



## MARSHA POOL: MASTER TEACHER

This past fall semester, Dallas Baptist University awarded professor of mathematics Marsha Pool with the University's highest honor of Master Teacher. Pool is the first recipient of this prestigious title, which comes as no surprise considering her more than thirty-five-year commitment to the University, as well as her growing list of accolades over the years. Voted as Professor of the Year in 1991, this popular math professor has continued to serve as a mentor and friend to students since her arrival at DBU in 1966.

"I felt that it was appropriate to name Marsha Pool as the first Master Teacher because of her many years of dedicated service to Dallas Baptist University and because she has consistently embodied the ideals of teaching to train, nurture and mentor tomorrow's leaders," said Dr. Gary Cook, DBU President. "As an institution that places the highest priority on teaching, it is fitting that DBU should establish this special designation of Master Teacher and that Professor Pool would be the first to hold this title."

The honor of Master Teacher is reserved for those professors who have taught at the University for at least 25 years and have been recognized by their fellow faculty members, their students and the administration as masters in the art of teaching.

Marsha Pool, a Sherman, Texas, native, earned her bachelor's degree and master's degree in secondary education and math from the University of North Texas in Denton. "Math is more than just my job," Pool explains. "It is my calling." She takes joy in helping her students understand math. She is extremely observant of her students, working hard to understand how they learn while teaching them

the details of numbers. Additionally, she uses the natural interaction and spontaneity of the classroom to talk about her faith.

"At DBU we focus on integrating faith into the classroom," said Pool. "I want my students to leave my class with an understanding of numbers and of the importance of Christ in their lives."

In 1993, DBU honored her by establishing the Marsha Pool Endowed Scholarship Fund in recognition of her twenty-five years of service to the University. She and her husband, Wayne (center), are pictured below along with their son, Lee (left), with his wife, Stephanie, and their daughter, Adison, and their other son, Gary (right), with his wife, Mandy, and their daughter, Katy. Mandy recently gave birth to their second child, Clara Anne.

