

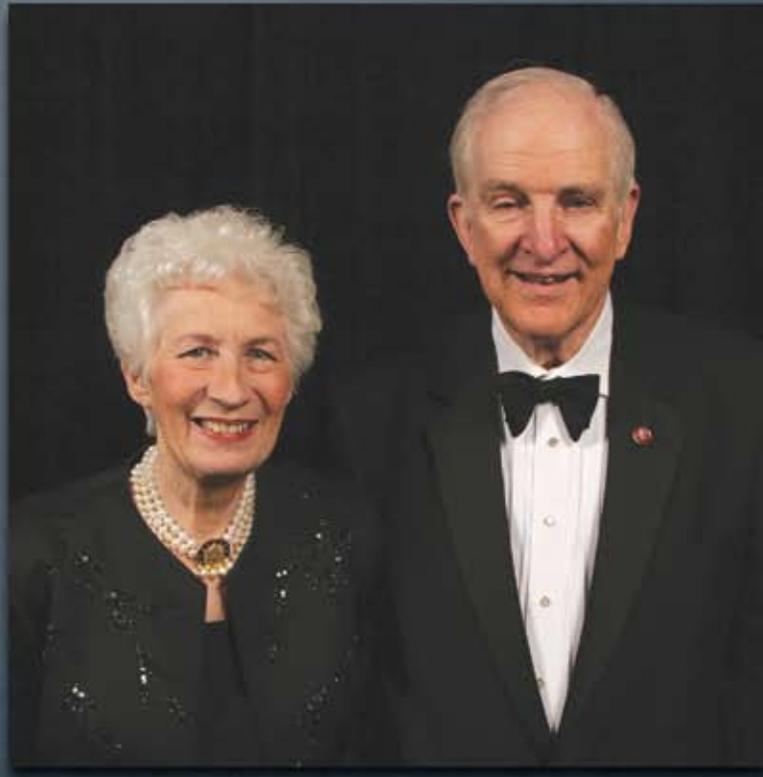
# DBU REPORT

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## Congressman Sam Johnson Receives Inaugural DBU Tom Landry Leadership Award

*Landry Award Recipient and U. S. Congressman Sam Johnson (center right), along with Landry Dinner Honorary Co-Chairs (from left to right) Dr. Kenneth Cooper, Tina Craig, and Alicia Landry.*



*Congressman Sam Johnson and his wife, Shirley.*

**2007 TOM LANDRY AWARD DINNER**

*honorary co-chairs*

Alicia Landry + Kenneth Cooper + Tina Craig

*chair*

Mike D. Arnold

*dinner committee*

George Billingsley  
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Gary Cook  
Jerry Durham  
John Ford  
Michael Griffin  
Amy Jones

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Jeff Warren  
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**Inaugural**

**TOM LANDRY LEADERSHIP AWARD  
DINNER HONORS SAM JOHNSON**

Dallas Baptist University hosted the first annual Tom Landry Leadership Award Banquet on Monday evening, April 9. The gala event, with over 400 in attendance, recognized the lasting legacy of one of Dallas' most famous citizens, Tom Landry, as it named another famous Texan, Congressman Sam Johnson, as the recipient of the inaugural Tom Landry Leadership Award.

As the coach of the acclaimed Dallas Cowboys for 29 years, Tom Landry and "America's Team" became the stuff of which legends are made. Their success came because of character and a commitment to excellence. In Landry's mind, the credit for all this success came from his faith, manage-

ment strategies, and leadership style. Tom Landry's life epitomized the most exceptional leadership and character qualities DBU strives to instill in its students every day. His faith in God, devotion to family, and dedica-

tion to integrity and service to others make Landry a real role model.

For this reason, the Tom Landry Leadership Award Dinner was inaugurated to ensure that Landry's legacy would live on and serve as an example to DBU students and to others in Collin County. The Landry Leadership Award is given to those individuals who use their God-given talents and abilities to excel in their chosen field of work, who provide and exhibit exceptional leadership, who are committed to serving others in their community, and who demonstrate integrity in their personal lives. In addition, the proceeds raised from the dinner go to provide scholarships for DBU students in Collin County.



*Mike Arnold, chair of the Tom Landry Leadership Award Dinner and DBU alumnus, addresses the more than 400 guests who attended the inaugural event, held at the Plano Marriott Hotel at Legacy Town Center.*

This year Alicia Landry, Dr. Kenneth Cooper, and Tina Craig served as the honorary co-chairs of the event, and DBU alumnus Mike Arnold served as the dinner chairperson. During the dinner, DBU alumna and nationally known speaker Amy Jones gave a testimony of how her experience as a DBU student changed her life and inspired her to impact others' lives as well. In addition, DBU President Dr. Gary Cook gave a special welcome from the University and also introduced members from the DBU Baseball Team, which has played several games this season at Frisco's Dr Pepper/7-Up Ballpark, home of the Frisco Rough Riders.

Landry Leadership Award Recipient Sam Johnson returned home to Texas after serving in the U. S. Air Force for 29 years as a highly decorated fighter pilot. He flew combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and was a Prisoner of War in Hanoi for nearly seven years.

After his distinguished military career, Johnson started a home-building business from scratch and served in

the Texas legislature. In 1991, he embarked on a new mission of service to his country—representing the people of Texas' Third District in the United States Congress.

Currently, Johnson sits on the pres-

Johnson flew 62 combat missions in his F-86, "Shirley's Texas Tornado."

In the Vietnam War, during his first tour of duty, he worked at the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam (MACV) headquarters in Saigon, helping coordinate the first B-52 strikes under General Westmoreland. During Johnson's second tour, he flew F-4 Phantom combat missions with the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing in Thailand. Johnson flew his 25th combat mission on April 16, 1966, and was shot down at dusk over North Vietnam. For nearly seven years, including 42 months in solitary confinement, Johnson was a prisoner of war.

Retiring as a Colonel, a decorated combat pilot, and a war hero, Johnson was awarded two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, one Bronze Star with Valor, two Purple Hearts, four Air Medals, and three Outstanding Unit Awards.

Sam Johnson and his wife, Shirley, are faithful members of First Methodist Church of Plano. They are proud parents of three children and grandparents to ten.



*Dr. Gary Cook, president of DBU, introduces members of the DBU Patriot Baseball Team during the dinner. For the past several years, the DBU Baseball Team has held games at the Dr Pepper/7Up Ballpark in Frisco, home of the minor league Frisco Rough Riders.*

tigious Ways and Means Committee and serves as the Ranking Member on the Social Security Subcommittee.

Growing up in Dallas, Johnson began his 29-year career in the U. S. Air Force at the young age of 20. During his time in the military, he served as director of the Air Force Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) and was one of two authors of the air tactics manual revolutionizing military air dominance by incorporating three-dimensional flight. During the Korean War,



*(From left to right) Ebby Halliday Acers, Dallas real estate legend, along with Amy Jones, DBU alumna and trustee and keynote speaker at the dinner, and Betty Turner, long-time friend and associate of Ebby.*



*Dr. Jerry Carlisle (far left), pastor of First Baptist Church of Plano, and his wife, Dedi, along with Joel Allison (far right), president and CEO of Baylor Health Care System, and his wife, Diane.*