

DBU HIGHLIGHTS

Miguel '10 and Paulina Faundez
Benjamin Mateo
January 11, 2015

Michael '12 and Brittany (Umber) '11 Stewart
Tripp Jackson
February 18, 2015

John '08 & '10 and Emily Turnage
Joshua Hughes
March 6, 2015

Craig '01 and Shanna '02 (Roney) Dunn
Isla Evangeline
March 24, 2015

Daniel and Jill '08 & '13 (Beard) Borroum
Lettie Jane
March 30, 2015

WEDDINGS

Nathan and Megan '10 (Coston) McCrory
March 8, 2014

Jason and Lindsey '04 (Ruthart) Pace
October 17, 2014

Jason and Lauren '09 (Scruggs) Kennedy
December 13, 2014

Pablo '95 and Sharon '99 (DeVore) Torres
December 20, 2014

Brian '10 and Leana '08 (Adams) Dusek
February 6, 2015

Kyle and Lindsay '10 (Cummins) Cohenour
March 7, 2015

Wes '11 and Bethany Wilkinson
March 28, 2015

IN MEMORIAM

Perry Wayne Thacker '73
January 2, 2014

Raymond Gordon Hughes '82
March 6, 2014

Jimmye S. Winter '76
December 31, 2014

Dr. Timothy Everitt Fjordbak '74
January 6, 2015

Brian Glenn Lacy '00
January 14, 2015

Dr. Verl Capps
(former faculty member)
January 18, 2015

Don Edwin King, Sr. '95
January 20, 2015

Patsy M. Dishmon '51
January 20, 2015

John William Wartlick '70
January 24, 2015

Quincy Roan '03
January 26, 2015

Rev. Dewey Virgil Lamb '58
February 11, 2015

Glenn Daniel Clark '88
February 12, 2015

Dr. Michael Stuart '74
February 18, 2015

James Larry Plunk '67
February 21, 2015

Jessie D. Thorn '80
(wife of former president Dr. Bill Thorn)
March 1, 2015

Lillian Jeanette Weeks Witchard '09
March 9, 2015

Melodie Gordon '93
March 30, 2015

Cammie Lucille Standley '08
March 28, 2015

Charles Ferrell McClenny '83
March 31, 2015

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ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

DR. JOE MATOS

Dr. Joe Matos, DBU professor of Biblical studies, has been named as the 2015 DBU Advisor of the Year.

Dr. Matos came to DBU in 1998, working in the Graduate Office and eventually as a research analyst in the Provost's Office. He also served as an adjunct instructor at DBU prior to his appointment as a full-time faculty member in 2001.

Over the past 14 years, Dr. Matos has taught a variety of courses in the College of Christian Faith, including Greek, Old and New Testament Surveys, World Religions, Christianity in a Pluralistic World, Christian Doctrine, and Hermeneutics, as well as a variety of Biblical books courses. He has also served as the Faculty Council president, chair of a variety of Faculty Council Committees, Faculty Athletics Representative, and a member of the DBU Strategic Planning Committee.

Dr. Matos and his wife, Yolanda, have three children, their son Elias and their daughters Yeseña and Marisa.



CROSS COUNTRY COACH

JACOB PHILLIPS



In 2005, Jacob Phillips had a vision for the Dallas Baptist University Cross Country Team. He believed in the program, the resources that surrounded the team, and the mission of the University. With the Cross Country program in search of a new head coach,

DBU turned to Phillips to take over the reins. At the ripe young age of 21, Phillips accepted his first head coaching position, making him the youngest head coach in the NCAA ranks. Not only was Phillips now the new head coach for the Patriots, but he was also entering his senior season as a member of the very team that he was preparing to take over.

A transfer from Lamar University, Phillips envisioned greatness for the DBU program and made his message clear during the interview process. "I put together a detailed portfolio of how I would run the program, turned it in, and was lucky enough to be taken seriously by Matt Murrah, who was the Athletic Director at the time. It was

a dream job for me," Phillips said. Now entering his tenth season at Dallas Baptist University, Phillips is still living out that dream.

Since taking over as the team's head coach, Dallas Baptist has clinched an unprecedented seven consecutive Heartland Conference titles on the Women's side, while the Men's team has won four consecutive league titles. Phillips has also coached over 75 National Christian College Athletic Association All-Americans and 21 NCAA national champions.

With the success his program has experienced comes the most fulfilling part of the job for Phillips, the opportunity to display the team's love for Christ on a national level. "I had a mentor one time tell me, 'What better witness than having a team full of believers standing on the podium, holding the trophy.' Typically in this world, the team that finishes middle of the pack doesn't get a lot of recognition, so if we truly want the world to see the light of Christ, we had better be in a position to show it. That success gets people reading about what we are about. It gets people asking questions, and it allows us to really show what Christ-centered athletics is all about," said Phillips.

The key to Phillips' success has not only been his keen ability to develop tremendous runners, but to also recruit athletes who have a burning desire to grow spiritually. "It's not just about putting together a winning team. Obviously we want to win, but it's about bringing in student-athletes who are hungry to grow in their faith, hungry to use the gifts that God has blessed them with, and hungry to minister to the world," Phillips said.

Beyond his mission at DBU, Phillips and his wife, Rachel, are active members at First Baptist Church of Duncanville, where they have served for the past twelve years.

Phillips now enters his tenth season at the helm in 2014 and knows he is exactly where God wants to use him. "I'm guided by the Holy Spirit, and He is the reason that I am here at Dallas Baptist University."

GALLUP LECTURE SERIES

DR. ED SPANN

Dr. Ed Spann, former dean of the DBU college of Fine Arts, spoke as the featured speaker of the George H. Gallup, Jr., Distinguished Lecture Series where he presented the contents of his book *Presidential Praise: Our Presidents and Their Hymns*, co-authored by Dr. Michael Williams, DBU professor of history.

Dr. Spann has served in several churches and associational positions in music and worship ministries and has also taught on the music faculties of Shorter College in Rome, Georgia, and at Houston Baptist University. He was instrumental in founding the Department of Sacred Music at the Faculdade (Seminary) Teologal Batista de Sao Paulo in Brazil where he published *Musica e Louvor* (Music and Worship), a book that is still utilized worldwide.

Joining DBU's faculty in 1989, Dr. Spann later became the dean of the College of Fine Arts and directed the DBU University Ringers, which toured throughout the southwestern United States as well as Korea, Taiwan, Italy, Austria, and Germany. Dr. Spann retired from the full-time faculty in 2004, but he has continued to serve as an adjunct instructor at DBU. In 2008, Dr. Spann received the Honorary Alumnus of the Year Award from DBU.

During his lecture, Dr. Spann highlighted the Christian faith of



various U. S. Presidents. He explained the evolution of hymnody in America and the effect that the hymns of the time had on the lives of the presidents.

Dr. Spann currently tours the nation presenting his book, already in its fourth printing. He and his wife, Jan, live in Duncanville. They have two children and five grandchildren.