

Houston Centenarians - Loyal Friends to DBU

by Robert Whitfield

The Dallas Baptist University family is truly blessed to have such faithful supporters as two centenarian sisters in Houston, Mrs. Marjorie Hart (101) and Mrs. Mabel McManus (100). They literally beam with the JOY that the Lord gives to those who follow Him.

Long time members of Second Baptist Church in Houston, the two befriended Dr. Gary Cook many years ago, before he came to Dallas. When he came to DBU as president in 1988, they began supporting the school and attending various University events and programs. Over the years, they have continued to watch the growth and development of the institution, praying for the future of the school daily.

What makes Marjorie and Mabel so special is their endless energy and work with projects at their church and with friends. In their Houston retirement home, they are constantly busy and can be seen all over the campus. They are regulars at the weekly Bible study there, too. They support each other as sisters and are great prayer warriors. On a recent visit to see them, I found myself almost running just to keep up with them. In the course of the day, they reminded me, and also the DBU family, that "our only problem in life is old age."

So far, however, old age has not been a problem for them! Mabel just turned 100 this past May, and Marjorie will turn 102 on September 5. How thankful we are to have such faithful donors that are literally touching the future with their lives and with their gifts. Praise be to God! 🏛️



Marjorie Hart and Mabel McManus

Graduate Enrollment Continues to Climb

The Graduate School at Dallas Baptist University has experienced tremendous growth over the past seventeen years. In the Spring of 1988, 182 students were enrolled in graduate studies at DBU. Since then, the University has added nine new master's programs, which brings the total to thirteen. These include the Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Arts in Christian Education, Master of Arts in Christian Education: Student Ministry, Master of Arts in Christian Education: Childhood Ministry, Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Arts in Management, Master of Arts in Professional Development, Master of Arts in Worship Leadership, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Education in School Counseling, Master of Education in Higher Education, and Master of Liberal Arts.

With two new doctoral degrees, the Ph.D. in Leadership Studies and the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, the future of the Graduate School at Dallas Baptist University remains bright!

2006 - 1,395
2005 - 1,245
2004 - 1,108
2003 - 1,000
2002 - 949
2001 - 869
2000 - 808
1999 - 767
1998 - 708
1997 - 639
1996 - 576
1995 - 477
1994 - 419
1993 - 356
1992 - 369
1991 - 376
1990 - 312
1989 - 255
1988 - 182

