

PATRIOT HOMECOMING



Jacob Winslager, Zach Bean, Chris Holloway, and Cindy Gaskill



Alumni Homecoming Banquet



Hannah Wolfers and Vince Kelly

Cold weather and warm memories marked the 2013 DBU Homecoming Celebration as hundreds made the trek back to University Hill for a week of fun, games, and fellowship together.

The week's festivities included rallies, parties, receptions, dinners, and of course, the annual DBU basketball homecoming game, which this year featured a match-up against the Mid-America Christian University Evangels.

Kicking off the week was the annual construction of the DBU floats, as student organizations and members of DBU Greek Life gathered their materials together and set out with the task of creating designs in the theme of "This Land Was Made for You and Me."

To keep the workers fed during the week, the Student Life Department hosted two cookouts: the Annual DBU Chili Cookoff and Beast Feast. Beast Feast, led by DBU's student organization the Regiment, grilled every meat imaginable for those gathered on the quad.

The Chili Cookoff, which has become an annual tradition, saw entries from faculty and staff members across the campus as they sought to take home the winning bowl and earn their place in DBU Homecoming lore. In the end, Zach Bean and Jacob Winslager's chili creation took home the blue ribbon, as Cindy Gaskill and Chris Holloway captured second and third place.

Thursday provided one of the grand traditions at DBU, Mr. Big Chief. With five students vying for the headdress, sophomore Joe Merucci of Sachse, Texas rose to the occasion to become the 2013 DBU Mr. Big Chief.

Homecoming Week saw a major winter storm enter the region, and unfortunately, many of the floats did not survive the rain and the high winds. However, thanks to some creative judging and several Instagram pics, Sigma Chi Eta was named this year's best float for their "Where Dreams Come True" float.

The weather played a factor for not only the floats, but also Friday's Homecoming Parade, which had to be canceled as the Red Rally was moved from the



Bailey, Day Honored During DBU Homecoming

This year's Distinguished Alumnus Award went to Rev. Bertrain Bailey, senior pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas. A track star while at DBU, Rev. Bailey graduated in 2001 with a major in Biblical studies. He has served as a past member of the DBU Alumni Board and is a current member of the Board of Trustees. Since his arrival as pastor in 2007, St. John's membership has grown from 600 members to more than 1,500. Recently, he was chosen as one of the top up-and-coming preachers under the age of 40 in America. Rev. Bailey is pictured above with his wife, Kim, and their daughters (l-r) L'oreal, Lundyn, and Lauren.

The 2013 Honorary Alumna Award was presented to Mrs. Maxine (Crouch) Day, a retired Executive Assistant to the DBU President. Mrs. Day's leadership and service to DBU began in 1975. Throughout the years, she served as a secretary to the Dean of Academic Affairs, Vice President, and President, and then as the Executive Assistant to former-President Marvin Watson and current-President Gary Cook. Mrs. Day remains involved with the University as a member of the DBU Legacy Society and the DBU Women's Auxiliary Board, which presented her with a Ruth Award in 2007. Mrs. Day is pictured above with her daughter, Jeannine Stump.



THIS LAND WAS MADE FOR YOU & ME!

Quad into the Burg Center. In front of a packed house, and with red lights blaring, the students cheered on their DBU Patriot basketball team, challenging them to rise to the occasion and beat Mid-America. In addition, the DBU Cheerleaders presented several routines, and the Patriotettes provided a dance performance.

On Friday evening, DBU alumni gathered in the Hillcrest Great Hall for the annual Homecoming Banquet, which honored DBU alumnus Rev. Bertrain Bailey ('01) as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and retired staff member Maxine (Crouch) Day as the Honorary Alumna of the Year.

Immediately following the banquet, the annual DBU Homecoming Extravaganza kicked off in the Burg Center. Dr. Bob Brooks, dean of the Graduate School of Ministry, produced this year's event that included a wide variety of acts from students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

On Saturday, the DBU family prepared for the main event with the Patriot Tailgate Party. Even in the midst of cold weather, they enjoyed live music, food, fun, and games in preparation for the Homecoming game.

The Patriots followed up last year's Homecoming loss with an impressive victory against the Mid-America Evangels. Senior Remy Ndiaeye recorded his first career double-double, leading the team with 26 points and 13 rebounds. Four more Patriots scored in double figures as the Patriots raced to an early second half lead, easily surpassing the Evangels with a score of 90-75.

At halftime of the game, the 2013 Homecoming Court was announced as Vince Kelly was named Homecoming King and Hannah Wolfers was named Homecoming Queen. Following the game, the students gathered for a final Homecoming celebration, the annual Bonfire Bash.



Redshirt Freshman Myles Johnson