

HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATING RETIREMENT



DR. MARY JANE NELSON

Dr. Mary Jane Nelson, professor of management at DBU, announced her retirement after 23 years of service at the University and 50 years of combined teaching experience. Throughout her career, Dr. Nelson has served in the Oklahoma public school system, the University of Central Oklahoma, and at DBU as a member of numerous faculty committees and the chair of the Master of Business Administration program, as well as a professor and associate dean and dean of the College of Business.

During her time at DBU, Dr. Nelson started the distance learning program for MBA students, the conflict resolution program, and the common syllabus format that is being used by the University to this day. She also has served on numerous DBU faculty committees and as local president and state president for the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

DR. EVELYN DANIELS

Dr. Evelyn Daniels, assistant professor of management at DBU, worked at the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for 35 years prior to her arrival as a full-time professor at DBU. In her role as the Human Resource Director of the EPA, she served on many different projects, including the U. S. President's Task Force on Children's Environmental Health and Safety and the Children's Health Program.

Dr. Daniels earned her bachelor's degree at DBU in 1981 and later her MBA in 1988. That same year, she began teaching as an adjunct professor at DBU, and from 1988-90, she served in a governmental program that allowed her to work on the DBU campus in a full-time role as a government relations coordinator. In 1991, DBU presented Dr. Daniels with the DBU Distinguished Alumna Award. She completed her doctorate in 2003, and three years later, after retiring from the EPA, she began as a full-time faculty member at DBU.

DR. RICHARD BACA

Dr. Richard Baca, DBU professor of music, announced his retirement from DBU after 32 years of service. A native of Puerto Rico, Dr. Baca has served on the DBU faculty since 1983. He holds a B.M. in Piano Performance, an M.S. from The Juilliard School in New York, and a D.M.A. in Piano from the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University. Throughout his time at DBU, Dr. Baca taught piano in the Fine Arts and Keyboard Division. In addition to his many solo appearances through the years, including a six-week concert tour of Taiwan, Dr. Baca participated in the Fulbright Scholar program in Rome.

On the Dallas Baptist University campus, Dr. Baca helped co-write a DBU course entitled "Fine Arts in East Asia." He was also active in university governance having served on and chaired many campus committees, including the S.A.C.S.C.O.C. Self-Study Steering Committee. He also served as president of the DBU Faculty Council from 2003 to 2005.

DONNA MILLSAP

Donna Millsap, undergraduate student advisor in the College of Business, has retired from DBU after fifteen years of faithful service and leadership. Donna began her time at DBU in 2000, serving as an administrative assistant to the vice president for external affairs and helping to oversee activities in the John G. Mahler Student Center. She later became a receptionist for the College of Professional Studies prior to her work in the College of Business.

She completed her bachelor's degree while at DBU, as well as a Master of Arts in Professional Development. Prior to her time at DBU, Donna served with Jorgensen Steel for 27 years. Donna and her husband, Bill, have been married for 44 years and have a son, Michael.



(Pictured top to bottom) Shirley Mitchell, secretary in the College of Business, with Dr. Mary Jane Nelson. (Second from top) Dr. Charlene Conner, former dean of the College of Business, Dr. Evelyn Daniels, and Dr. Dale Sims, dean of the College of Business. (Second from bottom) Ronald Bowles, dean of the College of Fine Arts, Dr. Richard Baca, and Dr. Wes Moore, associate dean of the College of Fine Arts. (Bottom) Dr. Gary Cook, DBU president, with Donna Millsap.