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2008 Russell H. Perry Dinner Honors Drayton McLane, Jr.

(From left to right) Dr. Kenneth Cooper, Honorary Chair of the Russell Perry Dinner Committee; Drayton McLane, Jr., 2008 Award Honoree; U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Keynote Speaker; and J.L. Sonny Williams, Chair of the Dinner Committee.



2008 Russell Perry Award Recipient Drayton McLane and his wife, Elizabeth.

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21st Annual

RUSSELL H. PERRY AWARD DINNER HONORS DRAYTON MCLANE

Dallas Baptist University proudly named Drayton McLane as recipient of the 2008 Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award during the annual award dinner held on November 24 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel.

United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison served as the keynote speaker for the evening. Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, founder and CEO of the Cooper Aerobics Center, and his wife, Millie, filling in for Julie Turner, were the honorary chairs of the dinner, which saw over 1,200 in attendance. J.L. Sonny Williams, a DBU

alumnus and trustee and past president and COO of Minyard Food Stores, Inc., was this year's dinner chair and master of ceremonies.

The annual gala event marked its 21st anniversary as it continues to honor Texas leaders whose lives are testimonies of achievement in free enterprise and service to the community. The event is named in memory of Dallas leader and philanthropist Russell H. Perry, whose life of service to Dallas impacted many lives. Mrs. Russell H. (Phoebe) Perry continues to be a friend of the city of Dallas



Dr. Kenneth Cooper, honorary co-chair, along with his wife, Millie, present the Russell Perry Award to Drayton McLane. Julie Turner also served as an honorary co-chair but was unable to attend the dinner due to a family emergency.

and especially DBU. She and Mr. Perry began their support of the institution in the 1960s.

Over the past 20 years, the dinner has honored many North Texas leaders, and in doing so, has raised over \$2.6 million in scholarship funds for over 1,100 DBU students. This year's selection of Drayton McLane marks the first time the award has gone to an individual beyond the Dallas Metroplex.

Making a welcome return to the dinner was Dr. Gary Cook, president of DBU. On October 12, 2007, he was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia and hospitalized, undergoing treatment and observation for a total of 32 days and consequently forced to miss the 2007 dinner, the first dinner he had missed in 20 years.

"The Lord is good to be with you when you go through trials, and He was always there with me," spoke a grateful Dr. Cook. The University has experienced tremendous continual growth under his leadership, as was justly honored in a presentation by Sonny Williams highlighting the rare accomplishments achieved during his tenure. Dr. Cook graciously thanked those who have contributed

financially to support DBU's mission to equip students who change the world as servant leaders in their respective callings. He reminded the audience, "We have a lot of young people on campus who love the Lord with all their heart and want to serve Him in various vocations."



Dallas Baptist University President Dr. Gary Cook greeted the guests at this year's gala event as he also introduced the DBU Patriot Baseball Team. This past year, the Patriots became the first independent team since 1994 to be invited to participate in the NCAA National Tournament.

The spotlight then shifted to keynote speaker Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, who delivered a speech highlighting Drayton McLane's success in the business realm, which she attributed to his hard work and innovation. Her praise of these traits, which allowed him to rise from humble beginnings to become one of the most impressive

entrepreneurs in the country, turned to a larger celebration of the establishment of free enterprise in America and its imperative role as a safeguard to personal freedom and opportunity.

A video presentation followed, in which several of Drayton McLane's closest friends and associates continued the celebration of a remarkable man and his legacy. Over and over again they praised him as a man of integrity dedicated to his duties as a businessman, family man, and leader in the



John Clem, DBU director of development, along with his wife, Carole. Mr. Clem has directed each of the last 21 Russell H. Perry Award Dinners and was given special recognition for his hard work through the years.



DBU friends and supporters John and Nita Ford. Nita is a current member of the DBU board of trustees, and the Fords recently donated \$1 million for the new Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel.



Dallas Community College District Chancellor, current DBU trustee, and DBU distinguished adjunct professor Dr. Wright Lassiter gave the evening's benediction.



Dr. Randel Everett, new executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, welcomed those gathered at the dinner and provided the invocation for the service. Dr. Everett was named the new executive director this past spring.



Columnist Steve Blow brought greetings on behalf of The Dallas Morning News, which once again co-sponsored the Russell Perry Dinner.

Church and overall community.

