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Joan & Andy Horner Ballpark Named Outstanding Design for Sports Stadiums/Athletic Facilities



On February 15, 2013, the first pitch was thrown at the Joan and Andy Horner Ballpark, and a new era in Dallas Baptist baseball began. With the opening of one of the premier facilities in NCAA Division I baseball, the Dallas Baptist University administration showed, once again, the strength of its commitment to a top-tier baseball program on University Hill.

In keeping with the architectural theme of the campus, Horner Ballpark exhibits a Georgian-style facade of dark red brick and contains up-to-date fan amenities throughout the stadium. Horner Ballpark, with a seating capacity of more than 2,000, contains four guest suites, a pavilion down the left field line for large groups, and party plazas along both sides of the concourse. With closed-circuit televisions throughout the park and the audio broadcast of the game piped into each restroom and suite, fans are never far away from the action at Horner Ballpark.

Dallas Baptist partnered with the architecture firm HKS, Inc., and other leading companies in the nation in ballpark construction to build Horner Ballpark. The facility will attract nationwide exposure to DBU's athletic and academic programs and emphasize DBU's signature commitment to excellence.

To advance player development, batting tunnels were added underneath the stadium for easy access behind the home dugout for use during practice. An AstroTurf infield was installed to limit missed practice or game time because of weather.

Coaches' offices, a meeting room with video capabilities, and a reception area all were included in the design. The quality of DBU's new baseball venue will increase the ability to continue to attract and secure the highest-caliber of student-athletes to play for Dallas Baptist.



“We are thrilled to have this beautiful new ball-park named in honor of leaders such as Joan and Andy Horner. Because of this facility, we will be able to continue and increase the success of our program through a variety of ways, including the opportunity to host NCAA tournaments, along with major select team tournaments and other special events.”

– J. BLAIR BLACKBURN, DBU EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

