



DBU International students from China pose in front of their nation's flag.



Stephanie Mummert along with her mother Mary Stuart in attendance at the luncheon.



Natalie Owens presents Dr. and Mrs. Gary Cook with a gift to honor the 23rd anniversary of their arrival at DBU.



Dr. Bob Brooks, accompanied by Sue Mitz, gives a special musical presentation.

women's auxiliary board BLUEBONNET LUNCHEON



Members of the DBU Women's Auxiliary Board gathered on Wednesday, April 6, in the Hillcrest Great Hall on the DBU campus to celebrate the annual Bluebonnet Luncheon and graduating international students.

The date of the luncheon was also the 23rd anniversary of Dr. Gary Cook becoming the president of the University. In honor of Dr. Cook and his wife, Sheila, the WAB president, Natalie Owens, presented the Cooks with a \$2,300 check that will go towards the Gary Cook Chair of Prayer. During the program, Dr. Bob Brooks and Sue Mitz brought special music for the guests in attendance.

Jo Anne Morgan served as the chair of the luncheon, while Judy Abercrombie, Joyce Andres, Janis Cordell, Christy Gandy, Carletta Guillory, Kit Montgomery, Lindsay Rose, Betty Rush, Lee Ann Shamblin, Dr. Kaye Shelton, and Betty Ann Whitson served as committee members.

Pictured left to right are Natalie Owens, Sheila Cook, and Jo Anne Morgan.



Save the Date

Homecoming 2011

November 14-19



For the past twenty-three years Dallas Baptist University has maintained a strong partnership with Habitat for Humanity, with students participating in many projects nationwide. During spring break this year, eighteen DBU students and staff added their names to the long list of people who have helped hammer, saw, and paint houses from the ground up.

The 2011 DBU spring break team left on Sunday morning, March 13, and drove to Pensacola, Florida where construction was set to take place. They began building Monday morning. From 8:00 in the morning to 2:00 in the afternoon, the group from DBU spent their day working on the house.

"Most of the group had never been given the chance to use a hammer, much less build any type of structure," explained trip leader Dan Gibson, assistant director of spiritual life. "Watching them learn, try, and succeed was very rewarding. I know I personally learned that regardless of age, background, or circumstances, we are never too old to try new things, get out of our comfort zone, and let God's love and grace lead us."

At DBU, students are taught from the perspective of Christ-centered education. This, however, does not just mean education in the classroom. DBU hopes that its students emulate the love of Christ in all areas of their life.

DBU senior Hayden Moore had heard friends talk about their experience on University mission trips, but he had never actually been on one until spring break. For Hayden, expectations were exceeded.

"I'm constantly learning what it means and looks like to be a servant," Hayden said. "Jesus, in his life, displayed for us the perfect example of that, and as believers, it is our calling to follow the life Jesus led."

"Going into spring break," he continued, "I doubt that the top of anyone's wish list is to be working all week, but the time spent with Habitat in Pensacola provided me the opportunity to really learn Philippians 4:2, 'Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.'"

By the end of the week, the team had completed construction on the house they put so much work into. Starting with only a cement slab, the team was able to see the final fruits of their labor (along with a few bumps and bruises).

Before returning to Texas, the group had the opportunity to meet the woman who would be receiving the Habitat house. She is a young, single mom, solely responsible for her three-year-old son.

"My favorite moment of the week was getting to meet the homeowner of the Habitat house," expressed Tiffany Stotts, Spiritual Life's coordinator of worship ministries and a leader on the trip.

"Being able to hear her story and see how our efforts were going to improve the quality of life for her and her three-year-old son made a huge impact on me, and our entire team as well."

By the end of the week, a house had been built, a family had been blessed, and many memories had been formed by the DBU team. "The greatest lesson I learned from the group

"I'm constantly learning what it means and looks like to be a servant ... as believers, it is our calling to follow the life Jesus led."

Hayden Moore, DBU Senior

and the week is how blessed we are as a University to have such top-notch students, who live out their faith so boldly," continued Dan Gibson. "At DBU, we strive to produce servant leaders, and to see the mission fleshed out over the week was very powerful to me."

DBU student Naoko Hashimoto and Dan Gibson, DBU assistant director of spiritual life, nail together a piece of the Habitat house.



DBU STUDENTS PARTNER WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY