

The background of the cover is a scenic photograph of a lake. In the center, a fountain sprays water upwards. A white, arched pedestrian bridge spans across the lake, with a group of about five people standing on it. The lake is surrounded by lush green trees and grassy banks. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

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DBU SETS NEW FALL
ENROLLMENT RECORD



over 500 new DBU students participated in the 2006 SWAT Week

Fall Enrollment Sets New Record with 5,153 Students

For the first time in its 108-year history, Dallas Baptist University has enrolled more than 5,000 students. As of Friday, September 1, the tenth day of classes, the University had enrolled 5,153 students, an increase of 3.3% over the previous record of 4,988, which was set last fall.

This new record marks the 19th consecutive year in which student enrollment has grown and represents an increase of 177% in enrollment since the fall of 1987.

“When I first came here in the spring of 1988, I never dreamed we would have 5,000 students,” said DBU President Gary Cook. “God has truly blessed us beyond anything that we could ever imagine, and we are truly grateful.”

This fall also saw an increase in graduate enrollment to 1,543 students, 167 more than last year’s record total of 1,376 students, and an increase of almost 500% since the fall of 1988. The University has added 13 graduate programs over the last 18 years, most recently introducing its first doctoral programs: the Ph.D. in Leadership Studies and the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership.

“We know that these students are not only a blessing, but also a great responsibility,” explained Dr. Cook. “With this responsibility in mind, the University pledges to continue to be the University that God wants us to be, honoring Him and producing students that seek His face by serving others.”

Of the 5,000 students, DBU welcomed over 500 incoming freshman and transfer students to this year’s SWAT (Student Welcome and Transition) Week. Activities throughout the week included information sessions, special receptions, and small group gatherings.

One of the most important aspects of the week is the Friday service project, which this year sent students to various locations throughout the Metroplex to help others in need. In the process, the students learned more about the faith-based mission of DBU, which is to produce servant leaders who are ready to help others in need. Service sites this year included Brother Bill’s Helping Hand in West Dallas, Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Oak Cliff, the Dallas Life Foundation, Dallas Habitat for Humanity, and the North Texas Food Bank.

