

Harold Norris (center), former DBU senior vice president for financial affairs, is pictured along with his wife, Mary Kathryn, and members of their family. DBU presented Mr. Norris with the Patriot Legends Award during the 2006 Patriot Baseball Banquet.



## THE 14TH ANNUAL PATRIOT BASEBALL BANQUET

An all-star roster of Patriot baseball players, supporters, and legends recently gathered together for the fourteenth annual Patriot Baseball Banquet. The dinner honored Mr. Harold Norris, who received the DBU Patriot Legends Award. Kenny Trapp, former DBU pitcher and current head golf coach, delivered the keynote address.

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Patriot Baseball supporters DBU parent Jimmy Gomez (left), DBU trustee Harold Sadler (center), and DBU alumnus Doug Tabor (right).



Former Patriot Baseball Stars Lew Ford (left) and Kenny Trapp, along with their wives, Corri Hernandez Ford and Reba Low Trapp. Lew plays outfield for the Minnesota Twins, and Kenny is DBU head golf coach and served as the keynote speaker during the baseball banquet.

senior vice president for financial affairs. Even while helping DBU eliminate a \$5.8 million debt, Mr. Norris continued to ensure enough money remained in the budget to keep the DBU Patriot Baseball program competitive. Today, Mr. Norris is a member of the DBU board of trustees and a founding member of the DBU Legacy Society. Mr. Norris and his wife, Mary

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DBU Executive Vice President Dr. Blair Blackburn served as the host for the evening, highlighting the past year's accomplishments. Discussing the Vision for Champions baseball campaign, Harold Sadler, DBU trustee, encouraged the audience to consider how they could help through prayer and financial support. DBU President Dr. Gary Cook also thanked the team's supporters and shared DBU's vision of Christian edu-

cation as well as the legacy of Harold Norris' work at DBU.

Later in the evening, current Patriot baseball player Drew Holder gave a testimony of God's work in his life, and DBU Head Baseball Coach Eric Newman introduced the 2006 DBU Patriot baseball team, paying special tribute to this year's seniors.



(From left to right) Ryan Erwin, DBU assistant director of athletics; Eric Newman, head DBU baseball coach; Dr. Blair Blackburn, DBU executive vice president; and Matt Murrah, DBU director of athletics.