



## DEAN LEARNING CENTER DONATES \$3 MILLION FOR NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING

Dallas Baptist University is pleased to announce that the Dean Learning Center has given the lead gift of \$3 million to construct a new \$6 million academic building on the DBU campus.

The 16,000-square-foot building, which will be named the Dr. William B. Dean Learning Center, will serve as a center for student learning and community engagement. Housed within the building will be the DBU Online Education Department, the College of Professional Studies, the service-learning program, classroom space, and student services offices.

The late Dr. William B. Dean, a Dallas pediatrician, founded the Dean Learning Center in 1945 in order to help children with learning disabilities. Currently, the Dean Learning Center is led by Dr. William Dean's son, David Dean.

David Dean is the chairman and CEO of Dean International and serves on the board of numerous community and charitable organizations. He formerly served as General Counsel and Secretary of State for Texas Governor William Clements, as well as General Counsel for Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe. He is the 2006 recipient of the DBU Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise

Award, and in 2005, DBU presented him with an honorary doctorate. He and his wife, Jean, are long-time friends of the University.

Continuing in DBU's Georgian Colonial architectural style, the Dr. William B. Dean Learning Center will be modeled after Harvard Hall III, one of the oldest academic buildings in America.

"It is an honor to be able to have this building named after Dr. William Dean, who did so much not only as a doctor for the people of southern Dallas, but also as a pioneer in the field of learning disabilities," explained Dr. Blair Blackburn, DBU Executive Vice President.

"We are thrilled to begin fund raising and construction on this new academic building," explained Dr. Cory Hines, DBU Vice President for Advancement and Graduate Affairs. "Dr. Dean's life stands as an example of DBU's commitment to develop leaders and serve our community."

For more information about the Dr. William B. Dean Learning Center Building Campaign, please contact Dr. Cory Hines at 214-333-5628 or by email at [coryh@dbu.edu](mailto:coryh@dbu.edu).

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