



# THE WESLEY BEARKAT

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*A newsletter designed  
to be experienced in 7  
minutes, for people  
on the go!*



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## The Wesley Receives Our Ninth Sammy

We interrupt the usual Quick-Words-From-Greg section of the newsletter with an exciting announcement: On Wednesday, April 12, at the 29th Annual Sammy Awards, Sam Houston State University awarded your Wesley Campus Ministry with our ninth Sammy Award. It was the eighth time to receive the Outstanding Religious and Spirituality Sammy of SHSU for the impact of our students. Our crew conducted 32 service projects and initiatives throughout the year leading up the Sammy Application. Abigail Roscher, Vice President of the SHSU Wesley, said: "I feel so incredibly blessed to be a part of the Wesley Campus Ministry. This group over the past few years have helped me grow more than I could ever imagine. It's here that I met my best friends, found the best boyfriend, and made the best memories. I am so incredibly happy and honored to represent this group and these people as their vice president. This group is amazing and we couldn't have won the Sammy or done even half of the 30+ service projects we did without every one of these people."



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## SHSU Leads with Distinction at All Campus Retreat 2023 (2/17-2/19/23)

Every year since the 1960s, the several Wesley Foundations gather for a weekend retreat together known as "All Campus Retreat." It is a weekend of 4 worship services, workshops led by the campus ministers, small groups for discussion, fun events like paintball, human foosball, silent disco, captive, neon dodgeball or just jamming as a group. Pastor Michael McVey was our guest preacher and brought the Heavenly Fire down for us! Our SHSU Wesley leaders poured in lots of effort all weekend long to help nearly 100 college students, ministry staffs and families have excellent Christ-centered experiences. This was also the first time All Campus was back at Lakeview since 2013. We are grateful for their hospitality!



## Supporting Local Scouts at Josey Lodge's 2nd Chili Cook-Off (2/4/23)

We returned to the grounds of the historic Josey Scout Lodge to help raise funds in support of Huntsville Girl, Boy and Cub Scouts. Built in 1934, the Lodge needs more funds for updates. The Chili Cook Off is one of many such efforts. Our Wesley team placed second in the Community Division!



## All Paws In (4/15/23)

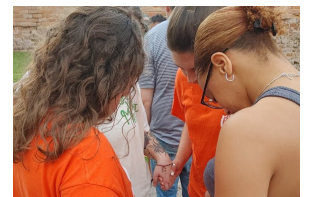
Bearkat All Paws In is the university-wide service project that happens every April at SHSU. Hundreds of students gather and are deployed to 17 volunteer sites all over the community. We chose our own and went the farthest: to Centerville UMC to do parking lot restoration!





# Resurrection Week 2023 (4/3/23)

Earlier this year, in February, God did amazing things on the Asbury University campus, and then spread the revival from there. Many college students hunger for an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ in this 21st Century. "Rez Week" was about helping to feed and nurture that hunger. On the Monday before Easter, nearly 120 students from eight different campus ministries combined efforts for a pizza dinner on the Wesley lawn, and an uplifting Spirit-filled worship service in a nearby amphitheater known as Old Main Pit (where SHSU's Old Main once stood). This year, the praise team was a combination of Wesley, Baptist Student Ministry and Kats for Christ. We closed with praying together in small groups, hand in hand, not as Methodists or Baptists, but as Christ-followers.



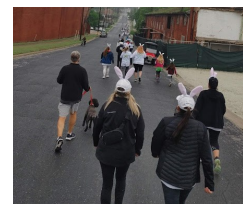
## Wesley Dominates Canned Food Drive Competition (4/13/23)

Winning a ninth Sammy didn't mean we eased up on serving. Literally the next morning after the Sammys we delivered hundreds of canned goods for the SHSU Food Pantry's Canned Food Drive Competition. We rallied our resources well and walked back to the Wesley with the winning award for the competition!



## Wesley Shines Again at 4th Pineapple 5K (4/8/23)

In March of 2019, a driver of a large pickup truck was texting on his cell phone when he smashed into a vehicle at a stop light in central Texas. The accident killed four teenage girls, including Peyton Irwin. Her parents used their pain to form the annual Pineapple 5K (Peyton's favorite fruit) here in Huntsville. Your Wesley Campus Ministry was one of many proud sponsors, once again! We also provided bookmarks for the 500 swag bags, plus loaned chairs and tables for the event.



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## Generosity Corner

If you use PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Venmo, you can use your phone to scan the QR codes to donate electronically to support the ministry of the Wesley! Our students also use these apps to help support our Weds night offering, since many do not carry cash on a regular basis!



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## Special Thanks to our Weds Dinner Donors for 2022-2023:

Upper Room Class, 1st UMC Huntsville (9/14)

Inquirers Class, 1st UMC Huntsville (9/28)

Farris Chapel (10/5 and 2/1)

Paul Horton Methodist (10/12)

Kaleidoscope Class, 1st UMC Huntsville (10/26)

Gary & Cindy Bowen, Anderson UMC (11/16 and 3/22)

Madisonville Methodist Youth (11/30 & 4/19)

Bays Chapel (1/18/23)

Joy Sunday School Class (2/8)

Men's Bible Study, Christ the King GMC (2/15)

Rita Piper (2/22)

Willis Methodist Church (3/3)

Inquirers Class, 1st UMC Huntsville (3/8)

Jim Newsome of Onalaska UMC (3/29)

Challengers Class, 1st Huntsville (4/26)

St. Paul's Huntsville Methodist (9/7, 5/3)



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