The 21st Annual Dallas Baptist University-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner was recently held on the DBU campus in the Hillcrest Great Hall of the John G. Mahler Student Center, recognizing the recipients of the 2009 Good Samaritan Award, Mr. Albert Black, Jr., and Mr. Dennis Jeter. Proceeds from the dinner provide scholarships for students from the Oak Cliff area.

Albert Black, Jr., was raised in south Dallas, the youngest of seven children. He graduated from UTD in 1982 and received an MBA from SMU in 1995. In 1982, immediately following college, Mr. Black created a successful business in the inner city where he grew up: On-Target Industrial Maintenance (later named On-Target Supplies & Logistics). He has also served as chairman of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and is chair-elect of the Baylor Health Care System Board of Trustees. Mr. Black, his wife, Gwyneith, and three children are active members of New Hope Baptist Church.

Dennis W. Jeter joined the U. S. Naval Reserves shortly after high school and later served 21 months in active duty during the Korean Conflict. In 1957, Dennis graduated from Oklahoma City University. In 1964, Dennis joined his wife’s family’s funeral business, and in 1999 he opened the Jeter & Son Funeral Home in Oak Cliff. Recently, he received the International Lions Award, which is the second highest award of Lions Club International. He has since been a consummate servant in the Oak Cliff community. Dennis and his wife, Cheree, are members of Tyler Street United Methodist Church.

“We are so very grateful for our many supporters who provide help for our students from Oak Cliff,” explained John Clem, DBU Director of Development and coordinator of the event. “It is a wonderful honor for us to recognize the lives of these two Good Samaritans—Albert Black, Jr., and Dennis Jeter. They are great examples of Christ-centered devotion and service.”