



# News Release

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## TWO CBS-HOUSTON STUDENTS PLACE HIGH IN NATIONAL PREACHING COMPETITION

College of Biblical Studies-Houston students earned two of the top three honors in the national Haddon W. Robinson Biblical Preaching Award scholarship competition.

Climon Hall placed second, earning a \$400 scholarship, and Keith Burton placed third, earning a \$300 scholarship. Burton also placed third last year.

A task force of Evangelical Homiletics Society (EHS) members evaluated the submissions.

“Prior to enrolling in several Expository Preaching courses at CBS, I was a preacher without a process,” Hall said. “However, after embracing what CBS has to offer, I was confident I could compete with exceptional expositors nationwide. By applying the techniques and disciplines CBS provides, I was fortunate to receive the second place award in this special competition.”

Burton, new in the pulpit, said Rev. France Brown’s preaching courses at CBS taught him “a preacher should *never* enter a pulpit without something significant to say about God’s Word. I learned the three most important keys to a truly impactful sermon are preparation, preparation and preparation. I am thankful to Rev. Brown and CBS for their dedication to solid biblical preaching. My CBS education has truly made a difference in how I proclaim God’s Word.”

This year’s submitted sermons had to address the “New Testament Epistle Genre,” be 15-20 minutes in length and effectively address members of a local evangelical church.

“We’re very proud of our students for competing so well on the national level,” said France Brown Jr., Ernest L. Mays Assistant Professor of Expository Preaching and Biblical Teaching. “They are both outstanding preachers, and we are honored to help hone their skills and deepen their knowledge through our preaching training and theological courses here at the college.”

Honorees will be recognized during the EHS annual conference. This preaching scholarship competition honors Dr. Haddon W. Robinson, one of the leading evangelical homilicians of the later 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> century. His classic textbook, *Biblical Preaching*, helped shape the field.

Robinson wrote, “The future of our culture may depend on the stories that capture the imagination and mind of this generation and its children.”

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CBS-Houston is a nationally accredited, nondenominational Bible college founded in 1976 that has provided biblical studies courses to more than 24,000 people. The students are diverse in age, ethnicity and cultural perspectives. CBS-Houston offers bachelor’s and associates degrees as well as certificate and non-certificate courses with evening, weekend and weekday classes. The college is located at 7000 Regency Square Boulevard, near Highway 59 and Hillcroft.