

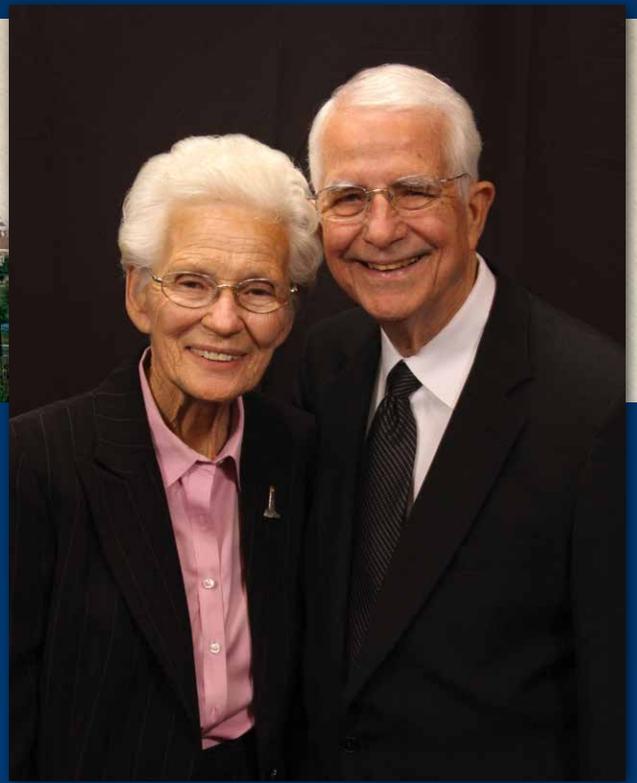
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Dallas Baptist University hosted the seventh annual Tom Landry Leadership Award Dinner on Saturday, April 27, on the Dallas Baptist University campus. The annual event recognized the lasting legacy of one of North Texas' most famous citizens, Tom Landry, with more than 400 guests in attendance.

Honored that evening as the seventh recipient of the Tom Landry Leadership Award was Tillie Burgin, founder and executive director of Mission Arlington, a non-profit organization that provides essentials for less fortunate members of the Arlington community through a Christian atmosphere.

This year's honorary chair of the dinner was Alicia Landry, and Dr. Denny Dowd, DBU provost, served as the

dinner program chair. Ron Harris, former DBU faculty member and current president of MEDIAAlliance International, served as the evening's emcee.

Dinner was held in the Hillcrest Great Hall of the John G. Mahler Student Center on the Dallas Baptist University campus, followed by the award program held in the Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel Sanctuary and a dessert reception in Sadler Hall.

Dr. Dowd welcomed the guests in attendance to DBU and the dinner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Judith Carrier, president emerita of Tarrant County College—South-east Campus. The evening's invocation was then led by Dr. Dennis Wiles, pastor of First Baptist Church of Arlington. DBU President Dr. Gary Cook gave a

brief welcome and invited guests to proceed to Pilgrim Chapel after dinner for the continuation of the program.

The DBU Grand Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Holcomb, performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" with DBU student Aaron Jones as the soloist. The Grand Chorus then performed a musical medley of patriotic songs.

Mr. Harris gave introductions, and then Dr. Cook expressed a word of gratitude to those in attendance for their support of DBU and student scholarships that would be made possible through their generous gifts. He also asked Dr. Jim Denison, founder and president of the Denison Forum on Truth and Culture, to come to the stage and lead in a prayer for the



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victims of the explosion that had recently occurred in West, Texas.

Following the prayer, Dr. Cook introduced Dan Heefner, the head coach of the DBU Patriot Baseball team, who came and spoke about the philosophy of the athletic discipleship program at DBU.

Heefner explained how they have crafted a Christian baseball program designed to glorify God both on the field and off the field. To accomplish this goal, the team seeks to exemplify the attributes of God, including excellence, consistency, perseverance, humility, and love.

"To me the great thing about DBU is that we get to talk about these things and we also get to practice them," said Heefner. "DBU is really on the forefront of service learning and helping students to see how they are gifted and then serving in those areas."

Specifically, the DBU baseball team has participated in international mission trips through the Global Sports Mission Initiative Program, as well as local service projects at places such as Mission Arlington.

Following Heefner's remarks, Dr. Dowd returned to the podium and introduced a special presentation recognizing Tillie Burgin as this year's Landry Award honoree.

The Tom Landry Leadership Award Dinner was inaugurated in 2007 to ensure that Landry's legacy would live on and serve as an example to DBU students and supporters.

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, management strategies, and leadership style.

