

Decatur Reunion

Dallas Baptist University hosted the 26th Annual Decatur Baptist College Spring Reunion for alumni and friends on Saturday, April 26, at the Wise County Heritage Museum in Decatur, the location of the former administration building of Decatur Baptist College, and at First Baptist Church of Decatur.

During the program, Rep. Phil King received the 2014 Decatur Baptist College Honorary Alumnus Award, and Janice Miller received the 2014 DBC Distinguished Alumna Award. In addition, the class of 1964 was honored for their 50th anniversary, and the class of 1954 was recognized for their 60th anniversary.

Rep. Phil King is well known for his faithful service to the people of Wise and Parker Counties. A two-time graduate of Dallas Baptist University (1980 and 1986), King has served as a member of the Texas State House of Representatives since 1998. Prior to that, he served with the Fort Worth Police Department and as a Justice of the Peace in Parker County. In addition to his work as a state representative, he also is a practicing attorney in Weatherford. In 2001, DBU presented Rep. King with a Distinguished Alumnus Award, and he continues to serve as an adjunct professor for DBU. He and his wife, Terry, have six children, five of which attended DBU.

This year's Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Janice Miller ('55), a retired leader in the field of education. Serving mainly in the Lake Worth Independent School District, she has been a member of the Lake Worth school board, a teacher, a vice principal, and a principal. In 2006, because of her years of dedicated service, the Lake Worth ISD named one of its elementary schools Marilyn Janice Miller Elementary in her honor.

In addition to the awards, recognition was made during the service to those classes celebrating their 50th and 60th anniversaries, and Mrs. Mary Louise Woodruff was given special recognition as she celebrated her 70th anniversary as a member of the Class of 1944.

Pictured below (clockwise from top left): Honoree Janice Miller, along with her daughters Marilyn Edans (center) and Robin Steward. Prior to the reunion, several gather together to lay a wreath at the grave of former DBC president J. L. Ward (from left to right: Dr. Mike Williams, John Clem, Bruce Bower, Carol Jean Bower (DBC '64), Andrew Briscoe, Amy Briscoe). Clairerene Herold (center right), a 1945 DBC graduate, along with her husband, Fred, and fellow DBC graduate Dr. Nolan Estes ('48), and Bill Rogers. Honoree Phil King, along with his wife, Terry (center), and their daughter, Leah.



Phil King



Janice Miller

