

2009 RUTH AWARD RECIPIENTS: (l-r) Dr. Peggy Trammell, Lupe Smith, and Dollie Culp.

DBU Women's Auxiliary Board

2009 Ruth Awards Christmas Luncheon

The Women's Auxiliary Board (WAB) recognized four outstanding women during the Fall of 2009. The annual Ruth Awards Luncheon was held on December 2 in the Hillcrest Great Hall on the DBU campus.

Dollie Culp, Lupe Smith, and Peggy Trammell were co-recipients of the 2009 Ruth Award. DBU alumnus Amy Jones also received a 2009 Ruth Award. Amy passed away in June, and the award was presented to her mother, Donna Jones, at a special luncheon held earlier in the fall.

The Ruth Award takes its name from the chief character in the Old Testament book of Ruth. Each year, DBU selects similarly outstanding women to receive the distinguished Ruth Award for their dedication to God, family, and Christian education at DBU.

Sally Nation, president of the WAB, greeted those in attendance and welcomed them to the DBU campus. Following the welcome, Dr. Gary Cook, DBU president, then shared a brief word about the importance of the Women's Auxiliary Board in the life of the University, in addition to thanking everyone for their prayers and support of the school.

Joyce Andres, who served as the chair of the 2009 Ruth Awards Luncheon, introduced the three recipients and their presenters. Each of the three women received a statue of the biblical character Ruth, molded by famed artist Helen Boehm. In addition, the Ruth Award recipients' portraits will be displayed alongside those of past recipients in the Ruth Awards Portrait Gallery, which is located in the Mahler Student Center on the DBU campus.

Serving along with Joyce Andres on the Ruth Awards Luncheon Committee were Skyla Alvarado, Sandi Black, Joreen Bozeman, Billye Buxton, Lisha Czerwinski, Cynthia Davis, Janice Etheridge, Christy Gandy, Jane Hanna, Nell Hoffman, Carolyn Monk, Debra Moore, Natalie Owens, Jan Spann, Raleigh Mae Stevenson, and Shannon Wolf.

Sue Mitz, DBU professor of music, provided piano music for the luncheon, and DBU sophomore Jordan McKinney provided special music. At the conclusion of the program, Candice Wright, who currently serves as the executive director of the Women's Auxiliary Board, delivered the closing prayer.