



DBU Cheerleaders

Adding Spirit to the Games

The 2008-09 DBU Patriot Cheerleading Team, under the leadership of head coach Skyla Alvarado, has experienced great success in its third year as an NCAA spirit program! Collegiate cheerleading at DBU is not considered a seasonal sport as the Patriot Cheer program requires continual conditioning and dedication to complete this year-round sport. Although the team cheers solely at home basketball games, it strives to provide support to all DBU Patriot athletic teams by working the concession stand at volleyball games and volunteering at the annual DBU Cross-Country meet.

During fall break of 2007, the Cheer Team was given the opportunity to travel to Guatemala to serve on a mission trip with Buckner International, joining the Patriot Baseball Team, the Diamond Belles, and other faculty, staff, and students. The trip gave the squad the chance to use their talents in cheerleading to serve the Lord through ministry to the orphaned children in Guatemala City.

In early summer 2008, the Cheerleaders began training to prepare for the Universal Cheerleaders Association Collegiate Camp at Texas State University, where they received instruction from some of the

nation's leading cheer professionals. At the camp, the DBU Cheerleaders competed against the country's best all-female college cheerleading squads. The Patriot Cheerleaders took first place in all preliminary instructional competitions. Competing for the UCA Camp Championships, the DBU squad finished 2nd in Cheer and 3rd in Fight Song in the small all-girl division.

The fall semester of 2008 ushered in a host of on-campus and off-campus activities, as the Cheerleaders served as University Ambassadors, while maintaining a rigorous daily practice and conditioning schedule.

October marked the beginning of the third season of NCAA Basketball at DBU. Once again the Patriot Cheerleaders helped kick off the 2008-09 season with Midnight Madness, as over 1,000 students packed the Burg Center to root for their Patriot Basketball players in the annual Red-Blue Game, led by the Cheer Squad.

This year the team looks to build upon their tradition of service and success, adding spirit to every game and providing a true home court advantage for our Patriots.

