

The Shelby Collier Endowed Scholarship

A native of Hamilton, Texas, Shelby Collier served at Wayland Baptist College from 1948-1954, as head of the music department and founder/director of the famed International Choir. The choir sang in 12 languages and their colorful attire was traditional costuming representing various countries. Under his direction, the choir toured many states of the Southwest and made their first trip abroad, serving as a missions choir to Brazil, singing for groups of up to 10,000. Dr. Collier served Southern Baptist churches as minister of music for over 40 years. He married Josephine Mims, a noted Dallas fashion designer, in 1940. Josephine taught art classes at Wayland, designed and produced many of the International Choir costumes, and designed the official Wayland seal.