

One of the special resources available during ONE is the group of pastors in attendance, who stand

to the side during the music and take prayer requests from students throughout the night.

ONE is composed of three movements of prayer and worship. Students are encouraged to find one person they know and find two people they don’t know to worship with before the first movement begins.

After the crowd mingled, Soard read the Apostle’s Creed and prayed. The worship band from Vista Community Church led the students in song.

The crowd heard a short message from Hannah Brown, the college minister at First Temple Baptist Church, on Psalm 13 and the three phases in the night’s prayer.

Students are encouraged to share their burdens and pray for one another, emboldened to bring their requests to the Lord. Many at the event clustered with their arms around each other’s shoulders, praying together as the second set of songs began.

Meanwhile Kyle Shipp, Taylor Valley



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Baptist Church’s discipleship minister, discussed the importance of praise and God’s impact on our situation.

Students gathered in tight groups again to share specific praises about God’s good-

ness in their lives.

After a last set of worship songs, Katie Lamoreaux, the associate pastor at First United Methodist Church of Belton blessed the crowd and offered up a closing prayer.

ONE ended with students linking arms across the chapel aisles to sing the doxology. As students left, many still sang snippets of worship music or cried with their friends.

ONE is an im-

pactful night of worship and Christian community-building for UMHB students and local churches.