

DBU Begins Strategic Partnership With GIAL



DBU faculty and staff members join with members of GIAL at a special reception celebrating the new DBU - GIAL Partnership. On the back row, center are pictured Dr. Gary Cook, DBU president (left) and Dr. David Ross, GIAL president (right).

Dallas Baptist University recently announced a strategic partnership with the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics (GIAL). GIAL offers training in applied linguistics and language development, including linguistics, ethnology, language assessment, literacy and Bible translation. The new partnership will allow DBU students to earn a minor in linguistics or a linguistics concentration through the DBU College of Humanities and Social Sciences or the College of Adult Education. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) recently awarded GIAL candidate status in its quest for accreditation—a recognition of its quality instruction.


“This partnership will make linguistics study accessible to our students and will prepare them for work in the mission field, in international relations, and in Bible translation,” said Dr. Gary Cook, DBU President. “It has been a

privilege to work with the Wycliffe Bible Translators through the years and to have a relationship with Wycliffe missionaries throughout the world. We are thrilled to have this special relationship with the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics.”

The partnership will also allow GIAL’s international graduate students to participate in DBU’s Intensive English Program prior to beginning their GIAL course work.

“Both DBU and GIAL have a strong commitment to academic

excellence as well as to fulfilling the Great Commission,” explained Dr. David Ross, GIAL President. “I believe that this partnership will afford both academic institutions the opportunity to train many students to be leaders in the field of linguistics as a means to take the Gospel to people in many nations.”

The linguistics classes are tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall 2004 semester. For more information about the linguistics minor, contact DBU’s Dr. David Stricklin, 214-333-5496. 



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