

2008 Patriot Legends Award recipients Jymme Gomez (center right) and Damian Gomez (center left), along with Damian's wife and DBU alumna, Sharia, and DBU Patriot Head Baseball Coach Dan Heefner



16TH ANNUAL PATRIOT BASEBALL BANQUET

With the start of a new baseball season, the 2008 Baseball Banquet was the perfect time for players, coaches, fans, and families of the DBU Patriot Baseball Team to gather in honor of those who have contributed to a winning team both on and off the field.

Mrs. Jymme Gomez and former DBU Patriot player and DBU alumnus Damian Gomez were honored with the 2008 DBU Patriot Legends Awards. Mrs. Gomez and Damian have been two of Patriot Baseball's most loyal supporters and contributors. Mrs. Gomez has served faithfully on the DBU Patriot Baseball Vision for Champions Campaign Steering Committee. Damian played on the Patriot Baseball team during the 2005 and 2006 seasons while completing his Master of Business Administration degree.

Through the Gomezes' dedicated leadership and generosity, they assisted the University in raising the funds to build the Harold and Mildred Sadler Patriot Clubhouse. Within the Patriot Clubhouse is the Gomez Patriot Locker Room, which was specifically designed to serve not only as a dressing room, but also as a center for fellowship, brotherhood, and discipleship among the student-athletes.

Former major league player Kevin Seitzer served as this year's keynote speaker. Seitzer played 11 years in the majors for the Kansas City Royals, Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland Athletics, and the Cleveland Indians. In 1997, the final year of his career, he had the opportunity to go to the World Series with the Indians. He and his wife, Beth, along with their four sons reside in Kansas.

Kevin's message at the 2008 Patriot Baseball Banquet challenged the Patriot Baseball team and supporters to

"Make a Difference" in their respective callings, from being a baseball player to supporting Christ-centered athletics and building God's Kingdom.

Afterwards, Head Baseball Coach Dan Heefner introduced this season's team members, making special mention of the seniors. Heefner also encouraged those present to show their support for the Patriots during the upcoming season, which begins against Missouri State University on February 22 at DBU.



Former Major League Baseball player and keynote speaker Kevin Seitzer (center left), with his wife, Beth, and Ryan Erwin (center right), DBU director of athletics, and Travis Wyckoff, DBU assistant baseball coach.