## REPORT

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## DR. DENNY DOWD

EDUCATOR, ADMINISTRATOR, SERVANT LEADER

Dr. Denny Dowd, pictured with his wife, Candice, serves as vice president for graduate and corporate affairs and senior associate provost at DBU.



Dr. Denny Dowd (left) with founder of Mission Arlington, Tillie Burgin, and her husband, Bob, who is an assistant professor of education and the associate dean of the DBU College of Education.

## DBU Vice President Serves Community as Chair of Mission Arlington

enny Dowd has a servant's heart—lending a hand anywhere there is a need. As a DBU administrator, he helps the school provide quality Christian higher education. As a deacon and trustee at Fielder Road Baptist Church, he looks to meet the needs of those in his community of believers. And as chair of Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex, which is sponsored by First Baptist Church of Arlington, he provides guidance for an organization that reaches through his community and beyond.

For four decades, Dr. Denny Dowd has been a leader in the field of education. Dowd first developed a love for teaching in 1969, when he joined the Arlington ISD as a junior high math teacher and coach. He later moved on to assume the roles of assistant principal and principal for several junior high schools in the area and eventually joined the district's central administration in 1986. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to associate superintendent.

In 1999, Dr. Dowd followed the leading of God and left Arlington ISD to join the DBU family as an assistant professor and director of the M.Ed. program. He went on to fill several other important roles, including the executive director of DBU's Lab School, the supervising vice president for the College of Adult Education, and the acting dean for the College of Business. In his current role as vice president for graduate and corporate affairs and senior associate provost, he supervises the master's degree programs, the Office of Graduate Programs, the College of Business, International Student Services, and the DBU Library.

Even though the ministry is not a part of their home church, Denny and Candice Dowd have done their part to be faithful servants to their own community through the powerful ministry of Mission Arlington. The Dowds have been volunteering at Mission Arlington for about 15 years. They have worked in the Christmas Store, worked with the

community Easter Egg Hunt, and have led a Bible study in the Park Lane Apartments in east Arlington. They have also served on the Board of Trustees for about six years, and Dr. Dowd currently serves as chairman of the Board, which he has done for the past four years. Candice also continues to serve with Mission Arlington and has taught English as a Second Language in area apartments.

Denny and Candice Dowd have been blessed with two children, Kelli and Trent, both of whom are DBU graduates.

"We need to train educators with Christian backgrounds who can integrate faith and learning," Dowd said. Along with changing the face of education, Dowd also expressed his desire to influence our nation through the field of business. "Our vision is to have a powerful impact on the business world through the development of Christ-centered servant leaders whose lights will shine throughout the companies and corporations of America."