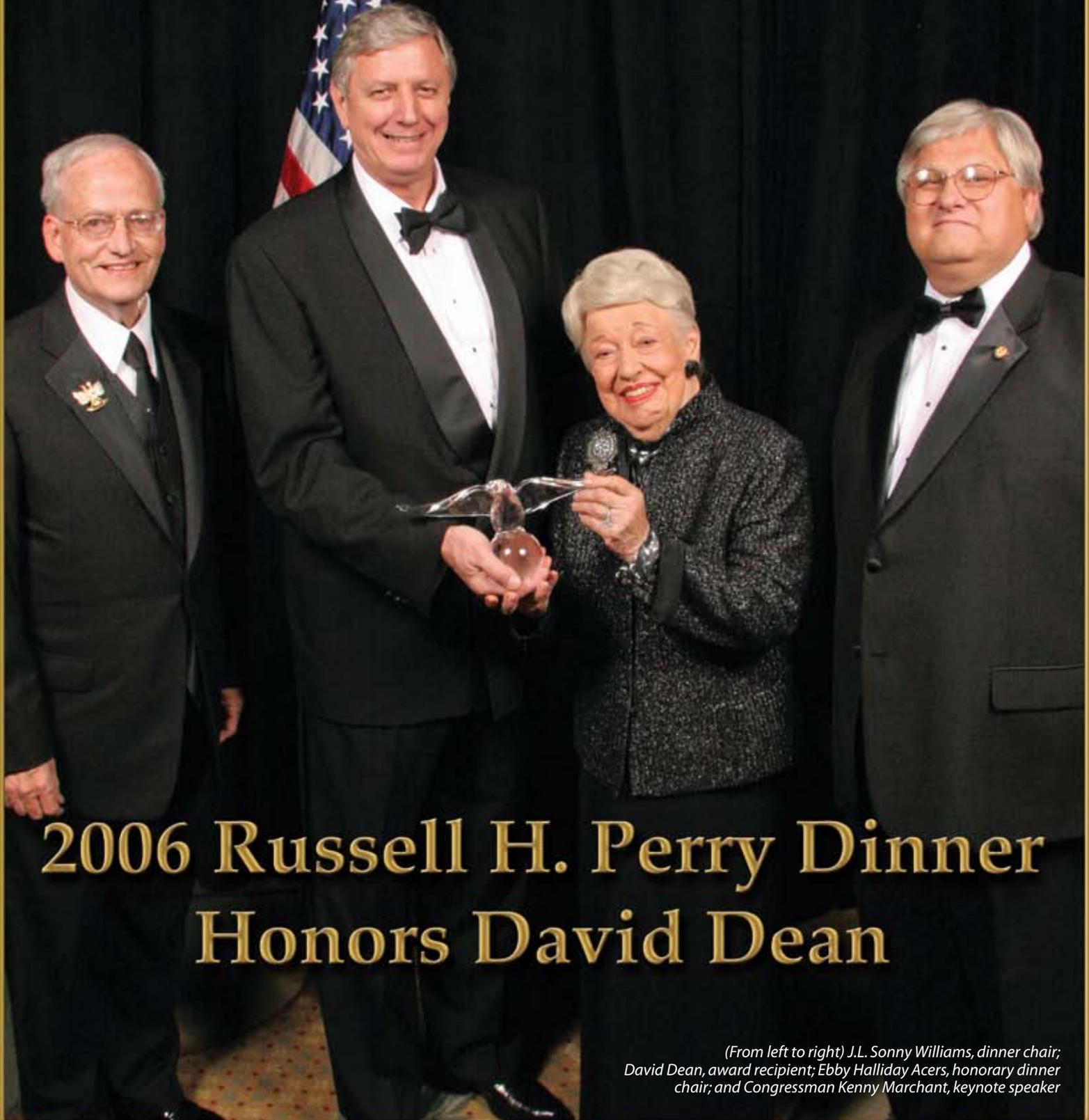


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*(From left to right) J.L. Sonny Williams, dinner chair;  
David Dean, award recipient; Ebby Halliday Acers, honorary dinner  
chair; and Congressman Kenny Marchant, keynote speaker*



2006 Russell H. Perry Award Recipient David Dean and wife, Jean.

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19th Annual

# RUSSELL H. PERRY AWARD DINNER HONORS DAVID DEAN

Former Texas Secretary of State David Dean received the Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award at the annual banquet hosted by Dallas Baptist University. U.S. Congressman Kenny Marchant was the keynote speaker for the evening and DBU alumnus and former Russell H. Perry Award recipient J.L. Sonny Williams served as the dinner's chair. Dallas real estate legend and also former award recipient Ebby Halliday Acers was the honorary chair of the event.

