The DBU Women’s Auxiliary Board honored three outstanding women during the 2012 Ruth Awards Christmas Luncheon.

Recipients of this year’s Ruth Awards were Clarice Langran, Alice Saunders, and Donna Jones (pictured above). The award is named from the character in the Old Testament book of Ruth. Each distinguished recipient exemplifies dedication to God, family, and Christian education.

A member of the DBU Legacy Society and WAB Executive Board, Donna Jones was presented by her son, Dr. Barry Jones. She has two children, Barry and Amy, a DBU alumna and dear friend of DBU who passed away in 2009. Donna lives in Colleyville, Texas, and is an active member of Irving Bible Church.

Clarice Langran is also a member of the DBU Legacy Society and has been active with the WAB for many years. She and her husband of 50 years, John, live in Dallas, Texas, and are active members of Prestonwood Baptist Church. John introduced Clarice at the luncheon.

Alice Saunders of College Station, Texas, was presented by her husband of 58 years, Paul. Through the years, Alice has served in various committees of the WAB. She and Paul are active members of Wilbourne Baptist Church in College Station, and they have two sons.

During the luncheon, each of the three women received a statue of Ruth, molded by famed artist Helen Boehm. In addition, the portraits of recipients will be displayed alongside past recipients in the Ruth Awards Portrait Gallery, which is located on the second floor of the Mahler Student Center on the DBU campus.

This year’s Luncheon was chaired by Leigh Gettman-Allen and co-chaired by Anita Jones. Other committee members include: Lisha Czerwinski, Betty Dilday, Candy Dowd, Jean Dudley, Zoe Gettman, Carletta Guillory, Nell Hoffman, Judy Lowe, and Raleigh Mae Stevenson.

Pictured Above: Current WAB President Kathy Knight, Sheila Cook, wife of DBU President Dr. Gary Cook, and Ruth Award Luncheon Chair Leigh Gettman-Allen.

**INTERNATIONAL SWEATER AND COAT DRIVE**

The Women’s Auxiliary Board started the Sweater and Coat Drive in the Fall of 2010 for DBU international students who might not be able to bring very many winter clothes items with them to Texas. With the assistance of Rebecca Brown, Director of International Student Services, the WAB has helped gather twelve 27-gallon containers full of coats, sweaters, gloves, hats, and blankets, which have nearly all been given away. Alongside the WAB, many DBU faculty and staff members also annually participate in the Sweater and Coat Drive.