

# campus highlights



## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY BOARD *Membership Tea*

The DBU Women's Auxiliary Board recently held their annual Membership Tea, which is designed to introduce new individuals to the Board as well as highlight the mission of Dallas Baptist University. This year's Membership Tea was held in the home of Mary Stuart,

who is an active part of the Women's Auxiliary Board, as well as a member of the DBU Board of Trustees.

The event was chaired by Kathy Knight and members of the committee including Sena Baker, Amanda Braddy, and Mary Stuart.

For more information on the Women's Auxiliary Board, please contact Candice Wright, WAB executive director, via email at [candice@dbu.edu](mailto:candice@dbu.edu).

*Pictured left: Janet Denison, WAB president; Sheila Cook, wife of DBU President Dr. Gary Cook; Mary Stuart; and Candice Wright.*

## Spring COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

This spring, 620 students received their degrees as a part of DBU's three commencement services, held on May 15 and 16. Dr. Matt Murrah, Dr. Steve Mullen, and Shauna Spratt Chaffin served as the speakers for the services.

Dr. Steve Mullen has been a part of the DBU family for 17 years, beginning as an assistant professor of religious education before being named associate dean and later dean of the Mary C. Crowley College of Christian Faith.

A 2010 graduate of DBU, Shauna Spratt Chaffin received her Master of Arts in Global Leadership and her Master of Business Administration. She currently serves as vice president of mobilization for East-West Ministries.

Dr. Matt Murrah received his third degree from DBU this spring, a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies. Dr. Murrah currently serves as the vice president for technology and has been a part of the University for more than 20 years.



Dr. Steve Mullen



Shauna Spratt Chaffin



Dr. Matt and Karen Murrah

## Memorial Day SERVICE

Dallas Baptist University hosted its 17th Annual Memorial Day Service on May 26 in the Mahler Student Center on the main campus. Several area veterans and families of veterans, both living and deceased, attended the service. DBU is blessed to have many veterans working on campus, including Linda Bannick (pictured lower right), who serves as a campus nurse and was a former Lieutenant Junior Grade in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. In addition, representatives from the DFW National Cemetery gave their greetings, as did Ken Paxton (pictured top right), Texas State Senator for the 8th District.

This year's guest speaker, Ron Simmons, is a DBU alumnus as well as a Texas State Representative from the 65th District. Ron and his wife, Lisa (pictured right), have three adult children and one grandchild and are active members at Prestonwood Baptist Church.



## BREAKING NEW GROUND



On June 20, DBU broke ground on its newest building, the Dr. William B. Dean Learning Center. Thanks to the leadership of David Dean, Dr. Dean's son, and a \$3 million lead gift from the Dean Learning Center, DBU can begin construction on this \$6 million academic building, which will serve as a center for student learning and community engagement.

The building is named in memory of the late Dr. William B. Dean, a Dallas pediatrician, who founded the Dean Learning Center in 1945 in order to help children with disabilities. DBU is honored to have this building named after a man committed to serving the community and developing servant leaders.

Pictured from left to right are Dr. Cory Hines, vice president for advancement and graduate affairs; Dr. Blair Blackburn, executive vice president; and David Dean and his wife, Jean.