

DR. GARY COOK
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CAMPUS INTEGRATES SERVICE-LEARNING

Service to others has been a central theme of Dallas Baptist University since Dr. Cook's arrival as president in 1988. In his first chapel address, Dr. Cook quoted medical missionary Dr. Albert Schweitzer's words, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." Using the ultimate model of Christ as a servant, the young president called upon the DBU family to commit their lives in service to others for the glory of God.

During the past 25 years, the University community has continued to holistically adopt the principles of servant leadership. In many regards, service-learning has been an unofficial guide to learning, both inside and outside of the classroom,

throughout Dr. Cook's administration. But six years ago, during the development of DBU's Quality Enhancement Plan for the institution's accrediting agency, SACS, the thought of officially instituting campus-wide service-learning at DBU was just an idea on paper.

Through the leadership of Dr. Cook, Provost Dr. Gail Linam, and countless others, service-learning has become an integral part of the DBU curriculum, community, and culture.

The concepts of service-learning have expanded, in many ways, beyond what any faculty or staff imagined. Take, for example, a routine science experiment in the Roberts Science Building that has transformed into an on-going missional



DR. COOK DELIVERS FIRST CHAPEL ADDRESS, EMPHASIZING SERVICE.

1988

SACS* REAFFIRMATION VISITING COMMITTEE CONFIRMS INTEGRATION OF MISSION STATEMENT.

1998

SUMMER FACULTY INSTITUTE ON S-L* CONDUCTED.

2004

FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS & TRUSTEES AGREE TO ADOPT S-L AS QEP* TOPIC.

1993

A FOCUS TO PRODUCE SERVANT LEADERS IS WOVEN INTO NEW MISSION STATEMENT.

2000

STUDENT AFFAIRS INCORPORATES SERVICE THROUGH CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP AND FOUNDATIONS COURSES.

2005

S-L FAIR HELD FOR ENTIRE CAMPUS, PROMOTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR ALL ACADEMIC DIVISIONS.

*DENOTES DBU'S ACCREDITATION AGENCY: THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS / *SERVICE-LEARNING / *QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN REQUIRED FOR SACS ACCREDITATION



business people, testing soil, and holding babies. God moved so powerfully.”

Only through such an all-encompassing and life-changing methodology as service-learning could a routine science lesson turn into a cross-cultural ministry opportunity. More than just the scientific principles found in a textbook, students learned that opportunities for helping others are available in all facets of life.

Pictured Above: 1) Andrew Briscoe, DBU’s director of Service-Learning, along with his wife, Amy, and their children, Emory and Trice. 2) Dr. Blair Blackburn, DBU’s executive vice president (*right*) along with Tyler Knox (*left*), assistant director of athletics, on a Habitat for Humanity trip to Louisiana.

and educational commitment. Several years ago, students began testing soil that was sent to DBU from coffee farms in Laos as a part of the ecology class that is the service-learning component for natural science and biology majors. For this experiment, DBU’s College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics became a USDA certified soil-testing facility.

As a result of this training, the door opened for DBU biology students to use their already acquired knowledge and skills halfway across the world. A team of biology students traveled to Bangladesh in the fall of 2010 to assist rural farmers in testing soil and developing treatment plans that would improve their crops (and in turn, livelihoods). The need in Bangladesh was realized through DBU alumni Drs. Abraham and Amie Sarker’s non-governmental organiza-

tion, Humanitarian Aid for Rural Development (HARD), which provides assistance to people in Abraham’s native country.

Three years later, another team of biology students were able to go back to aid those in Bangladesh (*pictured on page 8*); this time, they were also accompanied by business students, who offered management principles for HARD micro-loan recipients running their own businesses.

“When we are going on a mission trip, we prepare our hearts; and when we are going on a business trip or study project, we prepare our minds,” one of the students on the trip commented. “It was incredible to see God work holistically. The Gospel was shared not only through our words, but also through training

**DEPARTMENT
MISSION STATEMENT**
SERVICE-LEARNING AT DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY IS A TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGY THAT INTEGRATES ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND GUIDED REFLECTION FROM A CHRIST-CENTERED, FAITH-BASED PERSPECTIVE IN ORDER TO ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING, TO FOSTER CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO DEVELOP SERVANT LEADERS.

SACS AFFIRMS S-L AS DBU’S QEP. DBU CREATES S-L DEPARTMENT AND NAMES S-L DIRECTOR. COUNCIL FOR S-L (COMPRISED OF FACULTY AND STAFF) ESTABLISHED.

STATEMENT ABOUT S-L EMPHASIS ADDED TO EVERY SYLLABUS FOR EVERY COURSE ON EVERY DEGREE LEVEL.

DBU RECEIVES PRESIDENT’S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL AWARD FOR SIXTH STRAIGHT TIME. DBU STUDENTS LOG 153,000 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS.

2006

2008

2010

2012

2007

FACULTY MEMBERS INVITED TO JOIN 400 FRESHMAN/TRANSFER STUDENTS FOR SWAT SERVICE DAY.

2009

PARTNER WITH AREA UNIVERSITIES TO ADVANCE CONCEPT OF S-L THROUGHOUT METROPLEX. FIRST INTERNATIONAL S-L TRIP.

2011

DBU BEGINS HOSTING SERVANT U SUMMER CAMP, WHICH INCORPORATES S-L FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDING.

GLOBAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS INCREASES



As an undergraduate student in the 1970s, Dr. Gary Cook joined an international club on his university campus and was the only American member. Through this experience, Dr. Cook formed relationships with students from all over the world, while developing a heart for international students and the nations.

This affection stayed with him and grew as he began his presidency at DBU. Beginning his tenure at a University in transition, Dr. Cook felt an emphasis needed to be placed on worldwide service, as a continuation

of his desire for a servant-leadership focus.

Part of his emphasis on global missions stemmed from his desire to give DBU students the opportunity to develop their own love for spreading God's Word to peoples of all nations, in fulfillment of the Great Commission. The two main areas of Dr. Cook's early administration that embodied this initiative became the DBU chapter of Habitat for Humanity and a partnership with ministry in Belize.

Shortly after Dr. Cook's first anniversary as president, the University had already planned and commissioned its first team of students, who spent part of their summer conducting a VBS and directing a Christian summer camp for Mayan Indian children. By 1997, DBU students had made 16 trips to Belize, as well as trips to South Korea and Taiwan.

Stateside, students engaged in mission work through the University's

partnership with Habitat for Humanity, which allowed students to serve in their local Dallas community and across the nation in locations such as St. Louis, Missouri; Americus, Georgia; and New Orleans, Louisiana. In 2003, one special Habitat for Humanity project occurred on the Dallas Baptist campus, on the spot where the Pilgrim Chapel stands today.

During the months of October and November, over 130 students, faculty, and staff collaborated to build a Habitat house that was later transported for a local Dallas resident. This particular project allowed for faculty and staff to contribute to a cause typically carried out by smaller teams of students during Spring Break.

Today, the emphasis on Habitat for Humanity and global missions has only increased. During DBU's Spring Break of 2013—a month before the anniversary of Dr. Cook's 25th year as president, more than 60 students were involved in three mission trips to South Padre Island, Texas, for Beach Reach; Des Moines, Iowa, for Habitat; and China through the Global Sports Mission Initiative.

Twenty-four years after the first student mission trip, these three trips taken in 2013 exemplify the very heart of DBU's commitment not only to reaching people of all nations, but also transforming the lives of DBU students for the glory of God.



In the summer of 2004, over 100 DBU students, faculty, and staff traveled to Swaziland to help in local schools and share the love of Christ. In connection with Dream for Africa, students spent one month in the country, and during that time, Dr. Cook was able to visit students and aid in their work.



In 2011, the University five-year plan included a list of projects and buildings that the administration desired to see completed. The University held to that list until Dr. Cook unexpectedly felt the Lord leading him to ensure the University created what would be designated as the Global Village. Alongside the already existing Moon International Center, the Lord impressed upon Dr. Cook the need for a Global Missions Center that would train and send students for global missions.

Former DBU trustee Jeannette Sadler made the lead commitment for the building, in honor of her late husband, Cletys. Approximately 22,000 square feet, the building includes gathering areas for students, a large multi-purpose room, classrooms, the Global Missions Office Suite, the Master of Arts in Global Leadership Office Suite, the International Admissions Office Suite, and the Rogers Baptist Student Ministry.

The Sadler Global Missions Center (*pictured above*), which was dedicated this spring, will continually strengthen DBU's ability to take the gospel around the world.

A lawyer, business woman, real estate investor, and philanthropist, the late Jeannette Sadler (*pictured below*) was always watching to see where God was at work. A native of Oak Cliff, Mrs. Sadler was licensed to practice law in 1945 and began a successful career in business and real estate. Her passion for traveling the world opened doors for Jeannette Sadler to represent immigrants in various legal matters and help provide them with affordable housing. An active member of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Jeannette was a fixture of love and support in the community, pouring out her heart, time, and resources.



Mrs. Sadler was a past recipient of the DBU-Oak Cliff Good Samaritan Award and the Women's Auxiliary Board Ruth Award. In recognition of her leadership and philanthropy, DBU named Sadler Hall, located in Pilgrim Chapel, in honor of Jeannette and her late husband, Cletys Sadler. She was also a member of the DBU Legacy Society and the DBU Board of Trustees.

MISSION TRIPS*

- 2003-Guatemala
- 2004-Swaziland
- 2005-Guatemala
- 2005-Mississippi
- 2006-New Orleans, LA
- 2006-Peru
- 2006-Bay, St. Louis
- 2007-South Carolina / South Dakota
- 2007-Guatemala
- 2007-Macau, China
- 2007-Guatemala
- 2007-Houston, TX
- 2008-Columbus, GA
- 2008-Nicaragua
- 2008-Hong Kong
- 2008-Guatemala
- 2008-New Orleans, LA
- 2008-Minden, LA
- 2008-Chattahoochee Valley, AL
- 2009-Lima, Peru
- 2009-Hong Kong
- 2009-Guatemala
- 2009-Minden, LA
- 2009-South Korea
- 2010-Brazil
- 2010-England
- 2010-Chile
- 2010-Bangladesh
- 2010-New York
- 2011-Pensacola, FL
- 2011-Brazil
- 2011-Honduras
- 2011-Dominican Republic
- 2011-Wyoming
- 2012-Pensacola, FL
- 2012-Beach Reach
- 2012-Brazil
- 2012-London
- 2012-Israel
- 2013-London
- 2013-Des Moines, IA
- 2013-Beach Reach
- 2013-China

*DENOTES ONLY TRIPS TAKEN SINCE 2003