

13TH ANNUAL Patriot Baseball Banquet

honoring

Lew Ford

MLB Player, Former Patriot

Harold Sadler

Patriot Legends Award

2004 Baseball Team

NCCAA National Champs



Lew Ford, OF Minnesota Twins
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Dallas Baptist University recently hosted its 13th Annual Patriot Baseball Banquet. Lew Ford, Minnesota Twins outfielder and former DBU Patriot Player (1998-1999) and DBU Alumnus (2004), served as the keynote speaker for the banquet. During the event, DBU honored Harold Sadler and the 2004 Patriot Baseball Team.

In 2004, Lew Ford had a break-out season, playing in 154 games and finishing with a .299 batting average. During the dinner, Ford spoke about becoming a Christian while he was at DBU and the lessons the Lord has taught him during his time in the major leagues. "If you put your trust in God, He will get you through it," Ford said.

Ford, a native Texan from Beaumont, is married to Corri (Hernandez) Ford (pictured center right), a former DBU Lady Patriot Volleyball Player (1996-1997). The Fords have two sons, Jake (5 years old) and Jordan (4 years old), and they are members of O'Quinn Baptist Church in Central, Texas.

Mr. Harold Sadler (pictured right along with DBU President Dr. Gary Cook), was the recipient of this year's 2005 DBU Patriot Legends Award. He serves as Chairman for DBU Baseball's *Vision for Champions* Campaign and as a DBU trustee. He has supported the University and Patriot Baseball for many years and has been a major contributor to the program. Cody Sadler, former DBU Patriot Baseball Player (2000-2002) and DBU alumnus (2003), and Alex Sadler, current DBU student, are grandsons of Mr. Sadler.

Mr. Sadler is the President of Sadler's Bar-B-Que headquartered in Henderson, Texas. He and his wife, Mildred, are active members at First Baptist Church, Henderson.

During the event, members of the 2004 Patriot Baseball Team were also honored. The team captured the National Christian College Athletic Association National Championship last year in dramatic style. In recognition of this accomplishment, each member of the team received a national championship ring.



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