



21st Annual BASEBALL BANQUET

Dallas Baptist University hosted its annual Patriot Baseball Banquet, allowing for players, coaches, fans, and family to gather together in eager anticipation of the season. This year, DBU presented the Patriot Legends Award to Andy Horner, founder of Premier Designs, Inc., while the keynote speaker was Pat Combs, former major league pitcher, who played four seasons for the Philadelphia Phillies. In addition, DBU senior Boomer Collins was presented with the Howard Green Metroplex Player of the Year Award for 2012.

Andy Horner, and his late wife, Joan, are long-time friends of the University, having provided numerous gifts for construction projects and student scholarships. After retiring from Home Interiors, Inc., in 1985 the two co-founded Premier Designs, Inc., a direct sales jewelry company based on biblical principles with the philosophy of serving, caring, and sharing. In 2004, the Horners were named Entrepreneurs of the Year by Ernst and Young. As a part of their business model, proceeds go to support ministries and missionaries around the world.

Mrs. Joan Horner, who passed away in 2010, loved baseball,

and in particular DBU baseball. In recognition of their mutual love for the game and for the school, their son, Tim Horner, donated the lead gift for the new Joan and Andy Horner Ballpark on the DBU campus. With a capacity of 2,000 fans, Horner Ballpark, which opened for the 2013 season, contains state-of-the-art amenities, along with suites and a plaza, all encompassed by a Georgian-style façade, reminiscent of the architecture of the rest of the campus.

Pat Combs, the keynote speaker, encouraged the players to persevere through the difficult times of their season as a means to show and share the Gospel. A pitching sensation for the Philadelphia Phillies, Combs' career ended early due to injury. Following his time in baseball, he became a financial advisor, currently serving at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney as a vice president. He is an active member of Northwood Church in Keller, Texas, and serves as a men's discipleship leader. He and his wife, Christina, have three sons: one of their sons, Carson, is a sophomore at DBU and a member of the DBU Patriot Ice Hockey team.



BOOMERCOLLINS

2012 METROPLEX PLAYER OF THE YEAR

During the recent Patriot Baseball Banquet, Paul Rogers and Bo Carter, representatives from the DFW Halls-Ruggles Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research, presented senior Boomer Collins with the 2012 Howard Green Metroplex Player of the Year Award. The outfielder led the Patriots with 13 homeruns and 58 RBI during the 2012 season, and in 2013, he continued producing with 7 homeruns and 42 RBI.

Collins was the ninth DBU player to receive this award. Others have included: Jason Parsons, 1994; Karl Chatman, 1996; Brandon Harper, 1997; Cody Sundbeck, 1999; Jon Browder, 2000; Drew Holder, 2006; Evan Bigley, 2008; and Jason Krizan, 2011.



PATRIOT BASKETBALL

SEASON-IN-REVIEW

As the DBU Patriot Basketball team began its season, they knew that they had their work cut out for them. Among the handful of returning players, the team debuted 11 new players, three of which were red-shirted for their freshman year. While the overall record was disappointing (11-15 overall and 7-7 in conference play), the team built a strong foundation upon which to build in the years to come, as the team went 4-2 over the final six-game stretch.

As expected, senior Nick Fox (pictured right) led the way with 559 points and 207 rebounds, proving to be a force in the paint throughout the year. He was once again selected as an All-Heartland Conference 1st Team member (his 3rd straight such award), and was twice named the Heartland Conference's Player of the Week pick. During the course of the season, Fox became the all-time active scoring leader for NCAA Div II. After playing three years with the Patriots, Fox became the third all-time leading scorer with 1,665 points behind Braxton Adamson (1,917) and Jordan McGowen (1,730).



The newcomers to the squad also proved effective for the Patriots' cause, including a trio of freshman guards, Jonathan Perry, Jason Gentry and Charles Allen. Perry was named the Heartland Conference Freshman of the Year.

Overall, the Patriots ended the season ranked 34th in the nation in offensive field-goal percentage, 13th in three-point field goal percentage, and 13th in free throw percentage. In the Heartland Conference, they were ranked third in scoring offense, first in team free throw percentage, first in field goal percentage, fourth in defensive field goal percentage, first in Team three-point field goal



percentage, first in three-point field goals made, first in team assists, and first in team rebounding margin.



Congratulations Patriots!

MEN'S & WOMEN'S GOLF TEAMS BOTH CLAIM HEARTLAND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the first time in school history, the Patriot Men's and Women's Golf Teams claimed Heartland Conference Championship titles in the same year, with both the Men's and Women's Teams also advancing to NCAA Division II Super Regional competition. The Men's Team finished 9th, while the Women's Team finished 3rd and is now ranked 12th in the nation.