The annual gala event marked its

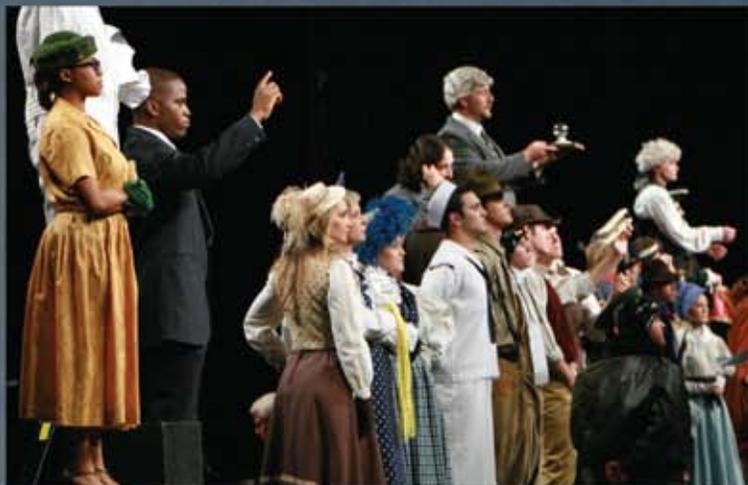
19th anniversary as it continues to honor Dallas leaders whose lives are testimonies of achievement in free enterprise and service to the community. The event

is named in memory of Dallas business leader and philanthropist Russell H. Perry, whose life of service to Dallas impacted many lives. Mrs. Russell H.

(Phoebe) Perry continues to be a friend of the city of Dallas and especially DBU. She and Mr. Perry began their support of the school in the 1960s.

Over the past 19 years, the dinner has honored many North Texas leaders, and in doing so, has raised over \$2 million in scholarship funds for more than 1,000 DBU students.

During his keynote address, Con-



During the Russell Perry Dinner, the DBU College of Fine Arts performed a special musical number highlighting the progress and continuing dream of the United States of America.

gressman Marchant underscored the importance of supporting Christian higher education.

"Giving isn't about pocket change; it's about real change in people's lives, the real change that comes when students' dreams are supported by donors' resources, when students leave DBU with an education and a life experience, the real change that comes when we transform today's students into tomorrow's leaders."

As a graduate of a Christian university himself, Congressman Marchant praised DBU's example of Christian higher education. "Christian schools do more than teach students how to read and write, they teach what is right and wrong," he said.

Congressman Kenny Marchant was sworn in on January 4,

2005 as the representative for the 24th Congressional District of Texas. He currently serves on the House Education Committee, the Workforce and Govern-

on receiving this year's Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award.

"Many people talk about the American dream, David has lived it—as Texas Secretary of State, international consultant, and, most importantly, as a servant of the community. His greatest legacy is that he has done it so long and so well," he said.

Currently, David Dean is chairman and CEO of Dean International, Inc., and its subsidiary, Innovative Transportation

Strategies. He is also the principal shareholder of David A. Dean & Associates, P.C., a public policy administrative regulatory law firm.

Dean served for 10 years as secretary of state and general counsel for Governor William Clements and as general counsel for Governor Dolph Briscoe.



(From left to right) Dallas business legend and former Russell Perry Award recipient Ebby Halliday Acers joins together with DBU students Brandon Aultman, Robert Schwab, and Addison Day to perform a special musical tribute in honor of David "Davey" Dean.

ment Reform Committee, and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Congressman Marchant is also active in funding educational scholarships, assisting local charities, and aiding local churches through the Marchant Family Foundation.

Congressman Marchant went on to congratulate David Dean



1995 recipient of the Russell Perry Award, Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim (far right), along with his wife, Patty, and their son and current DBU trustee, Ken Pilgrim, with his wife, Donna.



George Shafer, 2002 recipient of the Russell Perry Award and President and CEO of the Hoblitzelle Foundation, along with his wife, Shirley.

## PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

2005-Pete Schenkel  
 2004-Noble Hurley (posthumously)  
 2003-The Weir Furniture Family  
 2002-George A. Shafer  
 2001-Mary C. Crowley (posthumously)  
 2000-Erle Nye  
 1999-Ross Perot, Jr.  
 1998-Jim L. Turner  
 1997-Rodger Meier  
 1996-W. Forrest Smith  
 1995-Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim  
 1994-Bob Minyard, Liz Minyard,  
 Gretchen Minyard Williams,  
 J.L. Sonny Williams  
 1993-Boone Powell, Sr.,  
 Boone Powell, Jr.  
 1992-Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper  
 1991-Tom Landry  
 1990-Maurice and Ebby Halliday Acers  
 1989-Trammell Crow  
 1988-John Stemmons, Sr.



1992 Russell Perry Award recipient Dr. Kenneth Cooper (center right) and his wife, Millie (far left), along with Dennis Linam, DBU vice president for external affairs (center left), and his wife, Dr. Gail Linam, DBU provost (far right).

In his acceptance speech, Dean voiced support for DBU's commitment to Christ-centered quality higher education.

"Dallas Baptist University means so much to so many people," he said. "It's one thing to be a Christian university in name, but it's another thing to be a Christian university in practice."

Dean has previously served as chairman of the Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award Dinner and has been an active member of the dinner committee for a number of years. His civic contributions include having served on the boards of Wycliffe Resources, Inc., Greater Dallas Planning Council, National Crime Prevention Council, Methodist Medical Center of Dallas, World Affairs Council of Greater Dallas, Community Council of the Dal-

las VA Medical Center, First Baptist Academy of Dallas, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Marketing Committee, the Communities Foundation of Texas Advisory Board, St. Paul Hospital Advisory Board, Chairman of the National Governors Association Task Force on Public Health Issues, Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc., and the National Alliance Against Drugs. Dean is a member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas, the Friday Group, Texas Philanthropy, and the Lakeview Prayer Group.

The evening was filled with special moments, including a patriotic tribute to the American Spirit, a moving video tribute to David Dean, and a presentation of the DBU Patriot Baseball Team. Dr. Gary Cook, president of DBU, introduced the



2005 Russell Perry Award recipient Pete Schenkel, who provided the invocation for the evening's event, with his wife, Pat.



Longtime friends and supporters of Dallas Baptist University, Orville and Esther Beth Rogers.



Mrs. Margaret Nichols, longtime friend and supporter of DBU, along with DBU advancement officer Robert Whitfield.



Former DBU baseball player and current head golf coach Kenny Trapp gave his testimony during the dinner.



(From left to right) Sheila Cook, wife of DBU President Dr. Gary Cook; DBU friend Betty Turner; and DBU Board of Trustees Chairman, Charles Frazier.



DBU President Dr. Gary Cook shared many DBU highlights from the past year with the dinner attendees.

baseball coaches and players, who were clad in their home uniforms with the school colors of red, white, and blue.

“I wanted you to see where your scholarship money is going,” explained Dr. Cook. “It is going to help these baseball players, our music students, our business students, so many other students, and people like Kenny Trapp.”

Following Dr. Cook’s remarks, DBU Head Golf Coach Kenny Trapp came forward to share his testimony of how God has used the ministry of DBU to reshape his life.

A former Patriot Baseball player himself, Trapp helped lead the team to the NAIA World Series tournaments in 2000 and 2001. He came to DBU full of talent but with no relationship to God.

Kenny was living life his own way and had grown tired of seeing the joy many Christians around him experienced and of hearing about the friendship they had with Jesus Christ. Frustrated, he began to contemplate leaving the school.

One evening, while driving off campus, he encountered the statue of Jesus engraved with the question, “Will you follow me?” Trapp recognized he had reached a crossroads in life and quickly went to talk with his coach. Later that evening, Kenny gave his life over to the cause of Christ and for the first time could claim Jesus as his Savior.

“Thank you for providing scholarship help for people like me,” said Trapp. “Because without you, I would not have a best friend like Jesus. He has never let me down, and He never will.”



(From left to right) Gretchen Williams, former recipient of the Russell Perry Award; Dr. Stephen Holcomb, DBU professor of music and director of choral studies; and Dr. Holcomb’s wife, Patty.



Dallas attorney Forrest Smith, who helped found the Russell H. Perry Award Dinner and later received the honor in 1996, along with his daughter, Candy Smith.