This year marked the 31st year of support from the Edmund F. Boettcher Foundation of Dallas. The grants from the foundation annually provide scholarship support for DBU College of Fine Arts students in the music programs. Edmund Boettcher, tenor soloist, choral conductor, and recording artist, was a professional musician for nearly two generations. During his life, Mr. Boettcher provided financial assistance to music programs, which now continues through his foundation. Pictured (above) are scholarship recipients and members of the DBU administration and music faculty, along with Judy Harris, wife of Boettcher Foundation Trustee Ron Harris; and Jeff Robinson and Louis Cole, also Boettcher Foundation Trustees.

DBU honored Dean Bailey for his 25 years of service to the University in the physical operations department. During the reception, Dr. Gary Cook, Dr. Blair Blackburn, Jonathan Teat, and Robert Erickson offered prayer and testimony of Dean's hard work and friendship through the years. Members of Dean's family, including his children, Brandon and Megan, were also present. Pictured above: Dean Bailey, and his wife, Rhonda.

A special reception was recently held on the DBU campus honoring Dorothy Parker, DBU accounts payable administrator, on her retirement after 23 years of service to the University. In 2004, DBU named Mrs. Parker as the recipient of the Staff Member of the Year Award. She and her husband, Harvey (pictured above with DBU President Dr. Gary Cook), have a grown son, Harvey, Jr., who is married with three children.

Dr. Sylvia Artmann released a book entitled *Called to Teach: A Guidebook for the Journey*. The book is written for individuals who have decided to teach in some capacity but have not received standard teaching certification or training.

Throughout the text, Dr. Artmann details information on developmental expectations for children from ages three through ten years of age, along with the latest research on methods of effectively engaging children in a variety of curriculum experiences that will help produce lifetime learners.

Finding inspiration from scripture, Dr. Artmann emphasizes that any effective teaching method must relate to children as God created them, relying on the fact that all truth is God’s truth. Dr. Artmann taught Kindergarten in the Dallas Independent School District and seventh and eighth grade Language Arts in the Midlothian ISD, before serving as a professor of education at DBU from 1976 until 2004. She has her Ed.D. in early childhood education from the University of North Texas and her Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education from Texas Woman’s University.

For a copy of *Called to Teach: A Guidebook for the Journey*, contact Dr. Artmann at eartmann@sbcglobal.net.