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Dallas Baptist University has entered into a partnership agreement with Yonok College, located in Lampang, Thailand. Dr. Nick Jivasantikarn, a Baptist leader in Thailand, serves as the founder and president of the school. Two DBU professors, Dr. Rose Johnson and Dr. Marilyn Edwards, both taught at Yonok in the summer of 2005, and several Yonok College students have traveled to the United States to take classes at DBU. In addition, Dr. Ed Spann, retired dean of the College of Fine Arts, has been instrumental in helping the school build up its music program by helping coordinate DBU’s donation of an organ, a piano, and a set of handbells.

This past spring, Dr. Gary Cook, DBU president, and Dr. Rick Gregory, DBU vice president for university advancement, both traveled to Yonok College. Dr. Cook served as the keynote speaker at the institution’s commencement service.

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DBU is particularly pleased to announce a record graduate population of 1,376 students, 203 more than the previous fall semester and an increase of over 400% since 1988. These students are enrolled in a variety of graduate programs, including DBU’s newest degrees, the Master of Arts in Christian Education, the Master of Arts in Worship Leadership, the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, and the Ph.D. in Leadership Studies.