Friends and family gathered in Decatur, Texas, for the annual Decatur Baptist College Reunion. DBC, the forerunner to Dallas Baptist University, was founded in 1898 and provided Christ-centered quality education for hundreds of students over the years. This year’s event honored Dr. Ed Kajihiro, former DBC professor and coach, with the Distinguished Service Award and also by naming him a DBC honorary alumnus.

Following his service in the U.S. Army during World War II, Dr. Kajihiro graduated college and began as a faculty member at Decatur Baptist College, where he served from 1955-59, teaching science courses as well as serving as an assistant to the dean of men.

After his time at DBC, he taught at other colleges and eventually began a 30-year career with the NCH Corporation, based out of Irving.

Dr. Ed Kajihiro (center with plaque), recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Service Award and the Honorary Alumnus Award, along with his wife, Gailya (center left), and members of their family. Dr. and Mrs. Kajihiro have been married for 56 years.

Left: Dennis Linam, DBU vice president for external affairs and coordinator of the reunion, and Margie (Hart) Mills (’37), the earliest female DBC graduate attending the ceremony. Center: (from left to right) Dorothy Mills, Harold Mills (’55), Jack Randel Milligan (’51), Joyce (Pettijohn) Milligan (’52), Elvin B. Norris (’55), and Dorothy Norris. Right: John Weidner (’58), the 2001 DBC Distinguished Alumnus.