Tom Landry's life epitomized the most exceptional leadership and character qualities that DBU strives to instill in its students every day. His faith in God, devotion to family, dedication to integrity, and service to others has made Landry a lasting role model to this day.

The Landry Leadership Award is given annually 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



(Pictured from top to bottom) Dan Heefner, head coach of the Patriot Baseball Team, served as the keynote speaker, sharing about the DBU Athletic Department's discipleship program.

Dr. Blair Blackburn (far left), executive vice president, his wife, Michelle, and Shirley and Paul Piper, Jr. outside of Piper Hall in the Sadler Global Missions Center. The Pipers oversee the Christ is Our Salvation Foundation, founded by Paul Piper's parents, Paul, Sr., and Katy Piper.

Wayne Stevenson, a former Tom Landry Award recipient, with his wife, Buena, a current DBU trustee.

Richard Keathley (far left), former DBU trustee, and his wife, Ruth, a Women's Auxiliary Board member, with Dr. Gail Linam, academic dean, and her husband Dennis, director of denominational and governmental relations.



committed to serving others in their community, and who demonstrate integrity in their personal lives.

In addition, the proceeds raised from this year's dinner will go to provide scholarships for Dallas Baptist University students from Arlington.

A native of Arlington, Tillie Burgin was born and raised in the city where she has dedicated so much of her life. A two-time graduate of the University of North Texas, she earned both a bachelor's and master's degree from the institution, as well as several specialized certifications from TCU.

In 1966, God called Tillie, her husband, Bob, and their two sons, Jim and Rick, to serve as missionaries in South Korea. Upon returning to Arlington after a decade of service, Tillie's heart was stirred by something her father said years earlier when he asked why they were doing missions overseas when there was so much need in the city of Arlington. Convicted by the words of her father, Tillie founded Mission Arlington on August 1, 1986. For the last 27 years, countless lives have been touched by the unrelenting dedication of Tillie Burgin and Mission Arlington.

In recognition of her servant's heart, Tillie has received numerous honors and awards, including an honorary doctorate from Dallas Baptist University, being named "Pastor of the Day" for the Texas House of Representatives, and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Sharing the Dream" award for community service. She was also the recipient in 2006 of "The Yellow

(Pictured from top to bottom) Dr. Gary Smith (left), senior pastor of Fielder Church in Arlington, and his wife, Sandra, with Michael Glaspie, an Arlington City Council member and minister of education at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Arlington.

Dr. Dennis Wiles (center left), senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Arlington, and his wife, Cindy, with Carey Hendrickson (far right), senior vice president for Belo Corporation, and his wife, Stacie.

Candice Wright (left), executive director of the Women's Auxiliary Board, and her husband, Dr. Adam Wright, vice president and dean of the Gary Cook School of Leadership, with Michelle Hanson, a DBU alumna and Miss Arlington 2013.



Rose of Texas" award, which is presented annually by Governor Rick Perry to women who dedicate their lives to the betterment of their communities. The City of Arlington honored her with "Tillie Burgin Day" in 2000, 2004, and 2006, and she was named to the "Texas Woman's Hall of Fame" by former Governor George W. Bush in 2000.

"Thank you for this," Tillie stated upon receiving the Landry Award. "It represents our Lord Jesus Christ, and I don't know how long He is going to let any of us be here, but as long as He does, we are going to serve Him together."

Tillie and Bob Burgin have been married for more than 50 years and have been blessed with two sons, Dr. Jim Burgin and Dr. Rick Burgin, and four grandchildren. Bob has served as professor of education at Dallas Baptist University for the last 14 years and currently serves as associate dean of the College of Education at DBU. Their son, Rick, graduated from the DBU Ph.D. in Leadership Studies Program in May 2012. Their son, Jim, has served as a DBU adjunct faculty member. The Burgins are active members of First Baptist Church of Arlington, a great supporter of Mission Arlington.

Past recipients of the Tom Landry Leadership Award include Fred Moses (2012), Wayne Stevenson (2011), Dr. Jeff Warren (2010), Mike Simpson (2009), Dr. Jack Graham (2008), and Congressman Sam Johnson (2007).

(Pictured above from left to right) Judy Harris (left), wife of Ron Harris, who served as the dinner emcee, and Candy Dowd, wife of Dr. Denny Dowd, DBU provost and chair of the dinner. Candy volunteers regularly with Mission Arlington.

Dr. Judith Carrier, founding president and president emeritus of Tarrant County College—South-east Campus, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Longtime Mayor of Arlington, Robert Cluck, along with his wife, Linda.

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