

# An MBA for Tomorrow's Leaders

## College of Business and Economics

# Houston Baptist University

Attend the MBA Information Reception  
Saturday, April 14, 2007  
10:00 a.m. – Noon  
Hinton Center – Houston Baptist University  
and Tuesday, May 8, 2007  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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As an oil engineer, Russell Bentley knew more about black gold than gold lamay when, at age 39, he went back to school. Today, he's chief executive officer of The Gayla Bentley Fashion Design Group, which he co-founded with his wife, Gayla. What he lacks in fashion sense, he more than makes up for in business acumen, thanks to his MBA from Houston Baptist University (HBU).

"I went from hard hats to top hats," he laughs. "Gayla designs the clothes and I run the business. We figured it would be easier for me to go into fashion than for her to go into oil."

It's a marriage – and a company – made in heaven. You might say the same of Bentley's MBA. Houston Baptist University offers a reinforcing learning environment where faculty and staff take a personal interest in every student's academic success. As a distinctively Christian university committed to academic excellence, HBU places a special emphasis on business ethics in all of its MBA classes.

Coursework includes accounting, finance, marketing, business law, human resources, sports management and international business, including an international study destination. Classes are small to allow personal attention. More than business theory, students gain practical experience by working on real problems and providing real solutions for real companies.

HBU's MBA program offers a rolling enrollment policy as well as Saturday and evening classes for early career professionals who work full-time and need flexible schedules. The MBA can be completed in two years with classes offered evenings and on weekends. And at \$32,000, tuition at HBU is more affordable than MBA programs at most comparable business schools.



"I think HBU has as solid a business program as those at Harvard, Wharton or any other school."

— Russell Bentley,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
The Gayla Bentley Fashion Design Group

"It's really the amount of effort that you put into your education that determines what you get out of it," Bentley says.

Bentley is getting more out of his MBA than he ever expected. Clothing by The Gayla Bentley Fashion Design Group wins critical praise, is carried by dozens of retailers and is featured in national magazines. Expansion plans include global distribution. Bentley credits much of his success to Houston Baptist University.

"I would recommend HBU to anyone," he says. "It offers a great learning experience, and you're not just a number."

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