This fall, DBU welcomed the largest incoming transfer and freshman class in the school’s history and introduced them to the mission of DBU during SWAT (Student Welcome and Transition) Week. SWAT Week activities quickly acquaint new students with the University, transition them into college life, and teach them about servant leadership, a key component of DBU’s mission statement. Students, along with several DBU faculty and staff members, had opportunities to apply their servant leadership skills and express their faith through service projects around the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

This year SWAT brought in nearly 450 students, and on Friday of the week, each one of them became involved in serving the community at various locations throughout the Metroplex. Service projects included sorting donated items at Mission Arlington, organizing food and supplies at the North Texas Food Bank, landscaping the grounds of Grace Temple Baptist Church, clearing brush at Camp El Har, and sorting clothes for Beautiful Feet, a homeless shelter in Fort Worth.

New DBU student Staci Souza shares, “As an incoming freshman at DBU, I didn’t really know what to expect at SWAT. Once the week started, I had a blast! I had fun doing the service project and worshiping God with so many other DBU students.”