Dear Friends,

We give thanks to God for His continued guidance of the Cook School of Leadership and DBU! As you are aware, since the inaugural Leadership Column last spring, our then dean, Dr. Adam Wright, has been named President of DBU. We are obviously excited for Dr. Wright and believe God has truly called him to the position. As Dr. Wright has said, “This is God’s University.” We are praying for him as he leads the University into the future.

I am grateful to be the Dean of the Cook School of Leadership, along with continuing to direct the Ph.D. in Leadership Studies program. Please let me know how I may be of assistance to you in the days ahead. My door is always open to you.

As you read this edition of the Leadership Column, I hope you gain a sense of all that is happening in the Cook School of Leadership. Whether you are a prospective student, current student, or alumnus, we hope that you are able to join us as we seek to please God by becoming the Christian servant leaders, scholars, and global thinkers that He is calling us to be.

Jack Goodyear, Ph.D.
Dean, Gary Cook School of Leadership
Program Director,
Ph.D. in Leadership Studies
Our Ed.D. and Ph.D. programs include an opportunity to travel to Oxford, England to study the concept of incarnational leadership, as well as the significance of each location stemmed from their studies of Winston Churchill, John Newton, Protestant Reformers, and other significant leaders.

Students engaged in discussing different aspects of incarnational leadership, peacemaking, sacrifice, courage, and other topics. At these locations, students had the chance to reflect upon and discuss examples of Incarnational Leadership. The significance of each location stemmed from their studies of Winston Churchill, John Newton, Protestant Reformers, and other significant leaders.

Dr. Mary Nelson, Professor and English Department Chair, who served as a professor on the trip, hopes the seminar, “fostered within each student the desire to emulate Christ and cultivate Incarnational Leadership in their own vocational roles.”

Each summer, the Cook School of Leadership takes a combination of Ph.D. and Ed.D. students on a trip to Washington, D.C. This Washington, D.C. Institute offers a unique chance for students to learn about and appreciate the courageous and wise leadership that secured our freedoms.

The most recent Washington, D.C. Institute included eighteen Ph.D. students from Cohort XI and seven Ed.D. students from Cohort VII. The students were led by Dr. Jack Goodyear, Dean and Director of the Ph.D. program, Dr. Ozzie Ingram, Director of the Ed.D. program, as well as a group of professors from the two programs. Dr. Mike Williams, Professor of History, served as the traveling scholar and guide for the group throughout the various locations.

Students visited the National Cathedral, U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Independence Hall, U.S. Naval Academy, and other notable locations. While at these locations, students also studied political and organizational leadership and three of the United States’ history-changing leaders, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Mark Bloom, a full-time faculty member of DBU and current Ph.D. student, stated, “By looking at different locations through a distinctive leadership frame, the Institute turned what were previously only tourist attractions into opportunities to think more deeply about the leadership that guided the formation of our country.”

The Washington, D.C. Institute offers each student the ability to expand his or her knowledge and views on leadership and marks a significant milestone in each student’s academic journey toward receiving his or her doctoral degrees.
Meet the New Vice President

Dr. Norma Hedin has been an adjunct professor in the Cook School of Leadership since the start of the Ph.D. program in 2005. During this time, Dr. Hedin worked full-time for B.H. Carroll Theological Institute as a Senior Fellow and Professor of Foundations of Education. After nine and a half years at B.H. Carroll, Dr. Hedin felt called to serve at DBU full-time, taking on the role of VP for Executive Affairs and as a Professor of Research in the Cook School of Leadership. Prior to working at B.H. Carroll, she served on the faculty of the School of Educational Ministries at Southwestern Baptist Theological Education for 17 years, teaching in the Master's, Ed.D. in Educational Ministry, and Ph.D. program in Foundations of Education. She also served there as Associate Dean for Master's Programs for five years.

Dr. Norma Hedin is originally from East Tennessee and is a graduate of William Jennings Bryan College (Dayton, TN), where she earned a B.A. in Christian Education, with a minor in Biblical Studies. She earned her Master of Arts in Christian Education and Ph.D. in Foundations of Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX). She also completed post-doctoral work in Higher Education Administration at the University of North Texas.

Dr. Hedin has served on church staff in educational ministry and has conducted numerous Christian education training seminars in teaching and learning. She is an active member of the Society for Professors of Christian Education and has served two terms on the Board of Directors. She currently serves as a peer reviewer of the organization's academic journal, the Christian Education Journal. Dr. Hedin has written chapters for textbooks, journal articles, and Bible study curricula. She also served six years on the Board of Directors for Pantego Christian Academy and four years on the Board of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Grand Prairie.

When asked what led her to DBU and this new position, Dr. Hedin stated, “While teaching in the doctoral programs over the past 11 years, I came to love and appreciate the faculty, the students, and the administrators at DBU. Several of the faculty and administrators were doctoral students, so I had the opportunity to get to know them, learn about their interests and abilities, and see their passion for servant leadership. When asked to join the administrative team that included some of these individuals, I was drawn to serve alongside them here in the mission of developing Christ-like servant leaders.”

Dr. Hedin and Eric, her husband of 36 years, are active members of Matthew Road Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, TX. They have two adult daughters, Kirsten and Kayla.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Monday, October 17**: Leadership Lecture Series: Keith & Kristyn Getty in concert
- **Thursday, October 20**: Leadership Symposium and Fall Preview
- **Friday, November 18**: CSL Homecoming Reception, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- **November 24–26**: Thanksgiving Holiday – University Closed
- **Thursday, December 8**: Last Day of Fall Classes
- **December 15–16**: Commencement
Join the DBU Gary Cook School of Leadership for the Leadership Symposium and Fall Preview. A reception serving hors d’oeuvres will be from 6:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. During this time, you will have the opportunity to network with other leaders and meet with the Cook School of Leadership family. At 7:00 p.m., everyone will be welcome to attend either the leadership symposium with Dr. Randel Everett or the CSL programs sessions with the program directors.

October 20, 2016 • 6:30PM

MEET GUEST SPEAKER, DR. RANDEL EVERETT

As an outstanding Christian business leader, Dr. Everett is the President and Founder of the 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative, an organization empowering advancements in advocacy for global religious freedom. He also serves as a leader for the Baptist World Alliance, founded The John Leland Center for Theological Studies, and was a former Executive Director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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