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DBU Women's Auxiliary Board

2005 Ruth Awards Christmas Luncheon

The Bible tells the familiar story of Ruth. After losing her husband to death at an early age, Ruth chose not to abandon her mother-in-law, Naomi, who herself was widowed and childless, but instead committed herself to securing Naomi's future. This beautiful story of faith, commitment, and love is the inspiration for DBU's Ruth Awards Luncheon, which is held annually on the DBU campus and sponsored by the DBU Women's Auxiliary Board.

Each year, DBU names outstanding Christian women to receive the distinguished Ruth Award. Recipients are chosen for their dedication to God, family, and Christian education at DBU. This year's recipients included: Michelle Blackburn of Canton, Billye Buxton of Dallas, Patsy Smith of Colleyville, and Joan Trew of Fort Worth.

On December 14, members of the DBU Women's Auxiliary Board and their guests gathered in the festively decorated Hillcrest Great Hall in the John G. Mahler Student Center to honor these four women at the 2005 Ruth Awards Christmas Luncheon. Dr. Gail

Linam, DBU provost, presided over the luncheon, and Leslie Moulton, Women's Auxiliary Board president, offered a special welcome and opening prayer.

The room overflowed with guests as DBU President Gary Cook welcomed everyone to the campus and shared a few highlights of the academic year. As part of the presentation, Dr. Cook presented each recipient with a beautiful Ruth figurine, molded by famed artist Helen Boehm. The recipients also had their portraits made for display in the Ruth Awards Portrait Gallery on the DBU campus. The program included special music by violinist Ludwingk Rios, DBU College of Fine Arts staff member; pianist Sue Mitz, DBU professor of music; and the DBU Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Holcomb, DBU professor of music.

Members of the 2006 Ruth Awards Luncheon committee were Tena Barkley, Joreen Bozeman, Julie Carlisle, Cynthia Davis, Nancy Denney, Marie Foraker, Becky Gose, Paula Hearon (chair), Dr. Nell Hoffman, Ann Kelley, Kathy Knight, Opal McCullough, Betty Moody, Carol Reid, Jan Spann, and Dr. Elaine Wilmore.