

## MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Dallas Baptist University is to provide Christ-centered quality higher education in the arts, sciences, and professional studies at both the undergraduate and graduate levels to traditional age and adult students in order to produce servant leaders who have the ability to integrate faith and learning through their respective callings.

## VISION STATEMENT

Building a great Christian university that is pleasing to God by producing Christ-centered servant leaders who are transforming the world.

# DALLAS BAPTIST

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”  
Jeremiah 29:11

## Congressman Roger Williams Speaks at DBU Memorial Day Service



Dallas Baptist University hosted its 16th Annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 27, in the John G. Mahler Student Center on the DBU main campus. This year's guest speaker was U.S. Congressman Roger Williams from the 25th District of Texas.

A DBU tradition, the Memorial Day Service is a special time for area veterans and families of veterans to remember and honor those who have given their lives for our country and those who continue to put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedom.

Before the program, a special reception sponsored by the Daughters of World War II Veterans organization was also held on campus. Various veterans from the war attended the reception, along with their families.

Laura Leppert, wife of former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, heads the Daughters of World War II organization, a group dedicated to honor all veterans of World War II and preserve their memories so future generations can know and understand the great sacrifices these individuals made. For the past several years, Mrs. Leppert has organized this special tribute as a part of the DBU service.

Prior to his election in November 2012, Congressman Williams served his country in a number of ways and he brings a unique background to Congress. He was raised in the Fort Worth area where he graduated from high school and later played baseball at TCU. He began working in the family car business and has owned and operated the business for 40 years. Along the way, he also became involved civically and politically.

Pictured above is Dr. Cory Hines, DBU Vice President for Advancement and External Affairs (left); Laura Leppert; and Congressman Roger Williams. Below are World War II veterans who attended the Memorial Day Service.



## W.A.B. Hosts Yellow Ribbon Luncheon



The DBU Women's Auxiliary Board hosted the annual Yellow Ribbon Luncheon on September 11, 2013, on the DBU campus. Barbara Pedersen served as the chair of the luncheon, along with help from the luncheon committee of Michelle Blackburn, Sandy Blair, Joreen Bozeman, Candy Dowd, Alicia Frick, Carletta Guillory, Dr. Marilyn Haller, Emily Hill, Ann Kelly, Kit Montgomery, Betty Rush, and the 2013 Women's Auxiliary Board President Janet Denison.

During the luncheon, DBU faculty members Dr. Donovan Fredericksen, Dr. Ozzie Ingram, Ron Bowles, and Dr. Bob Brooks performed a special musical number as a quartet.

Pictured above is (l-r) WAB President Janet Denison, Suzanne Griffin, Dr. Nancy Upton, Libby York, and Sheila Cook, wife of DBU President Dr. Gary Cook. Pictured right is Barbara Pedersen, Yellow Ribbon Luncheon chairperson, and her husband, Dr. Herb Pedersen, pastor of Longbranch Community Baptist Church in Midlothian and former DBU trustee.



## DBU Again Named Military Friendly School

Dallas Baptist University has been named by *Victory Media*, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, to their 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools. Drawn from a comparison of more than 10,000 schools across the country, DBU has been recognized as ranking in the top 20% of colleges, universities, and trade schools.

The 2014 list includes more than 1,800 institutions that represent the top tier of U.S. schools doing the most to educate America's veterans. These colleges and universities offer military students the best services, programs, discounts, scholarships, clubs, networking and staff.



## Manuel Sarrias Martinez Receives Honorary Doctorate



During Fall Convocation, DBU honored Pastor Manuel Sarrias Martinez with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Tremendously dedicated to unity among the Baptist churches of Spain, Pastor Sarrias has been instrumental in spreading the Gospel through the Evangelical Baptist Union of Spain for more than 30 years.

Pastor Sarrias earned a bachelor's degree in humanities, prior to studying accounting and business administration and graduating from the Center of Theological Studies, LOGOS.

Pastor Sarrias managed a "double career" and volunteered from 1982-1989 as the Executive Secretary for the Evangelical Baptist Union. In 1989, Pastor Sarrias transitioned to a full-time employee as General Secretary of the Union, a position he holds today. Pastor Sarrias has overseen significant growth in the general budget, the number of new churches started, and the creation of new initiatives.

Since 1975, he has served as a frequent writer and editor of the denominational magazine, *The Baptist Echo*. He served as director from 2003-2010, as well as collaborator on other evangelical publications. Even as a very young man, Manuel Sarrias dedicated a significant amount of time to denominational work as secretary and treasurer for the Association of Baptist Churches in Valencia. Additionally, Pastor Sarrias was instrumental in organizing partnerships between the Evangelical Baptist Union of Spain and the Baptist conventions of Alabama, Florida, and Texas.

Pastor Sarrias and his wife, Damaris Diaz (pictured above right with their friends Jorge and Encarna Pastor), have two children: Hector and Debora. They also have one granddaughter, Elizabeth. Their entire family serves together as members of the First Evangelical Baptist Church of Valencia.