"Drayton McLane is a mentor, a friend, a good man," testified Pam Gardner, President of Business Operations for McLane's beloved Houston Astros. "He has a passion for everything he does, not just business and politics, but really for life. He is the energy and force behind any project that he touches."

At the conclusion of the video, Dr. Kenneth Cooper, honorary chair of the dinner, and his wife, Millie, came to the podium and formally presented the award to Drayton McLane—a man who has spent his whole life learning and growing in the business community, building several incredibly successful organizations along the way.

Raised by a father who managed a wholesale

grocery distribution center, Drayton was introduced to business at a young age. He began working for his father at age nine, soaking up knowledge of various aspects of the family company. After graduating high school in 1954, he ventured off to Baylor to earn his undergraduate education and then to Michigan State University to receive a Master of Business Administration degree in marketing. With five years of education and two degrees to his credit, he returned to work for his father. The following two and a half decades saw him serve as general manager of operations, president and CEO, and chairman of McLane Company. Having effectively created one of the largest distribution systems in the country, he proceeded to sell his business to Wal-Mart, becoming one of Wal-



Paul Meyer and his wife, Jane. Mr. Meyer is the well-known author of many books, including Paul J. Meyer and the Art of Giving and Unlocking Your Legacy: 25 Keys for Success.



Dan Malone, DBU general counsel (far right), and his wife, Genoveva, along with DBU friends and friends of the McLanes, Babs Baugh (center left) and her husband John Jarrett.



Dr. J. Blair Blackburn, DBU executive vice president, and his wife, Michelle, along with Jeannette Sadler (center), who is a DBU supporter and member of the board of trustees.



Past Russell Perry Award recipient Ebby Halliday Acers and Drayton McLane jokingly prepare for their audition for Dancing with the Stars.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

- 2007-Andy and Joan Horner
- 2006-David Dean
- 2005-Pete Schenkel
- 2004-Noble Hurley (posthumously)
- 2003-The Weir Furniture Family
- 2002-George A. Shafer
- 2001-Mary C. Crowley (posthumously)
- 2000-Erle Nye
- 1999-Ross Perot, Jr.
- 1998-Jim L. Turner
- 1997-Rodger Meier
- 1996-W. Forrest Smith
- 1995-Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim
- 1994-Bob Minyard, Liz Minyard, Gretchen Minyard Williams, J.L. Sonny Williams
- 1993-Boone Powell, Sr., Boone Powell, Jr.
- 1992-Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper
- 1991-Tom Landry
- 1990-Maurice and Ebby Halliday Acers
- 1989-Trammell Crow
- 1988-John Stemmons, Sr.

Mart's largest stockholders.

The next major business opportunity that presented itself to McLane, the ownership of the Houston Astros, was a special challenge. McLane had little prior knowledge of baseball and had only attended a handful of professional games. Yet he eagerly took the reins in 1993 and, armed with his savvy business know how and Christian compassion, he has since transformed the Astros into a franchise which excels on the field and off the field, making a positive difference in the greater Houston community. In 2005, the Astros became the first Texas team to reach the World Series.

In addition to his leadership of the Astros, he devotes his time to the McLane Group, the family holding company for several U. S. and interna-

tional corporations. Drayton and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Temple and are active members of First Baptist Church in Temple. There, Mr. McLane serves as a deacon, having been a past chairman of the deacons, and has been a faithful Sunday School teacher for over 35 years. Additionally, he is very active in many local and national organizations, including the United Way and the Executive Committee of Boy Scouts of America and has served as Chairman of the Board for Scott & White Hospital, past Chairman and Board Member of Regents for Baylor University, and Board Member of the Cooper Institute. In addition, he owns Lone Star Plastics, Inc., in Garland, and Classic Foods in Fort Worth. The McLanes have two sons, Drayton III and Denton, and four grandchildren.



Mrs. Sheila Cook (center), wife of DBU President Dr. Gary Cook, along with their son, David, and his wife, Nicole. David is currently practicing law in Dallas, and Nicole is a DBU alumna and current school teacher for the Irving Independent School District.



Eric Bruntmyer (left), DBU vice president for financial affairs, along with Dallas attorney and 1996 Russell Perry Award recipient Forrest Smith.



A quartet of DBU students joined together with the DBU Grand Chorus to serenade Russell H. Perry Award Honoree Drayton McLane with a stirring rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" as he came to the stage to accept the award. In 1993, Drayton McLane became the owner of the Major League Baseball team, the Houston Astros.

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