



East Texas Baptist University students perform various tasks for Harleton school district teachers. Welcome Week groups served across the Marshall area and Harrison County as a part of Tigers Serve Day. (ETBU Photo)

# Around the State: Students begin semester with service; STCH Ministries names VP

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New students at East Texas Baptist University joined other students, staff and faculty in community service projects during Welcome Week, a five-day emphasis that also included a variety of sessions focused on social, academic and spiritual development. More than 200 students partnered with various ministries, organizations and schools in Marshall and the surrounding area, including the Boys & Girls Club Marshall, From Bondage to Freedom House, My Friend's House, Dayspring Therapeutic Equestrian Ranch, Marshall Manor Nursing Home, Marshall Manor West Nursing Home, Oakwood House, Reunion Inn Assisted Living, Heritage House, Boys & Girls Club Hallsville, the Harleton and Hallsville school districts, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Nesbitt Volunteer Fire Department and the Marshall Animal Shelter.



Dallas Baptist University students volunteer at Mission Arlington and other community ministries during SWAT—Student Welcome and Transition Week. (DBU Photo) Dallas Baptist University welcomed its largest incoming class in school history at the start of the fall semester, including many students who arrived a week early for SWAT—the annual Student Welcome and Transition Week—Aug. 16-19. In addition to orientation, social activities, prayer

opportunities and a candle lighting service led by President Adam Wright, new students joined about 200 upperclassmen, faculty and staff in servant leadership projects throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area.