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Senior business major Nick McDaniel portrays Jesus during the 84th annual Easter Pageant. During the beginning scene a family brings their dying child to the Savior to be saved, and in the above photo Jesus looks towards the parents as he is about to resurrect their child. In this scene Jesus shows how he is glorious because of his faith in God.

Easter Pageant retells the story of Jesus

By **Monica Velazquez**
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UMHB's 84th annual Easter Pageant was on April 5, with three different show times for campus audiences as well as the public, and is streamed online.

The Easter Pageant focuses on moments in the gospel and includes

Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper and Christ's Trial, and depicts Christ's crucifixion, death and resurrection.

The tradition of the Easter Pageant started at UMHB in 1940, when it was held during the afternoon of Easter Sunday. At that time, all the roles in the play were performed by women, because

UMHB was a women's university at that time.

Alumnus Mike McCarthy started off as the Dean of Student Leadership and Engagement at UMHB. Now, he is also Assistant Manager of Campus Activities, and he is the staff advisor for Easter Pageant. He works with the students who are selected for different roles.

"I was never a part of

Easter Pageant during my time as a student because I worked," McCarthy said. "And one of the first roles you get is being in the crowd and having to yell terrible things at Jesus, which I could not bring myself to do."

The production of Easter Pageant is student-led and features a cast of hundreds of students on campus.

The roles of Jesus and Mary are especially important and that is why UMHB President Randy O' Rear selects the students. The selection is based on high faith and character.

The selection process for Jesus and Mary happens within a few weeks of the previous Easter Pageant's conclusion. McCarthy's role is to work with the director,

and the people who are portraying Jesus and Mary, as well as starting the planning process. McCarthy gets to help these chosen students to take on a role of a lifetime and embraces every moment of it. He just wants to be that safe place for these students and help them on their journey with Christ.

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Photo by Brock Pfrommer/TheBells

Junior accounting major Paige Pfrommer worships during the 10 a.m. revival session on March 29. Each worship session was led by guest band The Worship Initiative.

Tent Revival impacts UMHB life

By **Ali Steadman**
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The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor hosted its 24th annual spiritual revival on March 27, 28, and 29 on the Quad on campus. The theme for this year's revival was "Come Home," which

originates from the parable of "The Prodigal Son" in Luke 15.

The Worship Initiative band gave an incredible performance at the revival, and Dale Wallace, the men's college director at Harris Creek Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, was the speaker.

During each session of revival, students gathered in a large white tent set up in the Quad in front of Walton Chapel and Luther Memorial. The sessions consisted of worship, sermons, and small groups. Freshman education advocacy major and revival small group

leader, Kinsley Jones, was excited even during the preparation for Revival.

"I'm really looking forward to the sermons and to meet new friends, and hopeful for revival transformation that goes beyond these three nights!" Jones said. *Continued on p.2*

Physical Plant diverse in hiring

Story provided by **Services for Education Website**

Sohn Stancell, Unit Director at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, is passionate about helping people with physical or mental limitations find a supportive work environment.

Through his daily actions and practices, he creates this type of work environment for his own team and everyone he encounters. Sohn has spent nearly 30 years with SSC and he has made an incredible impact while ensuring inclusion excellence is a top priority.

Sohn works with career placement programs for people with disabilities to help them on their career journeys.

He has worked with several organizations, ranging from a volunteer helping students in high school develop interview skills to partnering with organizations to onboard individuals with disabilities to his team at the Uni-

versity of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Over the years, he has had a group of 4-14 associates with disabilities on his team at any given time.

Sohn has been recognized for his dedicated work to inclusivity several times.

In 2022, he received two awards from notable organizations within Texas. He was honored as Employer of the Year at the 2022 Rusty Awards, hosted by the Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center, for giving people with disabilities equal opportunity to work in an environment that allows them to do their best job. Later in the same month, he received the Torch Community Partner Award at the Workforce Solutions of Central Texas 34th Annual Awards Luncheon.

We spoke with Sohn to discuss how he got started in his initiatives and how he creates an inclusive learning environment for people of all backgrounds and abilities.

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